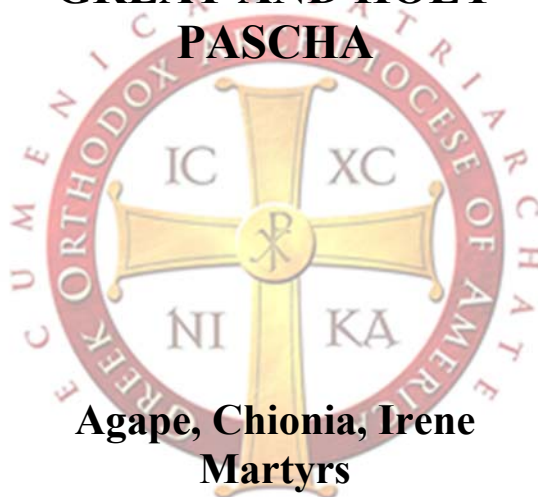


# *Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church*

Sunday, April 16, 2017

**GREAT AND HOLY  
PASCHA**



**Agape, Chionia, Irene  
Martyrs**

## *Apolytikion of Great Holy Pascha (1<sup>st</sup> Plagal Tone)*

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Χριστός ανέστη εκ νεκρών, θανάτω, θάνατον πατήσας, και εν τοις εν τοις μνήμασι ζώνη χαρισάμενος.

## *Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1<sup>st</sup> Tone)*

The all-blessed bride of Christ let us extoll 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 you.

Την πανεύφημον νόμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντίληψιν. Ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομπούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματον τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

## *Kontakion of the Day (4<sup>th</sup> Plagal Tone)*

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

Ει και έν τάφω κατήλθες άθάνατε, αλλά του Ήδου καθεΐλες την δύναμιν, και άνέστης ως νικητής, Χριστέ ό Θεός, γυναιξι Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος. Χαίρετε, και τοις σοις Άποστόλοις ειρήνην δωρούμενος ό τοις πεσοῦσι παρέχων άνάστασιν.

## *Epistle Reading*

*This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.  
The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.*

**Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8** – IN THE FIRST BOOK, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

## *Gospel Reading*

**John 1:1-17** – In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

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**St. Katherine's Bookstore** – If you have items you would like to donate to the Bookstore, feel free to bring them by the bookstore. Consider purchasing a new icon this Lent. We will be discounting our in-stock icons 15 percent. Our stock includes many beautiful icons of Christ, the Theotokos, major saints, and guardian angels. Credit card payments accepted.

**Vacation Bible Camp June 26th – 30th, 2017** – "Going for the Gold!" is the theme of St. Katherine's VBC 2017 and we will be covering the Feasts of the Triumph of Christ and His Church. The camp is for ages 4-14 and will run from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$30/child including lunch daily. A registration table will be set up after Liturgy on March 12th and 19th in the community center lobby. Please have your payment ready – registration is not complete until payment is received. Checks should be made out to: St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church with "VBC 2017" in the memo line. Forms are also available online on our website. Payment may be given directly to Eleni Porter, placed in the Sunday school mailbox, or mailed to 6811 Bluefield Court, Springfield, VA 22152. Refer questions to Eleni Porter at [beporter1@verizon.net](mailto:beporter1@verizon.net) or 703-470-9992.

# Announcements

**Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη! Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!**

**Memorial Coffee Hour Procedure** – If you would like to sponsor the coffee hour in memory of your loved one, a donation of \$175.00 is required. This includes coffee set-up, 100 koulourakia, 100 paximathia, putting koliva in cups, and clean-up after the event. Please remember to schedule the memorial service with the Church Office and mail your check at that time. Checks should be made payable to *Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church*.

**MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE** – We are pleased to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at <http://saint-katherines.org>
- 2) Click on the **Online Donation** button,
- 3) Click on the Create Profile button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.



To reach the online giving page using your smartphone or tablet, simply scan our QR code to sign up and start giving. Our new **Giving Kiosk** is also available in the Narthex for your convenience.

**Women's Book Club** – Please join us on Wednesday, April 26, at 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Meletis Charuhas Center in the room two doors from the church office. We are reading “The Pilgrim Continuous His Way”. For further information please contact Despina Raizes at [2draizes@gmail.com](mailto:2draizes@gmail.com) or (703) 216-8176.

**Kairos Prison Ministry** – We will be baking cookies for Kairos Prison Ministry on April 24, 2017. We will be baking 150 dozen cookies. Volunteers needed. Please contact Dennis Garbis at 202-437-7299 for more information.

**OCMC Annual Benefit Banquet** – Now taking reservations for what promises to be a great evening. The Annual Benefit Banquet for OCMC, Sunday, April 30. The night begins with Vespers followed by a wine reception, silent auction and two raffles. Raffle prizes include: a weekend stay at the Four-Diamond Hilton Mclean Hotel or a weekend/weekday stay at a Condo at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in PA. Your \$60.00 ticket includes a wine reception, dinner & wine, desserts and a beautiful classical guitar performance. The keynote speaker, the Very Rev. Martin Ritsi, Executive Director of OCMC, will be speaking the heart on Missions in Today's World. Please join us in this wonderful benefit for OCMC Missions around the world! Visit our reservation & ticket table during coffee hour or contact Dr. Demakis [demakis9931@gmail.com](mailto:demakis9931@gmail.com) or Betty Slanta [slanta@verizon.net](mailto:slanta@verizon.net). Thank you!

**High School World Languages, Fairfax County Public Schools** – Every year, Fairfax County Public Schools offers 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade students the opportunity to obtain High School credit for their knowledge of a foreign language. Currently 26 world languages are offered as part of this exam, Modern Greek is not one of them. Here is a link that provides additional information: *High School World Languages, Fairfax County Public Schools*. To do so, we need to provide the Fairfax County World Language personnel a list of 200 Fairfax County Public students who are rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders through 12<sup>th</sup> graders and know Greek. For more information please contact, [pelekasisgreece@yahoo.com](mailto:pelekasisgreece@yahoo.com).

**The Feast Day of Saint George the Great Martyr and Triumphant.** The Priests of Saint George, Bethesda, MD invite us to join them on Saint George Feast Day for Great Vespers on April 22, 6:30 p.m., and for the Divine Liturgy on April 23 at 9:30 a.m.

**St. Katherine's GOYA** will host its annual Basketball Tournament on April 22 and 23, 2017, and invite our parishioners to come and support our GOYA youth! We will publish an Ad Book as our only fundraiser. You may email Elena Lagos at [pedakia@aol.com](mailto:pedakia@aol.com), if you are interested in placing an ad.



## Church Services

EASTER SUNDAY, April 16	<i>Vespers of Love/Agape</i> 11:00 a.m.
Renewal Friday, April 21	<i>Theotokos of the Life-Giving Font</i> – Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, April 22	<i>Great Vespers of Saint George the Great Martyr</i> 6:30 p.m. at Saint George, Bethesda, Maryland
Sunday, April 23	<i>Sunday of Saint Thomas</i> – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 30	<i>Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers</i> – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

*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 Άβελ, 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 εξίλασμό 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 in two formats--a PDF copy of the bulletin handed out in church and an online version with much more information. Please take a moment to check them out by visiting:

[http://www.saint-katherines.org/about\\_us/sunday-bulletins](http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins)



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