

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, February 8, 2015



17th Sunday of Luke
The Prodigal Son
Great Martyr Theodore Stratelates
Zacharias the Prophet



Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Tone)

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.

Ότε κατήλθες προς τον θάνατον, η Ζωή η αθάνατος, τότε τον Άδην ενέκρωσας τη αστραπή της Θεότητος, ότε δε και τους τεθνεώτας εκ των καταχθονίων ανέστησας, πάσαι αι Δυνάμεις των επουρανίων εκραύγαζον. Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ο Θεός ημών δόξα σοι.

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 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 (3rd Tone)

Foolishly I ran away, from your fatherly glory, and wasted in sin, the wealth that you gave me; therefore, the Prodigal's cry I address to you: I have sinned, before you now merciful Father, do accept me in repentance, and make me only, one of your hired hands.

Της πατρώας, δόξης σου, αποσκιρτήσας αφρόνως, εν κακοίς εσκορπίσα, ον μοι παρέδωκας πλούτον. Όθεν σοι την του Ασώτου, φωνήν κραυγάζω: Ήμαρτον ενώπιόν σου Πάτερ οικτίρμον, δέξαι με μετανοούντα, και ποιήσόν με, ως ένα των μισθίων σου.

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Epistle Reading

*Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.
The reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.*

1st Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" – and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:11-32

The Lord said this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.'" And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who had devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'



SAVE THE DATE! Back by popular demand! Saint Katherine's 2nd Annual Traditional Greek Easter Picnic/Celebration – Reservations are now being accepted for Saint Katherine's 2nd Annual Traditional Greek Easter Picnic/Celebration. Please bring your family and join all your friends on Easter Sunday, April 12th at 12:30pm for your Easter meal, music, and lots of fun! Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$25 for children under twelve. Your ticket includes appetizers, roast lamb on the spit meal with sides, dessert, and beverages (cash bar for beer/wine).

Make your reservations now and don't miss out. Please call Mallamo Mavromatakis at 703-830-0224 or the church office at 703-671-1515 to join the fun!

Announcements

Memorial Services are offered this morning for **Pavlos Thrasyvoulou, Thrasyvoulos** and **Anastasia Thrasyvoulou**, husband and children of Mrs. Eleni Thrasyvoulou, and father and siblings of Maria Kolas and Yioula Trahilis; for **Despina Piperas-Hanley**, mother of Father Panagiotis Hanley; for **Vera Tasheva**, mother of Julia Tasheva, and grandmother of Veronik Mare and Isabell Mare Tasheva; and for **Iziaslav Kopylov**, father of Vitali Kopylov. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Thrasyvoulou, Kolas, Trahilis, Hanley, Tasheva, and Kopylov families in memory of their loved ones.

Parish Council – The swearing in of the 2015 Parish Council members will take place this morning following the 2nd Divine Liturgy. They are: **Kelly Alexis, Chris Christou, Dr. John Demakis, Artemis Dimopoulos, Peter Karounos, Nicholas Larigakis, Mallamo Mavromatakis, George Moshos, Bill Polizos, Bill Porter, Dr. Jerry Rich, Jim Stoucker, Pierre Tavoularis, Daphne Vaccarello, Maria Vargas, and Mary Varlas.** God bless you!

HOPE children (ages 7 and under) will be meeting in the Founders' Hall after the 2nd Liturgy this morning, 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. There is no charge for the event. Thomas Manuel, Youth Director at the Annunciation Cathedral in Norfolk, will lead the lock-in. The theme is *Of Cupids and Hearts: The True Meaning of Saint Valentine's Day*. Bring a sleeping bag, board games, and cards. Dress comfortably! Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be served Friday night. Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 11 to Father Costa at fcostas@stkchurch.com, 703-671-1515 or Presvytera Pauline at przpauline@stkchurch.com, 703-239-2627.

Pancake Breakfast – The Pancake Breakfast will be on Sunday, February 15, 2015 following both Liturgies at the Meletis Charuhas Center. Proceeds will benefit the Byzantio Greek Dance and Cultural Arts Program. There will also be a dance performance during the breakfast.

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.

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 Meletis Charuhas 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.

Church Services

Saturday, February 14

1st Saturday of Souls – Α΄ Ψυχοσάββατον
Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 15

Sunday of Judgment (Meat fare) – Κυριακή της Κρίσεως (Της Κρεωφάγου)
Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.
Orthros/Youth and Adult Catechism 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 21

2nd Saturday of Souls – Β΄ Ψυχοσάββατον
Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 22

Sunday of Forgiveness (Chees fare)– Κυριακή της Συγχωρήσεως (Της Τυροφάγου)
Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.
Orthros/Youth and Adult Catechism 9:30 a.m.

Monday, February 23

Great Lent Begins, Clean Monday – Αρχεται η Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή, Καθαρά Δευτέρα
Holy Confession – Εξομολόγησις 6:00 p.m., Compline – Απόδειπνον 7:00 p.m.

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.

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