

# Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**September 11, 2022  
Sunday Before 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, Pastor  
Fr. Demetrios Kavouras, Priest Emeritus

### **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

### Resurrectional Apolytikion - Tone 4

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

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

### Apolytikion for the Feast

Your Nativity, O Theotokos, imparted joy to the entire earth, for out of you has risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He nullified the curse and instead gave His blessing; and causing death to be neutralized, He granted us eternal life.

Ἡ γέννησίς σου Θεοτόκε, χαρὰν ἐμήνυσε πάσῃ τῇ οἰκουμένῃ· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ λύσας τὴν κατάραν, ἔδωκε τὴν εὐλογία· καὶ καταργήσας τὸν θάνατον, ἔδωρήσατο ἡμῖν ζωὴν τὴν αἰώνιον.

### 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

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 Εὐά, ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ θανάτου, ἠλευθέρωθησαν, Ἄχραντε, ἐν τῇ ἀγίᾳ γεννήσει σου· αὐτὴν ἐορτάζει καὶ ὁ λαὸς σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κρᾶζειν σοι· Ἡ στεῖρα τίκτει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.

### Epistle Reading

Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you

## Gospel Reading continued:

circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

### Gospel Reading John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

### Ἰωάννην 3:13-17

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· καὶ οὐδεὶς ἀναβέβηκεν εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εἰ μὴ ὁ ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καταβάς, ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ὁ ὢν ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ. καὶ καθὼς Μωϋσῆς ὑψώσεν τὸν ὄφιν ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ, οὕτως ὑψωθῆναι δεῖ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἔχη ζωὴν αἰώνιον. Οὕτω γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν κόσμον, ὥστε τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ τὸν μονογενῆ ἔδωκεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἔχη ζωὴν αἰώνιον. οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἵνα κρίνη τὸν κόσμον, ἀλλ' ἵνα σωθῆ ὁ κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ.

### Saints of the Day

- **Theodora of Alexandria**
- **Euphrosynos the Cook**
- **Demetrios & Evanthea the Martyrs & their son Demetrianos**

Theodora of Alexandria - This saint lived in the fifth century. Out of remorse for the adultery that she committed with another man, she fled from her husband's house, renamed herself Theodore, clothed herself as a man, and pretending to be a eunuch, entered a monastery of men. Her identity as a woman was discovered only after her death.

### Service Schedule—Week of September 11th

**Sun., September 11th:** 8:15 a.m. Orthros, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**Elevation of the Holy Cross: Tues., September 13th** 5:30 p.m. Orthros, 6:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

**No great Vespers September 17th**

## Orthodox Catechism Classes



Tuesdays 7:00–8:15 p.m., Oct. 11th – Dec. 20th. Inside the Church of St. Katherine

### October

11th: The Holy Trinity  
18th: Holy Tradition  
25th: Church History I

### November

1st: Church History II  
8th: The Divine Liturgy  
15th: The Holy Mysteries I  
22nd: The Holy Mysteries II  
29th: The Mother of God

### December

6th: Orthodox Spirituality I  
13th: Orthodox Spirituality II  
20th: Icons & Architecture

## 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.

## 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](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)

## Helpful Information:

**Artoklasia:** The Artoklasia this morning is offered by the ladies of St. Irene Philoptochos in thanksgiving to God for the blessings of the past year and in anticipation of His continued blessings on our parish in the coming year.

**Fellowship Hour:** Hosted by the Ladies of St. Irene Philoptochos.

**Dean Pappas Memorial Bookstore:** Open today after Liturgy.

**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.**

## St. Irene Philoptochos

- ★ Please join us for our first General Meeting of the new Ecclesiastical year on Monday, September 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Sunday School house on the 5th acre.

### St. Irene Philoptochos appeal to Benefit Hellenic College

**All donations from today's Fellowship Hour will benefit the HCHC Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are awarded to worthy and dedicated students, both men and women at Hellenic College and seminarians at Holy Cross to assist with tuition expenses. Please make checks payable to St. Irene Philoptochos.**



## 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.

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

### Attention Parents!

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

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



### Upcoming Events/Save the Date

- **September 18th**-Auxiliary Fair
- **October 7th-9th**: Holy Trinity's Greek Festival
- **October 15th**: St. Katherine 40th Anniversary Celebration
- **October 29th**: Taverna Night
- **November 6th**: Fall General Assembly
- **December 11th**: Stewardship Sunday

## Sunday School Begins September 11th!

We are kicking off our 2022-2023 Sunday School year THIS SUNDAY, SEPT 11TH!!

What to expect Sunday???

- Fr. Timothy's Blessing for the school year will happen before communion for all students and teachers.

- Parents, please bring students to class so we can ensure registration has been completed.

Grades PK-2, in Community Center

Grades 3-5, Choir Loft

Grades 6-12, 5th Acre

If you haven't registered yet, you can do so [HERE!](#)



- All classes will be dismissed and instructed to return to the Community Center for parents to pick up.

## TAVERNA NIGHT - SAVE THE DATE!!

Saint Katherine GOC will be hosting a Taverna Night on Saturday, October 29, 2022.

This is an event that we publicize to our Festival patrons as a way for them to come enjoy some Greek food and music for an evening. We will be serving various food items that people can take home or eat in the Community Center. We will have indoor seating for those that want to stay, taped music playing and a no-host bar serving liquid refreshments.

**Volunteers will be needed in the kitchen, the serving line, as cashiers, table and hall cleaning, etc.** It is our plan for people to attend the event, enjoy their meal and our hospitality and then move on so someone else can sit at the table after we clean it off. It is not our intent that patrons sit at their tables "all afternoon or all evening." We would like to serve as many guests as possible.

For those that have other plans or can't find the time to assist, perhaps you could come and support the event by purchasing some food items. This is a fund-raiser for St Katherine and any contribution of your time or financial support of the Taverna is appreciated.



More details to follow; if you'd like to volunteer, please contact Vange Archuleta, John Chrisagis, Glenn Thorpe or call the church office and let us know your availability.

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## St. Katherine 40th Anniversary Celebration

We are blessed to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> 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.

Details for the evening are included in the attached flyer. Tickets are available to buy after church in the Community Center or go to [www.stkatherineaz.org](http://www.stkatherineaz.org) to pay online.

Program Book – Advertise your business and/or give Best Wishes on the 40<sup>th</sup> 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 who are no longer with us. Contact Niki Pallas with any questions on the Program Book or to obtain an order form online at: [elpinikiaz@gmail.com](mailto:elpinikiaz@gmail.com)

Please stop by the table in the Community Center during coffee hour for ticket sales, Program Book orders and any question you may have.

Silent Auction – Details for the silent auction are in the weekly update and in the Sunday bulletin. Items donated and not used in the silent auction can be returned to donor or donated to Philoptochos. Send silent auction items/information to: [office@st-katherine.org](mailto:office@st-katherine.org)

If you need additional information, contact me at [marybsells@gmail.com](mailto:marybsells@gmail.com). with any questions or stop by the table at the Community Center during coffee hour. Looking forward to a successful evening honoring the history of our parish.

Chairman – Mary Bowen



**St. Katherine**  
Greek Orthodox Church  
**40 Year Anniversary Gala**  
with His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos

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

*Saturday, October 15, 2022*  
*Tickets \$100*

COCKTAILS | 6 PM  
DINNER & DANCING | 7 PM  
COCKTAIL ATTIRE  
[STKATHERINEAZ.ORG](http://STKATHERINEAZ.ORG)  
2716 NORTH DOBSON ROAD  
CHANDLER, ARIZONA 85224  
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## 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.*

### Living:

- Cherie & Katie Ladas, Health and healing
  - Christiana, James, Sophia, Anastasia, Katherine & Alexander
  - Jamie, health & healing
  - John Zafirakis, health and healing
  - Jim Mitchell, health and healing
  - Peace in Ukraine, and consolation for the suffering and bereaved. **Tigraian**
  - For our Sunday School Teachers and Youth Workers, that their efforts will be blessed as they prepare for the upcoming year.
  - For our Catechumens and Inquirers, as Fr. Timothy begins the Fall Orthodox Catechism classes.
  - 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

### Departed:

- Metropolitan Kallistos Ware, newly departed

**Hrisi Parea Seniors  
September Lunch Social**  
Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 11:30am – 2:00pm



Please join us for Food, Fellowship & Fun at: **Sunset Grill**  
**25601 S. Sun Lakes Blvd**  
**Sun Lakes, AZ 85248**  
(order from the menu)

**Come help us celebrate all the summer birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions and share stories of how you spent your summer.**

**To RSVP text: Daryl Connell - 602-315-3159**  
New Members are always welcome

### Women's Ministry

Please join us for food, fellowship, and fun at our next Women's Ministry Luncheon.

**Date:** September 17  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Floridino's  
590 N Alma School Road  
Chandler 85224



Please RSVP to Jackie Bafaloukos by September 13 via email or phone 480-205-2644.



@assumption\_yal

#### Young Adult Ministry

Assumption's Young Adult ministry will be returning on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm beginning September 7. Join us for a potluck dinner and discussion!

- September 7
- September 21
- October 5
- October 19
- November 2
- November 16
- December 7
- December 21

**ASSUMPTION**  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

### Holy Trinity's 61st Annual Greek Festival

October 7-9, 2022

For more information please go to:

[Phoenixgreekfestival.org](http://Phoenixgreekfestival.org)



## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

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

To date we have received 139 pledges totaling \$273,171.

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.

