

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**March 3rd, 2024
Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

Mission Statement

To Engage, Serve, and Enrich the lives of Orthodox Christians, through Word, Worship, and Outreach, and to Welcome all people to live the Orthodox Christian way of life.

Our Clergy:

Fr. Timothy Pavlatos, Proistamenos
Fr. Philip Armstrong, Priest Emeritus
Fr. Demetrios Kavouras, Priest Emeritus

Sunday Service Times: 8:15 a.m. Orthros, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Contact Us:

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Church Office Hours:

Tuesday-Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Closed 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. for lunch
Fr. Timothy is off on Thursdays.

Metropolis of San Francisco / Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

Hymns at the Small Entrance

Resurrection Apolytikion

When the angelic powers were at Your tomb, then they that guarded You became as dead. And Mary stood beside the grave seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades and were not tried by it. You met the Virgin and granted life to us. O Lord, Who are risen from the dead, glory to You.

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνημῆμά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἀχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεῖς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of St. Katherine

Let us sing the praise of the Bride of Christ renown, * the Patroness of Sinai, Katherine Divine. * Our assistance and protection, * for she has brilliantly subdued, * the impious refined, by the power of the Spirit. * She was crowned as a martyr of the Lord, * and for all, she entreats His great mercy.

Τὴν πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ ὑμνήσωμεν, Αἰκατερίναν τὴν θείαν καὶ πολιοῦχον Σινᾶ, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν, ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομπσοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆ μαχαίρα, καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πᾶσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion

Foolishly I sprang away from Thy great fatherly glory, and dispersed in wicked deeds the riches that Thou didst give me. With the Prodigal I therefore cry unto Thee now: I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. But receive me in repentance; make me as one of Thy hired servants, O Lord.

Τῆς πατρῴας, δόξης σου, ἀποσκιρτήσας ἀφρόνως, ἐν κακοῖς ἐσκόρπισα, ὃν μοι παρέδωκας πλοῦτον· ὄθεν σοι τὴν τοῦ Ἀσώτου, φωνὴν κραυγάζω· Ἡμαρτον ἐνώπιόν σου Πάτερ οἰκτίρμον, δέξαι με μετανοοῦντα, καὶ ποιήσόν με, ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου.

Today we Commemorate:

- The Holy Martyrs Eutropius, Cleonicus, and Basiliscus
- Theodoretos the Holy Martyr of Antioch
- Nonnita, mother of Saint David

The Holy Martyrs Eutropius, Cleonicus, and Basiliscus—The Martyrs, who were from Amasia, were fellow soldiers and kinsmen of Saint Theodore the Tyro (see Feb. 17). They were betrayed to the Governor Asclepiodotus as Christians, during the reign of Diocletian (284–305). After many torments, Eutropius and Cleonicus were crucified; Basiliscus was not slain together with them, but was shut up in prison, in the hope that with time he might change his mind and sacrifice to the idols. He was beheaded on May 22; see also the account on that day.

Epistle Reading: Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:11-32

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his belly with the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Services—Week of March 3rd

Sunday, March 3rd-Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Memorial Service– Katherine Karamanis (annual memorial)

Saturday, March 9th—Saturday of Souls

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers and Pre-Communion Prayers

Fr. Timothy out of town: Fr. Timothy is on vacation and will be back in the Church

Welcome to Our Visitors



We welcome you with open arms and joy in our Lord , we hope your experience at St. Katherine's is a blessing for you.

Only those who are Baptized and/or Chrismated in the Orthodox faith may receive Holy Communion.

Orthodox Christians desiring to receive the Body of Blood of Christ must ensure proper preparation through confession (minimum 4 times a year), reconciliation in your heart with all, and observation of the fasting guidelines set forth by the Church. If you are not Orthodox, you may approach the Chalice for a blessing. To do this, come to the chalice and simply say, “a blessing please.”

If you have any questions please contact Fr. Timothy: frtimskchurch@gmail.com

Our Parish Family

If you are new to our parish and would like to become a member, please contact our Church office: office@st-katherineaz.org or call 480-899-3330.

To subscribe to our newsletter please visit: <https://stkatherineaz.org/>

If you are visiting and/or inquiring about the Orthodox faith and are interested in learning more, please contact Fr. Timothy: frtimskchurch@gmail.com

Helpful Information:

Sunday School: Sunday School meets after Communion on Sunday mornings. Grades Pre-K through 8th grade meet in the 4th acre house. Grades 9-12 meet in the conference room up in the choir loft.

Fellowship Hour: Fellowship Hour is being sponsored by the Parish Council.

Dean Pappas Memorial Bookstore: Open on Sundays, after Divine Liturgy.

Hrisi Parea Seniors: Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month, locations vary.

Please make every effort to arrive for services a little early.

If you arrive late, it is important to observe the following moments in the Divine Liturgy when you should **not** enter the Nave but wait quietly in the Narthex:

1. During the Small Entrance
2. During the Epistle Reading
3. During the Gospel Reading
4. During the Homily
5. When the Priest is censuring just before the Great Entrance
6. During the Great Entrance
7. From the Creed until after the Consecration of the Gifts
8. During the Lord's Prayer

A Parish Council member will gladly assist if you have any question about the appropriate times to enter the Nave.

Confession Times:

- Saturdays from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
- During Great Vespers immediately following the Great Censing. Please wait in the front pews closest to the Bishop's Throne.
- By appointment (Please contact the church office)

Resources:

*Complete Church Calendar: <https://stkatherineaz.org/parish-calendar>

*Sunday Homilies: <https://stkatherineaz.org/homilies>

*For Orthros (Matins) Text visit: [AGES Digital Chant Stand](https://www.goaarch.org/)

*Saints, Feasts, Epistle & Gospel readings: <https://www.goarch.org/chapel/calendar>

*Livestream on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@stkatherinegreekorthodoxch8030/streams>

Please silence cell phones when in church.



Prayer Requests

(Prayers for the living will be retained on the list for 40 days.)

1 Peter 4:7 Be serious and discipline yourselves in prayer. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

Living:

- Fr. Timothy, for safe travels
- Randy Aubrey, for health
- Ann Trikas, for health
- Sandy, for health
- Patsy Morden, bereavement
- James, and our American Troops, for safety
- For our Parish Council
- For our Sunday School teachers and students
- For our catechumens and inquirers
- Peace in the Holy Land and in Ukraine
- For those impacted by wars, earthquakes, fires, and floods around the world
- For Fr. Nicholas, the staff, and boys at St. Innocent Orphanage
- For our seminarians: Nikolas Makarios and Andrew Moreno



Departed:

- Andy Hatupis +
- Tom Morden +
- Mary Louise Theodoropoulos +

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

Congratulations to our Parish-level oratorical participants! They did such a fantastic job last Sunday!

We have 3 participants (1 Senior Division, Andrew, and 2 Junior Division, Ethan and Gianna) moving on to the district oratorical at St Katherine on March 30th. Each were awarded a \$50 scholarship for their participation.

We had 2 elementary division presentations that were only held locally (Jackson and Emmett). They each earned a gift bag.

The whole Sunday School enjoyed Cupcakes after listening to the presentations. Even our youngest students did a fantastic job listening to the presentations.



St Katherine's is also honored to host the district St John Oratorical Festival this year which will take place on Saturday, March 30th.

Philoptochos General Meeting

Sunday, March 3rd after the dismissal of Divine Liturgy, in the 4th acre Sunday School House.

New friends and members are always welcome!

Please come join us to find out about the projects we have planned and to help us in our philanthropic work!



Taverna Volunteers Needed!



Our next Taverna event is coming up on Saturday, March 16th and we need lots of volunteers, especially Kitchen Help, Food Servers, and Table Busing. Any amount of time you can spend helping would be appreciated. Just click the link below, complete your contact information, and in the "comment" box, specify the specific times you can volunteer (for example: 10:00am-2:00pm).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C49A9A92CA2F85-48060684-stkatherines#/>

Please note: The Arizona State Health Department requires a current "Food Handlers Card" for those helping in the kitchen and with food service. The card may be obtained by taking a short course available on either of the following links:

<https://www.statefoodsafety.com/>
<https://www.efoodhandlers.com/Food-Handlers/>

The course is followed by the Health Department's online test, once you have passed the test you will be issued a certificate which is valid for 3 years.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to, and support of St. Katherine Church!

Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vesper Schedule

LENTEN VESPERS

SUNDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT

MARCH 24 | ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX
CHURCH, PHOENIX, 6 PM

MARCH 31 | ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMANIAN
ORTHODOX CHURCH, GLENDALE, 6 PM

APRIL 7 | ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH,
PHOENIX, 6 PM

APRIL 14 | ST. KATHERINE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH,
CHANDLER, 6 PM

APRIL 21 | STS. PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH IN
AMERICA, PHOENIX, AZ, 6 PM

Luncheon Fundraiser Hosted by the Parish Council

March 3, 2024 Community Center after Liturgy

Spanakopita or Tyropita

Tossed salad

Beverage

\$10 per person

Reservations gladly accepted. Contact Mary Bowen at marybells@gmail.com or Vange Archuleta at varchuleta@cox.net

Proceeds from luncheon [to](#) apply towards the resurfacing and striping of St. Katherine parking lot. Thank you for your continued support.

A Taste of Greece Taverna



ONE DAY EVENT
Greek Food, Pastries, Music
& Costumed Dancers
Beer & Wine... OPA!
Free Admission &
Free On-Site Parking

TAVERNA

Rain or Shine - Inside
Community Center

Saturday, March 16th, 11am-8pm
St Katherine Greek Orthodox Church Community Center
Just South of Elliott on Dobson Rd
2716 N. Dobson Road, Chandler, AZ 85224
For more information, visit our Facebook page or ATasteofGreeceAZ.com

GOYA Lenten Lock-In

ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY

GOYA Lenten Lock-In

An opportunity of growth & fellowship to
kickoff the Lenten season

MARCH 22 - MARCH 23 6PM-11AM

Grades 6-12

Questions? Youth@assumptionaz.org



Apokries 2024—Buy Your Tickets!



Arizona Hellenic Foundation Presents
Apokries 2024

Greek Mardi Gras | Dance | Door Prize | 50/50 Raffle | Costume Optional |
Best Costume Prizes for Male, Female & Child

Saturday, March 9, 2024
Cash Bar 6 PM | Dinner 7 PM | Close 11 PM
Tickets: Adults \$100 | 12 and under \$25

Please call Telis Evripidou at 480-332-6957.
Proceeds to benefit Arizona Hellenic Foundation's scholarship fund.



Mesa Country Club
660 W. Fairway Drive | Mesa, AZ 85201

Azhellenic.org



AHEPA CHAPTER 454
INVITES ALL OUR ST. KATHERINE
FAMILY & FRIENDS TO JOIN US FOR
GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY
FAMILY PICNIC

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH
FROM 11AM – 2PM

DOBSON RANCH PARK – RAMADA 1
2359 S DOBSON RD, MESA, AZ 85202
NEXT TO THE PLAYGROUND

MENU: HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, BLACK BEAN BURGERS,
PASTA DISH, SALAD, CHIPS, SODA & WATER.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT
DONATIONS APPRECIATED

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO AHEPA 454 CHARITIES

CONTACT NICK BAFALOUKOS FOR MORE INFORMATION:
480-980-1729 OR AZAHEPA454@OUTLOOK.COM

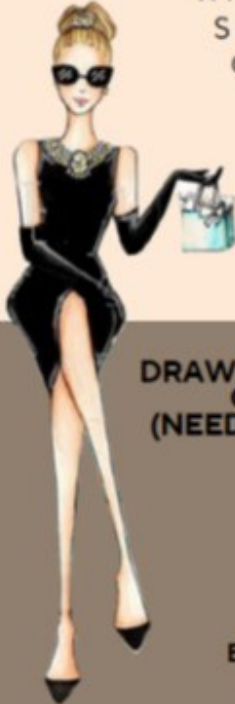


All Saints Camp Fundraiser

BE A STYLISH SUPPORTER
WIN A DESIGNER HANDBAG

RAFFLE PRESENTED BY
ST. KATHERINE GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH

PROCEEDS GO TO
**ALL SAINTS
CAMP**



DRAWING HELD AT ST. KATHERINE
ON MARCH 17TH, 2024
(NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN)

PRIZES

- CULT GAIA CLUTCH
(RETAIL \$300)
- TORY BURCH,
EMERSON LARGE TOTE
(RETAIL \$400)
- GRAND PRIZE: LOUIS
VUITTON TOTE (RETAIL
\$1900)

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED
FOR \$50

FOR DETAILS AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS,
STKATHERINEAZEVENT@GMAIL.COM
602.319.6508

Arizona Hellenic Foundation Scholarships



The Arizona Hellenic Foundation has several scholarships available for eligible students.

For eligibility requirements and scholarship application please visit the foundation's website:

www.Azhellenic.org

Applications are due by April 1, 2024.

Moms and Tots

MOMS & TOTS

**MARCH 21, 2024
2:30PM
FOURTH ACRE HOUSE**

**FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT:
SKFAMILYMINISTRY@GMAIL.COM**

We will be having our next Moms & Tots meeting on Thursday March 21st at 2:30 pm. Meet us in the Fourth Acre House for family friendly activities suitable for children 10 and younger!

For more information, please contact us at skfamilyministry@gmail.com

Paper Shredding-April 6th

DRIVE-THRU Paper SHREDDING, COFFEE & TREATS

Bring your personal, confidential documents to shred! \$20 for the first 3 boxes, and then \$5 per additional box. This will be secure on-site shredding!

Sit back, relax, buy a coffee, and have a delicious, sweet treat while we get your documents shredded. When we're done, you will take your boxes home with you.

DATE CHANGE... NOW

Saturday, April 6th, 2024

from 8am to noon

St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
2716 N. Dobson Road, Chandler, AZ 85224

Community Speaker Event



COMMUNITY SPEAKER EVENT MARCH 9, 2024

Paul & Cindy Karos of Matrona Ministries will offer two lectures.

11:00 am for Young Adults

Our Careers and Our Life in Christ: Where is the Synergy?

Join us as we explore the Orthodox perspective on work.

As a bonus, we will do an exercise that will help us discern our natural gifts and talents that have been given to us by God.

3:00 pm for entire Parish Community

The Ultimate Building Project: The Human Person

Join us as we explore St. Paul's teaching on our life as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

As part of our time together, we will do our own personal "home inspection."

5:00 pm Vespers

Matrona Ministries provides Orthodox Christians with tools and services to spiritually navigate the challenges and struggles of daily life in contemporary culture.

SAVE THE DATE

For more information contact
Niko Paris at youth@assumptionaz.org

Kids 'n' Cancer Camp Agape Fundraiser

Give Your Heart to a Child & Their Family

KIDS 'N' CANCER CAMP AGAPE ONLINE AUCTION FUNDRAISER



Arizona Camp Agape

The Arizona Philoptochos Chapters are reaching out to the community to support the Kids 'n' Cancer Camp Agape Online Auction.

Besides bidding on auction items, you can provide monetary donations/sponsorships.

ANY AMOUNT WILL HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD.

Please visit the auction site to donate →



[32auctions.com/KidsnCancerCampAgape2024](https://www.32auctions.com/KidsnCancerCampAgape2024)
facebook.com/Kids-n-Cancer-Camp-Agape

For more information or to donate an item
for the auction call Kathy Connell at 602-524-1959
or Sam Kladis at 480-570-2539

**Kids 'n' Cancer
Camp Agape**



A Ministry of the
Catholic Order of the Sisters of the
Ladies Philoptochos Society

Kids 'n' Cancer is a non-profit community
outreach program of The SFO Ladies
Philoptochos Society, Tax ID #364585276

<https://www.32auctions.com/KidsnCancerCampAgape2024>

2024 Stewardship Update

To date we have 115 families who have pledged \$291,961 toward our 2024 stewardship goal of \$396,000.



Light a Virtual Candle

"I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life. (John 8:12)



At times it may not be possible to physically go to church and light a candle, so we offer this option for those who would like to make an offering of prayer and faith by lighting a virtual candle.

<https://stkatherineaz.org/light-a-candle>

New Convenient Ways to Give!

Hover your phone camera over the QR code, which will take you to our website. From the menu, click on the Stewardship tab.

Digital payment platforms allow the church to accept stewardship, general or specific donations for any ministry. To ensure your donation is properly allocated, please make a note in the memo indicating your wishes.



RECOMMENDED LEVELS OF GIVING

PERCENT OF INCOME	5%		8%		10%	
	Annual Giving	Weekly	Annual Giving	Weekly	Annual Giving	Weekly
\$20,000	\$1,000	\$19.23	\$1,600	\$30.77	\$2,000	\$38.46
\$40,000	\$2,000	\$38.46	\$3,200	\$61.54	\$4,000	\$76.92
\$60,000	\$3,000	\$57.69	\$4,800	\$92.31	\$6,000	\$115.38
\$80,000	\$4,000	\$76.92	\$6,400	\$123.08	\$8,000	\$153.85
\$100,000	\$5,000	\$96.15	\$8,000	\$153.85	\$10,000	\$192.31
\$125,000	\$6,250	\$120.19	\$10,000	\$192.31	\$12,500	\$240.38
\$150,000	\$7,500	\$144.23	\$12,000	\$230.77	\$15,000	\$288.46
\$200,000	\$10,000	\$192.31	\$16,000	\$307.69	\$20,000	\$384.62



"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:21

Thank you for your commitment.