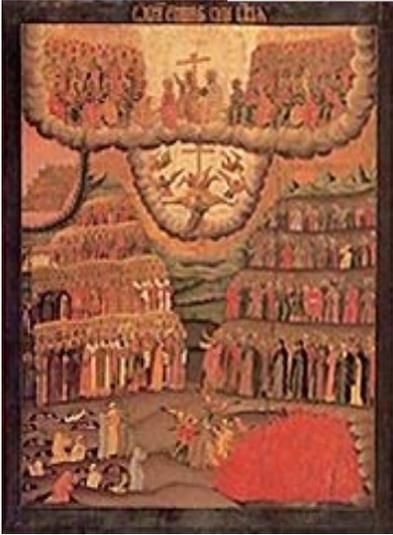


Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, February 23, 2020
Judgment Sunday (Meatfare)



St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna
St. Poterios Abp. of Alexandria



Apolytikion of the Day (3rd Tone)

-Let the heavens rejoice; let the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of His arm. He trampled down death by death and became the firstborn of the dead. From the depths of Hades, He delivered us and granted to the world great mercy.

-Ευφραινέσθω τα ουράνια, αγαλλιόσθω τα επίγεια, ότι εποίησε κράτος, εν βραχίονι αυτού, ο Κύριος, επάτησε τω θανάτω τον θάνατον. Πρωτότοκος των νεκρών εγένετο, εκ κοιλίας Άδου ερρύσατο ημάς, και παρέσχε τω κόσμω το μέγα έλεος.

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 νόμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντίληψιν. Ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (1st Tone)

-When you, O God, shall come to the earth with glory, all of Creation shall tremble and a river of fire shall flow before your judgment seat. The books shall be opened and the hidden things shall be disclosed to all; then deliver me from the ever-burning fire, and make me worthy to stand at your right hand, O Judge who is most just.

-Όταν έλθης ο Θεός, επί γης μετά δόξης, και τρέμωσι τα σύμπαντα, ποταμός δε του πυρός, προ του βήματος έλκη, και βίβλοι ανοίγονται, και κρυπτά δημοσιεύονται, τότε ρύσαι με, εκ του πυρός του ασβέστου, και αξίωσον, εκ δεξιών σου με στήναι, Κριτά δικαιοτάτε.

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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 anyone 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."

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@feps.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.

The Order of AHEPA will celebrate its 45th Biennial Congressional Banquet on May 14, 2020 in the Trump International Hotel in Washington DC. In this once in a lifetime event AHEPA will be hosting dinner honoring His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. Members of US Congress will also be in attendance & the Patriarch will be honored with the Inaugural "Patriarch Bartholomew AHEPA Environmental Award". The price for this event is \$200.00 per person assuming you will make the reservation(s) through the Ahepa Chapter 438. Please remit payment to "AHEPA Chapter 438". For reservations & additional information/clarifications please contact one of the following: George Vassilopoulos 703-323-0731 (gvassna@gmail.com); Angelo Toutsis 703-281-0843 (antovi@verizon.net); Chris Masouros 703-820-3188 (christosmasouros@gmail.com).

SAVE THE DATE! OCMC ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER MAY 3, 2020: Our annual OCMC Benefit Dinner will be on May 3, 2020 at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church Falls Church, VA. We are pleased to have Rev. Demetrios Andrews, Executive Director, Project Mexico and the St. Innocent Orphanage, as our main speaker. His topic is "The Mission of Serving Christ in the Other: St. Silouan and St. Sophrony's Theology of Service". Vespers at 4:30 pm; Hors d'oeuvres & Dinner begin at 5:00 pm. A \$45.00 donation is requested; a table of 10, \$400.00 donation; the student rate: \$20.00 donation; children under 12 and Clergy are FREE. Reserve your place with Antonia Chelpon, achelpon@aol.com, Sara Buchanan, buchanansara@hotmail.com or Paula Massouh, pmassouh@gmail.com. Tickets payable to "St. Katherine Orthodox Church", memo: OCMC



Announcements



Memorial Services are offered this morning for **Very Reverend Archimandrite Nicholas Pekatoros**; for **Georgette Apostolidis and Magdy Rizk**, parents of Samira Fayed; for **Emmanuel Ponirakis**, husband of Mrs. Mina Ponirakis, and father of Angelo; and for **Gerry Capacos**, uncle of Mr. Ioannis Laios. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Spiritual Children of Very Reverend Father Nicholas Pekatoros in his loving memory; and by the Fayed and Ponirakis families in memory of their loved ones; and by our Ladies Philoptochos.

Philoptochos – 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 – Congratulations for Boys A team for 3rd place in Wilmington's Basketball Tournament last weekend! It was a great weekend of games and fellowship. Oratorical Festival Workshop today after church. Upcoming events: Apokreatiko Glendi 2/29; Youth Sunday/Meeting 3/1; Oratorical Festival 3/15; Lenten Bags project 3/20 & 3/22; St. George Tournament 3/21-22. 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 stkhecparents@gmail.com.

"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!!"

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.

-The Embassy of Greece in Washington, DC is seeking to hire a driver. The candidate should be at least 21 years old at the time of employment, be fluent in English, be willing to work beyond normal hours and abide by confidentiality. The salary paid will be in accordance with Greek legislation. The applicants must submit an application letter along with their curriculum vitae by mail (Embassy of Greece, 2217 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008).

-Please join us for a Lenten Retreat led by Archimandrite Sergius (Bowyer), Abbot of St. Tikhons' Monastery, Sat. April 4, 2020, 9:30am-3:30pm., "Acquiring the mind of Christ – Embracing the Vision of the Orthodox Church" at St. Katherine. Paraklesis following the Retreat. Fr. Sergius will be accompanied by the Wonderworking Icon of Saint Anna, the Mother of the Theotokos. RSVP at stk.reatreat@gmail.com.

Church Services

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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