Apolytikion of the Day (Grave Tone)

Κατέλυσας τω Σταυρώ σου τον θάνατον, ηνέωξας τω Ληστή τον Παράδεισον. Των Μυροφόρων τον θρίμον μετέβαλες, και τοις σοι Αποστόλοις κηρύττειν επέταις, ότι ανέστης Χριστέ ο Θεός, παρέχων το κόσμο το μέγα ἔλεος.

By means of Your Cross, O Lord You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation on 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.

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

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημῶν και αντίληψιν, ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και ως μάρτυς του Κυρίου στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι, το μέγα ἔλεος.

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.

Kontakion of the Day (1st Tone)

Ο μήτραν παρθενικήν αγιάσας τω τόκω σου, και χείρας του Συμεών ευλογήσας ως ἐπρεπε, προφθάσας και νυν ἔσωσας ημᾶς, Χριστέ ο Θεός. Αλλ’ ειρήνευσον εν πολέμοις το πολίτευμα, και κραταίωσον βασιλείς οὺς ηγάπησας, ο μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.

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 love mankind.
Epistle Reading

The Lord will give strength to his people.

Bring to the Lord, O sons of God,
bring to the Lord honor and glory.

The reading is from Saint Paul’s First Letter to Timothy.

1st Timothy 4:9-15 – Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10 – At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Parish e-mail list – Please subscribe to our Church’s e-mail list. Simply go to our newly redesigned web site at www.saint-katherines.org and click on Join our Email List at the top of the page. We will use this list to communicate more efficiently with you. You can send feedback to webmaster@stkchurch.com. We have more exciting things to come – check back.

The January 2012 issue of DOXA, the monthly newsletter of St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, in Falls Church, Virginia is available online by clicking on the following link: http://www.saint-katherines.org/assets/files/DOXA/Jan12.pdf.

GOYA – All three of our teams will practice in the Saints Constantine and Helen, Richmond Basketball tournament on January, 28 and 29, 2012.

The Annual Apokreatiko Glendi by St. Katherine’s Greek School – Saturday, February 18, 2012, 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Donation is $40.00 for adults, and $15.00 per children (4-13). Buffet dinner, DJ music, dancing, games, and more! Dress in costumes! Mega-Raffle – including an iPad2, and Kindle and many other prizes! This fun family event is open to the entire community. Tickets being sold during Greek School hours and after Liturgy on Sundays. To make your reservations please contact Elena Lagos, PTO President, at (703)241-1176, pedakia@aol.com or Sophia Tsangali, Principal, at (703) 671-1515, stsangali@stkchurch.com.
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Mark McDonough and for Georgia Provataki, father and aunt of Kait McDonough; and for Theodoros Antonopoulos, father of Angie Antonopoulos. May their memory be eternal!

Congratulations to the 2012 Officers and Members of the St. Katherine’s Parish Council!
The Officers are: Jim Stoucker – President, Maria Wills – Vice-President, Arthur Dimopoulos – Secretary, George Moshos – Treasurer. The members are: Andrea Ballard, Chris Christou, Dr. John Demakis, Chris Euripides, Korinna Garbis, Iacovos Ioannou, Costas Mavromatakis, Daphne Papamichael, Bill Polizos, Bill Porter, Dr. George Silis, Pierre Tavoularis, Daphne Vaccarello, and Christina Vazquez. May God bless you!

Bible Study – Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (prior to Liturgy) beginning February 4 through March 24 in the board room. For information please call Gregory McKinney at (571) 338-6929.

Paideia Bilingual Preschool fulfills the full-day and half-day educational and daycare needs of families with children 2 to 5 years of age. Meet our teachers and learn more about our program. Open House date: Tuesday, March 6, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. RSVP to Maria Papanathanassiou at director@gopaideia.org or (703) 671-7715.

The Ellinomathia Certificates will be given today at the Greek Embassy at 2:00 p.m.

The Hellenic Society Prometheas invites you to a Greek Letters Celebration (Day of the Three Hierarchs) on Friday, January 28, 2012 at 8:00 p.m., St.George, Bethesda, MD. Mrs. Theodora Predaris, Director of Language Acquisition and Title I, Fairfax County Public Schools, will speak on “The Power of the Greek Language and Culture”. The program will include presentations by young adult Greek Americans who visited Greece recently and participated in community support and education programs; presentation of the H.S. Prometheas Hellenic Culture Awards; books on Greek language and culture on display; and a reception will follow with the cutting of the traditional Vasilopita.

Our Metropolitan Evangelos and The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey will celebrate The Three Hierarchs, the Ecumenical Teachers of our Holy Orthodox Faith and profound supporters of Education on Saturday, February 4, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at St. George, Bethesda, Maryland. Students of the area Greek Schools will narrate various poems, and with great pride will sing songs and perform Greek folk dances from various parts of Greece. A reception will follow. You are invited to attend this beautiful event.

Philoptochos Senior Citizens Valentine's Day Luncheon will take place on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.

Registration opens for the Ionian Village Summer 2012 – Ionian Village offers two camping sessions: Summer Travel Camp (June 29-July 18), and Byzantine Venture (July 25-August 13); and the Spiritual Odyssey program, shorter pilgrimage-style trips for young adults ages 19-28: Cyprus and Constantinople (May 30-June 9), The Greek Mainland (June 10-June 20), and The Greek Islands (July 15-July 25). For more information about any of the Ionian Village programs, or to participate in this summer’s programs, visit www.ionianvillage.org or contact the Office of Ionian Village at (212) 570-3536.
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 – Ο Θεός, 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 δοκιμιών και της πείνας, προς διακονία του λαού Σου, προς συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών και εξίλασιμό του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.