HE IS RISEN!! NOW WHAT???

THE EXCITEMENT OF PASCHA! The celebration of the Resurrection is, for many and the Church, the focal point of life—the Restoration of the New Jerusalem—the rebirth of Adam, our own resurrection from the cares of this world to the focus of the world to come. There is a passage in scripture that really captures, at least for me, what happens after the Resurrection of our Lord.

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. (Luke 24: 15-23)

We are never totally aware of how God is moving in our lives, how He is active in our existence. We do know that He is there, that “in Him we live, and move, and have our being” (Acts 17:28). We are in Him and He is in us. But we are never totally conscious of just how He is there, and His motivations for our lives.

The Fathers of the East have known this truth of His “incomprehensibility” and have variously expressed it, remembering that we see, as Saint Paul said, “darkly, as through a glass.” Not understanding completely, we wonder in fact if we can lure Him into doing what we want. We make a “deal”—if this happens, I will do this or that. We sometimes make our faith conditional, even though our faith must be there in spite of what happens, not because of what happens.

We try to comprehend it all rationally, with our heads, but it does not work like that. We know such things not with our heads. We know them with our hearts—we intuit, we perceive, we sense, we experience.

Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him. Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recog-

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Christ is Risen! These are the three most powerful words in all of Christendom. They are the bedrock of our faith and the source for the great joy we all derive in the knowledge of the truly risen Christ. As you contemplate and rejoice in the gravity and splendor of these words, allow me to take this opportunity to highlight the activities of a very special group of parishioners who joyfully toil in our Lord’s vineyards by fulfilling the Great Commission of Christ to go and “make disciples of all nations.”

Of course, I’m speaking about our Missions and Outreach Ministry whose work since its inception some years ago has been truly inspirational. Under the guidance and leadership of Fr. Costas Pavlakos and Dr. John Demakis, this group of seemingly tireless disciples has achieved accomplishments that are genuinely singular within our Orthodox faith at the parish level. In fact, my reference to those within this ministry as “disciples” is entirely appropriate, for as they spread the “good news” of our faith throughout the world, they are truly following in the footsteps of the original disciples.

The appeal of this ministry has been so powerful that other Orthodox Christians throughout the Washington Metropolitan area have become involved. What began as a ministry at Saint Katherine has evolved into a Pan-Orthodox endeavor representing all the parishes in the greater Washington Metropolitan area that has achieved global outreach. As evidence, our parishioners have been on missions to Hong Kong, the Philippines, Tanzania, Romania, South Korea, Alaska, Guatemala, Mexico, and Cuba. Later this Fall, a team of 10 parishioners will travel to the continent of Africa in support of the ministries of Bishop Neofitos in Kenya. Beyond international travel, this group has participated with Habitat for Humanity projects in West Virginia and with the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve (FOCUS) in Appalachia. Not all of this ministry’s work involves travel, but it is no less important. I speak of their efforts to host and provide support to some of our missionaries upon their return to the United States to raise funds for their continued missions in the field. In our own neighborhood, this group directly supports the local Food Bank, Homeless Shelter, and the Culmore Free Clinic. As you can see, their work is as diverse as it is important.

This is my sixth consecutive (and last) year as President of our Parish Council. During this time, you have often heard me comment on the many blessings our Saint Katherine community enjoys. Among the greatest of these blessings is the work of our Missions Ministry as I have cited above. In addition to serving as a model for other ministries, their work has been a great source of personal inspiration to me as I have witnessed the faith and passion that has fueled their steady growth, their multiple successes, and the extent to which they have positively influenced the lives of those they touch. On behalf of our community, I express our gratitude and admiration for their exemplary efforts that are a never-ending source of pride and joy for our parish and indeed, for all of Orthodoxy.

Turning to other matters, and as a proud AHEPAN, I ask you to please keep in mind AHEPA’s plans over the Memorial Day weekend to honor those Greek-American service members buried at Arlington National Cemetery by placing a wreath at each gravesite. Again, let me mention what a great opportunity this will be for community members and their families to participate in this moving and powerful experience providing a life lesson in the sacrifice others have made in order to preserve the precious freedoms we all cherish. Please stop by the AHEPA table after liturgy on Sundays for more information.

Finally, our Spring Festival will take place June 2–4. To those who have not participated in some time...come join us! Yes, it can be hectic and stressful at times, but on the other hand, it is a rewarding weekend for the entire family as we work shoulder to shoulder with fellow parishioners who step forward for one reason—the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and of our Church. By having this festival, we are able to reach out to our local community in sharing our heritage and love of our Church. We are also supporting the various ministries and needs of our community along with giving back to those charities who depend on us. So, to those who have been away from the Festival scene for some time, we invite you back to join us. Please call a friend, spouse, cousin, or koumbaro and join us! We need you...in fact, we all need one another. This is what the Church...and our community...are all about!

On behalf of our Parish Council, I hope each of you had a most blessed and joyous Pascha and that the spiritual renewal we all experienced comforts and sustains you and yours throughout the year. God Bless you all!

Your servant in Christ,

President, Parish Council
FROM THE YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT OFFICE

CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRISTOS ANESTI!

Christ is Joy. When we are in touch with Christ we experience a profound Joy. We are called by Saint Paul to “rejoice always” (1 Thessalonians 5:16). The idea of Christ spreading His Joy is throughout the New Testament, and we are invited to experience this Joy. He says in the Gospel of John, “These things I have spoken to you that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full (John 15:11). Yes, it is true that God wants us to be happy, complete, fulfilled, and forever joyful.

Our Youth Ministry exists for many reasons, but one of our main priorities is to provide opportunities for Christ’s Joy to flow to us. We all know those moments and times when we are so lost in joy that we lose track of time. We don’t want anything else, and really don’t want that feeling to end. It is in these times that we are experiencing Christ and His Joy. This is part of the goal and mission of our Youth Ministry at Saint Katherine!

I encourage all youth and parents to keep an eye and ear out for upcoming youth events! May is a busy month with volleyball and we wish our volleyball teams good luck and good strength during this series of volleyball tournaments!

In June we have several activities already lined up. Our Greek Festival is a wonderful opportunity not only to serve and volunteer, but to share the joys of our Greek culture and heritage! We also have a Potluck Pool Party and Vacation Bible Camp where our teens can help out in a variety of ways!

LENTEN OUTREACH
CARING FOR DC HOMELESS

On April 1, 200 bags filled with new clothing, personal care items, and food were given out to those living on the streets of DC. Thank you to the Saint Katherine stewards whose faith and generosity allowed us to undertake this vital outreach to our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Those receiving the bags expressed their appreciation and gratitude to strangers who cared enough to help them. Yet it was those handing out the bags who were touched by the men and women they met. Many thanks to the following: Saint Katherines Ladies Philoptochos, Saint Katherine GOYA, DOP Helle #283, Mamie Papamichael, Dina Kolizeras, Denise Garbis, Dr. Jerry Rich, Jouvanis and Scafetta Families, John and Roseann Andre, Maria Wills, Fr. Costa and Presv. Pauline Pavlakos, Nia Vroustouris, Joanna and Melanie Grieg. Thank you to Daphne Papamichael, who once again organized this event!

BOOKSTORE

THE MONASTERIES AT VATOPEDI on Mount Athos boast some of the most beautiful icons ever painted and we have been blessed to acquire replicas of some of their most stunning ones. Among our new arrivals are icons of Jesus feeding the multitudes with five loaves and two fishes and angels carrying sacred fans to honor Christ.

We are now also stocking new kinds of incense to bring the full Orthodox experience into your home. If you have always wondered what real frankincense smells like, come visit the bookstore. Finally, we have expanded our selection of Orthodox CDs. We have recordings in both Greek and English of many services.

ELLINOMATHIA EXAMS

The Ellinomathia Exams will be given on Tuesday, May 16 for levels A1 (8-12 years old), A1 (for teenagers and adults), A2 and B1; on Wednesday, May 17 for levels B2 and G1; and on Thursday, May 18 for level F2 at Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church.

For more information, please contact Sophia Tsangali (stsangali@stkchurch.com) or Eleni Alexopoulou (ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com).

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 6-7: St. Nicholas, Baltimore GOYA B-ball Tourney
May 13-14: SS. C&H, Annapolis GOYA B-ball Tourney
May 14: Youth Church Duty Sunday
June 2-4: Church Spring Festival. All youth are encouraged to attend, serve at, and help at our beautiful community event!

June 17, 12:00 noon: Potluck Pool Party at the Vazquez residence, 18320 Yellow Schoolhouse Road, Round Hill, VA 20141. Join us for fun and fellowship in the sun! Bring your bathing suits! Since this is a potluck event, please be sure to bring a dish, drinks, and/or desserts!

June 26-30: Vacation Bible Camp! Teenagers are encouraged to help!

July 2-8, Camp Good Shepherd Virginia: Our Virginia GOYA Annual Summer Camp at Camp Piankatank! All GOYAns are invited for a week of fellowship, faith, and fun, much like the Lenten Retreat but bigger and better. The retreat was a blast and I encourage all GOYAns to attend our summer camp! The price is anticipated to be $450-$500. For more information, please contact Nick (njunes@stkchurch.com).

YOUNG ADULTS:

All young adults are encouraged to reach out to Nick Junes so he can get you on the contact list! The Young Adult League (YAL) is planning some fun summer-time events based on faith and fellowship. Please email or call njunes@stkchurch.com or 804-874-8838.
CATECHETICAL (SUNDAY) SCHOOL
CHRIST IS RISEN!! TRULY HE IS RISEN!!

Thank you to those families who participated in the potluck and palm cross making on Saturday of Lazarus. We completed approximately 2,000 crosses in a record time of less than 2 hours! Great job everyone!

May 14 is our last Youth Duty Sunday for the year. Ariana Porter is the Youth Captain and Epistle Reader.

As we approach the end of our 2016-2017 Catechetical School year, we are thankful for the opportunity to have taught our youth about their Orthodox Faith. We appreciate the commitment of our Sunday School parents in making Catechetical School a priority in your lives.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday School Commencement on May 21. Join us as we recognize our graduating seniors as they take this exciting next step in their lives.

We want to thank all of our teachers for their hard work and dedication to our children this school year! Sadly, our Sunday School staff will see George Moratis retire from teaching this year after many, many years of service. Also, Aliza Zagorianos will not be able to continue as our Kindergarten teacher. We have been truly blessed by their positive impact on our youth in teaching them how to live their Faith.

We need Sunday School teachers for the 2017-2018 school year. Please let us know ASAP if you are able and willing to teach.

Registrations will continue this month for Vacation Bible Camp (June 26–30). Our theme for this year is *Going for the Gold!* and we will study the Feasts of the Triumph of Christ and His Church. We need more teachers/volunteers. If you are able to help, please contact Eleni Porter (beporter1@verizon.net).

PARISH ORATORICAL FESTIVAL
CONGRATULATIONS TO all our parish Oratorical Festival participants on jobs well done. Nina Ziu received 1st Place in the Senior Division. Eleni Ziu received 1st place in the Junior Division and Melanie Grieg received 2nd place. Nina and Eleni presented their speeches in church on Sunday, April 2 and competed at the Regional Oratorical Festival at the Annunciation Cathedral in Norfolk on Saturday, April 22. Their speeches are available on our church’s website, under “Announcements.”

PHILOPTOCHOS (by Eleni Kanakos, President)
ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! CHRIST IS RISEN! I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter holiday.

Thanks to all the ladies for a successful bake sale. Your hard work certainly paid off, and I am grateful for your dedication. Many thanks to Mary Varlas for her tireless efforts to sell our pastries via email-orders. A special thank you to Strati Varlas for his tireless help during the bake sale. We could not have done it without him! I’m excited to continue working with all of you again as we prepare for our Spring Festival. Everyone is welcome! This is a great opportunity for all of us to get to know each other better, so please join us!

A special thanks to Lia Papailias and to Niki Tsakonas Bouloukos for starting our first Easter Lambatha sale this year. Lia and Niki not only donated their time to design these beautiful lambathes, but they also donated all the materials. The sale was a success, thank you for your time, dedication, and talent!

The Ladies of Philoptochos is hosting a Mother’s Day Continental Breakfast event to benefit “Aid to Greece & Cyprus Campaign, HEART TO HEART” on Sunday, May 14 after the Liturgy. Our efforts will help clothe children in need and provide monthly food packages for the very poorest of families. To further support this cause, we will also be hosting a Father’s Day Continental Breakfast on Sunday, June 18 after the Liturgy. Donations can be made at the events or you can mail your donation Patty Karounos, 6842 Brimstone Lane, Fairfax Station, VA 22039. Please make checks payable to “Saint Katherine Ladies of Philoptochos.” Everyone is welcome, please help us to help our brothers and sisters in Greece and Cyprus.

On Saturday, June 10, 12:00pm-3:00pm, we will host our Annual Philoptochos Luncheon at Nostos Restaurant. The cost is $40 per guest. Please call Mary Drakoulis to make your reservation at 703-273-4159 or email her at marydrak3@gmail.com. Payments will not be accepted at the door, so please send your payment in advance to Patty Karounos, 6842 Brimstone Lane, Fairfax Station, VA 22039. Make checks payable to “Saint Katherine Ladies of Philoptochos.”

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 21, after the Liturgy. Elections will take place during this meeting.

Thank you to all those who have sent in their stewardship. If you have not yet sent it in, please do so. You are supporting the mission of the Philoptochos with your stewardship.

Happy Mother’s Day!

DAUGHTERS OF PENELLOPE
(by K. Polizes, President)
CHRISTOS ANESTI! I hope everyone enjoyed a beautiful Easter holiday with family and friends.

Our next meeting is Monday evening, May 15, in the church board room at 6:30pm. This is our last meeting of the year and we’ll be voting for Helle Chapter Board of

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Hail down the cab driven by Athanasios Katigas and you might be in for the ride of your life. The radio in his cab is always tuned to religious broadcasts of the Orthodox Church and if you express interest in what you are hearing, Katigas reveals himself to be a messenger of the Lord sent to you in a moment of need. Since his full acceptance of the Faith in 1992, he has used his cab as the vehicle to bring many back to the Church.

Tears of Repentance is the recounting of the stories of people being drawn out of themselves during a brief taxi ride, challenged (usually gently, but heretics beware!) and changed. There are enough autobiographical details to give you a sense of the man: a poor student, a cheat as a young man, but then a profound change begins to unfold as the prayers of a lifelong friend and Katigas’ experiences in confession and spiritual counsel with a gifted priest and confessor turns Katigas into part lamb, part lion. After many years of this ministry-on-wheels, his spiritual father encouraged him to recount some of his heart-felt stories of passengers who found Christ in a cab.

Katigas is blunt in his message to those who engage with him:

Forgive me if I’m upsetting you, but if you do not participate in the sacrament of confession, you don’t really commune, and you don’t really believe what you say because it is not a difficult matter for us to open our mouth to receive Holy Communion, not to mention that it doesn’t cost us anything. But we have such a difficult time opening our heart to admit our faults and our sins so all the collected debris can come out, but only then, with a clean conscience and properly prepared, can we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ.” (pp. 70-71)

The conversations Katigas enters into and the changes he brings about are often watered by his own tears as his humility shows forth. He is generous to those in need and tireless with those who take his message to heart.

We need to work like our Lord Who, after being “exhausted” from a day’s journey on foot, did not choose rest over the soul of a foreigner at Jacob’s well. He initiated that eternal dialogue with the Samaritan woman, not only to save her and her family, but also to make her our great saint and apostle Photini. Are we not also to strive and do as much as we can to help our fellow men that live in ignorance and darkness? Christ was crucified for all of these people! So what do you say? Isn’t it worth the toil for us also humbly to stratch our hand to lift up our tired and fallen brother? (p. 160)

Athanasios Katigas is a taxi driver living in Sykies, a suburb of Thessaloniki.
AN ONGOING EXHIBIT at the Onassis Cultural Center in New York focuses on the significance of emotions in Greek culture, approximately from Homer to the end of antiquity (ca. 700 BCE-200 CE). Assembled in the exhibit are 130 masterpieces from museums in Greece, France, Italy, Germany and even the Vatican, amongst others.

It is difficult for someone like myself not having actually seen and been through this exhibit to write about it. What I thought of immediately was that so much of our incredible legacy of Greek literature deals with extreme situations where people have to make choices that are often drastic in nature and which have devastating consequences.

An example of this would be the story of Iphigeneia. In the photo of the exhibition, we see Iphigeneia being carried off as a sacrifice arranged by her father. The expressions on the faces of the men taking her for sacrifice show their disbelief and horror at what they are about to do. Such an unnatural act, so contrary to all codes of behavior, was bound to have repercussions that would be violent to an extreme degree. And this is exactly what transpires. Agamemnon goes off to war but Clytemnestra seeks revenge for the death of her daughter. Much havoc is wreaked. Inasmuch as codes existed, when they were broken, disasters befell those who transgressed. In ancient Greece, a sense of honor contingent on successful warfare and the code of the warrior was prevalent.

Women were also constrained by the codes of the warrior, so the Amazon queen Penthesileia had to fight in the Trojan war and come up against Achilles, who managed to slay her; he himself being undone, not by her military prowess but by the beauty he sees once he removes her helmet. Achilles would fall in love with a female counterpart. These are the two sculpted heads to the left of the painting. Extreme behavior defines the story of Medea, who kills her children to avenge the infidelity of her husband Jason. But Medea is joined by Procne, a princess and queen who avenges herself on her husband by slaughtering her son. Her statue by Alcamenes was on the Acropolis (430BC).

What I found particularly interesting was the way certain essential aspects of the human condition were treated by the ancients. In a Funerary Stele with Greeting Scene from Thera, from the early 3rd Century, a deceased woman bids farewell to an older man, probably her father. So here we have a concept that is truly human, the concept of Death, not concerned with the afterlife or skeletons, but what the two people feel for each other— the end of a physical relationship. The Greeks personified emotions and worshiped them. So Eros is a god to whom sacrifices can be made and temples built. In so many ways the complexity of the subject is tremendously challenging but at the same time exhilarating!
**IMITATION IS THE BEST FORM OF FLATTERY**

As the saying goes, “Imitation is the best form of flattery.” Even though Hellenic College Holy (HCHC) did not copy the name of our church’s newsletter, they adopted it as the name of their newsletter for supporters and friends of HCHC. *Doxa* (Δόξα) is a Greek word that means “Glory,” familiar because of its frequent use in the Divine Liturgy. It reminds us of our faith and practice as Orthodox Christians. The latest issue lists our very own Rev. Fr. Andrew Pavlakos as 1 of 8 alumni who were ordained in the Church from May 2016 through November 2016. Axios, Fr. Andrew!

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May their memory be eternal!

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Our Youth Director, Nick Junes, wants to attend sports and activities of our youth! Email him (njunes@stkchurch.com), if your son or daughter has any games, meets, plays, concerts, etc., so he can come watch!
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Planting beans and peas with Ms. Lori was a lot of fun! Children learned that seeds need soil, water, and light to help them wake up!

We would like to thank Dr. Galifianakis and his wife, Fiona’s grandparents, for visiting the pre-K class and teaching them about healthy diet habits!

Speaking Greek in pairs and baking Easter koulourakia. Greek school is a lot of fun!

The Greek Parade in Baltimore . . . Go Orioles! Go Greek!

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen!
Εκ μέρους του προσωπικού του Κέντρου Ελληνικής Εκπαίδευσης (HEC).
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Would you prayerfully consider becoming a spiritual and financial partner with us on our mission? As a financial partner, you can send a tax-deductible donation to Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church. Please write Project Mexico 2017 in the memo line of the check. Visit www.projectmexico.org to learn more about Project Mexico. Thank you for helping our Church fulfill its part in our Lord’s global mission and outreach!

Kenya Mission Trip, October 13-22. As we reported in last month’s DOXA, His Grace Bishop Neofitos has invited our community to visit him in his Diocese of Nyeri and Mount Kenya to help with building projects and teaching. If you are interested in joining the team and hearing more details, please join us for the first meeting on May 15, 7:00pm, in the Saint Katherine board room or email Mary VanMullekom (annmullekom_m@yahoo.com).

The team will be made up of no more than 10 people. The team will fly into Nairobi and from there proceed to Nyeri, about two hours’ drive by car/van. From Nyeri, we will drive to Meru the next day, about three hours away. The team will assist with the completion of the church of St. Mary of Egypt. The church has been under construction, brick by brick, for the last 15 years but has not yet been completed due to lack of funds.

In addition to helping with the construction, the team will teach catechism classes, teach about church icons, symbols of faith, role of women in the church, challenges facing youth in today’s world, etc.

The cost of each participant’s expenses should not exceed $2,000.00. However, the details have not yet been worked out. We will know more once the team is formed and we get the actual cost of airline tickets, etc. and we will make that information available to you.

2017 OCMC Mission Teams. Interested in going on a short-term mission trip with the OCMC? Ready for a life-changing experience? Want to make a difference in your lifetime? Please consider going on short-term mission trip with the OCMC. Many of our Saint Katherine parishioners have gone on foreign trips. Talk to one of them. Check the Saint Katherine website for a full list of teams and dates. The list is also posted on our bulletin board on the lower level of our community center. It is also available on the OCMC website, OCMC.org. For more information, contact Dr. John Demakis (demakis9931@gmail.com) or the OCMC.

Diaper Drive Results. On April 10, Palm Sunday, we had our first diaper collection of 2017. We are pleased to report that a large number of diapers were collected—dozens of boxes. They were distributed to three sites: Alternative House in Tysons, Food for Others in Merrifield, and Cornerstone Food Pantry in Reston. Thanks to Peter Ziu, John Moschopoulos, and Ivan Danzig who delivered the diapers, and to Georgia McKinney who coordinated the effort. And, of course thanks to all who contributed.

BAILEY’S CROSSROADS HOMELESS SHELTER

Feeding the Homeless. Our Missions Committee will serve dinner at the shelter on Tuesday, May 16. If you would like to join us, meet at the church at 5:00pm. If your organization would like to participate, please contact Dr. John Demakis (demakis9931@gmail.com).

Clothes and Toiletries. Please bring new or clean used clothes and unopened toiletries to the atrium of the Meletis Charhas Center.

Next Meeting. Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 9, 7:30pm, on the lower level of our community center. Come and join us. Refreshments will be served.

ANNUAL OCMC BANQUET, SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Speaker: V. Rev. Fr. Martin Ritsi, OCMC Exec. Director

4:30pm Vespers
5:00pm Hors d’oeuvres and Silent Auction
6:00pm Dinner and Speaker

To RSVP or for more information, please contact: Dr. John Demakis (demakis9931@gmail.com) Betty Slanta (slanta@verizon.net)
AHEPA CHAPTER #438

Greek Cuisine 2017 Restaurant Raffle. The 2017 Restaurant Prize Drawing will be held on AHEPA Sunday, May 21. Tickets are now available for only $20 each (6 for $100) and are being sold after liturgy every Sunday up through AHEPA Sunday. Back by popular demand, the raffle has been expanded to include a $500 cash prize so that the total of redeemable gift certificates and cash to be awarded has increased to $2,000. Therefore, this year we will have 4 raffle winners as follow: 1st Prize-$500 Cash plus $500 in Restaurant Gift Certificates, 2nd Prize-$500 in Restaurant Gift Certificates, 3rd Prize-$250 in Restaurant Gift Certificates, 4th Prize-$250 in Restaurant Gift Certificates. As an added bonus, with the purchase of a raffle ticket, you will also receive a coupon entitling you to a one-time discount of 20% on a total food purchase at Nostos Restaurant, located at Tysons Corner. All proceeds from this raffle are used to support AHEPA charities, both locally and throughout the world. These include Saint Katherine Vacation Bible Camp, Church Missions, college scholarships to local high school seniors, and the rebuilding of Saint Nicholas Church near Ground Zero in New York City. All of this is in addition to the AHEPA 438 tradition of supporting Saint Katherine in its fundraising efforts. Please help AHEPA Derzis #438 support its charitable endeavors, on behalf of Hellenic communities worldwide, by your purchase of restaurant raffle tickets. In addition to tickets being available following Sunday liturgy, they may be ordered by contacting Alan White at 703-888-7666 or winsomealan@aol.com.

Baseball Day at Nationals Park, June 10. AHEPA Chapter #438 is sponsoring a trip to National Park on June 10 to attend the 12:05pm Washington Nationals vs. Texas Rangers game. Bus transportation will be provided from the Saint Katherine parking lot. The bus will leave promptly at 10:30am and return after the game. The cost for a first-base reserved grandstand seat and bus transportation is $60. The entire community is invited to attend. Please contact Alan White (703-888-7666) or John Papanathanassiou (703-732-6329) for tickets.

WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB

Christos Anast!! Although we have been through the difficult work of Lent and celebrated the resurrection of our Lord, we will continue reading and discussing The Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian Commentary by William Mills. After the discussion of the introduction and first chapter, we affirmed that Ephrem’s Prayer applies each day of the year. His wisdom will help us appreciate even more fully our joy of Anastasi and spring. Come join the discussion at 10:30am Wednesdays, May 10 and 24. Email Despina Raizes (2draizes@gmail.com), if you do not have the book and would like a pdf copy.

Vacation Bible Camp, June 26-30, 10:30am-2:00pm, ages 4-14. Theme: Going for the Gold. Registration form available on our church’s website, under “Announcements.”
SHOWN BELOW is a list of families and individuals who participated in the 2015 Saint Katherine Stewardship Program through March 31, 2017. Thank you for responding to the needs of our church.

Any questions? Please contact Lori Nelson at lnelson@stkchurch.com or 703-671-1515.
recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

The result then of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is not an historical act that He did in those days, it is for us a daily occurrence. In our participation of the Divine Liturgy we pray, "Being yourself the fulfillment of the law and the Prophets, Christ our God, and having fulfilled all the divine plan of the Father, fill our hearts with joy and gladness, always, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen."

We go on then living our daily life with the assurance of God’s presence in our lives. We are to be happy and celebrate the resurrection that is experienced at every Divine Liturgy.

Christos Anesti,

Fr. Costas

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In Christ’s love,
Bill Porter
If your loved one needs care, please contact Fr. Costas as he has the names of some known and trusted caregivers.

703-671-1515
frcostas@stkchurch.com

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We are pleased to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Then

To reach the online giving page using your smartphone or tablet, simply scan our QR code to the right, sign up, and start giving.

Our new Giving Kiosk is also available in the Narthex for your convenience.

If you wish to make a one-time donation now, you can do so here:

https://www.stkchurch.com/donate

If you need to make a tax-deductible contribution, please contact Andrea Ballard (561-5287).

Many hands make light work (Exodus 31-38).

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