



# **“OUR HELP AND COMFORT”**

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## **GIVING THANKS TO GOD AS A SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE**

**A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL**

Dearly Beloved,

The months of November and December, with the holidays of Thanksgiving, the Feast of St. Katherine, and Christmas, give all of us an opportunity to develop the spiritual discipline of expressing our gratitude to God. This may take place in three ways: 1) public gathering for worship; 2) family devotion time; and 3) private prayer. Each form of the above is a type of spiritual exercise that helps us to focus on the blessings that the Almighty has provided for us, and this is pleasing to God. In the same way that a loving father's heart is warmed when his children show him appreciation, so God our Father is glorified when we express our thanks to Him.

Public worship in the Orthodox Christian tradition offers many ways in which we give thanks to God. The Great Doxology that concludes the Orthros (Matins) service is a musical expression of thanks that prepares us to have an attitude of gratitude that is proper for us to enter into the mystery of the Divine Liturgy. The Eucharistic celebration of the Divine Liturgy is a remembrance of how our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ took the bread, gave thanks, and offered it to His Holy Disciples as His very Body and Blood, broken and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Pay attention to the special holiday services in this newsletter for the Feast of St. Katherine and Christmas, and come and give thanks publicly to God for His great goodness.

Our family traditions at home for Thanksgiving and Christmas give us many ways to creatively offer thanks

to God. Every meal should begin with prayer, and the head of each household can give every member an opportunity to lead in prayer and offer thanks at different occasions throughout the next two months. This is an important practice for children to participate in, not only at the Thanksgiving gathering, but at Christmas as well. When the head of the household takes time before meals to lead the family in prayer, and gives others the opportunity to participate, the Holy Spirit is present and the home is blessed!

Finally, we ought to offer thanks to God each and every day of our life. I find it especially helpful to make a mental list of all the things that I am grateful for and then offer thanks to God each morning for those blessings! St. Paul taught us that it is God's will that we rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and that we should give thanks in all circumstances. A fellow priest said that he tries to give thanks to God every day during his morning commute from his home to the church. This priest likes to find ten things to thank God about as a way to start his day with the right spiritual mindset and it also helps him to avoid road rage! This is another benefit of an attitude of gratitude.

I pray that we may all give proper thanks to God for the gifts He has given us in our lives, and in doing so grow closer to Him in our hearts and minds!

With respect and love in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Michael



Saint Katherine Philoptochos wishes our Saint Katherine community a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas.

November 1 we commemorate the feast day of the Unmercenarys, Saints Cosmas and Damianos, patron saints of Philoptochos. In their honor, we have sent \$500 to National Philoptochos to benefit the philanthropic programs and charities of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Thank you for your donations to our tray collections for hurricane relief. We have forwarded the collections to I.O.C.C. (International Orthodox Christian Charities) and National Philoptochos. The need is on-going and you can continue to assist National Philoptochos with relief efforts. Please visit [www.philoptochos.org](http://www.philoptochos.org), click on "Donate" on the left side of the page and select "2017 Hurricane Relief Fund" under special appeals.

The Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos invites everyone to the annual "Light the Path" Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, November 18 at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Long Beach. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the Christmas season and support the Bishop Anthony/Philoptochos Student Aid Endowment Fund, which provides financial assistance to Hellenic College/Holy Cross students from our Metropolis.

We will celebrate our parish **Feast Day of Saint Katherine** on Friday evening, November 24 with Vespers and on Saturday, November 25 with Orthros and Divine Liturgy. Join us for a coffee reception after services.

During this season of Thanksgiving we reflect on all that we have to be thankful for. In recent months, thanks go to: our prosforo bakers; our coffee hour hostesses; Blessing of the Animals participants and chairs Mary Beth Riblett and Georgene Mitsanas who baked and packaged the pet biscuits. Special thanks to our 2017 Philoptochos members. We sincerely appreciate your participation and support.

"Make a Difference Day" is a national initiative by Philoptochos which encourages children and adults to do "good deeds." In honor of the October 26 name day of our Archbishop Demetrios, Philoptochos chapters across the country participated in "Make a Difference Day" during the month of October. Due to construction and space issues at church, our project will be in November. We are collecting toiletries and hygiene items for **Rainbow Services**, a San Pedro based

agency that provides support and assistance to women and children dealing with family violence.

Thank you also for continuing to support our on-going community outreach project to benefit **Shared Bread** at First United Methodist Church in Redondo Beach. We are planning additional **outreach projects** during the **Christmas season**. We will be collecting unwrapped toys and gifts for the **1736 Family Crisis Center** as well as blankets and gently used jackets for "**Beacon for Him**" and food/pantry items for "**Shared Bread.**" Watch for more information on all our outreach programs in upcoming weekly bulletins.

Do you know of someone needing a ride to church? Are you willing to provide a ride to someone in need? If you need a ride or can provide a ride, please notify Mary Pruitt at [pruitt@usc.edu](mailto:pruitt@usc.edu) or 310-372-5159.

Philoptochos will soon be preparing our schedule for **2018 coffee hour hostesses**. If you enjoy your weekly cup of coffee after Liturgy and are willing and able, we invite you to consider volunteering to help. "Set up" volunteers start the coffee and set out supplies. Hostesses serve coffee, put koliva in cups (if there is a memorial service), and clean-up. We will help you learn the "job." You can sign up as an individual or if you prefer, as a group of two or three. The more volunteers we have, the less often you will serve. To volunteer, contact Andrea Ballas at [avballas@gmail.com](mailto:avballas@gmail.com) or 310-325-5002.

**Thanks to your support** we continue to meet our commitments to the National and Metropolis Philoptochos. Recent donations to National Philoptochos have been: \$250 for Retired Clergy & Widowed Presbyteras Benevolent Fund and \$750 for Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology Scholarship Fund. In addition, we have supported Children's Foundation of America - formerly Trinity Youth Services (\$1000), Project Mexico (\$1000), Walking Strong Foundation (\$1000), St. Herman's & St. Vladimir's Theological Seminaries (\$500 each), 1736 Family Crisis Center and Rainbow Services (\$400 each); Veterans of Foreign Wars, SmileTrain, and Union Rescue Mission (\$200 each).



*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians, 9:7*

As we enter the month of November, it is time for the Stewardship Committee to wrap up this year and look forward to making plans for next year. We are so grateful to our many parishioners who have filled out pledge cards and made payments to fulfill their pledges in 2017. The combination of pledge cards and regular giving helps the Parish Council to plan for the year ahead and to meet all of the financial obligations associated with running the church and all of her ministries.

Our goal this year is to raise \$500,000 to meet these operating expenses. As of this writing, we have over \$450,000 in pledges. We have an additional \$20,000 in donations from "unpledged donors". That still leaves us about \$30,000 short of our goal. However, each year, we have a large number of parishioners who wait until the end of the year to fill out pledge cards and/or make donations to the church. Historically, it is these fall pledges that help us meet our goals, but we can never count on them until they appear. This is also a time where those who have already pledged look into their hearts to see if they can give just a little more to our beloved St. Katherine Church. Again, these generous increases are instrumental in helping us reach our annual stewardship goals.

Whether you were the first to pledge or the last, you are critical to the success of St. Katherine in serving our parishioners through our many ministries. As we go forward into the new year, we are going to try to consolidate our pledging cycle so that it no longer lasts all year long. Pledge cards and stewardship packets for 2018 will be sent out at the end of December and we are hopeful that we can convince every parishioner to turn their pledge cards in at the *beginning of the new year!* In fact, we are so hopeful that we can convince many of you to start the year off right that we are moving our Stewardship Sunday to January with this goal in mind. Let's work together to wrap up 2017 successfully and meet our current goal of raising \$500,000. Check to see that you are fulfilling your 2017 stewardship commitments and then start the new year right by making a new commitment for 2018 in January!

## FOUNDATION NEWS

*THANK YOU TO ALL! ΣΑΣ ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΟΥΜΕ!*

**ROSALIND HALIKIS**

Your support of the Thanksgiving Benefit Drawing every year has helped a great deal in reaching our goal to support the young men and women of our parish by offering merit scholarships for their academic achievements and contribution of time and talent to the church and community. We are extremely pleased and proud of these students who have been accepted in many prestigious universities in a very wide variety of majors. We wish to continue encouraging these future leaders. Come & join us in the *Foundation Community Center on November 19* where the drawing will take place for a 1st prize of \$3000, 2nd prize of \$1000 & three 3rd prizes of \$100 each. *It is not too late to buy tickets!* Tickets will also be sold in the Community Center every Sunday of November including the day of the drawing.

The sad loss in the past year of our two charter board members, Chris W. Caras & Anglo Revels of blessed memory, has been felt by all of us and we wish to continue their work ethic and vision. We are pleased to announce and congratulate our new board members, *Craig Brothers, Chris Caras, Jr.* and *Dr. Nick Halikis*. We wish them God's blessings and guidance to continue all that the charter members envisioned for our parish and community. *AXIOI!*

## BUDDING ANGELS

**ANELIA V. ORDOULIDIS**

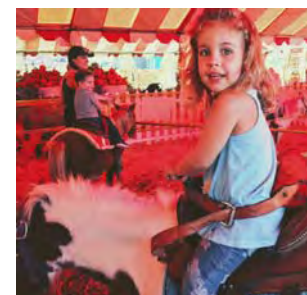
The fall season has its own beauty, and instantly reminds us of the upcoming Christmas holidays. Christmas, on the other hand, is the season that reminds us of who we truly are. It brings our families together, and it always reminds us of our childhood...



Our wonderful, sweet Budding Angels will have more opportunities to share fun moments this holiday season. We have just had our gathering this month at the Torrance pumpkin patch where both parents and kids had such a wonderful time. It sure will add to the memories we share through our meetings. Next month we are planning on having our Thanksgiving gathering. Stay tuned for the time and location.

As a reminder, the Budding Angels group provides a wonderful opportunity for our kids to make friends and grow up together as members of St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church. It is the youngest youth program for children newborn to 3 years old. Parents benefit as well by attending our social gatherings; we all share the same parental challenges. New church members are always welcome

so please feel free to e-mail me at [anelia.velinoff@gmail.com](mailto:anelia.velinoff@gmail.com). Wishing that the holiday season brings health, love, and joy to our St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church family!





## GREEK LANGUAGE SCHOOL

MARY PRUITT

Our classes are in full swing and we are busier than ever! This year we are able to offer 10 different classes to our community plus a class for adults. But first we have to welcome our new teacher; Ms Thespina Patronas has joined us and she brings many talents, including her love for children, music, our Greek language and culture. She was born in Athens and has a degree in Theology, a B.S. in Education with double minor in Christian Counseling and Biblical Studies. Moreover, Ms Thespina is a singer, songwriter, composer and recording artist and has many years of experience working with children. We feel truly blessed to have her at our school and we are already learning a lot from her and she is becoming an invaluable member of our school.

Last year, students that were new to Greek had to be in the same class, regardless of their age. This was done simply because we did not have any more teachers to divide the students according to their age group. It was a challenging year for the teacher because of the big age gap. Thanks to Ms Thespina, this year we are able to create two different classes for our students that are new to the Greek language, an older group and a younger group and thus offer a more age appropriate and productive curriculum to these students. In addition to our 2 beginner classes, we have our Greek with Music for Mommy and Me class, for children newborn to 3 years, two classes for our Pre-K age students, Kavourakia 3-4 year olds and Asteries 4-5 year olds, our Kinder level class Psaria and 4 upper level classes.

Even though we had to cancel a week's worth of classes and move to the community center another week because of the construction, we made it happen thanks to the help and understanding of our teachers and parents. In October we talked about OXI Day and how brave the Greeks were to say NO to Mussolini and the Germans, their brave battles and the devastating German occupation that followed. Our older students watched a presentation on these historical events and our younger students made crafts celebrating "peace." We now look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving and all the things we are thankful for in our lives. Our last week of classes for the fall semester is December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and we will celebrate with a movie night.

Looking ahead, it was an honor for us to be asked by the Metropolis to host the Feast of the Three Hierarchs for 2018. This event will take place on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> and his Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos will be in attendance. More information on this special event will follow soon, but for now please *Save the Date!*

As the year comes to an end, please keep our Greek school in mind and consider contributing to our endowment. Our school plays an important role in our community. For most of our students, we are their only link to their Greek roots and through us, not only will they learn our beautiful language, but learn about our rich history and culture and our amazing customs. A little bit goes a long way and with your help we can continue to grow as a school and offer the best and most fun curriculum to our students.

## GREEK DANCE SCHOOL

MARIA ANDREWS TSIBOUKAS

Greek Dance is well on its way for the 2017-2018 year. There is still time to join if you are interested in learning Greek Dance, ages 4-17. The dance school is blessed to have great directors, families, and dancers. A big thank you to our directors: Anna Marie Sylvia, Teresa Hane, Dimitri Buterakos, Yianni Levandis, Taylor Hane, Angelena Psaras and Nicoletta Schiappa for all the hard work they dedicate to our youth.

Please come and support our annual Bake Sale, Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> in the Community Center during coffee hour. We will have a wide variety of home-baked goods just in time for the holidays!

Don't forget to *Save the Date* for our New Year's Eve Dinner Dance sponsored by our Greek Dance School. Your support is greatly appreciated!

## AHEPA

DUKE DULGARIAN

Our AHEPA brothers are looking forward to a fun, exciting and beneficial year, with some fantastic events planned. We will continue with our monthly Movie Nights and our first showing will be the powerful movie "The Promise" sometime in November (TBA). We hope that you will be able to join us for it as well as the many others we have planned for the future. We also invite you to our biannual Tavli nights which are open to all. Most importantly our AHEPA chapter will continue in our mission to support various charities and causes in general and our St. Katherine Church in particular. We are always looking for new members for our worthwhile and dynamic organization. If you are interested in being a part of AHEPA please contact Duke Dulgarian 310-962-1385 or [duke@scoreproperties.com](mailto:duke@scoreproperties.com).

Let us Build His House with your Support Brick by Brick

## TOGETHER WE CAN FINISH STRONG

As construction moves forward on our St. Katherine campus the Capital Campaign Committee continues to offer opportunities to become involved in helping to bring our church's renovation to fruition. We are thankful for our generous donors whose contributions over the years have been vital in helping to modernize, refurbish and restore our church facilities. As our parish grows we will continue to minister to the needs of all parishioners. From our youth to our seniors the St. Katherine community is a spiritually strong, vibrant and caring family. We encourage you to review the order form on the back side of this sheet and consider joining your fellow parishioners (current sponsors listed below) in contributing to our church's future by pledging to the Legacy of Love wall.

We offer this opportunity to leave your personal signature on our church grounds. Legacy of Love pledges will continue to be accepted until all name plates are reserved. Leave a lasting expression of your love for our church by becoming a Legacy donor. For information, contact Ellen Papadakis via the church office at **310-540-2434**.

### Thank you to our Legacy of Love Donors (As of Nov. 1, 2017)

Mrs. Helen K. Anastassiou	Mr. & Mrs. Aristedes Feles	Ms. Elaine Palaiologos
Mr. & Mrs. George Andrews	Dr. & Mrs. Dean Furkioti	Mr. & Mrs. John Papadakis
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Andrews	Mr. & Mrs. George Giakouminakis	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Papadakis
Mr. & Mrs. James Andrews	Mr. George Giannioses	Mr. & Mrs. Marcus Pappas
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Mr. & Mrs. James Evangelatos	Mrs. Ann Nomicos	Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Yiakas
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Farrow	Mrs. Melanie O'Regan	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Zarkas



“LEGACY OF LOVE”



STONE NAME PLATE INFORMATION & PLEDGE FORM

“O Lord, Sanctify those who Love the Beauty of Your House”

A \$3,600 donation to the Saint Katherine Building Fund will be recognized on the “Legacy of Love” wall with a 2”x 8” stone name plate. Only 306 name plates will be available. A space (not specific) on the wall will be reserved with a \$600 deposit (or when \$600 is received through payment plan). Payment must be completed in three years or the space will be released. Your choice of space will be reserved after payment in full, in the order received, and based on space availability. Name plates will be engraved only after payment in full is received.

I/We would like to pledge \$3,600 to the Saint Katherine Building Fund for Phase 3

Indicate your preferred name plate location

Table with 3 columns: 1st Choice, 2nd Choice, 3rd Choice

Use the chart below for plate locations still available (as of Nov. 1, 2017)

- Payment options: \$3,600 payment enclosed OR \$3,600 will be paid in full over: one year, two years, three years. Enclosed is my initial deposit of \$... Make checks payable to: St. Katherine Building Fund (or use our convenient Online Giving portal at www.StKatherineGOC.org)

Print Name, Address, E-mail Address, Telephone, City/State/Zip, Signature

Each name plate will accommodate two lines of 40 characters including spaces. Print your names in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS, block printing. Periods, commas, spaces, and special characters such as: & + - / each count as one space. Please note, each line will be centered on the name plate. Capital Campaign Committee has final approval of text.

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“Legacy of Love” wall will contain 306 name plates. When 306 pledges of \$3600 are received, a waiting list will be established. To reserve a specific location on the wall, full payment of \$3600 must be received. After payment in full, you may choose your name plate location based on space availability. After initial order, name plates will be ordered once each year. Please note, in the event that you are unable to complete payments within three years, all donations up to that point are non-refundable. For more information, contact Ellen Papadakis at Lnpapadakis@gmail.com or 310-832-9688

SHADED NAME PLATES ARE NOT AVAILABLE (spaces taken as of 11/1/17)

Grid of 306 name plate locations, with shaded cells indicating unavailable spaces.

**November 2017 COFFEE SET UP: Carolyn Crossley & Elaine Wade**

Date	Epistle Reader	Coffee Hostesses	Altar Servers
November 5	Gus Alex	Helen Brock Dena Flokas Cathy Stevens	<i>Team No. 1 – George Gianoukakis, Captain: Matthew Carroll</i> Christo Mallakis (C), Louka Kontes, Alexandros Cacos George Cacos
November 12	Jan Chilimidos	Olympia Harris Annamarie Kallas Mary LaRicca	<i>Team No. 2 – Vaggeli Tzortzoudakis, Captain: Sam Menzelos,</i> Nicholas Anderson (C), Athanasios Angouras, Antonis Klostrakis, Matthew Carroll (CT)
November 19	Arlene Staich	Stella Demis Judy Frangos Maria Scolinos	<i>Team No. 3 – Nikolaos Florakis, Captain: Michael Mitsanas,</i> Alexandros Tsiboukas (C), Archer Deferios , Stefan Lazarovic, Matthew Carroll (CT)
November 26	Angelica Sotiriou-Rausch	Vickie Cerrito Thalia Dimitri Alexandra Zarkas	<i>Team No. 4 – Michael Korakis, Captain: Henry Hood,</i> Constantinos Flokas (C), Alexandros Syms, Thomas Feles, Matthew Carroll (CT)

**December 2017 Schedule COFFEE SET UP: Carolyn Crossley & Bonnie Mitrosilis**

December 3	TBA	Stephanie Hubbard Ellen Papadakis Maria Santy	<i>Team No. 1 – George Gianoukakis, Captain: Matthew Carroll,</i> Christo Mallakis (C), Louka Kontes, Alexandros Cacos George Cacos
December 10	Philip Rausch	Arlene Staich Elaine Wade Sandra Wilson	<i>Team No. 2 – Vaggeli Tzortzoudakis, Captain: Sam Menzelos,</i> Nicholas Anderson (C), Athanasios Angouras, Antonis Klostrakis, Matthew Carroll (CT)
December 17	Arlene Staich	Helen Anastassiou Andrea Ballas Joelle Bardos	<i>Team No. 3 – Nikolaos Florakis, Captain: Michael Mitsanas,</i> Alexandros Tsiboukas (C), Archer Deferios , Stefan Lazarovic, Matthew Carroll (CT)
December 24	Carolyn Crossley	Linda Bhatia Stella Schiewe Evelyn Tragus	<i>Team No. 4 – Michael Korakis, Captain: Henry Hood,</i> Constantinos Flokas (C), Alexandros Syms, Thomas Feles, Matthew Carroll (CT)
December 31	Karen Hood	Chrysa Servou Mary Peters Mary Pruitt	<i>Team No. 5 – Andrew Vasilion Captain: Matthew Carroll,</i> Nikolaos Florakis, (C) Michael Korakis, George Gianoukakis Vaggeli Tzortzoudakis, Matthew Carroll (CT)

**January 2018 Schedule COFFEE SET UP: Helen Anastassiou & Pagona Athanitis**

January 7	Gus Alex	Judy Frangos Annamarie Kallas Mary LaRicca	<i>Team No. 1 – George Gianoukakis, Captain: Matthew Carroll,</i> Christo Mallakis (C), Louka Kontes, Alexandros Cacos George Cacos
January 14	Angelica Sotiriou-Rausch	Dina Andrews Helen Servetas Fani Zambros	<i>Team No. 2 – Vaggeli Tzortzoudakis, Captain: Sam Menzelos,</i> Nicholas Anderson (C), Athanasios Angouras, Antonis Klostrakis, Matthew Carroll (CT)

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## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

*If you would like to join us in expressing Christmas Greetings  
to all the members and friends of St. Katherine,  
please send or bring \$25 to the church office along with the names  
of the family members you would like to see included in the card.*

*(One line per \$25 sponsorship)*

*Beautiful new card design for 2017!*

*Payment and names must be received by December 4, 2017*

*On the line below please print the names as you want them to appear in the card.*


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RETURN TO:

St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church  
722 Knob Hill Avenue, Redondo Beach, CA 90277



# November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>October 29</b> 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy 11am Sunday School 1:30pm Greek Dance Practice	<b>October 30</b>  5pm Greek Dance Practice	<b>October 31</b>	<b>November 1 Sts. Cosmas &amp; Damianos</b> (observed on 11/5)		<b>3</b>  4pm Greek School 6pm SKY Night	<b>4</b> 9:30am Greek School
<b>5 Daylight Savings Ends</b> (Fall Back! Standard Time resumes 2AM)  9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy (w/ Chanters) 11:30am Parish Assembly 1:30pm Greek Dance Practice	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8 Holy Archangels</b> (observed on 11/5)	<b>9 St. Nectarios</b> (observed on 11/12)	<b>10 Veteran's Day</b> (Office Closed)	<b>11</b>
← <b>Fr. Michael away</b> →						
<b>12</b> 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy 11am Sunday School 1:30pm Greek Dance Practice	<b>13 St. John Chrysostom</b> (observed on 11/12)  5pm Greek Dance Practice	<b>14 Holy Apostle Philip</b> (observed on 11/12) 11am Senior Citizens Meeting  7pm Philoptochos Board Mtg. 7pm YAL Basketball Practice	<b>15 Nativity Fast Begins</b>  5pm Vigil & Feast Day Liturgy (at St. Matthew in Torrance) 7pm Boys Basketball Practice	<b>16 Holy Apostle Matthew</b> (observed on 11/15 at St. Matthew)  7pm Girls Basketball Practice	<b>17</b> 10am Hellenic Culture Program  4pm Greek School	<b>18</b> 9:30am Greek School
← <b>Fr. Michael away</b> →						
<b>19</b> 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy 11am Sunday School 12pm Daughters of Penelope Bake Sale 1:30pm Greek Dance Practice	<b>20</b>  5pm Greek Dance Practice	<b>21 Entry of the Theotokos</b> (observed on 11/25)  7pm YAL Basketball Practice	<b>22</b>  7pm Boys Basketball Practice	<b>23 Thanksgiving Day</b> (Office Closed)	<b>24 Eve of St. Katherine</b> (Office Closed for Thanksgiving)	<b>25 Feast of St. Katherine</b> 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy
<b>26</b> 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy 11am Sunday School	<b>27</b>  5pm Greek Dance Practice	<b>28</b>  7pm YAL Basketball Practice	<b>29</b>  7pm Boys Basketball Practice	<b>30 Holy Apostle Andrew</b> (observed on 11/26)  7pm Girls Basketball Practice	<b>December 1</b>  4pm Greek School 6pm SKY Night	<b>December 2</b> 9:30am Greek School  5pm ARC Dinner

# December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>November 26</b> 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy 11am Sunday School	<b>November 27</b>  5pm Greek Dance Practice	<b>November 28</b>  7pm YAL Basketball Practice	<b>November 29</b>  7pm Boys Basketball Practice	<b>November 30</b> <b>Holy Apostle Andrew</b> <i>(observed on 11/26)</i>  7pm Girls Basketball Practice	<b>December 1</b>  4pm Greek School 6pm SKY Night	<b>2</b> 9:30am Greek School  5pm ARC Dinner
<b>3</b> 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy 11am Sunday School 12pm Parish Council Elections 1:30pm Greek Dance Practice	<b>4</b> 11am Foundation Meeting  5pm Greek Dance Practice 7pm Prayer Blanket Ministry	<b>5</b>   7pm Boys Basketball Practice	<b>6 St. Nicholas</b> 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy  7pm Boys Basketball Practice	<b>7</b>   7pm Girls Basketball Practice	<b>8</b> 10am Hellenic Culture Program  4pm Greek School	<b>9 Conception of the Theotokos by St. Anna</b> <i>(observed on 12/10)</i> 9:30am Greek School
<b>10</b> 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy 11am Sunday School 12:30pm Daughters Meeting 1:30pm Greek Dance Practice	<b>11</b>  5pm Greek Dance Practice	<b>12 St. Spyridon</b> 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy 11am Seniors Christmas Party  7pm Philoptochos Board Mtg.	<b>13</b>  7pm Boys Basketball Practice	<b>14</b>  7pm Girls Basketball Practice	<b>15</b>  4pm Greek School	<b>16</b> 9:30am Greek School
<b>17</b> 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy 11am Youth Christmas Program 1:30pm Greek Dance Practice	<b>18</b>  5pm Greek Dance Practice	<b>19</b>   7pm Boys Basketball Practice	<b>20</b>  7pm Boys Basketball Practice	<b>21</b>   10am Royal Hours of the Nativity	<b>22</b> 10am Royal Hours of the Nativity	<b>23</b>   7pm Boys Basketball Practice
<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy	<b>25 Nativity of the Lord</b> <i>(Office Closed)</i> 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy	<b>26 Boxing Day</b> <i>(Office Closed)</i>	<b>27 Protomartyr Stephanos</b> <i>(observed on 12/31)</i>  7pm Boys Basketball Practice	<b>28</b>   7pm Boys Basketball Practice	<b>29</b>   7pm Boys Basketball Practice	<b>30</b>   7pm Boys Basketball Practice
<b>31 New Year's Eve</b> 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy 11am Sunday School  6pm Great Vespers 7pm New Year's Eve Dinner Dance	<b>January 1, 2018 St. Basil</b> 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy <b>New Year's Day</b> <i>(Office Closed)</i>	<b>January 2</b>   7pm Boys Basketball Practice	<b>January 3</b>  7pm Boys Basketball Practice	<b>January 4</b>  7pm Boys Basketball Practice	<b>January 5 - Theophany Eve</b> 9am Royal Hour for Theophany 10am Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil 11am Blessing of the Waters 4pm Greek School 6pm SKY Night	<b>January 6 - Theophany</b> 9am Orthros 10am Liturgy of St. John Chrys. 11am Great Blessing of the Waters 10:30am Greek School

