

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**December 17th, 2023
11th 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
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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

Let the heavens rejoice, and let things on earth be glad, for the Lord has worked power with His arm; He has trampled upon death by death; He has become the first-born of the dead. From the bowels of Hades has He delivered us, and has granted great mercy to the world.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion of the Forefathers

By faith didst Thou justify the Forefathers, when through them Thou didst betroth Thyself aforetime to the Church from among the nations. The Saints boast in glory that from their seed there is a glorious fruit, even she that bare Thee seedlessly. By their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

Ἐν πίστει τοὺς Προπάτορας ἐδικαίωσας, τὴν ἐξ Ἐθνῶν δι' αὐτῶν προμνηστευσάμενος Ἐκκλησίαν. Καυχῶνται ἐν δόξῃ οἱ Ἅγιοι, ὅτι ἐκ σπέρματος αὐτῶν, ὑπάρχει καρπὸς εὐκλείης, ἡ ἀσπόρως τεκοῦσά σε. Ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν

Apolytikion of St. Dionysius of Zakynthos

The faithful son of Zakynthos, Aegina's wise prelate, the protector of the august Monastery of Strophada, O wise Dionysius, with one voice, all we the faithful honour thee and cry: By thy prayers, save them that keep thy memorial and cry unto thee sincerely: Glory to Christ Who hath glorified thee. Glory to Him Who hath made thee wondrous. Glory to Him Who made thee our unsleeping intercessor.

Τῆς Ζακύνθου τὸν γόνον καὶ Αἰγίνης τὸν πρόεδρον, τὸν φρουρὸν Μονῆς τῶν Στροφάδων, Διονύσιον ἅπαντες, τιμήσωμεν συμφώνως οἱ πιστοί, βοῶντες πρὸς αὐτὸν εἰλικρινῶς· σαῖς λιταῖς τοὺς τὴν σὴν μνήμην ἐπιτελοῦντας, σῶζε καὶ βοῶντάς σοι· Δόξα τῷ σέ δοξάσαντι Χριστῷ, δόξα τῷ σέ θαυμαστώσαντι, δόξα τῷ δωρησαμένῳ σε ἡμῖν, πρέσβυν ἀκοίμητον.

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 πανεὐφήμον νύμφην Χριστοῦ ὑμνήσωμεν, Αἰκατερίναν τὴν θείαν καὶ πολιοῦχον Σινᾶ, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν, ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κοιμψοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆ μαχαίρα, 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: Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Πρὸς Κολοσσαεῖς 3:4-11

Ἀδελφοί, ὅταν ὁ Χριστὸς φανερωθῆ, ἡ ζωὴ ἡμῶν, τότε καὶ ὑμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ φανερωθήσεσθε ἐν δόξῃ. Νεκρώσατε οὖν τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, πορνείαν, ἀκαθαρσίαν, πάθος, ἐπιθυμίαν κακὴν, καὶ τὴν πλεονεξίαν, ἣτις ἐστὶν εἰδωλολατρεία, δι' ἃ ἔρχεται ἡ ὀργὴ τοῦ θεοῦ ἐπὶ τοὺς υἱοὺς τῆς ἀπειθείας· Ἐν οἷς καὶ ὑμεῖς περιεπατήσατέ ποτε, ὅτε ἐζήτε ἐν αὐτοῖς. Νυνὶ δὲ ἀπόθεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς τὰ πάντα, ὀργὴν, θυμὸν, κακίαν, βλασφημίαν, αἰσχρολογίαν ἐκ τοῦ στόματος ὑμῶν· μὴ ψεύδεσθε εἰς ἀλλήλους, ἀπεκδυσάμενοι τὸν παλαιὸν ἄνθρωπον σὺν ταῖς πράξεσιν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι τὸν νέον, τὸν ἀνακαινούμενον εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν κατ' εἰκόνα τοῦ κτίσαντος αὐτόν· ὅπου οὐκ ἔστι Ἕλλην καὶ Ἰουδαῖος, περιτομὴ καὶ ἀκροβυστία, βάρβαρος, Σκύθης, δοῦλος, ἐλεύθερος· ἀλλὰ τὰ πάντα καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν Χριστός.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:16-24

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 14:16-24 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἀνθρωπὸς τις ἐποίησε δεῖπνον μέγα καὶ ἐκάλεσε πολλούς· καὶ ἀπέστειλε τὸν δοῦλον αὐτοῦ τῇ ὥρᾳ τοῦ δείπνου εἰπεῖν τοῖς κεκλημένοις· ἔρχεσθε, ὅτι ἤδη ἔτοιμά ἐστι πάντα. καὶ ἤρξαντο ἀπὸ μιᾶς παραιτεῖσθαι πάντες. ὁ πρῶτος εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀγρὸν ἠγόρασα, καὶ ἔχω ἀνάγκην ἐξελεῖν καὶ ἰδεῖν αὐτόν· ἐρωτῶ σε, ἔχε με παρητημένον. καὶ ἕτερος εἶπε· ζεύγη βοῶν ἠγόρασα πέντε, καὶ πορεύομαι δοκιμάσαι αὐτά· ἐρωτῶ σε, ἔχε με παρητημένον. καὶ ἕτερος εἶπε· γυναῖκα ἔγημα, καὶ διὰ τοῦτο οὐ δύναμαι ἐλθεῖν. καὶ παραγενόμενος ὁ δοῦλος ἐκεῖνος ἀπήγγειλε τῷ κυρίῳ αὐτοῦ ταῦτα. τότε ὀργισθεὶς ὁ οἰκοδεσπότης εἶπε τῷ δούλῳ αὐτοῦ· ἔξελθε ταχέως εἰς τὰς πλατείας καὶ ῥύμας τῆς πόλεως, καὶ τοὺς πτωχοὺς καὶ ἀναπήρους καὶ χωλοὺς καὶ τυφλοὺς εἰσάγαγε ὧδε. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ δοῦλος· κύριε, γέγονεν ὡς ἐπέταξας, καὶ ἔτι τόπος ἐστὶ. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ κύριος πρὸς τὸν δοῦλον· ἔξελθε εἰς τὰς ὁδοὺς καὶ φραγμαῖς καὶ ἀνάγκασον εἰσελθεῖν, ἵνα γεμισθῇ ὁ οἶκος μου. λέγω γὰρ ὑμῖν ὅτι οὐδεὶς τῶν ἀνδρῶν ἐκείνων τῶν κεκλημένων γεύσεται μου τοῦ δείπνου. Πολλοὶ γὰρ εἰσὶν κλητοί, ὀλίγοι δὲ ἐκλεκτοί.

Today we Commemorate:

- **Daniel the Prophet & Ananias, Azarias, & Misail, the Three Holy Youths**
- **Dionysius of Zakynthos**

The holy hierarch, Saint Dionysius, who was born and reared on Zakynthos, was the son of pious and wealthy parents, Mocius and Paulina by name. In his youth he entered the ancient monastery of the Strophada Islands, which lie south of Zakynthos, and there he donned the monastic habit. Later, he was appointed Archbishop of Aegina, and adorned its throne for a considerable time. Thereafter he returned to his homeland. One incident in his life especially reveals to what virtue he attained. A man came to him in desperation, witnessing that he had committed a murder, and was being pursued by the slain man's family. He asked Saint Dionysius to give him refuge. The Saint agreed to this, upon learning that it was his own brother whom the man had slain, he said nothing, but concealing the agony of his grief, hid him. When the Saint's kinsmen arrived at the monastery, he told them that the Murderer had gone by such and such a way. When they had departed, he admonished the man concerning the gravity of his sin, instructed him in repentance, and sent him off in peace having forgiven him his brother's murder. According to local tradition, this man later returned and became a monk at this same monastery. Saint Dionysius reposed in peace in 1621, leaving behind his sacred and incorrupt relics as a treasure for his fellow citizens.

Services—Week of December 17th

Sunday, December 17th - 11th Sunday of Matthew

8:15 a.m. Orthros

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Memorial Service: 40 Days—James Columbus, Ruth Sarantis

Friday, December 22nd

8:00 a.m. Royal Hours for The Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Saturday, December 23rd

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday, December 24th – Holy Nativity Vigil Service

8:30 – 9:45 p.m. Great Vespers

9:45 – 11:30 p.m. Orthros

11:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Making of a Catechumen Service: Today at St. Katherine, 11 of our Inquirers will become Catechumens. These beautiful people have been dedicated and diligent in their studies, participation in the services and involvement in our community events over the past several months. Please welcome them, introduce yourselves and get to know them.

Jonathan Massey, Wayne Adams, Judi Browne, Joshua Childress, Nancy Zine, Jacob Boldman, Gianna Walker, Shawn Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Bill Wiggins, Stephanie Wiggins

There will be a catechumens' meeting in the conference room after Liturgy this morning. All Catechumens, please attend.

Helpful Information:

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 Parish Council is sponsoring Fellowship Hour this morning. Please note– Due to a hall rental, Fellowship Hour on Sunday, December 31st, will be shortened.

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.goarch.org/chapel/calendar)

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

*Livestream on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@stkatherinegreekorthodoxch8030/streams>

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 +

Hrisi Parea St. Katherine Seniors

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



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!



St. Irene Philoptochos Christmas Dinner Social

Thursday, December 28th 5:30PM – 7:30pm
Please join us for Food & Fellowship, spouses and new members are welcome!

Sunset Grill (order from the menu)

25601 S. Sun Lakes Blvd, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

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

Or text: Kathy Connell 602-524-1959



St. Irene Philoptochos – HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

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

Total _____

Name _____ 7 Phone # _____

Sunday School Christmas Pageant

St. Katherine's Sunday School Christmas Pageant will be taking place this Sunday after liturgy in the community center.

Parents, please stop by on your way into Liturgy to get your children in costume. Sunday school will be released at its normal time.



Bookstore Open for Holiday Shopping

The Bookstore has been restocked for the holiday season, and will be open on Sundays after Liturgy.

Requests for specific icons, books, or supplies may be made by emailing Carol Stathopoulos at cnsgreekgreek@aol.com.

For icons please specify subject and size: 4x6", 8x10", 11x14", etc. Please note: icons take between 2 and 6 weeks for delivery depending on availability either here in the United States or in Greece.

For books please specify title and author.

For all other items please describe as accurately as possible: size, materials, and quantity.

Bookstore will restock supplies such as charcoal, incense, candles, prayer cards, prayer ropes and bracelets, as in the past.

Future prices will reflect increases in product costs and shipping charges. Every effort is made to obtain the lowest prices for quality products. The bookstore pricing does not include a markup for profit. All bookstore personnel volunteer their time and efforts.



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



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



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

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: _____



Join us for a brand new ministry connecting and strengthening families and children through crafts, singing, playing, and fellowship!

All moms, dads, or grandparent caretakers are welcome to join our biweekly get-togethers with monthly potlucks taking place in the fourth acre house for the whole family.

For any questions, please reach out to skfamilyministry@gmail.com

Sign up here:*



“Train up a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not depart from it.” –Proverbs 22:6

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



2024 Stewardship Pledge Cards Now Available at the Candle Stand

Please be sure to complete and submit a 2024 Stewardship Pledge Card

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.)



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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!

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CAMP
2024!

REGISTRATION OPENS DEC. 15
CAMP SHADOW PINES | HEBER, AZ
MAY 26 - JUNE 1
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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/>

If you are visiting and/or inquiring about the Orthodox faith and are interested in learning more, please contact Fr. Timothy: frtimskchurch@gmail.com

2024 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.