Sunday, January 19, 2019
12th Sunday of Luke

Saint Makarios the Great of Egypt
Saint Mark Bishop of Ephesus

Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Plagal Tone)

Angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, and those guarding it became like dead, and at Your grave Mary was standing, seeking Your most pure body. You plundered Hades, not being tempted by it; You encountered the virgin, granting life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You!

Αγγελικαί Δυνάμεις επί τω μνήμα σου, και οι φυλάσσοντες απενεκρώθησαν. Και ίστατο Μαρία εν τω τάφω, ζητούσα το άχραντόν Σου σώμα. Εσκύλευσας τον Άδην, μη πειρασθείς υπ’ αυτού. Υπήντησας τη παρθένω, δαρούμενος την ζωήν. Ο αναστάς εν των νεκρών, Κύριες δόξα Σοι.

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, αιτεῖται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (1st Tone)

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.

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

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.
Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.
The reading is from St. 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 what 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 sons 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, freeman, 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'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."

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.

"On February 9, in Chelpon Hall 12noon -1:00 PM following the Liturgy, AHEPA Chapter 438 and DOP Chapter 283 will be hosting Financial Seminar sponsored by Merryll Lynch (Bank of America). Chapter members, Parishioners, friends and guests are invited. Contacts: Angelo Touts 703-281-0843 and Patty Leto 703-609-0835."
Memorial Service is offered this morning for Eugenia Christofi, mother of Maria Georges and Kostas Christofi. May her memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by our Ladies Philoptochos.

Philoptochos – 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.

The Saint Katherine Ladies Philoptochos, wishes to express their thanks and gratitude to all our parishioners who joined us for the “Rise Against Hunger”.

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 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 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 δέχθεις 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.