

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY – FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

RESTORATION OF HOLY ICONS UNDER EMPEROR MICHAEL, HIS MOTHER THEODORA & PATRIARCH METHODIOS

VENERABLE ALEXIOS “MAN OF GOD” AND THEOSTERIKTOS THE CONFESSOR, MARTYR PAVLOS THE ICONOPHILE

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

Orthros

Tone: One

Ninth Eothinon: John 20:19-31

Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40; 12:1-2 (pg. 136)

Gospel: John 1:43-52 (pg. 137)

Epistle Reader: Jan Chilimidos

Prophora: Russell Pierson

Coffee Hour Set-Up: Carolyn Crossley and Elaine Wade

Coffee Hour Hostesses: Mary Pruitt, Arlene Staich, Elaine Wade

Parish Council: Christos Tzelepis, Andy Mitrosilis, John Giakouminakis

40 Day Blessing and Churching: Icara & Erin Pappas

Altar Boys Team: Three

Next Week's Team: Four

Parish Schedule for the Week March 17, 2019		
Sunday, March 17 <i>Sunday of Orthodoxy</i>	Orthros Procession of Icons & Divine Liturgy Adult Catechism Class (<i>Petrofanis Conference Room</i>) Sunday School St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival GOBL Away Game vs. St. Basil (<i>25925 Camino del Avion S.J. Capistrano</i>)	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:15 AM 3:00 PM
Monday, March 18	Compline & Confessions	7:00 PM
Tuesday, March 19	YAL Basketball Practice	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 20	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Boys Basketball Practice	7:00 PM 7:00 PM
Thursday, March 21	Orthodox Christian Women's Book Club (<i>Fotion Fellowship Hall</i>) Girls Basketball Practice	6:15 PM 7:00 PM
Friday, March 22	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Confessions Greek Language School 2 nd Salutations Service	10:00 AM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM
Saturday, March 23	Greek Language School Choir Practice (<i>Fotion Fellowship Hall</i>)	9:00 AM 1:00 PM

Thank you to our 2018 Stewards! The Honor Roll of Stewards is posted on the Stewardship bulletin board
Take a look at the *Honor Roll of Stewards*. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you who supported the parish in 2018.

St. Katherine Foundation Scholarships - Applications due *April 10, 5:00PM*. Award Ceremony, Sunday, *May 19*.

Resurrection Hymn (Tone One): Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος

The stone that had been sealed before Your tomb by the Jews and the soldiers guarding did watch over Your pure and sacred body. O Savior the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life, whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory unto our resurrected Christ. Glory unto Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation, O You alone who loves mankind.

Apolytikion of Orthodoxy Sunday: Τὴν Ἀχραντον Εἰκόνα Σοῦ

Your pure and holy image we honor Gracious Lord, entreating the forgiveness of all our faults, O Christ our God. For of Your own free will You deigned to ascend in the flesh upon the Cross, to deliver Your creation from satan's servitude. Thus with grateful hearts we proclaim to You, You have, O Savior, filled the universe with gladness by Your appearance to redeem human kind. Τὴν ἀχραντον Εἰκόνα σου προσκυνοῦμεν Ἀγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ἠυδόκησας σαρκί ἀνελεθῆν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύση οὖς ἐπλασας ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι Χαράς ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα, ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν Κόσμον.

Children will process with Icons during the service TODAY

In commemoration of the restoration of the Holy Icons back into the Church, our Sunday School children will take part in the sacred procession, proudly bearing a favorite icon. Please stand clear of the side aisles.

As today is all about Icons, a word about etiquette and Icons – Help us preserve our treasured Icons

During Great Lent church attendance increases; there may even be services that are “standing room only.” If you find yourself standing along the side or back walls, please **do not** lean up against any of the wall icons. Thank you!

St. John Oratorical Festival – Parish competition TODAY

Support our young speakers by listening attentively to their presentations. Special thanks to our judges and timekeepers and to Dr. Christos Thanos for generously offering a scholarship to our top first place contestant.

Fasting... YES! Fainting... NO!! Let our Physicians Ministry help protect you from the rigors of the Fast

Our Saint Katherine's Physicians Ministry has prepared a very helpful pamphlet on safe fasting practices. Please visit the brochure rack and avail yourself of the great information presented in this safe fasting publication.

Great Lent – Book your Lenten confession appointment without delay

Lent and confession go hand in hand. Fr. Michael will hear confessions (by appointment only) after services on Monday evenings and Friday mornings. For appointments please call the church office at 310-540-2434.

Online Giving, it's EASY, secure and convenient! TRY IT!

Go to www.stkatherinegoc.org and select "Donate" and "Stewardship" from the drop down menu. There you will find a link to **Abundant Online Giving**, our new online giving system. There you can make a one-time gift or set up weekly or monthly giving. You can also easily get to the site by texting **STKGOB** to **73256** on your smart device.

St. Katherine Greek Language School's Greek Independence Day & Annunciation luncheon – March 24

Join us on March 24 (after liturgy) for our annual fundraiser luncheon celebrating this double feast of the Church and homeland. Support our students as they participate in our school program and enjoy a fish or pasta lunch. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children, children under five, FREE. Raffle tickets, \$2 each or 6 for \$10. See Mary Pruitt or Maria Polson at coffee hour on Sundays or at Greek school to RSVP, purchase raffle tickets or make a donation.

Orthodox Christian Women's Book Club (OCWBC) – Meeting this Thursday, March 21

Join us in our growing fellowship as we gather this Thursday (6:15–8:15pm). New members are welcome to attend. Bring your finished reading, insights, comments and enthusiasm. Share your thoughts on *The Forgotten Desert Mothers* by Laura Swan. Get an early start and purchase our April reading, *The Jesus Prayer*, by F. Mathewes-Green and *Living in Christ*, by Mother Raphaela. Books are available for purchase at our St. Katherine Bookstore.

Festival Ad Book and Booth Sponsorship Deadline is May 31

It's time to submit your ad for the Ad Book or to sponsor one of our festival booths. See your name in print or promote your business! For more information please contact ads@SBGreekFestival.com

Green Hills opening a brand new section with discounted initial offering prices for St. Katherine members

This new section will feature beautiful harbor views with meandering streams, waterfalls and cobblestone bridges. In an effort to educate our community on the financial and emotional benefits of advanced planning, Nina Papadakis is now working with Green Hills to assist our congregation. Contact Nina Papadakis by April 30 at 310-521-4476 or by email at npapadakis@ghmp.com to qualify for the most substantial savings.