

TENTH SUNDAY OF SAINT LUKE

CONCEPTION OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS BY HER MOTHER, ST. ANNA; VENERABLE STEPHEN THE NEWLY ILLUMINED
PROPHETESS HANNAH THE MOTHER OF THE PROPHET SAMUEL; HOLY MARTYRS: SOSITHEOS, NARSOS & ISAAC

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Sermon: Saints Joachim and Anna

Orthros

Tone: Three

Sixth Eothinon: Luke 24:36-53

Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Galatians 4:22-27 (of St. Anna)

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 (pg. 109)

Epistle Reader: Philip Rausch

Prophora: St. Katherine Philoptochos

Coffee Hour Set-Up: Carolyn Crossley & Bonnie Mitrosilis

Coffee Hour Hostesses: Annamarie Kallas, Stephanie Hubbard, Helen Brock

Parish Council: Ronnie Wade, Christos Tzelepis, Andy Mitrosilis

Musical Selections: *Collection*: Nativity Carol (J.Rutter) *Dismissal*: Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day (J.Rutter)

Memorials: Mike Michel, 1 yr.; Rena Michel, 7 ½ yrs.; Sofia Tsilivakis, 4 yrs., Maria, Stavros, Panayiotis, Vlassios, Eleni, Atalandi, Kostadinos, Eleni, George, Nickos, Maria, Dimitri, Maria, Kyriaki, Eleni, Paniotis

Altar Boys Team: Two

Next Week's Team: Three

Parish Schedule for the Week December 9, 2018		
Sunday, December 9	Orthros Divine Liturgy Sunday School Adult Catechism Class (Petrofanis Conference Room)	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM
Monday, December 10	Greek Dance Practice	6:00 PM
Tuesday, December 11	Seniors Christmas Luncheon & Meeting Philoptochos Board Meeting (Fotion Fellowship Hall) YAL Basketball Practice	11:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM
Wednesday, December 12	AHEPA/DOP Christmas Party (Fotion Fellowship Hall) Boys Basketball Practice	6:00 PM 7:00 PM
Thursday, December 13	Girls Basketball	7:00 PM
Friday, December 14	Greek School	4:00 PM
Saturday, December 15	Greek School Greek School Christmas Party (Fotion Fellowship Hall) Choir Practice	9:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:10 PM

Parish Council Election Results

Congratulations to *Craig Brothers*, *John Giakouminakis*, *Alex Goumas*, *Bill Marutsos*, *Andy Mitrosilis*, and *Ron Wade*. May our Lord enlighten our Parish Council members to administer our parish wisely and to His glory.

Resurrection Hymn (Tone Three): Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια

Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death. And first born of the dead has He become. From the depths of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.

Stewardship Update – "It's the most wonderful time of the year!"

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, it's also time to make sure we have honored our promises to St. Katherine's Stewardship. We are getting closer to our goal of \$515,000 in pledges, but pledges are only promises until they are fulfilled. Please take a moment to fulfill your pledge to ensure that you remain in "good standing" in 2018. We are grateful for each and every one of our St. Katherine stewards.

Philoptochos Christmas Outreach

As we continue in the Nativity fast, Philoptochos invites you to participate in our Christmas outreach projects to benefit three local charities. See the enclosed flyer for detailed information. Collection boxes will be located in the Narthex area. We sincerely thank our community in advance for their generosity.

Holiday sweets for your holiday table – Greek Dance School Bake Sale next Sunday, December 16

Help our Greek Dance school out and help yourself deck-out your holiday table with delicious "home baked" sweets. Bring cash or your checkbook next Sunday and stock up. Baked goods also make wonderful hostess gifts.

Fresh-baked Vasilopita for your New Years celebration

Beginning today and continuing through December 23, Philoptochos is taking orders for freshly-baked Vasilopites that will be available for pick-up on Sunday, December 30. To order, stop by the Philoptochos table during coffee hour or contact Stella Demis at stellaz@gmail.com or 310-378-3789. Please note, orders must be prepaid. Make checks payable to St. Katherine Philoptochos with *vasilopita* in the memo section.

Philoptochos is selling special "Gold" Vasilopita coins & Cookbooks

For the "do-it-yourself" bakers, Philoptochos is offering keepsake Vasilopita coins for \$12 each, or 2 for \$20. These "gold-plated" coins are engraved with the image of St. Basil. We will also have a limited number of Philoptochos cookbooks available for purchase at \$15 each. Both items make terrific stocking-stuffers.

Foundation Scholarship Applications now available

Please stop by the church office to pick up a 2019 Scholarship application. Be sure to fully sign for your application packet. An early start will help our applicants meet the firm deadline of *Wed., April 10, 2019 at 5PM.*

Girl Scouts Baby Rattle Donation Drive – Now thru February 14

Troop 16945 is collecting baby rattles to distribute to the ill and suffering infants at the Los Angeles Children's Hospital. Drop off a new, packaged rattles (ages 0-1) in the collection box in Sunday School class EC-209.

Save the date! New Year's Eve Dinner Dance – Sponsored by the St. Katherine Greek Dance School

Looking for something to do on New Year's Eve? Plan on coming to a very festive event hosted by our Greek Dance school. The food will be delicious and our dancers will wow you with a terrific floor show. And if *you* come then the "parea" (the company) will also be excellent. More details coming soon.

St. Katherine Seniors Club Annual Christmas Luncheon – This Tuesday, December 11

Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for some good company, a delicious Christmas meal, and holiday music at our most festive meeting of the year. This year we are teaming up with the Redondo Beach Fire Department in collecting gifts for distribution to needy children in the community. *ONLY \$20 per person!*

Calling All Twenty-Somethings – Save the date – Saturday, December 22

Reconnect and enjoy the gift of giving together! Join us for an inspiring event and brunch (10:30AM) at the Brothers' home. Bring friends and RSVP to Chrysa by text 310-617- 8898.

Food and the Environment in Modern Greek History – Lecture & Q&A at LMU, Sunday, December 9

The Hellenic University Club invites you to spend an afternoon with Professor David Idol discussing how the growing export demand for Greek agricultural products is changing the country's landscape. Reception - 3PM; Lecture - 4PM in LMU's McIntosh Room (University Hall 3800). RSVP to hucorg@gmail.com or 310-215-3130.

Sponsored Coffee Hour – May their memory be eternal

Today's coffee hour is offered by the families of Michael & Rena Michel and Sofia Tsilivakis.