Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, January 12, 2019
Sunday after Theophany

Martyr Tatiana
Martyr Mertios

Apolytikion of the Day (1st Plagal Tone)
Having heard the joyous Resurrection message, from the lips of the Angel, the Lord’s Women Disciples, and with the ancestral sentence removed from them, to the Apostles with pride they related. Death has been despoiled now, Christ our God has risen indeed, granting to all the world his great mercy.

Τον συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρί και Πνεύματι, τον εκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εις σωτηρίαν ημών, ανυμνήσωμεν πιστοί και προσκυνήσωμεν. Ότι ημόδοκησε σαρκί, ανελθείν εν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομείναι, καὶ εγείραι τοὺς τεθνεώτας, εν τῇ ενδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Apolytikion on Sunday before Theophany (1st Tone)
At Your Baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, worship of the Trinity was revealed, for the Father’s voice bore witness to You, calling You His 'beloved Son,' and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of these words. O Christ God, Who appeared and enlightened the world, glory to You!

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτίζωμένῳ σοι Κύριε, ἢ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις, τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοί, ἀγαπητὸν σὲ Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα, καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν ἑιδί ορίστερα, ἐβεβαίω τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανεῖς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοί.

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 λαμπρῶς, τους κομψοὺς των ασεβῶν, του Πνεύματος τῇ δυνάμει. Καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Tone)
You have appeared today to the inhabited earth, and Your light, O Lord has been marked upon us who with knowledge sing Your praise. You have come, You are made manifest, the Light that no man can approach.

Εἰπεφάνης σήμερον τῇ οἰκουμένῃ, καὶ τὸ φῶς σου Κύριε, εσημειώθη εφ’ ἡμᾶς, εν επιγνώσει υμνώντας σε. Ἡλέθες εφάνης, το φῶς το απρόσιτον.
Epistle Reading

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.
The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

Ephesians 4:7-13 – BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:12-17 – At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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 – The “Journey to Orthodoxy” class for adults meets 9:30-10:30am 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.

Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting – Tuesday, January 14, the Mission and Outreach Committee will meet at 7:30pm in the Board Room of our Community Center. We will be discussing the various foreign missions that we support and our local outreach programs. Our meetings are open to everyone. Come and join us!!

Our local St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival will be held at St. Katherine’s on March 15, 2020. The festival provides our youth the opportunity to write and talk about their faith. There are 3 divisions: the elementary division (local festival only) for grades 4–6; junior division for grades 7–9; and senior division for grades 10–12. Top speakers in the Junior and Senior Divisions will be awarded $150 and $250 scholarships, respectively. Please encourage your children to participate in the festival and be sure to attend this event to show support for our youth. Contact your Sunday School teachers or Dean (703-981-4958) & Vivian (571-730-7540) Chelpon at vivanddean@aol.com. Information on the festival can be found on www.goarch.org/oratorical.
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Gwen (Ioanna) Aliferis, wife of Mr. Peter Aliferis, and mother of Nicholas; for Michael Gellios, husband of Mrs. Sevvie Gellios, and father of John; for Fotios (Frank) Tsutras, husband of Mrs. Helen Tsutras, and father of Dean; for Pericles Apostolou, father of Sofia and Chrisostomos; and for Nicholas Harokopos, husband of Mrs. Maria Harokopos, and father of Ourania and Constantine. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Aliferis, Gellios, and Apostolou families in memory of their loved ones; and by our Ladies Philoptochos.

The Cutting of the Vasilopita will take place this morning at the end of the 2nd Divine Liturgy.

Philoptochos – Today, 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. Sunday 19th of January, The Ladies Philoptochos Board will meet after the second Liturgy, in the board room. Tuesday 4th of February, the Ladies Philoptochos will host their annual Valentine’s Day Seniors Luncheon. For reservations, call Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161 or Eleni Kanakos at 703-969-8364. Deadline for reservations is January 28th. 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 – Happy New Year and thanks to all who helped make our Christmas Bag project a success! Good luck at the Richmond Basketball Tournament this weekend. Upcoming events: Bible Study 1/14 & 28; GOYA Youth Sunday/Meeting 1/26; Superbowl Party 2/2. For information, 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 nor 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 e-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.

Tastes of the Mediterranean – Please join the Daughters of Penelope, Helle Chapter #283, for our Annual Tastes of the Mediterranean, Friday, February 7, 2020, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Meletis Charuhas Community Center. This event continues our support of soldiers and their families by designating proceeds to Boulder Crest Retreat in Bluemont, Virginia, a full service facility dedicated to providing assistance to veterans struggling with PTSD and combat related stress. Tickets are $30, advance reservations required. Stop by the reservation table in the church foyer, or send checks payable to DOP Helle 283, to: Karen Polizos, 903 Holly Creek Drive, Great Falls, VA 22066. For more information contact: Rosalie Georgeadis at 703-532-1723 or rgeorgeadis@hotmail.com. Thank you for supporting Helle Chapter and this worthy cause!

Please join us for the annual Saint Katherine Apokreatiko Glendi on Saturday, February 29th, starting at 5:30 p.m., at the Meletis Charuhas Hall. We will have a DJ, food, face painting, raffles, and our special guest performer--Master Tempo! Please visit dcgreeks.com for tickets or email stkhecparents@gmail.com if you have any questions.
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, 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.