**Apolytikion of the Day (3rd Tone)**

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm, He hath trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead He become. From the belly of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

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

**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 Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημῶν και αντίληψιν. Ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματον τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα ἔλεος.

**Kontakion of the Day (1st Tone)**

O God, when You come upon the earth in glory, the whole world will tremble. A river of fire will bring all before Your Judgment Seat and the books will be opened, and everything in secret will become public. At that time, deliver me from the fire which never dies, and enable me to stand by Your right hand, O Judge most just.

Ὅταν ἔλθῃς ὁ Θεός, ἐπὶ γῆς μετὰ δόξης, καὶ τρέμωσι τὰ σύμπαντα, ποταμὸς δὲ τοῦ πυρὸς πρὸ τοῦ Βήματος ἔλκῃ, καὶ βιβλίοι ἀνοίγονται, καὶ τὰ κρυπτὰ δημοσιεύονται, τότε ρύσαι με, ἐκ τοῦ πυρὸς τοῦ ἀσβέστου, καὶ ἀξίωσον, ἐκ δεξιῶν σου μὲ στῆναι, Κριτὰ δικαιότατε.
Epistle Reading

Great is our Lord, and great is his power.
Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.
The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

1st Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2 – Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46 – The Lord said, 'When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Annual Ladies Philoptochos Stewardship Tea will be held on Sunday, March 11th at noon. We would love to see all ladies 18+. Please come and join us.

GOYA – GOYA meeting (parents are welcome!) today after Liturgy in Kentro (downstairs of small hall)
2/17-2/18 – Wilmington, DE GOYA Basketball Tournament.
YAL – Thank you for all who came to Tsiknopempti at Plaka Grill!
OCF – 2/21 – Presanctified Liturgy – 7:00pm
**Announcements**

**Memorial Services** are offered this morning for **Yvonne Stathis**, mother of Steve Stathis, Cathy Cable, Toni Fightmaster, and Elena Grivas, and sister of Nicholas Grivas and Maria Vasilakos; and for **Pavlos Thrasyvoulou**, and **Thrasyvoulos and Anastasia Thrasyvoulou**, father and siblings of Maria Kolas and Yioula Trahilis. May their memory be eternal!

**Coffee Hour** is sponsored this morning by the Kolas and Trahilis families in memory of their beloved father, Pavlos Thrasyvoulou, and siblings Thrasyvoulos and Anastasia Thrasyvoulou.

**Journey to Orthodoxy** – This is a reminder that the “Journey to Orthodoxy” class for adults meets 9-10 a.m. Sunday (before Liturgy, concurrently with the Sunday School). The class is 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. It is also recommended for intending or newly married couples where one spouse is not Orthodox. The class is held in an informal discussion format. Text is provided. We meet in the Seniors’ Kentro room on the ground floor of founders’ Hall. For further information contact the teachers, John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Jim Jatras heralius13@gmail.com, 202-375-1007.

**Project Mexico Bake Sale** – This morning after Liturgy. – Please come and support our fundraising efforts!! We will be selling baklava, banana breads, pumpkin/cranberry breads, Whoopie Pies, sugar cookies, cakes and more.....all in time for Valentine's Day! Thank you for your support!!

**INTERESTED IN GOING TO PROJECT MEXICO?** – For the 5th time, our Church will sponsor a Missions Team to Mexico from July 17-25, 2018, to build a simple home for a family in need, while staying at the St. Innocent Orphanage with about 120 other Orthodox Christians. 15 spaces have been reserved for our team, and 6 are still available! The trip costs approximately $1600, which pays for the building supplies/materials, food and lodging, flights, and a rental van. If you are interested, please contact Bill Porter at beporter1@verizon.net or Nick Junes at njunes@stkchurch.com.ASAP!

**Tastes of the Mediterranean** – Please join us for Tastes of the Mediterranean, Friday, February 16, 2018, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Meletis Charuhas Community Center. Reservations required $30.00. Send check to: Karen Polizos, 903 Holly Creek Drive, Great Falls, VA 22066 - Make Checks payable to: DOP Helle Chapter 283. For more information contact: Rosalie Georgeadis at 703-532-1723 or rgeorgeadis@hotmail.com. Proceeds will benefit Fisher House Foundation and other DOP Charities.

**Scholarship Opportunity for Graduating Seniors!** – The 2018 Washington Metropolitan Area AHEPA/DOP Scholarship Application is available now in the Church Office. Completed Applications are due March 31st. Donor applications are also available. Awards will be presented at the Annual Banquet in May 2018. For more information, please contact Karen Polizos, (571) 434-7790.

**The Ladies Philoptochos** will provide again this year Easter Lambathes. They will be available for sale starting on Sunday, March 18th. Please reserve your Lambathes by contacting Mary Varlas, 703-965-4161.

**Taste of Greece** – February 16-18, 2018. OPA! Authentic Greek food and pastries, dancing, and more. Dine in or take out at the Ashburn Firehouse (20688 Ashburn Road, Ashburn, VA 20147) presented by the Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church. For further details at www.holyapostlesgreekorthodox.org/tog.
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 γιά την δόξα Σου, προς ελάφρυνση των δοκιμασίων 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.