Sunday, January 24, 2021
14th Sunday of Luke

Righteous Xenia,
deaconess of Rome
Hieromartyr Babylas

Apolytikion of the Day (4th Plagal Tone)
-From on high You descended, most merciful; for us You condescended to three-day burial to set us free from the passions. O Lord, our resurrection and our life, glory to You.
-Εξ ύψους κατήλθες ο εύσπλαγχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ίνα ημάς ελευθερώσης των παθών. Η ζωή και η ανάστασις ημών, Κύριε 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 λαμπρά, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

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

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.
God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.
The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy.

1st Timothy 1:15-17 – Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

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.

Apolytikion of Xenia, Deaconess of Rome (4th Plagal)
The image of God, was faithfully preserved in you, O Mother. For you took up the Cross and followed Christ. By Your actions you taught us to look beyond the flesh for it passes, rather to be concerned about the soul which is immortal. Wherefore, O Holy Xenia, your soul rejoices with the angels.

Apolytikion of Xenia, Deaconess of Petersburg, Fool-for-Christ (4th Plagal)
In thee, O wandering stranger, Christ the Lord hath given us an ardent intercessor for our kind. For having received in thy life sufferings and grief and served God and men with love, thou didst acquire great boldness. Wherefore, we fervently hasten to thee in temptations and grief, crying out from the depths of our hearts: Put not our hope to shame, O Blessed Xenia.
The Swearing-in of the 2021 Saint Katherine’s Parish Council members will take place this morning at the end of the Divine Liturgy. They are: Andrea Ballard, Hon. Manuel Capsalis, Dr. Domenic Carr, Mark Cherpes, Dr. John Demakis, Robert Demson, Harry Karageorge, Jimmy Kontzamanys, Costas Mavromatakis, Constantinos Metropoulos, George Moratis, Stelios Moschou, Bill Polizos, Takis Taousakis, Ray Vazquez, Steve Veletsis, Maria Wills, and Andreas Xenos. May God bless you!

Adult Bible Studies class – In this time of social distancing, let us continue our weekly Adult Bible Studies online. Join us each Thursday evening at 7:00pm. We will take up a new topic each week on Thursdays, with: “What is the Meaning of Resurrection?”

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 online at 7:15 p.m. This includes time for discussion and fellowship.

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!

HEC - Greek School – Please check our Church’s website, www.saint-katherines.org or our HEC website, www.stkhec.org for an application. For more information on our Saint Katherine’s Greek School please contact Sophia Tsangali at 703-671-1515 or stsangali@stkchurch.com. Classes have begun in September.

Righteous Xenia, Deaconess of Rome

Our righteous Mother Xenia of Rome was of a distinguished family. While her parents were preparing to wed her, she stole away secretly, taking two handmaids with her, and departed for Mylasa of Karia in Asia Minor, and there she completed her life in asceticism. She was ordained deaconess by Paul, her spiritual father, who became Bishop of Mylasa. Although she was originally named Eusebia, to conceal her identity, she took the name Xenia - which means "stranger" in Greek - because of her estrangement from her country.

Righteous Xenia of Petersburg, Fool-for Christ

Our righteous Mother Xenia of Petersburg was born about the year 1730. She was married to a Colonel named Andrew; when she was twenty-six years old, her husband died suddenly, having been drinking with his friends. Left a childless widow, Xenia gave away all that she had, and vanished from Saint Petersburg for eight years; it is believed that she spent this time in a hermitage, learning the spiritual life. When she returned to Saint Petersburg, she wore her husband's military clothing, and would answer only to the name Andrew, that is, the name of her late husband. She took up the life of a homeless wanderer and was abused by many as insane; she bore this with great patience, crucifying the carnal mind through the mockery she endured, and praying for her husband's soul. She was given great gifts of prayer and prophecy, and often foretold things to come; in 1796 she foretold the death of Empress Catherine II. Having lived forty-five years after her husband's death, she reposed in peace at the age of seventy-one, about the year 1800. Her grave became such a source of miracles, and so many came to take soil from it as a blessing, that it was often necessary to replace the soil; when a stone slab was placed over her grave, this too disappeared over time, piece by piece. Saint Xenia is especially invoked for help in finding employment, lodging, or a spouse.
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 γιά 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 αἰώνα. Αμήν.

Church Services
Sunday, January 24 14th Sunday of Luke – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Monday, January 25 Saint Gregory the Theologian – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Tuesday, January 26 Paraklesis to the Holy Trinity in Defense from the Pandemic 7:00pm
Saturday, January 30 The Three Hierarchs – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Sunday, January 31 Sunday of Zacchaeus – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Sunday Services and Weekday Services: Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy 10:00am

The Sunday bulletin is available online at http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins.

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