Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, January 28, 2018
Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
Triodion Begins

St. Ephraim the Syrian
St. Isaac the Syrian

Apolytikion of the Day (1st Tone)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate Body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life unto the world. Wherefore, the powers of the Heavens cried out to Thee, O Lifegiver: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Thy Kingdom. Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Friend of man.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δοροφέμονς τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωήν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ 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 Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημῶν και αντίληψιν. Ὄτι εφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματον 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 ἁγιάσας τῶ τόκω σου, καὶ χείρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Αλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλείς οὐς ἡγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.
Epistle Reading

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.
The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy.

2nd Timothy 3:10-15 – TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:10-14 – The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Philoptochos – The National Philoptochos Society promotes the American Heart Association’s “Go Red for Women” campaign. The goal of the campaign is to improve awareness by sharing information with your Philoptochos sisters, your parish community and all the women you know and love. In support of this program, we are designating Sunday, February 4 as “Go Red Sunday” and we are asking our Philoptochos sisters across the country to join the movement and wear red, when attending Church services.

Annual Philoptochos Senior Valentine Luncheon – Thursday, February 8th. Please make your reservation so we can be prepared for everyone. Call Mary Drakoulis at 703-273-4159 or Eleni Kanakos at 703-938-8360.

Annual Ladies Philoptochos Stewardship Tea will be held on Sunday, March 11th at noon. We would love to see all ladies 18+. Please come and join us.

Parents, Caretakers, Families

3/17 – SAT – Lenten Retreat “Thriving in our Homes” – Presented by Dr. Philip Mamalakis, PhD, LMFT – Saint Katherine.

2/9 – FRI – GOYA Fellowship Night! – 7:00 p.m., Saint Katherine.

OCF – 1/31 – WED – Tabling for Winter Fair – 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

2/7 – WED – Kick-off meeting – 7:00 p.m. – location tbd.

YAL – 2/3 – SAT – 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – Journey of Marriage Seminar – Saint Sophia Cathedral.

2/8 – THU – 7:00 p.m. – Tsiknopempti – Pre-Lenten Fellowship Happy Hour – location tbd.
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Anthony and Paraskevi Koumarianos, parents of Katina Howard and Theofrastos Koumarianos; for Zachary Stoumbos, husband of Mrs. Julia Stoumbos, father of Konstantinos, Mary Katherine, and John, son of Mrs. Vasiliki Stoumbos, and brother of Tom Stoumbos; for Martin Constantine Gardner, husband of Mrs. Ekaterini Gardner, and father of Diaconissa Maria Chelpon and Sonya Gardner; and for Theodore Lagos, father of Constantine Lagos. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Stoumbos family in memory of their loved one, Zachary Stoumbos; and by our Ladies Philoptochos.

2018 Parish Council – George Moshos (President), Craig Thomas (Vice-President), Costas Mavromatakis (Secretary), Bill Polizos (Treasurer), and Tony Alexis, Andrea Ballard, Dr. Domenic Carr, Mark Cherpes, Dr. John Demakis, Nicholas Larigakis, Mallamo Mavromatakis, Dr. Jerry Rich, Effie Sarantis, Chris Snear, Pierre Tavoularis, Maria Vargas, Steve Veletsis, Maria Wills, and John Ziu (Members). Congratulations and may God bless you!

Journey to Orthodoxy – This is a reminder that the “Journey to Orthodoxy” class for adults meets 9-10 a.m. 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 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 or Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com, 202-375-1007.

Interested in going to project Mexico? – For the 5th time, our Church will sponsor a staying at the St. Innocent Orphanage. 15 spots have been reserved for our time, and 3 are still available! The trip costs $1,700.00, which pays for the buildings supplies/materials, food, lodging, flights, and rental van into Mexico. If you are interested in going, please contact Bill Porter at beporter1@verizon.net or Nick Junes at njunes@stkchurch.com ASAP!

Tastes of the Mediterranean – Please join us for Tastes of the Mediterranean, Friday, February 16, 2018, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Meletis Charuhas Community Center. Reservations required $30.00. Send check to: Karen Polizos, 903 Holly Creek Drive, Great Falls, VA 22066 - Make Checks payable to: DOP Helle Chapter 283. For more information contact: Rosalie Georgeadis at 703-532-1723 or rgeorgeadis@hotmail.com. Proceeds will benefit Fisher House Foundation and other DOP Charities.

Scholarship Opportunity for Graduating Seniors! – The 2018 Washington Metropolitan Area AHEPA/DOP Scholarship Application is available now in the Church Office. Completed Applications are due March 31st. Donor applications are also available. Awards will be presented at the Annual Banquet in May 2018. For more information, please contact Karen Polizos, (571) 434-7790.

Apokreatiko Glendi – Join us for the Saint Katherine Greek School Apokreatiko Glendi on February 10, 2018 (2/11 snow date). This annual family-friendly event will feature a DJ, dancing, a photo booth, face painting, amazing raffle prizes, and a buffet dinner, promising fun for everybody! Purchase your tickets now at DCGreeks.com. For information contact Chris or Demetra cachris2@outlook.com or dstsantes@gmail.com.
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 για την δόξα Σου, προς ελάφρυνση των δοκιμασιών και της πείνας, προς διακονία 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.