

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**February 11th, 2024
16th 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

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.

Εὐφραίνεσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιᾶσθω 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 St. Blaise

As a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of God, thou foundest discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision. Wherefore, having rightly divided the word of truth, thou didst also contest for the Faith even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Blaise. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

Καὶ τρόπων μέτοχος, καὶ θρόνων διάδοχος, τῶν Ἀποστόλων γενόμενος, τὴν πρᾶξιν εὗρες Θεόπνευστε, εἰς θεωρίας ἐπίβασιν· διὰ τοῦτο τὸν λόγον τῆς ἀληθείας ὀρθοτομῶν, καὶ τῇ πίστει ἐνήθλησας μέχρις αἵματος, Ἱερομάρτυς Βλάσιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς 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

A protection of Christians unshamable, Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering. Reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us for you are good; Your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Epistle Reading: Corinthians 6:1-10

Brethren, working together with him, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

The Lord said this parable: "A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'" As he said these things he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Today we Commemorate:

- **Blaise the Hieromartyr of Sebastia**
- **Theodora the Empress**
- **Finding of the relics of Zachariah the Prophet, Father of the Holy Fore-runner**

Saint Blaise was Bishop of Sebastia. Divine grace, through which he healed the diseases of men and beasts, and especially of infants, made his name famous. He contested for the Faith under Licinius in the year 316. Saint Blaise is invoked for the healing of throat ailments.

As for the renowned **Empress Theodora**, she was from Paphlagonia and was the daughter of a certain Marinus, the commander of a military regiment. While being the wife of the Emperor Theophilus, the last of the Iconoclasts, she adorned the royal diadem with her virtue and piety; as long as her husband Theophilus lived, she privately venerated icons, despite his displeasure. After his death, she restored the holy icons to public veneration; this is commemorated on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the First Sunday of the Great Fast. She governed the Empire wisely for fifteen years, since her son Michael was not yet of age. But in 857 she forsook her royal power and entered a certain convent in Constantinople called Gastria, where she finished the course of her life in holiness and reposed in the Lord. Her sacred incorrupt remains are found in Corfu, in the Church of the Most Holy Theotokos of the Cave, in the capital city of the island (see also Dec. 12).

Services—Week of February 11th

Saturday, February 17th

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

Philoptochos General Meeting

Sunday, March 3rd after the dismissal of Divine Liturgy, in the 4th acre Sunday School House. New friends and members are always welcome!

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 Parish Council.

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.goarch.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.)

1 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:

- Mary Louise Theodoropoulos +
- Eleni Kasselakis + (Mother of Anastasia Pouladas)

Kids 'n' Cancer Camp Agape Fundraiser

Give Your Heart to a Child & Their Family

KIDS 'N' CANCER CAMP AGAPE ONLINE AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Kids 'n' Cancer program provides support for children afflicted with cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Camp Agape offers a life-changing, all-expense paid experience for children and their families. It provides opportunities for enjoyment, learning and building self-esteem and confidence in a safe setting. The kindness and caring that surrounds them offers an ideal environment for therapy and healing. Since our first camp in Dunlap, California in 1989, Camp Agape has expanded to camps in Portland, OR, San Diego, CA and Mayer, AZ. We opened the Arizona camp in July of 2008. June 2024 will mark our 17th year serving Arizona families.



Arizona Camp Agape



Online Auction
will go live on
February 14th

The Arizona Philoptochos Chapters are reaching out to the community to support the Kids 'n' Cancer Camp Agape Online Auction. Besides bidding on auction items, you can provide monetary donations/sponsorships. **ANY AMOUNT WILL HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD.** Please visit the auction site to donate →



32auctions.com/KidsnCancerCampAgape2024
facebook.com/Kids-n-Cancer-Camp-Agape

For more information or to donate an item for the auction call Kathy Connell at 602-524-1959 or Sam Kladis at 480-570-2539

**Kids 'n' Cancer
Camp Agape**
A Ministry of the
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco
Ladies Philoptochos Society
Kids 'n' Cancer is a non-profit community
outreach program of The SFO Ladies
Philoptochos Society, Tax ID #364585796

Daughters of Penelope



AEGINA 340
DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

**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



Our Parish-level Annual St John Oratorical Festival will be taking place on Sunday February 25th during Sunday School. In addition to speeches by our 7th to 12th graders, we will also be hosting a



local festival for our 5th and 6th graders. For those in grades 7th to 12th who create and present a speech, we will be offering a \$50 scholarship in addition to being able to move on to the district festival. Any 5th or 6th grader who participates will receive a goody bag. There is no district festival for this age. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Kathy Waldo:

wldkty01@hotmail.com

St Katherine's is also honored to host the district St John Oratorical Festival this year which will take

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.

Hrisi Parea - St. Katherine Seniors Valentine Party



Thursday, February 15, 2024

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

St. Katherine 4th Acre House – 2716 N. Dobson Road
Chandler, 85224

*Please join us for a fun filled Valentine celebration
And a delicious lunch - \$5.00 Per Person*

*We'll have a special Valentine craft for you to create,
door prizes, and whatever stories and memories you
think might be fun to share.*

To RSVP text: Daryl Connell-602-315-3159

New members are always welcome!
~Annual Dues \$10.00~

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LIVING ORTHODOX - LENTEN RETREAT



MARCH 30, 2024
HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, PHOENIX, AZ

Repentance: Redirecting Our Lives Towards God

All young adults (college - 30s) are invited for a Lenten retreat on March 30th from 8am - 4pm!

The event includes breakfast and lunch, a keynote presentation by Fr. Nicholas Metrakos, small group discussions, a service project, and complimentary childcare. Hotel room discounts are available on request.



Keynote Speaker

Fr. Nicholas Metrakos is the assistant priest at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in San Francisco, CA. He is involved in translating the lives of modern Orthodox saints and has been a past speaker at several metropolis retreats, FDF workshops, and other events.

Scan or visit
<https://tinyurl.com/LO-eventreg>
to register!



Registration - \$45

40% off with code "EarlyReg" (before 2/10)

20% off with code "20Reg" (before 3/15)

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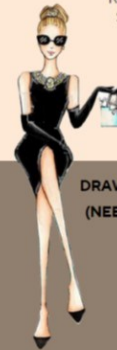


All Saints Camp Fundraiser

BE A STYLISH SUPPORTER
WIN A DESIGNER HANDBAG

RAFFLE PRESENTED BY
ST. KATHERINE GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH

PROCEEDS GO TO
ALL SAINTS
CAMP



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,
STKATHERINEAZEVENT@GMAIL.COM
602.319.6508

Drive-Thru Shredding Event

DRIVE-THRU SHREDDING, COFFEE & TREATS

Bring your personal, confidential documents to shred! \$20 for the first 3 boxes, and then \$5 per additional box. This will be secure on-site shredding!

Sit back, relax, buy a coffee, and have a delicious, sweet treat while we get your documents shredded. When we're done, you will take your boxes home with you.

Saturday, February 17th, 2024 from 8am to noon.

St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

2716 N. Dobson Road

Chandler, AZ 85224

Questions?

Contact Vange Archuleta at 480-390-4230 or Dimitri Ntatsos at 480-863-7486

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 submitted each year. This enables our accountant to keep accurate records.



ALL SAINTS CAMP 2024!

REGISTRATION OPENS DEC. 15

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

WWW.ALLSAINTSCAMPARIZONA.ORG

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 PHILOPTOCHOS
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!



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





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 112 families who have pledged \$287,736 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.