

# Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**April 7th, 2024  
Sunday of the Holy Cross**

## **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

Let the heavens rejoice, and let things on earth be glad, for the Lord has worked power with His arm; He has trampled upon death by death; He has become the first-born of the dead. From the bowels of Hades has He delivered us, and has granted great mercy to the world.

Εὐφραίνεσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

### Apolytikion of the Sunday of the Holy Cross

Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; grant Thou unto the faithful victory over adversaries. And by the power of Thy cross do Thou preserve Thy commonwealth.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

### 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 entertains His great mercy.

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

### Kontakion

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unsailable, from all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἀλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἴνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

### Epistle Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

BRETHREN, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place,

"Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Πρὸς Εβραίους 4:14-16, 5:1-6 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ἔχοντες οὖν ἀρχιερέα μέγαν, διεληλυθότα τοὺς οὐρανοὺς, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ θεοῦ, κρατῶμεν τῆς ὁμολογίας. Οὐ γὰρ ἔχομεν ἀρχιερέα μὴ δυνάμενον συμπαθεῖσαι ταῖς ἀσθενείαις ἡμῶν, πεπειραμένον δὲ κατὰ πάντα καθ' ὁμοιότητα, χωρὶς ἁμαρτίας. Προσερχώμεθα οὖν μετὰ παρησίας τῷ θρόνῳ τῆς χάριτος, ἵνα λάβωμεν ἔλεον, καὶ χάριν εὐρωμεν εἰς εὐκαιρον βοήθειαν. Πᾶς γὰρ ἀρχιερεὺς, ἐξ ἀνθρώπων λαμβανόμενος, ὑπὲρ ἀνθρώπων καθίσταται τὰ πρὸς τὸν θεόν, ἵνα προσφέρῃ δῶρά τε καὶ θυσίας ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν· μετριοπαθεῖν δυνάμενος τοῖς ἀγνοοῦσιν καὶ πλανωμένοις, ἐπεὶ καὶ αὐτὸς περικείται ἀσθενειαν· καὶ διὰ ταύτην ὀφείλει, καθὼς περὶ τοῦ λαοῦ, οὕτως καὶ περὶ ἑαυτοῦ, προσφέρειν ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν. Καὶ οὐχ ἑαυτῷ τις λαμβάνει τὴν τιμὴν, ἀλλὰ καλούμενος ὑπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ, καθάπερ καὶ Ἀαρῶν. Οὕτως καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτὸν ἐδόξασεν γεννηθῆναι ἀρχιερέα, ἀλλ' ὁ λαλήσας πρὸς αὐτόν, Υἱὸς μου εἶ σύ, ἐγὼ σήμερον γεγέννηκά σε. Καθὼς καὶ ἐν ἐτέρῳ λέγει, Σὺ ἱερεὺς εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ.

### Gospel Reading: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

### Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μάρκον 8:34-38, 9:1 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Εἴ τις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἔλθειν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθεῖτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλῃ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὃς δ' ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ὠφελήσει ἄνθρωπον ἐὰν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ ἐὰν ἐπαισχυνθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμούς λόγους ἐν τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἁμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυνθήσεται αὐτὸν ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσὶ τινες τῶν ὧδε ἐστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσονται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.

### Today we commemorate:

- Calliopius and Akylina the Martyrs
- George, Bishop of Mytilene
- Gerasimos the God-Bearer of Byzantium

The holy Martyr Calliopius was from Perga in Pamphylia, brought up in piety by his godly mother Theocleia. When the persecution of Maximian began, Saint Calliopius presented himself of his own accord before the Governor Maximus in Pompeiopolis of Galatia. After he had suffered many torments, his mother visited him in prison and encouraged him in his martyrdom. After this, his thrice-blessed mother, upon learning that he was to be crucified on Holy and Great Thursday, bribed the tyrants to defer it one day, that he might imitate the Lord's Crucifixion on the same day that He suffered it. The holy Martyr Calliopius received the crown of martyrdom on Holy and Great Friday in the year 304, being crucified upside down.

## Service Schedule-Week of April 7th

### **Sunday, April 7th-Sunday of the Holy Cross**

Memorial Service: Andy Hatupis- 40 days

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers at [St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church](#)

### **Monday, April 8th**

6:00 p.m. Great Compline (Fr. Timothy will offer a short teaching immediately after Great Compline)

### **Wednesday, April 10th**

6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

### **Friday, April 12th**

7:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy

6:00 p.m. 4th Salutations Service

### **Saturday, April 13th**

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: April 8th, 15th, 22nd



**LENTEN  
VESPERS**

SUNDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT

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

### **Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser to be Rescheduled**

The spaghetti luncheon originally planned for today has been canceled and will be rescheduled. The new date will be announced soon.

## St. Macarius Monastery Handcrafted Items

The nuns from the Orthodox Monastery of St. Macarius of Egypt in Casa Grande, AZ will have their handcrafted items for sale in the Community Center after dismissal of Liturgy today.



## Daughters of Penelope



"DOP Aegina 340 would like to thank all the parishioners who generously donated at our coffee hour for the parking lot repairs! We raised around \$200!"

## 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](mailto:frtimskchurch@gmail.com)

## Helpful Information:

**Sunday School:** Sunday School meets after Communion. Grades Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

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

\*Livestream on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/>

[@stkatherinegreekorthodoxch8030/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@stkatherinegreekorthodoxch8030/streams)

**Please silence cell phones when in church.**



## 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? [Click here for an audio resource.](#)

Currently we have volunteers to read in Greek, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Ukrainian, and Church Slavonic.

We would like to have readers for: Arabic, Armenian, Bulgarian, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Filipino, Romanian, Swahili, and any other language that readers may have proficiency in.

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!**



**AGAPE VESPERS**

**READERS  
NEEDED**

VOLUNTEER TO READ THE  
GOSPEL IN ANOTHER  
LANGUAGE TO ANNOUNCE  
THE RESURRECTION

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:frtimskchurch@gmail.com)

## St. Irene Philoptochos Camp Scholarships

Philoptochos is offering "camperships" to families of St. Katherine youth to assist them in participating in the vital ministry.

Camp dates are May 26 thru June 1. The cost is \$600 per camper. Regular registration closes on April 30.

To apply for assistance, fill out the information below and place in the white collection box by the candle stand, turn into the church office, or speak to Linda Blazev.

If you would like to donate funds to assist more St. Katherine youth to attend you may do so by donating funds to Philoptochos with memo line "All Saints Camp Fund".

Once we know how many families are requesting aid and how much money we have to distribute, we will notify parents of the amount Philoptochos can award for each "Campership".

### DEADLINE TO APPLY: Wednesday April 17.

Parents will be notified of amount of assistance they will receive by April 24. (Registration for camp closes April 30)

#### Application:

Parents name:

Parents email:

Parents phone number:

Number of campers from this family:

Please include all the names and age of each camper.

Camper Name:

Camper Age:



## Special Collection for Hellenic College Holy Cross

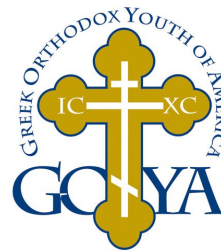
As is our custom, on this Sunday of the Holy Cross Philoptochos will have a tray for those who want to donate a gift to our beloved Seminary and College Holy Cross/ Hellenic College, to support their mission of educating the future priests and leaders of our church in America.





## GOYA

Vespers & Talk with Father Timothy  
St. Katherine's Church  
Saturday, April 13th  
6:00-8:15 PM



\*If you would like to do confession during Vespers, please come prepared and arrive a few minutes early.

RSVP via email or text: [athenacontes@hotmail.com](mailto:athenacontes@hotmail.com) 480-584-

## Spring General Assembly-April 21st



As provided by Uniform Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, a meeting of the St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church will be held in the Community Center, after the dismissal of Liturgy on Sunday, April 21st. All stewards should make plans to attend and participate. Please note: To vote at a General Assembly meeting one must be a current steward. If you have not completed a 2024 pledge card, please do so right away, so that you can participate and vote on issues affecting our parish.

## Orthodox Film Viewing-April 20th

Please join us on April 20th at 6:30 pm at  
**Pollack Cinema**  
1825 East Elliot Road Tempe, AZ 85284  
for a viewing of  
"Sacred Alaska" and "Amphilochios Saint of Patmos."

To purchase tickets click here:

[Sacred Alaska and Amphilochios Saint of Patmos](#)



## 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:

- Alea, for health and healing
- Nektarios, for health and healing
- 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
- For our Sunday School teachers and students
- For our catechumens and inquirers
- Peace in the Holy Land and in Ukraine
- For Fr. Nicholas, the staff, and boys at St. Innocent Orphanage
- For our seminarians: Nikolas Makarios and Andrew Moreno



## Holy Week Opportunities



### Myrrh Bearers

Girls ages 6 and older, who would like to serve as “Myrrh Bearers” for the Holy Friday Lamentation Service and Holy Pascha Resurrection Service, please contact Antigoni Bhatia 617-308-1860.

### Epitaphios adornment

Holy Friday, May 3rd, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Narthex.  
Everyone is welcome to join us, even if only for a little while;  
many hands make light work! For more information: Antigoni

Bhatia 617-308-1860



## 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 AVAILABILITY** for the hat, so buy your tickets **NOW!**

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



## St. Irene Philoptochos News

### Holiday Basket Donations

Help us fill the Easter Dinner Basket!

Philoptochos is collecting money to provide special holiday meals for families in our parish who can use a helping hand.

To donate look for the display in the community center during Fellowship Hour or speak to any Philoptochos Board member.

### Bake Sale—April 21st & 28th

Lazarus Saturday, April 27th: 8:30 a.m. Orthros, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

St. Irene Philoptochos invites you to a Lenten brunch after Liturgy, in the Community Center followed by palm cross folding. Everyone is invited, no experience is necessary. Please join us!



## 2024 Stewardship Update

To date we have 141 families who have pledged \$351,571 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.***