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.

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

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)**

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 love mankind.
**Epistle Reading**

*Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.*

*God is known in Judah.*

*His name is great in Israel.*

*The reading is from Saint 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 patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly lie 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 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 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 that the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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**Saturday AM Bible Study: Suffering among the Saints – The Book of Job** – “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil,” so God says to Satan in the opening chapter of this Old Testament book. Yet Job is tried and suffers mightily through the loss of his family, his health, and the goodwill of others. Sound familiar? Why do bad things happen to good people? Our study group will dig into the book’s powerful poetry as we discuss Job’s questions in light of the Church’s teaching and healing missions. *When:* Eight Saturday morning sessions began February 4, 2012, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Drop-ins are always welcome! *Where:* The boardroom on lower level of the Meletis Charuhas hall (education building). For more information, contact Gregory McKinney at (571) 338-6929.

**The Annual Apokreatiko Glendi** by Saint Katheine’s Greek School – Saturday, February 18, 2012, 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Donation is $40.00 for adults, and $15.00 per children (4-13). Buffet dinner, DJ music, dancing, games, and more! Dress in costumes! **Mega-Raffle** – including an iPad2, and Kindle and many other prizes! This fun family event is open to the entire community. Tickets being sold during Greek School hours and after Liturgy on Sundays. To make your reservations please contact Elena Lagos, PTO President, at (703)241-1176, pedakia@aol.com or Sophia Tsangali, Principal, at (703) 671-1515, stsangali@stkchurch.com.
Memorial Service is offered this morning for Ifigenia Vrattos, aunt and teacher of Daphne Vaccarello, Athanasios Pappas, and Dr. John Demakis. May her memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Vaccarello, Mr. Athanasios Pappas, and Dr. & Mrs. John Demakis and their families in memory of their beloved aunt and teacher, Ifigenia Vrattos.

Godparents Sunday – Today is Godparents Sunday! We honor our Godparents showing them our gratitude that they have undertaken the great spiritual task to become Godparents! May God bless them always!

Philoptochos Senior Citizens Valentine’s Day Luncheon will take place on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. All our senior citizens are welcome to attend. For more information and to make your reservations so we may determine attendance, please call Mrs. Eugenia Nobes at (703) 671-1420 or Mrs. Irene Kavros at (703) 971-7455.

Registration opens for the Ionian Village Summer 2012 – Ionian Village offers two camping sessions: Summer Travel Camp (June 29-July 18), and Byzantine Venture (July 25-August 13); and the Spiritual Odyssey program, shorter pilgrimage-style trips for young adults ages 19-28: Cyprus and Constantinople (May 30-June 9), The Greek Mainland (June 10-June 20), and The Greek Islands (July 15-July 25). For more information about any of the Ionian Village programs, or to participate in this summer’s programs, visit www.ionianvillage.org or contact the Office of Ionian Village at (212) 570-3536.

Annual AHEPA Scholarship Awards – The 43rd Annual Washington Metropolitan Area Scholarship Awards program is accepting applications from high school seniors affiliated with the AHEPA family or the Greek Orthodox Church in the greater DC area. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, have participated in extracurricular activities and/or sports, and be graduating from a DC-area high school. Applications are due on Friday, April 6 and the scholarship awards program will be held on Sunday, May 20 in Rockville, MD. For more information about how to apply, please contact Karen Polizos at (571) 434-7790 or at polik@cof.org. If you would like to make a donation to defray the costs of the program, or to award an individual scholarship, please contact Karen Polizos. You may also obtain a student scholarship application at the Church office and through St. Katherine’s website.

Greek School – The Ellinomathia Exams will take place again this year in our school on May 14, 15, and 16, 2012. The levels are: A1 (for children 8-12), A1 (for adults), A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2. Registration will take place February 1-March 21. For information and applications please contact Sophia Tsangali, the principal, at (703) 671-1515 or stsangali@stkchurch.com.

Missions – Our Mission and Outreach Committee will have a meeting 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2012 in our Community Center Board room. Our special guest will be Thomas Nichols, the director of the Bailey’s Crossroads Homeless shelter. Also, our Team Guatemala will share their recent experiences from their mission trip in January. All are welcome to attend.

The Hellenic Society Prometheas invites you to An Evening of Poetry and Music, celebrating 100 years since the birth of Odysseas Elytis, Nobel prize for Literature. Friday, February 10, 2012 at 8:00 p.m., at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Bethesda, Maryland.

Our Church needs prosphoro for every Divine Liturgy. If you can make prosphoro, please call Mrs. Niki Papasavva at (703) 764-9746.
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, ὅπως δέχθηκες τα δώρα του Άβελ, τις θυσίες του Νώε και του Αβραάμ, το θυμίαμα του Ααρών και του Ζαχαρία, ας δέχθεις 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 συγχωρήσει των αμαρτιών και εξιλασμό του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το ονόμα Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.