

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**December 10th, 2023
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, Proistamenos
Fr. Philip Armstrong, Priest Emeritus
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

Resurrection Apolytikion

When You descended unto death, O Life Immortal, then You slayed Hades with the lightning of Your Divinity. And when You also raised the dead out of the netherworld, all the powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You.

Στε κατῆλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of Ss. Menas, EUGRAPHUS, and HERMOGENES

Since they had slain through their abstinence and struggles the fiery ragings and fierce motions of the passions, the staunch Martyrs of Christ God laid hold on the graces to drive off the pains and illnesses of the sick and work wonders both while living and after death.

Strange indeed is the miracle! That these bare bones should pour forth such overflowing streams of cures. Glory be to our only God.

Δι' ἐγκρατείας τῶν παθῶν, τὰς πυριφλέκτους, ἀπονεκρώσαντες ὀρμάς, καὶ τὰς κινήσεις, τοῦ Χριστοῦ οἱ Μάρτυρες, ἔλαβον τὴν χάριν, τὰς νόσους ἀποδιώκειν, τῶν ἀσθενῶν, καὶ ζῶντες καὶ μετὰ τέλος, θαυματουργεῖν, ὄντως θαῦμα παράδοξον! ὅτι ὅστέα γυμνά, ἐκβλύζουσιν ἰάματα. Δόξα τῷ μόνῳ Θεῷ 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

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 6:10-17

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day,

and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Πρὸς Εφεσίους 6:10-17

Ἀδελφοί, ἐνδυναμοῦσθε ἐν κυρίῳ, καὶ ἐν τῷ κράτει τῆς ἰσχύος αὐτοῦ. Ἐνδύσασθε τὴν πανοπλίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, πρὸς τὸ δύνασθαι ὑμᾶς στήναι πρὸς τὰς μεθοδείας τοῦ διαβόλου. Ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν ἡμῖν ἡ πάλη πρὸς αἷμα καὶ σάρκα, ἀλλὰ πρὸς τὰς ἀρχάς, πρὸς τὰς ἐξουσίας, πρὸς τοὺς κοσμοκράτορας τοῦ σκότους τοῦ αἰῶνος τούτου, πρὸς τὰ πνευματικὰ τῆς πονηρίας ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις. Διὰ τοῦτο ἀναλάβετε τὴν πανοπλίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, ἵνα δυνηθῆτε ἀντιστήναι ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τῇ πονηρᾷ, καὶ ἅπαντα κατεργασάμενοι στήναι. Στήτε οὖν περιζωσάμενοι τὴν ὄσφυν ὑμῶν ἐν ἀληθείᾳ, καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι τὸν θώρακα τῆς δικαιοσύνης, καὶ ὑποδησάμενοι τοὺς πόδας ἐν ἐτοιμασίᾳ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου τῆς εἰρήνης· ἐπὶ πᾶσιν ἀναλαμβάνοντες τὸν θυρεὸν τῆς πίστεως, ἐν ᾧ δυνησθεσθε πάντα τὰ βέλη τοῦ πονηροῦ τὰ πεπυρωμένα σβῆσαι. Καὶ τὴν περικεφαλαίαν τοῦ σωτηρίου δέξασθαι, καὶ τὴν μάχαιραν τοῦ πνεύματος, ἧ ἔστιν ῥῆμα θεοῦ·

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 13:10-17 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἦν δὲ διδάσκων ἐν μιᾷ τῶν συναγωγῶν ἐν τοῖς σάββασι. καὶ ἰδοὺ γυνὴ ἦν πνεῦμα ἔχουσα ἀσθενείας ἔτη δέκα καὶ ὀκτώ, καὶ ἦν συγκύπτουσα καὶ μὴ δυναμένη ἀνακῦσαι εἰς τὸ παντελές. ἰδὼν δὲ αὐτὴν ὁ Ἰησοῦς προσεφώνησε καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῇ· γύναι, ἀπολέλυσαι τῆς ἀσθενείας σου· καὶ ἐπέθηκεν αὐτῇ τὰς χεῖρας· καὶ παραχρῆμα ἀνωρθώθη καὶ ἐδόξαζε τὸν Θεόν. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ ἀρχισυναγωγός, ἀγανακτῶν ὅτι τῷ σαββάτῳ ἐθεράπευσεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς, ἔλεγε τῷ ὄχλῳ· ἕξ ἡμέραι εἰσὶν ἐν αἷς δεῖ ἐργάζεσθαι· ἐν ταύταις οὖν ἐρχόμενοι θεραπεύεσθε, καὶ μὴ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τοῦ σαββάτου. ἀπεκρίθη οὖν αὐτῷ ὁ Κύριος καὶ εἶπεν· ὑποκριτά, ἕκαστος ὑμῶν τῷ σαββάτῳ οὐ λύει τὸν βοῦν αὐτοῦ ἢ τὸν ὄνον ἀπὸ τῆς φάτνης καὶ ἀπαγαγὼν ποτίζει; ταύτην δέ, θυγατέρα Ἀβραάμ οὖσαν, ἣν ἔδησεν ὁ σατανᾶς ἰδοὺ δέκα καὶ ὀκτώ ἔτη, οὐκ ἔδει λυθῆναι ἀπὸ τοῦ δεσμοῦ τούτου τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τοῦ σαββάτου; καὶ ταῦτα λέγοντος αὐτοῦ κατησχύνοντο πάντες οἱ ἀντικείμενοι αὐτῷ, καὶ πᾶς ὁ ὄχλος ἔχαιρεν ἐπὶ πᾶσι τοῖς ἐνδόξοις τοῖς γινομένοις ὑπ' αὐτοῦ.

Parish Council Election December 10th

Parish Council Elections are scheduled for Sunday, December 10th.
All stewards of St. Katherine are encouraged to attend and vote.



Today we Commemorate:

- **Menas, Hermogenes, & Eugraphos, Martyrs of Alexandria**
- **Thomas the Righteous of Bithynia**

Saint Menas, according to the Synaxaristes, had Athens as his homeland. He was a military officer, an educated man and skilled in speech, wherefore he was surnamed Kallikelados ("most eloquent"); Eugraphus was his scribe. Both had Christian parents. The Emperor Maximinus (he was the successor of Alexander Severus, and reigned from 235 to 238) sent Saint Menas to Alexandria to employ his eloquence to end a certain strife among the citizens. Saint Menas, having accomplished this, also employed his eloquence to strengthen the Christians in their faith, which when Maximinus heard, he sent Hermogenes, who was an eparch born to unbelievers to turn Menas away from Christ. But Hermogenes rather came to the Faith of Christ because of the miracles wrought by Saint Menas. Saints Menas, Eugraphus, and Hermogenes received the crown of martyrdom in the year 235.

Services—Week of December 10th

Sunday, December 10th- 10th Sunday of Matthew

8:15 a.m. Orthros

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Memorial Service: Vasiliki Laloudakis-40 Days

Tuesday, December 12th-St. Spyridon the Wonderworker

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 16th

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

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. 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: frtimskchurch@gmail.com



Helpful Information:

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

Sunday School: Sunday School meets after Communion on Sunday mornings. 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: The ladies of St. Irene Philoptochos are sponsoring Fellowship Hour this morning.

Dean Pappas Memorial Bookstore: Open after the dismissal of Divine 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:

*Complete Church Calendar: <https://stkatherineaz.org/parish-calendar>

*Sunday Homilies: <https://stkatherineaz.org/homilies>

*For Orthros (Matins) Text visit: [AGES Digital Chant Stand](https://www.agesdigitalchantstand.com)

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

*Livestream on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/](https://www.youtube.com/@stkatherinegreekorthodoxch8030/streams)

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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:

- Peace in the Holy Land and in Ukraine
- Dimitri, for healing
- Innocent, for health and healing
- Georgia L. for suitable housing
- Joann, for health and healing
- Maria & Edith for health and healing
- Ethan, for health and healing
- Annie and son Levi, for diagnosis and therapy
- Drew, for suitable employment
- For our Sunday School teachers and students
- For our catechumens and inquirers
- For those impacted by wars, earthquakes, fires, and floods around the world
- For Fr. Nicholas, the staff, and boys at St. Innocent Orphanage



Departed:

- James C. Columbus +
- Joan Perikly +
- Irene Lalagos +
- Vasiliki Laloudakis +

Hrisi Parea

Please join us for our annual Christmas Party

Thursday, December 21, 2023 @ 12:00PM

@ Daryl & Kathy Connell's Home

9120 E. Country Club Drive - Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

Join us for a delicious lunch and a fun afternoon!

MEMBERS - OLD & NEW - WELCOME

For Reservations and More Information Contact:

Text: Daryl Connell (602) 315-3159

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

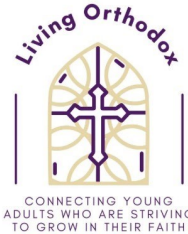


Young Adult Ministry

The St. Katherine's Young Adults will be meeting with Fr. Timothy on December 7th, 7:00 p.m., inside the church, to talk about the Nativity fast and spiritual discipline.



Saint George
Antiochian Orthodox Church



YOUNG ADULT HOLIDAY PARTY

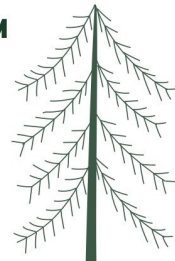
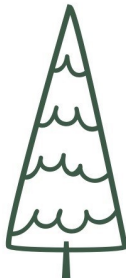


DECEMBER 8 @ 7 PM
SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX BALLROOM

JOIN US FOR A HOLIDAY
CELEBRATION SUPPORTING A LOCAL
CHARITY
(PLS BRING YOUR FAV DISH FOR THE
POTLUCK)

DRESSY OR CHRISTMAS
FUN ATTIRE ENCOURAGED

SCAN OR
VISIT LINK TO RSVP BY 12/1
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/YXDJ3N2M](https://tinyurl.com/YXDJ3N2M)



YEAR END GIVING GUIDELINES | Deadline December 31st



With the nativity season approaching and 2023 drawing to a close, we would like to offer guidance on how St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church will be handling 2023 contributions as well as 2024 contributions.

The church office will be closed from Friday, December 29, 2023, through Monday, January 1, 2024.

The IRS's basic rule is a gift must be "delivered" to the church by December 31 for the gift to count as a contribution for that calendar year. The date of delivery depends on how the gift was made and delivered.

- In Person – Physically received in the church office by December 30th during normal office hours. (Please keep in mind that the normal office hours are Tuesday-Thursday, 9:30am - 3:30pm)
- US Postal Service – Postmarked by December 31st.
- Private Delivery Service such as FedEx or UPS – Physically received in the church office by December 30th during normal office hours. (Please keep in mind that the normal office hours are Tuesday-Thursday, 9:30am - 3:30pm)

Online Giving through the St Katherine web site needs to be completed before December 31st. If using a credit card, it must be "fully processed" i.e. approved by the credit card issuer by December 31st.

Payment made by check should be dated "December 31, 2023" and the memo line should indicate which contribution year ("2023" or "2024") the payment is for.

Donation of stock(s) allow a member to support the church without affecting personal cash flow. Generally speaking, the most tax-advantaged approach is to donate stock held for more than one year that has appreciated in value. This provides for a larger charitable contribution and avoids tax on the capital gain. For stocks with a loss, it is advisable to sell it first and then donate the cash. If you are considering either option, please consult with your tax or financial advisor. Please contact Glenn Thorpe for our account information if you wish to donate stock.

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from an IRA

Many older parishioners hold tax-deferred Individual Retirement Accounts or IRA's, which probably began as 401K accounts while still working. The accounts were funded with earnings PRE-TAX (the money was removed from your paycheck BEFORE taxes were deducted). When you retire, these funds are used as a source of income for your expenses. Since they were not taxed when deposited into the 401K/IRA, these funds are FULLY TAXABLE as ordinary income when they are withdrawn in your retirement. Withdrawals can be made without penalty any time after age 59½. At age 72 (73 if you turn 72 after December 31, 2022), you are REQUIRED to withdraw a "Required Minimum Distribution" or RMD each year in an amount based on your age and the balance in your IRA. You will be required to pay tax on this withdrawal as if it were ordinary earned income.

In 2006, a provision of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-280) established the "Qualified Charitable Distribution" or QCD. Eligibility for making QCDs from a taxable IRA begins at age 70½. A QCD is a VOLUNTARY withdrawal from your IRA, up to \$100000 in 2023 (\$105000 in 2024), which is paid DIRECTLY to a qualified charity or tax-exempt organization (like St. Katherine). The donor pays NO TAX on the withdrawal and, as a tax-exempt entity, the charity or church pays no tax either. When you file your tax return, you can normally deduct the full amount of the QCD if you itemize deductions. This is a "win-win" in that you can donate to the church or other qualified entity, pay no tax, and have the recipient benefit in the full amount of your QCD. Any amount donated as a QCD in a given year is deducted from the required RMD amount for that year, up to and including your entire RMD amount (subject to the \$100000 (\$105000 in 2024) limit).

This option requires some advance planning so individuals considering it should consult a tax professional and/or financial advisor to ensure that all the above conforms to your personal situation and circumstances before making any withdrawals or donations.

Advance Charitable Deduction is another option where you might consider pre-paying part or all of your 2024 giving, thus advancing the deduction into 2023. [*This can be especially helpful to individuals who marginally itemize their deductions, possibly allowing them to itemize for 2023 and then take the standard deduction for 2024.*]

This letter is not intended to provide legal, tax, or investment advice. You should consult your legal, tax, or investment advisors for advice.

Sincerely,

Antigoni Bhatia

Treasurer

ALL SAINTS
CAMP
ARIZONA
PRESENTS

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER



11AM SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 3, 2024

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL
POULOS COURT

ENTRY

- 16 Teams
- Single Elimination
- First Come, First Serve Sign-ups
- Open Dec. 8 @ 12pm
- \$100 per team

HIGHLIGHTS

Raffle for great prizes!
BBQ and drinks for sale
Cornhole and Fun!

Questions? Email Chris Fredericksen at:
c.fredericksen@yahoo.com



ALL SAINTS CAMP 2024!

REGISTRATION OPENS DEC. 15

CAMP SHADOW PINES | HEBER, AZ
MAY 26 - JUNE 1

WWW.ALLSAINTSCAMPARIZONA.ORG

St. Irene Philoptochos Christmas Dinner Social

Thursday, December 28th 5:30PM – 7:30pm

Please join us for Food & Fellowship

Sunset Grill

25601 S. Sun Lakes Blvd

Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

(order from the menu)



To RSVP and for directions– Email Linda Blazev – philoptochos@stkatherineaz.org

Or text: Kathy Connell 602-524-1959

Spouses & New Members are welcome

St. Irene Philoptochos – HOLIDAY BAKE SALE



Sunday, December 10+ Sunday, December 17 – 11:00AM to 1:00PM
Saturday, December 23 + Saturday December 30 - 12:00PM – 3:00PM
Pre-order your baked goods online @ orders.ATasteofGreeceAZ.com
and pick-up at sale so you have them for Christmas + New Years
or contact: Marjie Thorpe @ Church Office – 480 899-3330
or email Kathy Connell @ madgreekkathy@aol.com

Holiday Bake Sale Order Form

<i># of Packages</i>		<i>Amount</i>	
_____	<i>Koulourakja – 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 Koulourakja, 8 Petite Baklava)</i>		
_____	<i>Hostess Tray - Wrapped -</i>	<i>\$35.00</i>	_____
	<i>(6 Melo; 6 Kourabiethes; 12 Petite Baklava)</i>		

Total _____

Name _____

Phone # _____

**St. Irene Philoptochos
Holiday Basket Donations**



Please help us provide a special Christmas dinner for families in our parish who are in need of a helping hand. To donate, see Dianne Evripidou, Marjie Thorpe, or any board member. Please make checks to St. Irene Philoptochos.

All donations are greatly appreciated!

Arizona Hellenic Foundation Scholarships

The Arizona Hellenic Foundation has several scholarships available for eligible students. For eligibility requirements and scholarship application please visit the foundation's website, "Azhellenic.org".

Applications are due by April 1, 2024.

Icon Adornment Sponsorship

Icon Decoration Sponsorship Request Form

The Flower Ministry at St. Katherine serves to beautify our Church at the following times of the year:

- September 8th The Nativity of the Theotokos
- September 14th The Exaltation of the Cross
- November 21st The Entrance Into the Temple of the Theotokos
- November 25th St. Katherine the Great Martyr
- December 25th The Nativity of Christ
- January 6th Theophany
- February 2nd The Presentation of Christ
- March 25th The Annunciation of the Theotokos
- Akathist Services (Five Fridays in Great Lent)
- Palm Sunday (Sunday before Pascha)
- Every Service during Holy Week beginning Sunday evening with the Bridegroom Service (Sunday evening through Holy Pascha)
- Holy Pascha
- The Ascension of Christ (40 days after Pascha)
- Holy Pentecost (50 days after Pascha)
- August 6th The Transfiguration of Christ
- August 15th The Dormition of the Theotokos

If you would like to sponsor the decoration of an icon of a saint or feast day not listed above, please complete the information below and return it to the church office, at least 4 weeks in advance and the Flower Ministry will decorate the appropriate icon for that day.

Donations are appreciated and will be designated specifically for the Flower Ministry.

Date of request: _____

Requested by: _____

Saint/Feast Day and Date: _____

In memory or in honor of: _____

Sts. Joachim & Anna Family Ministry

Saints Joachim and Anna

FAMILY MINISTRY

COME AND JOIN US!

MOMS & TOTS
EVERY OTHER THURSDAY
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
FOURTH ACRE HOUSE

FRIENDSHIP & COMMUNITY
CREATIVE ACTIVITIES
MUSIC & STORYTIME

EVENT SCHEDULE

Moms & Tots:

- Nov 2 - 2:30 PM
- Nov 16 - 2:30 PM
- Dec 14 - 2:30 PM

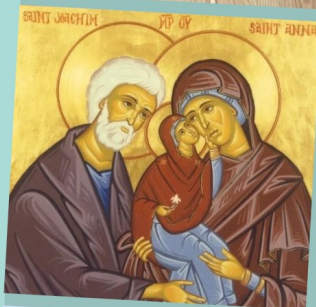
Family Potluck Dinner:

- Nov 30 - 6:00 PM



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Apokries 2024—Save the Date!



Arizona Hellenic Foundation Presents
Apokries 2024

Greek Mardi Gras | Dance | Door Prize | 50/50 Raffle | Costume Optional |
Best Costume Prizes for Male, Female & Child

Saturday, March 9, 2024
Cash Bar 6 PM | Dinner 7 PM | Close 11 PM
Tickets: Adults \$100 | 12 and under \$25

Please call Telis Evripidou at 480-332-6957.
Proceeds to benefit Arizona Hellenic Foundation's scholarship fund.



Mesa Country Club
660 W. Fairway Drive | Mesa, AZ 85201

Azhellenic.org



Poinsettia Memorial Donation

Please join us in remembering our beloved family and friends during this Christmas Season with a Memorial Poinsettia which will adorn the iconostasis.

Donations are \$20.00 per plant. Please complete this form and return it to the church office by December 12th.

Your Name: _____

In Memory of: _____



REGISTER TODAY!

ANNUAL YOUTH

WINTER

Retreat

January 12 - 14, 2024

Emmanuel Pines Camp, Prescott, AZ

Cost: \$175 per person, \$25 sibling discount
Sign up at assumptionaz.org/winterretreat

Questions? Niko Paris
youth@assumptionaz.org



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Our Parish Family

If you are new to our parish and would like to become a member, please contact our Church office: office@st-katherineaz.org or call 480-899-3330.

To subscribe to our newsletter please visit:

<https://stkatherineaz.org/>

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2023 Stewardship Cards Available Now!

163 families have pledged \$326,062

To establish/maintain stewardship, a Stewardship Pledge Card must be completed and submitted each year.

(Completing and submitting a new card each year enables our accountant to keep accurate records.)



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
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.