Apolytikion of the Day (4th Plagios Tone)

From on high You descended, O merciful Lord, and accepted the three-day burial to free us from our passions. Glory to You, O Lord, our life and our resurrection.

Εξ ύψους κατήλθες ο εὐσπλαγχνός, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ημᾶς ελευθερώσης των παθῶν. Ἡ ζωή καὶ η ανάστασις ημῶν, Κύριες δόξα σοι.

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

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

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημῶν και αντίληψιν. Ὄτι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματον τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αἰτεῖται πάσι το μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (1st Tone)

Your birth sanctified a Virgin’s womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving one.

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικήν αγιάσας τοῦ τόκου σου, και χείρας τοῦ Συμεών ευλογήσας ως ἐπρέπε, προφθάσας καὶ νυν ἐσωσάς ἡμᾶς Χριστὲ ο Θεός. Άλλ’ εἰρήνευσον εν πολέμοις το πολίτευμα, και κραταίωσον Βασιλείας οὐς ἡγάπησας, ο μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.
Epistle Reading

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.*

*What shall I render to the Lord for all that he has given me?*

*The reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews.*

**Hebrews 13:17-21**

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading

**Luke 17:12-19**

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When He saw them He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’s feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And He said to him: “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA chapter 438 is proud to announce the opening of the new community Seniors Kentro (Kentro) located on the ground floor of Founders Hall. Gather with friends, enjoy a cup of coffee while watching the news from Greece, spending some quiet time reading the paper, or enjoying each other’s company/parea. Lectures, Bible Studies and presentations of health and wellness are also benefits that will be introduced as part of our Church’s new Seniors Ministry.

The Seniors Kentro is carpeted and fully furnished, featuring a 60-inch flat screen television with satellite access to Greek network programming, and a coffee bar. Operating hours are Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 3:00pm (the Seniors Kentro will open at noon when church services are scheduled). The room is also available to other groups by appointment through the Church Office.

**St. Katherine’s Vacation Bible Camp** – Mark your calendars for St. Katherine’s Vacation Bible Camp on June 27th – July 1st. We are looking for great teachers to make this event happen! Please contact Vicki Mowery at mowerycrew@gmail.com or Eleni Porter at beporter1@verizon.net if you are interested in volunteering.

**Philoptochos** – To sponsor Coffee Hour after a Memorial Service is $175.00 donation. It will include set up coffee, 100 koulourakia, 100 paximathia, putting Coliva in cups and cleaning up. Donations need to be sent to Saint Katherine’s in advance. Parishioners will call the church first for the date and all their information and then, they can contact Mary Varlas at (703) 965-4161 or Eleni Kanakos at (703) 969-8364.
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Lillian Topodas, mother of Jonathan Topodas; for Emorfia Moustakas, mother of Nicholas Moustakas; and for Eugenia Christofi, mother of Maria Georges and Kostas Christofi. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Topodas, Moustakas and Christofi families in memory of their loved ones.

AHEPA Christmas Ornaments – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce our Eighth Annual Community Christmas Ornament is now available for purchase. These collectable ornaments have grown in popularity from year to year and we are extremely proud of this year’s offering. Our latest limited edition ornament, entitled “Evzone Snowman” is a whimsical portrayal of a classic Christmas image with a Hellenic twist that is sure to delight young and old. Manufactured by the same firm that creates the famous White House Christmas ornaments, they make excellent gifts and are the ideal stocking stuffer. Ornaments will be available for sale after Liturgy during coffee hour while supplies last. Please make your purchases after Liturgy beginning TODAY, or by sending requests to antovi@verizon.net or by calling 703-929-6110.

The HOPE Ministry – Let’s meet at the movies! Come and watch “Norm of the North” on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Tysons Corner Center at about 3:00 p.m. Please RSVP at Vaitsa.Bousbouras@yahoo.com by Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

Save the Date! Tastes of the Mediterranean – February 5, 2016, 7:00-10:00 p.m., Meletis Charuhas Center. Please join Helle Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope for an evening of wine tasting, delicious appetizers, and live Greek music. Proceeds benefit Fisher House Foundation and other DOP Philanthropies. Cost: $25.00. Contact Karen Polizos, 571-434-7790, or Rosalie Georgeadis, 703-532-1723. Tickets on sale now!

Teach Youth Basic Orthodoxy in Guatemala This Summer – In Guatemala there are hundreds of children and young adults hungry to learn more about their Orthodox Christian Faith. A short-term OCMC mission team has been invited to offer a summer Church school program for two communities outside Nuevo Conception in Southwest Guatemala to teach basic Orthodoxy. If you have a heart for youth or teaching, please prayerfully consider joining this team which will serve from June 15th to the 28th, 2016. To learn more or apply, visit http://www.ocmc.org/about/view_team.aspx?TeamId=170, e-mail teams@ocmc.org, or call 1-877-463-6784, ext. 141.

Food Pantry – Our next collection for the food pantry is Sunday, January 31. This Sunday and January 24, we will be handing out blue bags and flyers with suggested items to donate. If you already have a blue bag, please take just a flyer. This is the first collection of our tri-annual drive in 2016; other dates will be April 10 and October 16. You generously gave a record 1,500 pounds last October. Let’s match that again to help the hungry through the cold winter.

Build a House in Mexico this Summer – In Mexico, there are many families without homes. You can change the life of a needy family by volunteering on a home building trip to Tijuana, Mexico. The Mission and Outreach Committee at St. Katherine’s invite you to join us this summer from July 14th-20th, 2016 to build a home for an impoverished family. If you have a heart for working with your hands, please prayerfully consider joining this team. The team leader is Elaine Porter and she can be reached at beporter1@verizon.net or (703) 913-9629 (H) or (703) 470-9992 (cell). To learn more about Project Mexico, please visit their website at www.projectmexico.org.
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 Άβραάμ, 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 γιά την δόξα Σου, προς ελάφρυνση των δοκιμασιών και της πείνας, προς διακονία του λαού Σου, προς συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών και εξίλασμά του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.

Church Services

Sunday, January 24
14th Sunday of Luke – Xenia, Deaconess of Rome; Hieromartyr Babylas
Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 30
The Three Hierarchs:
St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian, St. John Chrysostom
Orthros 9:30 am., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 31
15th Sunday of Luke – Unmercenaries Cyrus and John Martys Theodote, Theoctise and Eudoxia
Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Services: Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Week Day Services: Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

The Sunday bulletin is available online in two formats--a PDF copy of the bulletin handed out in church and an online version with much more information. Please take a moment to check them out by visiting:
http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins

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