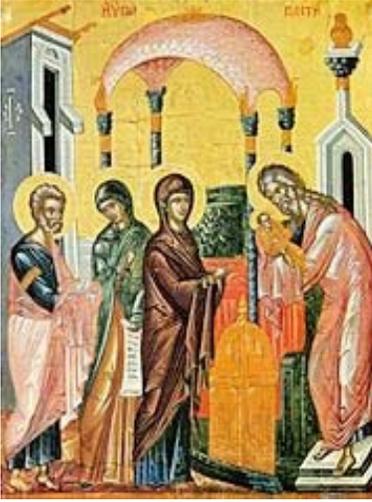


Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, February 3, 2019
16th Sunday of Luke

Saint Symeon and Anna the
Prophetess
Saints Stamatios, John and
Nicholas



Apolytikion of the Day (3rd Tone)

Come rejoice all you Heavens and be glad all you on Earth. For by his power the Lord created might, by His Death He conquered death. For He became the first born of the dead. From the depths of Hades He delivered us and He granted to mankind His great mercy.

Εὐφραίνεσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιᾶσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1st Tone)

Let us praise the most auspicious bride of Christ, the divine Katherine, protectress of Sinai, our aid and our help. For, she brilliantly silenced the eloquence of the impious by the sword of the spirit, and now, crowned as a martyr, she asks great mercy for all.

Τὴν πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν τὴν θείαν καὶ πολιούχον Σινά, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν. Ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆς δυνάμει. Καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πάσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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.

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλόγησας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

Epistle Reading

Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Clap your hands, all you nations.

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

Corinthians 6:1-10 – Brethren, working together with him, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30 – The Lord said this parable: "A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'" As he said these things he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Tastes of the Mediterranean – Please join the Daughters of Penelope, Helle Chapter #283, for our Annual Tastes of the Mediterranean, Friday, February 8, 2019, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Meletis Charuhas Community Center. This year, proceeds benefit K9s for Warriors, and Helle Chapter is raising funds to purchase a service canine for a wounded soldier suffering from post-traumatic stress disability and traumatic brain injury. Tickets are \$30, advance reservations required. Please send checks payable to DOP Helle 283, to: Karen Polizos, 903 Holly Creek Drive, Great Falls, VA 22066. For more information contact: Rosalie Georgeadis at 703-532-1723 or rgeorgeadis@hotmail.com. Thank you for supporting Helle Chapter and this worthy cause!

JOY (Junior Orthodox Youth) ages 8-12 – Please join us at the movies! We will meet at AMC Tysons Corner Center to watch "The Lego Movie 2" on Saturday, February 9th (time is TBD). Please RSVP by Thursday, January 24th at vsbousbouras@yahoo.com.

The Saint Katherine Apokreatiko Glendi will be held on 23 February at 5:30PM in the church hall. All ages are welcome for this fun, family friendly event! Special guest performer So Tiri will be joining us. We also plan on having a DJ, face painting, raffle prizes, and buffet dinner. Please go to dcgreeks.com for tickets and more information. You can also email stkhecparents@gmail.com or cachris2@outlook.com, if you have questions.

SAVE THE DATE – Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) BANQUET: OCMC Annual Banquet will be held Sunday, May 5, 2019, at St. Katherine Orthodox Church, Falls Church, VA. The mission speaker will be Fr. Louis Christophulos, former Vice Chairman of the OCMC. Fabulous themed baskets will again be available. Plan to donate to and support this annual banquet.



Announcements



Memorial Services are offered this morning for **Frank Michael**, father of Dr. Christina Michael-Silis, Beckie and Martha Michael; and for **Alice Lagos**, mother of Nicholas and Alex Lagos. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by Dr. Christina Michael-Silis and family in memory of her beloved father, Frank Michael; and by our Ladies Philotochos.

Godparent Sunday – Sunday School students will be honoring Godparents today with an invitation to join them in their Sunday school class and Liturgy. Refreshments and cake reception will follow Liturgy in the coffee hour. Please invite your Godparents to join us and, if they live too far away, call them or send them a note of appreciation today!

The 2019 Parish Council members are: Ray Vazquez-**President**, Craig Thomas-**Vice President**, George Moratis-**Treasurer**, Bill Polizos-**Secretary**, and Tony Alexis, Andrea Ballard, Manuel Capsalis, Dr. Domenic Carr, Mark Cherpes, Dr. John Demakis, Harry Karageorge, James Kontzamanys, Costas Mavromatakis, Stelios Moschou, George Moshos, Effie Sarantis, Chris Snear, Steve Veletsis, Maria Wills, and John Ziu-**members**. *Congratulations and God bless you!*

The Ladies Philotochos will serve their Annual Senior Valentine's Luncheon on Thursday, February 7, 12:00 p.m. at the Meletis Charuhas Center. For reservations, please contact Mary Drakoulis 703-273-4159 or Demetra Vroustouris 03-938-6348.



Our Capital Campaign begun in September to address the abundant needs of our community. We solicit your support and encourage your prayerful consideration of this most worthy endeavor in support of “our families, our church, our future.” Please contact us at capcampaign@stkchurch.com with your questions.

JOURNEY TO ORTHODOXY – The “Journey to Orthodoxy” class for adults meets at 9 AM Sunday (concurrently with the youth Sunday School before 10 AM Divine Liturgy) in the Seniors’ Kentro room on the ground floor of Founders’ Hall. 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, this class is also recommended for intending or newly married couples, especially where one spouse is not Orthodox. Informal discussion format, text provided. For further information contact the teachers, John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Jim Jatrass heraclius13@gmail.com, 202-375-1007.

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 on Tuesdays now, not on Wednesdays. Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. This includes time for discussion and fellowship.

Adult Bible Study – This year’s topic is *Who We are and What We Believe: A Journey through Examination of the Orthodox Faith Guided by the Words of the Nicene Creed*. The objective will be to broaden the understanding of our own Orthodox faith and deepen our spiritual outlooks. We will explore the significance of the Creed for how we live our faith now as individuals and as “one, holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.” Classes are held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the board room of the Meletis Churuhas Center. For more information or questions, please contact Bill Polizos at 571-434-7790 or polizos@att.com. Everyone welcome!

Scholarship Opportunity for Graduating Seniors! The 2019 Washington Metropolitan Area AHEPA/DOP Scholarship Program Application is available now in the Church Office (paper copy) and also through a link on the church’s website. Completed applications are due March 30, so don’t delay. Scholarship awards will be presented to recipients at the Annual Scholarship Banquet on May 19, 2019, in Rockville, MD. Donor applications are also available in the church office if you would like to contribute to this worthy program. For more information, please contact Karen Polizos, (571) 434-7790.

GOYA – Upcoming events: Super Bowl party, February 3; Youth Sunday and GOYA meeting, February 10; Delaware Tournament, Feb. 16-17. For more information, email SaintKatherineGoya@aol.com.

MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE – The next meeting our of Mission and Outreach Committee will be Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 PM in our Board Room. All are welcome to attend. Come and learn what our church is doing in the mission field locally and internationally. Learn how you can be a part of these exciting events.

Missions Committee Kenya Fundraiser – The Missions Committee is holding a Bake and Valentine's Card Sale after Liturgy on February 10 to raise funds and awareness to support the purchase of tents used for remote area church services in Kenya and to help generate rental income for the Women's Orthodox Union. Each tent costs approximately \$1,000, with the goal of eventually purchasing five. If you would like to make a donation for a tent, please make your checks payable to: "Saint Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church" and, on the memo line write “Kenya tent”. Thank you for your support.

Ladies Philotochos are celebrating *Go Red Sunday* February 3. Go Red for Women is the American Heart Association’s national call to increase awareness and help prevent heart disease, the number one killer of American women. This is a call for women, to take charge of their well-being and live stronger, healthier lives.

Sunday March 10th, the Ladies Philotochos, will be offering their *Annual Stewardship Tea*. Please make your reservations by call in Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161 or email Mary.varlas@yahoo.com. For more information, please stop at the Philotochos table during coffee hour.

Church Services

Sunday, February 10 *Sunday of the Canaanite* – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, February 17 *Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee* – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, February 24 *Sunday of the Prodigal Son* – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

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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 Αβελ, 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 εξιλασμό 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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