I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE who made this such a great Pascha. I was going to name individuals, but I knew I would leave someone out. Now that Pascha is over, will it be a let down to not sing the world’s number one hymn, “Christos Anesti”, after the middle of May? Jesus said, “But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you” (John 14:26).

When I speak I want people to listen. Jesus wants us to know and understand all He said. He wants His message to give us freedom from sin and death. It is the grace of the Holy Spirit in Baptism that allows us to partake and become holy.

Holiness means liberation or, rather, freedom. “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom” (2 Corinthians 3:17). Liberation is from someone or something; freedom is for someone or something. Both aspects are associated in the work of the Spirit, who is freedom. These take various forms:

1. Liberation from the past, forgiveness through repentance (metanoia);
2. Liberation from passions of egocentricity (askesis, healing one’s self);
3. Liberation from injustice, exploitation, poverty and all social evil;
4. Liberation—yes!—even from decay and death, something we speak so little about;
5. Freedom to love, even one’s enemies; to allow for personal, cultural and other differences and identities to exist and create; to give one’s life for the others as our Lord gave it on the Cross.

All this means that the Spirit has a great deal to say to the churches today through sanctification and holiness. We must work for a spirituality that will make sense for all human beings in all walks of life. Yet we must guard ourselves against an easy spiritualism. We often speak too easily and too quickly of the presence and the activity of the Holy Spirit in what we do. We must humbly submit what we are and what we do to his purifying judgment, awaiting for him to reveal the truth.

There is always the danger of confusing the Spirit of God with our own psychological experiences or certainties. The Spirit is God. He is Lord. He cannot be contained by our own feelings. The best we can do is worship him as Lord, pray to Him to dwell among us, and await patiently upon Him in all that we do.

In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul makes this inspired observation, “No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except in the Holy Spirit. There are different gifts but the same Spirit; there are different works but the same God who accomplishes all of them in everyone. To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good” (1 Corinthians 12:3-7). There are different gifts, to be sure. In terms of talent and ability, no two persons are exactly alike. But there is one great gift we all have received in common. In Genesis we read, “The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being.” The very Breath of God brings us into existence as living beings. Life itself is the gift of the Spirit. Each individual

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CHRISTOS ANESTI! I hope you all enjoyed a Blessed Pascha with family and friends.

Now that warmer weather is here, it’s time to think about our annual Spring Festival, to be held the weekend of June 1, 2, and 3. As you may know, the Spring and Fall festivals are two of the church’s primary fundraisers. This three-day event is a big undertaking and it would not be possible without the selfless and tireless efforts of our dedicated volunteers. Please consider volunteering for this most worthwhile event. We will have a sign-up sheet after liturgies. Thank you in advance for your generous donation of time and money.

I will introduce you to a parish council member monthly, starting with this issue of the DOXA. Craig Thomas, our Vice President, is our featured member this month.

Yours in Christ’s service,

George Moshos

After graduating from law school in 1985, I moved to Falls Church and started going to Saint Katherine. Lori and I met our spiritual father here that same year. In 1992, we were married at the church and raised our daughters, Marie and Joanna, in the church.

I served on the 1990 Young Adult League Conference steering committee here in Washington, DC, which together with the Clergy-Laity Conference, hosted His All Holiness Patriarch Demetrios—the first Patriarch to visit the United States.

I first served as a parish council member in 1998 and then served as treasurer in 2000 when we decided to build the Meletis Charuhas Center. I later served as chairman of the church beautification committee that oversaw the church renovation and the addition of the new iconography. On Saint Katherine Greek Festival weekends, I help Father Costa by giving church tours to share this beautiful iconography and our faith with visitors.

Together with Michael Mpras, I serve as a church trustee. For many years, I wrote book reviews for the DOXA and Lori and I taught the high school age catechetical school class.

Sincerely,

Craig Thomas

TRISAGION PRAYERS at NATIONAL MEMORIAL PARK
7482 Lee Highway
Falls Church, VA 22042

Monday, May 28
10:00am
in the Greek Section
For all youth and young adult inquiries and information, please contact Nick Junes at njunes@stkchurch.com.

From Nick’s Desk. Christ is Risen! Springtime is such a beautiful time of the year; the weather is getting warmer, the days are getting longer, and the natural world is becoming awoken from the sleep of winter. It is a most fitting time to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I encourage us all to soak in the rays of the sun and to breathe in the fresh air. Rejoice in being alive and at Christ’s trampling down death! At the end of the day, our faith is all about Life and living it in Christ’s Joy. We must always remember that our faith treats us holistically—not separating spirit from body and not separating humanity from the earth. We are connected to everything and the natural world can certainly be a place of healing and joy.

Our society today is so focused on having people sit inside and stare into some type of screen, and we wonder why there is so much depression, anxiety, and mental haze—all of which cloud the soul from the light of Christ. Saint Maximos the Confessor says that all of the creation is a manifestation of the Logos of God. That means that each and every single creature participates in God. I encourage us all, for our health and for our relationship with God in and through creation, to take some time and go do something outside!

GOYA
All Saint Katherine youth in 7th grade or higher are encouraged to join GOYA! All that is required is a good attitude, a completed Health and Registration Form (found on the Saint Katherine website), and an annual GOYA registration fee of $30 (made out to Saint Katherine GOYA).

GOYA MAY CALENDAR
GOYA Basketball Practice: Please coordinate with coaches 5/12 – 5/13 – Annapolis GOYA Basketball Tournament 5/13 – SUN – Youth Church Duty 5/20 – SUN – GOYA Fundraiser – Parents vs. GOYAns basketball!

YAL MAY CALENDAR
5/14 – MON – Defteri Deftera – Sandwich making and basketball - 7:30pm

GMU OCF MAY CALENDAR
Weekly meetings Wednesdays 7:00pm at the HUB – Contact Christina Makhloouf, President, at cmakhloouf@masonlive.gmu.edu. Other board members are to be determined soon. Please anticipate weekly Wednesday meetings, as we are in the process of reserving rooms and times.

MOMS, POPS & TOTS, JOY and HOPE
Here at Saint Katherine we have ministries for youth who aren’t of GOYA age! I strongly encourage these youngsters, and all of our youth, to register and attend Sunday School. This is the best way for our youth and parents to be involved, learn, and establish relationships!

Moms, Pops & Tots (40 days to age 4). Contact Irene Sakkas (irenesakkas@gmail.com).

HOPE (ages 4-7). Please contact Doris Mentis (doris@alumni.virginia.edu).

JOY (ages 8-12). Please contact Vaisa Bousbouras (vsbousbouras@yahoo.com).

CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD - VA, JULY 8-14
WHO: VA/MD teenagers who have completed 5th grade
WHAT: Faith, Fellowship, and Fun: daily church services, Orthodox Life sessions, relay races, rope swings, climbing wall, daily pool time, canoeing, campfires, athletics, games, trivia night, and more!
WHERE: Camp Piankatank (camppiankatank.com), 1586 Stampers Bay Road, Box 435, Hartfield, VA 23071
WHEN: July 8-14
COST: tbd by Metropolis of New Jersey (roughly $550). Cost includes food, lodging, and activities.
PRE-REGISTER AT: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXfoUK17HNmk1VSDQ4acwkNTFEdSw3qgFfaCT414J-9L9UDQ/viewform
Thank you to those families who participated in the palm cross folding on the Saturday of Lazarus and to all who helped clean and set up the church on Holy Friday.

May 13 is our last Youth Duty Sunday for the year. Please consider signing up to read the Epistle.

As we approach the end of our 2017-2018 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 their lives.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday School Commencement on May 20. Join us as we recognize our graduating seniors as they take this exciting next step in their lives.

We want to thank all our teachers for their hard work and dedication to our children this school year! Sadly, our Sunday School staff will bid farewell to Ray and Christina Vazquez and Karen Polizos after many years of dedicated service as teachers. We have been truly blessed by their positive impact on our youth in teaching them how to live their faith. You will be truly missed!

We need Sunday School teachers for the 2018-2019 school year, particularly for grade 4. Please let us know ASAP if you would be willing and able to teach.

Registration for Vacation Bible Camp, scheduled for June 25-29 will continue this month. We need teachers and volunteers for our children to participate in this amazing week! If you are available/interested in helping either before or during VBC week, please contact Eleni Porter at beporter1@verizon.net.

Seeking a Choir Director. Saint Katherine is seeking a Choir Director who can conduct the choir for Sunday services, rehearsals, Christmas Eve, and Holy Week. This is a part-time position from September through May, and salary is commensurate with experience and dedication. An Eastern Orthodox Christian familiar with the liturgy and Greek language who can accompany and conduct is preferred but not required. The Saint Katherine choir is a well-balanced group of approximately 25 singers which regularly sings the SATB and Byzantine style arrangements of Anna Gallos, Theodore Bogdanos, Frank Desby and Nancy Takis, among others.

The acoustics in the domed church are wonderful and the choir can easily perform a cappella or with the church’s Rogers organ. The official start date is September 2018 but a transition period between now and then is also available with pay. If you are an interested musician or know of someone who would be interested in the position, please contact Nick Kyrus (nbkyrus@comcast.net or 703-981-2526).

BOOK REVIEW


The mind sees all things, even those in heaven and nothing darkens it, save sin. But a pure mind finds nothing too hard to understand, and its word—nothing too hard to express.

- St. Anthony the Great

Naming Infinity outlines the international debate around the origins of descriptive set theory. It took place across the early-mid 1900s, becoming a watershed moment in the history of mathematics. Building on concepts developed over time beginning with Pythagoras and Aristotle, a trio of French mathematicians opened this modern debate. They soon reached an intellectual impasse. Their line of thought was approaching the metaphysical: Was there a mathematical “reality” where “objects” existed, becoming real and malleable through the activity of the mathematician’s mind? Their secular educations and intellectual culture left them unprepared to engage with the implications of their thought.

As the French bogged down, a group of Russian mathematicians took on the work, men who had grown up within the culture of Orthodox re-revolutionary Russia. They were themselves believers at some level, a few even having been influenced by the controversial religious practice called Name Worshipping. Based on the Jesus Prayer, the mainstream Church had declared it heretical, but mainly due to its excesses and not because of any underlying apostasy. It was the school of mathematics found by these Russian academics that ultimately brought set theory and its “naming” and defining of mathematical infinity to the apex of its impact.

As non-fiction, Naming Infinity is enjoyable enough, but it tries too hard to be everything to everyone. One does not need to understand advanced mathematics to make sense of the book’s main concepts, but the math’s finer points will be lost on many (this reviewer included). The book offers biographical sketches of the many players involved, along with their personal crises and professional and political persecutions. Yet, it doesn’t delve deeply into their ultimate motivations. The authors also touch on the lengths the Church went to in its attempts to suppress Name Worshipping (including a naval attack on the Russian monastery on Mt. Athos) and they speak respectfully of the religious faith of the Russian mathematicians but are timid in their exploration of the implications of reason informed by faith.

This last point is my take-away. Saint Anthony always calls the intelligent man the one who seeks to link his own mind to the mind of God as he goes through life. It is this apprehension of the highest wisdom of man and its wholeness in synergy with God that makes faith-informed reason so powerful and enriches it to reach its highest potential. Intelligence without the Ultimate, science stripped of the transcendent, is always less than it could be.

Loren Graham is Professor Emeritus of the History of Science at MIT. Jean-Michel Kantor is a mathematician and historian at the Institut de Mathematiques de Jussieu in Paris.
**Greek School News.** We would like to thank all the parents (92 questionnaires) who participated in our mid-year survey evaluating our Greek language program. Questions were about the students’ speaking skills, the new technological tools teachers use and the communication between school and home. We also included an open-ended question because we welcome parents’ input and we believe in working closely with the families in order for the students to feel successful. The results are astonishing positive and reflect our investment in teacher training opportunities as we have adopted new methodologies that complement our HEC strategic planning for improving our educational offerings to our families. Many thanks to our wonderful community for supporting Greek Education!

**Credit-By-Exam Pilot Program in Fairfax County for the Greek Language.** Because of the persistence of our parents and the support of the Board of Education of Saint Katherine, our long awaited goal for Fairfax County Public Schools to offer the Greek Exams is now a reality!

Any student with some proficiency in the Greek language may participate in the exams offered each year and earn up to 2 Language credits. These credits are accounted on the High School Diploma and may allow the student to substitute his/her language requirements with classes of his/her choice.

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the exams of 2017! Please pass the word to families that have children in 7-11th grades. Please be mindful that the County will offer the exams as long as there is a demand!

**New Greek Exam*Preparatory Classes** We would be very happy to offer fall of 2018 our expertise to the students so that they can earn the credits needed for their High School Diploma. Classes will be structured with the exams in scope and students will be grouped by level of proficiency. Students who hold a B1 Certificate will automatically receive the Seal of Biliteracy Diploma at high school graduation. Please contact us for more information.

**Ellinomatheia Exams 2018.** This year, the exams will be offered May 15-17. There are 135 students who participate in the different levels A1-C1. Out of 135, 38 are our own students. Historically, we have had a 100% success rate due to our academic curriculum and experienced staff. We wish all the students best of luck and we are here to support them all the way!

**Paideia Preschool News.** Learning to express feelings and ideas with their body during Drama Class, Ms. Eleftheria is teaching our preschoolers the art of theatrical moves and the benefits of working together with a goal in mind. Our favorite song has been “Christ is Risen.” It is so touching to walk in the hallway and listen to our little angels praying and stating the very meaning of our Christian identity! Our Paideia staff prepares meaningful instructional activities that engage the students and help them reach their developmental milestones by exploring and problem solving.

**Kindergarten Class 2018-2019.** Registration for the Kindergarten class coming up this fall is now open. Children who are of Kindergarten age by September 30, 2018 or who don’t meet the age criteria but have attended preschool may be eligible for consideration.

For information on any HEC, Paideia Preschool, Greek School, Adult Language, or Ellinomatheia Exam programs, please contact Eleni Alexopoulou (ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com or 703-671-7715).
ΠΡΟΣΩΠΙΚΟΤΗΤΑ ΚΑΙ ΕΚΔΡΟΜΕΣ

Ο Κύριος Μαζί της Αισθανόμαστε συνέχεια ενθαρρύνει να καθιστούν και να πρακτικοποιούμε μένοντας την ορθή πίστη στον Τριαδικό θεό και δίπλα του μεθάντων. Αυτός ο Άνθρωπος παρουσίασε βίας έτσι, όπως οποίοι θα ήθελαν να είναι μαθήτες του Αναστάντα Χριστού. Αλλά, ισχυρίζεται, πώς θα εφαρμοστεί αυτή η υπόσχεση σε μας σήμερα;

Η Παρουσία του Κυρίου στην καθημερινή ζωή δυνάμει στο αγάθο την θέληση μας, η οποία πολλές φορές είναι αδύνατη. Και πολλές φορές, που δεν μπορούμε να υποτηρήσουμε. Σηκώνουμε π.χ. ένα δυσκολό πείραμα που βρίσκεται μπροστά μας ή δίνει φωτισμό και δύναμη εκείνη την ώρα που πρέπει να τον αντιμετωπίσουμε.

Είμαστε μαθητές στην καθημερινή ζωή ή στην σταδιοδρομία μας τώρα ή αργότερα και στην οικογενειακή μας ζωή δυσκολίες, θλίψεις, στενοχώριες, είναι δίπλα μας απαλύνοντας τον πόνο μας, δίνοντας παραγοντιά, ανακουφίστηκαμε, θαρρος και καρτέρια. Μάς ενθαρρύνουμε όταν δημιουργούνται μέσα μας ιερές επιθυμίες και ανέγερες αποφάσεις για αγώνα και αγιασμό σε νίκη του παλαιού ανθρώπου με επιτυχία αρετών.

Μας ενθαρρύνει τα κάλες μας προσπάθειες, τα μαθήματα, στην ιεραποστολή, στην εργασία και στη σοφιτού και συγκεκριμένα καλό θέλουμε να επιτύχουμε για τους εαυτούς μας και για τους συνανθρώπους μας.

Έχει μεγάλη σημασία αυτό, το «πάτασας της ημέρας». Δείχνει ότι θα είναι μαζί μας και στις μέρες της χάρας και της λύπης, μέρα και νύχτα και όταν είμαστε μόνοι και όταν βρισκόμαστε μαζί με άλλους. Και στο χιονί και στην πόλη και στους περιπάτους και στις εκδρομές, παντού και πάντα, εφόσον υπάρχει η θέλησή μας να είμαστε μαζί σου. Ας προσευχόμαστε λοιπόν πάντοτε, έτσι απλά, αυτοσχέδια και ακολουθώντας το «Και έχω ευχή μεθ’ υμών εμί πάτασας της ημέρας...». Ω, ναι, Κύριε η αισθανόμαστα κι εμείς. Είσαι μαζί μας! Όπως το υποσχέθηκε αυτός ο Άνθρωπος σου, είσαι μαζί και με όλους εμάς, τα παιδιά Σου, που έχουμε βαπτιστεί στο όνομά Σου και θέλουμε να ζουμε σύμφωνα με το θέλημα Σου. Σε αισθανόμαστε να υποτηρήσουμε την αδύνατη θέληση μας. Να σηκώνουμε τα εμπόδια, όταν εμείς δεν μπορούμε να τα υποτηρήσουμε. Σε αισθανόμαστε να απαλύνουμε τον πόνο μας και να σφραγίζουμε το δάκρυ μας, όταν η θήλη, μεγαλύτερη από την δύναμη μας, πιέζει την ψυχή μας.

Σε αισθανόμαστε να απομακρύνουμε τον πείρασμα, όταν σφραγίσουμε τον λίβας έρχεται να κατακάιει τα πρώτα άνθη του καλού, που φυτρώνουμε στην ψυχή μας.

Σε αισθανόμαστε να μάς ενθαρρύνουμε, όταν πάθος ευγενικοί και γενναιοί ήτοιν την ςωτια του έγγον, για να γίνουν αποφάσεις και να πραγματοποιηθούν στην ζωή μας.

Ευγνωμονούμε, Αναστήμενες μας Κύριε, γιατί κάθε μέρα της ζωής μας περνά, κάθε νίκη μας στον αγώνα εναντίον του κακού κάνει μεγαλύτερη την πίστη μας στην υπόσχεσή Σου, «Και έχω ευχή μεθ’ υμών εμί πάτασας της ημέρας...!»
Please join us in celebrating Mother’s Day

Sunday, May 13

with a Continental Breakfast

This event is to benefit “Aid to Greece & Cyprus Campaign, HEART TO HEART.” All donations are appreciated and will be forwarded directly to this campaign. If you are not able to join us, please consider mailing a donation. Checks should be made payable to Saint Katherine Ladies Philoptochos, with Heart to Heart written on the memo line, and mailed to:

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
Attn: Ladies Philoptochos
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PHILOPTOCHOS by Mary Varlas

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Easter Bake Sale such a success. Our lambathes sales exceeded all our expectations. Great job to Patty, Tina, Daphne, Lisa, Nicole, Mary S., Sophia, Karen, Tori, Kathy, Eleni, Demetra, and Eula. Niki and Lia, thank you for making and selling the gorgeous lambathes. I heard there were quite a few throughout the church during the Resurrection Service.

Special thanks to all who bought our baked goods. Your generosity during the Easter Bake Sale allowed us to make a $5,000 donation towards the national initiative “Feeding the Hungry.” We were fortunate enough to receive two matching donations of $1,000 each for the same cause, bringing our total to $7,000 which equals 3,000 meals. We helped feed the hungry through various local charities including Brite Path, Baileys Crossroads Shelter, Miriam’s Kitchen, Central Union Mission, and D.C Kitchen. Again, thank you to everyone for your philanthropy.

Coming up next is the National Philoptochos Campaign, Heart to Heart. Our Ladies Philoptochos has decided to, once again, host a Continental Breakfast on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 13 (see flyer on page 8) and Father’s Day, Sunday, June 17. We would love to have everyone in our parish join us on both days. Of course, the initiative is to raise awareness and funds that will be used to help our suffering brothers and sisters in Greece and Cyprus. In case you are not available to join us for any of these events please mail your donation to:

Ladies Philoptochos
3149 Glen Carlyn Road
Falls Church, VA 22041

The next general Ladies Philoptochos meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 20, upon the completion of Liturgy, in the boardroom of the Meletis Charalivas Center.

DAUGHTERS OF PENEOPE by Barbara Koltos

DEAR SISTERS AND FRIENDS, CHRISTOS ANESTI!

I wish you a warm and welcomed Spring. We are nearing the end of our active year and need to look forward to our plans for next year, which as you know will start off in early September with our first meeting early in the month (TBA) and then our brunch on September 23 (a fundraiser for homeless women veterans). Check out their website at http://www.finalsaluteinc.org/. Part of their mission is: H.O.M.E and S.A.F.E Programs which assist women Veterans and their children who are currently homeless, those that are facing homelessness, and those that are under financial strain. Their programs are open to women Veterans and their children, regardless of their location. Helle Chapter has put together a wonderful raffle for this event and I ask all of our members to help with the sale of our raffle tickets. We have three designer bags and a Miele vacuum (the value of these prizes is over $2,000). The brunch will be a family affair with a moderate price for children.

I received an email on April 2, 2018 from the orphanage in Thessaloniki. Our package, which was mailed November 15, 2017, was just received. I have learned a valuable lesson here. I will share the email at our next meeting.

Please save the date of June 9 for our final event of the year which will be at Our Mom Eugenia—a relatively new Greek restaurant in Great Falls. I will send out information regarding reservations soon.

Our next meeting is May 14, 7:00pm, in the boardroom.
In Theta Pi, I hope you have a wonderful month.

BOOKSTORE

STUMPED ABOUT what to get the women in your life for Mother’s Day? We can help! We have lovely lavender and forest scented olive oil soaps, hand made by nuns. We also carry healing oils, infused with flowers grown in monastery gardens. You can’t go wrong with an icon of the Theotokos, the model mother for us all. Hint, the Sweet Kiss (Glikofilousa) icon will make any mother’s heart melt.

LENTEN OUTREACH 2018

CHRISTOS ANESTI! CHRIST IS RISEN!

In the early morning of March 25, two hundred four (204) bags filled with new clothes, personal care items, and food were distributed on the streets of DC to our brothers and sisters in need. Those of us giving the bags were touched by the gratitude and thanks shown. People appreciated that strangers cared enough about them to reach out to help. It was a blessing for all involved.

Our Saint Katherine Stewards once again showed their generosity by supporting this project so that many could be helped. Thank you to Fr. Costa for the example he constantly sets for all by his love and spiritual devotion. Also, thank you to Nick Junes, Roberto Medina, George Moshos, Sophia Tsangali, and our GOYA and YAL for assisting in the planning and logistics.

Many thanks to all for their donations which helped us reach 204 people: Saint Katherine Philoptochos, Daughters of Penelope Helle #283, AHEPA #438 (Peter N. Derzis), Mamie Papamichael, Jouvanis and Scafetta Families, Betty and John Slanta, Maria Wills, Nia Vroustouris, Rosanne and John Andre, Nick Coumanis, Antonia Chelpon, Marcina and Evans George, Linda and Takis Taousakis, Tori Carr, Andrea Ballard, Dena Contompassis, Mary Drakoulis, Marietta Morris, Elvira Garnett, Denise Garbis, Angelike Mina, Maria Kanakos, Marilyn Schimpf, Mary Varlas, Eleni Kanakos, and Fr. Costa and Presv. Pauline.
We are blessed!
MISSIONS AND OUTREACH
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19).

**Annual OCMC Benefit Dinner.** As this edition of DOXA goes to press, we are making the final preparations for our annual OCMC Benefit dinner on April 22. Our featured speakers this year are Fr. George Liacopulos and our own Antonia Chelpon. Fr. George is the priest at the Holy Trinity parish in Egg Harbor, New Jersey. He was the president of the Board of the OCMC for six years and has directed much of its recent expansion. He will share his many experiences leading the OCMC. Antonia has served on several mission trips to Guatemala and will share her experiences as a missionary. Our dinner committee has planned a wonderful evening full of good food, music, a raffle, and, of course, speakers. A full report will be in next month’s DOXA.

**Kenya Mission—Women’s Conference, April 2018.** The planning stage for the Kenya Mission trip is over and the time for the actual work is now upon us. After many months of hard work and team preparation, always with the unwavering support of our beloved Saint Katherine extended family, our Saint Katherine team including Mary VanMullekom, Victoria Cherpes, Elaine Porter, and Vivian Chelpon will depart for Kenya on April 15 and return on April 22. The team will participate in the Women’s Conference taking place in the Diocese Center of Nyeri and Mt. Kenya in Nyeri, Kenya. Over 300 women are scheduled to attend the conference, starting April 19 and ending April 22. The theme of the conference is Arise and Walk. Our mission members will present at the conference, sharing their stories with their fellow Orthodox sisters. Topics include spirituality, leadership in the home, church and community, prayer, finances, nutrition, and parenting. In addition to presenting at the conference, the team plans to visit certain Orthodox orphanages while in Nyeri. If time allows, the team is planning a return visit to Saint Katherine Church. This is the church that our Saint Katherine community here in Falls Church is building for our brothers and sisters in Kaluli, Kenya. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please make out your checks to Saint Katherine and write “Kenya Mission” on the memo line. Our warmest thanks to everyone for your prayers and continued support. A full report will be in next month’s DOXA.

**Project Mexico.** We now have our Project Mexico crew all set to go for July 17-24, 2018! We have finalized our number at 14 volunteers, which is six more than we have ever had! Our team of 14 will combine with other Orthodox Christians from around the country and the entire group (approximately 100 people) will build 4-5 houses in a week for needy families in Rosarito, Mexico. We will also minister to the children of St. Innocent’s Orphanage, along with their priest, Father Nick, and his family and staff.

As we continue to work out the final details, please prayerfully consider supporting our expanded costs and expenses by donating to the Project Mexico fund. You can make your checks out to “St. Katherine GOC” and write “Project Mexico” in the memo section. Again, thank you all for your love and support of this vital ministry, and may the Lord’s name be praised.

**Culmore Clinic Fundraiser.** The Culmore Clinic is an interfaith, non-profit, healthcare clinic that offers intensive primary care and preventive services to low income adults in Bailey’s Crossroads. It meets twice a week at the Baptist church down the block from Saint Katherine. Saint Katherine is one of the founding members of the clinic and still actively participates in its mission. Fr. Costa is on the Advisory Board and Dr. John Demakis is on the Executive Committee. The Culmore Clinic started as a one day a week clinic and is now open two days a week. However, the need is great and plans are being made to expand further. The Clinic board is sponsoring a Wine and International Food Tasting on Saturday, May 19 at the LaVoie residence (6377 Landless St., Alexandria, VA) at 7:00pm. If interested, RSVP to RSVP@culmoreclinic.org or 703-244-1923. If you would like to donate directly, make your checks out to Saint Katherine and, on the memo line, write Culmore Clinic

**Bailey’s Crossroads Homeless Shelter.** Members of our parish council will serve dinner at the homeless shelter on Tuesday, May 15. If other church groups would like to serve at the homeless shelter, please contact Dr. John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com. It will be an unforgettable experience.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, May 8 at 7:30pm.
All are welcome. Please join us.

SAINT KATHERINE VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2018
Monday-Friday, June 25-29, 2018
Sponsored by AHEPA Chapter #438
Camp Hours 10:00am - 2:00pm
Ages 5-14 (space is limited)
$50 fee per child
VBC registration form and other information available on the church website, under “Announcements” | “Vacation Bible Camp 2018”
AHEPA Chapter 438 Special Events

This year, the proceeds of the AHEPA Chapter 438 Restaurant Raffle Prizes Drawing (drawing to be held on Tuesday, May 15), will be used towards the funding of Vacation Bible Camp and our Metro Scholarship Program for graduating seniors. The raffle provides for an ultimate Greek dining experience and has $2,000 in prizes (4 prizes at $500 value in gift certificates) offered by our Greek Restaurateurs in support of our community. Raffle Tickets are $20 (6 for $100). For tickets, contact Alan White (703-888-7666) or Christos Masouros (571-269-7553).

We are taking sign-ups for laying AHEPA Wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery on Saturday, May 26. We will meet at Saint Katherine at 7:30am. (A very limited number of parking passes make carpooling mandatory.) This is an AHEPA National Service Project that satisfies Middle and High School service requirements. Contact Colonel Nick Vamvakias (703-323-7153) or Angelo Toutsi (703-281-0843) for additional information.

AHEPA Baseball Day will be on Saturday, June 9, with the Washington Nationals hosting the San Francisco Giants at 12:00pm. The roundtrip bus transportation will leave Saint Katherine at 10:30am. The total cost is only $60 per person. Family members, friends, and guests are invited. For tickets, contact Alan White (703-888-7666) or Christos Masouros (571-269-7553).

On AHEPA Sunday, May 20, Peter N. Derzis Chapter 438 will present Saint Katherine Church with its annual checks of $1,500 for its General Fund and $1,000 for Vacation Bible Camp. A check for the Peter N. Derzis Honors Award of $2,200 will be awarded to a qualified graduating senior at the prestigious Metro Scholarship Awards Banquet at the Hilton in Rockville.

Other special events currently in the planning are the May 15 Spring Meeting and Cook-Out at the AHEPA Kendro and an AHEPA Fishing Trip on May 19. Details to follow.

REGISTRY

Baptisms
Leonidas Alexander (April 14)  
son of Angelo P. and Melinda H. Koutsoupias  
Godparent: Kathy Psihas

Yannis George (April 21)  
son of George J. and Suela R. Souliotis  
Godparents: George and Theodora Papastergiou

Alexander Christopher (April 21)  
son of Nick and Virginia Hanna  
Godparent: Virginia Kopanou

Georgia Lee (April 22)  
daughter of Tassos P. and Amanda L. Trypanis  
Godparent: John Goranitis

Congratulations to the newly baptized and chrismated!

Chrismations
Besufedak Kasseng Feleke (April 8)  
son of Kassgen Feleke and Ejigayeha Hail Giorgis  
Sponsor: James Stoucker

Elsabat Ayalew (April 8)  
daughter of Ayalew Belay and Abbech Teklesadik  
Sponsor: James Stoucker

Fanourios Leif Ackerman (April 29)  
son of Gary and Christine Ackerman  
Sponsor: Anastasios Poulos

Funerals
Maria Linardakis (March 21)  
Eleni Kavarligos (April 10)  
Presvytera Barbara Voyiaziakis (April 17)

May their memory be eternal.
THE STUDY of Greek and Latin was for centuries, both in Europe and the United States, the foundation of a sound education. Following the Civil War, this ambition persisted among those interested in higher learning. Howard University was one institution that promoted the study of Classics. And it is the African American men and women who are documented in this exhibition, who taught Latin and Greek at the university level.

Some of these determined academics were even born into slavery and yet persisted in their struggle against prejudice. Although some were rejected outright from many colleges, most went to colleges and universities that were already established—Oberlin, Brown University, Syracuse; perhaps the most fortunate were admitted to the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard.

Throughout the descriptions of these pioneering academics, there lies a thread of overriding ambition to succeed and lay down a path for others to follow. These men and women managed to become principals and Presidents at the colleges (in some cases High Schools) at which they taught and each one made a solid contribution, not only to the promotion of other African-American scholars, but to their fields of concentration. One of these, Lewis Baxter Moore (pictured above in the middle row, far right) born 1866 in Alabama, received his doctorate from U. Penn with a dissertation titled The Stage in Sophocles’ Plays.

It was impressive to see how these scholars, with so much stacked against them because of their race, forged ahead. Going as far as they could possibly go—each of them received a BA with most going on to Master’s degrees. Two of them were even born in the West Indies and came over for their education! It is wonderful to see an exhibit showcasing scholars of the Classics who were passionate and dedicated, as this group was. The Center for Hellenic Studies, 3100 Whitehaven Street NW, Washington, DC, is open for visitors on weekdays.

WE ARE EXCITED TO INTRODUCE the Olympiacos Soccer Academy to the DC metro area. Under the auspices of Olympiacos F.C., the academy will focus on the teachings of competitive soccer and supporting social and philanthropic causes. In addition to playing high quality soccer, students will participate in various community service activities throughout the year. Currently, we are enrolling boys from the ages of 5 to 17. To enroll or for additional information, please contact Harry Karageorge at 703-402-9076 or Despina Panagoulias at 703-898-4893. Local sponsors who are interested in supporting the effort are welcome!

2018 ELLINOMATHEIA EXAMS

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SHOWN BELOW is a list of families and individuals who participated in the 2018 Saint Katherine Stewardship Program through March 31, 2018. Thank you for responding to the needs of our church.

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