

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**August 28, 2022
10th 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
Fr. Demetrios Kavouras, Priest Emeritus

Contact Us:

480-899-3330 • office@st-katherine.org • www.stkatherineaz.org

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 - Tone 2

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν 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 θεϊαν 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

Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

Ἰωακείμ καὶ Ἄννα ὄνειδισμοῦ ἀτεκνίας, καὶ Ἀδὰμ καὶ Εὐα, ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ θανάτου, ἠλευθέρωθησαν, Ἄχραντε, ἐν τῇ ἀγίᾳ γεννήσει σου· αὐτὴν ἐορτάζει καὶ ὁ λαός σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι· Ἡ στεῖρα τίκτει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.

Epistle Reading Corinthians 9:2-12

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 9:2-12

Ἀδελφοί, ἡ σφραγὶς τῆς ἐμῆς ἀποστολῆς ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ. Ἡ ἐμὴ ἀπολογία τοῖς ἐμὲ ἀνακρίνουσιν αὕτη ἐστίν. Μὴ οὐκ ἔχομεν ἐξουσίαν φαγεῖν καὶ πιεῖν; Μὴ οὐκ ἔχομεν ἐξουσίαν ἀδελφὴν γυναῖκα περιάγειν, ὡς καὶ οἱ λοιποὶ ἀπόστολοι, καὶ οἱ ἀδελφοὶ τοῦ κυρίου, καὶ Κηφᾶς; Ἡ μόνος ἐγὼ καὶ Βαρνάβας οὐκ ἔχομεν ἐξουσίαν τοῦ μὴ ἐργάζεσθαι; Τίς στρατεύεται ἰδιοῖς ὀψωνίοις ποτέ; Τίς φυτεύει ἀμπελῶνα, καὶ ἐκ τοῦ καρποῦ αὐτοῦ οὐκ ἐσθίει; Ἡ τίς ποιμαίνει ποιμνὴν, καὶ ἐκ τοῦ γάλακτος τῆς ποιμνῆς οὐκ ἐσθίει; Μὴ κατὰ ἄνθρωπον ταῦτα λαλῶ; Ἡ οὐχὶ καὶ ὁ νόμος ταῦτα λέγει; Ἐν γὰρ τῷ Μωϋσέως νόμῳ γέγραπται, Οὐ φιμώσεις βοῦν ἀλοῶντα. Μὴ τῶν βοῶν μέλει τῷ θεῷ; Ἡ δι' ἡμᾶς πάντως λέγει; Δι' ἡμᾶς γὰρ ἐγράφη, ὅτι ἐπ' ἐλπίδι ὀφείλει ὁ ἀροτριῶν ἀροτριᾶν, καὶ ὁ ἀλοῶν τῆς ἐλπίδος αὐτοῦ μετέχειν ἐπ' ἐλπίδι. Εἰ ἡμεῖς ὑμῖν τὰ πνευματικὰ ἐσπείραμεν, μέγα εἰ ἡμεῖς ὑμῶν τὰ σαρκικὰ θερίσομεν; Εἰ ἄλλοι τῆς ἐξουσίας ὑμῶν μετέχουσιν, οὐ μᾶλλον ἡμεῖς; Ἄλλ' οὐκ ἐχρησάμεθα τῇ ἐξουσίᾳ ταύτῃ, ἀλλὰ πάντα στέγομεν, ἵνα μὴ ἐγκοπὴν τινα δῶμεν τῷ εὐαγγελίῳ τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:23-35

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had

Gospel Reading continued:

taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the torturers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Ματθαῖον 18:23-35

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ὁμοιώθη ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν ἀνθρώπῳ βασιλεῖ, ὃς ἠθέλησε συναῖραι λόγον μετὰ τῶν δούλων αὐτοῦ. ἀρξαμένου δὲ αὐτοῦ συναίρειν προσηνέχθη αὐτῷ εἷς ὀφειλέτης μυρίων ταλάντων. μὴ ἔχοντος δὲ αὐτοῦ ἀποδοῦναι ἐκέλευσεν αὐτὸν ὁ κύριος αὐτοῦ πρᾶθῆναι καὶ τὴν γυναῖκα αὐτοῦ καὶ τὰ τέκνα καὶ πάντα ὅσα εἶχε, καὶ ἀποδοθῆναι. πεσὼν οὖν ὁ δοῦλος προσεκύνει αὐτῷ λέγων· κύριε, μακροθύμησον ἐπ' ἐμοὶ καὶ πάντα σοὶ ἀποδώσω. σπλαγχνισθεὶς δὲ ὁ κύριος τοῦ δούλου ἐκείνου ἀπέλυσεν αὐτὸν καὶ τὸ δάνειον ἀφῆκεν αὐτῷ. ἐξελθὼν δὲ ὁ δοῦλος ἐκεῖνος εὔρεν ἕνα τῶν συνδούλων αὐτοῦ, ὃς ὄφειλεν αὐτῷ ἑκατὸν δηνάρια, καὶ κρατήσας αὐτὸν ἔπνιγε λέγων· ἀπόδος μοι εἷ τι ὀφείλεις. πεσὼν οὖν ὁ σύνδουλος αὐτοῦ εἰς τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ παρεκάλει αὐτὸν λέγων· μακροθύμησον ἐπ' ἐμοὶ καὶ ἀποδώσω σοι. ὁ δὲ οὐκ ἤθελεν, ἀλλὰ ἀπελθὼν ἔβαλεν αὐτὸν εἰς φυλακὴν ἕως οὗ ἀποδῶ τὸ ὀφειλόμενον. ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ σύνδουλοι αὐτοῦ τὰ γενόμενα ἐλυπήθησαν σφόδρα, καὶ ἐλθόντες διεσάφησαν τῷ κυρίῳ ἑαυτῶν πάντα τὰ γενόμενα. τότε προσκαλεσάμενος αὐτὸν ὁ κύριος αὐτοῦ λέγει αὐτῷ· δοῦλε πονηρέ, πᾶσαν τὴν ὀφειλὴν ἐκείνην ἀφήκᾳ σοι, ἐπεὶ παρεκάλεσάς με. οὐκ ἔδει καὶ σὲ ἐλεῆσαι τὸν σύνδουλόν σου, ὡς καὶ ἐγὼ σε ἠλέησα; καὶ ὀργισθεὶς ὁ κύριος αὐτοῦ παρέδωκεν αὐτὸν τοῖς βασανισταῖς ἕως οὗ ἀποδῶ πᾶν τὸ ὀφειλόμενον αὐτῷ. Οὕτω καὶ ὁ πατήρ μου ὁ ἐπουράνιος ποιήσει ὑμῖν, ἐὰν μὴ ἀφήτε ἕκαστος τῷ ἀδελφῷ αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν καρδιῶν ὑμῶν τὰ παραπτώματα αὐτῶν.

Service Schedule—Week of August 28th

Sunday, August 28th: 8:15 a.m. Orthros, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 3rd: 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Our Parish Family

If you are new to our parish and would like to become a member and begin receiving News & Updates please contact our Church office: 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

Saints of the Day

- Moses the Black of Scete
- Diomedes & Laurence the Martyrs
- 33 Martyrs of Nicomedeia

Saint Moses, who is also called Moses the Black, was a slave, but because of his evil life, his master cast him out, and he became a ruthless thief, dissolute in all his ways. Later, however, coming to repentance, he converted, and took up the monastic life under Saint Isidore of Scete. He gave himself over to prayer and the mortification of the carnal mind with such diligence that he later became a priest of exemplary virtue. He was revered by all for his lofty ascetical life and for his great humility. Once the Fathers in Scete asked Moses to come to an assembly to judge the fault of a certain brother, but he refused. When they insisted, he took a basket which had a hole in it, filled it with sand, and carried it on his shoulders. When the Fathers saw him coming they asked him what the basket might mean. He answered, "My sins run out behind me, and I do not see them, and I am come this day to judge failings which are not mine." When a barbarian tribe was coming to Scete, Moses, conscious that he himself had slain other men when he was a thief, awaited them and was willingly slain by them with six other monks, at the end of the fourth century. He was a contemporary of Saint Arsenius the Great (see May 8).

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. To do this, come to the chalice and simply say, "a blessing please."

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 have any questions please contact Fr. Timothy.

MILESTONES & MANY YEARS !



Are you celebrating a birth, baptism, birthday/nameday, anniversary or other special occasion that you would like to share with our community?

To have your special occasion included in our Weekly Update, please complete the "Milestones & Many Years" form (available at the candle stand) and return it to the church office or a Parish Council member.

St. Irene Philoptochos is collecting donations For Phoenix Rescue Mission Water Drive



St. Irene Philoptochos is hosting a water drive during the month of August, for the benefit of the Phoenix Rescue Mission's Annual "Code Red" campaign to help the homeless during the hottest part of the summer. A basket for monetary donations is in the Narthex near the office door. (Please make checks payable to St. Irene Philoptochos).

Adult Modern Greek Language Class via Zoom

Intermediate Classes begin September 14th and Beginner classes begin September 15th. Students in both classes will continue with the assigned textbook, picking up where they left off last session.

New students are welcome but will need to demonstrate a level of proficiency to join either class, so that everyone can progress together. Class fees are \$75 monthly. Email Marina Ambus to register: marinaambus@gmail.com

Attention Parents!

For a variety of online children's Greek language classes please visit:

<https://greeksonline.org/children-classes/>



Helpful Information:

Fellowship Hour: Hosted by the Parish Council.

Dean Pappas Memorial Bookstore: Closed in August for inventory and re-stocking. Bookstore will re-open on September 4, 2022.

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 Orthros (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.

Upcoming Events/Save the Date

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

St. Katherine 40th Anniversary Celebration

We are blessed to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our beloved St. Katherine parish with a Gala event on Saturday October 15, 2022. Our spiritual Father, his Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos, will be with us for this joyous occasion. Some of the details are provided below with more to follow.

Ticket Price \$100.00 - Dinner – Prime Rib/Salmon

Program Book – Advertise your business and/or give Best Wishes on the 40th Anniversary.

In addition to the ads, there will be “In Memoriam” pages, giving parishioners the opportunity to honor those who were instrumental in the

growth of St. Katherine and are no longer with us. Please see a committee member for pricing.

Please stop by the table in the Community Center during coffee hour for ticket sales and Program Book orders.

Silent Auction - We are looking for donations such as: Gift Cards, Gift Certificates for airline miles, rounds of golf, hotels and attractions. No gift is too small, smaller gifts can be combined into gift baskets.

Contact information for the Program Book is forthcoming. Until that time you can contact me at marybsells@gmail.com with any questions.

Looking forward to a successful evening honoring the history of our parish.

Chairman – Mary Bowen



The poster features a white background with green and white floral branches in the corners. At the top, it reads "St. Katherine" in a large, gold, serif font, followed by "Greek Orthodox Church" in a smaller, gold, sans-serif font. Below that is "40 Year Anniversary Gala" in a large, gold, serif font, and "with His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos" in a smaller, gold, sans-serif font. In the center, there is a gold cross with a circular border around it containing the text "Celebrating Forty Years of Orthodoxy in the East Valley!". To the right of the cross is a gold and red icon of St. Katherine, a young girl with a crown and a sword. At the bottom, the date "Saturday, October 15, 2022" is written in a red, serif font, followed by "Tickets \$100" in a red, serif font. Below that, the event details are listed in a black, sans-serif font: "COCKTAILS | 6 PM", "DINNER & DANCING | 7 PM", "COCKTAIL ATTIRE", "STKATHERINEAZ.ORG", "2716 NORTH DOBSON ROAD", "CHANDLER, ARIZONA 85224", and "(480) 899-3330".

St. Katherine 40th Anniversary Celebration Silent Auction Update

John & Diana Chrisagis, Dimitrios & Despina Laloudakis and Glenn & Marjie Thorpe will be co-chairing the Silent Auction for the Anniversary dinner!! Thank you to the five of them for accepting my plea for assistance!

First and foremost, we need items to auction. Items that come to mind:

- gift cards to restaurants, salons, movies or other services
- airline miles or hotel points (the holder would have to redeem them for a certificate we could use)
- sports memorabilia / equipment
- foursomes for golf
- weekends or a full week at a time-share or vacation home

Items can and will be put together to make a bigger and better auction piece. Please, no used items and no clothing (unless a team jersey or hat).

The committee is not going to be 'beating the bushes' to get donations. That is for **everyone** in the parish to do. Contact family, friends, business associates or local businesses to see if they would like to donate an item (and have their product advertised to our guests). You can contact any of the committee to give us your items as you procure them. If you need help getting the item to church, contact the committee and we'll see if we can find someone that can help with that. Retired parishioners have told me if we ever need anything picked up, they're more than willing to help. This may be your chance!!

Additionally, cash donations are always welcome. We will have to purchase certain items (such as gift baskets and wrapping) in order to put smaller items together in a 'themed basket.' We can also use the cash donations to purchase items for the Auction.

Get out there and get us some great items!! Any items we do not use will be given to Philoptochos for their next rummage sale!

John Chrisagis

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.

- Jamie, health & healing
- Ann Trikas, health & healing
- John Zafirakis, health & healing
- Jim Mitchell, health & healing
- For the teachers and students in our parish, for a good year.
- Peace in Ukraine, and consolation for the suffering and bereaved.
- For our Sunday School Teachers and Youth Workers, that their efforts will be blessed as they prepare for the upcoming year.
- For our parishioners serving in armed services: That they may be safe and strong. Lord bless: Scott Fagerberg (at Davis-Monthon AFB)
- For our Seminarians- that they may prosper and grow in your will – Lord bless: Emmanuel (Manoli) Aspiotis & Nikolas Makarios

Orthodox Christian Fellowship-Keeping our College Students Connected



OCF is the on-campus college ministry of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops. As the school year begins, it is important to engage college students as soon as possible to keep them connected to the church. If you are a college student, or the parent of a college student at any university in the Phoenix area, please contact [George Miller](#) so that he can reach out with an invitation to be a part of this ministry.

Office: (480)-991-3009 Mobile: (505)-377-7331 Email: georgem1120@gmail.com



Saint Katherine

— 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 Sunday, August 28th to learn about the Agape Group. There will be a special treat or prize for stopping by!

First Day of Sunday School

Sunday, September 11th 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.

Invitation to Our Seniors From Holy Trinity's Desert Diamonds

Holy Trinity's Senior Group, the Desert Diamonds invite you to their
Desert Diamonds & Friends Potluck: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 11:30am

At this special gathering, both Fr. Apostolos and Fr. Alexander will discuss "The Theological and Practical Things about End of Life" with a question and answer period following.

Please RSVP to Julie Karoutas by phone 623-313-8720 or email:
juliekaroutas@gmail.com



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Thank you to all who have filled out and turned in your 2022 Stewardship cards.

To date we have received 137 pledges totaling \$259,251.

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

RECOMMENDED LEVELS OF GIVING

PERCENT OF INCOME	5%		8%		10%	
	Annual Giving	Weekly	Annual Giving	Weekly	Annual Giving	Weekly
Annual Income						
\$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.

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. To ensure your donation is allocated properly, please make a note in the memo indicating your wishes.

