



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

Spring 2017

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## *A Word from your Pastor*

2017 marks the beginning of a new approach to our Orthodox Christian ministry at Saint Katherine. In the past, most of the work done in our parish was accomplished through the Parish Council and the Philoptochos Society. This year, we begin a new effort to organize several new ministries within the parish, in order to better achieve the purpose of our parish, which is “To manifest the kingdom of God here in Elk Grove.” This effort should produce abundant fruit in the form of a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ and a more active involvement in the life of our parish by our parishioners. The Parish Council will continue to fulfil its legal, ecclesial and fiduciary functions. At the same time, the ladies of our Philoptochos Society will continue to fulfil their mission to help the poor in the best way that they can.

The five new ministries are:

1. The Ministry of **Administration** (Directors – Enrico and Jamie Carrieri)
2. The Ministry of **Community** (Directors – Chris and Heidi Perris)
3. The Ministry of **Education** (Directors – Alex and Sophia Trotter-Goetze)
4. The Ministry of **Service** (Directors – Peter and Genise Plessas)
5. The Ministry of **Worship** (Directors – Peter and Dina Scordakis)

By decentralizing the authority structure of our parish, the artificial restrictions to ministry, growth and development are shattered, which promotes fertile fields for innovation and growth. With each new ministry or sub-ministry, a new leadership position is created. This allows even more people to become actively involved and feel ownership in our community, which in turn creates an excitement and a desire to be an active ministry-centered Christian parish.

**The Role of the Priest:** The priest should be free to be a priest. He should oversee the work of the Parish Council, the Philoptochos and all of the ministries without having to try to micromanage every detail of every aspect of parish life. Above and beyond his liturgical duties, he is also free to be a teacher, a spiritual guide and a counselor to the community entrusted to him.

Here are the initial focus areas for each ministry:

### **Ministry of Administration**

- ❖ Maintain website and social media outlets for the parish.
- ❖ Organize and administer the annual festival
- ❖ Participate in the interview process of any prospective parish employees.
- ❖ Assist the priest in the administration of office duties (newsletter, mailings, etc.) when possible.

### **Ministry of Community**

- ❖ Develop and encourage the feeling of “family” within the community, through social gatherings and functions (Evening in Greece, Winter Dinner, Mardi Gras Dinner, etc.)
- ❖ Develop new tailored ministries through group ministries (Men’s’ group, seniors’ group, Family Nights, etc.)

### **Ministry of Education**

- ❖ Oversee the various education efforts of the parish (Sunday School, Bible Studies, and Coffee hour talks, Greek School, Culture and Dance).
- ❖ Develop and find new sources of materials to benefit the knowledge and awareness of the faith within the community.
- ❖ Emphasize Adult Education

### **Ministry of Service**

- ❖ Help to expand the focus of the parish from inward to outward by encouraging opportunities for service, not only to the parish, but to the greater community-at-large.
- ❖ Work groups for church beautification.
- ❖ [www.saintjohnsprogram.org](http://www.saintjohnsprogram.org) for children, volunteer opportunities.
- ❖ [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners)

### **Ministry of Worship**

- ❖ Assist the Priest in ensuring an inspirational and dignified worship experience for parishioners and visitors.
- ❖ Narthex organization of ushers/greeters.
- ❖ Encouraging visitors to fill out visitor cards with addresses, etc. Sending postcard follow-up and providing Priest with address for welcome letter.
- ❖ Organize Narthex Docents during festival,
- ❖ Choir management, Acolyte servers and Chanting management.
- ❖ Iconography and beautification.

This ministry structure will be a continuous work in progress, constantly changing as our ministry and community involvement grows. The ultimate goal of any work of our parish will be to do the work of God here, in order to “Manifest the Kingdom of God here.”

*Father Dina*

# Internet Ministries at Saint Katherine

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

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, Instagram, and our new Saint Katherine Quiks smartphone app!

***TO REACH OUR WEBSITE***, enter [www.saintkatherine.org](http://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. At the bottom, 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
- listen to Father Dino’s sermons
- follow us on Instagram

Our website also offers the Weekly Announcements. 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 all 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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/saintkatherine) and [www.facebook.com/eggreekfestival](http://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](http://saintkatherine.shutterfly.org). If you’re on Twitter, follow our Festival account at [www.twitter.com/eggreekfestival](http://www.twitter.com/eggreekfestival). And look for us on Instagram at [saintkatherinegoc](http://saintkatherinegoc).

***DONATIONS:*** \_to Saint Katherine can be made by check, credit card, Paypal and our new Saint Katherine Quiks smartphone app. Just give Father Dino your cell phone number and he will invite you to download it.

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

**SAINT KATHERINE**  
**2017**  
**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES**

April

7	FRIDAY EVENING	Tie Palm Crosses	6:30 PM
8	LAZARUS SATURDAY	Divine Liturgy Confessions following Liturgy	10 AM
9	PALM SUNDAY	Divine Liturgy & luncheon	10 AM
10	HOLY MONDAY	Bridegroom Service	7 PM
11	HOLY TUESDAY	Bridegroom Service	7 PM
12	HOLY WEDNESDAY	Holy Unction Service	5:30 PM
13	HOLY THURSDAY	Divine Liturgy Holy Passion Service	10 AM 7 PM
14	HOLY FRIDAY	(Decorate Epitaphios) Descent From the Cross Service of Lamentations	9 AM 3 PM 7 PM
15	HOLY SATURDAY	Divine Liturgy Resurrection Service	10 AM 11:45 PM
16	EASTER SUNDAY	Resurrection Liturgy (Paschal supper follows in church hall) Agape Vespers	12:01 AM  12 PM

**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 2017 Saint Katherine Parish Council are as follows: Richard Bueche, President; Kostas Kapiniaris, Vice President; Theodore Pantazis, Treasurer; Demos Papadopoulos, Secretary; and Perry Stathos. 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, or through our new Saint Katherine Quiks smartphone app.

**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 2017. 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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**NEW SAINT KATHERINE LEAF PROGRAM** – Our Parish Council has implemented a new program to encourage all parishioners to donate a leaf for either the Tree of Life or the Memorial Tree in our Tsakopoulos Hall. Now families can choose to complete their \$1,000 per leaf donation over 3 years. The leaf will be engraved now and reminders will be sent every year for the next installment donation. See Father Dino for more details.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

Return in person or mail to: 9165 Peets Street, Elk Grove, CA 95758

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Psychosabbata** (Memorial Saturdays) 10 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by the Memorial Service. February 18<sup>th</sup>, February 25<sup>th</sup>, and March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Presanctified Liturgies** – The Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts beginning at 10 AM on the following Wednesdays: March 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Salutations to the Virgin Mary** (Cairētismoi th~ Qeotokou) will be chanted beginning at 7 PM on the following Fridays: March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**The Akathist Hymn** (O Akathisto~ Umno~) will be chanted on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM.

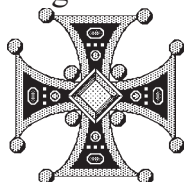
April 7<sup>th</sup>, Friday – Tie Palm Crosses, 6:30 PM

April 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Saturday of Lazarus, Divine Liturgy 10 AM; Sacrament of Confession following.

April 9<sup>th</sup> to April 16<sup>th</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 13<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day Luncheon, sponsored by our Philoptochos Society in our Tsakopoulos Hall, Saturday at Noon. All are invited but reservations are required.

May 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunday School Graduation following the Divine Liturgy.



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