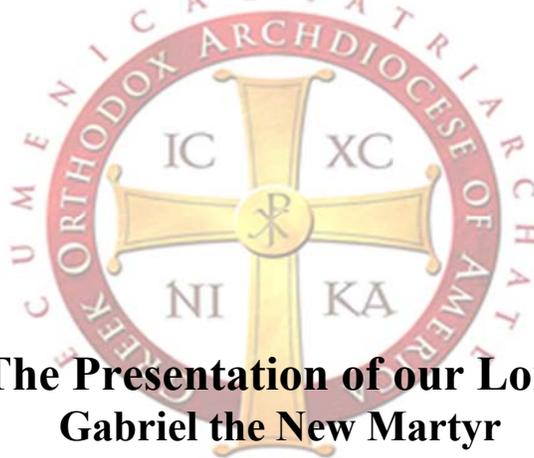


Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, February 2, 2020



The Presentation of our Lord
Gabriel the New Martyr



Apolytikion of the Day (4th Plagal Tone)

-From on high You descended, Most Merciful; for us You condescended to a three-day burial to set us free from the passions. O Lord, our Resurrection and our life, glory to You!

-Εξ ύψους κατήλθες ο εύσπλαγγνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ίνα ημάς ελευθερώσης των παθών. Η ζώή και η ανάστασις ημών, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of the Presentation of Our Lord (1st Tone)

-Hail to you, who are full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for from you there has dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ, our God, who enlightened those in darkness. And you, righteous elder, shall also rejoice, for in your arms, you receive him, who is the Liberator of our souls, who also grants us resurrection.

-Χαίρε Κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε, εκ σου γαρ ανέτειλεν ο Ήλιος της δικαιοσύνης, Χριστός ο Θεός ημών, φωτίζων τους εν σκότει. Ευφραίνου και σύ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος εν αγκάλαις τον ελευθερωτήν των ψυχών ημών, χαριζόμενον ημίν και την Ανάστασιν.

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 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)

-You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.

-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 φιλόνηθρωπος.

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Epistle Reading

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

For he has regarded the humility of his servant.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 7:7-17 – BRETHREN, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-40 – At that time, the parents brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Symeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Symeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Adult Bible Class – Classes are held every Sunday at 9:30am in the board room of the Meletis Charuhas Center. Join us each Sunday to learn more about our faith. "*A Journey through the Orthodox Faith Guided by the Words of the Bible*". This year's topic: *The Gospel of Luke*. For more information or questions, please contact Bill Polizos at 571-434-7790 or polizos@att.com. Everyone is welcome!

JOURNEY TO ORTHODOXY – The "Journey to Orthodoxy" class for adults meets 9:30-10:30am 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, especially 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, Bill Porter WEPorter1@fcps.edu, or Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com 202-375-1007.

Our local St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival will be held at St. Katherine's on March 15, 2020. The festival provides our youth the opportunity to write and talk about their faith. There are 3 divisions: the elementary division (local festival only) for grades 4–6; junior division for grades 7–9; and senior division for grades 10–12. Top speakers in the Junior and Senior Divisions will be awarded \$150 and \$250 scholarships, respectively. Please encourage your children to participate in the festival and be sure to attend this event to show support for our youth. Contact your Sunday School teachers or Dean (703-981-4958) & Vivian (571-730-7540) Chelpon at vivandean@aol.com. Information on the festival can be found on www.goarch.org/oratorical.

"On February 9, in Chelpon Hall 12noon -1:00 PM following the Liturgy, AHEPA Chapter 438 and DOP Chapter 283 will be hosting Financial Seminar sponsored by Merryll Lynch (Bank Of America). Chapter members, Parishioners, friends and guests are invited. Contacts: Angelo Toutsis 703-281-0843 and Patty Leto 703-609-0835."



Announcements



Memorial Services are offered this morning for **Apostolos Stamoulas**, husband of Mrs. Eleni Stamoulas, and father of Maria and Eleftheria; for **James Craten**, son of Mrs. Betty Craten, and father of Jennifer, Lindsey and Jaime; and for **Pavlos, Thrasylvoulos and Anastasia Thrasylvoulou**, father and siblings of Maria Kolas and Georgia Trahilis. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Stamoulas, Craten, Kolas and Trahilis families in memory of their loved ones; and by our Ladies Philoptochos.

Sunday School – God-Parent Sunday today. Please plan on attending Sunday School with your God-Child and celebrating the Liturgy with him/her. There will be cake and refreshments for all God-Parents after the second Liturgy. We look forward to seeing you.

Sunday School – If you are seeking a way to get involved at St. Katherine, we are looking for Sunday School teachers for next year. This is a wonderful way for parishioners to share their faith with students; materials are provided. Please contact Christina Vazquez at czvmail2@gmail.com for more information.

Philoptochos – Tuesday, 4th of February, the Ladies Philoptochos will host their annual Valentine's Day Seniors Luncheon. For reservations, call Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161 or Eleni Kanakos at 703-969-8364. **The Ladies Philoptochos** needs your assistance identifying elderly parishioners who would like to be visited by us. Please email the following information to Mary Varlas at mary.varlas@yahoo.com: Name, address and phone number of the parishioner who wishes to be visited. Thank you. **The ladies Philoptochos** will host a complimentary full breakfast on Sunday March 15, after the second Liturgy, for our parishioners. Please make your reservation, at the Ladies Philoptochos table during Sunday's coffee hour. **The Ladies Philoptochos Cookbooks** are still on sale for \$25.00. They make great bridal shower presents. Pick them up at coffee hour, after the second Liturgy.

GOYA – Congratulations to our GOYAns!! Our Boys A team won the championship and our Girls A team came in 2nd place at the YKT Brooklyn, New York annual basketball tournament last weekend! Super Bowl party today at 5:00 pm! Upcoming events: Bible Study 02/04; Oratorical Festival Workshop 02/09; DE Basketball Tournament 2/15-16. For additional information, email SaintKatherineGOYA@stkchurch.com.

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 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. This includes time for discussion and fellowship.

Saint Genevieve Book Club - We meet today after the second Liturgy! Join us as we discuss our new selection, *Acquiring the Mind of Christ* by Archimandrite Sergius! Hope to see you there!! If you would like to be included on our mailing list, please email victoriacherpes@gmail.com.

Security Announcement – Please be aware that scammers and cybercriminals may be sending you emails and text messages acting like Father Costa or a member of the Parish Council asking you for money or assistance. Neither Father or a Parish Council Member will send you a direct email requesting money or assistance. These messages are frauds. Do not click or respond to these messages. If you have any questions, please contact Sophia Tsangali at 703-671-1515.

Church Playroom – Parents please accompany your children in the playroom downstairs. Regardless of age, all children in the playroom must be supervised by a Parent at all times.

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!

Stewardship Table – Please stop by the stewardship table and update your email on record. We are transitioning to e-mailing statements to save \$2,000 in mailing costs. *Thank you!*

Part-time work opportunity available to help us manage our hall rentals. If you have experience and interest in helping us manage our rentals (sales & bookings), please reach out to Ray Vazquez at rvazquez@stkchurch.com.

Please join us for the annual Saint Katherine Apokreatiko Glendi on Saturday, February 29th, starting at 5:30 p.m., at the Meletis Charuhas Hall. We will have a DJ, food, face painting, raffles, and our special guest performer--Master Tempo! Please visit dgreeks.com for tickets or email stkhecparents@gmail.com.

Missionary to Guatemala and Southern Mexico talk: The St. Katherine Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to a presentation by Jennifer Rice, our OCMC Long Term Missionary to Guatemala and Southern Mexico, on Saturday evening, February 15, 2020, at 7:00 pm at our Chelpon Hall (small hall on the right side of the church) for coffee and dessert, and most of all, good fellowship learning about Orthodox Christianity in Southern Mexico and Guatemala! Contact Dr. John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com for more information, if you have any questions.

Church Services

Sunday, February 2	Presentation of our Lord – 1 st Divine Liturgy 8:00am; Orthros 9:30am; 2 nd Divine Liturgy 10:30am God Parent's Sunday
Wednesday, February 5	Paraklesis to St. Ephraim of Nea Makri 8:00pm
Sunday, February 9	Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee – Triodion Begins – 1 st Divine Liturgy 8:00am; Orthros 9:30am, 2 nd Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Wednesday, February 12	Paraklesis to St. Ephraim of Nea Makri , 8:00pm
Sunday, February 16	Sunday of the Prodigal Son – 1 st Divine Liturgy 8:00am; Orthros 9:30am; 2 nd Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Wednesday, February 19	Paraklesis to St. Ephraim of Nea Makri , 8:00pm
Saturday, February 22	1st Saturday of Souls – Orthros 9:30am; Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Sunday, February 23	St. John Climacus – Meat-fair Sunday – 1 st Divine Liturgy 8:00am; Orthros 9:30am; 2 nd Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Wednesday, February 26	Paraklesis to St. Ephraim of Nea Makri 8:00pm
Sunday, February 29	2nd Saturday of Souls – Orthros 9:30am; Divine Liturgy 10:30am

Sunday Services: Orthros 9:30am., Divine Liturgy 8:00am & 10:30am -- Week Day Services: Orthros 9:30am, Divine Liturgy 10:30am

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 εξίλασμό 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 at http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins.



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