Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, February 9, 2014

16th Sunday of Luke
The Publican and the Pharisee
Triodion Begins
Seavetaking of the Presentation
ΙΣΤ΄ Κυριακή Λουκά
Του Τελώνου και Φαρίσαιου
Αρχεται το Τριώδιον
Απόδοσις Υπαπαντής

Apolytikion of the Day (4th Plagios Tone)
You descended from on high O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory to You.

Εξ ύψους κατήλθες ο εύσπλαγχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ίνα ημάς ελευθερώσης των παθών. Η ζωή και η ανάστασις ημῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

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.

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημῶν και αντίληψιν, ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και ως μάρτυς του Κυρίου στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι, το μέγα έλεος.

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 loves mankind.

Ο μήτραν παρθενικήν αγιάσας το τόκω σου, και χείρας του Συμεών ευλογήσας ως ἐπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἐσωσάς ἡμᾶς, Χριστέ ο Θεός. Ἀλλ’ εἰρήνευσον εν πολέμοι το πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον βασιλείας οὐς ἡγάπησας, ο μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.
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.

2\textsuperscript{nd} Timothy 3:10-15 – Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, 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 life 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 how firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted 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 than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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Single Parent Fellowship this morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Meletis-Charuhas Center. All single parents are welcome. Please contact Andrea Katsenes at andrea.katsenes@verizon.net, if you have any questions.

GMU OCF – Fr. Costa will meet with Orthodox Christian Fellowship students at the Johnson Center, Rm. 239H (Campus Ministries Office) at George Mason University on Wednesday, February 12, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, February 26, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Northern Virginia Community College students are welcome to join us. Please tell your Orthodox friends about this ministry and this meeting. Parents, please tell your college student. If you need a ride to church, please contact Fr. Costa at frcostas@stkchurch.com or (703) 671-1515 and he will arrange transportation.

St. Katherine Greek School Apokratiko Glendi – Saturday, February 22, 2014, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner, DJ, Dancing, Cash Bar, Photo Booth, Face Painting, Costume Prizes, Raffle with prizes including an IPAD Mini, Newest American Girl Doll and much more! Family Friendly event open to the entire community! $40.00 for adults, $15.00 for kids 4-13. All proceeds benefit the Hellenic Education Center. For tickets please contact: stkgreekschoolpta@gmail.com, Martha Lampros (703) 855-4085, Penny Papas (703) 898-4501, Church Office (703) 671-1515 or you can purchase your tickets online at glendi.eventbrite.com.

Daughters of Penelope, Helle Chapter 283 Jewelry Fundraiser – Sunday, March 2, during both coffee hours. This would be a perfect opportunity to purchase gifts for Easter, graduation and Mother’s Day! All proceeds will benefit our philanthropic projects. We appreciate your support!
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Thalia Kapnistos and for Plato Eliades, mother and uncle of Patricia Kapnistos-Leto; for Vasilios Pattis, brother of Lynn Francis; for Pavlos Thrasyvoulou and Thrasyvoulos Thrasyvoulou, husband and son of Mrs. Eleni Thrasyvoulou, and father and brother of Maria Kollas and Georgia Trahilis; for Lirika Nafpliotis, mother of Maria and Irene; for Theodore Messare, friend of Alexios and Maira Dimopoulos; for George Bursenos, son of Christopher and Maria Bursenos, and brother of Ioanna & Matthew, Demetrios & Shawna, and uncle of Christopher; and for Iziaslav Kopylov, father of Vitali Kopylov. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Leto, Francis, Thrasyvoulou, Kollas, Trahilis, Nafpliotis, Dimopoulos, Bursenos, and Kopylov families in memory of their loved ones.

Attention High School Seniors – Student applications are now available for the Washington Metropolitan Area 44th AHEPA Scholarship program. Students eligible for an award will be honored at this year’s Awards Program on May 18, 2014 held at the Hilton Washington, DC/Rockville Hotel in Rockville, MD. This program has honored 1,508 students and awarded $804,975 in scholarships. Applications are available in the church office and website. Completed applications and materials must be submitted by April 4, 2014. For more information, contact Karen Polizos at kpolizos@naifa.org or on (571) 434-7790.

Saint Katherine Paideia Preschool – Open House Invitation – February 19th, 2014, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and February 12th and 26th, 2014, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Join us and explore the Paideia setting, become acquainted with our teachers and director, talk to current preschool parents, and ask questions regarding our program. Paideia is accepting students, ages 2-4 yrs old, for Spring 2014 and/or the 2014-2015 school year. Enrollment applications for 2014-2015 school year are due April 11, 2014. For more information please visit www.stkhec.org or contact Eleni Alexopoulou, Director, at (703) 627-1556 or ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com.

OCMC Benefit Dinner – This Sunday, February 9, 2014 – Our annual OCMC benefit dinner will be held at St. Katherine this evening. We are honored to have Fr. Luke Veronis as our main speaker. His topic will be: “Capturing the Spirit of Missions: Kenya, Albania and the World!” Fr. Luke has served as a long term missionary in Kenya and in Albania with Archbishop Anastasios. He will share his experience in these countries and tell us what we can do to help Orthodox missions around the world. Cocktails will be at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets: $55.00, under 22 $30.00, children under 4 free. Send checks out to St. Katherine and note: “Mission Banquet”. For further information please contact Dr. John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com.

Philoptochos Annual Seniors’ Valentine’s Day Luncheon is scheduled for Thur., February 13, 2014, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the Meletis-Charuhas Center. For reservations please call Evdoxia Mitchell, chairperson, at (703) 256-4115 or Eleni Kanakos, president, at (703) 938-8360 or ekanakos@aol.com. We look forward to seeing all of you there!

Food Pantry Collection – This Sunday, February 9, 2014 – Will be our next collection for our local Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable food or canned items to the Church. This can include: Canned fruit, soup, and canned pasta, cereal/cereal bars, peanut butter, rice, spaghetti/pasta sauce, chili, canned tomatoes, tuna, canned beans, canned vegetables and macaroni and cheese. This list is also on the St. Katherine website. Please be generous. Get the children involved. What a wonderful way to teach our children to help the less fortunate.

Valentine’s Dance, February 15 – GOYA’s sponsoring a Valentine’s Dance for Orthodox teenagers, ages 13-18 on Saturday, February 15, 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., in the Meletis Charuhas Hall. GOYAs from DC, Maryland, and Loudoun County have been invited. Snacks will be provided. Music by DJ Steve. Cost: $10.00. Hope to see you there!

Oratorical Festival Registration is now open. If your son or daughter is interested in participating in the Junior (7th-9th grade) or Senior (10th-12th grade) completion, please contact Ray Vazquez at rayvazquez1@aol.com. Topics will be distributed in class and can be found on www.goarch.org.

The Byzantio Greek Dance & Cultural Arts Program is offering six adult recreational dance classes. Cost: $100 for all sessions paid at first session or $20.00 a session, drop-in. Location: St. Katherine’s Founder’s Hall. Time: 4:00 p.m. -5:30 p.m. Dates: February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. For information, contact Aris and Anna Yourtzidis at greekdancedc@gmail.com.
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, οπως 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 Υἱού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.

Church Services

Saturday, February 15

Challenge Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
at St. George, Bethesda, Maryland

Sunday, February 16

17th Sunday of Luke - The Prodigal Son

Pamphilos and Companions

Flavianos, Patriarch of Constantinople

ΙΖ´Κυριακή Λουκά – Του Ασώτου Υιού

Πάμφιλος και οι συν αυτώ

1st Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m.

Orthros/Youth and Adult Catechism 9:30 a.m.

2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

The Sunday bulletin is available online in two formats--a PDF copy of the bulletin handed out in church and an online version with much more information. Please take a moment to check them out by visiting:

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

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