Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, April 20, 2014





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, ζωήν χαρισάμενος.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1st Plagios Tone)

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.

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντίληψιν, ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και ως μάρτυς του Κυρίου στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι, το μέγα έλεος.

Kontakion of the Day 4th Plagios Tone)

Though in the grave you descended, O immortal one, yet you destroyed the power of Hades; and you rose as victor, O Christ our God; to the Myrrh-bearing women you said: Rejoice! And to your Apostles you granted your peace, you who grant resurrection to the fallen ones.

Ει και εν τάφω κατήλθες αθάνατε, αλλά του Άδου καθήλες την δύναμιν. Και ανέστης ως νικητής, Χριστέ ο Θεός, γυναιξί μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, χαίρετε, και τοις σοις Αποστόλοις ειρήνην δωρούμενος, ο τοις πεσούσι παρέχων ανάστασιν.

Epistle Reading

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever. The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 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 changed 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 to 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.

Announcements

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



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.

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. Pleae contact Rosalie Georgeadis (703) 532-1723 or Lynn Francis (703) 978-4370 by April 23. Checks payable to: *DOP Helle Chapter 283*. <u>Tickets will not be sold at the door</u>. 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!

Food Pantry Collection, May 4, 2014 – Our next quarterly food pantry drive will occur on Sunday, May 4th, 2014. Please bring non-perihsable food or canned items to the church on Sunday, May 4th, 2014. A complete list is on the St. Katherine website. Please place the items in cloth bags that will be distributed at church. A big thanks to Rebecca Leung and Marilyn Rouvelas who are donating the cloth bags. Please be generous. Get the children involved. What a wonderful way to teach our children to help the less fortunate.