Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Plagios Tone)

When the Angelic Powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You, resurrected from the dead, O Lord, glory to You.

Αγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις επὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, και οἱ φυλάσσοντες απενεκρώθησαν. Και ἰστατο Μαρία εν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἁραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἁδην, μη πειρασθεὶς υπ’ αυτοῦ. Ὑπήντησας τῇ παρθένῳ, δοροφευμον τὴν ζωήν. Ο αναστάς εκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

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, ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τους κομψούς των ασεβῶν, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και ως μάρτυς του Κυρίου στεφθείσα, αἰτεῖται 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 παρθενικήν αγιάσας τῇ πώλῳ σου, και χείρας του Συμεών ευλογήσας ως ἑπρεπε, προφθάσας και τὸν ἔσωσις ημᾶς, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ’ εἰρήνευσον εἰς πολέμους τὸ πολίτευμα, και κραταίωσον βασιλείς ὑμῶν ἡγάπησας, ο μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.
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 child, 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 17:12-19 – 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 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.”

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 Chrissi Markogiannakis, mother of Lefkothea, George, Chris and Eirini; for Kea Orfanos Economides and Gloria Zavolas Orfanos, niece and sister of Nick and Manny Zavolas; for Zachary Stoumbos and Constantine Stoumbos, son and husband of Mrs. Vasiliki Stoumbos and brother and father of Tom Stoumbos; for Evangelia Voutsina, mother of Virginia and T.J. Dowling; for Mark McDonough, Georgia McDonough, and Ronald Anderson, son, daughter, and husband of Mrs. Emmy Anderson, and father, aunt, and grandfather of Kaitlin McDonough; and for Ted Antonopoulos, father of Angie Antonopoulos. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour sponsored this morning by the Markogiannakis family, the Zavolas family, the Stoumbos family and the Dowling family in memory of their loved ones.

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 this Sunday, 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.

Saint Katherine Paideia Preschool – Open House Invitation – February 5th and 19th, 2014, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and February 12th and 26th, 2014, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Join us and explore the Paideia setting, become acquainted with our teachers and director, talk to current preschool parents, and ask questions regarding our program. Paideia is accepting students, ages 2-4yrs old, for Spring 2014 and/or the 2014-2015 school year. Enrollment applications for 2014-2015 school year are due April 11, 2014. For information please visit www.stkhec.org or contact Eleni Alexopoulou, Director, at (703) 627-1556 or ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com.

The Three Hierarchs Celebration by our Greek School students next Sunday, February 2, 2014 in church at the end of the second Divine Liturgy.

Philoptochos Annual Seniors’ Valentine’s Day Luncheon is scheduled for February 13, 2014, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the Meletis Charuhas Center. For reservations please call Evdoxia Mitchell, chairperson, at (703) 256-4115 or Eleni Kanakos, president, at (703) 938-8360 or ekanakos@aol.com. We look forward to seeing all of you there!

Food Pantry Collection – Sunday, February 9, 2014 – Will be our next collection for our local Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable food or canned items to the Church on Sunday, February 9, 2014. This can include: canned fruit, soup, and canned pasta, cereal/cereal bars, peanut butter, rice, spaghetti/pasta sauce, chili, canned tomatoes, tuna, canned beans, canned vegetables and macaroni and cheese. This list is also on the St. Katherine website. Please be generous. Get the children involved. What a wonderful way to teach our children to help the less fortunate.

Our Mission and Outreach Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in our Meletis-Charuhas Center. All are welcome to come.
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, ὅπως δέχθηκες τα δώρα του Ἁβελ, τις θυσίες του Νώε και του Άβραάμ, το θυμίαμα του Άαρών και του Ζαχαρία, ας δέχθηκας 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 διακοινία 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.

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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