

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**February 5th, 2023
Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee**

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

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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 1

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your kingdom; glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Apolytikion of the Feast

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.

Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ Ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφραίνου καὶ σὺ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος ἐν ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθερωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, χαριζόμενον ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασιν.

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 κομποὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῇ μαχαίρᾳ, καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πᾶσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.

Epistle Reading

Timothy 3:10-15

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Τιμόθεον β' 3:10-15

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, παρηκολούθηκάς μου τῆ διδασκαλίᾳ, τῆ ἀγωγῇ, τῆ προθέσει, τῆ πίστει, τῆ μακροθυμίᾳ, τῆ ἀγάπῃ, τῆ ὑπομονῇ, τοῖς διωγμοῖς, τοῖς παθήμασιν, οἷά μοι ἐγένετο ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ, ἐν Ἰκονίῳ, ἐν Λύστροις, οἷους διωγμοὺς ὑπήνεγκα· καὶ ἐκ πάντων με ἐρρύσατο ὁ κύριος. Καὶ πάντες δὲ οἱ θέλοντες εὐσεβῶς ζῆν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διωχθήσονται. Πονηροὶ δὲ ἄνθρωποι καὶ γόητες προκόψουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ χεῖρον, πλανῶντες καὶ πλανώμενοι. Σὺ δὲ μένε ἐν οἷς ἔμαθες καὶ ἐπιστώθης, εἰδὼς παρὰ τίνος ἔμαθες, καὶ ὅτι ἀπὸ βρέφους τὰ ἱερὰ γράμματα οἶδας, τὰ δυνάμενά σε σοφίσαι εἰς σωτηρίαν διὰ πίστεως τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Λουκᾶν 18:10-14

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωποι δύο ἀνέβησαν εἰς τὸ ἱερὸν προσεύξασθαι, ὁ εἷς Φαρισαῖος καὶ ὁ ἕτερος τελώνης. ὁ Φαρισαῖος σταθεὶς πρὸς ἑαυτὸν ταῦτα προσηύχετο· ὁ Θεός, εὐχαριστῶ σοι ὅτι οὐκ εἰμι ὡσπερ οἱ λοιποὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἄρπαγες, ἄδικοι, μοιχοί, ἢ καὶ ὡς οὗτος ὁ τελώνης· νηστεύω δις τοῦ σαββάτου, ἀποδεκατῶ πάντα ὅσα κτῶμαι. καὶ ὁ τελώνης μακρόθεν ἐστῶς οὐκ ἤθελεν οὐδὲ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐπάραι, ἀλλ' ἔτυπτεν εἰς τὸ στήθος αὐτοῦ λέγων· ὁ Θεός, ἰλάσθητί μοι τῷ ἁμαρτωλῷ. λέγω ὑμῖν, κατέβη οὗτος δεδικαιωμένος εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ ἢ γὰρ ἐκεῖνος· ὅτι πᾶς ὁ ὑψῶν ἑαυτὸν ταπεινωθήσεται, ὁ δὲ ταπεινῶν ἑαυτὸν ὑψωθήσεται.

Upcoming Services
Week of February 5th

Sun., Feb. 5th

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Sat. Feb. 11th

No Great Vespers (Fr. Timothy out of town)

Today we Commemorate:

- **Agatha the Martyr**
- **Polyeuktos, Patriarch Of Constantinople**
- **Antonios the New Martyr of Athen**

This Martyr, who was from Panormus (that is, Palermo) or perhaps Catania of Sicily, was a most comely and chaste virgin. After many exceedingly harsh torments, she gave up her spirit in prison at Catania in 251, because she did not consent to the seductions of Quintian, the Governor of Sicily. At her burial, an Angel placed a stone tablet on her grave inscribed with the words, "A righteous mind, self-determining, honor from God, the deliverance of her father-land." The following year this was fulfilled when Mount Etna erupted, spewing forth violent fire from which Catania was manifestly saved by Saint Agatha's prayers. The holy Martyr Agatha, the protectress and chief patroness of Sicily, is, with perhaps the exception of Saint Agnes of Rome, the most highly venerated Virgin Martyr of the West. Saint Damasus, Pope of Rome, and Saint Ambrose of Milan both wrote in praise of her.

Welcome Fr. Nicholas Andruchow!

We warmly welcome Fr. Nicholas Andruchow, Executive Director of Project Mexico. This morning, he will be offering the homily and will give a brief presentation on Project Mexico in the Community Center after the service.



REQUEST FOR BLESSING OF HOME OR BUSINESS

Please complete this form and return it to the Church Office or place it in the Narthex tray. You will be contacted by the Church office to schedule your house blessing based on the days and times best for you. When Fr. Timothy comes to bless your home, he will have what he needs, so it's not necessary to have a bowl of water or basil. It typically takes 10 - 15 minutes for the service. He will have many homes to bless, so he will only be able to be in your home for this amount of time. A blessed New Year!

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Please Circle the best day(s) and put an X for best time(s)

Mon. Tue. Wed. Fri. Sat.

Mornings (9 – 12 noon) _____ Afternoons (12 – 5) _____ Evenings (5 – 8) _____

Our Parish Family

If you are new to our parish, 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

St. Irene Philoptochos News

2023 Membership Drive– It's time to renew your membership! If you are not yet a member of Philoptochos, we invite you to join us in our philanthropic work! Membership applications are available in the Narthex.



Helpful Information:

Sunday Service Times: 8:15 a.m. Orthros, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday School: Meeting locations: Pre-K to 5th will be in the 4th acre , 6th-12th in the 5th acre.

Fellowship Hour: Sponsored by the Parish Council. Please join us for brief presentation by Fr. Andruchow on Project Mexico.

Dean Pappas Memorial Bookstore: Usually open on Sundays after Liturgy.

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. You may enter **after** these moments:

- The Priest 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: <https://stkatherineaz.org/homilies>

*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.



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:

- Aglaia, health & healing
- Nina and her daughter Julia , health and healing
- Neil's grandparents, June and George, for health
- Diana, for health and healing
- For all those in our congregation who are sick with various viruses
- For those affected by the severe weather across the nation
- Peace in Ukraine, and consolation for the suffering and bereaved
- For our Sunday School Teachers and Youth Workers
- For our Catechumens and Inquirers.
- For our parishioners serving in armed services: Scott Fagerberg .

For our Seminarians: Emmanuel (Manoli) Aspiotis & Nikolas Makarios, Andrew Moreno



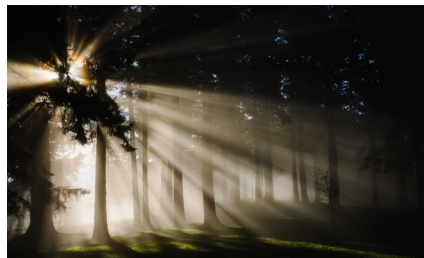
Departed:

Basil Leussis

Journeys to Orthodoxy

For those who have converted to Orthodoxy, I kindly request you share the account of your personal journey to Orthodoxy (b/t 500 – 800 words).

Please submit a recent picture of yourself along with your narrative. We will feature one convert's story a month in an individually sent out MailChimp to the parish for others in our community to benefit from the story of your journey. We will also have a category on our website titled "Journeys to Orthodox" under the "Our Faith" tab and post your story there as well. Hearing about one's journey is extremely beneficial to all, both to Orthodox Christians (cradle and convert) as well as to those who are searching. If you would like to see some examples, please visit the following website, at St. John's, the parish I last served: <http://stjohnnoc.org/category/journeys-to-orthodoxy/>



Once you have written a brief story of your journey please submit it to our church Administrator Marjie Thorpe at: office@st-katherine.org as well as to our webmaster, Jerry Vasilatatos at: retiredjerry@cox.net

Taverna Volunteers Needed!

Everyone's help is needed to make this a successful event!

There are many areas in which to volunteer.

If you would like to work in the kitchen or serving food, a Food Handler's card can be obtained quickly and easily, through any of these sources: <https://anabpd.ansi.org/Accreditation/credentialing/certificate-issuers/AllDirectoryListing?prgID=261&statusID=4>

If you can help, even for an hour or two, it will make a big difference!



ONE DAY EVENT
Greek Food, Pastries, Music
& Costumed Dancers
Beer & Wine... OPA!
Free Admission &
Free On-Site Parking

TAVERNA

Rain or Shine - Inside
Community Center

Saturday, February 11th, 11am-8pm
St Katherine Greek Orthodox Church Community Center
Just South of Elliott on Dobson Rd
2716 N. Dobson Rd, Chandler AZ 85224
For more information, visit our Facebook page or ATasteofGreeceAZ.com

To volunteer go to:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c49a9a92ca2f85-stkatherine#/
\(Please note your availability in the "Comment" section.\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c49a9a92ca2f85-stkatherine#/)

For more information see Glenn Thorpe or contact the church office.

Arizona Hellenic Foundation Presents

Spokries 2023



Saturday, February 25

Cash Bar 6 PM | Dinner at 7 PM

Greek Mardi Gras | Costumes Optional |

Live Music | Dance | 50/50 Raffle |

Best Costume Prizes for Male, Female and Child



TICKETS: Adults - \$85 | Age 12 and Under - \$20

Call Telis Evripidou at 480-332-6957

Proceeds benefit Arizona Hellenic Foundation's scholarship fund.



Mesa Country Club

660 W. Fairway Drive | Mesa, AZ 85201

Azhellenic.org



Milestones & Many Years!



Peter Souris, Chapter 454, Chandler, AZ was awarded the AHEPA District 20 Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual AHEPA District Conference in Palm Desert, CA on January 28 by District Governor Pete Maroudas. Accompanying the award was the National AHEPA Heroes Medal presented by Brother E. Chris Kaitson, Supreme Treasurer of the Order of AHEPA.



Hrisi Parea Valentine Party



February 14, 2023 11AM - 2PM
Hosted by Philotochos
at St. Katherine Community Center
More information coming soon!

Arizona Hellenic Foundation

The Arizona Hellenic Foundation has several scholarships available for students of Hellenic descent. For further details and scholarship application please visit the Foundation's web site "Azhellenic.org".

Thank you,

Telis Evripidou
President

Arizona Hellenic Foundation



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.

8 Dates Series Continues!



The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco **Family Wellness Ministry** and the Office of **Youth and Young Adult Ministries** invites all married/engaged couples to participate in the upcoming **Eight Dates** Marriage program. This powerful relationship series presented for the third time is based on the book *Eight Dates* by Drs. John and Julie Gottman. Topics addressed including Conflict; Work and Money, Intimacy, Family, Spirituality, and much more. Any couple wanting to improve their communication and connection can benefit from this lively and evidence based program.

The last session is Feb. 9th at 6:30 pm

To register: <http://www.familywellnessministry.org/eight-dates>

Flower Ministry

The Flower Ministry at St. Katherine serves to beautify our Church throughout the year by decorating Icons for Major Feast days of Christ and the Mother of God, The Feast day of St. Katherine, Great Lent, and Holy Week.



If you are interested in being a part of this ministry please contact Despina at:

dlaloudakis@yahoo.com

Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry meets on the 3rd Saturday, every other month for food, fellowship and fun.

Young Adult News

Young Adult Lenten Retreat

March 10-11, 2023

St. Paisius Monastery

Safford, AZ

Register at:

<https://assumptionaz.org/montrip>

2023 Wall Calendars, Pocket Calendars, & Daily Bible Reading Guides

Available at the candle stand

Wall Calendars- One per household please Compliments of: Bueler Mortuary

Welcome Ministry



If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Yiota for more information:

yiotasoublis@hotmail.com

2023 Stewardship Cards Available Now!



Please be sure to pick up your 2023 Stewardship Commitment Card at the candle stand and prayerfully consider your pledge for the upcoming year.

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

allocated properly, 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.