

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**April 14th, 2024
Sunday of St. John Climacus**

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

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples said to the Apostles triumphantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy unto the world.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion of St. John of the Ladder

With the streams of thy tears, thou didst cultivate the barrenness of the desert; and by thy sighings from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundredfold in labours; and thou becamest a luminary, shining with miracles upon the world, O John our righteous Father. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Ταῖς τῶν δακρύων σου ῥοαῖς, τῆς ἐρήμου τὸ ἄγονον ἐגעώρησας, καὶ τοῖς ἐκ βάθους στεναγμοῖς, εἰς ἑκατὸν τοὺς πόνους ἔκαρποφόρησας, καὶ γέγονας φωστὴρ τῇ οἰκουμένῃ, λάμπων τοῖς θαύμασιν, Ἰωάννη Πατὴρ ἡμῶν ὅσιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

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

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 unassailable, 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 ἔλευθέρωσον, Ἴνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 6:13-20

BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:17-31

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

Service Schedule-Week of April 14th

Sunday, April 14th-Sunday of St. John Climacus

6:00 p.m. Pan-Orthodox Great Vespers at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Monday, April 15th

6:00 p.m. Great Compline (Followed by a brief reflection)

Wednesday, April 17th

6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 18th

6:00 p.m. Great Compline, Canon of St. Andrew, & The Life of St. Mary of Egypt

Friday, April 19th

7:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy

6:00 p.m. The Akathist Hymn

Saturday, April 20th

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

Today we commemorate:

- **Aristarchus, Pudens, Trophimus the Apostles of the 70**
- **Thomais the Martyr of Alexandria**
- **Ardalion the Actor and Martyr**

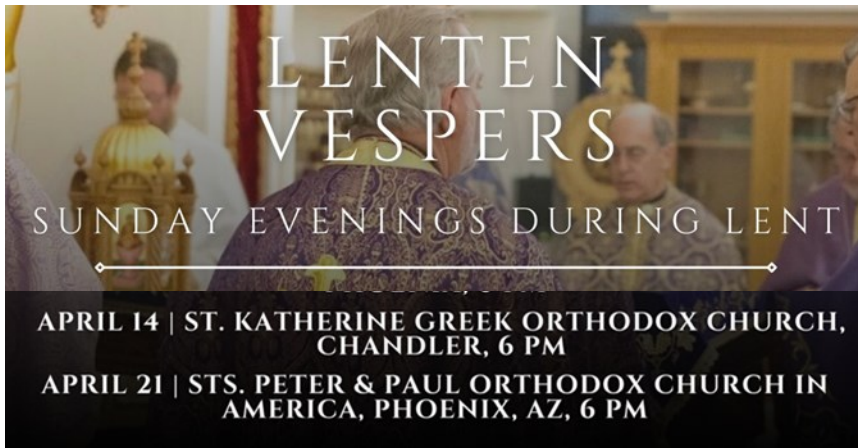
Saint Aristarchus is mentioned in the Epistle to the Colossians (4:10), and also in the Epistle to Philemon (v. 24). By his ascetical manner of life, this Saint proved to be another Saint John the Baptist. He became Bishop of Apamea in Syria, and brought many to the Faith of Christ. Saints Pudens and Trophimus are mentioned in II Timothy 4:20-21. Also, Acts 21:29 mentions that Trophimus was from Ephesus. According to sources that Saint Dorotheus of Tyre (celebrated on June 5) found written in Latin in Rome, these Apostles were beheaded in Rome during the reign of Nero (54-68).

All Saints Camp Fundraiser

Thank you to all who supported our All Saints Camp Fundraiser!

Because of your generosity, it was very successful. All proceeds directly benefit All Saints Summer Camp and our youth.

Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vesper Services



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.

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



Helpful Information:

Sunday School: Sunday School meets after Communion. 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](#)

*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.



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.](#)



AGAPE VESPERS

**READERS
NEEDED**

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

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!

Hrisi Parea Seniors Lenten Luncheon

Thursday, April 18th 11:00am – 2:00pm

Please join us for Fun, Fellowship and a delicious lunch, \$5.00 donation, Door Prizes



Soup Du Jour
Salad, Garlic Bread
Dessert & Beverages

St. Katherine Sunday School Building
2716 N Dobson Road Chandler, 85224
To RSVP text: Daryl Connell - 602-315-3159
New Members are always welcome

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:



Moms & Tots

Join us as we learn about Pascha and create resurrection gardens together!

**Thursday April 18th
2:30 PM**

For more info or to RSVP:
skfamilyministry@gmail.com

Add some Greek Specialties & Pastries to Your Greek Easter Dinner



Place your order by Thursday April 25th, for pickup on Saturday, April 27th, 2pm and 4pm.

To Place Your Order, click here:

<https://orders.atasteofgreeceaz.com/>

St. Irene Philoptochos – EASTER BAKE SALE

Sunday, April 21st & 28th

Pre-order your Easter Sweets now & pick-up at sale so you have them for Easter

To Order email Kathy Connell @ madgreekkathy@aol.com or call her at 602-524-1959

Holiday Bake Sale Order Form

<i># of Packages</i>		<i>Amount</i>	
_____	<i>Koulourakia – 1 Dozen -</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>	_____
_____	<i>Kourabiedes – ½ Dozen -</i>	<i>\$8.00</i>	_____
_____	<i>Melomakarona – ½ Dozen -</i>	<i>\$8.00</i>	_____
_____	<i>Baklava – 12 Petite Pieces -</i>	<i>\$18.00</i>	_____
_____	<i>Sweet Bread - 1 Loaf -</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>	_____
_____	<i>Variety Pack –</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>	_____
	<i>(3 Melo; 3 Kourabiethes; 6 Koulourakia, 8 Petite Baklava)</i>		
_____	<i>Hostess Tray - Wrapped -</i>	<i>\$35.00</i>	_____
	<i>(6 Melo; 6 Kourabiethes; 12 Petite Baklava)</i>		
	<i>Total</i>		_____

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.