Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, February 3, 2013
15th Sunday of Matthew

Saint Symeon and Anna the Prophetess
Συμεών τον Θεοδόγον και Άννης Προφήτιδος
New Martyrs John, Nicholas, Stamatios
Νεομαρτύρων Ιωάννου, Νικόλαου, Σταματίου

Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Tone)
Ότε κατήλθες προς τον θάνατον, η ζωή η αθάνατος, τότε τον Άδην ενέκρωσας, τη αστραπή της θεάτητος. Ότε δε και τους τεθνεώτας, εκ των καταχθονίων ανέστησας, πάσαι αι δυνάμεις των επουρανίων εκραύγαζον. Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ο Θεός ημών, δόξα σοι.

When You descended unto death O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the nether world all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1st Plagios Tone)
Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντιλήψιν, ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και ως μάρτυς του Κυρίου στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι, το μέγα ἔλεος.

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.

Kontakion of the Day (1st Tone)
Ο μήτραν παρθενικήν αγιάσας τω τόκω σου, και χείρας του Συμεών ευλογήσας ως ἐπρεπε, προφθάσας και νυν ἐσωσάς ημᾶς, Χριστέ ο Θεός. Αλλ’ ειρήνευσον εν πολέμοι το πολίτευμα, και κραταίωσον βασιλείς οις ηγάπησας, ο μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.

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.
Epistle Reading

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.
To you, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

The reading is from Saint Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians.

2nd Corinthians 4:6-15 – Brethren, it is God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:35-46 – At that time, a lawyer, asked him a question, to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying “What do you think of Christ? Whose son is he? They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, call him Lord, saying.

‘The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
till I put thy enemies under thy feet’?
If David thus calls him Lord, How is he his son?”

And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him and more questions.
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Vasilios Spiridon Kavarligos, husband of Mrs. Demetra Tsantes, and brother of Mr. George Kavarligos; and for Gerry Capacos, uncle of Mr. Ioannis Laios. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by Mrs. Demetra Tsantes and family in memory of her beloved husband, Vasilios Spiridon Kavarligos.

Sacrament – Congratulations to William Joseph Good and Jennifer Lynn Dakes on the baptism of their daughter Imani Lynee, February 2, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.

Godparent’s Sunday is today! Godparents are invited to meet their Godchild’s teacher at the beginning of Sunday School, attend adult Bible Study and worship with their Godchild at the Divine Liturgy. Mr. Vazquez will be available to take photos with your Godchildren at the beginning or at the end of class.

GMU OCF – Fr. Costas will meet with students at George Mason University for Orthodox Christian Fellowship on Wednesday, February 6, 3:00 p.m. by the bookstore in the Johnson Center. If you have any student or professor, please send me their email so I can notify them. Please contact Fr. Costa at (703) 671-1515 or fcostas@stkchurch.com.

Community Pot Luck Dinner (open to everyone) – Friday, February 8, 7:00 p.m. at the Meletis Charuhas Center. The church will provide drinks and desert. You should bring a main dish (enough to feed your family, plus one). Join us in fellowship as a community and make new friends! We will have a presentation on Miracles. See you there. RSVP to fcostas@stkchurch.com or (703) 671-1515 by Monday, February 4, so we have an idea of how much to buy.

Valentine’s Day Seniors Luncheon sponsored by our Philoptochos – Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. To make your reservation(s) please call Evdoxia Mitchell at (703) 256-4115 or Eleni Kanakos at (703) 938-8360.

Junior Choir – Saint Katherine is in the process of starting up a Junior Choir. If anyone is interested in enrolling their children in the Junior Choir, please contact John Doulis at jdoulis@aol.com. Please see next edition of DOXA for more information.

Best advertising rates around! Please consider advertising your business and/or profession on the new online Saint Katherine Business and Professional Directory. So many of us would prefer to do business with someone we know. Let the rest of the community know what you do for a living! The directory is already up and running. Check it out on the church website. The Application form is included in this bulletin and online. Contact Daphne Vaccarello, dvac_memories@verizon.net with any questions.

The Hellenic Society of Prometheas invites you to a presentation “Our Asia Minor Heritage” by Despina Skenderis-Fourniades, Editor of the Mediterranean Quarterly Journal and longtime member of the Prometheas Board, Friday, February 15, 2013, 8:00 p.m. at St. George, Bethesda, Maryland. The lecture will be in English. Reception will follow.

The Metropolitan DC Orthodox Mission and Outreach Committee (based at St. Katherine) is proud to present the annual OCMC Benefit Banquet, Saturday, March 2, 2013 at St. Luke Orthodox Church, 6801 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA. Guest Speaker is Fr. John Parker, Chairman, OCA Department of Evangelism. Topic: “Here I am Lord, Send Me! How Every Christian Can Accept the Great Commission”. 5:00 p.m. Pan-Orthodox vespers, 6:00 p.m. hors d’oeuvres, 7:00 p.m. dinner and presentation. Tickets are $55.00 adults; under 18 $30.00; under 6 free. Dead line for reservations, February 25, 2013. Please contact Gregory McKinney, steward1310@gmail.com; Skip Mersereau, (301) 229-0878, jwmster@gmail.com or Betty Slanta (703) 354-3242, slanta@verizon.net. Make check payable to “OCMC”, and mail to 2013 OCMC Banquet, c/o St. Luke Orthodox Church, 6801 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101.

An adult woman is seeking employment. She is an educated, professional woman who, because of difficult circumstances, will consider any employment. Please contact Father Costa at fcostas@stkchurch.com, (571) 213-1109 or the church office at (703) 671-1515.
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 – Ο Θεός, όπως δέχθηκες τα δώρα του Αβελ, τις θυσίες του Νόε 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 εξιλασμό του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και την φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.

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