

# SAINT KATHERINE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Orthros: 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM

Fellowship Hour: Noon

Church office hours: Mon. through Fri. 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. / Saturday & Sunday closed

### ~ VISION & MISSION STATEMENT ~

*Our Vision (dream) is to be a growing, loving, united Orthodox Christian family open to all.*

*Our Mission (job) is to grow our faith in Christ through love and respect,  
with humility and forgiveness.*

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018

9th Morning Gospel - Plagal 2nd Mode

### SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY

Anysia the Virgin-martyr of Thessaloniki

Theodora of Caesaria

New Martyr Gideon of Mount Athos  
+1818

Martyr Phileteros

Leondos the Archimandrite

Ancestors of God: Joseph the Betrothed of  
our Lady the holy Theotokos & Virgin  
Mary; James (or Iakovos) the Brother of  
the Lord; & David the Prophet & king



### ~ Welcome to Our Guests ~

We are delighted that you are with us today. Please keep in mind that according to the Holy Canons and teachings of the Orthodox Church, you must be a baptized and chrismated member of the Orthodox faith in good standing in order to receive Holy Communion. You are welcome to receive a portion of the blessed bread (antidoron) distributed at the end of the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for fellowship hour following services.

# Divine Liturgy of St. John the Chrysostom

## Ἀπολυτίκιον – Ἦχος Δ' - σ. 198 – 200

Ἡ γέννησίς σου, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός ἡμῶν, ἀνέτειλετώ κόσμῳ τό φῶς τό τῆς γνώσεως, ἐν αὐτῇ γάρροίτοις ἀστροῖς λατρεύοντες ὑπό ἀστέρος ἐδιδάσκοντο σέ προσκυνεῖν τόω Ἥλιον τῆς δικαιοσύνης καί σέ γινώσκειν ἐξ ὕψους ἀνάτολήν. Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον – Ἦχος Πλ. Β' - σ. 118 - 120

Ἀγγελικαί Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τό μνήμά σου, καί οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καί ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ ζητοῦσα τό ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τόν Ἄδην, μή πειρασθεῖς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τήν ζωήν. Ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι

## Resurrectional Apolytikion – Plagal 2nd Mode - p. 119 - 121

The angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at Your grave seeking, seeking Your most pure body. But You made hell captive; You were untouched by its night. You came to the virgin and granted life. O Lord who rose from the dead, glory to You.

## Apolytikion – 4<sup>th</sup> Mode - p. 199 – 201

Your birth, O Christ our God, shines forth on all the world with the light of knowledge. For at Your birth, those who had adored the stars were taught by a star to worship you, to worship you, the Son of Justice, and to know You, the Dawn from on high. O Lord, glory to You.

## Apolytikion of St. Katherine - Plagal 1st Mode

The all-blessed bride of Christ let us extol in song \* Katerina the divine and protector of Sinai \* our assistance and unfailing firm support; \* for she did muzzle brilliantly \* the ungodly clever men by the power of the Spirit. And now as a crowned Martyr \* the great mercy she pleads for all of us.

## Τῶν Δικαίων - Ἦχος β' - σ. 202

Εὐαγγελίζου Ἰωσήφ, τῷ Δαυῖδ τὰ θαύματα τῷ Θεοπάτορι·

Παρθένον εἶδες κυοφορήσασαν· μετὰ Μάγων προσεκύνησας· μετὰ Ποιμένων ἐδοξολόγησας· δι' Ἀγγέλου χρηματισθεῖς. Ἰκέτευε Χριστὸν τὸν Θεόν, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

### **For the Righteous – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tone**

Go, holy Joseph, ell David what the angel said, With the shepherds and the wise men from afar, praise the Son of the Virgin, begging Him to save our souls.

### **Κοντάκιον – Ἦχος Γ' - σ. 240 – 242**

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, \* ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἐρχεται, \* ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. \* Χόρευε, ἡ οἰκουμένη \* ακουτισθεῖσα, \* δόξασον, μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, \* βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, \* Παιδίον νέον, \* τὸν πρό αἰώνων Θεόν.

### **Kontakion – 3<sup>rd</sup> Mode - p. 241 - 243**

Today the Virgin goes forth, making her way to a cave where from her, ineffably, God the eternal Word will be born. Let the world be filled with joy, hearing these tidings. Joining the angels and shepherds let us give glory to Him who is God from all ages, yet wills to be seen as a little child.

### **The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19**

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

### **The Reading is from the Gospel of Matthew 2:13-23**

When the wise men departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee

to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaos reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

**Please pray for our:**

**Spiritual Leaders:** Patriarch Bartholomew; Archbishop Demetrios; Metropolitan Alexios; & Fr. Demetri

**Civil Leaders:** President Donald Trump, US Congress & Supreme Court; Governor Rick Scott; County Commissioners, all our civil authorities & armed forces.

**Parish Leadership:** Parish Council, Philoptochos, Chanters, Choir, Sunday & Greek School teachers & students, Youth & Dance Group leaders and children.

**Those who are sick, awaiting surgery, recovering from surgery, in need of prayers and/or shut in:** Alexandra Diamond, Mae Charos, Dorothy Pappademetriou, Bill & Ellen Werner, Olga Bouras, Yvonne Yacoub, Savannah & Zander Kelly, Mirsini Sirounis, Suzanne Orosz, Faye Nicholas, JoAnne Macheras, John & Anne Cominos, Angela DeCosta, Marlaine Manus, George & Siham Kanazeh, John Figari, Janet Sangi, Anna Kokotis, Leah Thomas, Mary & Pete Faines, Robert & Vel, Katie, Jamie, George & Steven, Carlo Sedney, Georgia & Vasili Menegas, Brandon Gilsenan, Aurelia Bocanu, Peter & JoAnn Zuras, Kris & Jonathan, Athena Giglio, Peter, Alice & Jim Zavitsanos, Michael Cora & family, Harry Paris, Samuel Smith, Kosta, Anastasia, Maggie & Andromahi Theodorou, Peter Katsoulas, Stylianos Theodorou, Isabella Inzirillo, Manny, Androniki, Margie Clore, Fr. Nicholas Harris, Nick & Nora Yanas, Bob & Mary Jane Dearman, Dottie Phillips, Shirley Skarlis,

Lisa Paunovich, George & Elaine, Karen, Ainsleigh Grace Brems, Lenny Lloyd, Matt F., Paula, Courtney B., Baby R., Eleni, Konstantina, Mark, Kathy, Konstantina, Martin, Crum Family, Marie Irene Kragebrink, Wayne, Maria, Alexis, Mike, Penny & Joseph Jones, George Demopoulos, Sylvia Demopoulos, Mark & Christine Balba, Efstratia Triantafylou, Kathy S., Maria Meraz, Anne Figari, Fr. Michael & Pani Karen Miklos, Lisa Wadell, Maria Herrera, Jose, Thomas Xenakis, Penny, Don & Katherine, Eileen McKartin, Valerie Kobzarenko, Dino Koursaris, Mary Pappas, Evelyn Karakitsios.

**Those preparing for Baptism:** Angeliki Gatidis & Noah Salmon, baby Noah James;

**Those serving in the Armed Forces:** Joseph Abadiotakis, Jr., Harold David Ballard, George Peter Biniaris, Nicholas Cannaverde, James Christian Figari, Travis Hunter, Samuel Joseph III, Ethan Macheras, Elias Panayiotis Maldonado, Matthew Ryan Stinnett, Nicholas Tsamoutales, Yanni Tshontikidis, Klis T. Zannis.

**First Responders - Police, Fire & Rescue:** Blake (Andrew) Ballard, Kevin Cincimino, Nicole Contos, Firefighter/Paramedic Panayiotis (Taki) Panayiotopoulos.

**For the protection of Christians being persecuted for their faith.**

**For the protection and freedom of the kidnapped** Metropolitan Boulos Yazigi and Archbishop Yohanna Ibrahim, both of Aleppo, Syria.

**College Students:** Arianna & Theodora Bendlin, Barbara Brewster, Elizabeth & Michael Courey, Joseph Daniel Figari, Elizabeth Gaherty, Tony Galanopoulos, Alyssa Giglio, Marianthi & Callia Karas, Kimberley & Dana Marie Koinos, Jennifer & Andrew Loso, Evgenia Miller, Melanie & Michelle Niarhos, Elena & Tommy Panouses, Victoria Pappademetriou, Nikoleia Paterakis, Catherine & Maria Psarakis, Ronnie Rickard, George & Jessica Saad, Catie & Sydney Sergis, Costas Stathis, Austen & Leah Thomas, Catherine Triantafyllidis, Jordan Tsigas, Thomas Tsoukalas,

**WE WILL ONLY LIST NAMES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS FOR WHOM AN EMAIL ADDRESS IS SUBMITTED. SO PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR STUDENT'S EMAIL TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

(If you know of anyone that should be added to this list, please call the Church office.)

**Please turn your cell phones & pagers off  
or on vibrate before entering Church**



~ TODAY ~



~ Memorial Service ~



Nicholas Epitropou - 40 days

*New Year's Eve Vespereal Divine Liturgy - 6 pm*



~ Upcoming Liturgies & Events ~

**Tues., Jan. 1st** - New Year's Day - NO LITURGY

**Sun., Jan. 6th** - Epiphany

**Sun., Jan. 13th** - Philoptochos Vasilopita Cutting following Divine Liturgy  
AHEPA #A401 Breakfast - Adults \$10, Children 12 & Under \$6

**Thurs., Jan. 17th** - Philoptochos Meeting at Perkins in Suntree 11:30 am

**Fri., Jan 25th** - St. Gregory the Theologian - Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am

**Sat., Jan 26th** - YAL Event - More details to follow

**Wed., Jan. 30th** - Three Hierarchs - Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am

**Sat., Feb. 2nd** - Philoptochos Annual Luncheon



*Father Demetri, Despina  
along with the Parish Council wishes  
everyone a Happy, Healthy &  
Blessed New Year*

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Date: December 28, 2019

Encyclical of Archbishop Demetrios for the Feast of Saint Basil and the New Year 2019

I can do all things in Christ Who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)

January 1, 2019 Feast of Saint Basil and New Year

To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils of the Greek Orthodox Communities, the Distinguished Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools, the Philoptochos Sisterhoods, the Youth, the Hellenic Organizations, and the entire Greek Orthodox Family in America

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we offer thanksgiving to God at the inception of the new year and with a vision for the marvelous works He will accomplish through us for His honor and glory, we also are mindful of the promise we have affirmed throughout this past year: All Things are Possible to the One Who Believes in Christ. This was the theme for our 44th Biennial Clergy Laity Congress in Boston last July, and it continues to be the inspiration for dynamic work throughout our Holy Archdiocese.

This powerful promise offered to us by our Lord should also guide and strengthen us throughout this New Year of 2019. We should anticipate the power and potential of our faith in Him. We should move forward in ministry and service with the assurance that His promises will be fulfilled. Through our worship and prayer, we should constantly ask for His will to be done knowing that the possibilities are boundless, the opportunities are immeasurable, and His marvelous works are unlimited!

Today as we celebrate the Feast of Saint Basil, we see through the witness of his life that all things are possible in Christ. In full dedication to God and faith in His divine will, Saint Basil led the faithful in worship and in ministries that offered help to the poor, sick, elderly, orphans, and travelers. By the power of God, he stood firm against false teachings and beliefs, revealing the power of truth

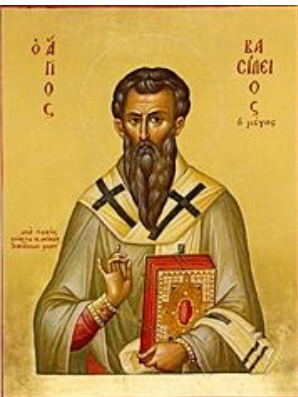
through his sermons and theological works. Through his life of service what seemed impossible for many became possible, as they found hope, healing, and abundant life in Christ.

On January 1 and the Feast of Saint Basil, it is our annual tradition to recognize the work of our beloved Saint Basil Academy. For over 70 years this vital ministry of our Holy Archdiocese has been a witness of the promise that all things are possible through faith in Christ. Through the blessed work of the staff and directors and the support of many benefactors, children and youth have found care and healing, lives have been transformed, and many have experienced the unlimited possibilities of the power of faith and compassion. We give thanks to God for those who have offered this sacred ministry. As we are led by our Ladies Philoptochos Society in the cutting of the Vasilopeta, I ask that you offer your prayers and generous support for Saint Basil Academy.

Together, we know and affirm that faith in Christ makes this ministry possible and makes the impossible possible through our faith and our service in our parishes and communities. We know that the possibilities are endless and the transforming power of grace is inexhaustible. Thus, we should prayerfully approach all aspects of our service and witness throughout this year by seeking possibilities, exploring potential, and following the will of God. May His abundant blessings be upon our sacred work in His name in 2019, and may we live each day in faith and in anticipation of the great and marvelous things He will do!

With paternal love in Christ,

† DEMETRIOS  
Archbishop of America



Saint Basil the Great was born about the end of the year 329 in Caesarea of Cappadocia, to a family renowned for their learning and holiness. His parents' names were Basil and Emily. His mother Emily (commemorated July 19) and his grandmother Macrina (Jan. 14) are Saints of the Church, together with all his brothers and sisters: Macrina, his elder sister (July 19), Gregory of Nyssa (Jan. 10), Peter of Sebastia (Jan. 9), and Naucratius. Basil studied in Constantinople under the sophist Libanius, then in Athens, where also he formed a friendship with the young Gregory, a fellow



Cappadocian, later called "the Theologian." Through the good influence of his sister Macrina (see July 19), he chose to embrace the ascetical life, abandoning his worldly career. He visited the monks in Egypt, in Palestine, in Syria, and in Mesopotamia, and upon returning to Caesarea, he departed to a hermitage on the Iris River in Pontus, not far from Annesi, where his mother and his sister Macrina were already treading the path of the ascetical life; here he also wrote his ascetical homilies.

About the year 370, when the bishop of his country reposed, he was elected to succeed to his throne and was entrusted with the Church of Christ, which he tended for eight years, living in voluntary poverty and strict asceticism, having no other care than to defend holy Orthodoxy as a worthy successor of the Apostles. The Emperor Valens, and Modestus, the Eparch of the East, who were of one mind with the Arians, tried with threats of exile and of torments to bend the Saint to their own confession, because he was the bastion of Orthodoxy in all Cappadocia, and preserved it from heresy when Arianism was at its strongest. But he set all their malice at nought, and in his willingness to give himself up to every suffering for the sake of the Faith, showed himself to be a martyr by volition. Modestus, amazed at Basil's fearlessness in his presence, said that no one had ever so spoken to him. "Perhaps," answered the Saint, "you have never met a bishop before." The Emperor Valens himself was almost won over by Basil's dignity and wisdom.

When Valens' son fell gravely sick, he asked Saint Basil to pray for him. The Saint promised that his son would be restated if Valens agreed to have him baptized by the Orthodox; Valens agreed, Basil prayed, and the son was restored. But afterwards the Emperor had him baptized by Arians, and the child died soon after. Later, Valens, persuaded by his counsellors, decided to send the Saint into exile because he would not accept the Arians into communion; but his pen broke when he was signing the edict of banishment. He tried a second time and a third, but the same thing happened, so that the Emperor was filled with dread, and tore up the document, and Basil was not banished. The truly great Basil, spent with extreme ascetical practices and continual labours, at the helm of the church, departed to the Lord on the 1st of January, in 379. at the age of forty-nine.

His writings are replete with wisdom and erudition, and rich are these gifts he set forth the doctrines concerning the mysteries both of the creation (see his Hexameron) and of the Holy Trinity (see On the Holy Spirit). Because of the majesty and keenness of his eloquence, he is honoured as "the revealer of heavenly things" and "the Great."

## Καλαντα – Kalanda - New Year Carol

<p>Αρχιμηνιά κι αρχιχρονιά ψηλή μου δεντρολιβανιά κι αρχή, κι αρχή καλός μας χρόνος, εκκλη, εκκλησιά με τ' άγιο θρόνο</p>	<p>Arheemeeneea kee arheehroneea pseelee mou dentroleevaneea kee arhee, kee arhee kalos mas tronos eklee, - ekkleeseea me t' ageeo throno.</p>	<p>Beginning of month and year my high rosemary, and the beginning of our good year, church with the Holy Throne.</p>
<p>Αρχή που βγήκε ο Χριστός άγιος και πνευματικός, στη γη - στη γη να περπατήσει και να μας, και να μας καλοκαρδίσει</p>	<p>Arhee pou vyeeke o Hreestos ke ageeos kai pnevmateekos, stee gee - stee gee na perpateesee kai na - kai na mas kalokardisei.</p>	<p>Beginning where Christ came out holy and spiritual, upon the earth to walk and to bring us a good heart.</p>
<p>Άγιος Βασίλης έρχεται και δεν μας καταδέχεται από - από την Καισαρεία είσαι αρχό - είσαι αρχόντισσα, κυρία</p>	<p>Ageeos Vaseelees erhete Ke den mas katadehete apo - apo teen Kesareea eese arho - eese arhonteesa, keereea</p>	<p>Saint Basil is coming and he does not deign us from Caesarea. you are a noble woman</p>
<p>Βαστάει εικόνα και χαρτί με το Χριστό το λυτρωτή χαρτί - χαρτί και καλαμάρι δεσ και με - δεσ και με το παλικάρι.</p>	<p>Vastae eekona ke hartee me to Hristo to leetrotee, pseelee hartee - hartee ke kalamaree, des ke me - des ke me to paleekaree.</p>	<p>He's holding an icon and paper, with Christ our Redeemer, paper and calamari as though I was a courageous lad.</p>

# ZOE

We look forward to having our January speaker, Elaine Mara, Mary Rist's granddaughter, who will share her stories and educate us on having a canine companion more. Save **THURSDAY, JANUARY 10th** at noon for Zoe's lunch and lecture meeting, as with all our speakers, we come away with important and insightful information for our attendees praises and kudos to all our past, present and future lecturers..

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## *Upcoming Meeting Dates for Philoptochos*

Thurs, Jan. 17th	11:30 am Perkins in Suntree/ Viera
Sun., Mar. 24th	1:00 pm in church hall
Sun., May 5th	PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD ELECTIONS
Sat. May 18th	End of Year Luncheon 1:00 at Victoria's Restaurant

### *Additional Dates:*

Jan 13th:	Vasilopita cutting
Feb. 2nd:	Annual Membership Luncheon
Feb. 10th	Go Red Sunday
March 31st:	Soup for the Soul Luncheon



If any parishioners, families, group of families, koumbari or friends would like to host a fellowship hour following Sunday Liturgy please contact : Church office - 321.254.1045  
Or email - [admin@saint-katherine.org](mailto:admin@saint-katherine.org)

### **Available dates:**

**Dec. 30  
(No Fasting)  
Jan. 27, Feb 3**

This is a wonderful opportunity to extend our Christian hospitality with one another and any guests or visitors who attend our services.

**Duties:** 1) Set up the large coffee pot in hall  
2) Provide a simple snack  
3) Clean up



## STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

In the name of Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ our God, accept our offerings as You have accepted the gifts of Your people throughout the ages. We offer these gifts to Your glory, for the support of the ministries of Your Holy Church, for the alleviation of suffering and hunger, and for the proclamation of Your Gospel to the whole world.

Grant us Your blessing, Lord our Savior, that we may always be faithful stewards, continuing to share the gifts you have given us, by the power of Your grace, mercy and love. May Your name be glorified forever. Amen.

### 2018 STEWARDSHIP

127 Stewards Pledging

**\$132,565**

Paid to Date \$122,951

Average Stewardship per family \$1,044.

51 Friends of St. Katherine's  
have paid \$46,645.

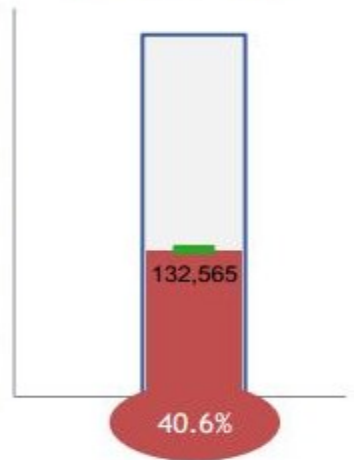
Stewardship Thermometer represents  
Our Budget of \$326,313 vs. Stewardship  
Pledges

*For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also.*

*Luke 12:34*

#### Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total
- On Track Target



### THE JESUS PRAYER

Κύριε Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, Υἱέ Θεοῦ,  
ἐλέησόν με τὸν ἁμαρτωλόν.  
(τὴν ἁμαρτωλὸν if prayed by a female)

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me a sinner.