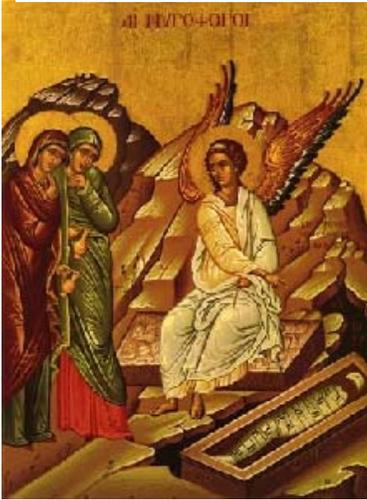


Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, April 22, 2018
The Myrr-Bearing Women



Righteous Theodore the Sykeote
Saints:
Nathaniel, Luke, and Clemente

Apolytikion of the Great and Holy PASCHA (1ST 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 τοις εν τοις μνήμασι ζωήν χαρισάμενος.

Resurrectional Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Tone)

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

Ότε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος. ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον. Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

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 νόμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντίληψιν. Ότι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τους κομπούς των ασεβῶν, του Πνεύματον τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυρ στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πάσι το μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th 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.

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ Ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν, καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναίξιν Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος. Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

Epistle Reading

The Lord is my strength and my song.

The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 6:1-7 – In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Gospel Reading

Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8 – At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

GOYA – Bake Sale today following the Divine Liturgy!

Youth Church Duty and GOYA Meeting at 12:30 p.m. in Kentro, today.

GOYAnS will help serve at **OCMC Banquet** this evening.

Next weekend, Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29 – **Saint Demetrios GOYA Basketball Tournament** in Baltimore.

OCF – Wednesday, April 25, 7:00 p.m., **Meeting and Discussion**. For more details please contact: njunes@stkchurch.com for more details.

Many Thanks to all our parishioners who helped and supported our church during the Great Lent, Holy Week and Easter! May our Risen Lord bless you and your families always!

Announcements

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

Memorial Services are offered this morning for **Maria Linardakis**, wife of Mr. Peter Linardakis and mother of Georgia, Lenny, Angie, and Angelo; and for **Stephanie Kearse**, mother of Zachary. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by Mr. Peter Linardakis and family in memory of his beloved wife, Maria Linardakis.

Journey to Orthodoxy – Our “Journey to Orthodoxy” class for adults meets 9:00-10:00 a.m. Sunday before Liturgy. This class is designed for non-Orthodox inquirers as well as Orthodox Christians wanting to learn more about our faith. It is also recommended for newly married couples, particularly where one is not Orthodox. It is informal and all texts are provided. Location is the Seniors’ Kentro (downstairs of Chelpon Hall). For more information please contact Dr. John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com, 202-375-1007.

Ladies Philoptochos invite you to a Continental Breakfast on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 13th and Father’s Day, Sunday June 17th, after Liturgy. We will be raising funds for the “*Heart to Heart*” campaign that will help our brothers and sisters, who are in such financial crisis in Cyprus and Greece. Your donations are welcome. Please make your checks payable to: *The Saint Katherine Ladies Philoptochos*.

Ladies Philoptochos General Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 20th, in the boardroom of the Meletis Charuhas Center following the Divine Liturgy.

Scholarship Opportunity for Graduating Seniors! – The Scholarship Awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet on Sunday, May 20, 2018, at the Hilton Hotel in Rockville, MD. For information, please contact Karen Polizos, (571) 434-7790.

OCMC Benefit Dinner this evening, Sunday, April 22, 2018 – Please join us in a Pan-Orthodox Celebration of Orthodox Christian Missions this evening, following Vespers at 4:30 p.m. Come enjoy a wine reception and dinner, along with music, raffles and guest speakers, including our very own Antonia Chelpon. Your support will help the Orthodox Christian Missions Center spread our Orthodox faith throughout the world! Tickets are \$60.00. Student rate is \$30.00 and a table for ten is \$500.00. For tickets to the benefit and the raffle please contact: Nia Vroustouris at evroustouris@gmail.com, Linda Jouvanis at ljouvanis@gmail.com, or stop by the Missions and Outreach table during Coffee Hour on Sundays following the Divine Liturgy.

You are invited to join the Gardeners of Saint Phocas – Together we can continue to enhance the gardens of our church. All interested parishioners are asked to contact Linda Jouvanis at ljouvanis@gmail.com. You do not need a green thumb. A joyful spirit will do!

The Hellenic Society of Constantinopolitans of the DC Metro Area invites you to a **Spring Fashion Show** at Bloomingdale's in Tysons - just in time for Mother's Day! Watch your favorite brands on the catwalk, while sipping complimentary champagne and nibbling hors d'oeuvres provided by Nostos Restaurant, Plaka Grill, and more! Sunday, May 6th; Bloomingdale's (2nd Floor); Tysons Corner, Vienna, Virginia. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-fashion-show-bloomingdales-tysons-tickets-44352933819?aff=es2>. A portion of ticket sales plus 10% of purchases made by ticket-holders will benefit the ESTIA Nursing Home in Athens, Greece. Questions? hscondc@yahoo.com.

Church Services

Monday, April 23 **Saint George the Great Martyr** – Celebrated at St. George, Bethesda, MD
Orthros 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 29 **Sunday of the Paralytic** – 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 Αβελ, 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 εξιλασμό 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 at http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins.



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