

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, February 16, 2014



17th Sunday of Luke
The Prodigal Son
Pamphilos & Companions
Flavianos, Patr. Constantinople
ΙΖ' Κυριακή Λουκά
Του Ασώτου
Παμφίλου και οι συν αυτώ
Φλαβιανού, Πατρ. Κων/πόλεως



Apolytikion of the Day (1st Tone)

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.

Του λίθου σφραγισθέντος υπό των Ιουδαίων, και στρατιωτών φυλασσόντων το άχραντόν Σου σώμα, ανέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τω κόσμω την ζωήν. Διά τούτο αι δυνάμεις των ουρανών εβόων σοι ζωοδότα. Δόξα τη αναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τη βασιλεία σου, δόξα τη οικονομία σου, μόνε φιλόνηρωπε.

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 Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντίληπνιν, 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 (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 αφρόνων, εν κακοίς εσκόρπισα, ον μοι παρέδωκας πλούτον. Όθεν σοι, την του Ασώτου φωνήν κραυγάζω. Ήμαρτον, ενώπιόν σου Πάτερ οικτίρμων. 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 the 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 become 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 outside the body. Do you not know that your body 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 has devoured our 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.’”

Announcements

Memorial Services are offered this morning for **Alexandra Dervesse**; and for **Catherine Kakadelis**, sister of Mrs. Irene Moshos. May their memory be eternal!

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 kpelizos@naifa.org or on (571) 434-7790.

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!

Saint Katherine Paideia Preschool – Open House Invitation – February 19th, 2014, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and February 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 2-4yrs old, for Spring 2014 and/or the 2014-2015 school year. Enrollment applications for 2014-2015 school year are due April 11, 2014. For information please visit www.stkhec.org or contact Eleni Alexopoulou, Director, at (703) 627-1556 or ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com.

Philoptochos Annual Seniors' Valentine's Day Luncheon schedule for Thursday 13, 2014 has been postponed to Thursday, February 20, 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!

St. Katherine Greek School Apokreatiko 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.

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 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) 671-11515 and he will arrange transportation.

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.

Church Services

Saturday, February 22

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

Sunday, February 23

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1st Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m.
Orthros/Youth and Adult Catechism 9:30 a.m.
2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Stewardship Sunday and breakfast following both Liturgies

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 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 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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