Sunday, March 15

2nd Sunday of Great Lent

- St. Gregory Palamas

- 2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30am

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Monday, March 16

- Compline 7:00pm; Holy Confession 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 18

- Presanctified Liturgy 7:00pm; Holy Confession 6:00pm

Friday, March 20

- 3rd Salutations 7:00pm; Holy Confession 6:00pm

Pack Bags for Lenten Outreach 8:00pm

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- 3rd Sunday of Great Lent – The Veneration of the Holy Cross

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Acolytes – Michael Parrish and Leon Porter, 571-213-1109
Proto-Psalter – Nicholas Mutas 703-560-7174
Choir Director – John Slanta 703-307-0142
Catechetical School – Christina Vasquez 703-728-2657
Hellenic Education Center – 703-671-1515

The Sunday bulletin is available online at http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins.
Epistle Reading

O Lord save your people and bless your inheritance. To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God. The reading is from St. Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3 “IN THE BEGINNING, Thou, Lord, didst found the heavens and the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands, they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end.” But to what angel has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet?” Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first of the Lord, and it is attested to us by those who heard him.

Gospel Reading

Mark 2:12 – At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, even not even a bow at the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. When they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “My son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak thus? Is it a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your pallet and walk?’ But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic—“I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home.” And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

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! Cancelled.

JOURNEY TO ORTHODOXY – “The Journey to Orthodoxy” class for adults meets 9:30-10:30am Sunday after Liturgy, concurrently with the Sunday School. The class is designed for converts and 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’ Kentero room on the ground floor of Founders’ Hall. For further information contact the teachers, John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com, Bill Porter WEPorter1@fcs.net, Dr. Jim Heras herasjim13@gmail.com 202-375-1007. Cancelled.

Our local St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival which was going to be held at St. Katherine’s this morning has been cancelled. School Sunday classes have been cancelled also.

The Order of AHEPA will celebrate its 45th Biennale 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 Parish 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 Chapter 434. Please remit to payment “AHEPA Chapter 434”. For reservations & additional information/clarifications please contact one of the following: George Vassilopoulos 703-323-0733 (gvassna@gmail.com); Angelo Tourti 703-281-0843 (antoniovii@verizon.net); Fr. Chelpon, achelpon@aol.com, Sara Buchanan, buchanansara@hotmail.com or Paula Massouh, pannisamsouh@gmail.com. Tickets payable to “St. Katherine Orthodox Church”, memo: OCMC

Announcements

Memorial Services are offered this morning for Sophia Longovitou, mother of Nicholas Paraskevas and Stamatina Felix; for Angeliki Floros, wife of Mr. Dionysios Floros, and mother of Nick, George and Peter; for Katerina Loi and Sotiris Loi, grandmother and uncle of Kostas and Jacob Andreadou, Andri Orphanides, Sophia Orphanides, Tina Kavlarigos, and Kostas Loi. Sotiris Loi is father of Kostas Loi. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the families of Paraskevas, Felix, and Floros in memory of their loved ones; and by our Ladies Philoptochos. Cancelled.

Philoptochos – Easter Bake Sale will take place on Sunday, April 5th and Saturday, April 11th. No bake sale on Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Please preorder with Mrs. Mary Varlas at Laptopsk@yahoo.com or call at 703-965-4161. 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 Philoptochos breakfast for this morning has been cancelled. The 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.

SAVE THE DATES!!! This year’s VBC will be held the week of June 22-26. This year’s theme will be “Fruits of the Holy Spirit” and an exciting week of activities is being planned! Please consider volunteering as a teacher, assistant, lunch preparation, or donating to this ministry. Sign up sheets will be posted as the time nears. Thank you!!!

GOYA – Bible Study this Tuesday, 3/17 has been cancelled. Upcoming events: Lenten Bags project 3/20 & 3/22; St. George Tournament 3/21-22; Youth Sunday/Meeting, 3/29; Spaghetti Lunch Service project 3/29. For additional information, email SaintKatherineGOYA@stkchurch.com.

Catechetical Lectures of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem – A Greek Bible study led by Professor Ioannis Gkikizikas. The Adult Catechism and sacraments class “Catechetical Lectures of Saint Cyril” is taking place every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room has been cancelled.

St. 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 victoriacherepies@gmail.com.

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.

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 Daphe Papanikadelous at cvpr@ad.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, cyproud@ad.com. 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, cyproud@ad.com. 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, cyproud@ad.com.

SAVE THE DATE! OCCM ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER MAY 3, 2020: Our annual OCCM 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. Silouon 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, a.chelponi@aol.com, Sara Buchanan, buchananarsa@hotmail.com or Paula Massouh, pannisamsouh@gmail.com. Tickets payable to “St. Katherine Orthodox Church”, memo: OCCM

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