ON SEPTEMBER 1, we start a new ecclesiastical year. This is also a time when family vacations end and students prepare for a new year. On behalf of all of us, I pray that Fr. Panagiotis’ new assignment by Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey to the Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church in Charlottesville, which begins on September 1, will be the start of a very fruitful ministry for him. I am proud of Fr. Panagiotis’ accomplishments and have very high expectations for his ministry in Charlottesville. Fr. Panagiotis stated, “I have wanted this for a long time and I am very excited about the move and the new wonderful opportunities which await me.” He had the opportunity to have the hands-on experience of a dynamic parish within the Metropolis of New Jersey. I know that he will guide and inspire the parishioners of Holy Transfiguration to grow in their faith and seek their salvation through a living Greek Orthodox parish. We will miss his warm smile and embracing love for people. The great news is that he will still be very close to us. Fr. Panagiotis knows that he can call on us any time as he begins his ministry as proistamenos. Axios!

“And Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life. He who come to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst” (John 6:35). These words, offered by our Lord Jesus Christ, are words of salvation. The place where man never hungered or thirsted was in Paradise. After the fall, Jesus renewes Paradise for us.

We celebrate and participate in many services that help lead us toward Jesus Christ. The Service of Artoklasia is one such service. We offer five round loaves of sweet bread as a sign of devotion. Artoklasia is offered by a family as a celebration of joyous occasions (i.e., anniversaries, namedays, feast day commemorations, and other significant events). The five loaves are reminiscent of the five loaves that Jesus Christ blessed and multiplied for the feeding of the 5,000 people.

Bread continues to have great mystical significance for Orthodox Christians. It is first a basic food, in one form or another, for most people in the world and thus signifies our brotherly unity as descendants of our first parents, Adam and Eve. Bread also symbolizes the Church of Christ which, although spread over the whole world as wheat in a field, is gathered by the Lord into one body—the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church. Orthodox Christians also refer to Jesus Christ as the “Bread of Life” and as “Bread which came from heaven.” The rich and sweet bread used for the Artoklasia is blessed in the service, but it is not the same as bread used in Holy Communion; it is not the Body of Christ. It can be received by any who attend and participate in the service. It is a blessing from God, and it is symbolic of the things that bread represents to us as Christians. For the Orthodox, the blessed bread of the Artoklasia has also been considered, from ancient times, to further personal sanctification and to help the individual against bodily infirmities and illness “if taken with faith.” The term Αρτοκλασία (Artoklasia) is derived from two Greek words: άρτος (artos) which means “wheat bread,” and κλάω (klao) which means “break.” The blessed Artoklasia bread is broken (or cut) into pieces for distribution after it has been blessed in the Artoklasia Service.

I have asked Presvytera Pauline to post some information on our website about Artoklasia, so please check it out. I ask you to consider offering an Artoklasia on behalf of your family. Please contact me to schedule your artoklasia.

Have a blessed and spiritual start to the new ecclesiastical year.

In Christ,

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SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH that ushers in multiple “beginnings.” As the Ecclesiastical New Year begins, our Catechetical and Hellenic Education Center programs commence for students young and old, and summer’s heat gives way to cooler temperatures signaling the advent of what we all hope will be a colorful autumn season as our thoughts turn to pleasant diversions like the new football season. For many, there is also a great sense of anticipation for what lies ahead during the remainder of the year. New opportunities await others and as we have recently learned, September will also mark the beginning of new challenges for Father Panagiotis Hanley as he assumes his new responsibilities as proistamenos of Transfiguration Church in Charlottesville, Virginia. This elevation is well deserved and we wish Father Panagiotis great success and happiness in his new ministry; he will be missed by all.

Πάντα άξιος!

The departure of our assistant priest after less than two years also marks yet another new beginning of sorts for our community. We were disappointed to learn from the Metropolis of New Jersey that there is no prospect for Fr. Hanley’s replacement due to the critical shortage of priests throughout the Archdiocese. The likelihood of no replacement for the foreseeable future further exacerbates an already problematic situation for our community because of increasing difficulties we experience in reliably and consistently securing the services of substitute priests from the local area to celebrate our second liturgy. This regrettable situation has forced us to reassess our liturgical schedule which has for many years offered two liturgies on most Sundays from September through May. After careful review, consideration and prayer, we have concluded that reverting to a schedule featuring a single liturgy each Sunday is necessary. Although we fully appreciate many within the community are fond of the 8:00am liturgy, we remain confident this course of action is prudent and dictated by the stark reality of the situation facing our community as described above. Accordingly, and with the blessings of our Proistamenos Father Costas, effective September 20, Orthros and Catechetical School will begin at 9:00am and the Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:00am. The parish council will carefully monitor the effects of this schedule change.

Turning to other matters, a special memorial service will be held on September 20 during the Divine Liturgy for the victims of the Hellenic Genocide—the systematic murder of over 1.5 million Greeks in Asia Minor (along with another 4 million Armenian and Assyrian Christian souls). These services also occur at this time as a means of commemorating the burning of the city of Smyrna in 1922. We need only observe and reflect upon the current ongoing persecution of Christians in this region and elsewhere to understand why “we must never forget!”

As we head into the last quarter of the year, I respectfully urge all parishioners to review their blessings and fulfill their stewardship obligations to Saint Katherine. Your continued support of our community is required to sustain the vibrancy of our many diverse ministries. You will be interested to know several significant elements of our stewardship program are about to be enhanced. Our new Catalogue of Ministries will be available soon highlighting the breadth and diversity of opportunities available for further involvement in the life of our Church. A new online registration form will not only allow new parishioners to quickly and conveniently register as stewards of our community, but also enable existing parishioners to easily update their contact information as circumstances require. Additionally, we hope to have a new online donation capability in place by Stewardship Sunday, November 15.

Our Fall Festival is our second major fund raising event of the year and will be held October 2-4. Please offer your services by volunteering in support of this important event. We always need help setting up and preparing for this special occasion and especially need help during the festival shifts: 10:00am-2:00pm, 2:00pm-6:00pm, and 6:00pm-9:00pm. Please sign up at the Church Office or contact Andrea Ballard (andreaballard1@verizon.net or 703-250-5419). Your support is greatly appreciated.

I will close by reminding everyone of our community’s efforts to assist in the construction of the Saint Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero. Through this visionary edifice and house of prayer, our Orthodox Christian Church not only marks the events of 9/11, but will also offer a place of solace, inspiration and healing for all those who visit Ground Zero. The members of your parish council have been inspired to give a gift of $100 per member to help rebuild Saint Nicholas and we earnestly solicit your support for this most worthy and holy endeavor. Please consider this request and join us by making your donation check payable to Saint Katherine.

On behalf of the parish council, we look forward to seeing you all in church and at all our various community activities throughout the remainder of the year.

Your servant in Christ,

[Signature]
President, Parish Council
OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST SAID, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14).

This is exactly our calling and objective here at Saint Katherine in providing an Orthodox Christian education through our Catechetical (Sunday) School program. We are fortunate here at Saint Katherine in that our Catechetical (Sunday) School is offered at the same time as our adult classes, such as Journey to Orthodoxy and Adult Bible Study. This allows everyone to participate in Orthodox education and then to worship together in the Divine Liturgy as a family.

A registration table will be open on Sundays, September 6 and 13 after liturgy in the Meletis Charuhas Hall. It will truly be a joy to see all the children back in Catechetical (Sunday) School when classes begin on September 20. On this first day of classes, students, parents, and teachers will meet in the Meletis Charuhas Hall where Fr. Costa will pray with us promptly at 9:00am and introduce all of our teachers. Students will then follow their teachers to their classrooms. Parents are invited to visit their children’s classrooms, where they can meet the teachers and ask any questions that they may have.

Our parents have been very responsive to our Catechetical (Sunday) School program in the past and we are very much looking forward to another great year seeing our youth learn about our God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as well as worshipping as a family in Church. Please, parents, bring your children regularly to both Catechetical (Sunday) School and Church. Through both experiences, our children will be drawn closer to Christ and grow in Christian knowledge.

HOPE
THE HOPE MINISTRY is an opportunity for children (ages 7 and under) to meet, socialize, and interact with one another. The special events for 2015-2016 include Lego Fun at Saint Katherine on Saturday, October 17, 3:30pm-5:30pm in Founders’ Hall; Movie Afternoon on Saturday, January 23 (time to be determined) at Tysons Corner, 7850 Tysons Corner Center, McLean 22102; and Playground and Popsicle Time on Saturday, April 9 (time to be determined) at Van Dyck Park, 3720 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, 22030. If you would like to be added to the HOPE email distribution list, please email HOPE_St_Katherine@yahoo.com.

HOPE BOOK DRIVE Let's donate to Books for America! The HOPE ministry of Saint Katherine is asking HOPE families to take part in a book drive by donating new and gently used children’s books at the first HOPE event on Saturday, October 17. Please clean out your closets and bookshelves and help Books for America, a non-profit organization that promotes literacy to disadvantaged communities, find new homes for your books! Thank you in advance!
USE IT OR LOSE IT!

Μια καινούρια χρονιά αρχίζει μετά από ένα ξένοιαστο και ανανεωτικό καλοκαίρι, όπου οι μέρες είναι μεγάλες και οι παρέας μας ακόμα μεγαλύτερες, δίπλα στην πισίνα ή τη θάλασσα.

Welcome back to a new school year at Saint Katherine Hellenic Education Center (HEC). The last days of a restful summer are giving way to the enthusiasm to find our classmates back in school and to share with them our summer news.

What good is to learn a language if you don’t intend to use it, one would ask? We, at HEC, believe in the teaching of the Greek language in order to provide our students with a life skill that will open doors for them in the future. At the same time, they are privileged to speak it with their friends and classmates in Greek School, the church, family and relatives locally or distantly from Greece.

Why a life skill one might ask? By speaking, reading, and writing the Greek language, our students in all different levels become citizens of the world as the Greek Civilization influenced—and still does—the thought of authors, engineers, designers, artists, explorers and world leaders, politicians and policy makers.

How do we engage our students as young as Paideia Preschool age or as old as in participating in the Adult Classes? The students are given the opportunity to be actively involved in projects in accordance with the school’s mission and our Orthodox values. New projects have been designed by our remarkable teachers which aim to engage the students in a fun and meaningful way in order for them to learn their heritage language through thematic units and “civilization shots.”

It is our belief that a language—viewed in the past as a vehicle of communication only—should be also viewed as a tool to better understand the essence of the people who made it happen. Therefore, this year’s project that will be introduced to the Greek School students and is titled The Greek Civilization through Tradition and Art, envisions the active participation of students, parents, guest speakers, and the greater community of Saint Katherine who is welcome to offer an insight in relation to this topic.

Finally, we are welcoming the new teachers to our teaching staff.

Please put the following dates on your calendar: Paideia Preschool begins Monday, September 14. We take children as young as 2 years old. Greek School classes begin September 11 for Friday Classes and 12 for Saturday Classes. Tuesday Conversational Classes will begin September 15. Adult Classes will begin September 15 for the Tuesday Beginners Classes, September 17 for the Thursday Intermediate Classes and September 18 for the Friday Conversational Classes.

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HELIENIC EDUCATION CENTER
Eleni Alexopoulou

GOYA

GOYA will have their first meeting and elections on Sunday, September 27, in the board room, following liturgy. Please visit http://www.saint-katherines.org/assets/files/GOYA/GOYA_HealthAndRegistrationForm.pdf, fill out the health/registration form, and bring it with your $30 dues to the meeting. We will share a brief overview of GOYA (please see http://www.saint-katherines.org/assets/files/GOYA for more information).

All Orthodox teenagers, grades 7-12, are encouraged to join GOYA, as GOYA has something to offer everyone: monthly Youth Church Duty Sundays, preparing hygiene kits for Bailey’s Crossroads Homeless Shelter, feeding the homeless on Christmas Day (pack bags with lunches, gift cards, clothing, etc.), Epiphany Celebration in Ocean City, feeding the homeless at Bailey’s Crossroads Homeless Shelter, trip to NYC, regional lenten lock-in and summer camp at Camp Piankatank in Hartfield, VA, Cosmic Bowling, fold palms into crosses, decorate the kouvoukli and prepare church for Easter, basketball tournaments, movie nights, paintball, pool parties, Habitat-for-Humanity-type project, and more.

GOYA and Catechetical (Sunday) School will join forces for Youth Church Duty Sundays. This year’s dates are September 27, October 25, November 15, December 13, January 10, February 14, March 13, April 17, and May 8.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

WE APPRECIATE ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS who helped make Saint Katherine Vacation Bible Camp a memorable week for our kids! We’d like to thank AHEPA #438 for their continued support of the camp.

In addition to learning about the feast days of the Theotokos, our campers made cookies for our prison ministry, baked phorapha, collected Spanish books for the Mayan Orthodox in Guatemala, and prepared lunch for Bailey’s Homeless Shelter. We also thank Irene Burton and Rosalie Georgeadis for teaching our students how to make koulourakia. Finally, we thank Fr. Costas and Fr. Panagioti for their guidance and all of our teachers, parent volunteers, and teenage assistants who helped make the event a such a success: Vicki Mowery, Sherry Maggio, Eleni Porter, Deidre Parrish, Emily Vazquez, Stephanie Vazquez, Melissa Solomos, John Doulis, Penny and George Papas, Bill Porter, Matt Mowery, Kathy Buddendeck, Tess Bliss, Sofia Maggio, Ariana Porter, Maria Euripides, Georgia Katsapis, Nick Vazquez, Anna Vargas, Cameron and Chloe Edgington, Katerina and Sophia Silis, Alex and Andrew Chelpon, and Daphne and Zoe Jeweler.

Information regarding 2016 VBC will be out in February. If you would like to be a part of the 2016 VBC team, please contact Vicki Mowery (mowerycrew@gmail.com) or Eleni Porter (beporter1@verizon.net).
Ανέστη Αποστόλου Τρίτη Υιό το οποία Παναγίας (της Θεοτόκου νεκροκρέββατο μελωδίες χέρια Ας κάνουν έκλεισαν, Παρθένου ΑΦΟΥ συνοδεύουν τριήμερη έτσι γνωρίζουμε διότι ημέρα ψυχή το ΠΑΣΧΑ ΤΟΥ ΚΑΛΟΚΑΙΡΙΟΥ από τον κόσμο, γεμίζει τους Αποστόλους και έλεγαν, πέτρινοι, οποίο που την κομμένα τα τον και η Κοίμησή του και η καύχημα στην ιερού που, πέμψανε, εδώ της μη και ενταφίασαν τον σώμα Θεομήτορος έναν, είναι ευρέως για τον Μάrtιος. Η θεία δική όμως προστάτευε το πανάγιο σώμα της Παρθένου Μαρίας με το να τυλίχετε όλους εκείνους, που ήθελαν να κάνουν κακό. Μάλιστα έναν τους κόπηκαν τα τα ήτοι εκείνη που προσταθείτε να ρίξει κάτω το πανάγιο σώμα. Κι αυτό ακριβώς το παραπέμπει στην ερήμη είκονα της Κοιμήσεως του Θεοτόκου. Το χέρια του έμειναν εκεί κρεμασμένα, κοιμένα από το σταθεί της θέσης δικής. Αγρέατα, μεταναστεύοντας για δ,τι έκανε, πίστευε στο Θεό με όλη την ψυχή του και γιατρεύτηκε. Λένε, πως πήρε μικρό τεμάχιο από το έναν της Θεοτόκου, το έβαλε πάνω στα μέτα των άλλων τυλιγμένων και γιατρεύτηκαν και οι λοιποί από την απίστια τους, η οποία μεταβλήθηκε σε βαδειά πίστη. Οι Απόστολοι από την Εθνική ενταφίασαν το πάναγιο σώμα της Θεοτόκου και παρέμειναν εκεί τρεις χρόνια, όπου, καθ’ όλο το δίδασμα, άκουγαν ακατάπαυτα τους όμως και τις μελωδίες των αγίων Αγγέλων. Επειδή, κατά θεία οικονομία, ο απόστολος δωμάτως δεν ήταν παρών στην κηδεία και ελπίζουμε, γιατί δεν είχε αμβλύτως να ακούσει όλα τον Εκείνου οι άλλοι Απόστολοι, φθάνοντας εκεί την Τρίτη ημέρα, αποφάσισαν να ανοίξουν τον τάφο για να προσκούνεται το σώμα της Θεοτοκού. Είδε διευκρινίζετε ότι τόσο οι ταφοί δεν ήταν όπως είναι σήμερα, αλλά ήταν σαν μικρά δωματιακά, σπιτιές, που τις έκλειναν με μία πετρινή πόρτα, την οποία άνοιξαν οι συγγενείς και έριχναν αρώματα στο νεκρό σώμα. Ολοί έμειναν έκπληκτοι όμως, γιατί είδαν τον τάφο κενό, μόνο το αλόλεκο σεντόνι είδαν για παραγόρια τους. Ας γνωρίζουμε λοιπόν όλοι οι πιστοί, πως, η Κυρία Θεοτόκος, μετά την τρίτη μετάκινητη στην τάφο, όχι μόνο μετέτανα, αλλά και ανέστη από τον τάφο και ανελήφθη στους ουρανούς. Ενώθηκε δηλαδή πάλι η ολότρωπη, άσπιλη ψυχή της με το θεοδόθι σώμα της και έκανε αναβάδθηκε από τον τάφο. Μετά την Ανάσταση της, σύσωµως ανελήφθη στους ουρανούς. Την αλλέθη αυτή μάς την βεβαιώνουν οι ιεροί θεολόγοι, όπως ο Ιωάννης Δαμασκηνός, ο Ανδρέας Κρήτης, ο Γρηγόριος Παλίμα, ο Θεόδωρος Στυδίτης, ο Μάρκος ευγενικός.

Δεν κηρύσσεται η Ανάσταση και η Ανάληψη της Παρθένου, αλλά μόνο μιλάμε για Μετάσταση. Οι περισσότεροι και οι μειοτέροι της Παναγίας μας, καύχημα και ελπίδα των απανταχού Ορθοδόξων, ας μας συνοδεύσουν πάντα στη ζωή μας!

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM FR. PANAGIOTIS**

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT to all the beloved of Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church: I have been notified by His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey that, effective September 1, 2015, I am officially assigned to my own parish—Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church in Charlottesville, Virginia.

I have wanted this for a long time and I am very excited about the move and the new wonderful opportunities which await me in Charlottesville at Holy Transfiguration. I look forward to joining the parish, but I must now take a moment to say some things to all of you—the faithful members of Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church.

First, Father Costa and Presvytera Pauline Pavlakos, thank you so much for all your help since before day one. You made everything so much easier for me and I love you for it truly.

Jim Stoucker, our parish council president and fellow AF Brother-in-Arms, thanks for all the help, advice, time, and love you offered to me while I was here.

To everyone else (and there are too many to name individually), thank you so much from the bottom of my heart. You welcomed me with open arms and love from day one! I am not saying good-bye, as we are all one family in Christ! I will hold all of you in my prayers always. Please keep me in your prayers, as I prepare to undertake this transition.

May God abundantly bless this beautiful community on high for the love and kindness which you have continually showered upon me. I have been so blessed by God to be a part of this parish. Thank you so much for welcoming me into your lives and your families. Please continue to love one another and support Father Costa and Presvytera Pauline. Pray for one another always!

In His Service, I remain, with the most profound respect and love,

Father Panagiotis Robert Hanley

**SAVE THESE DATES!**

**October 2-4: Saint Katherine Fall Festival**

**November 8: Saint Katherine Annual Dinner Gala**

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We would love to show you around, tour the classes, and talk about our programs at your convenience. Contact us to make an appointment.

You may find the registration forms for Paideia Preschool, Greek School, and Adult Classes in our website at www.stkhec.org or you may contact the HEC director at ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com for more information.

Kalh Scholik Hronia se olous tous mathites mas, mikrou kai megalois kai stous ekpaideuteinos mas gia na ta paristasi prospatheia pou katabalou!
Weddings
Laura Danielle Garcia
and
Sunny Krtik Desai (July 5)
Koumbaros: George Sellis
Melissa Maldonado Chevez
and
Paul Zangos (July 19)
Koumbaros: George Zangos
Isadora Rahwa K. Eyasu
and
Hermon Aman Abdellas (July 25)
Koumbaros: Sammy Abdellas

Congratulations!

Baptisms (cont’d.)
Vasileios (August 2)
son of Ioannis and Ogden Bellos
Godparent: Evangelos Bellos
Sylvia Nino Charlotte (August 8)
daughter of R. Scott and Annie K. Nuzum
Godparent: Nana Botchorishvili
Nicholas George (August 30)
son of Nicholas and Virginia Hanna
Godparent: Dimitrios Stergioulis

Congratulations!

Chrismations
Isadora Rahwa K. Eyasu (May 17)
daughter of Kebede A. and Aberet H. Asmara
Sponsor: George C. Moshos
Elizabeth Tzoumas (June 29)
daughter of Austin and Marialyce James
Sponsor: Georgia Crassas

Congratulations!

Funerals
Mary Koroulakis (June 22,
St. Sophia Cathedral, Washington, DC)
Argyroula (Roula) Oktay (July 2)
Dr. Panagiotis Pappous (July 10)
Panagiotis (Panos) Statis (July 11)
Dr. Kathleen Michael (August 18)
Constantine “Gus” D. Moshos (August 19)
Michael Vlahos (August 21)
May their memory be eternal.

Adul t Bible Studies Begin September 20 | Biblical Responses to the Problem of Evil and Suffering
Using colorful PowerPoint slide presentations we will discuss how Scripture informs our Orthodox faith and traditions. With a special emphasis on the books of Genesis and Job in the Old Testament and the Gospels and the Book of Revelation in the New Testament, we will discuss Christian understandings and responses to the problem of evil and suffering in the world. We will explore this topic in light of the meaning and significance of salvation found in Jesus Christ. What is the nature of evil? Why do the righteous suffer? How does our faith speak to the fact of innocent suffering? These are timeless and profound questions that, while difficult and challenging, can also help us to gain wisdom and deepen our Orthodox faith. Classes will be held in the lower level of the new hall from 9:00am to 10:00am each Sunday beginning September 20. Questions? Contact Bill Polizos (571-434 7790 or polizos@att.com). All are welcome!
Dear Saint Katherine Parishioners,

Among the most important things we do for our departed loved ones is honor their memory with our traditional Memorial Service. In an effort to more effectively meet your needs during these special occasions, we have engaged the support of our Saint Katherine Ladies Philoptochos Society to assist you with sponsoring your Memorial Service Coffee Hour.

As you and your guests gather in the Meletis Charuhas Center after the Memorial Service, relax in knowing that our Ladies Philoptochos can provide traditional koulourakia and paximadia (200 pieces combined) along with coffee service through your sponsorship for a donation of $175. Additional koulourakia and paximadia are available. Of course, you have the option to bring in your own baked goods. In this case, a donation of $120 is requested for coffee service, set-up and cleaning fees.

In order to ensure that your Memorial Service Coffee Hour request will be fulfilled, please contact Mary Varlas (703-965-4161) or Eleni Kanakos (703-969-8364) within 72 hours prior to occasion. Donations should be made directly to Saint Katherine.

AHEPA #438
CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce our 8th Annual Community Christmas Ornament. These collectable ornaments continue to grow in popularity from year to year and this year’s ornament is no exception.

Our multi-layered Evzone Snowman is sure to be a favorite with young and old alike! It is a perfect ornament for the Christmas season and unquestionably the most whimsical in our series of collectable ornaments to date, and one we trust you’ll want to add to your collection and give as gifts to friends and family alike. Your children and grandchildren will cherish it!

These high quality ornaments are manufactured by the same firm that creates the famous White House Christmas ornaments. The decorative boxed packaging makes them ideal for gift giving...they are the perfect stocking stuffer. The ornaments will be available for purchase beginning in October at our Fall Festival. The cost remains at $20 each with proceeds supporting our AHEPA Charities such as Vacation Bible Camp, Hellenic Education Center, Church Missions, and College Scholarships. Please support our chapter’s charitable endeavors on behalf of our community with your purchase of these highly collectable and sought-after ornaments. Place your orders by contacting us at either antovi@verizon.net or jstoucker@verizon.net, or by calling 703-671-1515, 703-671-7225, or 703-929-6110.
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PHILOPTOCHOS (by Eleni Kanakos, President)

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to all our ladies and prospective members to another year of the Ladies of Philoptochos. I hope that everyone enjoyed the summer break! I am very much looking forward to kicking off another successful season with all of you!

I want to thank all of you for the outpouring of support on the passing of my sister, Roula Oktay. On behalf of myself and her sons, Stratis and Elias, we are so grateful for the love and comfort you offered us when we needed it the most. May her memory be eternal.

Thank you to all of you for your hard work and dedication in making our Spring Festival a huge success! It’s already time to start preparing for our annual Fall Festival. The Festival will be held on Friday-Sunday, October 2-4. Volunteers are needed to help with baking. An email will be sent with dates and times.

A special thanks to Tina Ligelas for teaching the Gentle Exercise Class. Thank you so much, Tina.

A fundraising dinner will take place on Saturday, September 22 at 5:00pm, at the Clarion Historic Hotel in Leesburg. Tickets are a $100 donation and all proceeds will benefit the rebuilding of the Saint Nicholas Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center. For reservations, call Mrs. Maria Boyer at 703-727-1501. Please RSVP by September 1. Let’s make a difference and support this great cause.

Our Thanksgiving bake sale will be on Sunday, November 22 after liturgy. Contact Mary Varlas with your order (703-965-4161 or LPbakesale@yahoo.com). The deadline for your order is Saturday, November 14.

On Sunday, September 20, our first general meeting will take place in the board room directly following liturgy. I hope all of you can make it.

We will continue selling koulourakia and paximathia throughout the year. Please contact Mary Varlas (information above) or me (703-969-8364). Thank you for your interest and support.

Ladies, please don’t forget to send in your stewardship. Thanks again for all you do and I look forward to another successful year with all of you!

BOOKSTORE

BE ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6).

Saint Katherine Bookstore welcomes you back as we begin the new Church year. At the heart of our Christian walk is prayer and we offer several outstanding prayer books and guides:

Daily Prayers for Orthodox Christians. Contains prayers in Greek and English. Includes Morning and Evening Prayers, the Six Psalms, Prayers Before Mealtime, Pre-Communion and Post-Communion Prayers, Small Compline, etc.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELlope (by Karen Polizos, President)

Helle Chapter is excited to begin the new DOP year with our first meeting on Sunday, September 13, immediately following liturgy, in the board room. Light refreshments will be served.

On behalf of the Daughters of Penelope and Saint Katherine Philoptochos, we thank the church community for supporting our annual back to school drive. We received generous monetary donations, backpacks, and calculators which will be distributed to middle and high school students in Fairfax County through the Our Daily Bread organization.

Our 2015-2016 year will be busy with activities and events. More information will follow, but below are some dates to mark now:

09/26 Coffee social for new and prospective members
11/14 DOP Founders’ Day Luncheon
11/21 Helle Chapter’s 60th Anniversary Celebration Brunch at Westwood Country Club
02/05 Our second annual Taste of the Mediterranean

Helle Chapter’s motto for the 2015-2016 year is “Creating the Future” and we look forward to another fun and successful year of sisterhood! Please contact Rosalie Georgeadis (rgeorgeadis@hotmail.com or 703-532-1723) or Karen Polizos (kpolizos@naifa.org or 571-434-7790), if you would like to know more about the Daughters of Penelope and our chapter. We will be conducting initiations at our October 11 monthly meeting.

Hear Me: A Prayerbook for Orthodox Teens. Give your teen the gift that will challenge their faith and help them on the road to making that faith their own. A topical section offers encouragement as teens face daily challenges. The Q&A section answers practical questions the youth themselves may find challenging. Offers teens direction in using the tools Christ has given us—Holy Scripture as the map, the Church and Her Traditions the compass, helping our youth find their own path toward theosis.

The Jesus Prayer: An Ancient Practice to Quiet the Mind and Transform the Heart by Frederica Mathewes-Green. This spiritual jewel moves the reader beyond thoughts or feelings about God into a real and continual sense of God’s own presence. This popular Orthodox writer offers the most comprehensive book to date on the Jesus Prayer, including practical steps for adopting it in everyday life.

Prayer Book for Orthodox Christians. Translated from the Greek by the Holy Transfiguration Monastery (1987). Excellent translation specially designed to adapt to the Byzantine Chant.

Please visit our church bookstore in the community center after liturgy. We carry a wide assortment of Orthodox books, icons, and other items to enrich your spiritual life. Saint Katherine Bookstore is an outreach ministry of Saint Katherine Church. We try to be open most Sundays after 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.
Monumental Mission Walk, September 19. Our third annual Monumental Mission Walk will take place on Saturday, September 19, 9:00am-12:00pm. Eleni Porter and her energetic committee are organizing this year’s event that will start behind the Thomas Jefferson Memorial and take us around the Tidal Basin to learn about the monuments in that area of the National Mall. These will include the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Martin Luther King Memorial, Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial, George Mason Memorial, and others. Proceeds from our mission walk are shared with the OCMC and our area ministries. Register online (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-monumental-missions-walk-registration-17020607094). Also, to begin collecting donations from family, friends, coworkers, fellow parishioners, or other sponsors, we ask that you fill out the registration/sponsor form available every Sunday in the narthex of our church, on our Saint Katherine website, or by requesting a sponsor form available every Sunday in the narthex of our church, or by requesting a copy from Eleni Porter (beporter1@verizon.net). Please ask your sponsors to make checks out to “Saint Katherine,” write “Mission Walk” on the memo line, and mail to the church. All donations are tax-deductible. Come and join us to walk for missions!

Alaska Mission Trips. We were blessed to have two of our Mission Committee members go on mission trips to Alaska this summer. Betty Slanta returned earlier in the summer and Natalie Gabarino just recently returned. Below are some of Betty’s comments about her experiences as a short-term missionary. We will ask Betty and Natalie each to make a presentation to our parish later this year.

Teaching the Faith in Pilot Station along the Yukon River in Alaska

OCMC Board Member and Mission Committee member Betty Slanta joined a Mission Team to Alaska in July 2015 that helped teach youth from Pilot Station about the Faith and living a life in Christ. The team of four assisted with the Saints Yakov and Vladimir Summer Camp for 55 youth, which is always held the week of July 26 (St. Yakov’s feast day on the Julian calendar used by churches under the Orthodox Church in America within the Diocese of Alaska).

The children learned about bullying, which could lead to depression and suicide, about rules for living, developed their own Yu’pik (Eskimo) Maxims for Living, based on the late Fr. Thomas Hopko’s 55 Maxims for Life as an Orthodox Christian, taught about Alaskan Orthodox saints and mounted icons; made stained glass crosses from construction paper, crayon shavings, and wax paper; created bead and icon pins; and fashioned beaded icon bracelets and necklaces. A team member drew a six-panel Transfiguration icon. Each child colored sections of the icon, which is now mounted in the church vestibule. Other lessons were on how to stay committed to Christ, the value of the Sacrament of Holy Confession, regular church attendance, and one team member’s story of how the church helped after the loss of her husband.

After morning prayers on our last day at wilderness camp, a team member gave a homily on bullying, which seemed to resonate with several children. As cleanup progressed, another team member strummed on the guitar around the slowly dying embers of the campfire. Our wilderness adventure in honor of Saints Yakov and Vladimir.

Appalachian Building Trip, August 16-22. Unfortunately, the Appalachian Building Trip had to be cancelled because of problems at the Spruce Pine, NC site. We will reschedule for next summer.

Food Pantry Collection. “I was hungry and you gave me food…” (Matthew 25:35). Our next food pantry collection will be Sunday, October 25. Our blue cloth bags will be distributed after liturgy on the prior two Sundays. Please use the blue (or other) cloth bags to bring the food to the church. (Do not use paper bags since they frequently tear.) Donations can include: canned fruit, soup, canned pasta, cereal/cereal bars, peanut butter, rice, spaghetti/pasta sauce, chili, canned tomatoes, tuna, canned beans, canned vegetables, and macaroni and cheese. Please leave the bags in the foyer of our community center and we will deliver them to the shelter that day. Please be generous, as there is a great need in our surrounding community. Get the children involved. What a wonderful way to teach our children to help the less fortunate!

HOMELESS SHELTER

Cooking and Serving Schedule. We are putting together the Fall schedule to serve dinner at Bailey’s Crossroads Homeless Shelter. If your organization would like to serve dinner at the shelter please contact Dr. John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com.

Clothing Collection. “I was naked and you clothed me…” (Matthew 25:36). We continue to collect new and used clothing and unopened toiletries for the Shelter. Although it is still summer, they are collecting warm clothing, coats, scarves, gloves, etc. They will store them for this winter. There is always a need for adult shoes (new and used in good condition) of every kind for men and women. Please give what you can. Bring your items to our community center and we will deliver to the shelter once a week. Thanks to all who have contributed in the past. Thanks also to members of our Missions and Outreach Committee who volunteer to take the items to the shelter weekly.

Hygiene and Survival Kits. We will again put together hygiene and survival kits for the shelter. Each church organization has been asked to contribute 1-2 items for the kits, which are given to the homeless when the shelter is filled and they cannot be accommodated. In that case, the shelter tries to send them to a community hall for the night. The items are due on Sunday, November 22. The kits will be assembled by the Catechetical (Sunday) School students and GOYAn's on Sunday, December 13.
**WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB**

**HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED** how the Holy Spirit is present in your life? Have you thought about what happens to us after death? Do you know why Saint Catherine Monastery in Egypt is unique? The next book we read gives us insight to these questions and many more. The author’s style is a blend of conversation and travelogue that is engaging and easy to read. Difficult concepts are presented in clear and concise language so we can easily understand them. The club will meet every two weeks beginning October 7, 10:30am-12:00pm at Saint Katherine. Please consider joining us.

The title of the book is *Inner River: A Pilgrimage to the Heart of Christian Spirituality* by Kyriacos C. Markides and is available at our bookstore. Please contact Despina Raizes at 2draizes@gmail.com if you have any questions or if you plan to attend the first meeting so she can send you the reading assignment and discussion questions.

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**SEPTEMBER CHURCH DUTY ROSTER**

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**THE BROKEN CHAIN**  
by Ron Tranmer

We little knew that day,  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death, we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you.  
You did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide.  
And although we cannot see you,  
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,  
And nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again.

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**SAINT KATHERINE PHOTO DIRECTORY**

We are pleased to announce that we are partnering with Lifetouch Photography to create a new photo directory for our community. Schedule appointments in-person after Sunday liturgies or receive a $10 discount for scheduling appointments online (http://saintkatherines.org/announcements/church-directory-portrait-sign-up. Seniors (60+) and military will receive a 20% discount on portrait products and frames. All participants will receive an 8x10 portrait and a copy of the new directory (no purchase is necessary). We hope to see your photo in the directory!

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**HAVE YOU EVER WISHED** you could follow along with the Orthros and other church services? You can view and print pdf files of the texts (in English and English/Greek) for most church services by going to http://agesinitiatives.com/dcs/public/dcs. Links to musical scores are also available. DCS works on computers and mobile devices.
SHOWN BELOW is a list of families and individuals who participated in the 2015 Saint Katherine Stewardship Program through July 31, 2015. Thank you for responding to the needs of our church.

If you have not yet submitted you 2015 pledge, please complete the stewardship form on the next page and return it to the Church Office as soon as possible. Alternatively, you may pledge online today at www.saint-katherines.org/stewardship. Your Church and community depend on your stewardship commitment.

Any questions? Please contact Lori Nelson at lnelson@stkchurch.com or 703-671-1515.
ALL AROUND THE TOWN
Joanna Bose

ITALIAN CINEMA AT THE NGA

The art historian Federico Zeri argues in an essay titled The Visual Perception of Italy and the Italians in the History of Painting that from as early on as the 13th century, the Italians came to understand their world through the images of art history. So it follows that the Italian sensibility would develop the image on the screen, which is what they did, starting in the 1940s and developing into a movement called Neorealism.

In contrast, the Greeks may have come to understand the world through their tragedies. And today we find on the stages of Athens and Epidaurus productions of Euripides: Iphigenia in Tauris and Orestes. These new interpretations have stagings that explore the meaning of tragedy in our time. These are both radically modern and have political implications.

During the months of August and September, at the National Gallery of Art’s East Building auditorium, a selection of early Neorealism offered on the screen.

Neorealism was a naturalistic movement in cinema that showcased ordinary lives and concerns. Many of the films had to be shot out in the streets, because the film studios of Cinecitta had been damaged during the war. These films reflect the social and political reality of the time. I Magliari, for instance, documents the plight of the southern Italian forced to seek employment in the north (either in Italy or Europe). This was pertinent to the larger issue of the “Southern Question”, the long history of economic and social inequality between Italy’s north and regions from the south of Rome called the Mezzogiorno.

Our own Elia Kazan with his On the Waterfront (1954) influenced Italian director Francesco Rosi’s film I Magliari (1959). This quote of Rosi’s about this film has particular meaning for the plight of the Greeks today:

I wanted to continue my investigation of the world of the marginalized, of the marginalized culture of the man of the South who is forced, by a very precise social factor, to “invent” a job for himself (Aldo Tassone, Parla il cinema italiano, vol.1).

Of the two that I have already seen, one was a comedy with a consummate comedic actor, known as Toto, who, if you can imagine the talents of Peter Sellers, Alec Guinness, and even Groucho Marx (because his one eye goes off to one side)...all rolled into one very hilarious personage, you have him. Playing all five characters, including a dowager with a liking for younger men; a Catholic priest, a general, and himself—a philanderer—he never ceases to dismay. This film was called Toto Diabolicus. The second was about a group of young women, called Le Amiche; again, the subject being...all rolled into one very hilarious personage, you have him.

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