Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, February 26, 2012
Forgiveness-Cheesefare Sunday
St. Porphyrios, Bishop of Gaza
St. Photini the Samaritan & Sisters

Apolytikion of the Day (4th Tone)
Το φαιδρόν της Αναστάσεως κήρυγμα, εκ του Αγγέλου μαθούσαι αι του Κυρίου μαθήτριαι, και την προγονικήν απόφασιν απορρίψασαι, τοις Αποστόλοις καυχόμεναι ἐλέγον. Εσκύλευται ο θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστός ο Θεός, δωρούμενος το κόσμο το μέγα ἔλεος.

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and the rejection of the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly. Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1st Plagios Tone)
Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν και αντίληπτιν, ὑμίν κυρίαν τα άγια τα ασέβων, τους κυρίας τον Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και οις μάρτυρις του Κυρίου εκφυλιᾶσαι, αιτείται πάσι, το μέγα ἔλεος.

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.

Kontakion of the Day (2nd Plagios Tone)
Τῆς σοφίας οδηγήσον, φρονήσεως χορηγήσον, τῶν αφρόνων μαθητῶν, καὶ τῶν πεπνομένων διδόμενον, στήριξον τῆς καρδιὰς μοι Δέσποτα. Σὺ δίδωσιν τὸν λόγον, ο τοῦ Πατρὸς Λόγον. Ίδοι γαρ τὰ χείλη μου, σοι μὴ κωλύσω εἰς τὸ χρήσειν σοι: Ελέημον, ελέησόν με τον παραπεσόντα.

O wisdom’s guiding star, grantor of prudence, instructor of the fools, and defender of the poor, support and give understanding, O Master to my heart. Do give me words, who are the Father’s Word, or behold I shall not hold back my lips from crying out to you: O merciful one, have mercy on me who has gone astray.
Epistle Reading

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all you nations.
The reading is from Saint Paul’s First Letter to the Romans.

Romans 13:11-14, 14:1-4 – Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:14-21 – The Lord said: “If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Sacraments – Baptisms – Congratulations to Vasili and Danielle Koubaroulis on the baptism of their daughter Penelope Rae on February 25, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.; and to Nikolaos A. and Gissel Ploutis on the baptism of their son Nikolaos Alexandros on March 26, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

Teenage Lenten Retreat – Saint Katherine will host a TEENAGE LENTEN RETREAT on Saturday, March 17. Andrew Pavlakos and Theodore Cherpas, students at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, will be the retreat leaders. Please mark this date on your calendar. Details will be posted on our church’s website, in the DOXA, in the Sunday bulletin, and on flyers posted around the church and handed out during Sunday School. All teenagers of our community are encouraged to attend.

The Daughters of Penelope will hold their fourth annual tea on Sunday, April 29 at the Meletis Charuhas Center. The event will start at 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending or hosting a table, please contact Elvira Garnett (703) 425-3675, Cathy Cavallo (703) 978-1539 or Jane Moore (540) 371-8108. The cost of the tea is $35.00 payable to DOP Helle Chapter #283. No tickets will be sold at the door.

We are pleased to announce that for the next four Fridays, immediately after the Salutations services, there will be a special missions’ lecture in our Community Center: March 2, Alaska Mission by Greg McKinney; March 9, Guatemala I Mission by Nicole Leontsinis and team; March 16, Hellenic College/Holy Cross Seminary by Andrew Pavlakos and Theodore Cherpas; and March 23, Guatemala Mission II by Daphne Vaccarello and team.
**Announcements**

**Memorial Services** are offered this morning for Louis Glekas, husband of Mrs. Helen Glekas, and father of Pamela Spring and Valerie Underhill; and for Harry Trikaliotis, husband of Mrs. Fotini Trikaliotis and father of Maria Wills, Betty Bass, and Dimitri Trikaliotis. May their memory be eternal!

**Coffee Hour** is sponsored this morning by Mrs. Fotini Trikaliotis and family in memory of her beloved husband Harry Trikaliotis; and by Mrs. Helen Glekas and family in memory of her beloved husband Louis Glekas.

GOYA is selling ads for their Tournament Ad Book through April 6. Please contact Mrs. Campbell at frangool123@yahoo.com if you want to place an ad or have any questions. She will be available after Liturgy most Sundays. The costs are $50.00 for a half-page ad, $30.00 for a half-page ad, and/or $25.00 for a business card-sized ad. (Our GOYA’s Basketball Tournament will be held April 21-22. Please mark the dates on your calendar and join us.)

**Annual AHEPA Scholarship Awards** – The 43rd Annual Washington Metropolitan Area Scholarship Awards program is accepting applications from high school seniors affiliated with the AHEPA family or the Greek Orthodox Church in the greater DC area. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, have participated in extracurricular activities and/or sports, and be graduating from a DC-area high school. Applications are due on Friday, April 6 and the scholarship awards program will be held on Sunday, May 20 in Rockville, MD. For more information about how to apply, please contact Karen Polizos at (571) 434-7790 or at polik@cof.org. If you would like to make a donation to defray the costs of the program, or to award an individual scholarship, please contact Karen Polizos. You may also obtain a student scholarship application at the Church office and through St. Katherine’s website.

**Greek School – The Ellinomathia Exams** will take place again this year in our school on May 14, 15, and 16, 2012. The levels are: A1 (for children 8-12), A1 (for adults), A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2. Registration is taking place now till March 21. For information and applications please contact Sophia Tsangali, the principal, at (703) 671-1515 or stsangali@stkchurch.com.

**Our Church needs prosphoro** for every Divine Liturgy. If you can make prosphoro, please call Mrs. Niki Papasavva at (703) 764-9746.

**The St. Katherine 2012 Vacation Bible Camp** will take place this year from June 25-June 29. Registration begins today Sunday, February 19. If you have any questions please contact Daphne Papamichael at cyprusd@aol.com or Christina Vazquez at cvzm@aal.com. Applications will be available next week in the Narthex and they can be emailed to you electronically.

**Saturday AM Bible Study: Suffering among the Saints – The Book of Job** – “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil,” so God says to Satan in the opening chapter of this Old Testament book. Yet Job is tried and suffers mightily through the loss of his family, his health, and the goodwill of others. Sound familiar? Why do bad things happen to good people? Our study group will dig into the book’s powerful poetry as we discuss Job’s questions in light of the Church’s teaching and healing missions. When: Eight Saturday morning sessions began February 4, 2012, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Drop-ins are always welcome! Where: The boardroom on lower level of the Meletis Charuhas hall (education building). For more information, contact Gregory McKinney at (571) 338-6929.

**Call to Missions: Old Harbor, Alaska, June 27-July 7, 2012** – The Mission Committee is organizing a pan-Orthodox team to travel to the village of Old harbor on beautiful Kodiak Island. We are looking for a few good folks to help with floor tiling, light electrical work, carpentry and landscaping at the Church – as well as a few cooks and catechists to support the project. The trip is open to both sexes, including teens accompanied by a parent; space is limited. Team members should expect basic accommodations, simple meals, daily worship, meeting nice people, and a full day’s work. We will also join the village in celebrating the Fourth of July, their biggest event of the year. For more information, please contact Gregory McKinney at (571) 338-6929.
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, ὁπως δέχθηκες τα δώρα του Άβελ, τις θυσίες του Νώε και του Αβραάμ, το θυμίαμα του Ααρών και του Ζαχαρία, ας δέχθηκες από τα αμαρτωλά μας χέρια και τις προσφορές αυτές ἄτα, ὅστε πάντοτε να μπορούμε να σου προσφέρουμε δώρα και τους κόπους της εργασίας μας γιά την δόξα Σου, προς ελάφρυνση των δοκιμιών και της πείνας, προς διακονία του λαού Σου, προς συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών και εξίλασμό του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το ὅνομά Σου εἰς τὸν αἰώνα. Αμήν.