Apolytikion of the Day (1st Plagios Tone)

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginated with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

Τον συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρί και Πνεύματι, τον εκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ημῶν, ανυμήσωμεν πιστοί και προσκηνήσωμεν. Ὄτι ημόσκυψε σαρκί, ανελθείν εν τῷ σταυρῷ, και θάνατον υπομείναι, καὶ εγείραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, εν τῇ ενδόξῳ Αναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

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

The all-blessed bride of Christ let us extol 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 us.

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημῶν και αντίληψιν, ὃτι εφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τους κομψοὺς τῶν ἁσβεῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῇ δυνάμει. Και ως μάρτυς τοῦ Κυρίου στεφθείσα, αἰτείται πάσι, το μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (1st Tone)

You who sanctified by your birth a virgin womb, and blessed the hands of Symeon as was appropriate, did come, indeed, O Christ our God, and saved us all. But bring peace to the commonwealth in time of war, and secure in strength the rulers you truly loved, as the only one who loves mankind.

Ο μήτραν παρθενικὴν αγιάσας τοῦ πόλου σου, καὶ χείρας τοῦ Συμεών ευλογήσας ως ἐπρέπε, προφαθάσας καὶ νῦν ἐσωσάς ἡμᾶς, Χριστέ ο Θεός. Άλλ’ εἰρήνευσον εν πολέμω το πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταῖσον βασιλείς οὐς ἡγάπησας, ο μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.
Epistle Reading

O Lord, How magnificent are your works.  
You have made all things in wisdom.  
The reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Colossians.

Colossians 3:4-11 – Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore that is earthly in you; fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.  On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sins of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them.  But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth.  Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.  Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

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.”

OCMC Benefit Dinner – Sunday, February 9, 2014 – Our annual OCMC benefit dinner will be held at St. Katherine on Sunday, February 9, 2014.  We are honored to have Fr. Luke Veronis as our main speaker.  His topic will be:  “Capturing the Spirit of Missions:  Kenya, Albania and the World!”  Fr. Luke has served as a long term missionary in Kenya and in Albania with Archbishop Anastasios.  He will share his experience in these countries and tell us what we can do to help Orthodox missions around the world.  Cocktails will be at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m.  Tickets:  $55.00, under 22 $30.00, children under 4 free.  Send checks out to St. Katherine and note:  “Mission Banquet”.  For further information please contact Dr. John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com.
Announcements

Memorial Services are offered this morning for Marios Droussiotis, husband of Nathina Droussiotis and father of Marinos; for Evgenia Christofi, mother of Alekos Andreou, Maria Georges and Costas and Chris Christofi; and for Maria Ioannou, mother of Iacovos Ioannou. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by Mrs. Nathina Doussiotis and family in memory of her beloved husband, Marios Droussiotis; by the Andreou, Georges and Christofi families in memory of their beloved mother, Evgenia Christofi; and by Mr. Iacovos Ioannou and family in memory of his beloved mother, Maria Ioannou.

The Swearing in of the 2014 Parish Council members will take place this morning at the end of the Divine Liturgy. They are: Kelly Alexis, Andrea Ballard, Chris Chirstou, Dr. John Demakis, Artemis Dimopoulos, Peter Karounos, Nicholas Larigakis, Costas Mavromatakis, Mallamo Mavromatakis, George Moshos, Bill Polizos, Bill Porter, Jim Stoucker, Pierre Tavoularis, Daphne Vaccarello, Maria Vargas, and Maria Wills. God bless you!

Philoptochos General Meeting – This morning, following the second Divine Liturgy at the Board Room of the Meletis Charuhas Center.

AHEPA Christmas Ornaments – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce orders are now being taken for our Sixth Annual Community Christmas Ornament. These collectable ornaments have grown in popularity from year to year and we are extremely proud of this year’s offering. This stunning three-dimensional ornament is entitled “Star of Saint Katherine” and is a testament to the indomitable spirit of our community, its ministries and those who lovingly labor in its behalf. 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 Liturgies during coffee hour. Please place your order after Liturgy or by sending requests to antovi@verizon.net or by calling 703-929-6110.

Attention High School Seniors – Student applications are now available for the Washington Metropolitan Area 44th AHEPA Scholarship program. Students eligible for an award will be honored at this year’s Awards Program on May 18, 2014 held at the Hilton Washington, DC/Rockville Hotel in Rockville, MD. This program has honored 1,508 students and awarded $804,975 in scholarships. Applications are available in the church office and website. Completed applications and materials must be submitted by April 4, 2014. For more information, contact Karen Polizos at kpolizos@naifa.org or on (571) 434-7790.

Washington Metropolitan Philoptochos Tea – You are cordially invited to attend the Washington Metropolitan Philoptochos Tea on Sunday, January 26, 2014, in the Meletis Charuhas Center from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saint Katherine’s Philoptochos has the honor of hosting the event this year. To RSVP, please contact Kathy Cavallo at kcaivallo1@aol.com, (703) 978-1539, or Trish Kapsidelis at tjk1413@yahoo.com, (703) 356-5905. We look forward to seeing you at the Tea.
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 δέχθηκε 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 εξίλασμο του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.