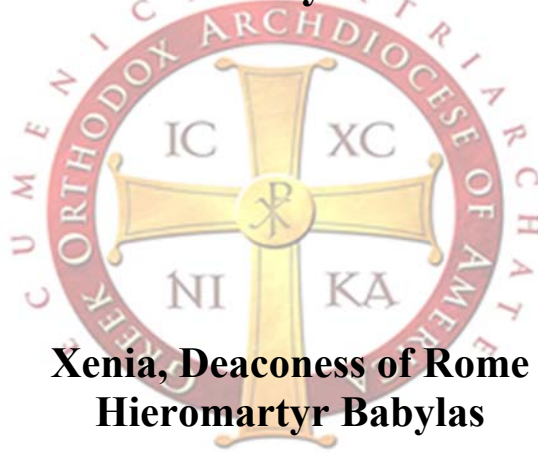


Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, January 24, 2016

14th Sunday of Luke



Xenia, Deaconess of Rome
Hieromartyr Babylas



Apolytikion of the Day (1st Tone)

Though the tomb was sealed by a stone and soldiers guarded Your pure body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, giving life to the world. Therefore, O Giver of life, the heavenly powers praise You: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ, glory to Your kingdom, glory to Your plan of redemption, O only loving God.

Του λίθου σφραγισθέντος υπό των Ιουδαίων, και στρατιωτών φυλασσόντων το άχραντόν σου σώμα, ανέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τω κόσμω την ζωήν. Διά τούτο αι Δυνάμεις των ουρανών εβόων σοι Ζωοδότα. Δόξα τη Αναστάσει Σου Χριστέ, δόξα τη Βασιλεία σου, δόξα τη Οικονομία Σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

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 Πνεύματος 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 τω τόκω σου, και χείρας του Συμεών ευλογήσας ως έπρεπε, προφθάσας και νυν έσωσας ημάς Χριστέ ο Θεός. Αλλ' ειρήνευσον εν πολέμοις το πολίτευμα, και κραταίωσον Βασιλείς ους ηγάπησας, ο μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.

Epistle Reading

*The heavens shall declare your wonders, O Lord.
God is glorious in the council of the saints.
The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians.*

Galatians 5:22-26, 6:1-2

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another.

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:35-43

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.



Seniors Κέντρο

The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA chapter 438 is proud to announce the opening of the new community Seniors Κέντρο (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 has 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.

Announcements

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by our Philoptochos.

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!

Apokreatiko Glendi 2016 – Tickets are now on sale for the March 12, 2016 Apokreatiko Glendi! Visit ApokreatikoGlendi2016.EventBrite.com to purchase your tickets. \$45.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children ages 4 to 13. Please join us for an elegant and fun evening of mezedes, dinner, raffle prizes, music and dancing, and other fun activities. For more information, contact Toula Christoui at tolamm@gmail.com

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. After the Liturgy today 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.

Archimedes Scholarship – Applications are now being accepted for the Next Generation Initiative's Archimedes Award Scholarship, offered to outstanding high school seniors of Hellenic heritage intending to pursue studies in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) related fields at a university in the United

States. To be considered for a 2016-17 scholarship, please **apply by March 25, 2016**. For more information, and to apply online, please go to www.hellenext.org.

Velouhi Foundation Chapter 10 "Itia" - Please join us for a Benefit Luncheon in honor of Kalivas Taxiarchis of Karpenisi, Greece, to raise financial support for an upcoming medical procedure. Sunday, January 31, 2016, 2:00 p.m., St. George Founders' Hall, 7701 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. All donations to be made payable to *Chapter 10 Itia*, a chapter of the Velouhi Foundation for charitable causes. Please RSVP via email kdtzaf@gmail.com.

The Annual Seniors' Valentine's Day Lucheon by our Philoptchos is on Thursday, February 11, 2016, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Meletis Charuhas Hall. For reservations please contact Mary Drakoulis at (703) 273-4159 or Eleni Kanakos at (703) 938-8360 or ekanakos@aol.com.

Church Services

Saturday, January 30

The Three Hierarchs:

St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian, St. John Chrysostom

Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 31

15th Sunday of Luke – Unmercenaries Cyrus and John

Martyrs Theodote, Theoctise and Eudoxia

Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 2

The Presentation of our Lord, Gabriel the New Martyr

Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 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.

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 Αβελ, 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 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.

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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