Apolytikion of the Day (1st Tone)

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your eternal rule; glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

Του λίθου σφραγισθέντος υπό τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων το ἁρχαντὸν Σου σώμα, ανέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τήν ζωήν. Διὰ τούτο αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ουρανῶν εβόων σοι ζωοδότα. Δόξα τη αναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τη βασιλεία σου, δόξα τη οἰκονομία 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 ἡμῶν και αντίληψιν. Ὑμεῖς εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς τῶν ασεβών, του Πνεύματον τη δυνάμει. Και νῦν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αἰτείται πάσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Tone)

The boasts of the Pharisee, let us avoid, and let’s learn the Publican’s, humble ways through his sighs, by calling out to the Savior: Be gracious to us the only reconciler.

Φαρισαίου φύγωμεν υψηγορίαν, και Τελώνου μάθωμεν, το ταπεινόν εν στεναγμοῖς, προς τὸν Σωτῆρα κραυγάζοντες: Ὑληθί μόνον ἡμῶν εὐδιάλλακτε.
Epistle Reading

Among the Saints who are at his hand, the Lord has been wondrous. I see the Lord before me continually. The reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans.

Romans 8:28-39

Brethren, we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For thy sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 Thee 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.”
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Spiro C. Manolas, husband of Mrs. Carol Manolas and father of Stavroula Alachnowicz and Constantine Manolas; for Zachary Stoumbos, son of Mrs. Vasiliki Stoumbos and father of Tom Stoumbos; for Nicholas Gianourakos, husband of Mrs. Marcie Boucouvalas-Gianourakos, father of Stacie, and cousin of Mr. Pierre Tavoularis; for Konstantinos Veltsistas, father of Themis (Connie), Panagiotis (Demetra), Nikos (Carillon) and Paraskevi (Thomas), and brother of Cosmas, Katina and Christina; for Gerry Capacos, uncle of Mr. Ioannis Laios; and for Alekos Andreou (9-months), father of Andri Orphanides, Kostas and Iakovos Andreou. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Manolas, Stoumbos, Gianourakos, Veltsistas, Laios, and Orphanides/Andreou families in memory of their loved ones.

Greek School – This morning a short (10-minute) presentation on the commemoration of The Three Hierarchs, the Patron Saints of the Greek Letters, will take place in church by the Greek School students, following the second Divine Liturgy.

Save the Date – Tastes of the Mediterranean! Join Helle Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope for an evening of wine tasting, appetizers and music on Friday, February 6 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to benefit Fisher House Foundation for Wounded Warriors and their families. Meletis Charuhas Center – $25.00 Advance sales, $30.00 at the Door. Do not miss out on supporting this worthy cause.

HOPE children (ages 7 and under) will be meeting in the Founders’ Hall after the 2nd Liturgy on Sunday, February 8, 2015 to decorate a “We Love our Saint Katherine’s Teachers” banner to display in the HEC foyer. Please contact Patricia Rader at pagrader@yahoo.com for more information. We hope to see you all there.

Missions and Outreach Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Meletis Charuhas Center. See you there!

Our Missions and Outreach Committee will be serving dinner at the Bailey’s Crossroads Shelter on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. Anyone interested, please notify Dr. John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com.

GMU OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship) will meet on Tuesday, February 10, at 3:00 p.m. and February 24, at 10:00 a.m., in room 239H of the Johnson Center at GMU. Bring an Orthodox friend with you. Hope to see you there!

Teen Lock-in – February 13-14, 2015 – All teens of our community are invited to a lock-in from 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13 to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 14, in the Meletis Charuhas Center. Thomas Manuel, Youth Director at the Annunciation Cathedral in Norfolk, will lead the lock-in. The theme of the lock-in is: Of Cupid and Hearts: The True Meaning of Saint Valentine’s Day. There is no cost for the event. Please join us.

Apokreatiko Glendi – Please save the date! Saturday, February 21, 2015, 5:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. $45 Adults; $15 Kids 4-13. For tickets please contact: stkgreekschoolpta@gmail.com, Martha Lampros (703) 855-4085, Penny Papas (703) 898-4501 or the Church office (703) 671-1515, www.glendi2015.eventbrite.com.

Paideia PTA is hosting a Spirit Night for the Hellenic Education Center! Wednesday, February 4, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Join us for dinner, drop your receipt in the designated box, and the Hellenic Educational Center will receive 15% of your purchase! The promotion is only being offered at Chick-fil-A at Seven Corners, 6108c Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA 22044.

Senior Citizens Valentine’s Day Luncheon by our Philoptochos – Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. at the Educational Center. For reservations please call Mary Drakoulis at (703) 273-4159 or Eleni Kanakos at (703) 938-8360.

Parents are reminded that children are not allowed to play on the stage in the Charuhas Meletis Center during Coffee Hour or other social gatherings. We ask your assistance to prevent injury to the children and damage to curtains and other equipment. Thank you.
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, ὁπως δέχθηκες τα δώρα του Άβελ, τις θυσίες του Νώε και του Αβραάμ, το θυμίαμα του Ααρών και του Ζαχαρία, ας δέχθησις 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.