THANKSGIVING

President George Washington proclaimed the first nationwide Thanksgiving celebration in America, marking November 26, 1789 as “a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and singular favours of almighty God.” Jesus says to us, “I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man will confess before the angels of God” (Luke 12:8).

I have had such great emotional gratitude at every Thanksgiving celebration. I see how most people take time to pause and reflect on God’s grace bestowed on all—our country, city, church, and family.

President George Washington was correct to point out that even a singular blessing from God is something to celebrate. It is very easy to remember times of trouble, struggle, and pain. Do we want to celebrate those times in our lives that were so dark? I think, in our modern times, we have made it difficult to celebrate the blessings of God Almighty. I turn on the news and read the online newspaper and see only bad news.

Thanksgiving is always around the time we celebrate the feastday our our Patron Saint Katherine (November 25). Read the words of her Apolytikion below:

The all-blessed bride of Christ let us extol in song, Katherine the divine and protectress of Sinai, the assistance and helper of all of us; for she muzzled brilliantly, the ungodly clever men, by the power of the Spirit. And now crowned as Martyr, she pleads great mercy for all of us.

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίνην την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημῶν και αντίληψιν, ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τούς κομψούς τῶν ασεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και ως μάρτυς του Κυρίου στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι, το μέγα έλεος.

Saint Katherine is very much alive today and inspires us to achieve the holiness of our souls. When I chant these words of her Apolytikion, “she muzzled brilliantly, the ungodly clever men,” I rejoice for the words of God are so much more powerful than the words of evil. Light extinguishes the darkness.

We should offer Thanksgiving, first and foremost, to God. Psalms 30:12 says it best, “to the end that my glory may sing praise to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to your forever.” Thanksgiving, therefore, is, for us as living Christians, a daily celebration. Can you find at least one blessing a day in your life or is it too hard because we have such an abundance of blessings?

We end the Divine Liturgy with these words, recited by the priest in a low voice:

We thank You, loving Master, benefactor of our souls, that on this day you have made us worthy once again of Your heavenly and immortal Mysteries. Direct our ways in the right path, establish us firmly in Your fear, guard our lives, and make our endeavors safe, through the prayers and supplications of the glorious Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary and of all Your saints.

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FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

AS WE ALL KNOW, November is a traditional month of Thanksgiving. Of course, the feast day of Saint Katherine and Thanksgiving immediately come to mind during this time. It is also more than fitting that Veterans Day, whose origins emanate from the signing of the armistice ending World War I, is observed during this month. In addition to acknowledging our spiritual and material blessings, it also gives us the opportunity to acknowledge those who have served and sacrificed for their country to preserve and protect our freedoms for so many generations. More on this later . . .

This year, the month of November provides our community even more reasons to be thankful with a number of events designed to appeal to all segments of our parish. The month begins with the Orthodox Christian Association of Medicine, Psychology, and Religion (OCAMPR) Annual Conference, hosted by our parish November 1-2. Our Annual Dinner Gala, will be held at the Hilton McLean on Sunday, November 10. The Gala Committee, chaired by Nick Larigakis has worked diligently to put together an outstanding event that I am sure everyone will enjoy. Our special guests include His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos, as well as the Ambassadors of Greece and Cyprus to the United States. The excellent menu, entertainment, venue, and silent auction promise to make this a memorable evening of camaraderie and fellowship within our community. We will also honor the veterans of our community with a special ceremony as part of the celebration. I hope all of you will gather with the rest of our community for this gala event as we celebrate another year of God’s grace.

Additional events during the month of November include a lecture series featuring presentations on the *Life of George Dilboy*, the only Greek American to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor and *Hellenic Contributions to Modern Medicine*. These are both incredibly interesting lectures you won’t want to miss. As we go to press, final details for a special community evening at the National Gallery of Art to view the famous exhibit *Heaven and Earth: Art of Byzantium from Greek Collections* are being finalized and will be published as soon as they are available. This first-ever exhibition of Byzantine art at the National Gallery—some 170 works of art, many never before lent to the United States, will be on display—among them mosaics, icons, manuscripts, jewelry, and ceramics. The works include newly discovered and unpublished objects and reveal the rich and multifaceted culture of Byzantium. The exhibition explores the coexistence of paganism and Christianity, spiritual life in Byzantium, secular works of art used in the home, the intellectual life of Byzantine scholars, and the cross-influences that occurred between Byzantine and Western artists before the fall of Byzantium.

Another very special event during this month will be the presentation of the internationally acclaimed one-man play, *Socrates Now*, performed by Emmy Award winning actor Yiannis Simonides on November 23, 8:00pm in the Meletis Charuhas Community Center. Take a seat in the court of ancient Athens as Socrates goes on trial for his life. Hear the philosopher face his accusers with his trademark wit, cutting logic, and the courage of his ideals. Consider his arguments on virtue, justice, politics, civic duty, love of life, and hope in death and draw your own judgment. Tickets for adults are $15 and children are admitted for $5. All proceeds go to our Hellenic Education Center. We also look forward to the spiritual highlights of November—our liturgical observances for the Feastday of Saint Katherine (Great Vespers on Sunday, November 24 at 7:00pm and Divine Liturgy on Monday, November 25 at 10:30am.) Receptions hosted by the Philoptochos will be held after both services.

Due to scheduling issues, another lecture and very special activity has been deferred to the first week of December. Ms. Connie Mourtopalis, Director of The National Hellenic Museum (NHM) in Chicago, Illinois, will make a presentation on Thursday, December 5 at 7:00pm in Founders’ Hall. She will discuss the many fascinating and diverse programs of the Hellenic Museum. Our community is encouraged to participate in one of The National Hellenic Museum’s very special programs—the Oral History Project, designed to preserve the history of the Greeks of America by collecting the recorded interviews and memoirs of individuals and/or groups. Persons of Greek descent, the spouses, or relatives of Greek persons are eligible to provide an oral history and anyone interested in contributing to this most valuable project can do so by scheduling an interview through the Church office on Thursday, December 5 or Friday, December 6. Your oral history, as well as any pictures or documents that enhance the story, will be digitized and deposited into the NHM archives, creating a repository for Greek American histories preserved for research by the public, students or scholars, documentaries or movie productions, public presentations, publication in books, journals, magazines or on the Internet.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn’t also take this opportunity to look back a moment and thank all those responsible for the resounding success of our Fall Festival. George Moshos, Andrea Ballard, Pantelis Firippis, Eleni Kanakos, John Andre, Pete Chambers, and many, many others have our sincere gratitude for their singular contributions to the success of this event.

Your servant in Christ,

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President, Parish Council
CATECHETICAL (SUNDAY) SCHOOL

WHEN NOVEMBER COMES AROUND, the first thought that comes to mind is Thanksgiving. This year, Thanksgiving falls on November 28; however, at the beginning of the month our Catechetical (Sunday) School focuses strongly on the words that our Lord and Savior taught us: It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 21:35). In this spirit we launch a non-perishable food drive. Our children and parents are asked to contribute recently purchased canned and dry foods for giving to the homeless shelter in Falls Church in time for Thanksgiving. The food drive will conclude on Sunday, November 24.

During the Thanksgiving weekend, there will be no Catechetical (Sunday) School classes on December 1. However, in the spirit of this special occasion, we are confident that our children, together with their parents, will worship in Church as well as at home expressing heartfelt gratitude to God for the blessings granted to our country, our community, and our family.

The month of November ushers in more than Thanksgiving. On Wednesday, November 13, we commemorate Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople; on Saturday, November 16 we celebrate the presentation of the Theotokos into the Temple; and on Sunday, November 25, we have in our heart, our Patron Saint, Saint Katherine the Great Martyr of Alexandria. Indeed, in November our classes have much upon which to focus, learn, and pray.

Our Catechetical School wants to thank all those who have participated in the Safeway Rewards program coordinated by Mrs. Elvira Garnett. This year your participation in this program helped purchase food and materials to create “Power Pacs” consisting of weekend meals for needy elementary children in Fairfax county through the Food for Others program. Thank you to Karen Polizos and her forth grade class for assembling these items in October.

One of Saint Katherine’s stellar assets is our all-encompassing Sunday Religious Education Program. As you peruse the listing in the next column, note the adult classes in addition to the full program for our youth. As time permits, Father Costa visits both the Catechetical (Sunday) School and Adult Program classes, which, of course, enhances religious instruction at all levels.

HOPE (ages 7 and under)

PLEASE JOIN HOPE on Sunday, November 17, following Catechetical (Sunday) School, for a Thanksgiving craft. On Sunday, December 1, after both first and second liturgy, join HOPE on the lower level of the Meletis Charhuhas Center. We will provide fun crafts, bagels, fruit, drinks, and the Christmas Nativity story for all our children ages 7 and under. Please RSVP by Friday November 29. For more information or to RSVP, please email Toula Christou (tmcristou@yahoo.com) or Penny Pappas (penny@hickoryridgegrill.com).

GOYA

GOYA WILL HAVE a movie night at the home of GOYA President, Christina Kosmakos (11406 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station 22039) on Saturday, November 2, 7:00pm. Please RSVP to 571-271-6411.

GOYA has Church Duty on Sunday, November 10, during second liturgy—Theano Goranitis will be the GOYA Captain and Epistle Reader. The first five GOYAns to arrive in church may serve church duty. GOYA will participate in the Annunciation, Baltimore basketball tournament November 23-24.
Dear DOXA Readers,

We are the heirs of a vastly diverse and rich culture, extending from pre-historic times to contemporary Greece. This culture, reflecting a long history of influence—after all, it’s the foundation of Western Civilization, has provided us with a magnificent gift, the Greek language. This language has acted throughout the centuries as the vehicle to introduce, pass on and cultivate ideas, values, and cultural traits. The Byzantine era (323-1453) played a significant role in this process.

Lately, I was intrigued reading a book by Dimitrios Sophianos, professor of Ionian University (Corfu) entitled Manuscripts Codices, Manuscripts, Documents and Early Editions (Meteora: Holy Monastery of Great Meteoron, 2007). In this book Sophianos highlights Byzantium’s contribution to Western and Eastern cultures. Therefore, I would like to take us back a few centuries, in the Byzantine era (323-1453), and explore its importance in the collection, preservation and handling down to future generations the whole treasury of ancient Greek and Byzantine ecclesiastical and secular literature, before the invention of the printing press (late 15th century) and the circulation of printed books.

Within the monasteries there were well-organized workshops known as scriptoria, the author informs us, dedicated to the production of manuscript codices and the copying into them of all kinds of texts, both ancient Greek and Byzantine. For example, 1,206 manuscripts are still preserved in the libraries of the Meteora monasteries today. Among them we do find some works by ancient authors (Hesiod, Sophocles, Demosthenes, and Aristotle) as well as works on Grammar, Lexicography, Meter, Rhetoric, Medicine, Natural History, Astronomy, History, Law, Music, Popular Ballads and Tales, among others. “Monasteries with their own scriptoria included the famous institutions of Constantinople, such as the Studion and Odigon, as well as others around the Greek world (Mt. Athos, Thessaloniki, Meteora, Ypsilotera Kalligraphon, Barlaam, Aghios Stephanos, Rousanos, Patmos, and others).”

As we speak of the renaissance of classical letters and the vital contribution made to this renaissance by the Church, Dr. Sophianos points out, it is only fair to mention a selection of those who played a leading role in this area among them the Great Ecumenical Patriarch Photius (857-868), the talented philologist, annotator and copyist of classical Greek texts, the Metropolitan of Caesarea and Cappadocia, Arethas of Patras (850-944), the Metropolitan of Euchaiton in the Pontus, Ioannis Mavropodus (11th century), and the equally talented philologist and Homeric scholar Eustathius of Thessaloniki (ca. 1115-1195/97).

He continues furthermore suggesting that the monasteries and their monks did not preserve the spiritual heritage of ancient Greece or promote humanistic studies only by copying works of the ancient Greek writers, but also by purchasing and safeguarding in their libraries the first printed editions –rare and valuable- of the ancient writers, most of them printed in Venice by Aldo Manutius in the late 15th and early 16th century.

We are fortunate to have in our area a very significant permanent Byzantine collection housed at Dumbarton Oaks. For information, or a virtual tour, see http://www.doaks.org/museum/byzantine.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (OCF)

FR. COSTA WILL MEET with Orthodox Christian Fellowship students at the Johnson Center, Room 239H (Campus Ministries Office) at GMU on Monday, November 4 and Thursday, November 14 at 9:30am. Orthodox students of all jurisdictions are welcome to participate. Northern Virginia Community College students are encouraged to join us. Please tell your Orthodox friends about this meeting. Parents, please tell your college student.

We hope that our Orthodox college students will join YAL on Sunday, November 17. Please see the next column for more information.

If you need a ride to church, please tell Fr. Costa (frcostas@stkchurch.com) and he will arrange transportation.

YAL (ages 18-35)

ALL COLLEGE-AGED AND YOUNG PROFESSIONAL parishioners (ages 18-35) are invited to join us for our meeting on Sunday, November 10, in the board room, immediately following. Our first activity will be a trip to the National Gallery of Art for the Heaven and Earth: Art of Byzantium from Greek Collections exhibit on November 17. We will carpool after Liturgy (and lunch together).

YAL has an email address on the church server. Please email SaintKatherineYAL@stkchurch.com so that you can be added to the YAL list and you don’t miss any of our activities. Please contact Olivia Carr at 401-633-2072 or SaintKatherineYAL@stkchurch.com with ideas, questions, or for more information.
Many of us would feel more confident in our faith and our ability to explain it to others if we were familiar with the foundational teachings of the top-tier Church Fathers from the first five Christian centuries. However, not that many of us want to go back to the classroom and sit through formal theology and church history classes. These two books are perfect for the lay reader with an interest in matters of faith, but only not that much time.

The two books feature Bettenson’s introductory biographies and his translations of selected short passages from 23 Church Fathers, covering the immediate successors of the Apostles—such as Justin Martyr and Ignatius of Antioch—through Fathers alive during the Third and Fourth Ecumenical Councils, such as Basil, Gregory of Nyssa, Cyril of Alexandria, and Augustine. Along with highlights of family, education and church-state intrigue, the two to three page biographies on each of the Fathers provide just enough background on their primary theological concerns to frame their excerpted writings for most readers. The majority of Fathers featured are from the Christian East, but the West is well represented by Hilary, Jerome, Augustine, and others. It’s striking that these great men were primarily concerned pastors who wove the needs of their flocks into their teachings.

One of the most effective parts of Bettenson’s books is his thematic grouping of the excerpts. One can move from Father to Father reading only about “The Person and Work of Christ,” “The Holy Trinity,” “The Eucharist” and so on. This method allows you to see the subtle unfolding of doctrine over the first five centuries of the united Church and at the same time the continuity of thought that largely continues into modern Orthodoxy. You’ll hear the words from today’s baptisms ringing in your ears as you read from Cyril of Jerusalem’s 4th century instructions to the newly illuminated:

And you were first anointed on the forehead, that you might be freed from shame. … Next, on your ears; so that you might have ears ready to hear the Divine Mysteries. … Then on your nostrils; that you might say ‘We are to God a sweet fragrance’. … Then on your breast; that you might ‘put on the breastplate of righteousness and withstand the devices of the devil.’

Once upon a time, reviewing out-of-print or decades-old books was a bad idea. But the Internet has changed all that, so searching online for these two is well worth the effort.

Henry Bettenson (1908–1979) was an Oxford-educated classical scholar, translator and author.
REGISTRY

**Baptisms**

*Evangelina (September 28)*
daughter of Sam and Joyce Pappas
Godparents: Michael and Evangeline Emanuel

*Leila Lee (October 13)*
daughter of George and Cassandra Caridakis
Godparents: John and Constance Hall

*Matthew Ayden (October 13)*
son of Brian S. McGee and Lilian Sahda
Godparents: Artemis Dimopoulos and Eklas and Talal Arnouk

*Ethan Samuel (October 22)*
son of Matthew and Katerina Bradley
Godparent: Sam Athanasios Moutogiannis

*Amanda Lee (October 23)*
daughter of Johnnie Lee and Elaine Harris
Godparent: Maria Flevarakis

*Noah Alexander (October 27)*
son of Justin and Georgia Konz
Godparents: Nick and Ellie Mpras

**Wedding**

*Alisha Karena Scruggs and Oscar Alfonso Martinez (October 26)*
Koumbara: Gabrielle K. Scruggs

**Chrismations**

*Matteos (September 21)*
son of Serafim Gikas and Maria L. Meneses
Sponsor: Mary Gikas

*Andrew Carl (October 6)*
son of William and Zenobia Sessions
Sponsor: Steven Rader

*Nicholas Alexander (October 6)*
son of Andrew Carl Sessions and Stephanie Marie Foster
Sponsor: Patricia Rader

**Funerals**

*Irene Chamberlin (August 25)*

*Zois Gianopoulos (September 26)*

*Lambros Apostolou (October 1)*

*May their memories be eternal.*

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**SINGLE PARENT FELLOWSHIP**

*One family together with God*

Families come in all shapes and sizes. A parent is still a parent and has the same responsibilities and privileges given to them by God, whether married or not. Yet, single parents and their children face unique challenges that two-parent families do not. The mission of the Saint Katherine Single Parent ministry is to provide fellowship, resources, and guidance for single parents and their children, to help them grow and develop in the Orthodox faith as complete families, one with the Lord.

The inaugural Single Parent Fellowship meeting was held on Sunday, October 13, 2013. This first meeting showed great promise for this group and demonstrated a clear need and desire in our community for this ministry. We hope all single parents will join us for monthly meetings on the second Sunday of each month between the two liturgies. The next meeting will be held Sunday, November 10, at 9:30am. We hope to see you there! Please contact Andrea Katsenes, the Fellowship coordinator with any questions at andrea.katsenes@verizon.net.
SAVE THE DATE!

Saint Katherine
Annual
Dinner Gala

Sunday, November 10, 2013
Hilton McLean Tysons Corner

in celebration of our Parish
and honoring the
Veterans of our Community

with Special Guest
His Eminence
Metropolitan Evangelos
of New Jersey

6:00pm Silent Auction and Reception
7:00pm Dinner

Music by Apollonia

GRIEVING

GRIEVING IS A DIFFICULT JOURNEY and these thoughts, which were compiled by the Good Grief Center for Bereavement Support, might be of help to those travelling grief’s difficult path.

a. Talk about your loss with friends, family, or a professional. Grief is a process, not an event.
b. Grief is work, requiring time and energy. The memories, meanings, and fulfilled needs provided by the lost loved one take time to work through.
c. Let yourself enter the emotions of grief. Grievers tend naturally to avoid the painful emotions. Losing someone close to you means you deserve to allow yourself to feel all your emotions—sadness, anger, intense longing, guilt, and others.
d. Consider writing your loved one a letter. Say what you would tell them as if it were your last chance. Even if you never share the letter with anyone, writing it may help you work through your grief.
e. Resume your life, but leave time and space for grieving. Life marches on for the living. But try to resist the temptation to “throw yourself” into work or other diversions. This leaves too little time for the grief work you need to do for yourself.
f. Take care of yourself. You have been wounded. Something very valuable and dear has been taken away from you. Give yourself time and space to begin healing. Get enough rest. Eat nourishing food. Give yourself a break.
g. Resist the temptation to use alcohol or drugs to numb your pain. These can interfere with the grieving process by delaying it or covering it up.
h. If you have any religious inclination, consider contacting your place of worship. All religions recognize that grievers need special help. Consider taking advantage of these services even if you have not been attending regularly. You will not be turned away.
i. Consider seeking out other grievers. Someone who has also been through grief can empathize with you, and vice versa. Organizations like Compassionate Friends or THEOS recognize the value of sharing in a group setting.
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PHILOPTHOCHOS (by Eleni Kanakos, President)

TIME IS PASSING BY SO QUICKLY and the holidays are almost here. Philoptochos will host its Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon for the seniors of our parish at the Meletis Charitas Hall. The date has been changed to Thursday, November 14, 12:00pm to 3:00pm. For reservations, call Chairwoman, Irene Burton at 703-256-5531 or Eleni Kanakos at 703-938-8360. All seniors are welcome!

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, we also celebrate the nameday of our patron saint, Katherine the Great Martyr of Alexandria. The ladies of Philoptochos will sponsor receptions on Sunday, November 24, following the 7:00pm vespers and on Monday, November 25, following liturgy. Kindly bring a dish to share (mini sandwiches, desserts, etc). Please keep in mind that we will be in the midst of the Christmas fast. Diane Argerson is chairing the receptions. Please contact her (703-759-3781 or dionysia6@yahoo.com) and let her know what you will bring. We hope that you can join us.

Our next Philoptohos meeting is on Sunday, November 17, following the second Liturgy.

We are still collecting donations for new altar boy robes. Even the smallest amount would be much appreciated! Please make your checks payable to Saint Katherine Philoptochos.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

PHILOPTOCHOS, A LEGACY OF LOVE

IF YOU AREN’T A MEMBER OF PHILOPTOCHOS YET, what are you waiting for? There are a myriad of reasons to be a member. With your skills, knowledge, and life experience, now is the perfect time to join generations of Philoptochos women who have given of their time and wisdom to truly make a difference. You are not only in the right place to assist those in need but to teach another generation of women how to be relevant members of society. Your strength, determination, and compassion will guarantee the mission of Philoptochos is being fulfilled. We know your time is limited, but you can tailor your role in the organization to make it fit your life. You know how and where to focus time and energy and, for that, you will be an invaluable member.

Stewardship donation checks should be made payable to Saint Katherine Philoptochos. Your donation helps Philoptochos and its mission to serve those less fortunate and makes a difference in so many lives. When making your donation, please keep in mind that $22 of your stewardship goes directly to our National Philoptochos and New Jersey Metropolis. Any donation over $22 is retained by our local Saint Katherine chapter. Philoptochos membership runs from January 1 through December 30.

For more information, please contact Eleni Kanakos, Philoptochos President (ekanakos@aol.com) or Saint Katherine Church, 3149 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church, VA 22041.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELope (by Karen Polizos, President)

WE WERE DELIGHTED TO INITIATE AND WELCOME Maria Vargas into the Sisterhood of Helle Chapter at our October meeting! We also enjoyed an insightful presentation by Marilyn Rouvelas and appreciate the time she took from her busy schedule to join us. Our next monthly meeting is scheduled Monday, November 18, at 6:45pm. We will make every effort to have our January through March meetings during the day for those who have difficulty driving at night.

Daughters of Penelope Founders’ Luncheon will be held on November 16 at Alfi’s Restaurant. On Sunday, November 17, we will host coffee hour after the second Divine Liturgy following a Memorial Service for our Departed Sisters. Our Christmas celebrations include two events: Nutcracker Holiday Tea at Oaklands Historic House and Gardens on December 8 and Vienna Boys Choir Performance at GMU on December 13.

Beginning Sunday, November 3, Helle Chapter will collect winter jackets and warm sweatshirt hoodies for male and female children and teens at local shelters. Needed sizes for children are 2T to size 16; teen sizes are small through extra large or the equivalent in number sizes. A donation box will be available marked DOP Winter Clothing Drive.

BOOKSTORE

New this Month! The 2014 Icon Calendar from Ancient Faith Publishing (formerly Conciliar Press). This 11-inch by 12-inch full-color wall calendar features icons depicting the parables and miracles of Christ. It also lists major saint and feast days traditionally celebrated in Orthodox countries around the world (dates are according to the new calendar).

In addition, we have beautiful Christmas cards by photographer Gabriela Moustardas and unique handmade cards from one of our own parishioners, Ramona Velezis. We also sell Orthodox Christmas ornaments, as well as gift books, special items for children, CDs, and icons.

Remember to visit Saint Katherine Bookstore after Liturgy for all your Christmas shopping needs. We try to be open most Sundays after each liturgy. If you need to visit the bookstore during the week, please contact the church secretary, Ms. Sophia Tsangali at 703-671-1515. We thank you for your support of our ministry.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND

Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord. (Leviticus 19:32)

We are reviving our church ministry to visit elderly parishioners in our community who are in nursing homes or homebound. These visits will be in addition to the regular visits made by Fr. Costa. Do you know of someone who would enjoy, or could benefit from, a friendly visit? If so, please submit the person’s name to Fr. Costa at frcostas@stkchurch.com or the Church Office (703-671-1515).
**MISSIONS AND OUTREACH**

**Monumental Missions Walk.** On October 19, 2013, over 140 Orthodox Christians from around the DC metropolitan area converged on the National Mall for the first Monumental Missions Walk (MMW). Sponsored by the Metropolitan DC Orthodox Christian Missions and Outreach Committee, the MMW, was a 3-mile spiritual stroll past some of the Nation’s most important landmarks which raised money for OCMC and our local ministries and charities.

**2014 OCMC Mission Teams Announced.** Below are the short-term teams recently announced by the OCMC. Please think prayerfully about attending one of these mission teams. It can be a life-changing experience. Participation costs and full team descriptions will be available soon. Opportunities include teaching, evangelism, construction, youth camps, and health care. Teams will go to Alaska (Ouzinkie), Albania (Tirana Shen Vlash), Ghana (Accra and Peki), Guatemala–Hogar Rafael Ayau (San Miguel del Lago), Kenya (Turkana, Nairobi, Turkana/Lokichar), Moldova (Orhei), Tanzania (Bukoba) Uganda (Kampala and Gulu). More information and applications are available at www.ocmc.org or by contacting Andrew Lekos (877-GO FORTH [463-6784] or teams@ocmc.org. This is your opportunity for early registration!

**OCAMPR Conference.** The Orthodox Christian Association of Medicine, Psychology and Religion (OCAMPR) will hold its annual national conference at Saint Katherine November 1-2. The theme of the Conference is The Clinical and Pastoral Care of the Aging Patient. The conference will begin on Friday, November 1 at 6:00pm and concludes at 5:00pm on Saturday, November 2. Although OCAMPR is an association of Orthodox health professionals, our conferences are open to the public. The conference fee is $50.00 ($25.00 for students). There will also be a dinner on Saturday evening in Founders’ Hall for an additional $25.00. Our keynote speaker Friday evening will be Bishop John of Boston and New England of the Antiochian Archdiocese who is also a Clinical Psychologist. On Saturday we will have noted speakers covering the medical, psychological, and religious issues of the aging patient. Please consider coming and learning about this important topic. To register, go to OCAMPR.org.

**OCMC Benefit Dinner.** The Annual OCMC Benefit Dinner will be held at Saint Katherine on Sunday, February 9, 2014. We are proud to have Fr. Luke Veronis as our main speaker. Fr. Veronis has been one of longest-serving missionaries, serving in both Kenya and Albania. More details will follow in subsequent issues of DOXA.

**Food Pantry Mission.** Our parish collected 1,098 lbs. of food for the Culmore Food Pantry on September 22!! Thank you to everyone who contributed. The pantry staff was overwhelmed. Our next collection will be in February—the the exact date will be announced in the next DOXA. Our Catechetical (Sunday) School will collect food for the Bailey’s Crossroads Homeless shelter from November 1-24. Please be generous.

**Diaper Collection for Local Food Pantries.** On December 8, we will have our semi-annual collection of diapers for two food pantries in the immediate area. Please bring all sizes of disposable diapers in their original packaging (but no pull-up pants types) to the foyer of the Meletis Charuhas Center. 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.

**BAILEY’S CROSSROADS SHELTER**

**Feeding the Homeless Program.** We continue to cook and serve food to the clients of Bailey’s Crossroads Homeless shelter on a monthly basis. AHEPA served dinner on Monday, October 28. Any group interested in volunteering to help cook or serve, please contact Dr. John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com.

**Survival and Hygiene Kits.** For the third year in a row, we will prepare Survival Kits and Hygiene Kits for the homeless. Since the shelter cannot accommodate all those who need a bed for the evening during the winter, they send them out with a Survival Kit and a Hygiene Kit. Each of our church organizations has agreed to purchase specific items for one or the other kit. All the items will be packaged on Sunday, December 15, immediately following the Christmas Pageant.

**Clothing and Toiletries.** We continue to collect clothes and toiletries for the shelter. Clothes should be new or, if used, clean. Toiletries should be unopened. Leave these items in the foyer of the Meletis Charuhas Community Cen-

**NEXT MISSIONS AND OUTREACH MEETING**

Our next Missions and Outreach Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, November 5, 7:00pm in the board room.

**THANK YOU . . . THANK YOU . . . THANK YOU!**

Thank you for a job well done during the fall festival. It is because of you that our festivals continue to be successful. The festival is a huge undertaking and preparations begin weeks and months before festival weekend finally arrives. To all the ladies who baked, those who prepared the food, the kitchen crew, the loukoumathes team, the food line and pastry booth volunteers, the Greek coffee, the indoor/outdoor bar crews, the Gyro and souvlaki volunteers (including all the GOYAns), those who gave the church tours, the cashiers and bank people, the set-up and clean-up crews, and anyone I inadvertently left out—THANK YOU! Thank you for working as a team and putting our church first!
I pray that this season of thanksgiving will be filled with joy. I am thank-
ful to see you in church every Sunday. I will be grateful to see you in
Church, celebrating an Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with His Eminence
Metropolitan Evangelos, on Sunday, November 10 and I will be thankful to
see you at our Annual Gala Celebration that evening at the McLean Hilton.
I will be grateful to acknowledge all those who served our nation’s armed
forces and are now veterans at that celebration. I am thankful to be with
you on earth and, in the time that will come, I will be thankful to be with
you in God’s heavenly kingdom.

Happy Thanksgiving!

O give thanks to the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endures forever.
(Psalms 136:1)
WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB

We had our first meeting on October 9 and we introduced some wonderful new members. We also met on the 23rd. Our new book, *Everyday Saints and Other Stories* by Archimandrite Tikhon is an easy to read book that has been translated from Russian. It is labeled as a Russian Book of the Year! Since we have just started our new season, please consider joining! If you have a friend or friends from our neighboring parishes whom you know would enjoy the readings and fellowship of our club, please let them know they may join us. We meet every other Wednesday. We will meet on November 6 and 20. If you have any questions, please contact Fay Mpras (faympras@gmail.com).

Conference Invitation.
All may attend.

“On Earth as it is in Heaven: Putting Orthodox Theology and Ecology into Practice”

Keynote Speaker: His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios

November 11, 2013
9:30am - 5:00pm

Saint Sophia Cathedral, Washington DC

Registration is a sliding scale of
$20 to $200 (includes lunch)

Hosted by The Orthodox Fellowship of the Transfiguration
http://www.orth-transfiguration.org/

AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce that the Sixth Annual Community Christmas Ornament, *Star of Saint Katherine*, will be available for purchase during the Fall Festival and after liturgies during Coffee Hour while supplies last. This stunning 3-D ornament is a testament to the indomitable spirit of our community, its ministries, and those who lovingly labor on its behalf. Manufactured by the same firm that creates the famous White House Christmas ornaments, they make excellent gifts and are the ideal stocking stuffer. You may email antovi@verizon.net or call 703-929-6110 with your order.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—ALL ARE WELCOME!

Who We Are and What We Believe: A Journey Through the Orthodox Faith Guided by the Words of the Bible

Topic: *The Holy Prophets*

Using colorful PowerPoint slide presentations, we will discuss how Scripture informs our Orthodox faith and traditions. This year’s Adult Bible Study sessions will focus on the Old Testament Prophets. Who were they? What did they have to say? Did they predict the future? What do they tell us about the Old Testament view of God? What do they tell us about Jesus Christ? We will start with an overview of prophecy, investigating what we can know about the Prophets themselves, their historical context, and their importance in Holy Tradition. We will explore specific books such as Isaiah, Hosea, Joel, Amos, and others to determine what they have in common as well as what makes each of them unique. Our goal will be to better understand how the Prophets, and the Bible in general, are relevant for each of us today and how they support our faith in Jesus Christ.

Classes are held every Sunday at 9:30am in the board room of the Meletis Charhuhas Center. For more information or questions, please contact Bill Polizos at 571-434-7790 or polizos@att.com.
ATTENTION SAINT KATHERINE SAFEWAY PROGRAM SUPPORTERS

Please note a couple of important changes to your contributions to our Safeway program:

1. We are no longer limited by the amount we can earn for Saint Katherine. Previously, we had a ceiling of $8,000.00. The sky is now the limit now—we are not limited to any dollar amount. So keep shopping!

2. As of November 1, 2013, Safeway will NOT accept credit card payment for contributions to the Saint Katherine Safeway program. You can pay by cash, a debit card, check, SmartCheck, gift card, WIC, and SNAP to make contributions to our Safeway program.

If you have any questions, contact Elvira Garnett at 703-425-3675 or villa45@hotmail.com.

Happy shopping for the Saint Katherine Safeway program.

ORTHODOXY 101

Orthodoxy 101 is a six-session course covering the fundamental teachings of the Orthodox Church. These classes provide a friendly and open forum for your questions and concerns. Orthodoxy 101 will meet on Sundays, November 3 - December 15 (no class on December 1), 9:30am-10:30am, on the stage of the Meletis Charuhas Hall. Fr. Costa Pavlakos and Dr. Elena Ziu will teach the class. If you have any questions before the class meets, please contact Fr. Costas at frcostas@stkchurch.com.
STEWARDSHIP

SHOWN BELOW is a list of families and individuals who participated in the 2013 Saint Katherine Stewardship Program from September 1-30, 2013. Thank you for responding to the needs of our church.

M/M Herve Chignon
M/M Nikolaos Dais
M/M Christos Gougoufkas
M/M Nikolaos Kollas
M/M Panos Konstas
Mrs Athena Oliff and Mr Tim Cassidy
Ms Marika Oliff
Mr David Tucholski and Mrs Theodora Vroustouris
M/M Nicholaos Zacharatos
M/M Elias Zarkadoulas

If you have not yet submitted your 2013 pledge, please complete the stewardship form below and return it to the Church Office as soon as possible. You may pledge online today at www.saint-katherines.org/stewardship. Your Church and community depend on your stewardship commitment.

Any questions? Please contact Anna Vassilopoulos at avassilopoulos@stkchurch.com or 703-671-1515.
Thank you in advance.

2013 STEWARDSHIP FORM

STEWARDSHIP is based on the fact that all that we have and all that we are comes from God. We commit ourselves to stewardship as a way of thanking God for all His blessings—returning to Him a portion of the time, talent, and treasure He has given us. Good stewardship of time means we share some of the 168 hours in a week with God and caring for others. Good stewardship of talent means we identify our talents and use them to glorify God and help other people. Good stewardship of treasure means we give a portion of our income to the Church and other charities. During the year 2013, we ask that everyone consider fulfilling their stewardship on a weekly basis. This will allow our church to better plan activities and expenses.

I (my family) pledge(s) $_______ per week of financial stewardship to Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church.

Name: ___________________________________________________________________________________
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City, State, Zip:  _________________________________________________________________________
Telephone and email address:  __________________________________________________________________________

SAINT KATHERINE LIVE!

Did you know that we have a live feed from our church? Relatives and friends from far away can watch a sacrament. If you are sick and cannot make it to a service, you can log in. The link is http://churchlive.stkchurch.com:18080/cgi-bin/guestimage.html. Alternatively, you can sign in to the church website, saint-katherines.org, and click on the red “Saint Katherine Live!” button in the right-hand column.

THE ART OF ICON PAINTING

Russian icon maker, teacher and lecturer, Marina Forbes, will offer The Art of Icon Painting workshop at Saint Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, DC. It will consist of four 3-hour sessions on two Saturdays and Sundays—November 9 and 10, and November 16 and 17. It is a hands-on studio workshop for students interested in learning how to create traditional Russian icons, one of the world’s oldest and most respected forms of religious art. The program will include a detailed discussion and demonstration of traditional materials and methods of icon making. Then, under the direction of the instructor, students will create their own icons using a combination of traditional and contemporary materials and methods. Students will learn about board and painting surface preparation, gessoing, image rendering, pigments, brush strokes techniques, detailing, highlighting, gilding, Old Slavonic lettering, and varnishing. No painting experience is required for the icon painting class. Experienced artists will also feel very comfortable in the workshop. The cost of the class is $395.00. Please contact Marina Forbes, marina@marinaforbes.com or 603-332-2255, or visit MarinaForbes.com for more information or to pre-register.
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