

SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY – THE GENEALOGY OF CHRIST

ALL THOSE WHO FROM THE BEGINNING OF TIME HAVE BEEN WELL-PLEASING TO GOD: FROM ADAM TO JOSEPH THE BETROTHED; ALL THE HOLY PROPHETS & PROPHETESSES, ESPECIALLY DANIEL & THE THREE YOUTHS TEN MARTYRS OF CRETE; VENERABLE PAUL, ARCHBISHOP OF NEOCAESARIA; MARTYR SCHINON; NAOUM THE WONDERWORKER, ILLUMINATOR OF BULGARIA; INAUGURATION OF HAGIA SOPHIA IN CONST'PLE

Sunday, December 23, 2018

Youth Choir Christmas Program

Orthros

Tone: Five

Eighth Eothinon: John 20:11-18

Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Hebrews 11: 9-10, 32-40 (pg. 118)

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25 (pg. 119)

Epistle Reader: Carolyn Crossley

Prophora: Eleni Delis and St. Katherine Philoptochos

Coffee Hour Set-Up: Carolyn Crossley & Bonnie Mitrosilis

Coffee Hour Hostesses: Nitsa Bazos, Helen Brock, Dena Flokas

Parish Council: George Mitsanas, Alex Goumas, Craig Brothers

Organ: *Collection:* O Come, O Come Emmanuel (arr. W.Held) *Dismissal:* Once in Royal David's City (H.J.Gauntlett)

Memorials: Dr. Gus T. Dalis–40 days; Euthimios & Anastasia Dalis, Peter & Margaret Dalis, Peter & Glykeria Koulos, Harry & Antonia Koulos, Virginia Balos; Angelo Revels–2 years, Billie Revels–2 years Stavros Sotirios Triantogiannis–40 days, Christina Delis Triantogiannis–5 years

Altar Boys Team: Four

Next Week's Team: Five

Parish Schedule for the Week December 23, 2018		
Sunday, December 23	Orthros Divine Liturgy Youth Choir Christmas Program	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM
Monday, December 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	Royal Hours of the Nativity Vespers Divine Liturgy of the Holy Nativity	6:00 PM 7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 25 <i>Nativity of the Lord (Office closed)</i>	Orthros Divine Liturgy	9:00 AM 10:00 AM
Wednesday, December 26	<i>Christmas Holiday (Office closed)</i>	
Thursday, December 27		
Friday, December 28		
Saturday, December 29		

Resurrection Hymn (Tone Five): Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον

Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful we both praise and worship Him, for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure. And the dead He raised unto life through His all-glorious resurrection.

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.

Is there Sunday School today? The 2018-19 Class Schedule is now available online!

Our church website has been updated and Sunday School has its own page! Go to www.StKatherineGOC.org, click the Ministries drop down, click Sunday School, there you will find a link to the schedule under the contact info. Keep checking our page because new and fun information will be added all the time!

Bookstore ready to help with your Christmas shopping

Why walk miles in the mall? Why interface with the internet? Shop with people you know and buy Orthodox gifts for your children, spouse, siblings parents, grandparents and do not forget your Godparents.

Philoptochos Christmas Outreach

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Christmas outreach projects to benefit three local charities. The collections of food and warm jackets, blankets, etc. will continue through January.

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance, December 31 – Sponsored by the St. Katherine Greek Dance School

Looking for something to do on New Year's Eve? You are invited 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. Seating available, call Martha Light 310-344-5770.

Fresh-baked Vasilopita for your New Years celebration – Today is the LAST DAY to preorder!

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 at \$10 each. 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.

Orthodox Christian Women's Book Club – Inaugural meeting will be on January 17, 2019, 6-8:30PM!

Join us as we launch our new St. Katherine ministry. A wonderful fellowship of women of all ages interested in deepening their faith and their life in Christ. Join us in the Petrofanis Conference Room (upstairs) an evening each month reading (and discussing) from an incredible selection of fiction and non-fiction works about and by Orthodox Christian women. For more info or to RSVP contact Angelica Sotiriou Rausch at philkoep@aol.com.

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.*

PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation – Awarding Scholarships to Undergraduates of Hellenic Heritage

The Foundation is now accepting applications (through 1/31/19) for its 2018/19 scholarships from eligible undergraduate students of Hellenic descent. Distributing 20 awards of \$10,000 each based on academic merit and financial need and an additional 20 Awards of \$2,500 each based solely on academic achievement. Apply online at: www.panhellenicsf.org. For additional information email pkorbakes@panhellenicsf.org or call 312-357-6432.

Musical Journey – Aegea Ensemble to perform traditional Hellenic music Asia Minor – January 13, 2019

The Hellenic Library of SoCal invites you to hear Dimitris Mahlis and his Aegea Ensemble at the William Bristol Auditorium (16600 Civic Center Dr. in Bellflower). Info/RSVP to 562-305-2356 or philiptrevezas@yahoo.com.

Sponsored Coffee Hour – May their memory be eternal

Coffee hour is offered in memory of Dr. Gus T. Dalis by his family; in memory of the departed members of the Dalis & Koulos Families by their family; in memory of Angelo & Billie Revels by the O'Regan, Furkioti & Stanford Families; in memory of Stavros & Christina Triantogiannis by Stavroula, Eleni and family.