



SAINT KATHERINE CHRONICLE / JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2010

## *A Word from your Pastor*

As I was cutting a piece of the Vasilopeta bread for each one of our Parish groups this year at our Vasilopeta luncheon, I became very aware of the diverse groups that we have at Saint Katherine. We have administrative groups, philanthropic groups, groups involved with worship, education, culture, cleaning, dancing and more.

As representatives of each group came up to receive a piece of the traditional Vasilopeta, I saw them all together at one time, and I marveled at the character of the people that call Saint Katherine their spiritual home...faithful people, devoted to God and their families, leaders in the community at large and in the business world, kind-hearted, humble and just plain good people.

I looked at everyone as they came forward, and I admired them. It made me feel proud to be the Priest of a community filled with such individuals and families.

In fact, the best thing about all the activities we do throughout the year is being able to meet new people and associate with the others we already know.

I want to take the opportunity here at the beginning of the New Year to ask you to make Saint Katherine a true part of your life. Let the worship on Sunday morning sustain you and your family through the week. Share in the faith and hope that are so central to the Christian faith. Know the joy of belonging. No sports, or political activity or civic projects bring the sense of richness and meaning to life as does Jesus Christ. Faith in Him makes us who we are and helps us to get through all the challenges that our children and we will face throughout life.

“Come, bow down in worship and kneel before the Lord our Maker, for He is our God and we are the people He watches over, the flock under His care.” (Psalm 95: 6-7)

Faithfully yours,

**Father Dino**

# PARISH NOTES

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW PARISH COUNCIL** – We welcome the new members of our Parish Council who were elected this past December and the returning members. The members of the 2010 Saint Katherine Parish Council are as follows:

Perry Stathos –	President
Carol Robinson –	Vice President
Will Vasilopoulos –	Treasurer
Isabel Granados –	Secretary
Paul Leones	
Thomas Mouzes	
Theodore Pantazis	

We are grateful for their dedicated service and for all their efforts to carry out the work of Saint Katherine. Thank you, and congratulations one and all

**STEWARDSHIP** – Stewardship commitment cards have been mailed to every family on our mailing list and we hope that you will return yours soon if you haven't already done so. To date we have received cards from 134 families with an average Stewardship pledge from each family of just over \$1,000 for the year. In 2009 our totals were as follows: 230 families pledged an average of \$765 for a total Stewardship offering of \$176,000 for the year. In addition to those families, we also had just under 70 families who supported our parish financially last year without completing a pledge card. That means that just under 300 families count themselves as part of the Saint Katherine family.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD** – Sincere appreciation is expressed to everyone who participated in our Parish Christmas card in December. The card contained the names of 120 families who offered \$ 6,145 as their Christmas gift to Saint Katherine, a record amount. Please note that Nick and Irene Darras as well as Bill and Helen Rotas also send their holiday wishes together with those on the card. We thank them and everyone who participated, for their generous Christmas offering.

**NEW SAINT KATHERINE WEBSITE!** – Please visit our new parish website, [www.saintkatherine.org](http://www.saintkatherine.org). and notice that it has been completely redesigned. Our new webmaster, Enrico Carrieri has used his considerable I.T. talents to create a beautiful, updated and multifaceted website for Saint Katherine. The home page has three large icons, the Church, the Hall, and the Weekend In Greece, to provide even more information and utility for all who visit.

**SIGN UP FOR OUR NEW EMAIL LIST** – We want to encourage everyone to visit our website, and sign up for our e-mail list, so that we can send e-mail announcements to all our parishioners online in the future. The sign-up link is in the upper right-hand corner of our [www.saintkatherine.org](http://www.saintkatherine.org) parish home page.

**SAINT KATHERINE PRAYER GROUP** – Bible Study sessions are generally held each Tuesday morning at 10 AM at the church office conference table. All parishioners are invited to attend these informative one-hour sessions that offer ample opportunity to not only study Holy Scripture, but also to learn more about the various facets of the Orthodox Christian faith. Every session begins and ends with a prayer, and is led by Father Dino, but the informal atmosphere allows and encourages participation from everyone who attends. The Bible Study is currently examining the 23rd Psalm using the book *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23* by Phillip Keller. Please refer to the calendar portion of this newsletter on the last page for the most up-to-date information regarding the Bible Study schedule. Drop by next Tuesday and feel free to bring a friend.

**SAINT KATHERINE ACCOLYTES' SCHEDULE** –One of the most consistent and unique youth ministries at Saint Katherine has been the Acolyte program. All boys from age 7 through 18, are eligible to serve as Acolytes in the Holy Altar during the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning, as well as during other special services and holidays thought the year. Serving in the Altar can be a very positive experience that will stay with a young man for the rest of his life. Nothing else can convey a sense of appreciation for holy things, a reverence for God and the spiritual life quite the same as serving as an Acolyte in the Holy Altar. For more information and to enroll your son as an Acolyte, simply contact Father Dino.

**The team schedule for the next several months is:**

**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

*Jan. 3, 17 & 31 –Feb. 14 & 28*

*Jan. 10 & 24— Feb. 7 & 21*

***PROSPHORON SCHEDULE***

Athanasia Manikas:	Jan. 31, Mar. 14	Sevasti Hatzopoulos:	Jan. 10, Feb. 21
Eleni Camperos:	Feb. 7, Mar. 21	Anna Papajohn:	Jan. 17, Feb. 28
Christine Economy:	Jan. 3, Feb. 14	Eleni Vathis:	Jan. 24, Mar. 7



**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 the 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.

**Sunday School Schedule of Events**

January 31 – Sunday School Pancake Fundraiser following the Divine Liturgy.  
 February 14 – Godparents’ Sunday; Cheese Fare Sunday Almsgiving Project Begins.  
 February 15 – Pure Monday, Great Lent begins.  
 February 21 – The Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Procession following the Divine Liturgy.

# Philoptochos News

Saint Katherine Philoptochos sincerely thanks Nick and Irene Darras for donating the delicious Vasilopeta luncheon on January 3rd, which supported the Saint Basil Home for children and other Philoptochos charities. Because of their hard work and generosity, Philoptochos was able to raise almost \$1,000. Thank you again Nick and Irene Darras!

On Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010, a Board Meeting will be held immediately following Divine Liturgy during the Coffee Hour .

On Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, we will conduct our Board meeting at the church office conference table during coffee hour.

Please watch your mailbox—Membership materials will be mailed to all women of the parish in the next few weeks, and we invite you to become a member of Philoptochos in 2010. 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 Alison Alemán, President, or one of the Circle leaders listed below 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, Alison Alemán, or members of the SUSANNA CIRCLE listed below, so that we can minister to them during their time of need.

- ✦ **Abigail Circle** – Athina Holland / Jamie Carrieri
- ✦ **Anna Circle**—Alison Alemán / Kia Balalis
- ✦ **Mary Magdeline Circle** – Presvytera Chrisoula / Dina Scordakis
- ✦ **Rachel Circle** – Mary Kondos / Eleni Camperos
- ✦ **Rebecca Circle** – Diane Petersen / Christine Economy
- ✦ **Susanna Circle** – Elaine Pavlatos / Kathy LaGiusa / Sophia Stathos

Finally, please note the dates of the wonderful activities we've planned so far for this year:

Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, our Annual Palm Sunday Luncheon.

Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, our Annual Philoptochos Mothers Day Luncheon.

August and September – helping to cook for our parish annual festival, “A Weekend in Greece” which will be held this year on Saturday and Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

"If you want a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things." - Albert Einstein.

**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 Thursday, October 22nd, Popi Anagnos offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of her beloved mother, Stamata Manetas, 40 days since her passing.
- † On Monday, November 16th, the Holy Altar Vigil Flame burned in memory of Jennifer Elizabeth Jenkins, 9 years since her passing on what would have been her 26th birthday, and was offered by her mother Georgia Jenkins-Wenger and grandmother Isabel Granados.
- † On Saturday, November 21st, Demetrise Scandalis offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of her beloved husband Peter George Scandalis, 28 years since his passing.
- † On Wednesday, November 25th, the Holy Altar Vigil Flame burned in memory of Peter George Scandalis, 28 years since his burial, and was offered by his wife Demetrise Scandalis.
- † On Wednesday, November 25th, Isabel Canakes Granados and family offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of her beloved sister Catherine Canakes.
- † On Tuesday, December 1st, Patrina Chiovitti offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of her beloved mother Virginia “Ourania” Creekus Chiovitti, 20 years since her passing.
- † On Saturday, December 5th, Mary Bagatelos offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of her beloved father Tony Bagatelos, 5 years since his passing.
- † On Wednesday, December 9th, the Holy Altar Vigil Flame burned in memory of Costa Livanos, 7 years since his passing, and was offered by his mother-in-law Kaliopé Michos.
- † On Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Gus and Daphne Constatinou and family offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of their beloved father Palivios Matris, 2 years since his passing.
- † On Saturday, December 12th, Kaliopé Michos offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of her beloved husband Vlasi Michos, 55 years since his passing.
- † On Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, Popi Anagnos offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of her beloved husband Gus Anagnos, 2 years since his passing.
- † On Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, Alison Elle Alemán offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of her beloved aunt Julie Brazil Wallace, 6 years since her passing.
- † On Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Bessie Pothos offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in honor of her daughter Linda Beaudin, on her birthday.
- † On Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Georgia Jenkins-Wenger offered the Holy Altar Vigil Flame in memory of her beloved daughter Jennifer Elizabeth Jenkins.
- † On Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, the Holy Altar Vigil Flame burned in memory of Angelo Zogopoulos, 6 months since his passing, and was offered by his loving wife Sophia Zogopoulos and family.

SAINT KATHERINE GREEK ORTHODOX  
CHURCH

presents its annual

**CRAB FEED**



Saturday, January 23, 2010  
Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox  
Church

Tsakopoulos Hall  
No Host Cocktails 6 PM, Dinner 7 PM  
Donation: \$35

Exciting Live Auction and Silent Auction  
Raffles, Great Food and Fun!

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan. 3, Sunday—Vasilopeta Luncheon following Divine Liturgy  
Jan. 5, Tuesday—Bible Study, 10 AM  
Jan. 6, Wednesday—Divine Liturgy, Feast of Theophany 10 AM  
Jan. 7, Thursday—Divine Liturgy, Feast of St. John the Baptist, 10 AM  
Jan. 10, Sunday—Philoptochos Board Meeting following Divine Liturgy  
Jan. 12 Tuesday—Bible Study, 10 AM; Parish Council Meeting, 7 PM  
Jan. 19, Tuesday—Bible Study, 10 AM  
Jan. 23, Saturday—SAINT KATHERINE CRAB FEED, 6 PM Cocktails, 7 PM Dinner  
Jan. 31, Sunday—Sunday School Pancake Breakfast, following Divine Liturgy  
Feb. 2, Tuesday—Senior League Luncheon at Annunciation Church Hall 11:30 AM  
Feb. 6, Saturday—1<sup>st</sup> Psychosabbaton, Saturday of the Souls, Divine Liturgy and Memorial Service, 10 AM.  
Feb. 9, Tuesday—Bible Study, 10 AM;  
Feb 10, Wednesday—Parish Council Meeting, 7 PM  
Feb. 13, Saturday—2<sup>nd</sup> Psychosabbaton, Saturday of the Souls, Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service, 10 AM.  
Feb. 14, Sunday—Godparents' Sunday  
Feb. 15, Monday—Pure Monday, First Day of Great Lent.  
Feb. 16, Tuesday—Bible Study, 10 AM  
Feb. 17, Wednesday—Presanctified Liturgy, 10 AM.  
Feb 19, Friday—1<sup>st</sup> Stanza of the Salutations to the Virgin Mary, 7 PM.  
Feb. 20, Saturday—3<sup>rd</sup> Psychosabbaton, Saturday of the Souls, Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service, 10 AM.  
Feb. 21, Sunday—Sunday of Orthodoxy, also Pan-Orthodox Vespers @ Assumption Serbian Orthodox Church on Sunset Avenue in Fair Oaks, 7 PM.  
Feb. 23, Tuesday—Bible Study, 10 AM  
Feb. 24, Wednesday—Presanctified Liturgy, 10 AM.  
Feb. 26, Friday—2<sup>nd</sup> Stanza of the Salutations to the Virgin Mary, 7 PM.  
Mar. 2, Tuesday—Bible Study, 10 AM; Senior League Luncheon, Annunciation Church  
Mar. 9, Tuesday—Bible Study, 10 AM; Parish Council Meeting, 7 PM

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