



SAINT KATHERINE CHRONICLE / NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2010

## *A Word from your Pastor*

In this last issue of the year, I would like to direct your attention to all that happened at Saint Katherine in 2010. It has been a wonderful year, filled with some great events: a huge Crab Feed, beautiful Easter services, a lovely Mothers Day Luncheon, a visit by Father Pavlos of the Saint Katherine Monastery on Mount Sinai, and of course, the biggest and most successful festival we have ever had. In addition, we were able to pay our bills in the midst of very difficult economic circumstances nationally.

As we turn our attention to the New Year however, I would like to expand our focus to something else. Yes, I hope everything will run as smoothly and successfully as it has this past year, but as we begin our planning, I would like us to think of approaching our life here at Saint Katherine from a different perspective.

Next year, rather than thinking of *what we should do*, let's concentrate on *who we will be*.

You see, I believe that in addition to being concerned with coordinating all the activities that happen in our beautiful little church, it is important for us to know why we are here. The goal for each one of us should be to answer the question: "Why do I go to Church and what does Christ mean to me?"

When our Lord was sleeping in the boat, the disciples, frightened from the fierce storm that had arisen, awoke Him with the words, "Master save us, we are perishing!" Then the Lord got up and "rebuked the wind and the sea." And tranquility was restored.

The Church is also a messenger of peace, a fount of tranquility for the souls who suffer from whatever causes anxiety. We go to Church because it is there that our souls find peace and future salvation.

Faithfully yours,

*Father Dino*

# Parish Notes

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**THE FEAST OF SAINT KATHERINE**—This year, to allow for the fact that the Feast of Saint Katherine falls on Thanksgiving Day, we will celebrate the feast of our patron saint with a Vespers Liturgy on Wednesday night, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM only. Afterward the ladies of our Philoptochos Society will offer a special reception in the Tsakopoulos Hall, and area clergy have been invited. Please join in the celebration of Saint Katherine!

**SAINT KATHERINE NAMEDAY LUNCHEON**—This year we will celebrate our parish nameday with a festive luncheon in the Tsakopoulos Hall, on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, following the Divine Liturgy. The menu will include delicious barbeque chicken and all the trimmings for a donation of only \$10. The children of our youngest dance groups will also entertain us with some beautiful Greek folk dances. Join us!

**STEWARDSHIP** – Look for your 2011 Stewardship pledge card in the mail and return it to the office this week. Remember, your pledge is the main way to support Saint Katherine as it does the Lord's work.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD** – Don't forget to complete and return your form to have your family's name included in our annual Saint Katherine Christmas card. This is a wonderful way to send holiday greetings to your fellow Saint Katherine parishioners.

**NO MORE FESTIVAL FLIES!** – We hope you noticed this year during the festival, that we weren't beseiged by the usual swarm of flies in the hall area. That's because we received a very thoughtful and helpful donation from George and Kim Demas. Earlier this year they provided and installed special fans over all the exterior doors in our hall that produced a "curtain of air" that kept all flying insects outdoors where they belong. Many thanks to George and Kim, this year the festival "ambience" award goes to you!

## SAINT KATHERINE WEEKEND IN GREECE

I would like to formally express the appreciation of the entire parish to all the volunteers who worked so hard and to the donors and advertizers who provided some tremendous contributions, all of which ensured that we would hold the biggest and most successful Weekend In Greece annual festival in our parish's history.

Most of the bills have been paid and the donations have been counted, and the result is that we received just over \$84,000 in total receipts and had about \$20,000 in expenses to yield a net income of about \$64,000 for Saint Katherine this year.

We continue to learn ways to improve and to refine the festival every year and we welcome any suggestions for next year's effort. For now, we want to thank everyone who helped so much this year and we hope that you will come through for us again next year. Our goal will be to hit the \$100,000 mark in total income and I think that with everyone's help again, we can do it!

Again, thank you for everything you did for our Weekend In Greece and for Saint Katherine.

Sincerely,

*Theodore Pantazis*

Coordinator for the Parish Council

# **SUMMER OFFERING**

Our sincere appreciation to those parishioners who responded this past summer to make a summer offering. Just over \$10,000 was provided by those listed below, to help us pay our church expenses during the difficult summer months. Thank you for your generous support!

<b>Abraham &amp; Sonata Abbott</b>	<b>Paul &amp; Maria Leones</b>
<b>Georgia Andritsakis</b>	<b>Raymond &amp; Martha Lewis</b>
<b>Helen Andritsakis</b>	<b>George &amp; Iva Lionakis</b>
<b>Kosmas &amp; Anastasia Andritsakis</b>	<b>Bill &amp; Christina Mahon</b>
<b>Bessie Anton</b>	<b>Fotula Malas</b>
<b>Barry &amp; Deborah Cassidy</b>	<b>Helen Mayberry</b>
<b>Petrina Chiovitti</b>	<b>Matthew Mayberry</b>
<b>Savvas &amp; Stamatiki Coss</b>	<b>Greg &amp; Debbie Meyer</b>
<b>Donn &amp; Susan Dawson</b>	<b>Kalioppe Michos</b>
<b>William &amp; Susan Demas</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Cindy Nules</b>
<b>Mrs. Georgia Econome</b>	<b>Nick &amp; Anna Panagakos</b>
<b>Lyle &amp; Thea Elvin</b>	<b>Peter &amp; Anna Papajohn</b>
<b>Mrs. Vernie Engilis</b>	<b>Christo &amp; Valerie Arvanitis</b>
<b>George &amp; Kim Demas</b>	<b>Mrs. Anne Petras</b>
<b>Mrs. Helen Gianakakis</b>	<b>Mrs. Bessie Pothos</b>
<b>Konstantino &amp; Sofia Giourousis</b>	<b>Mrs. Sophia Potiris</b>
<b>Xavier &amp; Isabel Granados</b>	<b>Thomas &amp; Maria Warner</b>
<b>Henry &amp; Athina Holland</b>	<b>Tom &amp; Carol Robinson</b>
<b>Stephen &amp; Lydia Howell</b>	<b>Ms. Mireille Ruppe</b>
<b>Rosemary Johnston</b>	<b>Mrs. Sophia Zogopoulos</b>
<b>Paul Kakouris</b>	<b>Donald &amp; Mary Savage</b>
<b>Sophie Karnegas</b>	<b>James &amp; Anna Scaife</b>
<b>Alec &amp; Georgia Karnezis</b>	<b>Donald &amp; Despina Schrader</b>
<b>Robert &amp; Leah Essa</b>	<b>Dina &amp; Peter Scordakis</b>
<b>Chariclia Handlin</b>	<b>Will &amp; Natasha Vasilopoulos</b>
<b>George &amp; Bessie Kokkinis</b>	<b>Bessie Papailias</b>
<b>George &amp; Mary Kondos</b>	<b>Saint Katherine</b>
<b>Mrs. Yeshi Kibreab</b>	<b>Philoptochos Society</b>
<b>John &amp; Mary Kyriakides</b>	
<b>Katherine La Giusa</b>	

"Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work."  
(2 Corinthians 9:7-9)

## SAINT KATHERINE ACCOLYTES' SCHEDULE

### Archangel Gabriel

Constantine Johal  
Lucas Makrakis  
Nicholas Scordakis  
Anthony Stathos  
Christopher Gergiannakis  
John Potiris  
Michael Constantinou  
Dimitri Dogias

### Archangel Michael

Dimitri Pappademos  
Ryan Stralen  
Jack Stralen  
Manoli Leones  
Alexander Leones  
Anthony Balalis  
Josh Hames

*Nov. 7 & 21 –December 5 & 19*

*Nov. 14 & 28 —December 12 & 26*



## **PROSPHORON SCHEDULE**

Athanasia Manikas:	Nov. 21, Jan. 2	Sevasti Hatzopoulos:	Dec. 12, Jan. 23
Eleni Camperos:	Nov. 28, Jan. 9	Anna Papajohn:	Nov. 7, Dec. 19
Christine Economy:	Dec. 5, Jan. 16	Eleni Vathis:	Nov. 14, Dec. 26



**A POINT OF INFORMATION**—The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America has updated its national mailing list. In complying with the request of the Archdiocese, we have sent our Parish mailing list to them. We have been promised that the names and addresses will kept in “strict confidence.” Should the Archdiocese make any financial appeals by use of our Parish mailing list, it is up to your discretion as to whether or not you wish to support their request. Please keep in mind that our Parish Ministry Budget allows for a generous contribution to the Archdiocese. Saint Katherine has consistently supported the Archdiocese as a response of your Stewardship offerings and various contributions through our Parish.



“Democracy destroys itself because it abuses its right to freedom and equality. It teaches its citizens to consider audacity as a right, lawlessness as a freedom, abrasive speech as equality, and anarchy as progress.”  
—Isocrates (400 B.C.)

# Philoptochos News

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 Father Dino or Alison Alemán, President, for information about becoming a member. Additionally, if you know of a parish member or family member who is ill or shut-in, please contact Father Dino, or Elaine Pavlatos, Kathy LaGiusa or Sophia Stathos, of the SUSANNA CIRCLE, so that we can minister to them during their time of need.

## Upcoming Events for Philoptochos

→**Our next Philoptochos Board Meeting** will be Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> following Divine Liturgy. Location to be announced. If you have an interest in Philoptochos, please plan on attending.

→**Philoptochos Christmas Boutique** will be held for four Sundays, November 28, December 5, 12 and 19<sup>th</sup>, following the Divine Liturgy in the Tsakopoulos Hall. Come and do your Christmas shopping with Philoptochos this year!

→**Philoptochos is looking for service men and women from our Parish or Diocese.** If you have a loved one who is deployed overseas, perhaps in Iraq or Afghanistan, please tell Father Dino, Alison Alemán, or a member of Philoptochos. We are looking for a service man or woman to adopt! We would like to send them packages of goodies and necessities to show our love and support while they serve our country.

→**Philoptochos is also looking for a Seminarian to adopt.** If you know of a Greek Orthodox Seminarian away at school, please tell Father Dino, Alison Alemán, or a member of Philoptochos so that we can also send them packages to make them feel appreciated and loved.

The following delicious, freshly made pastries will be available for purchase at the Holiday Boutique: BAKLAVA, KATAIFI, MELOMAKAROUNA, and PAXIMADIA WITH CRANBERRIES! Gift boxes of selected varieties of pastries will also be for sale at the Boutique. The Abigail Circle will also be taking orders for their delicious VASILOPETA BREAD for your home on New Year's Day. TO ORDER, SEE ATHINA HOLLAND after Divine Liturgy on Sundays until Christmas.

The Philoptochos Board and Father Dino would like to personally thank all of the Philoptochos members and Parish ladies who worked so hard to prepare and serve all of the delicious Greek delicacies at our annual Weekend in Greece. It is a pleasure working with everyone and sharing fellowship with everyone! While "thank you" does not seem like enough to show our gratitude, we mean it with all our hearts!



# Religious Education

Our Sunday School program is off to a great start—and it is not too late to join us! Please bring your children to Sunday School promptly at 10 AM each Sunday.

Be sure to join us for our annual Christmas Program on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, following the Divine Liturgy. The children always do a fantastic job and remind us of the simple joys of Christmas.



**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 May 7<sup>th</sup>, Georgia Jenkins-Wenger and Greg Stathos offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of their beloved father, George F. Stathos, 48 years since his passing.
- † On Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, Kiki Allison offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of her loved ones Panayiotis, Alexander, Panayiotis, Maria, Kyriakos, Nicholas, Styliani, Panayiota, Basilios and Evgenia.
- † On Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, the Holy Altar Vigil Flame was offered by Judy Santrizos and Charlie Santrizos, in memory of their mother Claire Santrizos, 6 years since her passing.
- † On Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Georgia Jenkins-Wenger offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of her beloved daughter, Jennifer Elizabeth Jenkins, 10 years since her passing.
- † On October 13<sup>th</sup>, Dan and Athena Apostolos offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of their beloved mother, 3 years since her passing.
- † On October 13<sup>th</sup>, Popi Maneta offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of her beloved mother, Stamata Maneta, 1 year since her passing.
- † On Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, Alison Elle Alemán offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of her beloved mother, Elenegeorge Helen Lentzakis, 18 years since her passing.
- † Also on October 15<sup>th</sup>, Sophia Stathos and family offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of their beloved father Emmanuel Tzanakakis, 2 years since his passing.
- † On Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, the Holy Altar Vigil Flame burned in memory of Jennifer Jenkins on what would have been her 27<sup>th</sup> birthday, offered by her mother Georgia Jenkins-Wenger.
- † On Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, the Memorial Flame burned in memory of Catherine Canakes, offered by her sister, nephew, niece, and godson, Isabel (Canakes) Granados, Greg Stathos, Georgia Jenkins-Wenger and James Jenkins, 26 years since her passing.
- † On Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Georgia Jenkins-Wenger will offer the Memorial Flame in memory of her daughter, Jennifer.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov. 2, Tuesday—Bible Study, 10 AM; Annunciation Senior League Luncheon, 11:30 AM  
Nov. 7, Sunday—Philoptochos Board Meeting  
Nov. 8, Monday—Feast of the Holy Archangels, Michael & Gabriel, Divine Liturgy, 10 AM  
Nov. 9, Tuesday—Feast of Saint Nectarios, Divine Liturgy, 10 AM; Parish Council Meeting, 7 PM  
Nov. 16, Tuesday—No Bible Study, Father Dino attends clergy meeting in San Francisco.  
Nov. 21, Sunday—Saint Katherine Feastday Luncheon after church services, plus our annual fall General Assembly following luncheon.  
Nov. 23, Tuesday—Bible Study, 10 AM  
Nov. 24, Wednesday—**The Feast of Saint Katherine Vespers Liturgy, 7 PM**, reception following  
Nov. 25, Thursday—Thanksgiving  
Nov. 30, Tuesday—Bible Study, 10 AM  
Dec. 4, Saturday—Diocese Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon, Annunciation Church, 11:30 AM  
Dec. 5, Sunday—Annual Parish Council Elections following the Divine Liturgy  
Dec. 7, Tuesday—Bible Study, 10 AM; Annunciation Senior League Luncheon, 11:30 AM  
Dec. 12, Sunday—Feast of Saint Spyridon plus Loukoumathes Sale Fundraiser during coffee hour  
Dec. 14, Tuesday—Bible Study Christmas Party, 10 AM; Parish Council Meeting, 7 PM  
Dec. 15, Wednesday—The Feast of Saint Eleftherios, Divine Liturgy, 10 AM  
Dec. 19, Sunday—Sunday School Christmas Program  
Dec. 21, Tuesday—No Bible Study  
Dec. 25, Saturday—**Christmas Day, Divine Liturgy, 10 AM**  
Dec. 28, Tuesday—No Bible Study  
Jan. 1, Saturday—Divine Liturgy, Feast of St. Basil the Great, 10 AM  
Jan. 4, Tuesday—Bible Study, 10 AM; Senior League Luncheon, Annunciation Church  
Jan. 6, Thursday—Divine Liturgy, Feast of Theophany 10 AM  
Jan. 7, Friday—Divine Liturgy, Feast of Saint John the Baptist, 10 AM  
Jan. 22, Saturday—**Annual Saint Katherine Crab Feed**, 6 PM refreshments, 7 PM Dinner & auctions.

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