Apolytikion of Holy Epiphany

Lord, when You were baptized in the Jordan, the veneration of the Trinity was revealed. For the voice of the Father gave witness to You, calling You Beloved, and the Spirit, in the guise of a dove, confirmed the certainty of His words. Glory to You, Christ our God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

Kontakion of Holy Epiphany

You appeared to the world today, and Your light, O Lord, has left its mark upon us. With fuller understanding we sing to You: "You came, You were made manifest, the unapproachable light."
Church Office Summer Hours:
Tuesday-Thursday
9:30 am –3:30 pm
Closed for Lunch
12:00 pm–1:00 pm

Sunday Worship
8:15 am-Orthros
9:30 am-Divine Liturgy
10:40 am—Sunday School

Weekly Bulletin Deadline
12:00 p.m. on the Wednesday, one week prior to publication.

Spirit Deadline
Please note that the deadline for submission of articles or the Spirit is the 15th of each month for inclusion in the following month’s issue. Please remember all submissions are subject to approval. Also, please help us ensure the accuracy of your material by submitting everything in a Word document or email with pictures attached in JPG form.

Bookstore Hours
Closed until further notice

Church E-mail Addresses
Office: office@st-katherine.org
Church Office Administration– Marjie Thorpe
Stewardship – Gary Boyce, Athena Light

Parish Council

Officers:
President—Evagelia Archuleta
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2nd VP– TBD
Secretary - Athena Light
Treasurer-Gary Boyce
Assistant Treasurer– TBD

Members:
Marina Ambus
Zoi Benton
Mike Delos
Rick Schneider

Church Ministries
Altar Boys……..Nicholas Kretsedemas
Bookstore.. .Michael & Chryss Danielek
Psalti……………………Thanasis Filippis
Dance Groups.........Lisa Bafaloukos
GOYA………………………….TBD
Hrisi Parea.........Carol Statopoulos
JOY/HOPE…………………………TBD
Philoptochos…………Marjie Thorpe
Sunday School……..Nicolette Wright
YAL…………………………TBD

Church Organizations
AHEPA ……………………..Daryl Connell
Daughters of Penelope…..Carol Statopoulos
Hall Rental………………Evagelia Archuleta

Websites of Interest
Greek Archdiocese of America:
www.goarch.org
Metropolis of San Francisco:
http://sanfran.goarch.org/
Argyris and Lynn Drosos wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2021!

Altar Boy Ministry

Altar Boy Ministry

Why should a boy participate as an Altar Boy in the Orthodox Church?

An Altar Boy is dedicated as a server to the Priest in the Sanctuary. You serve the Priest as the angels serve God. You are as close to the holiest places and to the most sacred actions as any man can be. As an Altar Boy you are enriching your own spiritual life and nourishing love for Christ and His Holy Church. You are continuing a tradition of the early Altar boys who dedicated themselves as servers to the Priest and sacred work in the Sanctuary.

All boys ages 8-18 years of age are encouraged to become an Altar Boy and serve the Lord like the angels that are above. Currently, all boys serving in Altar are required to wear a mask.

In Christ,
Nicholas Kretsedemas

Information on ordering koliva for memorials:

The ladies of St. Irene Philoptochos provide the service of preparing koliva for the Memorial Services of our parishioner’s loved ones. Parishioners may request koliva by calling the church office. Due to the new guidelines, our presentation of the koliva has changed. Individual, sealed packages of koliva will be presented on a tray or in a basket for the service. Once Church Services have ended, the koliva will be moved to the table next to the north-side door for parishioners to pick up a packet as they exit the church.
Parish Council
January 2021

What’s New Around our Campus December 2020:

Thank you to the following parishioners for your generous donations:

- Repainting the Church Office (material and labor) - Kagadis Family
- Narthex Repaint (material and labor) – Mike Delos. Mike repainted the Narthex and was assisted by Rick Schneider
- Relocation of computers, hardware, and other office equipment – Glenn Thorpe

Contracted Services:

- Removal of inoperable water softener – Community Center kitchen
- Replacement of toilet - Community Center kitchen bathroom

Taste of Greece To Go

Many, many thanks to our leaders, volunteers, parishioners, and community for making the St. Katherine Thanksgiving and Christmas “A Taste of Greece” To Go a success: To date, we’ve surpassed our expectations and look forward to hosting future events, Watch for our “Super Bowl” party platters for Super Bowl Sunday on February 7, 2021. Join the St. Katherine team! Contact:

- Evangelia Archuleta, Chairperson
- Dr. John Chrisagis Co-Chair
- Kathy Connell - Co-Chair
- Carol Stathopoulos – Co-Chair
- Daryl Connell 0 Setup
- Sam Kladis – Website/Sales
- Pete Fardelos – Event Treasurer

Happy New to you and your families.

Evangelia Archuleta,
President
CHURCH ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES AND RESERVATIONS

As a reminder, “Sign Up” is required for each Sunday liturgy. Our attendance capacity remains at 100 parishioners (includes children) for each service and, lately, we’ve experienced a large number of parishioners who attend services without prior “Sign Up”. For example, on a recent Sunday, there were 32 individuals registered but nearly 70 individuals walked in.

We ask that you take a few moments to “Sign Up” online; your name, phone number, and email is required for all individuals attending. However, families may indicate the number of immediate family members attending. Thank you so much for your cooperation and understanding.

Make a Reservation:

Parishioners wishing to attend the Sunday Divine Liturgy must make a reservation each week, this may be done through the link sent in our “Weekly Update” or through the link on our website. Once you have completed the online form, your reservation is confirmed.

Reservations are accepted beginning Monday mornings, at 9 AM, and parishioners without email access may contact the church office at (480) 899-3330.
Parish Facility and Property Use

As ministries are reconnecting and re-launching programs within our parishes, questions have arisen as to the accessibility and use of parish facilities and meeting spaces. Provided are guidelines to assist our parishes in this area:

For any in-person meetings, regardless of the situation, the parish must adhere to the following guidelines at all times for all events:

- Comply with all local health and meeting capacity guidelines for both indoor and outdoor meetings.
- Ensure proper social distancing, wearing of masks and hand sanitizing at all times.
- Ensure that all facilities and materials used during meetings or gatherings are properly cleansed both before and following each use.

The following guidelines are intended to provide event-specific guidelines:

- **Meetings**  When approved, parish ministries may meet and utilize parish facilities for the conduct of their respective missions upon receiving appropriate approvals.

- **Approval to Meet**  The final decision to open for an in-person meeting should be agreed upon by the respective Proistamenos, the parish’s Re-opening Team, its Health Officer, and the Parish Council. Ministries, or groups, may not conduct “in-person” gatherings or meetings until they have received the blessing of the Proistamenos on behalf of the above parties.

- **Modified Greek Festivals**  These events, typically reduced to pre-ordered drive-through food festivals, are approved.

- **Sunday School**  Special care must be taken when considering the re-opening of live instruction for Sunday Schools, both for the students, but also for their teachers, staff and respective family members.

- **Coffee Hour/Food**  “To-go” pre-packaged single-serving food items and lidded beverages (not self-served from common container or machine) may be provided. Social distancing guidelines must be observed; seating is not recommended.

**Outside Rentals**  Situational approval, but not generally recommended. Renting to outside organizations will require significant consideration, as the outside organization must be able to agree, and demonstrate, it will abide by all local health guidelines in the conduct of their event. In addition, the parish needs to consider potential perceptions or reactions within the local community when staging events or approving rentals.

*Effective October 15, 2020*
**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!**

**Arizona Hellenic Foundation**

The Arizona Hellenic Foundation has several scholarships available for eligible students. For more information and applications please visit our website: [https://azhellenic.org/](https://azhellenic.org/)

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**PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation**

We are pleased to share with you that the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation will once again offer **$250,000** in scholarship awards to **40 exceptional Greek American undergraduates**.

The application is currently available on [https://www.panhellenicsf.org/apply](https://www.panhellenicsf.org/apply) and the deadline to apply is **Sunday, January 31, 2021**. The scholarships will be distributed at our Awards Ceremony and Gala, which will be held on Saturday, June 19, 2021.

Our scholarship awards are available to all undergraduate students of Hellenic descent. They are offered to recognize students of high scholastic achievement for their accomplishments, and to provide support to those in financial need.

**$200,000** are awarded to **20 students** based on financial need and academic achievement. **$50,000** are awarded to **20 students** based solely on academic achievement.

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**St. Irene Prayer Group**

*Pray simply. Do not expect to find in your heart any remarkable gift of prayer. Consider yourself unworthy of it – then you will find peace. (Elder Marcarius of Optina)*

The St. Irene Prayer Group is a group of St. Katherine’s parishioners committed to pray for the needs of anyone who asks us. It was started as a group of St. Irene Philoptochos but is not limited to our members. We do not meet together to pray – we each pray individually. We are notified by email and each member is committed that when we receive an email we will go as soon as is possible in our own homes, before our own icons and light a lamp or candle if we have such, and pray for the need.

The emails are only sent when we receive a request for our prayers, so even though there are many needs inside and outside our parish that we are all probably individually praying about, the emails are only sent when a specific request has been received from an individual or their family. These requests are not only for health concerns but for all sorts of challenges and difficulties that arise.

The Prayer Group is also committed to keeping all prayer requests and concerns confidential unless we have permission from the person for whom we are praying to share it with others.

If you would like us to pray for a specific need or if you would like to join our prayer group, you can reach us through email at: saint.irene.philoptochos@gmail.com or you can call the church office at 480-899-3330 and speak to Marjie who will relay the message to us.
St. Katherine New Year 2021
Vasilopita Cutting

Thank you for supporting the Philoptochos Vasilopita Sale
which benefits St. Basil’s Academy
Thank you from St. Irene Philoptochos to our members, parishioners & friends. Your donations and support make all of this possible!

Camp Agape Family Baskets

Adopt A Family & Food Boxes for Parish Families

Bake Sale & Pastry Tins for Parish Staff & Homebound Parishioners
Daughters of Penelope
Aegina Chapter #340
January 2021

Aegina #340 wishes everyone a
Very Happy New Year!

Agape Ball: Daryl & Kathy Connell, and Josephine Avaneas
Valentine’s Sale: Frances Katsiris
Galactoburiko – Yum! Frances Weber & Carol Stathopoulos

Our meetings are usually the third Monday of the month. More information to follow if we will be meeting on Zoom or in person.

Join us!
Call: Theresa Fardelos (602) 290-6158
Carol Stathopoulos (480) 988-3277

Secretary:
Michele Lotakis

Aegina #340 on Zoom
Happy New Year! We pray that this year brings health and happiness to all.

We are going to continue our hybrid Sunday School model through May 2021. Look out for our Prayer Package sent in our weekly church email. This is our digital Sunday School lesson preparing families for the upcoming Sunday’s Gospel. Please share this with your family if you are not able to attend in-person services.

In-Person Sunday School Classes!
PreK - 2nd grade, please meet us after Holy Communion in the Community Center for 20 minutes. Teachers: Nicolette Wright and Lisa Befaloukos

3rd - 6th grade, please meet us after Holy Communion at the playground steps for 20 minutes. Teacher: Kathy Waldo

Pastoral Guided Lessons for Teens!
7th-12th grade, please meet us in the front pews following liturgy for 15 minutes. Teacher: Fr. Timothy Pavlitos

Don’t forget! YOU MUST BE REGISTERED!

Love,

Marina,
Karen, Antigoni and Nicolette

REGISTER HERE!
**St. Katherine Sunday School**  
**2020-2021**

Weekly distribution of Sunday School lessons will be provided electronically from October - December 2020.

In-person begins Jan. 2021 (schedule is subject to change):

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School starts right after communion at 10:45. All classes will end at 11:45.
St. Katherine Sunday School

COVID Measures:

- We are opening “Phase 1” on November 1st, which includes Pre-K - 2nd grades only.
- Students will proceed directly to the Community Center following Holy Communion.
- Class will be from approximately 11:00 - 11:20.
- Masks are required for all students and teachers; extra masks will be on hand should any student forget to bring one.
- Class areas are set up to allow for physical distancing.
- Doors will remain open during class.
- Hand sanitizer will be used upon entry and exit of the classroom.
- Snacks and water will **not** be provided.

To our parents, please make a family commitment to regular participation and attendance in this crucial ministry. Discuss with your children the importance of attending the Divine Liturgy in a timely, prepared, and proper way, and of them investing their lives in Christ and His Church. Know that our teachers and volunteer staff recognize as most treasured and precious the responsibility of instructing Christian youth, and strive to maintain the goals of meeting each of their needs in prayer, faith, and love!
Dear Faithful Stewards of St. Katherine,

There are many things I could say about Stewardship, but I will keep it simple.

We give to that which we feel is meaningful, important and a worthwhile investment. We will gladly be a part of something we believe in.

If we believe that Jesus Christ sacrificed His life for us, resurrected from the dead to defeat death in order that we may enjoy eternal life in His Kingdom, then we will support the Church’s mission and ministries by giving of the time, talent, and treasure that we have received from God. We will do this out of the immense gratitude we have for all that God has blessed us with. In Greek we call this “Philotimo,” grateful indebtedness. In other words, we cannot NOT give back knowing all that we have received.

For several years St. Katherine’s has relied on the Greek Festival in order to survive. The time has come, however, where we can no longer depend on the Festival. I have served two parishes which were supported 100% through the stewardship of the faithful, and these parishes were not full of wealthy people. With God’s help, and if each one of us makes the church our priority, and we pool our resources of time, talent, and treasure, we will be able to support the mission and ministries of the church without needing to rely on a festival.

Our time on this earth is limited and there is much to do. There is no time to waver or hold back. The mission and the ministries of the Church will either be our purpose in life, or they won’t. Our Lord is asking us to be His hands, feet, and mouthpiece to continue what He started. The question is, will we all take this to heart and answer the call.

As you fill out this pledge card for 2021, please keep these things in mind. My prayer is that all of you will choose to be a part of the mission of the Church. Even though the sacrifices we make will always pale in comparison to what our Lord sacrificed for us, they are nevertheless vital, and we all play a part.

With love in Christ,

Fr. Timothy Pavlatos
St Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
Stewardship Families
Updated November 2020

Jacob Affolter
Nia & Eric Amazeen
Terry & Marina Ambus
Georgia Anapolis
Bill & Themis Apergis
Spiridon Apergis
Evangelia Archuleta
Marina Arcinia
Dean & Pauline Argeros
Philip & Maria Armstrong
Meskel Assefa & Dawit Solomon
Frances Attwood
Josephine Avaneas
Anthony & Jacklyn Bafaloukos
Christopher Bafaloukos
Dorothy Bafaloukos
Gust & Mena Bafaloukos
Harry & Carol Bafaloukos
Nick & Lisa Bafaloukos
Dimitri Benton
Zoi Benton
Akash & Antigoni Bhatia
Anco & Linda Blazev
Mary Bowen
Mary & Gary Boyce
Kalen & Garrison Campbell
Christopher Chesny
George Christakis
John Chrisagis
Daryl & Kathy Connell
Gloria & Pamela Corcovelos
Kathy Corcovelos-Sky
Mary Courtney
Mary Culver-Harris & Roger Harris
Bobby Dalacas
Maria Dalacas
Patricia Dalacas
Cynthia Dandelles
Constantine Daskalakis
Demetrios Deliz
Michael & Kathy Delos
John & Mary Demetropoulos
Katherine Drapaniotis & Gualdino Sousa
Alexander Drosos
Argyris & Lynn Drosos
Dean & Audra Drosos
Aristotelis & Dianne Evripidou
Panayiotis & Theresa Fardelos
James & Peggy French
Demetrios & Barbara Georgousis
Jeremy & Athena Gonzales
William & Mary Lou Grias
Andrew & Elaine Hatupis
Michael & Angela Ingram
Naaman & Najwa Jalaf
Christos Kagadis
Prokopios & Helen Kagadis

Elessa Kantzos
Andy Karantinos
Frances & Peter Katsiris
Peter & Linda Kotsaklis
Kiriazi Kotsogiannis
Demetrios & Katherine Kretsedemas
Nicholas & Dionisia Kretsedemas
George & Jill Kyroudis
Vasiliaki Lampropoulos
Joy Larson
Tom & Sylvana Lecometros
Jon & Athena Light
Michele Lotakis
Martin Maciejewski & Maria Pappas Maciejewski
Thomas & Patsy Morden
Andrew Moreno
Yury & Irina Moroz
Kristina & Alexander Myer
Anthony Nicoluzakis
Jason & Karen Nicoluzakis
Lita Ntatsos
Peter & Pat Orphanos
Alex & Eathel Pallas
Kosta & Irene Papaioannou
Jordan & Wendee Papandreou
Tia Patsavas
Michael & Patricia Perikly
Maria Perparos & Family
Georgia Roumanidakis
Aaron & Danielle Scherbak
Rick & Luann Schneider
Anna & John Selles
George & Donna Sideris
Zoe Simbles
John & Eugenia Smyros
Panagiota Soublis
Peter & Georgia Souris
Lucy St. Armour
Carol Stathopoulos
Atanas & Fotini Steryo
Olga Strickland
Seth Suppappola & Antonia Papandreou-Suppappola
Magdaline Thomas
Glenn & Marjorie Thorpe
Georgia Trakas
Ann Trikas
Helen Tsiakolos
Gerard & Athena Vasilatos
Billy & Despina Vigil
Stephen & Frances Weber
Elizabeth Whalen
Kevin & Tina Wilder
Mike & Christina Wombacher
Nicolette & Todd Wright
George & Stella Xenakis
Sophia Zemke

(If you are a Steward and your name is not listed please contact the office)
What is the Agape Family Group? It is a branch of our St. Irene Philoptochos that focuses on bringing our family community together for fellowship and philanthropy events. These events are typically designed for our children to participate.

Do I need to be a member of the St. Irene Philoptochos? Nope! Although, we encourage all the women in our parish to join our group, we enjoy giving back to our community together.

What if I want to be part of the St. Irene Philoptochos, but I just can’t commit? As a women’s group we know running a family requires a lot of time. That’s why we accept whatever you’re able to give. No matter how much time that is, we welcome you to be a member! All members have a voice and collectively we come up with new strategies to be the most effective in what we do. Also, we have designed Zoom meeting access for those who are unable to meet in person.

How often does Agape meet? Our goal is to organize monthly events from Sept - May, typically on Saturdays and considering weather and holidays.

Where can I get updates? You can reach out to Nicolette Wright directly at nicolette.wright79@gmail.com and/or REGISTER HERE FOR AGAPE NEWS AND UPDATES!
Place your business ad here!
Contact the Church Office
(480) 899-3330

Prices will begin the first month your add will run and will run for 11 issues!

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To subscribe to our “Weekly Update” please email the office at: office@st-katherine.org

Click here to get the January Calendar online:
St. Katherine Community Center

Facility Amenities
- Seating capacity for 350 plus dance floor, stage, and bar
- Full kitchen with walk-in refrigerator
- Plenty of parking
- Tables and chairs available
- Auditorium seating for 400 people
- Reception packages available

Facility Uses
- Wedding Receptions
- Baptism Receptions
- Quinceniera Receptions
- Wedding & Baby Showers
- Birthdays & Anniversaries
- Banquets
- Business Meetings & Conferences
- Inside Basketball Court

Call us today to book your Special Event!

For contact information regarding availability and costs, please call the Church Office at: (480) 899-3330