Apolytikion of the Day (Grave Tone)

By means of Your Cross, O Lord You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the Myrrh-bearing women You transformed and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen from the dead, our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

Κατέλυσας τω Σταυρώ σου τον θάνατον, ηνέωξας τω Ληστή τον Παράδεισον, των Μυροφόρων τον θρήνον μετέβαλες, και τοις σοις Αποστόλοις κηρύττειν επέταξας, óτι ανέστης Χριστέ ο Θεός, παρέχων τω κόσμῳ το μέγα έλεος.

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 ημών και αντίληψιν. Ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματον τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

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.

Ο μήτραν παρθενικήν αγιάσας τον τόκω σου, και χείρας του Συμεών ευλογήσας ως έπρεπε, προφθάσας και νυν έσωσας ημᾶς Χριστέ ο Θεός. Άλλ’ ειρήνευσον εν πολέμοις το πολίτευμα, και κραταίωσον Βασιλείς ους ηγάπησας, ο μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.
Epistle Reading

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For you are just in all you have done.
The reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 13:7-16

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priests as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go forth to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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’ 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.”

Happy New Year! Καλή Χρονιά!
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Dionysia Kyriakatos Tzamarias, mother of Themis Tzamarias; for Evelyn Evanthia Salop, wife of Mr. John Salop and mother of John; and for Eugenia Christofi, mother of Kostas Christofi and Maria Georges. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Tzamarias, Salop, Christofi and Georges families in memory of their loved ones.

Philoptochos Regular Meeting this Sunday, January 18, 2015 following the second Divine Liturgy in the Board Room of the Meletis Charuhas Center.

HOPE children (ages 7 and under) will be meeting at the AMC Theater Tyson’s Corner this Saturday, January 24, 2015, to watch the new movie about PADDINGTON BEAR! If you plan to attend, RSVP (required) by January 21, 2015 to Patricia Rader at pagrader@yahoo.com. Exact movie time will be posted and emailed soon. We hope to see you all there!

The Women’s Book Club is beginning a new book entitled, Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives by Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica. The book is available at the St. Katherine’s bookstore or at the book club when we convene for discussion of part of the book on Wednesday, January 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. New members welcome! For further information please contact Fay Mpras at faympras@gmail.com.

Save the Date – Tastes of the Mediterranean! Join Helle Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope for an evening of wine tasting, appetizers and music on Friday, February 6 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to benefit Fisher House Foundation for Wounded Warriors and their families. Meletis Charuhas Center – $25.00 Advance sales, $30.00 at the Door. Do not miss out on supporting this worthy cause.

GMU OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship) will meet on Tuesday, January 20 at 6:00 p.m. in room 239H of the Johnson Center at GMU. Hope to see you there! Bring an Orthodox friend with you.

Teen Lock-in – February 13-14, 2015 – All teens of our community are invited to a lock-in from 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13 to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 14, in the Meletis Charuhas Center. Thomas Manuel, Youth Director at the Annunciation Cathedral in Norfolk, will lead the lock-in. The theme of the lock-in is: Of Cupid and Hearts: The True Meaning of Saint Valentine’s Day. There is no cost for the event. Please join us.

Apokreatiko Glendi – Please save the date! Saturday, February 21, 2015, 5:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. $45 Adults; $15 Kids 4-13. For tickets please contact: stkgreekschoolpta@gmail.com, Martha Lampros (703) 855-4085, Penny Papas (703) 898-4501, Church office (703) 671-1515, www.glendi2015.eventbrite.com.

Paideia PTA is hosting a Spirit Night for the Hellenic Education Center! Wednesday, February 4, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Join us for dinner, drop your receipt in the designated box, and the Hellenic Educational Center will receive 15% of your purchase! The promotion is only being offered at Chick-fil-A at Seven Corners, 6108c Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA 22044.
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 εξίλασιο του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.

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