You descended from on high O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

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.

Your city sings to you a song of victory, and offers thanks to its defender and deliverer, for sparing it from trials, O Theotokos. But because you have the power invincible, from a multitude of dangers liberate me, so that I may cry out to you: Hail Bride who knew no bridegroom.
Epistle Reading

Make your vows to the Lord
and perform them.

God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.
The Reading is from St. Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 9:11-14 – Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Gospel Reading

March 10:32-45 – At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise.”

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Girls, ages 6-13, who would like to be a Myrrh-Bearer during the Lamentations service on Holy Friday evening should contact Christina Vazquez at czvmail@aol.com. Eight girls are needed for the service. Each girl will need to be present for a meeting after the morning service on Holy Friday.

Diaper Collection April 13th, Palm Sunday – We will again have our semi-annual diaper drive on Palm Sunday, April 13th, 2014. Collections will take place in the foyer of our Community Center. Please bring unopened packages for newborn to 6. No pull-ups please. Federal food stamps cannot be used to buy diapers, so this is a great help to mothers with infants.
Memorial Services are offered this morning for John Harocopos, husband of Mrs. Antigone Harocopos, and father of George and Anna Maria; for Anastasia Papadopoulou, mother of Lena and Donald Bacon, and Lily Papadopoulou, and grandmother of Esther Anastasia and Stephanos Bacon; for Irene and Polydoros (Paul) Adams, parents of Eleni Trahos; and for Marios Droussiotos, husband of Mrs. Nathina Droussiotos, and father of Marinios. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Harocopos, the Papadopoulos, the Trahos and the Droussiotos families in memory of their loved ones.

Palm Sunday Family Fish Luncheon will be held immediately after both Divine Liturgies on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2014. Psari cod plaki, rice, role of bread and Greek salad, beverages. Donation: $15.00 per person. Pasta dish available for children: $7.00. Carry out orders will also be available after both Liturgies.

Saint Katherine’s First Annual Traditional Greek Easter Picnic/Celebration – Reservations are now being accepted for Saint Katherine’s First Annual Traditional Greek Easter Picnic/Celebration. Please bring your family and join all your friends on Easter Sunday, April 20th for your Easter meal, music, and lots of fun! Tickets are $30.00 for adults and $25.00 for children under twelve. Your ticket includes appetizers (starting 12:30 p.m.), roast lamb on the spit meal (starting 2:00 p.m.) with sides, dessert, and beverages. Make your reservations now and don’t miss out. Please call Mallamo Mavromatakis at (703) 830-0224 or the church office at 703-671-1515 to join the fun!

Philoptochos Easter Bake Sale – Today, and on Sunday, April 13, 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, April 16 at 4:30 p.m.

HEC Matching Grant – All donations to the HEC up to a total of $1,000 will be matched by a matching grant program established by the Garnett family. Please make checks payable to St. Katherine Greek School with a notation “HEC Matching Grant.” Call the Church office, (703) 671-1515 for additional information. We gratefully acknowledge the Garnett family’s generosity and encourage everyone’s participation.

Saint Katherine Paideia Preschool – Every Wednesday, 9:30am-11am, and 2:30pm - 3:30pm., and every Tuesday, 5:00pm - 6:00pm. For information please visit www.stkhec.org or contact Eleni Alexopoulou, Director, at 703-627-1556 or ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com. Information for HEC Summer Camp 2014 can be found in the narthex.

GOYA Basketball Tournament Book – GOYA will be selling Ads after Liturgies today during Coffee Hours for their Basketball Tournament Book. The Tournament is April 26 – April 27, 2014. This is GOYA’s main Fundraiser. Business Ads are welcomed! GOYA thanks the Parish in advance for their support.

Daughters of Penelope, Helle Chapter, invites you to attend our Ladies’s Fashion Show Around the Tea Tables on Sunday, May 4, 2014, held at St. Katherine’s Meletis Charuhas Community Center. View the beautiful table settings starting at 1:30 p.m. with Tea at 2:00 p.m. Fashions by Chicos. Donation: $40.00 to support our scholarship fund and other philanthropic projects. Please contact Rosalie Georgeadis (703) 532-1723 or Lynn Francis (703) 978-4370 by April 23. Checks payable to: DOP Helle Chapter 283. Tickets will not be sold at the door. We are also conducting a raffle with great prizes – stop by the hall to purchase your tickets - $5.00 or 5 for $20.00. We appreciate your support!

Easter Agape Service – We need readers for the Easter Agape service. Would you like to read The Holy Bible for Easter Agape Service? If you can read a language other than English or Greek and would like to participate on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014, please call Mr. David Garnett at (703) 425-3675.
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 δέχθηκε και 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 εξίλασμο του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.

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