Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



March 17th, 2024 Forgiveness Sunday

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: 480-899-3330 • office@st-katherine.org • <u>www.stkatherineaz.org</u>

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

From the heights You came down, O Compassionate One. And You did submit to three -day burial, that from the passions You might deliver us. O our Life and Resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Έξ ὕψους κατῆλθες ὁ εὕσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν καταδέξω τριήμερον, ἴνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, 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, Αίκατερῖναν τὴν θείαν καὶ πολιοῦχον Σινᾶ, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν, ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῇ μαχαίρᾳ, καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αίτεῖται πᾶσι τὸ μέγα ἕλεος.

Kontakion

O Thou Guide unto wisdom, Bestower of prudence, Instructor of the foolish, and Defender of the poor: establish and grant understanding unto my heart, O Master. Grant me speech, O Word of the Father; for behold, I shall not keep my lips from crying unto Thee: Have mercy, O Merciful One, on me who have fallen.

Τῆς σοφίας ὀδηγέ, φρονήσεως χορηγέ, τῶν ἀφρόνων παιδευτά, καὶ πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστά, στήριξον, συνέτισον τὴν καρδίαν μου Δέσποτα. Σὺ δίδου μοι λόγον, ὀ τοῦ Πατρός Λόγος' ίδοὺ γὰρ τὰ χείλη μου, ού μὴ κωλύσω ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι' Ελεῆμον, ἐλέησόν με τὸν παραπεσόντα.

Epistle Reading: Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

Πρὸς ἘΡωμαίους 13:11-14, 14:1-4

Αδελφοί, νῦν ἐγγύτερον ἡμῶν ἡ σωτηρία ἡ ὄτε ἐπιστεύσαμεν. Η νὺξ προέκοψεν, ἡ δὲ ἡμέρα ἥγγικεν∙ ἀποθώμεθα οὖν τὰ ἕργα τοῦ σκότους, καί ἐνδυσώμεθα τὰ ὅπλα τοῦ φωτός. Ως ἐν ἡμέρα, εὐσχημόνως περιπατήσωμεν, μὴ κώμοις καὶ μέθαις, μὴ κοίταις καὶ ἀσελγείαις, μὴ ἕριδι καὶ ζήλῳ. Αλλ' ἐνδύσασθε τὸν κύριον Ιησοῦν Χριστόν, καὶ τῆς σαρκὸς πρόνοιαν μὴ ποιεῖσθε, είς ἑπιθυμίας. Τὸν δὲ ἀσθενοῦντα τῇ πίστει

προσλαμβάνεσθε, μὴ είς διακρίσεις διαλογισμῶν. Ởς μὲν πιστεύει φαγεῖν πάντα, ὁ δὲ ἀσθενῶν λάχανα ἐσθίει. Ở ἐσθίων τὸν μὴ ἐσθίοντα μὴ ἐξουθενείτω, καὶ ὁ μὴ ἐσθίων τὸν ἐσθίοντα μὴ κρινέτω· ὁ θεὸς γὰρ αὐτὸν προσελάβετο. Σὺ τίς εἶ ὁ κρίνων ἀλλότριον οἰκέτην; Τῷ ἰδίῳ κυρίῳ στήκει ἢ πίπτει. Σταθήσεται δέ· δυνατὸς γάρ ἐστιν ὁ θεὸς στῆσαι αὐτόν.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:14-21

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Έκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 6:14-21 Εύαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος. Ἐἀν γὰρ ἀφῆτε τοῖς ἀνθρώποις τὰ παραπτώματα αὐτῶν, ἀφήσει καὶ ὑμῖν ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν ὁ οὐράνιος. ἐἀν δὲ μὴ ἀφῆτε τοῖς ἀνθρώποις τὰ παραπτώματα αὐτῶν, οὐδὲ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν ἀφήσει τὰ παραπτώματα ὑμῶν. Ὅταν δὲ νηστεύητε, μὴ γίνεσθε ὥσπερ οἱ ὑποκριταὶ σκυθρωποί. ἀφανίζουσι γὰρ τὰ πρόσωπα αὐτῶν ὅπως φανῶσι τοῖς ἀνθρώποις νηστεύοντες. ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι ἀπέχουσι τὸν μισθὸν αὐτῶν. σὺ δὲ νηστεύων ἄλειψαί σου τὴν κεφαλὴν καὶ τὸ πρόσωπόν σου νίψαι,ὅπως μὴ φανῆς τοῖς ἀνθρώποις νηστεύων, ἀλλὰ τῷ πατρί σου τῷ ἐν τῷ κρυπτῷ, καὶ ὁ πατήρ σου ὁ βλέπων ἐν τῷ κρυπτῷ ἀποδώσει σοι ἐν τῷ φανερῷ. Μὴ θησαυρίζετε ὑμῖν θησαυροὺς ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ὅπου σὴς καὶ βρῶσις ἀφανίζει, καὶ ὅπου κλέπται διορύσσουσι καὶ κλέπτουσι. θησαυρίζετε δὲ ὑμῖν θησαυροὺς ἐν οὐρανῷ, ὅπου οὔτε σὴς οὕτε βρῶσις ἀφανίζει, καὶ ὅπου κλέπται οὐ διορύσσουσιν οὐδὲ κλέπτουσιν. ὅπου γάρ ἐστιν ὁ θησαυρὸς ὑμῶν, ἐκεῖ ἔσται καὶ ἡ καρδία ὑμῶν.

Service Schedule-Week of March 17th

Sunday, March 17th 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers (Forgiveness Service)

Monday, March 18th (1st Day of Lent) 6:00 p.m. Great Compline

> **Tuesday, March 19th** 6:00 p.m. Great Compline

Wednesday, March 20th 6:00 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

Thursday, March 21st 6:00 p.m. Great Compline

Friday, March 22nd 8:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. 1st Salutations Service

Saturday, March 23rd (Saturday of Souls-Miracle of Koliva) 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers & Pre-Communion Prayers

On the following Mondays in Lent, Fr. Timothy will be offering a short teaching, in the church, immediately after the Great Compline service:

March 25th April 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

Today we Commemorate:

- Alexis the Man of God
- Paul the Righteous Martyr
- Patrick the Enlightener of Ireland

Saint Alexis was born in old Rome of illustrious parents named Euphemianus and Aglais, and at their request was joined to a young woman in marriage. However, he did not remain with her even for one day, but fled to Edessa, where he lived for eighteen years. He returned to Rome in the guise of a beggar and sat at the gates of his father's house, unknown to all and mocked by his own servants. His identity was revealed only after his death by a paper that he had on his person, which he himself had written a little before his repose. The pious Emperor Honorius honoured him with a solemn burial. The title "Man of God" was given to him from heaven in a vision to the Bishop of Rome on the day of the Saint's repose.

Helpful Information:

Sunday School: Due to Spring Break Sunday School is on recess this week..

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, <u>it is important to observe the following moments in the Divine</u> <u>Liturgy when **you should not enter** the Nave but wait quietly in the Narthex:</u>

- 1. During the Small Entrance
- 2. During the Epistle Reading
- 3. During the Gospel Reading
- 4. During the Homily
- 5. When the Priest is censing 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: <u>https://stkatherineaz.org/parish-calendar</u> *Sunday Homilies: <u>https://stkatherineaz.org/homilies</u> *For Orthros (Matins) Text visit: <u>AGES Digital Chant Stand</u> *Saints, Feasts, Epistle & Gospel readings: <u>https://www.goarch.org/chapel/calendar</u> *Livestream on YouTube: <u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> @stkatherinegreekorthodoxch8030/streams

Please silence cell phones when in church.



Prayer Requests

(Prayers for the living will be retained on the list for 40 days.) I Peter 4:7 Be serious and discipline yourselves in prayer. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.



Living:

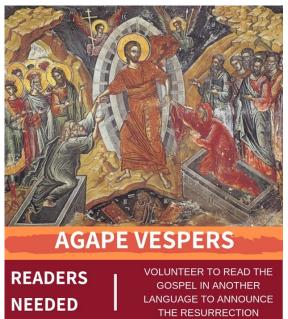
- Nikolaos D, for help with difficulties
- Leo C., for post-surgery healing
- Christopher, for healing and to bring glory to God
- Anna Pantelopoulos, for health and healing
- Kathy Sky, for health and healing
- Martha C., for relief from suffering
- Ioanna, for health and healing
- Randy Aubrey, for health
- Ann Trikas, for health
- Sandy, for health
- Patsy Morden, bereavement
- 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 +

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Agape Vespers Service-Readers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to read the Resurrectional Gospel reading during the Agape Vespers service on Great and Holy Pascha, Sunday, May 5th. If you can read another language and are able to attend the service please contact the church office or sign up on the form at the candle stand. Do you need a little help with pronunciation as you practice, or are you interested in hearing the gospel in other languages? <u>Click</u> <u>here for an audio recording resource</u>.

During the Agape Vespers it is the tradition of the Church to read the Gospel reading (John 20:19-25) in multiple languages. The significance of this practice is two fold:



1) It is a reflection and response to the Great Commission which Christ gave to his Apostles following His resurrection from the dead. Following His resurrection He gathered His disciples on the mount in Galilee and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:18-19).

2) Our proclamation of the Gospel is also a reflection of the restoration of Man and God's creation as the events at the Tower of Babel are reversed (Genesis 11:1-9). Humanity, once divided, is now restored through Christ.

Καλή Ανάσταση!

Our Parish Family

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

To subscribe to our newsletter please visit: <u>https://stkatherineaz.org/</u> If you are visiting and/or inquiring about the Orthodox faith and are interested in learning more, please contact Fr. Timothy: <u>frtimskchurch@gmail.com</u>

Hrisi Parea Seniors

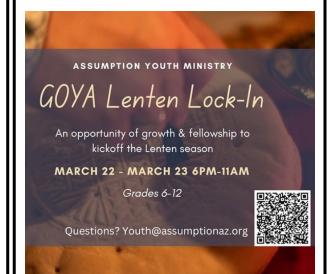
St. Patrick's Day 'On Greek Time' Luncheon



Thursday, March 21st 11:00am – 2:00pm Please join us for a delicious lunch \$5.00 Donation Get your green on! Prizes for the best green outfit

St. Katherine Sunday School Building (Next to the Community Center) To RSVP text: Daryl Connell - 602-315-3159 New Members are always welcome

GOYA Lenten Lock-In



Moms and Tots

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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: <u>skfamilyministry@gmail.com</u>

Kids-n-Cancer Camp Agape Auction Ends Tonight

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





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 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 is a non-profit community outreach program of The SFO Iadies Philoptochos Society, Tax ID #364585276





DONATION DRIVE

Join us during the month of March to serve the local homeless population through the work of the Aris Foundation!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR DONATION BLANKETS/TOWELS/ TOILETRIES/SNACKS/FOOD COLORING BOOKS/MARKERS

Please donate via the QR code below:



Additional information on items needed for donation can also be found at arisfoundation.org/donations.



WHAT IS THE ARIS FOUNDATION?

SINCE 2016, THE ARIS FOUNDATION HAS SUPPORTED THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN TEMPE AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS. THEY HAVE HOUSED NEARLY 300 PEOPLE AND HELPED THEM IN THEIR JOURNEY AWAY FROM HOMELESSNESS. JOIN THEM EVERY TUESDAY AT 4:00 PM AT MOUNTAIN PARK HEALTH CENTER (1840 E. BROADWAY ROAD, TEMPE, AZ).

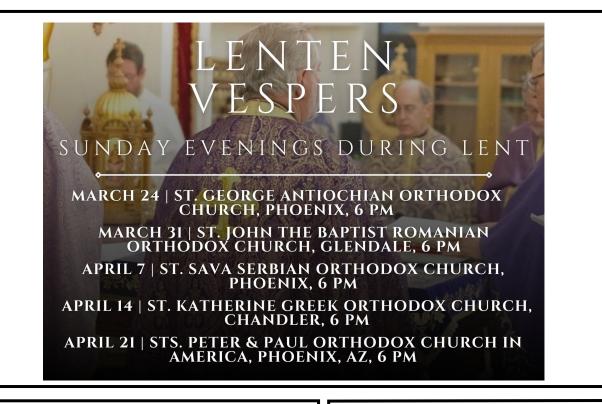
WHAT IS LIVING ORTHODOX?

LIVING ORTHODOX IS A NATIONAL, PAN-ORTHODOX MINISTRY THAT IS BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF YOUNG ADULTS (18-30S) WHO ARE STRIVING TO GROW IN AND CONNECT WITH THEIR FAITH THROUGH REGULAR EVENTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND SERVICE PROJECTS.

HOW CAN I DONATE FUNDS DIRECTLY?

BY USING THE QR CODE PROVIDED BELOW, YOU CAN DIRECTLY DONATE FUNDS TO OUR GOAL OF RAISING **\$5,000 BY MARCH 30**! ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING THE ARIS FOUNDATION.





Paper Shredding-April 6th





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: <u>frtimskchurch@gmail.com</u>

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.

Women's Ministry

Hi Ladies! It's time for our March luncheon If you haven't already done so, please check your calendars and let me know if you will be able to attend (call, text 480 -242-6658, or email).

Date: Saturday, March 30th

<u>Time</u>: 12:30 p.m.

<u>Place</u>: Valle Luna Mexican Restaurant (SE corner of Dobson & Ray Rd.)

Looking forward to seeing all of you! Love in Christ,

Athena Vasilatos and Jackie Bafaloukos



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

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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



OPA! Celebrate Greek Heritage Night at Chase Field.

Friday, May 24th game vs. the Miami Marlins

and a limited-edition Greek Heritage ball cap.

AHEPA 454 Brothers, Friends & Family will be attending to support our Arizona Greek Community.

Many AHEPA 454 will purchase tickets in section 133, rows 22 to 24.

Click on the link below and purchase your tickets soon so we can all sit together.

Click Here to Purchase Ticket

Greek Heritage Celebration

Friday, May 24, 2024



OPA! The Arizona Diamondbacks are excited to invite YOU to our annual Greek Heritage Celebration at Chase Field on Friday, May 24. Your Special Event package includes a ticket to the Friday, May 24 game vs. the Miami Marlins (first pitch at 6:40PM) and a limited-edition Greek Heritage hat.

There is LIMITED AVALIABILTY for the hat, so buy your tickets NOW!

Please contact Tatum Barstad for groups of 10+ or with any questions:



2024 Stewardship Update

To date we have 124 families who have pledged \$310,511 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 Income	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.