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THE DEACON’S ROLE IN THE CHURCH

O, First Martyr and Apostle of Christ, you fought the good fight. You exposed the perversion of the persecutors, for when you were killed by stoning of the hands of the wicked men, you received a crown from the Right Hand on High (Troparion of Saint Stephen).

After Christ’s resurrection, the apostles began to realize that the faith of Christianity was growing so fast and ministries of the church (philanthropy, outreach, education, and the sacraments) had become so critical in daily life that, in order to meet the needs of the faithful, they needed help. Acts 6 tells us about the predicament in which the Apostles found themselves and the solution that they reached. Through the enlightened thought of these men, the mission of the deacon was conceived. That mission was, and continues to be, service.

The first question that most people have about deacons is, “What do they do?” During services, particularly the Divine Liturgy, the deacon is the one calling the people to pray through the intonation of the petitions. The deacon reads the Gospel. The deacon calls upon the priest to bless the people and the Holy Gifts.

Outside of services, the deacons can play as large a role as their priest or hierarch decides, depending on the talents of the deacon and the needs of the community. Many deacons are active in the youth ministry of their parish. Others are very involved in pastoral care through hospital and shut-in visits. Still others are involved in mission work, both domestically and internationally. Praying with, and offering pre-consecrated gifts to, members of the parish who are unable to attend services is a large role of the deacon. Again, the needs of the community and the talents of the deacon must be evaluated by the priest in order to create a successful ministry.

So, specifically, what don’t they do? Deacons, although ordained, do not offer blessings or consecrate. Consequently, they don’t celebrate sacraments (baptisms, chrismations, weddings, or confessions). They do not prepare Holy Unction or consecrate the Eucharist. Deacons don’t do 40-day infant blessings, house blessings, or funerals. They may assist the priest in all of those services, but cannot conduct them on their own.

So how do you address a deacon? What protocols apply? The deacon is a member of

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DEAR SAINT KATHERINE FAMILY,

Happy 2011! I pray that God will bless you and your families with good health, love, and happiness now and always. What resolutions will you make for the new year? To take better care of your health? To spend less time at work and more time with your loved ones? I hope one of your resolutions will be to take good care of your spiritual health by spending more time with your Saint Katherine family!

I would like to welcome the new members of the Parish Council: Korinna Garbis, Iacovos Ioannou, Bill Polizos, and Christina Vazquez. I would also like to thank our outgoing Parish Council members: Aris Chronis, Arthur Dimopoulos, Steve Doulis, Helen Spanos, Ray Vazquez. Their faith and hard work on behalf of this important ministry are much appreciated.

On January 9, we will share in the celebration of Harry Chelpon’s Ordination to the Diaconate. His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos will officiate and I hope you will be there to share this special day.

Our Paideia School will have its Family Fun Night on January 22. It will be an evening of good food and lots of fun for the whole family. Please support our school by attending.

Are you a computer whiz? We need your skills on our new IT Committee so that we can communicate with you more effectively. We want to enhance our website by visiting our website. If you can be help, please let us know!

January is the month to fill out your 2011 Stewardship pledge cards. (A form is available on page 15 of this newsletter.) When filling out the form, please consider all your Church offers you and how important Her work is. Thank you!

In the new year, the Parish Council will look to you for ideas and suggestions. We are all stewards and thus entrusted with the growth and success of our parish so we can reach out to all who need us.

Yours in Christ’s service,
Daphne Papamichael

CHURCH DUTY ROSTER

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CATECHETICAL (SUNDAY) SCHOOL

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Saint Matthew 3:16-17).

AS JANUARY BEGINS, our classes will focus on the Theophany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The celebration of Epiphany and its significance will be emphasized.

Fr. Costa will continue his visitations, one classroom at a time, on each available Sunday. His aim is to enrich religious instruction as well as enhance his tie to the children of our community.

This month, Mr. John Moses will conduct a game of Jeopardy with the First through Third Grade classes. The focus of this activity will consist of questions and answers on content already covered in those respective sections from September to the present. The purpose of Jeopardy is to enhance the classroom program and to see how much our students retained over the months.

Miss Antonia Chelpon will begin music with our Seventh through Twelfth Grade classes. From September through December our First through Sixth Grades had music; now, we will go into hymnology with our upper grades.

Through the classroom visitations by Fr. Costa, the curricular studies and activities within our classrooms, the systematic music instruction led by Miss Chelpon, and the Jeopardy experience prepared by Mr. Moses, our aim is to provide a full, spiritually nurturing, and absorbing curriculum. We look forward to the 2011 New Year. May God bless us as we endeavor to glorify Him in His vineyard here at Saint Katherine.

Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus. (1 Peter 5:14)

JOY

HAPPY NEW YEAR! JOY’s resolution for 2011 is to get the Nursery up and running! We would like to again set up a television in the nursery so that families may continue to watch the Liturgy. Here is what we need to make our resolution a reality. First, please join us on Saturday January 29 at 10:00am as we help clean and organize the space. Second, we request donations to “furnish” the nursery: television suitable for wall mounting, seating, storage ottomans, bookshelves, religious-themed children’s books, and a few simple and quiet toys. If you would like to help on January 29 and/or would like to donate any of these items in new or nearly new condition, please contact JOY Director Tina Papamichael (athena02@verizon.net or 703-536-4711) to arrange for pick-up. Martha Lemondes is coordinating a “co-op” nursery to begin once the space is ready. For details about the co-op nursery contact Martha at 703-599-1386 or marthalemondes@aol.com.

PAIDEIA BILINGUAL PRESCHOOL

HAPPY NEW YEAR! ΚΑΛΗ ΧΡΟΝΙΑ!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. We wish a happy and blessed 2011 to all in our community. We want to express our gratitude and appreciation to all who have worked to make 2010 the successful year that it was.

Although 2010 was a year filled with memories, laughter, learning, field trips, and fun, we look forward to the 2011 New Year! January is a significant month for our faith and our school since we celebrate two important days this month: Theophany and Three Hierarchs, the protector and patron saints of the Greek education. We also have our fundraiser on January 22. This is going to be an event to remember! It is a family night of fun, with food, music, face painting for the kids, prizes, and much more! Make sure you buy tickets! I should also inform parents that we will cut the Vasilopita the day of the event. Your piece might have the Hour! For information, call our preschool director Marilena Tsirigotakis at 301-346-4110 or Kelly Alexis at 703-909-2256.

Important Dates to Remember in January

January 03 Classes resume
January 17 School Closed, Martin Luther King Day
January 22 Family Fun Night Fundraiser
January 28 Three Hierarchs In-Class Program

ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

WE ARE COMING UPON Oratorical Festival time again. The dates have not been finalized for this year’s festival, however information regarding topics have been posted on the Archdiocese website and have been passed out to students in the Sunday School. If your son or daughter is interested in expressing their faith and representing Saint Katherine in the regional and hopefully national level, please send a note to Rayvazquez1@aol.com. I will arrange to provide the information. An Oratorical Festival Orientation Meeting will be scheduled in February for all those who are interested in participating.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP (starts June 27!)

ATTENTION PARENTS: As you set the dates for your children’s activities in 2011, we want you to “Save the Date” for our annual Saint Katherine Vacation Bible Camp (VBC). This year, VBC will begin on Monday, June 27. We will begin registration in February. Look for more information in next month’s DOXA.

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WHAT IS OCF?

OCF is an acronym for Orthodox Christian Fellowship. OCF is the official collegiate campus ministry program under SCOBA (the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas). Our mission is to support fellowships on college campuses whose members experience and witness to the Orthodox Christian Church through community life, prayer, service to others, and study of the Faith.

OCF has a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/pages/Orthodox-Christian-Fellowship/7744254243), a website (www.ocf.net), an online directory, the Real Break (ocf.net/realbreak), short-term missions programs, a student newsletter, and a variety of other local resources for campus chapters.

Each year during Christmas Break, college conferences are held in various regions in the Continental United States. The largest, College Conference East, is held at Antiochian Village in Bolivar, Pennsylvania. Each year some 400 students on fire for Christ come together enjoying fellowship, prayer, service, and interaction with some of the best Orthodox speakers.

OCF Day of Prayer is a program that unites the various chapters across North America in prayer. Each year, on the first day of Great Lent (Clean Monday), participating OCF chapters take part in 24 hours of unceasing prayer. Each school takes a one-hour slot to pray for themselves, their chapters, and their fellow students.

Through OCF, a haven for Orthodoxy is available to any student on each campus housing an OCF chapter. With more chapters developing, the future of OCF is bright in its continued journey to glorify God by supporting His students.

Our local OCF chapter is at George Mason University. Fr. Costa meets with Orthodox students twice a month on the GMU campus. NVCC students are welcome to join all meetings and activities. These are great opportunities to meet with Fr. Costa, ask questions, discuss your faith, etc.

Please feel free to contact Fr. Costa at any time (571-213-1109 or frcostas@stkchurch.com).

REGISTRY

Baptism
Mariann Nancy Argerson (December 6)
daughter of Dennis and Dena Argerson
Godparent: Ekaterini Elpis Argerson

Wedding
Eleni Boosalis
And
Spyridon Subir Jossan (December 31)
Koumbaroi: Spyridoula Travlou and Paul Kiritsis

Congratulations!

Funerals
Joseph Carl Janowiak (July 26)
Louis James Koutoulakos (November 27)
Thomas Gordon Holmes (December 7)
Arthur Gianelos (December 18)

May their memories be eternal.

GOYA (ages 13-18)

GOYA participated in the Saint Katherine Craft Fair in November and donated the proceeds to the Saint Katherine Benevolent Fund.

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bota for their donations for our sandwiches for the homeless in DC.

GOYA will again cook for and feed the homeless at Bailey’s Crossroads Homeless Shelter on Tuesday, January 11. GOYA parents, the sous-chefs, and Mrs. Evdoxia Mitchell, the master chef, will prepare the food, starting at 12:00pm. GOYAns will serve both dinner seatings at the homeless shelter: 5:00pm and 6:00pm.

GOYA will participate in the SS. Constantine and Helen Basketball Tournament, Saturday and Sunday, January 29-30. We will sleep over as a group. Please check your e-mails for more information and respond by January 11 as to whether or not you will participate.

GOYA will travel to Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology with Fr. Costa from March 4 through 6. Please mark your calendars from now. All teenagers of our community are invited.
Από νέος σκεπτόμαστε το περιστατικό χρειάστει οποία δεν είναι εύκολο να βοηθήσουμε προς το κάλο τον κάθε σωστό μας. Αυτό είναι ένα σπουδαίο εξήντα ώρα, ο τρόπος δηλαδή που πρέπει ως καλοί χρησιμοποιούμε να μιλάμε. Θα προσπαθήσουμε να αναλύσουμε τη σχετική παραγγέλεια του αποστόλου Παύλου, παρέμβανε από την προς Κολοσσαίες επιστολή του.

Ο απόστολος Παύλος προτέρει τους Κολοσσαίες να προσέχουν ώστε τα λόγια τους να είναι πάντοτε χαριτωμένα, αλλά και προσεγγισμένα. Είναι απαραίτητο και πρέπον να μιλάμε στον κάθε άνθρωπο με τρόπο καθαρίλη, όμως αυτή η φροντίδα να εκτείνεται σε υποκρίσια ή διπλωματία. Ανάλογα με τις αντιθέσεις, τις ευαισθησίες και την κατάσταση του καθένας, απαραίτητο είναι να προσαρμόζουμε και το λόγο μας ανάλογα προς τον άνθρωπο που επιθυμούμε.

Ας δούμε προσεκτικότερα, γιατί πρέπει να μιλάμε με ιδιαίτερο τρόπο στον καθένα; Ο κάθε άνθρωπος είναι έξωριστός. Συνεπώς είναι απαραίτητο να λαμβάνουμε υπ’ όψιν μας ότι μπορεί να συζητήσουμε μαζί του. Να σκεφτομαστέ πάντοτε ποιος είναι αυτός με τον οποίο συζητάμε. Αν δηλαδή είναι ευαισθήτος, σταθάγωρος, αν χρειαστεί να του μιλήσουμε με γλυκύτητα και προσοχή, ώστε να μην του απογοητεύουμε. Αν πάλι καταλάβουμε ότι είναι γενναιότερος και ανθεκτικότερος, μπορούμε πιο ελεύθερα να του μιλήσουμε.

Επίσης, οφείλουμε να λαμβάνουμε υπ’ όψιν μας την κατάσταση του συνομιλητή μας, τη συγκεκριμένη στιγμή. Μπορεί να έχει κοιμηθεί, μπορεί να είναι στενοχωρημένος από κάποια υπόθεση, μπορεί να έχει συμβεί κάποιο γεγονός που τον έχει τράβηξε. Σε έναν άνθρωπο που πεθαίνει δεν είναι σωστό να του μιλήσουμε για την χώρα της Βασιλείας του Θεού. Την στιγμή εκείνη έχει ανέκτηρη να αισθανθεί ότι κάποιος συμπάχει μαζί του.

Ο Σλοβακός ο Αθωνίτης διηγείται έναν ιδιότι το εξής περιστατικό, το οποίο συνέβηκε στην ζωή του, όταν ζώσε νέος ακόμη στην Ρωσία και πριν γίνει μοναχός. Πήγαιναν να θρησκόνται στα χωράφια τους και κάθε μέρα κάποιος από την οικογένεια ήταν υπεύθυνος για το φαγητό. Όταν ήρθε η σειρά του Σλοβακού, το κοσμικό όνομά του ήταν Συμεών, έρχονταν και ενώ ήταν Παρασκευή μετέχερε κρέας. Από τότε πέρασε σχεδόν μισός χρόνος και κάποια μέρα, σε μιά

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BEREAVEMENT
Percy Bysshe Shelle

How stern are the woes of the desolate mourner
As he bends in still grief o’er the hallowed bier,
As enanguished he turns from the laugh of the scorners,
And drops to perfection’s remembrance a tear;
When floods of despair down his pale cheeks are streaming,
When no blissful hope on his bosom is beaming,
Or, if lulled for a while, soon he starts from his dreaming,
And finds torn the soft ties to affection so dear.
Ah, when shall day dawn on the night of the grave,
Or summer succeed to the winter of death?
Rest awhile, hapless victim! And Heaven will save
The spirit that hath faded away with the breath.
Eternity points, in its amaranth bower
Where no clods of fate o’er the sweet prospect lou,
Unspeakable pleasure, of goodness the dower,
When woe fades away like the mist of the hearth.

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church offers grief support: GRACE (Grief Recovery: Accepting, Coping, and Evolving). If you are having a difficult time after the loss of a loved one, please call Fr. Costa Pavlakos at 703-671-1515. Maria Papageorgiou developed the idea for a support group and continuously contributes information for this column. Thank you, Maria.

12TH ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE WATERS AND DIVING FOR THE CROSS
(A Family Event)
Ocean City, MD | January 8—9, 2011

The weekend’s events include:

Hierarchical Liturgy on Saturday (8:30am Orthros) at Saint George
His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos Presiding

Diving for the Cross on the Oceanfront of The Carousel

Luncheon with Metropolitan Evangelos at The Carousel

Sunday Liturgy (10:00am) at Saint George

Contact Fr. Costa for more information.
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Join Our Family Night...
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January 22, 2011
5:30 pm - 10:00 pm

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★ Cash Bar ★
★ Face Painting (6 - 7 pm) ★
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Win great prizes - restaurant gift certificates, electronics, and more!

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Please call Maria Georges 703-795-7705
mariageorges@ymail.com or
Kelly Alexis 703/909-2256 to reserve a seat
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Call today...space is limited!
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**Deadline for February DOXA Submissions**
PHILOPTOCHOS

WE HOPE YOU HAD a very blessed Christmas. Thank you to the volunteers who baked pastries and Vasilopita for, and worked at, the December bake sales. Thanks to those who supported the bake sales and to the volunteers who assembled the gift bags for the shut-ins. Fr. Costas and Fr. Ted, thank you for delivering the gift bags.

In December, the Philoptochos provided Christmas presents for two Marine Corps families through the Marine and Family Services Adopt a Family Program at Henderson Hall.

Thank you to those parishioners who so kindly and generously donated to the Philoptochos in 2010. Your help makes it possible for the Philoptochos to continue its philanthropic work.

The January Philoptochos General Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 23, following the second Liturgy, in the board room. Please make every effort to attend.

January National Philoptochos Commitments

Saint Basil Academy. This program provides for the ongoing needs of the children of the Academy, such as clothing, furniture, equipment, and essentials for the dormitories, kitchen, etc. and for the graduation celebrations and special awards for graduating students.

Social Services. Since 1987, the National Philoptochos office has employed a professional Social Worker, engaged in assisting the Greek Orthodox community in the United States as well as Greek and Cypriot nationals. The Department of Social Services is a very important, vital element of our organization. The mission of the department is to improve the quality of life of those in need, in a way that maintains the dignity and self-respect of the individuals. Through confidential and professional services, the office provides outreach, education, information, support, intervention, motivation, advocacy, financial assistance, and referral to local and broader resources.

Please send your 2011 Philoptochos stewardship to Saint Katherine Philoptochos, 3149 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church, VA 22041. Please mail your stewardship as soon as possible so that we may publish an updated member directory. We ask that you be generous with your stewardship this year and consider giving a minimum suggested stewardship commitment of $40, as more than half of each member stewardship is sent to National Philoptochos and our Metropolis Philoptochos. Remember to include your name, spouse’s name, address, phone number, and e-mail address (yours or a family member who uses one).

Philoptochos elections will be held in May and in order for a new member to be eligible to vote you must have been a member at least 3 months prior to the election meeting and satisfied the current year stewardship.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

HAPPY NEW YEAR and Chronia Polla to all who celebrate the nameday of Saint Basil.

Helle Chapter would like to thank everyone who donated a toy to make a homeless child happy this Christmas. The toys were delivered to the Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless, Doorways, and the Katherine K. Hanley Shelter for families. Our Christmas Luncheon and Fashion Show, hosted with Saint Katherine Ladies Philoptochos at Westwood Country Club on December 5, was a huge success. This festive celebration of the holiday season was attended by 174 sisters, brother Ahepans, Philoptochos members, and friends who enjoyed a pleasant afternoon of good food, fashion, and the opportunity to win some lovely raffle prizes. The raffle raised funds for a joint philanthropy project with Philoptochos and the charity will be decided this month. We appreciate the support of all who contributed to this worthy cause that will help to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

Our January meeting for Helle Chapter will be held on January 16 after the second Divine Liturgy in the Meletis Charunas Center’s divided classroom on the lower level. After the meeting, we will have a guest presenter followed by a light lunch of soup and sandwiches. Plan to come and enjoy an afternoon of good food and fellowship. Check the Helle newsletter and church bulletin for more details. Hope to see everyone there.

Please save the date for our first Heart Health event coming up on Saturday, February 5 from 9:00am to 12:00pm in recognition of Heart Health Month. Helle Chapter is sponsoring this event with the support of AHEPA Chapter #438 to bring greater awareness about heart disease and stroke, the risks, symptoms, and prevention through healthy diet, exercise, and stress management. The morning will begin with a light breakfast in Founders’ Hall followed by presentations by medical professionals. Plan to come and assess your risks and determine if lifestyle changes are needed. A representative of Fairfax County’s Health Department’s Office of Emergency Preparedness will also speak about being prepared for possible public health emergencies, including those caused by terrorism, weather disasters, and naturally-occurring diseases such as “bird-flu.” A CPR demonstration is also planned. More information about the event will be available in the upcoming church bulletins.

SAINT KATHERINE BOOKSTORE

CHRISTMAS SALE! During the month of January, all Christmas items, including calendars, will be on sale. Visit early for the best selection.

The Bookstore is open most Sundays after each Divine Liturgy.
ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Who is Jesus?

“IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD…” From its opening, John’s Gospel asserts itself as an eyewitness account of God revealing Himself to humanity through the saving work of Jesus. To combat those who disputed the apostolic witness to Christ’s divinity, the early Church relied heavily on John. The goal of our discussion is to understand and embrace the loving vision of Christ described in John’s Gospel and crystallized in the Nicene Creed.

What is It?
It’s not a lecture series, but a prayerful discussion among interested people. All adults and older teens are welcome.

What is Required in Order to Participate?
Simply show up with a copy of The Orthodox Study Bible, available at the church bookstore. No one is required to speak up during the discussion; listeners are always a blessing to the group. In order to get the most out of the weekly meetings, we do encourage participants to spend 10 minutes or so daily at home reading and reflecting on that week’s texts.

When?
Two sessions are available to meet your needs:
Tuesday night sessions led by Bill Polizos and Bill Porter begin January 18, 7:30pm to 8:45pm.
Saturday morning sessions led by Gregory McKinney begin January 22, 9:45am to 11:00am.
The classes will run for seven weeks total. The same scripture will be covered in both classes during the same week.

Where?
The boardroom on the lower level of the Meletis Charuhas Center.

WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB

The Women’s Book Club wants to first of all wish everyone a Blessed New Year! We are beginning 2011 with our next reading, Encountering Women of Faith: Saint Catherine’s Vision Collection Volume 1. The book is edited by Kyriaki Karidoyanes Fitzgerald. The Book Club will examine the lives of nine female saints. Join us in January to read and study the lives of Saint Susanna and the New Martyr Elizabeth Feodorovna. We will meet on Wednesdays, January 5 and 19 at 10:30am. If you would like to join the discussion, please contact Christina Vazquez at czvmail@aol.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FOR THE

APOKREATIKO GLENĐI

(One of a few family-friendly events in the area!)

Saturday, February 26, 2011
5:00pm - 11:00pm
Music by DJ Elias

Specially priced tickets:
$40 per adult
$15 per child under 14
(Proceeds to benefit Saint Katherine Greek School)

Donations for the Silent Auction are graciously welcomed and accepted.

Please contact Elena Lagos at pedakia@aol.com for information.

More details to follow in the coming weeks!
SAINT KATHERINE SUPPORTS PROJECT MEXICO IN A BIG WAY

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who sent money and bought gifts for Manuel. The community was able to pull through and get him everything on his Christmas wish list. A young boy, far away, will know that he is loved and prayed for by our community. This connection is so important, given there is not a large Orthodox presence in Mexico. Your contributions have also supported his school work for 2011. Thank you once again for your generous support.

~Ray Vazquez

SAINT KATHERINE SUNDAY NURSERY

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS!

If you are interested in having a nursery during the second (or only) liturgy on Sundays, please contact Martha Lemondes at 705-599-1586 or marthalemondes@aol.com. We will run it as a coop so there will be minimal commitment. Our GOYAns will help, too. Our goal is to start the nursery in February. Please read the JOY article on page 4 for more information. Thank you!

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SAFEWAY BENEFITS for Saint Katherine is ongoing. We need more Safeway shoppers to reach our optimum goal. Remember, every time you use your red SAFEWAY courtesy card, up to 3 percent of your purchase is donated to Saint Katherine. Our church can earn up to $8,000 per year from this program. Call Elvira Garnett at 703-425-3675 for more information.

Please fill out the form below and either mail it to the church or put it in one of the offering baskets on Sunday. We’ll do the rest.

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γιορτή, τον είπε ο πατέρας γλυκά και με χαμόγελο, «Θυμάσαι, παιδί μου, εκείνη την Παρασκευή που μας μετέφερες χωρινό κρέας; Το έτρωγα και μου φαινόταν ότι έτρωγα πτώμα». Τότε ο Σίλουανος του είπε, γιατί δεν του το είχε πει τότε. Και ο πατέρας απάντησε, «Δεν ήθελα παιδί μου να σε συγχύσω». Θυμαστό παράδειγμα προσοχής, στον τρόπο που μίλησε ο πατέρας στο παιδί του για να του υποδείξει το λάθος. Περίμενε την κατάλληλη στιγμή για να τον διορθώσει χωρίς να τον συγχάσει.

Ένα άλλο που πρέπει να προσέξουμε είναι να σκεφτόμαστε ότι τα λόγια μας έχουν μεγάλη δύναμη και μπορεί να κάνουν κακό, αν δεν τα χρησιμοποιήσουμε σωστά. Όλοι γνωρίζουμε τη γνωστή παροιμία, «Η γλώσσα κόκκαλα δεν έχει κάκι κάκι κόκκαλα τσακίζει». Τα λόγια μας, όταν λέγονται σε κάποιον όπως πρέπει, μπορεί να ουσιαλάσουν, να βλάψουν. Αρκεί μία μόνο λέξη για να κάνει κακό. Γι’ αυτό τα λόγια ονομάζονται και «άδρονος δολοφόνος». ‘Οσο μεγάλο καλό κάνουν όταν λέγονται με σωστό τρόπο, στην κατάλληλη στιγμή, άλλο τόσο κακό μπορεί να προξενήσουν, αν χρησιμοποιηθούν σε λάθος ανθρώποι και όχι σε κατάλληλη ώρα.

Σχετικά με τον εαυτό μας, είναι εύκολο εμείς να βρούμε τον κατάλληλο τρόπο να μιλάμε προσεκτικότερα στον καθένα; Νομίζουμε ότι είναι εύκολο, έχοντας υπ’ όψη την εξής: Ο ελεγχός προς τους άλλους, όταν οι άλλοι παρεκτρέπονται, πρέπει να γίνεται με καρδιά συμπαθίας.

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MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

OCMC 2011 Short-Term Sites and Dates Announced
The sites and dates of the 2011 OCMC short-term teams are now available. Thirteen Mission Teams will serve in 9 countries, including a team for families with children (8 years or older). Locations and departure dates are listed below. Visit our church website for more information.

Departure dates are in parentheses: Kenya (March 19), Albania (May 23), Uganda (June 11), Guatemala (July 6), Romania (July 7), Albania (July 17), Alaska (July 22), South Korea (July 23), Tanzania (July 25), Alaska (July 29), Madagascar (August 1), Alaska (August 11), Tanzania (October 4). Please consider serving as a missionary for your Church.

Please contact Andrew Lekos or Pres. Renee Ritsi by phone at 1-877-GO-FORTH (463-6784) or by e-mail at teams@ocmc.org for more information. Visit http://teams.ocmc.org for additional details about, or to apply for, 2011 OCMC Orthodox Mission Teams.

Mission Presentations During Salutation Services
On each of the first four Fridays of Lent, the Mission and Outreach Committee will feature a speaker on missions immediately after the Salutation services (Heretismoi). These will primarily include experiences of our Saint Katherine parishioners who have gone on mission trips in 2010.

March 11 Why Missions? (John Demakis)
March 18 Mission Trip to South Korea (Korinna Garbis)
March 25 Mission Trip to Tanzania (Taso & Irene Sakkas)
April 1 Mission Trip to Guatemala (Antonia Chelpon)

Lenten Retreat on March 19
On Saturday, March 19, Saint Katherine will present a special Lenten Retreat. The main speaker will be Kyriakos Markides, Ph.D. from the University of Maine. Dr. Markides is the author of two very well received books, Mountain of Silence and Gifts of the Desert. There will also be a children’s program.

Please save the date. More information will be available in a future issue of DOXA.

Guatemala Dates Set
The Saint Katherine Annual Mission to the Guatemala Orphanage will take place on November 3-10, 2011. As usual, the team will be led by Fr. Costas and Antonia Chelpon. Details will follow soon.

Food for the Homeless Shelter
On November 18, our Philoptochos served a Thanksgiving Dinner to the homeless. It was very well received. On December 14, our Mission and Outreach Committee served a special Christmas dinner to the homeless. The Shelter is now on their winter schedule which means there will be 150 people to serve. There will be two seatings, one at 5:00pm and another at 6:00pm.

Our GOYA parents will prepare, and the GOYAns will serve, the meal on Tuesday, January 11. The Daughters of Penelope will serve in February. Any other church organization who would like to take a turn, contact John Demakis at jgd11@erols.com.

Diaper Drive a Success
On December 5, 2010, over 50 packages of diapers were collected for area food pantries. The food pantries have identified this as a tremendous benefit for the mothers and working families who receive emergency assistance there. Unfortunately, federal funds cannot be used for diapers, so they depend on the food pantries.

Clothing and Toiletries Collection for Homeless Shelter
We continue to collect clothing and toiletries for men and women at the Bailey’s Crossroads Homeless Shelter. Clothes may be new or used, but must by clean. Toiletries should be unopened. There is a collection receptacle in the foyer of the Meletis Charuhas Center. Please continue to be generous to those less fortunate.

Maria Roeber Nears Her Goal
Ms. Roeber, RN will need to collect two years of living expenses before she can leave for Tanzania. Ms. Roeber has now collected OVER one year’s expenses. The Saint Katherine Parish Council has pledged $100.00 a month for two years. Ms. Roeber expects she will leave sometime in mid-February. Please consider supporting Ms. Roeber as she dedicates a part of her life to our Lord's ministries. Donations can be made online at http://mroeb@ocmc.org or mail a check, made out to OCMC, with Maria’s name in the memo line and mail it to: OCMC, 220 Mason Manatee Way, St. Augustine, FL 32086. You can make a one-time donation or monthly pledges, but prayer and pledges are the most helpful to long-term missionaries. Ms. Roeber is a delivery room nurse and expects to work to improve maternal and child health in Tanzania.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
May your New Year 2011 be filled with love, health, and happiness!

ΕΥΛΟΓΗΜΕΝΗ ΧΡΟΝΙΑ!
Με γνήσια αγάπη, ταπείνωση, προσοχή, διάκριση, εγκράτεια!
the clergy, having been ordained by his hierarch. As such, he should be addressed as "Deacon." However, because a deacon cannot bless or consecrate, it is not appropriate to kiss his hand. (Note that the reason one kisses the hand of a priest or bishop is to show respect to his Apostolic office. More importantly, since both priest and bishop hold the Holy Mysteries in their hands during the Divine Liturgy, we show respect to the Holy Eucharist when we kiss their hands.) Outside of services, both the priest and the deacon will wear similar garments. Both will don a shirt and clerical collar along with an under cassock (anteri) or outer cassock (exorasson).

All should remember that the deacon is merely an extension of the priest. He is not responsible for programs and does not influence any of the liturgical things that go on in church. Those are the responsibilities of the priest. In addition, the deacon will not take action without the blessing of the priest. Even during Divine Liturgy, the deacon will ask the blessing of the priest or hierarch before going out to read or help with Holy Communion. If there are questions or concerns on the part of a parishioner, the priest needs to be made aware. Afterward, he may give his blessing to the deacon to address the issue. However, the deacon will never act without the blessing of his priest.

Saint Stephen is the patron saint of Young Adult Ministry in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. His total commitment to Jesus Christ shines as an example, guiding the ministry. Saint Stephen was one of the first deacons ordained in the church. At a young age, he actively preached the Gospel of Christ in Jerusalem where he was criticized and persecuted by many Jewish leaders. Saint Stephen was chased outside the walls of Jerusalem and stoned to death. As his persecutors stoned him, he prayed, "Lord do not charge them with this crime," and took his last breath. Saint Stephen is an example to be followed, an important witness during an age when many Orthodox Christians died for their faith. The witness of Saint Stephen and other martyrs is a challenge which all of us are called to meet. He is commemorated each year on December 27. To learn more about Saint Stephen’s life and ministry, read the Book of Acts 6, chapters 6 and 7.

Let us come together on Sunday, January 9, and proclaim, “Axios!” upon the ordination to the diaconate of Harry Chelpon.

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In faith, prayer, and sacrifice, my family and I wish to share in the support and work of our Greek Orthodox Church of Saint Katherine. Out of our love and gratitude to God for all His blessings, we would like to pledge the amount of

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Με πίστη, προσευχή και θυσία, η οικογένειά μου και εγώ επιθυμούμε να συμμετάσχουμε στην υποστήριξη και υπηρεσία της Ελληνικής Ορθοδόξου Εκκλησίας Αγ. Αικατερίνης. Από αγάπη και ευγνωμοσύνη στον Θεό για τις ευλογίες Του, θα θέλαμε να υποσχεθούμε το ποσόν των

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ATTENTION POSTMASTER:  
Please expedite. Dated material.

**SUNDAY SERVICES** (unless otherwise noted)  
8:00am Divine Liturgy  
9:30am Orthros  
10:30am Divine Liturgy

**CATECHETICAL (SUNDAY) SCHOOL CLASSES**  
9:30am Nursery - 12th Grade  
9:30am YAL  
9:30am Adult

**WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY** (7-week sessions)  
7:30pm Tuesdays, beginning January 18  
9:45am Saturdays, beginning January 22

**WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB**  
10:30am Wednesdays, January 5 and 19

**WEekday Services in January**  
9:00am Orthros  
10:00am Divine Liturgy  
(Unless otherwise noted)

01, Saturday  
Saint Basil the Great

05, Wednesday  
Eve of Epiphany  
Liturgy/Agiasmos, 7:00pm*

06, Thursday  
Holy Epiphany

07, Friday  
Synaxis of John the Baptist

08, Saturday  
Vespers, 7:00pm*

17, Monday  
Anthony the Great

25, Tuesday  
Gregory the Theologian

**One-Liturgy Sundays in January**  
January 02: 9:30am Orthros, 10:30am Divine Liturgy  
*Sunday before Theophany*  
Vasilopita

January 09: 8:30am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
*Sunday after Theophany*  
Hierarchical Liturgy  
Ordination of Harry Chelpon to the Diaconate