



SAINT KATHERINE CHRONICLE

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A Word from your Pastor

ON JUNE 28TH, I WAS INVITED TO OFFER THE HOMILY AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL DURING THEIR VESPERS FOR THE FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL. THIS MONTH, I'D LIKE TO PROVIDE SOME PARTS OF MY SERMON THAT EVENING BELOW:

This evening, I would like to examine the commonality that is shared by Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christians living here in Sacramento. That commonality has everything to do with Jesus Christ, and is something to be cherished. Jesus Christ taught the great precept of His love ó that beautiful fountain of tolerance, kindness and understanding among all human beings.

In the Gospel of Saint Mark, there is an interesting exchange between Jesus and His disciples. ðJohn said to him. -Teacher, we saw a man casting out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he was not following us.ø But Jesus said, -Do not forbid him; for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me. For he that is not against us, is for us.ø (Mark 9:38-40)

So in that spirit, and in the spirit of Pope John Paul II in his 1995 encyclical ðUt unum sintö when he proposed that all differences that have disrupted between Roman Catholics and the Orthodox Church, be dealt with on the basis of the Patristic and the wider ecclesiastical Tradition of the first millennium, I would like to examine an important concept this evening that is embraced by both traditionsí the concept of ðtheosis.ö

Theosis is a Greek word that means simply, becoming like God. In English, theosis has been translated as deification, divinization or sanctification. It is a concept that is based on the writing of Saint Peter, whose memory we celebrate tomorrow, in his second epistle. He wrote:

ð[Godø] divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the worldö(2 Peter 1:3-4)

Theosis, or as Saint Peter says ðbecoming partakers of the divine natureö, is the goal for all Christians. If anyone asks you, ðWhat is the meaning of life?ö Your answer should be just one word ó ðtheosis,ö becoming transformed by Godø's divine grace.

It is discussed at length in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and was developed extensively by Saint Gregory Palamas during the Hesychastic Movement of the Orthodox Church in the 14th century. The idea begins from the inner depths of each one of us and moves forward with the goal to restore the image of God inside of us. Our goal in life, in other words, should not be confined by time. Instead, we should constantly be oriented towards eternity.

In the words of Saint Paul, who we also commemorate tomorrow, ðIf our hope in Christ lies only in this life, then we are the most pitiful of all people.ö (1 Corinthians 15:19)

So our focus should always be fixed on God and the eternity we will spend when we leave this earth, not just on ourselves or even on the day to day problems we encounter. The more we look to theosis as our guide, the more we embrace humility, the more sensitive we become to sin and the more we cling to Christ.

Father Dino

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SUMMER OFFERING— Please consider making a special Summer Offering this summer to help provide for the financial stability of our beloved Parish. We will list the names of all those who make an offering, large or small, in the October-December issue of our Parish newsletter. Please use the return envelopes mailed to you with the Summer Offering appeal letter, and mark "Summer Offering" in the memo section of your check. Thank you for helping Saint Katherine this summer!

BIBLE STUDY—Our Tuesday morning Bible Study sessions are usually held at 10 AM every Tuesday morning at the church office conference table. Please note that our Bible Studies will be on hiatus during the months of July, August and September, to permit preparation for our September 24th & 25th Weekend in Greece. Bible Study will resume in the month of October.

BECOME A FESTIVAL SPONSOR One of the best ways to ensure the success of our Weekend In Greece is to become a sponsor of the various elements needed to produce our fun-filled weekend. Why not become a festival sponsor this year by donating one or more of the elements necessary for our festival, listed in this bulletin. Simply send your donation to the church office with the donation form and the words "Festival Sponsor" written on the memo section of your check. We will record your sponsorship and print it in the October-December issue of the newsletter.

Religious Education

Our Sunday School Program will need teachers for the next school year. We must have our director and teachers in place this summer in order to begin planning for the 2011-2012 school year. If you are interested in helping with Sunday School, please contact Father Dino or Maria Koumis for more information. It is truly a blessing to give back to our church by working with the children. Sunday School will begin this Fall on Sunday, October 2, 2011.



Philoptochos News

We invite all the women in the Parish to become a member of Philoptochos in 2011. Our Saint Katherine Philoptochos is comprised of a number of Circles, each of which has special interests and allows each Circle to focus on its particular cause or charity. Additionally, the Philoptochos general fund contributes to the following local charities: WIND (Homeless teens), Elk Grove Food Closet and WEAVE. Please contact Mary Kondos, President, or one of the Circle leaders listed below for information about becoming a member.

- ✦ **Abigail Circle** ó Athina Holland / Mireille Ruppe
- ✦ **Anna Circle** ó Alison Alemán / Carol Robinson
- ✦ **Mary Magdeline Circle** ó Presvytera Chrisoula / Kia Balalis
- ✦ **Rachel Circle** ó Mary Kondos / Debbie Meyer
- ✦ **Rebecca Circle** ó Diane Petersen / Erica Tatarakis
- ✦ **Susanna Circle** ó Alexia Kavros / Elaine Pavlatos

The following Philoptochos members have been elected as new Officers of the Philoptochos Board for the 2011-2013 terms: **Mary Kondos**, President; **Elaine Pavlatos**, Vice President; **Kathy LaGiusa**, Treasurer; **Presvytera Chrisoula**, Asst. Treasurer; **Diane Petersen**, Recording Secretary; and, **Mireille Ruppe**, Corresponding Secretary/Membership.

PROSPHORON SCHEDULE

Athanasia Manikas:	June 19,	July 31,	Sept. 11,	Oct. 23,	Dec. 4
Eleni Camperos:	June 26,	Aug. 7,	Sept. 18,	Oct. 30,	Dec. 11
Christine Economy:	July 3,	Aug. 14,	Sept. 25,	Nov. 6,	Dec. 18
Sevasti Hatzopoulos:	July 10,	Aug. 21,	Oct. 2,	Nov. 13,	Dec. 25
Anna Papajohn:	June 5,	July 17,	Aug. 28,	Oct. 9,	Nov. 20
Eleni Vathis:	June 12,	July 24,	Sept. 4,	Oct. 16,	Nov. 27

SAINT KATHERINE ACOLYTES – One of the most consistent and unique youth ministries at Saint Katherine has been the Acolyte program. All boys from age 7 through 18, are eligible to serve as Acolytes in the Holy Altar during the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning, as well as during other special services and holidays throughout the year. Serving in the Altar can be a very positive experience that will stay with a young man for the rest of his life. Nothing else can convey a sense of appreciation for holy things, a reverence for God and the spiritual life quite the same as serving as an Acolyte in the Holy Altar. Each acolyte should alternate one Sunday of service in the Holy Altar with one Sunday in attendance in Sunday School. For more information and to enroll your son as an Acolyte, simply contact Father Dino.

MEMORIAL FLAME -- If you would like to have the Memorial Flame on the Holy Altar Table burn in memory of a loved one on a specific day, please send your donation together with a note of explanation and the date requested to the church office.

- † On Tuesday, February 1, the Holy Altar Vigil Flame burned in memory of Lou Keriotis, 5 years since his passing, and was offered by his wife Connie Keriotis.
- † On Tuesday, March 15th, Georgia Econome offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of her husband Ted Econome, 8 years since his passing.
- † On Sunday, March 20th, Alison Alemán offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of her beloved mother, Elenegeorge Lentzakis, 19 years since her passing, and in memory of her beloved father Robert W. Loveless, 6 months since his passing.
- † On Saturday, April 2nd, Anne Petras and Carol Robinson offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of Fotini Papageorge, their beloved sister and aunt, 1 year since her passing.
- † On Friday, April 8th, the Holy Altar Vigil Flame was offered in memory of Claire and George Santrizos on what would have been their 67th wedding anniversary, and was offered by their daughter Judi Santrizos.
- † On Palm Sunday, April 17th, Lefteris and Maria Koumis offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of Jacob (Iakovos) Koumis, 40 days since his passing.
- † On Holy Thursday, April 21st, Jim and Eleni Camperos offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of their beloved parents.
- † On Friday, May 6th, Jim and Vee Karnezis offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of their beloved son Theodore Karnezis, 2 years since his passing.
- † On Saturday, May 7th, the Holy Altar Vigil Flame burned in memory of George Frank Stathos, 49 years since his passing, and was offered by his son Greg Stathos and his daughter Georgia Jenkins-Wenger.
- † On Sunday, May 15th, Thora Manikas offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of Tom Manikas.
- † On Tuesday, May 24th, Presvytera Chrisoula Pappademos offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of her beloved father, Demetrius G. Varkados, 5 years since his passing.
- † On Sunday, May 29th, Leo and Vasiliki Lewis offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of their beloved mother Malamato Lewis, 5 years since her passing.
- † On Tuesday, June 7th, Anna Panagakos offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of her beloved sister Bessie, 7 years since her passing.
- † On Sunday, June 26th, the Holy Altar Vigil Flame burned in memory of Lt. Col. John S. Pavlatos, 21 years since his passing, and was offered by his wife Elaine Pavlatos.
- † On Saturday, July 2nd, the Memorial Flame burned in memory of Ted Econome, on what was his birthday and was offered by his loving wife, Georgia.
- † On Friday, July 8th, Sophia Zogopoulos offers the Memorial Flame in memory of her beloved husband, Angelo, on the second anniversary of his passing.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO HELP & LEARN GREEK COOKING!
 SAINT KATHERINE "WEEKEND IN GREECE" 2011

Festival Cooking Schedule

PLEASE COME TO HELP COOK FOR THE FESTIVAL.

Food Item	Date
Kourabiedes	July 6 (Wed) 9:00am
Koulourakia	July 12 (Tues) 9:00am
Karithopita	July 13 (Wed) 9:00am
Pastitsio	July 18, 19, & 20 (Mon, Tues & Wed) 9:00am
Melomkarona	July 25 (Mon) 9:00am
Paximadakia	July 26(Tues) 9:00am
Spanakopetes & Tirometa	August 7 (Sun) after church service & August 8 & 9 (Mon & Tues) 9:00am
Baklava	August 16 (Tues) 9:00am
Dolmades	August 21(Sun) after church service & August 22 (Mon) 9:00am
Tourlou	September 6 (Tues) 9:00am
Diples	September 15 (Thur) 9:00am
Dip Melomkarona	Dip in honey September 18 (Sun) after church service
Bake Baklava	September 20 (Tues) 9:00am
Dip Diples	Dip Diples in honey September 22 (Thur)
Galatouboureko	We need Galatouboureko donations.
A la Carte Food:	<p>Workers are needed in the A la Carte Food. The hours are flexible. September 24 (Sat) 10am-10pm September 25(Sun) 11am-5pm Chairperson: Athena Holland Scheduling workers for A la Carte Food: Diane Petersen</p>
Pastry Booth:	<p>Workers are needed in the Pastry Booth. The hours are flexible. September 24 (Sat) booth hours 10am-10pm September 25 (Sun) booth hours 11am-6pm Pastry donations are needed. Chairperson: Janet Potiris or janpteach@frontiernet.net</p>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 1, Fridayô Youth Folk Dance Rehearsal, 6:30 PM
July 4-July 8ô Father Dino out of the office
July 8, Fridayô Youth Folk Dance Rehearsal, 6:30 PM
July 10, Sundayô Philoptochos meeting following Divine Liturgy
July 15, Fridayô Youth Folk Dance Rehearsal, 6:30 PM
July 22, Fridayô Youth Folk Dance Rehearsal, 6:30 PM
July 24-August 13ô Father Dino at the Ionian Village in Greece as part of the clergy staff
July 29, Fridayô Youth Folk Dance Rehearsal, 6:30 PM
August 1, Mondayô Lenten fasting period begins for the feast of the Assumption of the Theotokos.
August 5, Fridayô Youth Folk Dance Rehearsal, 6:30 PM
August 9, Tuesdayô Parish Council Meeting, 7 PM
August 12, Fridayô Youth Folk Dance Rehearsal, 6:30 PM
August 15, Mondayô Divine Liturgy, Assumption of the Theotokos, 10 AM
August 19, Fridayô Youth Folk Dance Rehearsal, 6:30 PM
August 26, Fridayô Youth Folk Dance Rehearsal, 6:30 PM
Sept. 2, Fridayô Youth Folk Dance Rehearsal, 6:30 PM
Sept. 9, Fridayô Youth Folk Dance Rehearsal, 6:30 PM
Sept. 11, Sundayô Swearing in of Philoptochos Board and Officers
Sept. 13, Tuesdayô Parish Council Meeting, 7 PM
Sept. 16, Fridayô Youth Folk Dance Rehearsal, 6:30 PM
Sept. 23, Fridayô Set up for Weekend in Greece, 10 AM; Youth Folk Dance Rehearsal, 6:30 PM
Sept. 24-25, Sat. & Sun.ô WEEKEND IN GREECE
Oct. 4, Tuesdayô Bible Study resumes, 10 AM

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