April 28th, 2024
Palm Sunday

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**

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**Apolytikion**

As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Σὺντάφεντες σοι διὰ τοῦ Βαπτίσματος, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός ἡμῶν, τῆς ἁθανάτου ζωῆς ἡξιώθημεν τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου, καὶ ἀνυμνοῦντες κράζομεν Ὑσσαννά ἐν τοῖς ψύστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

**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 πανεύφημην νύμφην Χριστοῦ ὑμνήσωμεν, Αἰκατερίναν τὴν θείαν καὶ πολυούχον Σινᾶ, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντιλήψιν, ὃτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τὸν ἁσβοῦν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῇ μαχαίρᾳ, καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πάσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

**Kontakion**

Being borne upon a throne in Heaven, and upon a colt on the earth, O Christ God, Thou didst accept the praise of the Angels and the laudation of the children as they cried to Thee: Blessed art Thou Who comest to recall Adam.

Τῷ θρόνῳ ἐν οὐρανῷ, τῷ πώλῳ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἐποχοῦμενος Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, τῶν Ἁγγέλων τὴν αἴνεσιν, καὶ τῶν Παιδῶν ἀνύμνησιν προσεδέξῳ βοῶμεν σοι: Εὐλογημένος εἶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος, τὸν Ἀδὰμ ἀνακαλέσασθαι.
Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:4–9

BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Reading: John 12:1–18

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazaros out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.
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

Today we commemorate:

- The Holy Nine Martyrs of Cyzicus
- John the Martyr of Romania
- Memnon the Wonderworker

These holy Martyrs, who were from various regions, suffered martyrdom together when they were beheaded in Cyzicus, a city in Asia Minor on the southern coast of the Sea of Marmara.
Service Schedule—Week of April 28th

Sunday, April 28th—Palm Sunday
6:00 p.m. First Bridegroom Service

Holy Monday, April 29th
8:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
6:00 p.m. Second Bridegroom Service

Holy Tuesday, April 30th
8:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
6:00 p.m. Third Bridegroom Service

Holy Wednesday, May 1st
8:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
3:00 p.m. Holy Unction
6:00 p.m. Fourth Bridegroom Service & Blessing the Faithful with Unction

Holy Thursday, May 2nd
9:00 a.m. Vesperal Liturgy
6:00 p.m. 12 Gospel Readings

Holy Friday, May 3rd
9:00 a.m. Royal Hours
2:00 p.m. Descent from the Cross
6:00 p.m. Lamentations & Procession of the Kouvouklion

Holy Saturday, May 4th
9:00 a.m. Vesperal Liturgy
Reception of Converts
11:15 p.m. Pre-Resurrection Canon

Holy Pascha, May 5th
12:00 a.m. Anastasi Service (Reception of the Light of Christ)
Followed by Paschal Orthros & Divine Liturgy
1:00 p.m. Agape Vespers

Myrrh Bearer Practice
There will be Myrrh Bearer practice after Liturgy on Sunday, April 28th in the Narthex.
Girls ages 6 and older, who would like to serve as “Myrrh Bearers” for the Holy Friday Lamentation Service and Holy Pascha Resurrection Service, please contact Antigoni Bhatia 617-308-1860
Helpful Information:

Sunday School: Sunday School is on recess until May 12th.

Fellowship Hour: Fellowship Hour is being sponsored by the Parish Council.

Dean Pappas Memorial Bookstore: Open on Sundays, after 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, it is important to observe the following moments in the Divine Liturgy when you should not enter the Nave but wait quietly in the Narthex:

1. During the Small Entrance
2. During the Epistle Reading
3. During the Gospel Reading
4. During the Homily
5. When the Priest is censing just before the Great Entrance
6. During the Great Entrance
7. From the Creed until after the Consecration of the Gifts
8. During the Lord's Prayer

A Parish Council member will gladly assist if you have any question about the appropriate times to enter the Nave.

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
*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.
St. Irene Philoptochos – EASTER BAKE SALE

Sunday, April 21st & 28th
Pre-order your Easter Sweets now & pick-up at sale so you have them for Easter
To Order email Kathy Connell @ madgreekkathy@aol.com or call her at 602-524-1959

Holiday Bake Sale Order Form

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St. Irene Philoptochos News

Holiday Basket Donations
Help us fill the Easter Dinner Basket!
Philoptochos is collecting money to provide special holiday meals for families in our parish who can use a helping hand.
To donate look for the display in the community center during Fellowship Hour or speak to any Philoptochos Board member.

Bake Sale—April 28th
Lazarus Saturday, April 27th: 8:30 a.m. Orthros, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy. St. Irene Philoptochos invites you to a Lenten brunch after Liturgy, in the Community Center followed by palm cross folding. Everyone is invited, no experience is necessary. Please join us!
JOIN US FOR
ST. KATHERINE’S PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

April 28, 2024
Following Sunday Liturgy
Community Center

MENU - $20
Psari Plaki - (Baked Fish)
Greek style oven baked potatoes
Tossed Green Salad
Dinner Roll & Dessert
Beverage

CHILDREN’S MENU – 12 & under – $10
Fish sticks
Greek Style potatoes
Salad
Dinner Roll & Dessert
Beverage

Reservations required. Please call church office at 480-899-3330, or email at office@st-katherine.org. Please Note: Menu available for take out. Please specify dine in or take out at time of reservation. Hope to see you there.
Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt

April 28, 2024

We are having an Easter Egg Hunt after the Palm Sunday Luncheon.
All Children Welcome!

Sponsored by HOPE & JOY
Holy Friday Luminaries

The St. Katherine's Dance Group will have luminaries available in the Community Center on April 21st and the 28th. They will be set out for Holy Friday Procession.

* donations greatly appreciated.

Epitaphios adornment

Holy Friday, May 3rd, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Narthex. Everyone is welcome to join us, even if only for a little while; many hands make light work!

For more information: Antigoni Bhatia 617-308-1860

Agape Vespers Service- Readers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to read the Resurrectional Gospel reading during the Agape Vespers service on Great and Holy Pascha, at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 5th. If you can read another language and are able to attend the service please contact the church office or sign up on the form at the candle stand.

Currently we have volunteers to read in French, Greek, Latin, Spanish, and Ukrainian.

We would like to have readers for: Arabic, Armenian, Bulgarian, German, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Filipino, Romanian, Swahili, and any other language that readers may have proficiency in.

During the Agape Vespers it is the tradition of the Church to read the Gospel reading (John 20:19-25) in multiple languages. The significance of this practice is two fold:

1) It is a reflection and response to the Great Commission which Christ gave to his Apostles following His resurrection from the dead. Following His resurrection He gathered His disciples on the mount in Galilee and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matt. 28:18-19).

2) Our proclamation of the Gospel is also a reflection of the restoration of Man and God's creation as the events at the Tower of Babel are reversed (Genesis 11:1-9). Humanity, once divided, is now restored through Christ.

Καλή Ανάσταση!
Sunday School News

Honoring our High School & College Graduates
We would like to honor our 2024 High School & College graduates on May 19th.
Please send a biography and photo of your graduate (a paragraph in size) to Maria Morton at satirob099@yahoo.com.
We will announce their graduation and future plans during our Sunday School graduation ceremony.

Sunday School End of the Year Party–May 18th
Please join us at the Layton Lakes Splash Pad and Playground on Saturday, May 18th 10am-12 pm. Pizza and snacks will be provided. All children welcome. We have the Ramada behind the splash pad reserved. Layton Lakes Splash Pad 13697 E Queen Creek Rd, Chandler, AZ 85286. Please text Maria at 480-326-7921 if you plan on joining.

Sunday School Graduation–May 19th
We will honor our Sunday School student's completion of the year on Sunday, May 19th. AHEPA will be sponsoring a lunch with proceeds benefiting the Sunday School Ministry.

Kabarnos Performs Byzantine Orthodox Hymns

Byzantine Orthodox Hymns
Performed by the Archimandrite
Nikodimos Kabarnos

Thu May 16, 2024 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 85028
An evening of Byzantine Orthodox Hymns performed live by the Archimandrite Nikodimos Kabarnos.
The concert will be held at St George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church at 4530 E Gold Dust Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85028.
Doors open at 5:30PM and the concert begins at 6:30PM.
Children 6 and under are admitted free of charge.
For questions, contact Naji at (818) 699-5860.
DOP Aegina 340 wishes to congratulate Vangela Mitchell on being awarded our Chapter Penelope Of The Year!

Assumption Church: On May 18, Assumption and the Living Orthodox Ministry are hosting a Young Adult Workshop with Dr. Nathan Hoppe, an OCMC missionary serving in Albania for 26 years and counting. Dr. Nathan will be offering a workshop with 4 sessions based around the theme "Your Apostolic Identity As Orthodox Christians". Coffee, Snacks, and Lunch will be provided FREE. Sign up today at https://mssg.io/s/CTVz0v

For more info contact: skfamilyministry@gmail.com
Dine & Dance Under the Stars

With
The St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church Family as we Celebrate our new Portico

Saturday
May 11, 2024

7950 W. Pinnacle Peak Road
Peoria, AZ 85383

Appetizers—Dinner Buffet with Vegetarian Options
Greek Desserts—Table Wine—Soft Drinks
Adults $75 and children under Twelve $50

Cash Bar
And
Music by Bobby

Reservations Required by April 30, 2024

Online at stharalambos.org
For More Information Contact:
shgocparishcouncil@gmail.com

Raffle Prizes:
◊ 6ct. Diamond Tennis Bracelet in White Gold
◊ Hot Air Balloon Ride for two (2)
◊ $250 Gift Card to Andrew Z’s Jewelers
And Many More

That’s My Brick!
Fundraiser to Honor, Memorialize
With Bricks on Our Portico Pillars
Three (3) lines of personalization
Samples will be on hand @ $100 each
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:
- Nina, for health
- Lydia, for health
- Gabriella, for recovery from injury
- Irina M., for health and healing
- Dianne, for health and healing
- Zoe, for health
- Alea, for health and healing
- Ann Trikas, for health
- For our Sunday School teachers and students
- For our catechumens and inquirers
- Peace in the Holy Land and in Ukraine
- For Fr. Nicholas, the staff, and boys at St. Innocent Orphanage
- For our seminarians: Nikolas Makarios and Andrew Moreno

Departed:
- Terry Catel +
- Denise Deutchman +
OPA! Celebrate Greek Heritage Night at Chase Field.

**Greek Heritage Celebration**
Friday, May 24, 2024

(OPA! The Arizona Diamondbacks are excited to invite YOU to our annual Greek Heritage Celebration at Chase Field on Friday, May 24. Your Special Event package includes a ticket to the Friday, May 24 game vs. the Miami Marlins (first pitch at 6:40PM) and a limited-edition Greek Heritage hat.

There is **LIMITED AVAILABILITY** for the hat, so buy your tickets **NOW**!

Please contact Tatum Barstad for groups of 10+ or with any questions:

Friday, **May 24th** game vs. the Miami Marlins and a limited-edition Greek Heritage ball cap.

AHEPA 454 Brothers, Friends & Family will be attending to support our Arizona Greek Community.

Many AHEPA 454 will purchase tickets in section 133, rows 22 to 24. Click on the link below and purchase your tickets soon so we can all sit together.

[Click Here to Purchase Ticket](#)
2024 Stewardship Update

To date we have 145 families who have pledged $356,171 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

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“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
Matthew 6:21

Thank you for your commitment.