

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**February 4th, 2024
15th 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

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

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 the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Your immaculate body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life unto the world. For which cause the powers of heaven cried out to You, O Life-giver: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation, O only Friend of man.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτὴρ, 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 Meeting in the Temple

Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for from thee hath risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those in darkness. Rejoice thou also, O righteous Elder, as thou receivest in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who also granteth unto us the Resurrection.

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

Kontakion

Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth, and didst bless Symeon's hands as was meet, by anticipation hast even now saved us, O Christ God. But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth and strengthen the hierarchs whom Thou hast loved, O only Friend of man.

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεῶν 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: Corinthians 4:6-15

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους β' 4:6-15

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ θεὸς ὁ εἰπὼν ἐκ σκότους φῶς λάμπει, ὃς ἔλαμψεν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ἡμῶν πρὸς φωτισμὸν τῆς γνώσεως τῆς δόξης τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν προσώπῳ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἐχομεν δὲ τὸν θησαυρὸν τοῦτον ἐν ὄστρακίνοις σκεύεσιν, ἵνα ἡ ὑπερβολὴ τῆς δυνάμεως ἢ τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ μὴ ἐξ ἡμῶν· ἐν παντὶ θλιβόμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐ στενοχωρούμενοι· ἀπορούμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐξαπορούμενοι· διωκόμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγκαταλειπόμενοι· καταβαλλόμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἀπολλύμενοι· πάντοτε τὴν νέκρωσιν τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματι περιφέροντες, ἵνα καὶ ἡ ζωὴ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματι ἡμῶν φανερωθῇ. Αἰεὶ γὰρ ἡμεῖς οἱ ζῶντες εἰς θάνατον παραδιδόμεθα διὰ Ἰησοῦν, ἵνα καὶ ἡ ζωὴ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ φανερωθῇ ἐν τῇ θνητῇ σαρκὶ ἡμῶν. Ὡστε ὁ μὲν θάνατος ἐν ἡμῖν ἐνεργεῖται, ἡ δὲ ζωὴ ἐν ὑμῖν. Ἐχοντες δὲ τὸ αὐτὸ πνεῦμα τῆς πίστεως, κατὰ τὸ γεγραμμένον, Ἐπίστευσα, διὸ ἐλάλησα, καὶ ἡμεῖς πιστεύομεν, διὸ καὶ λαλοῦμεν· εἰδότες ὅτι ὁ ἐγείρας τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν καὶ ἡμᾶς διὰ Ἰησοῦ ἐγερεῖ, καὶ παραστήσει σὺν ὑμῖν. Τὰ γὰρ πάντα δι' ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἡ χάρις πλεονάσασα διὰ τῶν πλειόνων τὴν εὐχαριστίαν περισσεύσῃ εἰς τὴν δόξαν τοῦ θεοῦ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:35-46

At that time, a lawyer came up to Jesus and asked him a question, to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I put your enemies under your feet'? If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?" And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 22:35-46 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ, νομικός τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ, πειράζων αὐτὸν καὶ λέγων· Διδάσκαλε, ποία ἐντολὴ μεγάλη ἐν τῷ νόμῳ; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς ἔφη αὐτῷ· Ἀγαπήσεις Κύριον τὸν Θεόν σου ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ καρδίᾳ σου καὶ ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ ψυχῇ σου καὶ ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ διανοίᾳ σου· αὕτη ἐστὶ πρώτη καὶ μεγάλη ἐντολὴ, δευτέρα δὲ ὁμοία αὐτῇ· ἀγαπήσεις τὸν πλησίον σου ὡς σεαυτὸν. ἐν ταύταις ταῖς δυσὶν ἐντολαῖς ὅλος ὁ νόμος καὶ οἱ προφῆται κρέμανται. Συνηγμένων δὲ τῶν Φαρισαίων ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτοὺς ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· Τί ὑμῖν δοκεῖ περὶ τοῦ Χριστοῦ; τίνας υἱὸς ἐστι; λέγουσιν αὐτῷ· Τοῦ Δαυῖδ. λέγει αὐτοῖς· Πῶς οὖν Δαυῖδ ἐν Πνεύματι Κύριον καλεῖ αὐτὸν λέγων, εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τῷ Κυρίῳ μου, κάθου ἐκ δεξιῶν μου ἕως ἂν θῶ τοὺς ἐχθρούς σου ὑποπόδιον τῶν ποδῶν σου; εἰ οὖν Δαυῖδ καλεῖ αὐτὸν Κύριον, πῶς υἱὸς αὐτοῦ ἐστι; καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐδύνατο αὐτῷ ἀποκριθῆναι λόγον, οὐδὲ ἐτόλμησέ τις ἀπ' ἐκείνης τῆς ἡμέρας ἐπερωτῆσαι αὐτὸν οὐκέτι.

Today we Commemorate:

- Isidore of Pelusium
- Nicholas the Confessor
- Hieromartyr Abramius

Isadore of Pelusium - This Saint was from Alexandria and was a disciple of Saint John Chrysostom. He struggled in asceticism in a monastery at Mount Pelusium, and became abbot of the monks struggling in that monastery. He wrote a great many epistles replete with divine grace, wisdom, and much profit. Over 2,000 of them are preserved in Volume 78 of Migne's *Patrologia Graeca* (PG 78:177-1646); according to some, he wrote over 3,000 epistles, according to others, 10,000. He reposed on February 4, 440.

Services—Week of February 4th

Sunday, February 4th

Memorial Service: 6 months: Spyridoula Tsaroucha, 1 year: James Mitchell, Annual: Trifon Sampras

Saturday, February 2nd

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers & Pre-Communion Prayers

Inquirers Meeting

Our Inquirers Meeting will take place today after the Divine Liturgy. We will meet in the balcony of the Church. When you exit the main part of the church, the stairs will be through the door on your left.

ALL Inquirers are welcome and encouraged to attend!

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

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: Fellowship Hour is being sponsored by the Ladies of St. Irene Philoptochos.

Dean Pappas Memorial Bookstore: Open on Sundays, after the dismissal of Divine Liturgy.

Hrisi Parea Seniors: Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month, locations vary.

Please make every effort to arrive for services a little early. If you 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.gearch.org/chapel/calendar)

*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:

- Dimitrios, for health and healing
- Tom Morden, for relief from suffering
- Patsy Morden, for health and comfort in difficult times
- Sophia Zemke, for health
- James, and the American Troops, for safety
- For our Sunday School teachers and students
- For our catechumens and inquirers
- Peace in the Holy Land and in Ukraine
- For those impacted by wars, earthquakes, fires, and floods around the world
- For Fr. Nicholas, the staff, and boys at St. Innocent Orphanage
- For our seminarians: Nikolas Makarios and Andrew Moreno



Departed:

- Eleni Kasselakis + (Mother of Anastasia Pouladas)
- James Mitchell +

TOM & PATSY MORDEN | Update

Patsy Morden has asked us to share this update. Please keep her and Tom in your prayers

Dear friends and fellow St. Katherine parishioners,

We recently received news that Tom has been diagnosed with glioblastoma (an aggressive type of brain cancer). This helps to explain the changes in his speech over the year, which has made it hard even for me to understand. People may have noticed it also changed his mood and memory capabilities.

Tom is currently at Barrow Rehab in Room 2R23. He would appreciate receiving cards. Please send them to our home:

Tom Morden
2206 W. Mariposa Street
Chandler, AZ 85224

In Christ,

Patsy Morden

The Ladies of St. Irene Philoptochos



Cordially invite you to our complimentary
Communi “Tea”

Sunday, February 4th, 2024

Please join us for lunch in the Community Center to learn more about this important ministry of the church and the many philanthropic projects we are involved with. We thank you for your continued support of our Fundraisers.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO JOIN!

Congratulations!

Also, we congratulate Kathy Connell on her recent election as 2nd Vice President of the Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos Board of Directors!



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.

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 are not Orthodox, you may approach the Chalice for a blessing. To do this, come to the chalice and simply say, “a blessing please.”

If you have any questions please contact Fr. Timothy: frtimskchurch@gmail.com



Arizona Hellenic Foundation Scholarships

The Arizona Hellenic Foundation has several scholarships available for eligible students.



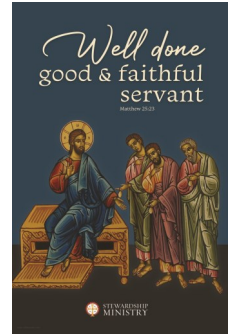
For eligibility requirements and scholarship application please visit the foundation's website:

www.Azhellenic.org

Applications are due by April 1, 2024.

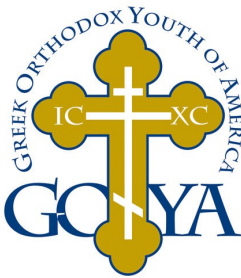
2024 Stewardship Pledge Cards Now Available at the Candle Stand

Please complete
and submit your
2024 Stewardship
Pledge Card



To establish/
maintain stewardship, a Stewardship
Pledge Card must be completed and sub-
mitted each year. This enables our ac-
countant to keep accurate records.

Senior GOYA



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

7:30-9:30 pm

Senior Goya Ice Skating at AZ Ice
2305 E Knox Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85296

*The cost is approximately \$15/person plus tax, so please bring enough cash to cover entry and anything else you might want.

Here is the link for more info: <https://azicegilbert.com/>

RSVP to Athena Gonzales via email or text

EVENT SCHEDULE

MOMS & TOTS

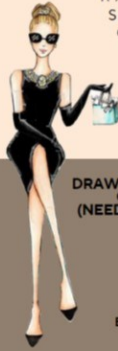
A ministry dedicated to connecting families with young children.

JAN 18	MEETING	APR 18
FEB 15	EVERY 3RD	MAY 16
MAR 21	THURSDAY	JUN 20
	AT 1:30PM	
	IN THE 4TH ACRE	
	HOUSE	



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ST. KATHERINE GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH

PROCEEDS GO TO
**ALL SAINTS
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DRAWING HELD AT ST. KATHERINE
ON MARCH 17TH, 2024
(NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN)

PRIZES

- CULT GAIA CLUTCH (RETAIL \$300)
- TORY BURCH EMERSON LARGE TOTE (RETAIL \$400)
- GRAND PRIZE: LOUIS VUITTON TOTE (RETAIL \$1900)

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED
FOR \$50

FOR DETAILS AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS,
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602.319.6508

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CHOCOLATE ROSES SALE

BUY SOMETHING SWEET FOR YOUR SWEETHEART
TO HELP SUPPORT WATER FOR WOMEN
(FORMERLY WATER WITH BLESSINGS) HELP US
GET CLEAN WATER TO FAMILIES IN NEED!

FEBRUARY 11TH, 2024
COMMUNITY CENTER



ALL SAINTS CAMP 2024!

REGISTRATION OPENS DEC. 15

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

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ANNUAL STATE-WIDE PAN-ORTHODOX

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

featuring Nutrition and Lifestyle Coach, Cynthia Damaskos and Ancient Faith Author and Podcaster, Molly Sabourin



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

HOSTED BY ST. BARBARA'S PHILOTOCHOS
ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH | 8202 E. CACTUS ROAD, SCOTTSDALE 85260

The FILLED WITH LESS retreat cultivates health and wellbeing through the beauty of Orthodoxy and includes presentations on developing a peaceful mindset, taking care of His temple, combating overwhelm, and living intentionally.

HEALTHY LENTEN LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED

FILLED WITH LESS

Retreat



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

TINA JONES - TKANELOS@GMAIL.COM OR EMILY SANDSTROM - ECKUZAVA@GMAIL.COM

Apokries 2024—Save the Date!



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





St. Irene Philoptochos is seeking out past and future members!

It's a new year and time to renew your annual memberships!
This year, you have several options:

- 1) If your personal data (name, address, phone) has not changed, just pay the membership fee using the QR code above or link below, or just get a check for \$35 to our Treasurer, Dianne Evripidou!



OR <https://square.link/u/Gm5oRqFO>

- 2) If you are a new member or an existing member whose information has changed, pick one of the following:
 - a) Fill out a 2024 Membership form online, print it, and submit it with a check for \$35 to Athena Vasilatos, our Membership Chair! Use this link:
<http://tinyurl.com/59u8bymk>
 - b) Take the fully-online route! Use this link:
<http://tinyurl.com/hacn9m7x>

2024 Stewardship Update

To date we have 100 families who have pledged \$275,546 toward our 2024 stewardship goal of \$396,000.



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
\$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.