"ABIDE IN ME AS I ABIDE IN YOU. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me" (John 15:4). Therefore, when we are joined to the Lord and are His believing followers, we are joined to Him. Anyone who has joined and put on Christ reaps what comes from Jesus Christ. I wanted to share an article with you that was published in 1962, written by our own missions chairperson Dr. John Demakis.

I share this reprint to show you that the influence of spirit of mission work, once sowed in a person, does not ever go away. Everyone has skills to share and can be of great value to mission service. God calls people from all walks of life—from lay people to priests, students to teachers, healthcare professionals to engineers, laborers to lecturers, retired to second career folks—all committed to sharing the Good News! There’s room for everyone! We value proclaiming and witnessing Christ to all people with priority given to those who have never heard or accepted the Gospel.

God is good, all the time, all the time God is good because that’s His nature.

Fr. Costa

Jesus Christ – The Light of the World
(Theme of Third Assembly of World Council of Churches)

I met young Christians from all parts of the world at the World Council of Churches Third Assembly in New Delhi last November. For three weeks we lived together, worked together and prayed together. I feel that there, in the old battered tents of the Youth Camp, the most fruitful work of the Third Assembly was being done.

The youth—the Church leaders of tomorrow—were systematically destroying the walls of isolation and division that in the past have caused so much ill will and suspicion among Christian denominations. By the time the Assembly drew to a close, the youth had achieved a deep and lasting fellowship. Although still divided by our confessions, we were able to find a common denominator: Jesus Christ, as Lord and Savior.

Throughout my stay in New Delhi, I was impressed with the interest so many people had in the Orthodox Church. It seemed everybody wanted to learn more about the Orthodox Church, her teachings, her dogmas, and her stand on important matters. Orthodox delegates were in great demand. The experience proved to me that a strong Orthodox witness is needed now in the world. As the Ecumenical movement gains momentum, the Orthodox Church must be prepared to play the leading role that befits the Great Church of Christ. The younger churches look to us and beg us to speak up with the authority of the centuries. Can we afford to keep silent?

The youth of the entire Orthodox Church have a great responsibility to fulfill this Orthodox Witness. We must be ready and willing to enter into conversations and fellowship with other young Christians of all denominations. Through this interaction, greater love and understanding will develop among the future Church leaders, making the road to unity far easier.

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A DOLLAR MORE A DAY INITIATIVE

As we look back on the first half of 2020, we have all been impacted, spiritually, personally, professionally, and financially as we adapted to life with COVID-19. Saint Katherine has not escaped these challenging times. We have made a determined effort to continue with the ministries of Saint Katherine despite the struggles around us. Recently, we have been blessed to reopen our doors for Sunday Liturgies, weekday Liturgies, and all other services. We pray that our doors will never be closed again. We have also been blessed with several donations to upgrade our video and audio to broadcast our services via YouTube. Although we pray for a return of normalcy to our daily and liturgical lives, we are faced with the likelihood that some form of restricted gathering and distancing requirements will continue for many months to come. Recently, Arlington Public Schools and Fairfax County Public Schools determined they will continue with distance learning. These restrictions prevented us from holding a Spring festival and we have also cancelled most banquet hall rentals. While we are planning to host a curbside/takeout festival in the Fall, it is uncertain if this will be possible. The combination of all these factors means our church will struggle financially as we will not receive income generated by these fundraising and rental events to cover our budget. To put this into context, these events represent nearly 35% of our church’s revenue and 25% of the funds required to balance our operating budget each year.

Over the past year, the Parish Council has implemented improvements and cut costs that have allowed us to weather COVID-19. We have also worked hard to secure funding from the programs available to help plug the shortages. However, these actions barely offset the generous contributions that would have normally been made by stewards and guests attending our Lenten, Holy Week, and Pascha services if the church could have fully opened.

At this time, your financial support is needed more than ever!

The cancellations of the numerous fundraising events noted above will create a budget shortfall for the year of at least $225,000. While our funding has come down, the work of the church has continued. We have remained in operation and continue serving the needs of our parishioners virtually and through special visits.

With this letter, we are launching an emergency supplemental stewardship initiative called “A Dollar More a Day”. We are asking that you commit to contributing a dollar of stewardship per day (or $30 per month) in addition to what you already contribute. We recognize your hard-earned dollars are important to you and your families and that this request may be difficult to fulfill especially given these unprecedented times, but your church needs you now to avoid facing a financial crisis in late 2020 or early 2021. It is projected that there will be a significant decline in unrestricted cash balances due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

We hope that by considering supplementing your stewardship in the context of “A Dollar More a Day”, you will be able to find the means to support your church during these unprecedented times. Of course, if you have been blessed with the means to provide larger contributions than what we are requesting through this initiative, we would graciously appreciate your added generosity. If you do not have the means to fulfill “A Dollar More a Day”, do not worry, we will graciously accept anything you can provide within your means. Finally, if you are not currently a steward, this would be a great time to become one and help the church.

In addition to meeting its recurring operating expenses, the church replaced three air conditioning units in the Meletis Charuhas Hall at a cost of approximately $90,000. The Parish Council followed a bidding process to secure the best price possible for this significant repair. Funding for the air conditioning units was shared between the church and the Hellenic Education Center.

Stewardship contributions can be made using our online giving portal on our website saint-katherines.org and clicking on Make a Donation. Once there, you can select “A Dollar More a Day” or create a Stewardship Profile, and recurring donations can be established. Alternatively, donations can be mailed directly to the church offices. Please write the nature of the contribution (e.g., “Stewardship” or “A Dollar More a Day”) on your check or envelope for proper coding. If you need technical support to establish your profile, please contact Domenic Carr (703-609-1950, carr.domenic@gmail.com) or Andrea Ballard (571-277-9669, andreaballard1@verizon.net). Your weekly or monthly donations that correspond to “A Dollar More a Day” will support this great need our community is facing.

We pray that we can count on your support of Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church.
CATECHETICAL (SUNDAY) SCHOOL

HAPPY FALL EVERYONE! I hope that you are enjoying the cooler weather. We are still working on a virtual format for our Catechetical Classes this year. Please make sure that you have signed up your student(s) using the Google Form link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13VZGK-Ny7FR5Ods_Su1R2xS-JFR4P6Els4dLFmeoWUk/edit. You will receive an email as soon as classes are set, notifying you how to access lessons.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our director at cvzmail2@gmail.com.

GOYA (13-18 year olds)

GOYA IS BACK! Please register your GOYAn today! Use the following link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeyycWxxk7R1nu_rq9hR1-NRBcZtPARn9iW7xq9Fs9hSWCiw/viewform. If your GOYAn would like to serve as an officer this year, please reach out by email at saintkatherinegoya@stkchurch.com.

WE NEED YOU!

Bible Study with Fr. Nikolas resumes October 1 and continues every Thursday for the month of October. In-Person and Zoom options available. Check the App for schedule and information.

On October 17, join us for a Creation Hike in the beautiful Great Falls Park. December 12 will be our GraveSite Memorial Service Project. Keep an eye out for information at the Youth of StK Facebook page.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

IN THIS TIME OF SOCIAL DISTANCING, let us continue our weekly Adult Bible Study class online. We are currently studying The Book of Revelation. Join us each Thursday evening from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. If you are not already on Bill Polizos’ invitation list, please send your email address to bp3175@att.com so that you will receive invitations to the Zoom classes.

ADULT CATECHETICAL LESSONS (ACL)

PLEASE TAKE NOTE of the the new Zoom meeting times for our Adult Catechetical Lessons:

- Philokalia: Saturdays at 11:00am
- Book of Revelation: Saturdays at 3:00pm

Join the Zoom meeting at https://zoom.us/j/8252477604
Meeting ID: 825 247 7604 | Password: 916443

ST. GENEVIEVE BOOK CLUB

STAY TUNED for updates on future meetings and readings.

HELENISTIC EDUCATION CENTER

WE WELCOMED the new Greek School year on September 19, with proper COVID precautions in place. For those interested, registration is still available. Please visit https://www.stkhc.org/Page/24 for the Greek School enrollment form and payment information. Please feel free to contact us at hec-administration@stkchurch.com with any questions.
Title: “Understanding Scripture”  
Meditation by: Rev. Fr. Nikolas Delaveris

Text: From one of the many volumes of The Sayings of the Desert Fathers:

One day some old men came to see Abba Anthony. In the midst of them was Abba Joseph. Wanting to test them, Abba Anthony suggested the parable of the Unforgiving Servant from the Scriptures, and, beginning with the youngest, he asked them what it meant.

The youngest responded, “Well Abba, the meaning is clear: the one who is forgiven much, much should he also forgive.”

Abba Anthony shook his head and stated, “You have not understood it.”

The second youngest then gave his interpretation, this time quoting Scripture itself; “The blessed Solomon reveals to us the meaning of this parable when he warns us, ‘Do not withhold to do good to the needy, when your hand can help.’”

Again, Abba Anthony replied, “You have not understood it.”

Then second oldest of the group, thinking himself wise, countered the previous response with a passage from the Gospel, stating, “The Lord gives the meaning of this passage when he tells us: ‘For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.’”

Once again, Abba Anthony replied, “You have not understood it.”

Last of all he asked of Abba Joseph, “How would you explain this parable?” and Abba Joseph replied, “I do not know.”

Then Abba Anthony said, “Indeed Abba Joseph has found the way, for he has said: ‘I do not know.’”

Perhaps what is most notable in this selection is that Abba Anthony does not tell any of the men that their interpretation is wrong. Instead, the story illustrates that a true understanding of Scripture is not a matter of perspective, but a matter of reception. As Saint Peter of Damascus points out, “we often understand a certain passage in the course of our contemplation, grasping one or two of the senses in which it was written; then after a while our intellect may increase in purity and be allowed to perceive other meanings.” Therefore, what can be said about the whole of Scripture is that by exploring the verse or passage at hand, we are offered the opportunity to better observe and develop certain elements of our inner Faith. From marveling at the many meanings of a single word, to recognizing how those words are strung together in a divinely selected order, to pairing the text with other Orthodox interpretations of a certain passage; the depths of Scripture remain unfathomable and endless. Herein lies the great beauty of Scriptural study: that God’s wisdom is revealed to each of us differently, and miraculously remains all in the same Spirit. If however, we become lapsed in our desire for Scriptural study and begin to take these Sacred Writings for mere face value, our roots become loosed. Then, when appreciation of the Word becomes based on how it ‘makes us feel’, interest is lost and we risk being uprooted completely. So, let us recommit ourselves this new Ecclesiastical Year to the intentional study of God’s Word – not so that any one of us may say that we “understand” the Word, but rather, so that the Word may help us understand ourselves, and in turn, bring sustenance and growth to the inner pursuit of His Truth.

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ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ – GREEK SCHOOL
DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, it was necessary all of us to stay home. Our Greek School is open and we embrace the return of our students again this year! We wish this year, with the cooperation and the love of us all—our priests, the parish council, the school board, the PTA, the parents, teachers, and our beloved students—to have a productive year, filled with the Hellenic values, the Greek language and culture, and our Orthodox faith. As always, we started the lessons with the Blessing of the Church, the “Agiasmo”. Please below for important dates for the month of October and the schedule of classes for 2020-2021.

Metá από τις καλοκαιρινές διακοπές, που όλοι, μικροί και μεγάλοι, είχαμε ανάγκη, εστώ και αν τις είχαμε στο σπίτι και στην αυλή μας λόγω της πανδημίας, το Ελληνικό μας Σχολείο με χαρά, παίρνοντας όλες τις προφυλάξεις για την πανδημία, άνοιξε την αγκαλιά του και φέτος στους μαθητές μας! Ευχόμαστε τη φετείνη χρονιά, με την συνεργασία και την αγάπη όλων μας να είναι μία χρονιά δημιουργική, γεμάτη με Ελληνικές αξίες, όπως την Ελληνική γλώσσα, Ελληνική Ιστορία, Ελληνικό πολιτισμό, Ορθόδοξο Βραβείο! Όπως πάντοτε, έστω και αν τις είχαμε στο σπίτι και στην αυλή μας, μαθημάτα με την ευλογία της Εκκλησίας μας, με τον Αγιασμό. Παρακαλούμε προσέξτε τις παρακάτω ημερομηνίες για τον μήνα Οκτώβριο.

IMPORTANT DATES
October 13-16 Ellinomatheia exams
October 23 OXI Day Celebration in class
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October 24 Teachers’ Meeting, 1:30pm.
October 30 Back to School Open House, 6:30 p.m.  
(Friday’s Parents – Light Reception)
October 31 Back to School Open House, 1:00 p.m.  
(Saturday’s Parents – Light Reception)

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OCMC 2020 Virtual Trek4Missions Update
http://secureocmc.org/2020 Trek4Missions

As we reported in last month’s DOXA, on August 9, OCMC launched the 2020 Virtual Trek4Missions, an interactive virtual fundraiser, that has been going on for five weeks. During the trek, 226 mission supporters on 33 teams united virtually to walk, run, hike, and ride their bike and more to demonstrate their commitment to Christ’s Great Commission. Every mile they completed, and every dollar raised brought awareness and support for Orthodox missions and OCMC missionaries. As we are wrapping up our final week, we have much to celebrate. Through our Trek community, we have collectively totaled over 13,500 miles and raised over $111,000.

We are pleased to report that our Saint Katherine parish and many individuals in our parish contributed to the Trek4Missions. Thank you! Though we are yet to finish tallying up the final numbers, we are truly grateful for the wonderful participation we received from our Trekkers to make this event a huge success. All proceeds will go to support OCMC’s efforts to recruit, train, send, and support missionaries.

We’ve all had our world shaken by COVID over the past few months. While the spread of the infections has been at the forefront of our concerns, we’re seeing major economic impacts as well. These economic impacts are threatening some dioceses’ ability to meet their expenses, including priests’ pay and ministry funding like food and supplies for orphanages. In keeping with our mandate to help local churches grow and thrive, we reached out to bishops around the world, over the last several weeks, to see what their churches needed and how we could help. After better understanding their needs, we appealed to some of our dedicated supporters for help.

Your faithful response means that dioceses covering more than 30 countries from Nigeria to the Philippines to the Caribbean will receive much-needed aid. All of them are facing immense financial hardships, and all of them largely rely on their sister churches to help pull them through these challenges.

It will take a while to get through all the difficulties of COVID-19 but in the meantime, these funds will go a long way in helping priests and their communities persevere. Thank you for your prayers and support in making this possible, and thanks for joining us in continuing to carry out Christ’s great commission.

OCMC Missionary to Sweden. Elaine Piniat, pre-field missionary to Sweden and all of Scandinavia through the Orthodox Christian Mission Center, will meet with members of our parish virtually this month. Please look for an announcement soon via email. Elaine says, “It has also become abundantly clear how vital internet ministries are. While many people have been isolated under quarantine and have lost physical connection, we are able to remain united through the use of technology. My role in Scandinavia will be to do in-person outreach and build a multi-platform online presence that inspires spiritual growth. We are the church and the body of Christ whether we’re together physically at a house of worship or apart at our homes. Through reading scripture, prayer and access to technology, we can remain close to God and each other under any circumstance.” She continues, “Mission work is a key theme in the New Testament. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus gives the disciples the final commandment: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” The disciples were missionaries. Without them, we wouldn’t know Jesus Christ. How blessed are we that they were obedient to God!”

Food Pantry. In keeping with our Thanksgiving tradition of helping others in need, on Sunday, November 15 (11 days before Thanksgiving) please bring food items to the front of our church for donations to the Food Pantry located at Columbia Baptist Church. We will have volunteers there to collect the items. Please make sure the items are packaged appropriately (not easily torn). This can include canned fruit (canned in fruit juice), canned meat (tuna, chicken, salmon), peanut butter, canned tomatoes, canned corn, meal soup, canned beans, pasta sauce, pasta, macaroni and cheese, cereal, and oatmeal. Some special holiday items would be pancake mix, pancake syrup, and brownie mix.

Diaper Drive, December 6. Diaper Collection, December 6 (Saint Nicholas Day) On Sunday, December 6, we will have a special 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-ups) to the front of the church on December 6 for collection and delivery. The food pantries have identified this as a tremendous benefit for the mothers and working families who receive emergency assistance there.

Bailey’s Shelter

Hygiene and Survival Kits. As reported in last month’s DOXA, Bailey’s Shelter has asked us to again donate 300 Hygiene and Survival Kits. Each of our church organizations has been asked to provide specific items for the kits. We deliver them in early December.

Special Needs of the Shelter. The shelter has recently asked us if we could also provide men’s boxer briefs (small & medium), men’s socks (ankle), and basic shirts for men and women. If you would like to donate any of the above, please bring them to the Church Office during the week.
Ο Ραφαήλ Στέφανος Μπολέτσης, συνθέτης ηρωικών ποιημάτων, υποδέχεται το "ΟΧΙ" του 1940-41 έτσι:

"Οχι! Φουντώνει τ’ Οχι, αγριεύει, γιγαντώνει... Φλογέρα γίνεται στον κάμπου τα καλύμμα, θυμων ορχήστρα πέρα στην Πίνδου τον αγέρα..."

Είναι η ηρωϊκότερη σελίδα της νεώτερης Ελλάδας, η οποία την εδόξασε! Και η οποία ακριβοπληρώθηκε από τα τέκνα της. Αυτό θυμόμαστε και αναπολούμε κάθε Οκτώβριο, γιορτάζοντας το "ΟΧΙ".

Αν διαβάζουμε το βιβλίο "Αναφορά στο 1940" μαθαίνουμε οι νεώτεροι και ενθυμούνται οι μεγαλύτεροι ότι επληρώσαμε ακριβά το 40, 41 έτος είχαμε τότε 13.408 νεκρούς και 42.485 τραυματίες. Αν οι στρατιώτες των ΗΠΑ πεθάνουν από κάποιο βόμβα, έχουμε την ιδέα ότι η Ελλάδα ανέτρεψε το σύνολον των σχεδίων της "Αξονα" και τη συμμαχία Γερμανίας και Ιταλίας.

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Helping Local Families Served by Homestretch

Grocery Gift Cards, Laundry and Cleaning Supplies Needed

The Daughters of Penelope, Helle Chapter 283, is collecting grocery gift cards (Giant, Target, and Safeway), and laundry and cleaning supplies (kitchen, bathroom, and all-purpose) to help the families served by Homestretch in Falls Church.

Items will be collected Sunday, October 18, 9:30am-noon, in the circular drive outside of Chelpon Hall and will be delivered to Homestretch immediately after.

Thank you for your support!
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PHILOPTOCHOS
Mary K. Varlas, President

WELCOME BACK, SISTERS! With God’s Grace we began the new Ecclesiastical Year on September 1 and conducted the first Ladies Philoptochos Board Meeting on Sunday, September 20. Our next General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 18. Please plan to attend either in person or through a Zoom meeting. Further details will be shared with you prior to the scheduled meeting. We will continue to adhere to social distancing guidelines, including wearing masks, while in-person meetings take place.

On Sunday, September 20, prior to our Board Meeting, we held our first ever “Curbside Pickup” Bake Sale in the church’s circular driveway. It was an amazing day seeing our members and parishioners drive up for their orders and our sisters deliver the orders to their vehicles. These are interesting times to say the least, but we have found a way to bring our goodies back to everyone while maintaining CDC guidelines. The success of this bake sale has allowed us to plan for future bake sale events: October 4, November 15, and December 13. We will have curbside delivery to your vehicles for all prepaid orders on these Sundays. We will also offer New Year Vasilopita at the December 13 sale. Flyers and reminders will be sent out to everyone prior to the events. Please understand this is only PICK UP. All orders must be placed and prepaid by sending your check and order to Mary Varlas, 14685 John Ewell Court, Centreville, VA 20121. Checks should be made payable to “Saint Katherine Ladies Philoptochos”. Deadline for orders will be 4 days prior to the bake sale event. Lastly, we still have a few cookbooks left to sell! These are PERFECT holiday gifts for friends, family and coworkers. Place your order by contacting Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161. We will mail the book to you for an additional $4.95 for the 1st book and an additional $3.00 for each additional book.

Thank you for your continued support, generosity and donations. Without you the success of our mission would not be possible!

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOE
Maria T. Vargas, President

HAPPY FALL! Thanks to everyone who joined our first meeting (via Zoom) on September 13. We welcomed 2 new members to our Chapter: Kathy Cowley and Kristen Rachinsky. We are delighted to continue to see our Sisterhood grow.

Our next meeting is Sunday, October 11. Please mark your calendars and keep your eyes out for an email update; we will likely do the meeting in the evening. We will be announcing our Chapter’s theme for the year—if you have ideas, email or call me!

As a reminder, one of our philanthropic projects this fall is a community-wide drive for needed items for a local shelter. We are collecting gift cards for grocery stores as well as cleaning supplies. We will be collecting all donations on Sunday, October 18 at church—you don’t even have to get out of your car! See the call out box below for more information. Thanks to everyone in advance for their generosity.

As a chapter we are looking forward to celebrating our 65th Anniversary at our meeting on Sunday, November 8. Please plan to join us virtually as we celebrate the past and toast to the future of our chapter.

Within our chapter, we are looking for someone to help us out as corresponding secretary. Kelly Gull has done an amazing job for several years (thanks, Kelly!) and while she will still be an active part of our chapter, she needs to step away from her secretarial duties for a while. Thanks to Vice President Patty Leto for volunteering to be the editor of our newsletter moving forward. If you have information to share with all, let Patty know!

The National DOP theme is Take Care of Yourself, Your Family and the Daughters of Penelope. It is a fitting and a nice note to close.

AHEPA
George Vassilopoulos, President

IT HAS ALREADY BEEN six months since our last communication. How long this will last? I personally will leave this to the scientists, however, I pray that it will end soon.

One week ago, September 15, an attempt was made for an in person Chapter meeting. The hall was prepared having in mind social distancing, mandatory use of face masks and to ensure not two brothers will get close to each other it was agreed to exclude the customary free pizza with refreshments at the end.

Well, we should know better! After waiting for one-half hour it became obvious that with only six “brave” Brothers present we could not reach quorum and it was agreed it was time to go home.

We will try ZOOM-ing for next month’s meeting and I am confident many of you will join us to take care of the Chapter’s business. We will have more to talk about next month, but for now take care of yourselves and your families. Stay safe, stay healthy.

Hence, we will not say that Greeks fight like heroes, but That heroes fight like Greeks.

~Winston Churchill
With the pandemic affecting our personal lives, our libraries can help us find comfort, learning, and even spiritual growth. The Fairfax County Public Library system, in particular, has a wealth of electronic resources that can be easily accessed at home. Thousands of digital newsletters, magazines, eBooks, and eAudiobooks can be selected, downloaded, and enjoyed simply by inputting a few terms into a phone, tablet, or computer.

Below are all the steps you need to begin taking advantage of these resources, along with some topic and suggested search words designed for our church audience.

How to Access Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) Electronic Resources
Main page: https://fcplcat.fairfaxcounty.gov/
Webpage tutorial: “eBooks - Intro to eBooks and eAudiobooks” https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/ebooks

FCPL YouTube Channel for Video Tutorials:
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From the library’s selection of e-books, use these search words to find multiple electronic resources per topic. For example, if you type in “Byzantine Empire” you will get 47 hits for eBooks or eAudiobooks (referred to as “Electronic Resources” on the webpage). “Constantinople” gets you 22 hits. “Byzantium” 13 hits. Eastern Orthodox Church” 2 audiobooks. “Eastern Roman Empire” 17 “Greek History” 177 “Ancient Greece”: 134.

Research Databases
At the main FCPL catalog webpage, look for “Research Center” > “Databases” in the left margin. Explore almost any interest by simply entering terms into the search boxes of the various research databases. Only a few are heavy-duty academic-level databases, most are designed for public consumption.

The “Gale in Context” database is one that allows you to research many topics at once either for an overview or links to multiple in-depth resources. Below are sample search topics within Gale that are fully assessable with one click. The number of such sources per topic is shown in parentheses.

**Gale in Context: Biography**
History: Ancient Greek and Romans > Constantine (23 links).
Artists: Caravaggio (86 links), Donatello (36 links), Tintoretto (190 links), and many others spanning the whole of Western art, both high art and popular culture art.
Religious Leaders: Ezekiel (10 links), Mary Magdalene (41 links), St. John the Evangelist (23 links).
Philosophers: Aristotle (302 links), Heraclitus of Ephesus notable for his fifth century BC ideas on the logos (14 links), and Thomas Aquinas (172 links).

**Gale in Context: World History**
Countries, Culture, and Civilizations: Byzantium, Constantinople, and Istanbul (187 links), Byzantine Empire (561 links), Greece, 1453-1914 (1,121 links).

**Weekday Liturgies (9am ortiros/10am liturgy)**
October 23   Saint James the Apostle
October 25   Saint Demetrios the Great Martyr
October 28   Holy Protection of the Theotokos

**Paraklesis to the Holy Trinity in Defense from the Pandemic**
Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20, and 27 | 7:00pm
STEWARDSHIP: A Time for Every Purpose Under Heaven

In this rapidly changing world of COVID 19, thank you for supporting our Saint Katherine Church with a generous and grateful heart. As Saint John Chrysostom said, “The rich man is not the one who has much, but the one who gives much. For what one gives away, he keeps for all eternity.” It may be more challenging to give your offering in person, but you may still contribute online at saint-katherines.org and click on Make a Donation. You can also contribute to the $1 More A Day Initiative (see page 3) by clicking on Make a Donation. (The list of those who already contributed are on page 13.) Every little bit helps (big bits help even more). As Mother Teresa once said, “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”

Yours in Christ’s service,
Andrea Ballard
andrebballard1@verizon.net

SHOWN BELOW is a list of families and individuals who participated in the 2020 Saint Katherine Stewardship Program through September 30, 2020. Thank you for responding to the needs of our church. Please contact Lisa Mikhailovsky at accounting@stkchurch.com or 703-671-1515 x106 with any questions.

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Thank you to the following people who contributed to the Dollar More a Day initiative through September 30. This emergency supplemental stewardship will help us avoid financial crisis. Your church needs your help!

(A continuation from page 12)

M/M Elias (Sofia) Alpos
Cpt/Mrs James Ballard
Hon/Mrs Manuel (Carole) Capalis
Dr Domenic Carr
M/Harry (Gayaneh) Contos
Ms Elena Danigelis
Dr/Mrs Harry (Elizabeth) Dinella
Mr Steve Dimos and Dr Evie Cavros
Mr Paul Economou
M/M Ronald (Chris Moustaki) Emby
Glenda D Hassan
M/M Karl (Dorrie) Hickson
M/M Andy (Pamela) Kydes
M/M George (Linda) Moraitis
M/M Matthew (Vicki) Mowery
Mrs Demetra Nightingale

We encourage all parishioners to donate $1 more a day!
**REGISTRY**

**Baptisms**

Kosmas Chase (January 28)  
son of Ivan and Daniela Slussar  
Godparent: Elena Sava

Melanie Margaret (February 15)  
daughter of Richard and Mary Shafer  
Godparents: Anastasios and Irene Sakkas

Theodore James (February 23)  
son of Dimitrios and Alison Wiener  
Godparent: Alexandra Ava Rita Enciu

Emilia Sofia (March 1)  
daughter of Milos and Eleni Brucki  
Godparents: Eleni and Marcus Talbott

Nikoletta Cosette (March 14)  
daughter of Jaime and Annette Spicciati  
Godparent: Eleni Aliozi

Serafim Thomas (March 14)  
son of Tom and Valerie Archer  
Godparents: Bill and Eleni Porter

Lena Megan (June 24)  
daughter of Gary and Sheri Farmer  
Godparent: Stephanie Garofalis Sidote

James Alketas (June 28)  
son of Kalib Asheraft and Mikaela Panagoulas  
Godparent: Artemis Metsaki

Theo Thomas (July 7)  
son of Theofanis and Chelsea Stafilatos  
Godparents: Christina and Chris Kiros

Dean Konstantinos (July 11)  
son of Brett and Maria Carlson  
Godparents: Gregory and Lena Megan Sidote

Konstantinos Michael (July 25)  
son of Timothy and Athena Cassidy  
Godparent: Marica Oliff

Caroline Juliette (August 1)  
daughter of Constantine and Amanda Galifianakis  
Godparent: Alexander Galifianakis

Lydia Triantafyllia (August 22)  
daughter of Nolan and Kristen Morton  
Godparent: Deanna Schultz

Maryellen (August 29)  
daughter of Andrew and Diane Holland  
Sponsor: Melanie Copeland-Bell

Niko Caleb (September 19)  
son of George and Hellen Christofi  
Godparents: Maria and Nicholas Georges

Gabriel (September 26)  
son of Jonathan and Kristine Fountos  
Godparent: Sophia Tsangali

**Congratulations!**

**Chrismations**

Joleen Marie Micha (March 1)  
daughter of Joseph and Karen Michalowicz  
Sponsor: John Demakis

Demetris Voudouris (March 15)  
son of Demetris and Gloria Voudouris  
Sponsor: Harry Pashiardis

Jeffrey Ryan Roberts (July 26)  
son of Gregory and Kristi Lynn Roberts  
Sponsor: Andreas Xenos

**Congratulations!**

**Weddings**

Megan Leigh Farmer  
and  
Gregory John Sidote (July 11)  
Kyumbar: Emelia Kalisperis Ford

Stephanie Maria Gerow  
and  
Marinos Richdos Drousiotis (September 6)  
Kyumbar: Nicole Rooney
Weddings (cont’d)
Sofia Niarchos
and
Domenic A. Carr (September 21)
Koumbaros: Christopher Vaccarello

Congratulations!

Funerals
Nikolas D. Kastrinopoulos (February 19)
Catherine Sikalis Halachis (February 25)
Mary June Gellios (April 6)
Presvytera Athena Yiachnis (April 6)
Anastasia Stacy Papalios (April 24)
Mary Cavas (April 28)
Gisella Caparell (May 14)
Helen T. Moore (May 18)
Sotirios Sokos (May 29)
James E. Mona (June 3)
Elias Hatzigeorgiou (June 6)
Irene Kakaviatos (June 7)
Arthur S. Hondros (June 15)
Nikoletta Litsa Karamanis (June 18)
Irenelee K. Adams (July 14)
Mihail P. Sarris (August 19)
Dimitros P. Blekas (August 27)
James Louis Loisou (August 28)
Helen Viglas (September 1)
Peter Michos (September 22)

May their memories be eternal.
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