

SAVE THE DATE

Little Angels Play Date: February 9th - More info to follow.

Greenwood Village Churches Blood Drive: 2/17/2024 – Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church (8:30 – Noon) Please sign up at donors.vitalant.org, Enter zip code of 80111, then select advance search and enter 02/17/2024 for the date or call 877-258-4925

2023 STEWARDS

St. Catherine 2023 Stewards please pick up your 2024 packet from the Fellowship Hall after service today. The packet contains the 2024 Ecclesiastical Calendar, 2024 Ministry Booklet and a letter from Fr. Theodore. The packets are labeled and in alphabetical order and will be available for the next few Sundays during Coffee Hour.

COFFEE HOUR

Please consider hosting coffee hour 2/18, 3/3.
Sign up using the QR code or use the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



SAINT CATHERINE STEWARDSHIP

For 2024, as of January 17th we have 233 stewards pledging \$779,924 and we have received \$66,831.

If you did not receive a stewardship packet at home, you may pick one up in the Narthex or the Fellowship Hall. Contact Jenée Horan at: Jenee@stcatherinechurch.org.

ST. CATHERINE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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WELCOME TO SAINT CATHERINE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

“There are no strangers here; only friends you have not met!”

12TH SUNDAY OF LUKE, JANUARY 21, 2024

St. Maximos the Confessor

The Power of Thanksgiving to God

When the great Feast of Pascha is celebrated later in the year, like this year, we have the blessing to hear today's Gospel of the Ten Lepers. Leprosy is a horrible disease that was thankfully more common in the past than today. It was very contagious. Therefore, people with leprosy were separated from regular community life and forced into segregated colonies. At the time of Christ within Jewish society, lepers would have to announce themselves out loud from afar if they came remotely close to other healthy people. Not only was this disease physically painful, deforming, and terminal, but, due to isolation, also psychologically, emotionally, financially, and spiritually devastating. In today's passage in Lk. 17:12-19, Jesus heals ten men with leprosy, which is a great miracle. Sadly, only one of the ten, a Samaritan, returns to him in gratitude after verifying his healing before a priest. Because of this one act of thanksgiving to his Healer, this person enters into a relationship with Jesus, the Son of God. From the context of the passage, we can see that the man was so moved with praise, gratitude and wonder that he fell down before the feet of Jesus. What happens next can be easy to miss. Jesus commands the once leper to rise to his feet and then forgives him of his sins! This is what is meant by “your faith has made you well.” All ten of the men had been physically healed, but only this one man, through his relationship with the Christ, was spiritually healed. This is the power of thanksgiving to God! In order to offer God thanks, several things must happen. First, people must recognize God's existence. Second, they must believe that God is good and the source of good in their lives. Third, they must give God the credit rather than patting their own backs. Finally, all the above must motivate them to humble themselves, fall down in praise, thanksgiving, and worship before God as their Lord. The more thankful people are to God and express this gratitude in their everyday lives, the more intimate, healing, and transformative is their relationship with Him.

Discussion Questions:

1. As stewards of our bodies, we should do our best to take good care of ourselves. While this is true, God cares even more about our spiritual health. Physical health can positively influence both the quality and quantity of temporary life, but spiritual health can guarantee an eternal life of bliss. Are we intentionally living our lives with this same hierarchy of priorities?
2. Our Church calls the Divine Liturgy the Eucharist, which means “thanksgiving.” Why does our Church call both this central worship Service and Holy Communion “thanksgiving?”

HYMNS AND READINGS FOR THE 12TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION MODE PL. 4: From on high did you descend, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure, three days in the tomb that we may be, released from passions in this world, You who are our resurrection and our life Glory unto You O Lord.

FOR SAINT MAXIMOS MODE PL. 4: Guide of Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and holiness, luminary of the world, God inspired adornment of monastics, O wise Maximos, by thy teachings thou hast enlightened all, O harp of the Spirit. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. CATHERINE-5TH TONE: We sing praises in memory of the bride of Christ, Catherine the Holy Protectress of Holy Mount Sinai, of her who is our helper and our comforter, silencing the impious ones with her brilliance. All by the power of the Spirit! And she pleads for us all great mercy, since she has been crowned a martyr of the Lord.

KONTAKION MODE 1: You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.

THE EPISTLE READING IS FROM PAULS LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS: 3:4-11:
Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

THE GOSPEL READING IS FROM LUKE 17:12-19: At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

SAINT CATHERINE CHURCH

June 10-14, 2024

Vacation Bible School



Registration is now Open

Preschool (Potty Trained) - 5th Grade

**Volunteers
Needed!**

Early Bird: \$50 1st Child, \$25 Siblings
\$5 price increase February 1st

More information: vbs@stcatherinechurch.org

Register
Now





2024 Oratorical Festival

Register Today!

St. Catherine Parish Festival

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Following Vespers

Eligible Participants

Junior Division: 6th-9th Grade

Senior Division: 10th-12th Grade

Participant Information

Students will receive further information in Church School. This includes: speech topics, important links, speech format, and more.

Prizes in Each Division!

First Place: \$100 gift card.

Second Place: \$50 gift card

For More Information Contact:

Chairperson: Elena Paich

Email: epaich27@gmail.com

Cell: (303) 829-8361

Registration:

https://religioused.formstack.com/forms/sjcof_participant



WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

- **12TH SUNDAY OF LUKE Orthros 8:15am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am**
- Memorials: Today we will have a 1-year memorial for James (Demetri) Damaskos, a 20-year memorial for Nitsa (Eleni) Bardossas, and a 40-year memorial for Irene (Eirini) Koundourakis. May their memory be eternal.
- Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by Dn. Dino Bardossas & Family in memory of Eleni Bardossas, Gerszweski & Damaskos Families in memory of James Damaskos and Dr. Bill & Kathi White, and Steve & Jeri Lynn Koundourakis and their Families in memory of Irene Koundourakis.
- [Great Blessing of the Waters at Cherry Creek 1:00pm-please see flyer in bulletin.](#)
- [GOYA Fireside Chat 5:30pm \(offsite\)](#)

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

- Philoptochos Member Meeting 6:30pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

- Men's Spiritual Discussion 7am-(Hybrid)-In person or on Zoom link at: stcatherinechurch.org/calendar
- Bible Study 10am-(Hybrid)-In person or on Zoom link at: stcatherinechurch.org/calendar

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

- Choir Practice 7pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

- **ST GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am**
- [Agape Circle Fellowship \(following Liturgy\)](#)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

- **Great Vespers 5pm**
- Introduction to Orthodoxy-Mary & the Saints (after Great Vespers)
- [Young Marrieds \(after Great Vespers\)](#)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

- **15TH SUNDAY OF LUKE Orthros 8:15am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am**

SAINTS OF THE WEEK CORNER

St. Maximos the Confessor: Today—January 21st

St. Maximos was born in Constantinople around 580 and raised in a Christian family. He received an excellent education, and entered into government service, becoming the chief counselor to the emperor Heraclius. Maximos soon realized that the emperor and many others had been corrupted by the Monothelite heresy, which claimed that Jesus had only one will rather than a divine will corresponding to His divine nature and a human will corresponding to His human nature. He resigned from his duties at court, and became a monk at the Chrysopolis monastery, quickly rising to the position of abbot. In 638, the emperor Heraclius and Patriarch Sergius decreed that everyone must accept the Monothelite teaching. In defending Orthodoxy against this heresy, Maximos was able to convince many of the Apostolic truth. Nevertheless, this heresy was causing great turmoil and division in Constantinople and in the East. Therefore, Maximos sought refuge in the West. The struggle of Orthodoxy with this heresy continued to rage, and Maximos continued to travel and defend the Orthodox Faith. In the year 647, St. Maximus returned to Africa. Two different Church Councils condemned Monothelism as a heresy, but despite this, the Emperor Constans II had St. Maximos arrested. He was subjected to the cruelest torments. First his tongue was cut out, because he refused to stop speaking the truth. Then, his right hand was cut off, because he would not stop writing in defense of the Faith. Finally, he was exiled to Scythia, enduring many sufferings and difficulties on the journey. After three years, St. Maximos fell asleep in the Lord on August 13, 662. He has been given the title “Confessor,” because he suffered so much for the Faith, but did not die directly from his torments. St. Maximos was a beacon of Orthodoxy during his lifetime, and continues to shine forth as an example of virtue for all.

St. Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople: Thursday, January 25th

St. Gregory was born into a Christian family in the year 329. His sainted father, also named Gregory (January 1), was Bishop of Nazianzus. His pious mother, St. Nonna (August 5), was a holy influence on him. He received a complete and extensive education. Gregory spent six years in Athens studying, where he became close friends with St. Basil, the future Archbishop of Caesarea (January 1). Against his will, Gregory was ordained to the holy priesthood by his father and his friend Basil. Gregory fled to Pontus, because he felt unworthy of the priesthood. While in Pontus, he wrote a famous treatise on the priesthood to defend his flight. Eventually, he returned to help his father administer his diocese. St. Basil the Great, now Archbishop of Caesarea, made Gregory bishop of Sasima. St. Gregory remained at Nazianzus, however, in order to assist his dying father. In 378, Patriarch Valens of Constantinople died, and St. Gregory was invited to help the Church of Constantinople fight different heresies. It was during this period that St. Gregory earned his eventual title “Theologian.” His orations and his writings helped defend the Apostolic doctrines of the Holy Trinity and of Christ. The fame of St. Gregory as a preacher and teacher spread through East and West, but the saint lived in the capital as though he still lived in the wilderness. At the Second Ecumenical Council in 381, St. Gregory was chosen as Patriarch of Constantinople. His election was contested for various reasons, so Gregory decided to resign his office for the sake of peace in the Church. He withdrew into the solitude of the “wilderness” of his homeland so dear to his heart, continuing his writings and his life of deep prayer. He died on January 25, 389, and is honored with the title “Theologian,” also given to the holy Apostle and Evangelist John.

A pink-themed invitation for a Valentine's Day Party. The background is a light pink marbled paper. At the top, several pink hearts of various sizes are hanging from thin vertical lines. The text is centered and uses a mix of pink and red colors. The main title 'Valentine's Day Party' is in a large, red, cursive font. Below it, the date 'FEBRUARY 11' is in a bold, pink, sans-serif font, flanked by two horizontal lines with dots at the ends. The invitation details are in a pink, sans-serif font. At the bottom, contact information is provided in a smaller pink font, with a decorative scalloped border at the very bottom.

HOPE & JOY, YOU ARE INVITED TO A

Valentine's Day Party

FEBRUARY 11

PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO THE GYM
AFTER CHURCH SCHOOL.
WE WILL BE DONE BY 12:30PM

CONTACT CHRISTIANA HILLIER,
CHRISTIANA.HILLIER@GMAIL.COM OR AUSTIN VANCAMP,
AUSTIN.VANCAMP@OUTLOOK.COM WITH QUESTIONS

INVITATION
TO ALL ST. CATHERINE PARISHIONERS
“Take, Eat; This is my Body which is Broken for You”



Dearest St. Catherine Parishioners,

The Prosfophora Ministry is undergoing a few changes. The two new Co-Chairs are Joyce Paich and Kathy Preonas.

We would like to invite all past Prosfophoro bakers, all current Prosfophoro bakers and all new and future Prosfophoro bakers to become part of this ministry.

Baking Prosfophoro for the Church is a beautiful way to thank God for our loved ones and to honor birthdays, name days, anniversaries, and any special moments.

We would like to rebuild the Prosfophoro list and divide our Prosfophoro bakers into teams. It is our hope that Prosfophoro bakers will be scheduled to bake Prosfophora approximately four times a year.

We are putting together a how-to video to illustrate how to make Prosfophoro, a brochure that will include the prayers and a diagram explaining the meaning of each part of the seal. We can also personally walk you through baking Prosfophoro if you so desire.

In order to develop this list and hopefully not leave anyone out that wishes to participate, we are asking **everyone** to please contact either Joyce by text at 303-819-3452 or at jbpaich@gmail.com – or Kathy by text at 505-263-0547 or at kathy@preonas.com by **January 31, 2024**. Even if you think you are currently on a list, **please** contact one of us.

We have an immediate need for bakers between now and the end of March while we work on re-organizing this ministry. If you can, please sign up by going to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E48ADAC23A20-prosfophora>. We kindly ask that everyone make at least two Prosfophora. We need 4 bakers each Sunday for a total of 8 Prosfophora. If possible, please deliver your *fresh* loaves to the church no later than Saturday. We would greatly appreciate it.

In Christ,

Joyce and Kathy-Prosfophora Ministry Leaders

THE GREAT BLESSING OF WATERS AT CHERRY CREEK!

SUNDAY, JAN. 21, 1:00 PM
RAILBENDER SKATE & TENNIS PARK





We cordially invite all women of the parish to join
Philoptochos for our 2024 Stewardship Event
Monday, January 22nd at 6:30pm

We will enjoy light refreshments in the fellowship hall while we listen to guest
speaker, Savannah Wippel, from [Anchor Center for Blind Children](#).



Our Philoptochos chapter will be making a donation to this local nonprofit
from contributions we received at the 2023 *Tables Extraordinaire* fundraiser.
Come and hear about the outstanding work they do in Colorado!

It would be most helpful if you would **RSVP -**
Text or call Michele Krochta at 623.521.3270

Will you become a Philoptochos member in 2024?

We certainly hope
so!

*The more members we have, the
more impactful this dynamic
ministry can be. We need you!*



Scan QR or
[Click HERE](#)

JOIN BY SUNDAY, FEB. 25TH TO BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING!



St. Catherine's IOCC Ministry Team Invites You to "Tackle Hunger"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Help feed the hungry by collecting nonperishables for
a local food bank, and collect money for IOCC to support
its work around the globe. Together we can turn the
biggest weekend in football into a super day of giving!

The collection will run from January 21 through February 11.

[iocc.org /Denver](http://iocc.org/Denver)

