Apolytikion of the Day (3rd Tone)

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades he delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

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 2nd Tone)

O Protection of the Christians unashamable, mediation to the Creator immovable, despise not, the pleading voices of those in sin, but hasten O good one, to the help of all of us, who in faith cry out to you. Speed up your intercession, and press on your supplication, O Theotokos who always protects, all those who honor you.
Epistle Reading

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.
O God, hear my prayer.
The reading is from Saint Paul’s Second Letter to Timothy.

2nd Timothy 2:1-10 – Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

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 everyone who has, more will 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!”
Announcements

Memorial Services are offered this morning for Kaliopi (Popi) Papadopoulos, wife of Mr. John Papadopoulos, and mother of Georgia, Penny and Nicholas; for Pavlos Thrasyvoulou and Thrasyvoulos Thrasyvoulou, husband and son of Mrs. Eleni Thrasyvoulou, and father and brother of Mary Kolas and Yioula Trahilis; for Izziaslav Kopylov, father of Vitali Kopylov; for Rev. Fr. Savvas Constantinou; and for Hariton Constant. May their memory be eternal!

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

Sacraments – Congratulations to Demitrios and Carmen Zourzoukis on the baptism of their daughter Elizabeth Vicki, February 9, 12:00 p.m.; to Edwhara and Maria Nunez on the baptism of their daughter Leana Marina, February 9, 2:00 p.m.; to Christina Jennifer Maureen Stathis on her chrismation, February 10, 10:00 a.m.; to Brett Damian Cook on his chrismation, February 10, 10:15 a.m.; to Alexander and Victoria Hatjis on the baptism of their daughter Sophia, February 10, 12:30 p.m.; and to Robert and Angelique Ranghelli on the baptism of their son Valentino Frankie, February 10, 2:00 p.m.

The Daughters of Penelope Helle Chapter #283 is having their Chapter meeting TODAY immediately following the second Divine Liturgy in the large classroom of the Meletis Charuhas Center.

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 Departm

ent 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 frcostas@stkchurch.com, (571) 213-1109 or the church office at (703) 671-1515.

Vacation Bible Camp – Parents, mark your calendars! VBC begins on Monday, June 24 and lasts until Friday, June 29. This summer we will celebrate the 10 Year Anniversary of VBC. There are only 60 seats available, so if you are interested in having your children attend camp be sure to complete and mail your forms to Christina Vazquez. Forms are available in the Narthex. If you have questions contact Daphne Papamichael at cyrusd@aol.com or Christina Vazquez at czvmail@aol.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 – Ω Θεέ, όπως 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 γιά την δόξα Σου, προς ελάφρυνση των δοκιμασιών και της πείνας, προς διακονία του λαού Σου, προς συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών και εξίλασμο του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και την φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Ἀμήν.

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