

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, January 5, 2019
Sunday before Theophany

Eve of Theophany
Saints Theopemptos and Thomas
Saint Singlitiki



Apolytikion of the Day (4th Tone)

The women disciples of the Lord, having learned from the Angel the joyous news of the Resurrection and having rejected the ancestral decision, then told the apostles elatedly: Death has been stripped of its power; Christ God has risen, granting to the world His great mercy.

Το φαιδρόν της Αναστάσεως κήρυγμα, εκ το Αγγέλου μαθούσαι αι του Κυρίου μαθήτριαι, και την προγονικήν απόφασιν απορρίψασαι, τοις Αποστόλοις καυχώμεναι έλεγον. Εσκύλευται ο θάνατος, ηγέρθη Χριστός ο Θεός, δωρούμενος τω κόσμω το μέγα έλεος.

Apolytikion on Sunday before Theophany (4th Tone)

Make ready O Zebulum; Prepare yourself O Naphthali; Cease to flow O River Jordan; Receive the Master who comes to be baptized, in joy. Adam, rejoice with the first mother. Do not hide in Paradise, as before, for He came to see us, even naked, that He might clothe us as we were before. Christ has appeared to renew all creation.

Έτοιμάζου Ζαβουλών, και εϋτρεπίζου Νεφθαλείμ. Ιορδάνη ποταμέ, στήθι υπόδεξαι σκιρτών, του βαπτισθήναι έρχόμενον τον Δεσπότην. Άγάλλου ο Άδάμ συν τη Προμητορι, μη κρύπτετε εαυτούς, ως εν Παραδείσω τὸ πρίν, και γάρ γυμνοὺς ιδὼν ὑμᾶς έπέφανεν, ίνα ενδύση την πρώτην στολήν, Χριστός έφάνη, την πᾶσαν κτίσιν, θέλων ἀνακαινίσει.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1st Tone)

Let us praise the all lauded and noble bride of Christ, the godly Katherine, the guardian of Sinai and its defense, who is also our support, assistance and our help; for with the Holy Spirit's sword she hath silenced brilliantly the clever among the godless; and being crowned as a Martyr, she now does ask great mercy for us all.

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντίληψιν. Ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Tone)

To the flowing streams today of River Jordan comes the Lord and cries aloud to John the Baptist, and He says, "Be not afraid to baptize me now; for I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man."

Εν τοις ρείθροις σήμεραν του Ιορδάνου, γεγονός ο Κύριος τω Ιωάννη εκβοά: Μή δειλιάσης βαπτίσει με, σώσει γαρ ήκω Αδάμ τον Πρωτόπλαστον.

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Epistle Reading

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy.

2nd Timothy 4:5-8 – TIMOTHY, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8 – The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' John was baptizing in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Adult Bible Class – Classes are held every Sunday at 9:30am in the board room of the Meletis Charuhas Center. Join us each Sunday to learn more about our faith. "*A Journey through the Orthodox Faith Guided by the Words of the Bible*". This year's topic: *The Gospel of Luke*. For more information or questions, please contact Bill Polizos at 571-434-7790 or polizos@att.com. Everyone is welcome!

JOURNEY TO ORTHODOXY RESUME TODAY, JANUARY 5, 2020: The "Journey to Orthodoxy" class for adults meets 9-10am Sunday (before Liturgy, concurrently with the Sunday School). The class is designed for non-Orthodox inquirers into Orthodoxy as well as for Orthodox Christians who want to know more about the teachings, practices, history, and contemporary life of our Orthodox Church. It is also recommended for intending or newly married couples, especially where one spouse is not Orthodox. The class is held in an informal discussion format. Text is provided. We meet in the Seniors' Kentro room on the ground floor of Founders' Hall. For further information contact the teachers, John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com, Bill Porter WEPorter1@fcps.edu, or Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com 202-375-1007.



Announcements



Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by our Ladies Philoptochos.

Philoptochos – Sunday, January 12th, the Ladies Philoptochos will be packaging 25,000 dry meals, after the end of the second Liturgy. About 100 volunteers are needed for about 3 ½ hours. Please email mary.varlas@yahoo.com or call 703-965-4161. **The Ladies Philoptochos Cookbooks** are still on sale for \$25.00. They make great bridal shower presents. Pick them up at coffee hour, after the second Liturgy.

GOYA – Upcoming events: Richmond basketball tournament (1/11-12); Bible Study (1/14). New email SaintKatherineGOYA@stkchurch.com.

Catechetical Lectures of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem – A Greek Bible Study led by Professor Ioannis Gkigkitzis. The Adult Catechism and Sacraments class “*Catechetical Lecture of Saint Cyril*” is taking place every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. This includes time for discussion and fellowship.

Saint Genevieve Book Club meets the last Sunday of each month following the second Divine Liturgy. If you would like to be included on our mailing list, please email victoriacherpes@gmail.com.

Security Announcement – Please be aware that scammers and cybercriminals may be sending you emails and text messages acting like Father Costa or a member of the Parish Council asking you for money or assistance. Neither Father or a Parish Council Member will send you a direct email requesting money or assistance. These messages are frauds. Do not click or respond to these messages. If you have any questions, please contact Sophia Tsangali at 703-671-1515.

Church Playroom – Parents please accompany your children in the playroom downstairs. Regardless of age, all children in the playroom must be supervised by a Parent at all times.

Attention Parishioners! When attending church services and events at our church, kindly please park your car properly within the designated parking space lines in the parking lot. This will prevent loss of a space for someone else to park their car. Thank you!

Stewardship Table – Please stop by the stewardship table and update your email on record. We are transitioning to mailing statements to save \$2,000 in mailing costs. *Thank you!*

Part-time work opportunity available to help us manage our hall rentals. If you have experience and interest in helping us manage our rentals (sales & bookings), please reach out to Ray Vazquez at rvazquez@stkchurch.com.

*Happy, Blessed New Year!
Καλή, Ευλογημένη Χρονιά!*

Church Services

Sunday, January 5
Monday, January 6
Tuesday, January 7
Sunday, January 12
Wednesday, January 15
Friday, January 17
Sunday, January 19
Wednesday, January 22
Saturday, January 25
Sunday, January 26
Thursday, January 30

Eve of Theophany – Orthros 9:30am; Divine Liturgy 10:30am; and Agiasmos
Holy Theophany – Orthros 9:30am; Divine Liturgy 10:30am; and Agiasmos
Synaxis of St. John the Baptist – Orthros 9:30am, Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Sunday after Theophany – 1st Div. Liturgy 8:00am, Orthros 9:30am.; 2nd Div. Liturgy 10:30am
Paraklesis to St. Ephraim of Nea Makri 8:00pm
St. Anthony the Great – Orthros 9:30am; Divine Liturgy 10:30am
12th Sunday of Luke – 1st Divine Liturgy 8:00am; Orthros 9:30am; 2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Paraklesis to St. Ephraim of Nea Makri 8:00pm
St. Gregory the Theologian – Orthros 9:30am; Divine Liturgy 10:30am
13th Sunday of Luke – 1st Divine Liturgy 8:00am; Orthros 9:30am; 2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30am
The Three Hierarchs – Orthros 9:30am; Divine Liturgy 10:30am.

Sunday Services: Orthros 9:30am., Divine Liturgy 8:00am & 10:30am -- Week Day Services: Orthros 9:30am, Divine Liturgy 10:30am

Offertory Prayer. O God, as you welcomed the gifts of Abel, the sacrifices of Noah and Abraham, the incense of Aaron and Zachariah, do welcome also, from the hands of us sinners, these offerings, so that in clear conscience we may always offer to you gifts and the resources of our labor, for your glorification, for the alleviation of sufferings and hunger, for the ministry to your people, by the grace, mercy and philanthropy of your only begotten Son with whom You are blessed from ages to ages. Amen.

Προσευχή Προσφοράς. Ω Θεέ, όπως δέχθηκες τα δώρα του Άβελ, τις θυσίες του Νώε και του Αβραάμ, το θυμίαμα του Ααρών και του Ζαχαρία, ας δεχθείς από τα αμαρτωλά μας χέρια και τις προσφορές αυτές έτσι, ώστε πάντοτε να μπορούμε να Σου προσφέρουμε δώρα και τους κόπους της εργασίας μας για την δόξα Σου, προς ελάφρυνση των δοκιμασιών και της πείνας, προς διακονία του λαού Σου, προς συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών και εξιλασμό του λαού Σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.

The Sunday bulletin is available online at http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins.



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NEW JERSEY

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