



SAINT KATHERINE CHRONICLE / MAY - JUNE 2009

A Word from your Pastor

Christ is risen! A simple statement, but a powerful one because it says so much.

Three simple words convey the fact that there was a man named Christ who was killed and buried, and then came back to life. Something no one had ever done before. The words 'Christ is risen' imply that something unbelievable for any ordinary human to do, was done. For Christ to rise from the dead, he must have had some type of incredible power. A power that could defeat the previously undefeated death. When we say 'Christ is risen', we are saying exactly what the centurion at the crucifixion said when he saw the earthquake and what took place, "Truly this was the Son of God!" (Matthew 27:54)

Three simple words that convey such tremendous meaning. For those of us who understand the meaning, these three words change us...they change our outlook on life, our attitude, our entire being. When we say Christ is risen, we are saying that we believe in someone who as God and man smashed the domain of death and showed us a path that, if we chose to follow, would lead us to a wonderful life that never ends.

The irony that three simple words can convey something so complex and powerful fascinates me. In fact, I try to use that same concept of 'simplicity pointing to something much greater' as my guide in all that I do as a priest.

For example, this year during holy week, we conducted the services in their entirety, but in a concise and succinct manner to relate the powerful essence of the service without any overblown dramatic flairs or any long, tedious, and unintelligible intervals. As a result, we received more positive feedback regarding the services of holy week than ever before.

I believe it is important today, to get right to the heart of the matter...any matter, but especially the matter of faith. And the best way to do that is to make it as easy as possible for parishioners to understand what is going on, and then let the beauty of the Orthodox Christian faith and worship take it from there.

Truly, Christ is risen!

Father Dino

PARISH NOTES

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STEWARDSHIP – Thank you for your support of Saint Katherine through Stewardship giving. So far, we have received Stewardship commitment cards from 202 families, totaling \$187,567, with an average offering of \$928 from each family for the year. If you have not done so already, please complete your Stewardship card today and mail it to the church. Stewardship donations are payable by check, credit card via telephone, and Paypal or credit card via the Saint Katherine Church website.

THE SAINT KATHERINE WEBSITE UPDATES – www.saintkatherine.org

Be sure to check the newest updates to our parish website, especially the new feature noted above. Also, available are recordings of several of Father Dino's Sunday sermons.

BONSAI BONANZA – This year marks the 50th anniversary of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento. Their 50th anniversary show will be held on the weekend of May 30th & 31st at the Shepard Garden Center located at the northeast corner of McKinley Park. Look for Father Dino's initials: C.C.P. Refer to the flyer in this month's issue of the *Chronicle* for more details. Admission is free.

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED – The Panhellenic Scholarship Foundation is offering scholarships of \$10,000 each in Fall, 2009, to all U.S. high school graduates and university students of Hellenic descent. More info at: www.panhellenicscholarships.org. Also, the Annunciation Endowment Fund offers eight \$1,000 scholarships to qualified 2009 high school graduates accepted for enrollment at an accredited college, university, or vocational school. The Jorgi Nicholau Boom scholarship fund offers up to three \$1,000 scholarships to students attending an accredited four year college or university, enrolled to begin Sophomore, Junior or Senior years in Fall, 2009. Application deadlines are June 1, 2009. More info at: www.annunciation.ca.goarch.org.

NEW PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY PLANNED – We will produce our own photo directory this year, with pictures, names and phone numbers of parishioners. Parishioner and professional photographer, Bill Mahon (www.billmahonphoto.com) will be scheduling photo sittings for families on all four Sundays in June, at 8:30 to 10 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please contact Bill at 916-929-1950 or billmahonphotos@gmail.com, to schedule your family's sitting appt. Photo packages and directories will be available for ordering at very reasonable prices

MEMORIAL TREE CEREMONY – On May 24, 2009, following Divine Liturgy, we will have our annual Memorial Tree Ceremony in the Tsakopoulos Hall. If you would like to include your loved one in the Memorial Tree Ceremony, please fill out the form below to donate a Memorial Leaf, and return to Father Dino by May 17th.

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Saint Katherine Memorial Tree

Select name format (choose one):

Donation -- \$1,000 per Golden Leaf

First name, Last Name (eg. John Poulos)

First name, Spouse Name, Last Name (eg. John and Mary Poulos)

- In Memory of -

Please print your inscription on the line above, exactly as you would like to see it engraved.

Philoptochos News

Philoptochos Societies are an important part of Greek Orthodox Parishes everywhere. The word Philoptochos means “friend of the poor”. Who are the poor? Those who are poor in financial and material resources, and also those who are poor in spirit, health, companionship, emotional stability and whatever is needed to lead a fulfilling life. 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. In addition, our Philoptochos general fund contributes to the following local charities: WIND Youth, Elk Grove Food Closet and LCCF Scholarship Fund. Please contact Dina Scordakis, President, or one of the leaders listed below for information about becoming a member.

○ Abigail Circle – Athina Holland

○ Mary Magdeline Circle – Presvytera Chrisoula Pappademos

○ Rebecca Circle – Diane Petersen

○ Anna / Sarah Circle – Alison Aleman

○ Rachel Circle – Mary Kondos or Debbie Meyer

○ Susanna Circle – Sophia Stathos/Alexia Kavros

Upcoming Events for Philoptochos

→ **Mother’s Day Luncheon set up** is on Friday, May 8th, at 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. All volunteers are welcome and most appreciated!

→ **Our annual Mother’s Day Luncheon** is Saturday, May 9th. Please see Mary Kondos or Alison Aleman to make a Memorial or Honorarium donation in the name of your Mother or Grandmother for publication in the Mother’s Day Program

→ **Garden Party at The Secret Garden, 8998 Elk Grove Blvd., Old Elk Grove:** Friday, June 5th, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Come and see the beautiful garden gifts, fountains and accessories offered and enjoy refreshments and fellowship. Proceeds will benefit the Philoptochos Memorial Herb Garden. Everyone is invited. For more details, contact Alison Aleman, (916) 812-2362/714-9492.

→ **Elections** for new Philoptochos Board positions will be held on May 31. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please talk to your Circle leader. Each Circle has two representatives who serve on the Board.

Saint Anna
Greek Orthodox Church
**Food
Festival
2009**

Friday, May 22 • 4-10pm

Saturday, May 23 • 11am-10pm

Sunday, May 24 • Noon-8pm

1001 Stone Canyon Drive, Roseville
Off Roseville Parkway between Douglas and Sunrise

**Free admission
Food to go**

Info: 772-9372, saintanna.org



Religious Education

Sunday, May 17, 2009, will be our last day of Sunday School and our graduation ceremony. Please join us for the graduation ceremony immediately following Divine Liturgy, to honor our Sunday School and high school graduates. Many thanks to our wonderful Sunday School director and teachers for all of their hard work, dedication and efforts to help the children of Saint Katherine.



ACOLYTES' SCHEDULE – The team schedule for the next several months is:

Archangel Gabriel

Constantine Johal
Lucas Makrakis
Josh Hames
Anthony Stathos
Christopher Gergiannakis
John Potiris
Michael Constantinou
Dimitri Dogias

May 10 & 24 – June 7 & 21

Archangel Michael

Dimitri Pappademos
Ryan Stralen
Jack Stralen
Manoli Leones
Alexander Leones
Anthony Balalis
Sergio Chipain
Nicholas Scordakis

May 3, 17 & 31 – June 14 & 28



PROSPHORON SCHEDULE

Athanasia Manikas: May 24, July 5
Eleni Camperos: May 31, July 12
Christine Economy: June 7, July 19

Sevasti Hatzopoulos: May 3, June 14
Anna Papajohn: May 10, June 21
Eleni Vathis: May 17, June 28

MEMORIAL FLAME -- If you would like to have the Memorial Vigil 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 Thursday, February 19th, Georgia Karnezis and family, offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of their beloved father, Arthur Govastes, 5 years since his passing.

On Sunday, March 15th, the Holy Altar Vigil Flame burned in memory of Ted Econome, 6 years since his passing and was offered by his loving wife, Georgia Econome.

On Holy Wednesday, April 15th, Sophia Stathos and family offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of their father and grandfather, Emmanuel Tzanakakis, 6 months since his passing.

On Holy Thursday, April 16th, Jim and Eleni Camperos offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of their beloved parents.

On Sunday, April 26th, the Holy Altar Vigil Flame burned in memory of Stellios “Jimmy” Pappas, 2 years since his passing and was offered by Jacqueline Pappas and family.

On Sunday May 3rd, Greg Stathos and Georgia Jenkins-Wenger offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of their father George Frank Stathos, 47 years since his passing.



Saint Katherine Greek Folk Dance Program 2009

We welcome all children of the parish to learn beautiful dances from our Greek heritage and wear authentic Greek costumes. The goal of our dance program is to perform for our food festival which will be held on September 26th and 27th. Returning dancers, who still have their costumes, should bring their professionally cleaned costumes on the day practice begins.

Who: All children and young adults ages 4 and up

When: Practice starts Friday, May 15th

6:45 pm Prayer and Announcements

7:00 pm Dance Practice

Where: Saint Katherine Church

We are requesting a \$20.00 per dancer registration and costume deposit fee. Payments will be returned after the dance program is concluded based on a complete and clean costume. Checks are payable to the St. Katherine's Greek Folk Dancers.



Contact: If you would like more information please contact Heidi Perris at 916-354-0364 or by email at agapehp@sbcglobal.net

SAVE THE DATE! WEEKEND IN GREECE 2009

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Mark your calendars! It's that time again -- time to start our preparations for Saint Katherine's 14th **annual Weekend in Greece**, to be held September 26 and 27, 2009!

We are honored to be chairing the festival this year, and are looking forward to another successful Weekend in Greece. But we cannot do it alone! We need each of you to contribute some of *your **time, talent, and treasure*** to this fabulous event. As the festival draws nearer, more of your time and talent will be needed. This early on, however, what we need more than anything is *treasure – your financial support*. In today's difficult financial climate, we understand that resources are limited. Your early contribution to our biggest fundraiser of the year allows us to put your investment to its best use! We need approximately \$30,000 to pay for supplies, materials, music, etcetera, so please, tear off the form below and make your early donation.

We also will have various levels of business sponsorship available. If you are interested in taking advantage of this great philanthropic marketing opportunity, let us know.

We look forward to celebrating with you at this year's Weekend in Greece!

Very truly yours,

Enrico & Jamie Carrieri, Festival Chairpersons
(916) 859-0921 jamie.carrieri@yahoo.com

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2009 WEEKEND IN GREECE DONATION FORM

We would like to help make our festival a big success this year, by donating:

\$ _____

Your Name: _____

Telephone: _____

(Please make your check payable to Saint Katherine Church, mark the memo section "Festival Donation," & return it to the church office 9165 Peets Street, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Thank you!)

ABAS - 50th Anniversary Show

50TH
ANNUAL

American Bonsai Association, Sacramento

Watch for details on our ANNIVERSARY SHOW

BONSAI SHOW

MAY 30 - 31, 2009

Saturday:

May 30th

10 a.m.

to

4 p.m.

***Jim Gremel
Demo & Workshop**

Sunday:

May 31st

10 a.m.

to 3 p.m.

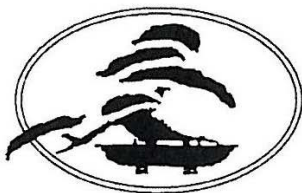
***Bob Shimon
Demo & Workshop**

***Demos take place
at 1:30 p.m. both days**



*To participate in workshops please contact Show Program Chair,
Paul Holtzen at: 916-933-3681 or email: pbholtzen@sbcglobal.net*

- **Bonsai Styling Demonstrations with Jim Gremel and Bob Shimon**
- **Hands - on workshops for all levels from beginners to advanced**
- **Large sale and vendor area: selling trees, tools, pots and more**
- **Daily raffles and door prizes**
- **Antique bonsai trays, out of print bonsai books available for sale**



Shepard Garden & Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95816

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 3, Sunday – Annual Spring General Assembly following Divine Liturgy
May 5, Tuesday – Senior League Luncheon, Annunciation Church, 11 a.m.
May 8, Friday – Set up for Mother’s Day Luncheon, Tsakopoulos Hall, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
May 9, Saturday – Mother’s Day Luncheon, Tsakopoulos Hall, 11:30 a.m.
May 12, Tuesday -- Parish Council meeting, 7 p.m.
May 15, Friday – Youth Folk Dance Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.
May 17, Sunday – Sunday School Graduation following Divine Liturgy; also, AHEPA Day
May 22, Friday – Youth Folk Dance Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.
May 24, Sunday – Memorial Tree Ceremony in Tsakopoulos Hall following Divine Liturgy
May 28, Thursday – Divine Liturgy, Feast of the Ascension, 10 a.m.
May 29, Friday – Youth Folk Dance Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.
May 31, Sunday – Philoptochos Board Meeting and elections following Divine Liturgy
- June 2, Tuesday – Senior League Luncheon, Annunciation Church, 11 a.m.
June 5, Friday – Youth Folk Dance Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.; Garden Party to benefit Philoptochos at
The Secret Garden, Old Elk Grove, 6 p.m.
June 6, Saturday – Psychosabbaton Liturgy & Mem. Service, 10 a.m.
June 7, Sunday – Pentecost Sunday; Parish Directory photo sittings begin 8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
June 9, Tuesday – Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Parish Council meeting, 7 p.m.
June 12, Friday – Youth Folk Dance Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.
June 14, Sunday – Parish Directory photo sittings, 8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
June 16, Tuesday – Bible Study, 10 a.m.
June 19, Friday – Youth Folk Dance Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.
June 21, Sunday – Parish Directory photo sittings, 8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
June 23, Tuesday – Bible Study, 10 a.m.
June 26, Friday – Youth Folk Dance Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m. (future rehearsals on July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31,
and August 21 and 28)
June 28, Sunday – Parish Directory photo sittings, 8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
June 29, Monday – Divine Liturgy, Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, 10 a.m.
June 30, Tuesday – Divine Liturgy, Feast of the Holy Apostles

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