Apolytikion of Presentation of Our Lord

Hail Virgin Theotokos full of Grace, for Christ our God, the Sun of Righteousness, has dawned from you, granting light to those in darkness. And you, O Righteous Elder, rejoice, taking in your arms, the Deliverance of our souls, who grants us Resurrection.

Kontakion of Presentation of Our Lord

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.
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 for 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

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Stewardship – Gary Boyce, Athena Light

Parish Council

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2nd VP – TBD
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Assistant Treasurer– TBD

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

Church Organizations
AHEPA .......................Daryl Connell
Daughters of Penelope....Carol Stathopoulos
Hall Rental..............Evangelia Archuleta

Websites of Interest
Greek Archdiocese of America:
www.goarch.org

Metropolis of San Francisco:
http://sanfran.goarch.org/

Rev. Timothy Pavlotos, Proistamenos
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
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.

Sign-ups for each service will close at 5 p.m. on the evening before the date of the service.

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*
Mental Health Matters
A Conversation about Stress, Anxiety, and Mental Health

featuring our professional mental health speakers

George Papageorge
Rev. Fr. Tom Tsagalakis
Angela Colville
Rev. Fr. Timothy Pavlatos

Thursdays at 6:30PM
Jan 28 • Feb 11 • Feb 25 • Mar 11

The speaking series will be presented on Zoom
STUDIES IN ORTHODOXY | Growing in Christ...Book Study with Father Timothy
Tuesday Evenings, February 9 - March 16, 2021
7:00-8:00 pm (MST)

Register to receive a zoom link:
Email: office@st-katherine.org

Please order your book right away and read chapters 1 - 2 prior to our first meeting. A limited number of books are available in St. Katherine's Bookstore.

BIBLE STUDY
Please join us for Bible Study on Zoom Wednesday mornings from 10-11 a.m.

February 3, 10, 17, 24
March 3, 10

Please email the Church office to receive the Zoom link
office@st-katherine.org
Give Your Heart to a Child & Their Family
Arizona Philoptochos Chapters

2021 Camp Agape Auction & Fundraiser
The Auction is live more items will be added

Dear Friends & Sponsors:

For over 13-years we have come together to celebrate and support the ministry of Kids ‘n’ Cancer Camp Agape at the Arizona Philoptochos Agape Ball Fundraiser. This year, due to health and safety concerns, the January 2021 Agape Ball Fundraiser is cancelled.

Since the Agape Ball is one of the main sources of funding for Kids ‘n’ Cancer Camp Agape Arizona, we are holding an online silent auction fundraiser in its place. We are reaching out to our friends and local businesses to help us in this endeavor.

Besides bidding on auction items, there is also an opportunity for you to provide monetary donations/sponsorships. Any amount will help make a difference in the life of a child.

Kids ‘n’ Cancer Camp Agape offers an all-expense-paid summer camp experience for hundreds of children, from diverse backgrounds, suffering from cancer and other life-threatening conditions, and their families. It is a special place where families enjoy four fun-filled, carefree summer days, a respite from the sights and sounds of doctors, laboratories, and hospitals where they spend so much of their time.

Kids ‘n’ Cancer is a non-profit community outreach program of The SFO Ladies Philoptochos Society, Tax ID #364585276
**Virtual Choir of “Christ Is Risen!”**

Love to sing? Join parishioners from throughout the country in a virtual choir recording of “Christ Is Risen!” an exciting new choral arrangement by Fr. Michael Pallad. Sponsored by Orthodox Christian Choral Fellowship, the virtual choir format eliminates any potential risk of viral spread by singing and recording from the comfort of home. Recording instructions, sing-along Guide Tracks and links to online rehearsals are provided upon registration. The Virtual Choir recording of “Christ Is Risen!” will be posted on social media on Easter Sunday/Pascha, May 2, 2021.

Registration begins Monday, February 15 at: [www.occfellowship.org](http://www.occfellowship.org)

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**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.

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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 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):

| January 3 | Holiday Break  
| No Sunday School | March 14 | Sunday school |
| January 10 | Sunday School | March 21 | Sunday of Orthodoxy  
| | | | Bring Icons to church! |
| January 17 | Sunday School | March 28 | Sunday School |
| January 24 | Sunday School | April 4 | Sunday School |
| January 31 | Sunday School | April 11 | Sunday School |
| February 7 | Sunday School | April 18 | Sunday School |
| February 14 | Sunday School | April 28 | Palm Sunday  
| | | | No Sunday School |
| February 21 | Sunday School | May 2 | Pascha  
| | | | No Sunday School |
| February 28 | Sunday School | May 9 | Sunday School |
| March 7 | Sunday School | May 16 | End of Year Ceremony! |

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!
Daughters of Penelope - Aegina Chapter #340

February 2021

We will be having a baby shower on the 15th this month benefitting the VA Moms and Babies Program. We will “shower” them with items on their donation list even if we have to host it over Zoom! We will share pictures from the event in next month’s Spirit. We are continuing to collect gently used books for the Blue Star Moms of the Southwest Valley. They send care packages to military members and veterans every month. So far, we have collected over 87 books for them!

Our chapter would like to invite the Maids of Athena members who are 18 years old & up that are without a viable Maids chapter to join us! See contact information below.

We have fun activities planned for upcoming meetings this year so stay tuned! We want 2021 to be a better year! We will continue to support and encourage each other. Let’s stay in touch any way we can! Every now and then we need to take care of one another too.

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

If interested in joining the DOP, contact Theresa Fardelos (602)290-6158 or Carol Stathopoulos (480) 988-3277.

Throw back photo to 2009. Maggie Thomas, L and Georgia Souris, R
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
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 ad 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