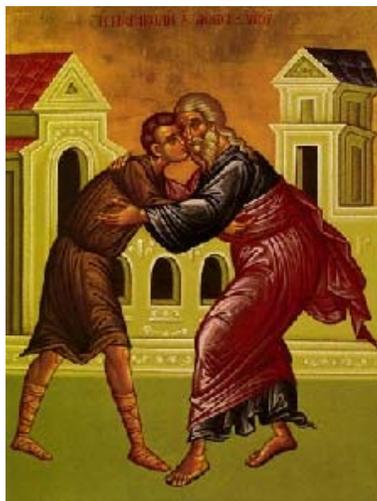


Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, February 24, 2019
Sunday of the Prodigal Son

**First and Second Finding of
Head of St. John the Baptist
St. Erasimos of Kiev Caves**



Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Plagal Tone)

Angelic Powers appeared at Your tomb, and those guarding it became like dead, and at Your grave Mary was standing, seeking Your most pure body. You plundered Hades, not being tempted by it; You encountered the virgin, granting life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You!

Αγγελικαί Δυνάμεις επί το μνήμα σου, και οι φυλάσσοντες απενεκρώθησαν. Και ίστατο Μαρία εν τω τάφω, ζητούσα το άχραντόν σου σώμα. Εσκύλευσας τον Άδην, μή πειρασθείς υπ' αυτού, υπήντησας τη Παρθένω, δωρούμενος την ζωήν. Ο αναστάς εκ των νεκρών, Κύριε 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 εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομπούς 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.

Τῆς πατρῶας, δόξης σου, άποσκιρτήσας άφρόνως, έν κακοῖς έσκόρπισα, όν μοι παρέδωκας πλοῦτον· όθεν σοι την του Άσώτου, φωνήν κραυγάζω· Ήμαρτον ένώπιόν σου Πάτερ οικτίρμον, δέξαι με μετανοούντα, και ποιήσόν με, ως ένα τών μισθίων σου.

Epistle Reading

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.

Oh God, hear my cry.

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

Corinthians 4:6-15 – Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of 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.'"

OCMC Mission Banquet – The Metropolitan Washington DC Mission and Outreach Committee will again sponsor an Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) Mission Banquet on Sunday, May 5, 2019, beginning with Vespers at 4:00 pm; appetizers and dinner program begin at 5:00 pm at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church 3149 Glen Carlyn Road Falls Church, VA 22041. The banquet speaker this year is the V. Rev. Lou Christopoulos, past Vice President of the OCMC. There is a \$60 donation per person, table of 10 for \$500, student rate of \$30 and children under 12, free. Please reserve your place at the banquet by contacting Dr. John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com or Ms. Antonia Chelpon at achelpon@aol.com. Tickets payable to "St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church" memo: OCMC. Fabulous themed baskets will again be available. Please plan to donate to and support this annual banquet.

GOYA – St. George Sights & Sounds Arts Festival, 3/2-3; GOYA Fundraiser at Souvlaki Bar on 3/17; St. George Lenten Retreat, 3/30. For more information, email SaintKatherineGoya@aol.com.

Food Pantry – Twice a year, the St. Katherine's community collects food for the food pantry at Columbia Baptist Church, our neighbor, a few blocks away. Today, after Liturgy, blue bags will be made available during coffee hour, with flyers suggesting items to donate. We ask that **you return the filled bags on Sunday, March 3**, to the foyer of our large Community Center. If you are unable to fill a bag, write a check to "Columbia Baptist Church" with "Food Pantry/St. K" in the corner and give to one of the food pantry volunteers. Your generosity means so much to those in need!

Daughters of Penelope Meeting – Sunday, March 3, after Liturgy in the Boardroom. Hope to see you there!



Announcements



We welcome to our Church this morning Reverend Father Panagiotis and Presvytera Barbara Alexopoulos who came from Greece to visit their children.

Memorial Services are offered this morning for **Reverend Father Archimandrite Nicholas Pekatoros**; for **Pericles G. Apostolou**, father of Sofia Kehayias and Chrisostomos Apostolou; for **Yvonne Stathis**, mother of Steve Stathis, Cathy Cable, Toni Fightmaster, and Elena Grivas, and sister of Nicholas Grivas and Maria Vasilakos; and for **Spiro Grivas**, father of Richard Grivas. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the spiritual children of Reverend Father Archimandrite Nicholas Pekatoros in his loving memory.

Philoptochos Easter Bake Sale will take place on Sunday, April 14 and Saturday April 20. There will be **NO Bake Sale on Palm Sunday and Holy Week.**

Sunday March 10th, the Ladies Philoptochos, will be offering their Annual Stewardship Tea. Please make your reservations by calling Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161 or email Mary.varlas@yahoo.com. For more information, please stop at the Philoptochos table during coffee hour.



Our Capital Campaign begun in September to address the abundant needs of our community. We solicit your support and encourage your prayerful consideration of this most worthy endeavor in support of “our families, our church, our future.” Please contact us at capcampaign@stkchurch.com with your questions.

JOURNEY TO ORTHODOXY – The “Journey to Orthodoxy” class for adults meets at 9 AM Sunday (concurrently with the youth Sunday School before 10 AM Divine Liturgy) in the Seniors’ Kentro room on the ground floor of Founders’ Hall. 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, this class is also recommended for intending or newly married couples, especially where one spouse is not Orthodox. Informal discussion format, text provided. For further information contact the teachers, John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Jim Jatrass heraclius13@gmail.com, 202-375-1007.

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 on Tuesdays. Meetings are at 7:15 p.m. in the Board Room. This includes time for discussion and fellowship.

Adult Bible Study – This year’s topic is *Who We are and What We Believe: A Journey through Examination of the Orthodox Faith Guided by the Words of the Nicene Creed*. The objective will be to broaden the understanding of our own Orthodox faith and deepen our spiritual outlooks. We will explore the significance of the Creed for how we live our faith now as individuals and as “one, holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.” Classes are held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the board room of the Meletis Churuhas Center. For more information or questions, please contact Bill Polizos at 571-434-7790 or polizos@att.com. Everyone welcome!

Scholarship Opportunity for Graduating Seniors! The 2019 Washington Metropolitan Area AHEPA/DOP Scholarship Program Application is available now in the Church Office (paper copy) and also through a link on the church’s website. Completed applications are due March 30, so don’t delay. Scholarship awards will be presented to recipients at the Annual Scholarship Banquet on May 19, 2019, 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.

Kenya Tents - Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Valentine’s fundraiser to acquire tents for the Orthodox Church in Kenya! We are very close to being able to donate 2 tents! We only need \$500 more! These tents are used for remote area church services, as well as generate income for the Women’s Orthodox Union. If you missed your chance but would still like to be part of this donation, please make your check payable to: “Saint Katherine’s Greek Orthodox Church” with “Kenya Tent” on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support!

Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival will be held on Sunday, March 17. Students in grades 7-9 may participate in the junior division and grades 10-12 are in the senior division. Grades 1-6 will participate in informal presentations. Information and registration forms are available on the Sunday School Bulletin Board, or please contact Tina Papamichael for more information, athena02@verizon.net.

Church Services

- Saturday, March 2 *1st Saturday of Souls* – Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, March 3 *Judgment (Meatfare) Sunday* – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
- Saturday, March 9 *2nd Saturday of Souls* – Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, March 10 *Forgiveness (Cheesefare) Sunday* – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, March 11 *Great Lent Begins – Αρχεται η Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή*

Sunday Services: Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. -- Week Day Services: Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

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 Αβελ, 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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