Sunday, March 3, 2013
17th Sunday of Luke

Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Κυριακή του Άσωτου
Eftropios, Kleonikos
Vasiliskos, Theodoretos of Antioch

Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Plagios Tone)
Ангелия Δυνάμεις επί το μνήμα σου, και οι φυλάσσοντες απεκρώθησαν. Και ίστατο
Μαρία εν τω τάφω, ζητούσα το άραντόν σου σώμα. Εσκύλευσας τον Άδην, μη πειρασθείς υπ’
αυτού. Υπήντησας τη παρθένο, δωρούμενος την ζωήν. Ο αναστάς εκ των νεκρών, Κύριε δόξα
σοι.
When the Angelic Powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became
as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body.
You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life.
You, resurrected from the dead, O Lord, glory to You.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1st Plagios Tone)
Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά,
την βοήθειαν ανθισμένην, ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρά τους κομψούς των ασεβών του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει.
Και ως μάρτυς του Κυρίου στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι, το μέγα έλεος.
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 (3rd Tone)
Της πατρώας δόξης σου, αποσκιρτήσας αφρόνως, εν κακοίς εσκόρπισα
ον μοι παρέδωκας πλούτον.
Οθεν σοι, την του Άσωτου φωνήν κραυγάζω. Ήμαρτον,
ενώπιον σου Πάτερ οικτίρμον. Δέξαι με μετανοούντα,
και ποίησόν με ως ένα των μισθίων σου.
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.
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 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

Matthew 25:31-46 – The Lord said this parable: “There was a man who had two sons: and the youngest 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 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 on 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.’”

We welcome Father John Parker, the newly appointed Director of Missions and Evangelism for the Orthodox Church in America.

Memorial Service is offered this morning for Thalia Kapnistos, mother of Patricia Leto and Diana Heseter. May her memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Leto and Heseter families in memory of their beloved mother, Thalia Kapnistos.

Orthodoxy 101 – Six sessions covering the basic of the Orthodox Church. Suitable for interfaith couples, a serious seeker, or someone considering joining the Church, these classes provide a friendly and open forum to explore your interest and address your questions. Sundays, March 10 – April 14, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the upper level stage area of the Meletis Charuhas Center. Questions? Contact Fr. Costas – fracostas@stkchurch.com.

Junior Choir will meet and practice every other Sunday, following the second Liturgy – March 10 in the choir loft and March 24 in the Choir Room on the lower level of the Meletis Charuhas Center.

Lenten Retreat – Saturday, March 30, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Founders’ Hall. Retreat Master: Rev. Dr. Patrick Viscuso. Topic: Does the Church Have Any Rules? RSVP by March 26 to: Sophia Tsangali at (703) 671-1515 or Fr. Costas at frcostas@stkchurch.com. Also, JOY Retreat (ages 8-12), 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. RSVP to Tina Papamichael, athena02@verizon.net or (703) 536-4711. Lunch will be provided. There is no fee, but advance registration is required.

Best advertising rates around! Please consider advertising your business and/or profession on the new online Saint Katherine Business and Professional Directory. So many of us would prefer to do business with someone we know. Let the rest of the community know what you do for a living! The directory is already up and running. Check it out on the church website. The Application form is included in this bulletin and online. Contact Daphne Vaccarello, dvac.memories@verizon.net with any questions.

Vacation Bible Camp – Parents, mark your calendars! VBC begins on Monday, June 24 and lasts until Friday, June 29. This summer we will celebrate the 10 Year Anniversary of VBC. There are only 60 seats available, so if you are interested in having your children attend camp be sure to complete and mail your forms to Christina Vazquez. Forms are available in the Narthex. If you have questions contact Daphne Papamichael at cyprusd@aol.com or Christina Vazquez at czvmail@aol.com.

Operation Paperback is a nonprofit organization that collects and sends new and used paperback books (novels, children’s books, biographies, classics, best sellers, etc.) to military bases overseas for the soldiers and their families. Books will be collected in marked boxes in the Greek School lobby and the lobby of the Meletis Charuhas Center from Saturday, March 2 through Sunday, March 10. Please contact Alexandra Veletsis, luludi15@cox.net, for more information. Thanks for supporting our troops!

The Daughters of Penelope Scholarship and Award Applications are now available online at www.daughtersofpenelope.org.

The Ellinomathia Examinations will take place this year in our school, May 14, 15 and 16. For applications please contact Sophia Tsangali at (703) 671-1515 or stsangali@stkchurch.com.

Apokreatiko Glendi – This coming Saturday, March 9, 5:00-11:00 p.m.! Tickets sold during Greek School hours, after the Divine Liturgy, or online http://2013apokreatikoglendi.eventbrite.com. Sponsored by Saint Katherine Greek School.
GOYA will be selling Ads for their Tournament Book after both Liturgies during “Coffee Hour”. The St. Katherine GOYA Basketball Tournament will be held May 11th and May 12th. This is a perfect way to advertise your Business and give your support to GOYA at the same time. As always, our GOYA thanks you in advance for your love and support!

Greek School and Paideia Preschool March 25th Program – Saturday, March 23, 12:00 p.m. at the Meletis/Charuhas.

Prometheas March 25th Program – Sunday, March 24, 5:30 p.m. at St. George, Bethesda, MD.

The Washington Area Greek Education Committee presents The Hippo Theatre Group (from Thessaloniki, Greece) for an Educational Theatrical Play for children of all ages, “NIARA”, Sunday, April 7, 2013, St. Katherine’s Meletis Charuhas Center. Please see Sophia Tsangali for tickets, $10.00 adults, $5.00 children (12 and under).

Caregiver, Babysitter, or Housekeeper available – Looking for a job with a family for P/T or F/T position, live out or live in. I am mature, responsible, patient, reliable and honest. I have good references upon request. Available to do housekeeping; tutoring Greek too. Please contact Maria at (703) 938-0538.

Men’s Basketball – Please join us at the George Washington University Smith Center to support Amarousi, Greece native and GW freshman basketball player Paris Maragkos. Saturday, March 9, 2:00 p.m., Charles E. Smith Center (200 22nd St., NW, Washington, DC 20052). Purchase your specially priced $10.00 ticket entering PROMO CODE: GREECE AT GWsports.com/tickets or by calling (202) 994-9186. For more information, please email Ticket Sales Manager, Chris Frakes at tickets@gwu.edu.

Church Services

Saturday, March 9

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

Monday, March 10

Judgement Sunday (Meatfare)
Κυριακή της Κρίσεως (Της Κρεωφάγου)
Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m.
Orthos/Youth and Adult Catechism 9:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 16

2nd Saturday of Souls – Β΄ Ψυχοσάββατον
Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 17

Cheesfare Sunday (Forgiveness)
Κυριακή της Τυροφάγου (Της Συγχωρήσεως)
Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m.; and 10:30 a.m.
Orthros/Youth and Adult Catechism 9:30 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 Άβελ, τις θυσίες του Νώε και του Αβραάμ, το θυμίαμα του Ααρών και του Ζαχαρία, ας δέχθεις από τα αμαρτώλα μας χέρια και τις προσφορές αυτές έτσι, ώστε πάντοτε να μπορούμε να σου προσφέρουμε δόρα και τους κόπους της εργασίας μας γιά την δόξα Σου, προς ελάφρυνση του δοκιμασίων και της πείνας, προς διακονία του λαού Σου, προς συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών και εξιλασμό του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και την φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αἰώνα. Αμήν.