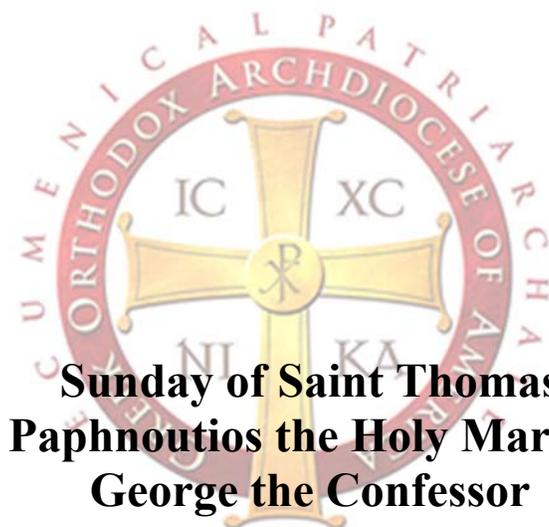
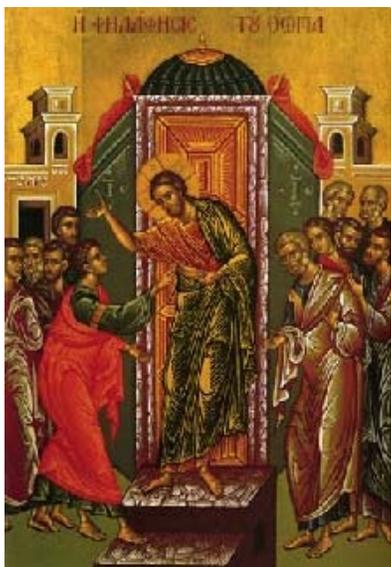


Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, April 19, 2015



**Sunday of Saint Thomas
Paphnoutios the Holy Martyr
George the Confessor**

Apolytikion of the Day (1st Plagios 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 τοις εν τοις μνήμασι ζώήν χαρισάμενος.

Apolytikion of the Day (Grave Tone)

By means of Your Cross, O Lord You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the Myrrh-bearing women You transformed and you gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen from the dead, our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

Εσφραγισμένου του μνήματος η ζωή εκ τάφου ανέτειλας Χριστέ ο Θεός, και των θυρών κεκλεισμένων, τοις Μαθηταίς επέστης η πάντων ανάστασις, πνεύμα ευθές δι' αυτών εγκαινίζν ημίν, κατά το μέγα σου έλεος.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1st 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 νύμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντίληπνιν. Ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομπούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Plagios 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 εν τάφω κατήλθες αθάνατε, αλλά του Άδου καθείλες την δύναμιν, και ανέστης ως νικητής, Χριστέ ο Θεός, γυναιξί Μυροφόροις φθελγάμενος. Χαίρετε, και τοις σοις Αποστόλοις ειρήνην δωρούμενος, ο τοις πεσούσι παρέχων ανάστασιν.

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Epistle Reading

*Great is our Lord, and great is his power.
Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.
The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Acts 5:12-20

In those days many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

Announcements

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

Our Saint Katherine's GOYA Basketball Tournament is this weekend and we wish all the Goyans Good Luck!

Parents are reminded that *children are not allowed to play on the stage* in the Meletis Charuhas Center during Coffee Hour or other social gatherings. We ask your assistance to prevent injury to the children and damage to curtains and other equipment. Thank you.

New Candle Prices – The Parish Council has approved the following changes to candles available at the pangaria: Red votive candles - \$10; large white candles - \$5; small candles -\$1 (no change). Prices are effective in April.

Save the date: Metropolitan DC Orthodox Mission and Outreach Mission Dinner – The Metropolitan DC Orthodox Mission and Outreach Committee is again sponsoring a Mission dinner, to be held at St. Katherine, next Sunday, April 26, 2015, 5:00 p.m. Pan-Orthodox Vespers, 5:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, and 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Presentation, to benefit the OCMC, the International Orthodox Mission and Evangelization organization. Please consider coming to the banquet. The speaker is Very Rev. John Chakos, Missionary to Guatemala, who will speak on “*Orthodoxy in the Guatemalan Highlands: a light shines brightly*”. The tickets are \$55.00 for adults; for those under 22, \$30.00; children under 6 are free; get a table for 10 for \$500.00. The reservation deadline is April 21, 2015. Points of contact are: Dr. John Demakis, demakis9931@gmail.com; Skip Mersereau, jwmster@gmail.com or Betty Slanta, slanta@verizon.net. Enclose check and mail to St. Katherine, 3149 Glen Carlyn Rd., Falls Church, VA 22041. Check payable to *St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church*, note: Mission Banquet.

The 2015 Saint Katherine Vacation Bible Camp needs teachers and volunteers! Please contact Vicki Mowery at (703) 913-3178 or mowerycrew@gmail.com, or Eleni Porter at (703) 913-0962 or beporter@verizon.net if you are interested. Camp will take place June 22-26, 2015, 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., ages 4-14. **Registration is still open!** Vacation Bible Camp is a unique opportunity for our Orthodox youth to come together in order to enhance their understanding of our faith. Please help us make this a memorable week for our youth. Registration forms are available at the narthex. (Sponsored by AHEPA Chapter #438).

Helle Chapter invites the St. Katherine Community to attend a speaker presentation this Sunday, April 19th, immediately following second Liturgy. We are delighted to welcome Jan King, a motivational speaker, humorist, author and breast cancer survivor. Her inspirational presentation will be held in the lecture room across from the board room and a light lunch will be provided. We hope you will join us.

HEC will offer a 7-week period of summer fun to 3 - 5 year-old children in our Summer Camp Program, June 29 - August 14, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. For more information, please contact the director at ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com.

Food Pantry – Our next collection for the food pantry mission at our neighbor church, Columbia Baptist Crossroads on Glen Carlyn Road, will be on Sunday, May 17. Blue cloth bags with a list of suggested donations will be handed out on May 3 and May 10. Thank you for your contributions for the destitute, which have been totaling a thousand pounds of food per collection. We also welcome your help in taking the food to Columbia Baptist and shelving it on Sunday, May 17 at 10:30 a.m. If you would like to be involved, contact Marilyn Rouvelas at mrouvelas@verizon.net.

The Yard Sale by our Philoptochos will take place on Saturday, May 16, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Katherine's Founders' hall. For more information please contact Mrs. Trish Kapsidelis at (703) 356-5905.

Church Services

Thursday, April 23

St. George the Great Martyr

Αγ. Γεωργίου Μεγαλομάρτυρος

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. at St. George in Bethesda, MD

Sunday, April 19

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers

Κυριακή των Μυροφόρων

Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m.

Orthros/Youth and Adult Catechism 9:30 a.m.