

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, February 16, 2020
Sunday of the Prodigal Son

St. Pamphilos and Companions
St. Flavianos, Patr. of Constantinople



Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Tone)

-When You descended unto death, O Life Immortal, You rendered to Hades a mortal blow by the lightning of Your divinity, and when from the depths of darkness You also raised the dead, all the heavenly powers cried out: O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You.

-Ότε κατήλθες προς τον θάνατον, η ζωή η αθάνατος, τότε τον Άδην ενέκρωσας, τη αστραπή της θεότητας. 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)

-Let us praise the all lauded and noble bride of Christ, the godly Katherine, the guardian of Sinai and its defense, who is also our support, assistance and our help; for with the Holy Spirit's sword she hath silenced brilliantly the clever among the godless; and being crowned as a Martyr, she now does ask great mercy for us all.

-Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντίληψιν. Ότι επίμωσε 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)

-In my foolish wretchedness, I fled your Fatherly glory, and I wasted sinfully all of the riches you gave me; unto you, merciful Father, I cry out saying: I have sinned, just as the Prodigal told you; and then may I be received as a hired servant, who comes repentant to you.

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

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Epistle Reading

The Lord is my strength and my song.

The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

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 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 outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own 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 and in your spirit which belong to God.

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 filled his belly with 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 put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; 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 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.'"

Adult Bible Class – Classes are held every Sunday at 9:30am in the board room of the Meletis Charuhas Center. Join us each Sunday to learn more about our faith. "*A Journey through the Orthodox Faith Guided by the Words of the Bible*". This year's topic: *The Gospel of Luke*. For more information or questions, please contact Bill Polizos at 571-434-7790 or polizos@att.com. Everyone is welcome!

JOURNEY TO ORTHODOXY – The "Journey to Orthodoxy" class for adults meets 9:30-10:30am 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, especially 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, Bill Porter WEPorter1@fcps.edu, or Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com 202-375-1007.

Our local St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival will be held at St. Katherine's on March 15, 2020. The festival provides our youth the opportunity to write and talk about their faith. There are 3 divisions: the elementary division (local festival only) for grades 4–6; junior division for grades 7–9; and senior division for grades 10–12. Top speakers in the Junior and Senior Divisions will be awarded \$150 and \$250 scholarships, respectively. Please encourage your children to participate in the festival and be sure to attend this event to show support for our youth. Contact your Sunday School teachers or Dean (703-981-4958) & Vivian (571-730-7540) Chelpon at vivandean@aol.com. Information on the festival can be found on www.goarch.org/oratorical.



Announcements



Memorial Services are offered this morning for **Marshall (Moshos) Toutsis**, brother of Angelo and Thomas Toutsis; for **Georgia Pilali**, mother of Niki Panteleos; and for **Yvonne Stathis**, mother of Steve Stathis, Cathy Cable, Toni Fightmaster and Elena Grivas, and sister of Nicholas Grivas and Maria Vasilakos. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Toutsis and Panteleos families in memory of their loved ones; and by the Ladies Philoptochos.

Philoptochos – Ladies Philoptochos General meeting this morning after the 2nd Liturgy. **The Ladies Philoptochos** needs your assistance identifying elderly parishioners who would like to be visited by us. Please email the following information to Mary Varlas at mary.varlas@yahoo.com: Name, address and phone number of the parishioner who wishes to be visited. Thank you. **The Ladies Philoptochos** will host a complimentary full breakfast on Sunday March 15, after the second Liturgy, for our parishioners. Please make your reservation, at the Ladies Philoptochos table during Sunday's coffee hour. **The Ladies Philoptochos Cookbooks** are still on sale for \$25.00. They make great bridal shower presents. Pick them up at coffee hour, after the second Liturgy.

GOYA – Good luck to our GOYA teams participating in Wilmington's Basketball Tournament this weekend! Upcoming events: Oratorical Festival Workshop 2/23 after church; Apokreatiko Glendi 2/29. For additional information, email SaintKatherineGOYA@stkchurch.com.

Catechetical Lectures of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem – A Greek Bible Study led by Professor Ioannis Gkigkitzis. The Adult Catechism and Sacraments class "*Catechetical Lecture of Saint Cyril*" is taking place every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. This includes time for discussion and fellowship.

Saint Genevieve Book Club – Join us the last Sunday of each month as we discuss our new selection, *Acquiring the Mind of Christ* by Archimandrite Sergius! If you would like to be included on our mailing list, please email victoriacherpes@gmail.com.

Security Announcement – Please be aware that scammers and cybercriminals may be sending you emails and text messages acting like Father Costa or a member of the Parish Council asking you for money or assistance. Neither Father or a Parish Council Member will send you a direct email requesting money or assistance. These messages are frauds. Do not click or respond to these messages. If you have any questions, please contact Sophia Tsangali at 703-671-1515.

Church Playroom – Parents please accompany your children in the playroom downstairs. Regardless of age, all children in the playroom must be supervised by a Parent at all times.

Attention Parishioners! When attending church services and events at our church, kindly please park your car properly within the designated parking space lines in the parking lot. This will prevent loss of a space for someone else to park their car. Thank you!

Stewardship Table – Please stop by the stewardship table and update your email on record. We are transitioning to e-mailing statements to save \$2,000 in mailing costs. *Thank you!*

Part-time work opportunity available to help us manage our hall rentals. If you have experience and interest in helping us manage our rentals (sales & bookings), please reach out to Ray Vazquez at rvazquez@stkchurch.com.

Please join us for the Annual Saint Katherine Apokreatiko Glendi on Saturday, February 29th, starting at 5:30 p.m., at the Meletis Charuhas Hall. We will have a DJ, food, face painting, raffles, and our special guest performer--Master Tempo! Please visit dgreeks.com for tickets or email stkhceparents@gmail.com.

"Byzantine Monasticism Past and Present" Conference – February 21, 12:00-18:00pm and February 22, 9:00am-18:00pm at the Catholic University of America, at The Pryzbyla Center, Rooms 321/323.

"It's time for our Lenten Outreach! Over the past few years our Parish has distributed hundreds of bags filled with new clothes, personal care items and food to our less fortunate brothers and sisters living on the streets. We will prepare 200 bags on March 20 following Salutations Service. We will distribute the bags in the morning on Sunday March 22. Our St. Katherine Stewards have been so generous with their donations and support in the past. To find out how you can participate in this important Ministry of our Church, please contact Daphne Papamichael at cyprusd@aol.com. Thank you!!"

A Seniors' Luncheon will take place at the Kentron of the Chelpon Hall on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 12:00pm. Please call the Church Office for reservations, 703-671-1515.

Scholarship Opportunity for graduating Seniors! The 2020 Washington Metropolitan Area AHEPA/DOP Scholarship Program Application is available in paper form in the Church office and is posted on the Church website. Completed applications are due March 28, so don't delay. Scholarship awards will be presented to recipients at the Annual Scholarship Banquet on May 17, 2020, in Rockville, MD. Donor applications are also available in the Church office, if you would like to contribute to this worthy program. For more information, please contact Karen Polizos, (571) 434-7790 or Polizos@aol.com.

Church Services

Sunday, February 16 *Sunday of the Prodigal Son* – 1st Divine Liturgy 8:00am; Orthros 9:30am; 2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Wednesday, February 19 *Paraklesis to St. Ephraim of Nea Makri*, 8:00pm
Saturday, February 22 *1st Saturday of Souls* – Orthros 9:30am; Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Sunday, February 23 *Judgment/Meat-fair Sunday* – 1st Divine Liturgy 8:00am; Orthros 9:30am; 2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Wednesday, February 26 *Paraklesis to St. Ephraim of Nea Makri* 8:00pm
Saturday, February 29 *2nd Saturday of Souls* – Orthros 9:30am; Divine Liturgy 10:30am

Sunday Services: Orthros 9:30am., Divine Liturgy 8:00am & 10:30am -- Week Day Services: Orthros 9:30am, Divine Liturgy 10:30am

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



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