



SAINT KATHERINE CHRONICLE

June 2014



A Word from your Pastor

I would like to thank you all for your condolences and expressions of sympathy over the past few days since the passing of my mother, Helen Pappademos, on May 6th.

She was a wonderful mother and grandmother, and our family was especially blessed to have had her live here in Elk Grove from 1997 until 2007 until she moved to Springfield, Illinois, to live close to my sister. Many of us remember how active she was here at Saint Katherine, singing in the choir and participating in Philoptochos. In fact, she was one of the organizers of the Rebecca circle that has a knitting and crocheting ministry to help various charities.

I will especially miss our telephone calls every week on Sunday night at 7. Even though she had been away from our community for several years, she always wanted to know how everyone was and what was going on in our parish.

She passed away peacefully after a brief struggle with pancreatic cancer. Fortunately, just a few days before she left this life, my brother and I, together with our two sisters were able to gather together from opposite ends of the country to see her one last time and to say our goodbyes. As many of you know from your own experience, I still find myself thinking about her all the time. May our loving Lord rest her soul forever.

When I returned from her funeral in Illinois a few days ago, I was comforted to know that our Parish Council had voted to establish a special memorial fund in her name. The Council informed me that they would like to use this fund for a specific purpose: to provide financial assistance to her grandson, Christo Pappademos as he enrolls in the seminary this fall in preparation for ordination to the Holy Priesthood. They thought it was a fitting tribute, since my mother's grandfather, her father and her son were all ordained Priests of the Church.

Many memorial gifts have already been offered in memory of Helen Pappademos, if you would like to as well, simply mail your memorial gift to the church office and mark it Helen Pappademos Memorial Fund. Thank you and may her memory be eternal.

Father Dino

Internet Ministries at Saint Katherine

“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” (Mark 16:15)

In the words of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, “The web site is an essential tool for the accomplishment of the work set before us by the Lord in His Great Commission to go forth into the world and preach the Gospel. May we use this vital medium to assert ourselves in an appropriate, authentic and Orthodox way, offering on many different levels the transmission of the life of communion that exists in God.”

To improve outreach and communication at Saint Katherine, we have established a broad internet presence. You can now follow activities at Saint Katherine via our website, email list, Facebook, Shutterfly, Twitter and Instagram.

TO REACH OUR WEBSITE, enter www.saintkatherine.org in your browser’s address bar. There you’ll see images to click on that will take you to information about the Hall, the Festival, and the Church. Click on the picture of the Church, and the top right of the next page, will have links to:

- make a donation
- **join our email list**
- view our events calendar
- view most recent newsletters
- make a stewardship payment
- view our online photo albums
- follow our Facebook page
- follow us on Instagram

Our website also offers the Weekly Announcements and some of Father Dino’s sermons. Just click on the icon that says, **Join our Email List** to receive all our announcements every week.

NEWSLETTER: To control costs and advance with the digital age, eventually our future Newsletters will be electronic. For now, we ask that those with email access subscribe to our email list to receive our Newsletters. Eventually our newsletters will be offered electronically with hard copies being available at church on Sundays. You can go directly to www.saintkatherine.org/join.html and sign up for our email list.

SOCIAL MEDIA: We maintain Facebook pages for the Church and our Festival, “A Weekend In Greece”. Anyone can visit them at www.facebook.com/saintkatherine and www.facebook.com/eggreekfestival. To subscribe to them, however, you must have a Facebook account. Then go to the addresses above and click the “Like” button on each page. Also, add us to your “Favorites” so that we’re more likely to appear in your feed. You can find our photos and video at saintkatherine.shutterfly.org. If you’re on Twitter, follow our Festival account at www.twitter.com/eggreekfestival. And look for us on Instagram at SaintKatherineGOC.

If you have questions or need assistance subscribing to our email list, please contact our Webmaster Enrico Carrieri at webmaster@saintkatherine.org.

STEWARDSHIP – Our parish currently has a membership of just over 300 families. We measure this number by counting the families who make donations and offerings to Saint Katherine throughout the year. However, the formal way to ensure that you are counted as a member of Saint Katherine is by filling out a Stewardship pledge card and returning it to the church office. Our current average pledge for the year is about \$800, but we accept all gifts since Stewardship is based on our ability to give, not a set amount. You may print a pledge card from our web page or simply enclose a note with your offering. Thank you!

YOUTH FOLK DANCE GROUPS – The children of our parish have already begun rehearsing on Friday evenings for their performances of Greek folk dances at our annual Festival in September. All children of the parish are welcome to participate, but should register before June 15. Also, parents of dancers should be pledging members of Saint Katherine or another local Greek Orthodox Parish. And finally, Father Dino would like to see all dance families – children and parents – on Sunday mornings during the summer. The most important thing to remember is that Saint Katherine is a church, not a dance school.

SUPPLICATIONS TO THE VIRGIN MARY – During the first 15 days of August, we will be praying Supplication (Paraclesis) services to the Theotokos on Wednesdays and Fridays. We have booklets available to follow along in the service in both Greek and English. Please refer to the Calendar section for specific dates and times.

PRE-FESTIVAL GLENDI – We will celebrate our annual Pre-festival Glendi on Saturday, August 16th in our Tsakopoulos Hall. This year besides the delicious menu, we will be dancing to live music. This very popular annual event is held to raise funds to provide for festival expenses. Look for more details very soon.

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.

FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS – We have already held several festival meetings to prepare for our “Weekend In Greece” this September. Because of the wonderful success last year, we will continue the new tradition of starting our festival on Friday evening at 5 PM and continue Saturday and Sunday, September 26 – 28. Everyone is invited to lend a hand to make this year’s festival another great one! We’ll be publishing our cooking and baking schedule very soon for you to stop by and lend a hand in preparing the delicious food we’ve become famous for. Also, if you’d like to become a festival sponsor or advertise in our program book, just as any Parish Council member for details.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 15, Sunday – 40-day Memorial Service in memory of Father Dino’s mother, Helen Pappademos.

June 30, Monday – The Feast of the Twelve Apostles, Divine Liturgy, 10 AM.

August 1, Friday—Lenten fasting period begins for the feast of the Assumption of the Theotokos; Paraclesis Service, 7 PM. (Supplications to the Virgin Mary).

August 6, Wednesday – The Feast of Transfiguration of our Lord, Divine Liturgy, 10 AM.

August 8, Friday – Paraclesis Service, 7 PM (Supplications to the Virgin Mary).

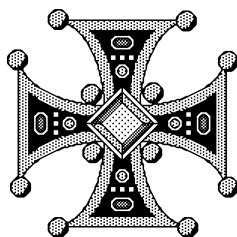
August 13, Wednesday – Paraclesis Service, 7 PM (Supplications to the Virgin Mary).

August 15, Friday – Divine Liturgy, Assumption of the Theotokos, 10 AM

August 16, Saturday – Pre-festival Glendi with dinner and live music 6/7 PM, Tsakopoulos Hall.

September 25, Thursday – Set up for Weekend in Greece, 10 AM.

September 26, 27, 28 – Our Annual Festival, “A Weekend In Greece!”



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