



# S A I N T K A T H E R I N E C H R O N I C L E

Winter-Spring 2016

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## *A Word from your Pastor*

The world can be a brutal place. I just read in the paper this morning that in Germany an old book has become a new bestseller, Hitler's *Mein Kampf*. Every day, we hear about more atrocities committed by Islamic terrorists. Crime in Sacramento is going up, not down. And even the presidential primaries race seems to be especially rough & tumble.

But on the other hand, I am so happy to witness acts of kindness every day from so many different people...at the Capitol, at the bank and even at the donut shop.

These two contrasting realities of contemporary life point to an important point for all of us to remember. The world, in fact, can be a brutal and harsh place. But Jesus Christ came into the world to bring a new way of living...a way that is filled with faith in God and His accompanying love and peace. That's what we stand for as Christians. We've seen the brutality, the harshness and the greed of the world – and we choose a better way.

The Bible tells us that the darker it gets in the world, the brighter it's going to be for God's people. The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn shining brighter until the new day. Things may be bad all around us, people may be negative, complaining and discouraged, but we don't let that rub off on us. The worse it gets, the brighter we're going to shine. We set the tone for our day by praising God and standing strong in faith.

That is the message of the next few weeks during what we call Great Lent. We reduce the distractions in our life and focus on the essentials of our relationship with God. Every week in Great Lent we eat simpler foods, we pray more, talk less and help others. Then toward the end of Holy Week, we look to the Resurrection of Christ as the bright and shining beacon that will guide us through the rest of our life.

I pray that the Lord's resurrection...the hope and life it brings will influence our attitude, our behavior and our interaction with our family and friends. May Christ's victory over death bring us the spirit of victory in our life.

*Father Dino*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW PARISH COUNCIL** – We welcome the new members of our Parish Council who were elected this past December and the returning members. The members of the 2016 Saint Katherine Parish Council are as follows: Carol Robinson, President; Theodore Pantazis, Vice President; Richard Bueche, Treasurer; James Scaife, Secretary; Tom Balalis, Kostas Kapiniaris and Demos Papadopoulos. We are grateful for their dedicated service and for all their efforts involved with the administration of our parish. Thank you and congratulations one and all!

**STEWARDSHIP** – Our Stewardship program remains the mainstay of support for our parish. It provides for over half of the funds we need to continue to do God’s work through our parish. So far we have received nearly 200 pledge cards from our families with an average pledge of about \$1,000 for the year. We thank everyone for their continued support. Another 100 families have yet to return their card and we ask that if you haven’t, please send yours in this week. Don’t forget that you can print a card from our website. You can also make your offerings in a way that is most convenient for you - weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually. Also, you may even send your Stewardship offering through our website and the Paypal feature available.

**HOLY FRIDAY MYHRRBEARERS** – Don’t forget that all girls aged 6 – 12 are invited to participate in the procession during the evening service of the Lamentations on Holy Friday at 7 PM. They should wear a white dress and sit in the front pew (no candles please) to be ready to sprinkle flower petals during the procession that night.

**RESURRECTION SUPPER** – All parishioners are invited to break the Lenten fast with a midnight supper following the Divine Liturgy of the Resurrection. There is no charge for this wonderful meal, but if you would like to help with the cost of securing one of the 12 legs of lamb we’ll be preparing, please make your check for \$35 (marked Easter lamb donation in the memo) payable to Saint Katherine. Simply hand it to one of the ushers on any Sunday and join us after we celebrate the resurrection of Christ this year.

**BECOME A MEMBER OF PHILOPTOCHOS** – We invite all the women in the Parish to become a member of Philoptochos in 2016. 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.

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## ***Saint Katherine Philoptochos Easter Bake Sale***

Orders forms must be submitted by Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Items may be picked up on Palm Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Qty.</b>		<b>Sub Totals</b>
_____ dz.	Koulourakia - \$6 per dozen = \$ _____	_____
_____ ea.	Tsoureki Bread x \$8 per loaf = _____	_____
_____	Baklava x \$100 per whole sheet = _____	_____
_____	Baklava x \$50 per half sheet = _____	_____
_____ ea.	Baklava x \$1.50 per piece = _____	_____
_____ dz.	Red Easter Eggs - \$6 per dozen = _____	_____

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID      Total Enclosed =      \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Return in person by April 17<sup>th</sup> or mail to Philoptochos, 9165 Peets Street, Elk Grove, CA 95758

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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

April

22	FRIDAY EVENING	Tie Palm Crosses	6:30 PM
23	LAZARUS SATURDAY	Divine Liturgy Confessions following Liturgy	10 AM
24	PALM SUNDAY	Divine Liturgy & luncheon	10 AM
25	HOLY MONDAY	Bridegroom Service	7 PM
26	HOLY TUESDAY	Bridegroom Service	7 PM
27	HOLY WEDNESDAY	Holy Unction Service	5:30 PM
28	HOLY THURSDAY	Divine Liturgy Holy Passion Service	10 AM 7 PM
29	HOLY FRIDAY	(Decorate Epitaphios) Descent From the Cross Service of Lamentations	9 AM 3 PM 7 PM
30	HOLY SATURDAY	Divine Liturgy Resurrection Service	10 AM 11:45 PM

May

1	EASTER SUNDAY	Resurrection Liturgy (Paschal supper follows in church hall) Agape Vespers	12:01 AM 12 PM
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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Psychosabbata** (Memorial Saturdays) 10 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by the Memorial Service.  
March 5<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, and March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Presanctified Liturgies** – The Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts beginning at 10 AM on the following Wednesdays: March 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Salutations to the Virgin Mary** (Cairetismoivth~ Qeotokou) will be chanted beginning at 7 PM on the following Fridays: March 18<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> only.

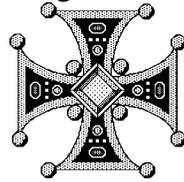
**The Akathist Hymn** (O Akaqisto~ Umno~) will be chanted on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Friday – Tie Palm Crosses, 6:30 PM

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday – Saturday of Lazarus, Divine Liturgy 10 AM; Sacrament of Confession following.

April 24<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> – HOLY WEEK AND EASTER. Please refer to the Holy Week Schedule in this issue for a complete listing of services throughout the week.

May 7<sup>th</sup> – Mothers Day Luncheon, sponsored by our Philoptochos Society in our Tsakopoulos Hall, Saturday at Noon. All are invited but reservations are required.

May 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School Graduation following the Divine Liturgy.



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