

# Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**July 24, 2022  
6th Sunday of Matthew**

## **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, Pastor  
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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

### Resurrectional Apolytikion Plagal Tone One

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠυδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

### Apolytikion for the Holy Woman

Your maiden Martyr, like a lamb, cries out, "O Jesus, for You, my pure Bridegroom, I long; and seeking You I compete; and I am crucified and buried with You in Your baptism. I suffer for Your sake, that I may reign with You. I die for You that I may also live in You. Accept me as an unblemished sacrifice as I offer myself to You with love." At her entreaties and intercessions, save our souls, O Merciful Lord.

Ἡ ἀμνάς σου Ἰησοῦ, κράζει μεγάλη τῇ φωνῇ. Σὲ Νυμφίε μου ποθῶ, καὶ σὲ ζητοῦσα ἀθλῶ, καὶ συσταυροῦμαι καὶ συνθάπτομαι τῷ βαπτισμῷ σου· καὶ πάσχω διὰ σέ, ὡς βασιλεύσω σὺν σοί, καὶ θνήσκω ὑπὲρ σοῦ, ἵνα καὶ ζήσω ἐν σοί· ἀλλ' ὡς θυσίαν ἄμωμον προσδέχου τὴν μετὰ πόθου τυθεῖσάν σοι. Αὐτῆς πρεσβείαις, ὡς ἐλεήμων, σῶσον 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 θεῖαν καὶ πολιοῦχον Σινᾶ, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν, ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῇ μαχαίρᾳ, καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πᾶσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## Kontakion

O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty, but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith. Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδῃς ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

## Epistle Reading

### Romans 12:6-14

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

### Ῥωμαίους 12:6-14

Ἀδελφοί, ἔχοντες δὲ χαρίσματα κατὰ τὴν χάριν τὴν δοθεῖσαν ἡμῖν διάφορα, εἴτε προφητείαν, κατὰ τὴν ἀναλογίαν τῆς πίστεως· εἴτε διακονίαν, ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ· εἴτε ὁ διδάσκων, ἐν τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ· εἴτε ὁ παρακαλῶν, ἐν τῇ παρακλήσει· ὁ μεταδιδούς, ἐν ἀπλότητι· ὁ προϊστάμενος, ἐν σπουδῇ· ὁ ἐλεῶν, ἐν ἰλαρότητι. Ἡ ἀγάπη ἀνυπόκριτος. Ἀποστυγοῦντες τὸ πονηρὸν, κολλώμενοι τῷ ἀγαθῷ. Τῇ φιλαδελφίᾳ εἰς ἀλλήλους φιλόστοργοι· τῇ τιμῇ ἀλλήλους προηγούμενοι· τῇ σπουδῇ μὴ ὀκνηροί· τῷ πνεύματι ζέοντες· τῷ κυρίῳ δουλεύοντες· τῇ ἐλπίδι χαίροντες· τῇ θλίψει ὑπομένοντες· τῇ προσευχῇ προσκαρτεροῦντες· ταῖς χρείαις τῶν ἁγίων κοινωνοῦντες· τὴν φιλοξενίαν διώκοντες. Εὐλογεῖτε τοὺς διώκοντας ὑμᾶς· εὐλογεῖτε, καὶ μὴ καταρᾶσθε.

## Gospel Reading

### Matthew 9:1-8

At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" he then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

### Ματθαῖον 9:1-8

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐμβὰς εἰς πλοῖον διεπέρασε καὶ ἦλθεν εἰς τὴν ἰδίαν πόλιν. Καὶ ἰδοὺ προσέφερον αὐτῷ παραλυτικὸν ἐπὶ κλίνης βεβλημένον· καὶ ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὴν πίστιν αὐτῶν εἶπε τῷ παραλυτικῷ· θάρσει, τέκνον· ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι σου. καὶ ἰδοὺ τινες τῶν γραμματέων εἶπον ἐν ἑαυτοῖς· οὗτος βλασφημεῖ. καὶ ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὰς ἐνθυμήσεις αὐτῶν εἶπεν· ἵνα τί ὑμεῖς ἐνθυμεῖσθε πονηρὰ ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν; τί γάρ ἐστιν εὐκοπώτερον, εἰπεῖν, ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι, ἢ εἰπεῖν, ἐγείρε καὶ περιπάτει; ἵνα δὲ εἰδῆτε ὅτι ἐξουσίαν ἔχει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἀφιέναι ἁμαρτίας - τότε λέγει τῷ παραλυτικῷ· ἐγερθεὶς ἄρον σου τὴν κλίνην καὶ ὑπάγε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου. καὶ ἐγερθεὶς ἀπῆλθεν εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ. ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ ὄχλοι ἐθαύμασαν καὶ ἐδόξασαν τὸν Θεὸν τὸν δόντα ἐξουσίαν τοιαύτην

### Saints of the Day

- Christina the Great Martyr of Tyre
- Athenagorus the Apologist
- Boris and Gleb, the Passion-bearers

### Christian the Great Martyr

Saint Christina was from Tyre in Syria, the daughter of a pagan named Urban. Enlightened in her heart to believe in Christ, she broke her father's idols, made of gold and silver, and distributed the pieces to the poor. When her father learned this, he punished her ruthlessly, then cast her into prison.

## **Saints of the Day (continued)**

The rulers subjected her to imprisonments, hunger, torments, the cutting off of her breasts and tongue, and finally impalement, in the year 200, during the reign of the Emperor Septimius Severus.

### **Boris and Glen, the Passion-bearers**

The holy Passion-bearers Boris and Gleb, named Romanus and David in sacred Baptism, were the pious sons of the holy Great Prince Vladimir. In 1015 they were slain at the command of their brother Svyatopolk-Saint Boris, on July 24 on the Alta River, near Pereyaslavl, and Saint Gleb, on September 5 on the bank of the Smyadinya River, near Smolensk. Although both had understood their brother's designs against them, they refused to take up arms against him and bring civil war upon their land, preferring to fulfill the commandment, "Resist not evil" (Matt. 5:39). The holy relics of Saint Boris were then buried in Vyshgorod, to which the holy relics of his brother were transferred five years later. Miracles were worked through the holy relics of the meek and guileless brothers during the consecration in Vyshgorod of a church in their honor on this day in 1021.

## **Service Schedule—Week of July 17th**

**Sunday, July 17th:** 8:15 a.m. Orthros, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

## **Upcoming Events/Save the Date**

- **Sunday, August 7th:** Sunday School Begins
- **Saturday, August 27th:** St. Katherine Gyro Day
- **Saturday, October 15th:** St. Katherine 40th Anniversary Celebration
- **Sunday, November 6th:** Fall General Assembly
- **Sunday, December 11th:** Stewardship Sunday

## Welcome to Our Visitors



We welcome you with open arms and joy in our Lord and 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. If you are not Orthodox, you may approach the Chalice for a blessing. If you choose to do this, when you come to the chalice simply say, “a blessing please.”

For those who are Orthodox and desire to receive the Body of Blood of Christ, please be prepared through confession (no less than 4 times a year), be reconciled in your heart with all, and having observed the fasting guidelines set forth by the Church. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Timothy.

## Adult Modern Greek Language Class

Classes will begin again in September (please check our website later in the summer for start dates).

This fall, students in both Beginner and Intermediate classes will continue with the assigned textbook, picking up where they left off last session.

New students are absolutely welcome to join but will need to demonstrate some level of proficiency in order to be in either class, so that everyone can progress together. Class fees are \$75 monthly.

### Attention Parents!

Our Online Summer School Session begins the week of July 25th and ends the week of September 5th.

Your teacher is Kiria Yulie Archontaki. The class will take place on Wednesday from 9:00am -10:00 am PST.

To register go to: <https://greeksschoolonline.org/>

## Helpful Information:

**Dean Pappas Memorial Bookstore:** Open today.  
Closed during August for Inventory and Re-stocking  
Bookstore will re-open on September 4, 2022.

**Saturday Great Vesper Services:** Will resume in August.

**Sunday School:** On Recess for the Summer. See page 9 for updates.

**Fellowship Hour:** On recess until August 7th. The Community Center will be closed in July for maintenance.

**Note:** Please make every effort to arrive for services a little early. If you happen to arrive late, please observe the following moments in the Divine Liturgy when you should not enter the Nave but wait quietly in the Narthex. After these moments, you may enter:

- Whenever the Priest is censing
- The Small Entrance
- The Great Entrance
- Epistle Reading
- Gospel Reading
- The Homily
- Consecration of the Gifts
- The Lord's Prayer

### 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:

\*Sunday Homilies: To access all Homilies, <https://stkatherineaz.org/>

\*For Matins Text visit: [AGES Digital Chant Stand](#)

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

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

## Prayer Requests

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



*Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.*

### Living:

- Andrew , for discernment and wisdom
- Christina Manasses, health and healing
- Charlene Harden, health and healing
- Nicole Harden, health and healing
- Sandy Hurley, health and healing
- Jim, health and healing
- Fr. Timothy, safety while traveling
- Those in our congregation suffering with the Covid virus
- For those threatened by fire and extreme weather in Greece, Italy and UK
- Peace in Ukraine, and consolation for the suffering and bereaved
- For our parishioners serving in armed services: That they may be safe and strong.
- For our Seminarians- that they may prosper and grow in your will – Lord bless:
  - Nikolas Makarios
  - Seminarian Nicholas Makarios

## Our Parish Family

If you are new to our parish and would like to become a member, as well as begin receiving News & Updates please contact our Church office: [office@st-katherineaz.org](mailto:office@st-katherineaz.org) or call 480-899-3330.

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)





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*Greek Orthodox Church*

## **Sunday School Update**

We are excited to kick-off the start of the year and welcome new and returning families to join our youth programs.

### **Youth Table**

Please stop by our Youth Table each Sunday in August. Sunday school will be present each week as will another youth program. There will be a special treat or prize for stopping by!

Learn about our youth ministries!

August 7–GOYA    August 14 -JOY/HOPE    August 21-Greek Dance    August 28- Agape Group

### **First Day of Sunday School**

Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> after communion

Ages 4 through High School

To Register for Sunday School, please use the QR code:



### **Volunteers Needed**

We are looking for anyone interested in co-teaching or substitute teaching our Sunday School. Please visit us at the Sunday School table for more info.

### **Snacks**

This year we would appreciate snack donations. You can donate at the youth table in the community center the month of August or give to Maria Morton or Nicolette Wright any other time.

## Stewardship Message

### Assessing your history of charitable giving

Over the last 7–8 months I have written a lot about charitable giving. I’ve mentioned a process of educating the parish about the concepts of giving; specifically, as it relates to giving of one’s time, talent and treasure to the church. Through this education process we hope to “change the paradigm of giving” and create a ministry based on gratitude for all we have been given in this life. As discussed in a prior essay, we want our parishioners to become transformational givers and not remain transactional givers. Your gifts will not only transform St. Katherine (and its ministries and outreach) but will also (and more importantly) transform you, the giver.

This month, I wanted to share an exercise I completed during a course on religious fundraising I was able to attend. It’s an exercise that helps us to think about our philanthropic capacity and analyze our charitable giving. Not only to the church, but to all charitable causes to which we donate. I thought it was very revealing not because it allowed me to see the amounts my family was donating, but to what causes we were donating. I knew how much we donated, but never really looked at the causes or organizations we were supporting. Putting it on paper helped me see what our giving patterns were and helped us make changes we felt would be appropriate going forward. We all want our donations to ‘make a difference’ and/or reflect our passions.

Complete the exercise below and determine if it helps you see if your charitable giving reflects your spiritual values, passions, your faith journey and the important life–cycle intersections that have made you who you are. You too, may find that a quick inventory of what and to whom you give may show you’re giving too much to a cause that doesn’t reflect who you really are or what you really want; or that you’re not giving enough to something that is vital to you right now.

In this exercise you simply:

- 1) list your charitable contributions over the last year (or any year; or a series of years)
- 2) break down your giving into dollar amounts. See what giving patterns emerge as to size of gifts, purpose of each gift or circumstances and motivations surrounding the gift
- 3) think about how your charitable giving reflects what was discussed above (values, passions, etc)

I found it easier to complete and “see” my responses by making a small table that showed each:

<b>Organizations donated to</b>	<b>Amount Given</b>	<b>Why I gave</b>
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When you look at the finished product, you should be able to see a pattern to your charitable ‘history.’ Is it what you thought it would be? Is it what you want it to be? Do the organizations to which you donate need your support? Overall, how do you feel about your charitable giving?

Some questions to ponder going forward:

- Am I giving to the right organizations?
- Am I giving enough to organizations I feel passionate about?
- How much could I give if I felt good about a cause/mission?
- What relationships do I want to nurture and preserve in my giving?
- How have I expressed my gratitude for my blessings to God and to others in the past?

How would I like to express my gratitude in the future?

I hope you all complete this exercise. I also hope it enlightens you about your history of charitable giving and helps you assess how you feel about your contributions to causes you support, admire or are passionate about.

John Chrisagis, *Stewardship Chair*

#### **STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:**

Thank you to all who have filled out and turned in your 2022 Stewardship cards. To date we have received 136 pledges totaling \$258,651.

Please help us reach our Stewardship pledge goal this year. May God bless us and this parish as a whole for all that each and every one of us brings as our offering to our Lord Jesus Christ, and His Bride, the Church. (Fr. Timothy)

#### **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 tithes, general donations, or specific donations for any ministry. Please make note in memo, where you want your donation allocated to.





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*Celebrating Forty Years  
of Orthodoxy in the East Valley!*

**SAVE THE DATE!**

*Saturday, October 15, 2022*

*Ticket details coming soon!*

COCKTAILS | 6 PM

DINNER & DANCING | 7 PM

COCKTAIL ATTIRE

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