

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**February 18th, 2024
Sunday of the Canaanite**

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:

480-899-3330 • office@st-katherine.org • www.stkatherineaz.org

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

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples said to the Apostles triumphantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy unto the world.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Αναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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 τῆ μαχαίρα, 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 αἰεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Epistle Reading: Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους β' 6:16-18, 7:1

Ἀδελφοί, ὑμεῖς ἐστε ναὸς Θεοῦ ζῶντος, καθὼς εἶπεν ὁ θεός ὅτι Ἐνοικήσω ἐν αὐτοῖς, καὶ ἔμπεριπατήσω· καὶ ἔσομαι αὐτῶν θεός, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔσονται μοι λαός. Διὸ, Εξέλθετε ἐκ μέσου αὐτῶν καὶ ἀφορίσθητε, λέγει κύριος, καὶ ἀκαθάρτου μὴ ἄπτεσθε· κἀγὼ εἰσδέξομαι ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἔσομαι ὑμῖν εἰς πατέρα, καὶ ὑμεῖς ἔσεσθέ μοι εἰς υἱοὺς καὶ θυγατέρας, λέγει κύριος παντοκράτωρ. Ταύτας οὖν ἔχοντες τὰς ἐπαγγελίας, ἀγαπητοί, καθαρίσωμεν ἑαυτοὺς ἀπὸ παντὸς μολυσμοῦ σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος, ἐπιτελοῦντες ἀγιωσύνην ἐν φόβῳ Θεοῦ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 15:21-28 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐξελθὼν ἐκεῖθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἀνεχώρησεν εἰς τὰ μέρη Τύρου καὶ Σιδῶνος. καὶ ἰδοὺ γυνὴ Χανααῖα ἀπὸ τῶν ὀρίων ἐκείνων ἐξελθοῦσα ἐκραύγαζεν αὐτῷ λέγουσα· ἐλέησόν με, Κύριε, υἱὲ Δαυὶδ· ἡ θυγάτηρ μου κακῶς δαιμονίζεται. ὁ δὲ οὐκ ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῇ λόγον. καὶ προσελθόντες οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἡρώτων αὐτὸν λέγοντες· ἀπόλυσον αὐτήν, ὅτι κράζει ὀπισθεν ἡμῶν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπεν· οὐκ ἀπεστάλην εἰ μὴ εἰς τὰ πρόβατα τὰ ἀπολωλότα οἴκου Ἰσραὴλ. ἡ δὲ ἐλθοῦσα προσεκύνησεν αὐτῷ λέγουσα· Κύριε, βοήθει μοι. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπεν· οὐκ ἔστι καλὸν λαβεῖν τὸν ἄρτον τῶν τέκνων καὶ βαλεῖν τοῖς κυναρίοις. ἡ δὲ εἶπε· ναί, Κύριε· καὶ γὰρ τὰ κυνάρια ἐσθίει ἀπὸ τῶν ψυχίων τῶν πιπτόντων ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης τῶν κυρίων αὐτῶν. τότε ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῇ· ὦ γύναι, μεγάλη σου ἡ πίστις! γενηθήτω σοι ὡς θέλεις. καὶ ἴαθη ἡ θυγάτηρ αὐτῆς ἀπὸ τῆς ὥρας ἐκείνης.

Services — Week of February 18th

Saturday, February 24th

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

Friday, February 23rd– St. Polycarp

7:45 a.m. Div. Lit.

Today we Commemorate:

- **Leo the Great, Pope of Rome**
- **Agapetus the Confessor, Bishop of Sinai**
- **Flavian the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople**

Leo the Great, Pope of Rome: According to some, this Saint was born in Rome, but according to others in Tyrrhenia (Tuscany), and was consecrated to the archiepiscopal throne of Rome in 440. In 448, when Saint Flavian, Archbishop of Constantinople, summoned Eutyches, an archimandrite in Constantinople, to give account for his teaching that there was only one nature in Christ after the Incarnation, Eutyches appealed to Saint Leo in Rome. After Saint Leo had carefully examined Eutyches's teachings, he wrote an epistle to Saint Flavian, setting forth the Orthodox teaching of the person of Christ, and His two natures, and also counseling Flavian that, should Eutyches sincerely repent of his error, he should be received back with all good will. At the Council held in Ephesus in 449, which was presided over by Dioscorus, Patriarch of Alexandria (and which Saint Leo, in a letter to the holy Empress Pulcheria in 451, was the first to call "The Robber Council"), Dioscorus, having military might behind him, did not allow Saint Leo's epistle to Flavian to be read, although repeatedly asked to do so; even before the Robber Council was held, Dioscorus had uncanonically received the unrepentant Eutyches back into communion. Because Saint Leo had many cares in Rome owing to the wars of Attila the Hun and other barbarians, in 451 he sent four delegates to the Fourth Ecumenical Council, where 630 Fathers gathered in Chalcedon during the reign of Marcian, to condemn the teachings of Eutyches and those who supported him. Saint Leo's epistle to Flavian was read at the Fourth Council, and was confirmed by the Holy Fathers as the Orthodox teaching on the incarnate person of our Lord; it is also called the "Tome of Leo." The Saint wrote many works in Latin; he reposed in 461. See also Saint Anatolius, July 3.

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



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: No Sunday School today.

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/@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:

- Sandy, for health
- Dimitrios, for health
- Patsy Morden, bereavement
- James, and our 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:

- Tom Morden +
- Mary Louise Theodoropoulos +
- Eleni Kasselakis (Mother of Tassia Pouladas)+

St. Katherine Parish Work Day

Saturday, February 24th from 8:00a.m. -12:00p.m.



Please mark your calendar and make plans to join us!

There are tasks to be completed both indoors and out, so there's "something for everyone"! The more volunteers we have, the easier and more quickly the work gets done, Let's work together to beautify our campus!

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

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:

wldktyo1@hotmail.com

St Katherines is also honored to host the district St John Oratorical Festival this year which will take place on Saturday, March 30th.



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

**Kids n' Cancer
Camp Agape**



A Ministry of the
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of San Francisco
Ladies Philoptochos Society

Kids 'n' Cancer is a non-profit community
outreach program of The SFO Ladies
Philoptochos Society, Tax ID #364585276

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

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!

Please come join us to find out about the projects we have planned and to help us in our philanthropic work!

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.



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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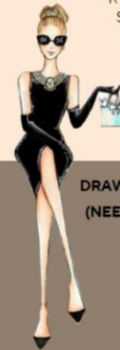


All Saints Camp Fundraiser

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



ALL SAINTS CAMP 2024!

REGISTRATION OPENS DEC. 15

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

WWW.ALLSAINTSCAMPARIZONA.ORG

Paper Shredding-Date Change

DRIVE-THRU Paper 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.

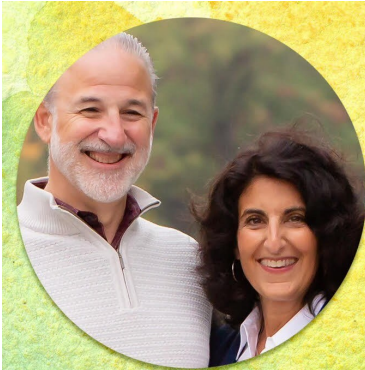
DATE CHANGE... NOW

Saturday, April 6th, 2024

from 8am to noon

St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
2716 N. Dobson Road, Chandler, AZ 85224

Community Speaker Event



COMMUNITY SPEAKER EVENT MARCH 9, 2024

Paul & Cindy Karos of Matrona Ministries will offer two lectures.

11:00 am for Young Adults

Our Careers and Our Life in Christ: Where is the Synergy?

Join us as we explore the Orthodox perspective on work.

As a bonus, we will do an exercise that will help us discern our natural gifts and talents that have been given to us by God.

3:00 pm for entire Parish Community

The Ultimate Building Project: The Human Person

Join us as we explore St. Paul's teaching on our life as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

As part of our time together, we will do our own personal "home inspection."

5:00 pm Vespers

Matrona Ministries provides Orthodox Christians with tools and services to spiritually navigate the challenges and struggles of daily life in contemporary culture.

SAVE THE DATE

For more information contact
Niko Paris at youth@assumptionaz.org

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 115 families who have pledged \$291,961 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.