

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**Sunday, April 28, 2019
GREAT & HOLY PASCHA**

**The Holy Nine Monk Martyrs of
Cyzikos
John the Martyr of Romania
Memnon the Wonderworker**



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 ζώνην χαρισάμενος.

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

Let us praise the all lauded and noble bride of Christ, the godly Katherine, the guardian of Sinai and its defense, who is also our support, assistance and our help; for with the Holy Spirit's sword she hath silenced brilliantly the clever among the godless; and being crowned as a Martyr, she now does ask great mercy for us all.

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 νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Plagal Tone)

Into the grave you descended, immortal One, and yet the power of Hades has you destroyed! And as victor you did arise, O Christ God, to the women who came bearing myrrh, you proclaimed, "Rejoice!" and unto your apostles you granted the gift of peace, and have bestowed on the fallen resurrection.

Εί και έν τάφω κατήλθες άθανατε, αλλά του Ήδου καθεΐλες την δύναμιν, και άνέστης ώς νικητής, Χριστέ ό Θεός, γυναιξι Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος. Χαΐρετε, 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 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.

OCMC Mission Banquet – The Metropolitan Washington DC Mission and Outreach Committee will again sponsor an Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) Mission Banquet on Sunday, May 5, 2019, beginning with Vespers at 4:00 pm; appetizers and dinner program begin at 5:00 pm at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church 3149 Glen Carlyn Road Falls Church, VA 22041. The banquet speaker this year is the V. Rev. Lou Christopoulos, past Vice President of the OCMC. And, Dr. Michael Colburn, OCMC linguist and translator will present on how he translates liturgies into the languages of the countries where OCMC has a presence. There is a \$60 donation per person, or get a table of 10 for \$500, student rate is \$30 and children under 12 are free. Please reserve your place at the banquet by contacting Dr. John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com or Ms. Antonia Chelpon at achelpon@aol.com. Tickets are payable to "St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church" memo: OCMC. There will also be a special dedication in memory of Col. Dennis J. Garbis and Mikhail & Theodora (Dottie) Ziu. Fabulous themed baskets will again be available. Please plan to donate to and support this annual banquet.

Saint Genevieve Orthodox Christian Book Club is currently reading "*Wounded by Love: The Life and Wisdom of Saint Porphyrios*" Copies of the book are available in the parish bookstore. Our next meeting is on Sunday May 5th following the Divine Liturgy. All are welcome and we hope to see you there. Teen babysitters are available for parents with small children. Please contact Victoria Cherpes (victoriacherpes@gmail.com) for more information.



Announcements



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

Heart to Heart, Sunday, May 5th – The Ladies Philoptochos will be offering A continental breakfast to be served in the Chelpon Hall after the Divine Liturgy. This fundraiser will be for our brothers and sisters in Greece and Cyprus. Everyone is invited. In case you cannot join us, please mail your contribution to *Saint Katherine Ladies Philoptochos* with *Heart to Heart* in the memo line.

Saturday June 1st is our annual Ladies Philoptochos Luncheon at Nostos restaurant in Vienna Va. Prepaid reservations are accepted by Mary Varlas 703-965-4161. No payment at the door.

The Ladies Philoptochos are collecting Greek Recipes, in order to publish our first cookbook. Please email us your recipes at greekrecipes@aol.com or bring them to us at our table during the coffee hour.



Our Capital Campaign begun in September to address the abundant needs of our community. We solicit your support and encourage your prayerful consideration of this most worthy endeavor in support of “our families, our church, our future.” Please contact us at capcampaign@stkchurch.com with your questions.

JOURNEY TO ORTHODOXY – The “Journey to Orthodoxy” class for adults meets at 9:00 a.m. Sunday (concurrently with the youth Sunday School before 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy) in the Seniors’ Kentro room on the ground floor of Founders’ Hall. Designed for non-Orthodox inquirers into Orthodoxy as well as for Orthodox Christians who want to know more about the teachings, practices, history, and contemporary life of our Orthodox Church, this class is also recommended for intending or newly married couples, especially where one spouse is not Orthodox. Informal discussion format, text provided. For further information contact the teachers, John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com, 202-375-1007.

Catechetical Lectures of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem – A Greek Bible Study led by Professor Ioannis Gkigkitzis. The Adult Catechism and Sacraments class “Catechetical Lecture of Saint Cyril” is taking place every Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. in the Board Room. This includes time for discussion and fellowship.

Adult Bible Study – This year’s topic is *Who We are and What We Believe: A Journey through Examination of the Orthodox Faith Guided by the Words of the Nicene Creed*. The objective will be to broaden the understanding of our own Orthodox faith and deepen our spiritual outlooks. We will explore the significance of the Creed for how we live our faith now as individuals and as “one, holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.” Classes are held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the board room of the Meletis Churuhas Center. For more information or questions, please contact Bill Polizos at 571-434-7790 or polizos@att.com. Everyone welcome!

GOYA – Happy Easter! Upcoming basketball tournaments: St. Demetrios Baltimore, May 4-5; Annapolis, May 11-12. Next Youth Sunday/Meeting/Elections is May 19. For more information, email SaintKatherineGOYA@aol.com

Summer 2019 VBS – This year’s theme is Traveling the Ark of Salvation and we will be learning about the life of Theotokos. Camp is in session the week of August 5-9 and is for ages 5-14 and will run from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$30/child and includes lunch daily. A registration table will be set up after Liturgy May 12th in the community center lobby. Checks should be made out to: *St. Katherine’s Greek Orthodox Church* with “VBS 2019” in the memo line. Registration forms are also available online on our website. Payment may also be given directly to Victoria Cherpes or placed in the Sunday school mailbox. Refer questions to Victoria Cherpes at victoriacherpes@gmail.com. Looking forward to see your kids at camp!!!

Church Services

Sunday, April 28 **PASCHA – EASTER SUNDAY – Vespers of Love (Agape)** 11:00 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, April 29 **Saint George the Great Martyr** – Celebrated at Saint George, Bethesda, Maryland
Orthros 8:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 5 **Sunday of Saint Thomas** – Orthros 9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 12 **Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women** – Orthros 9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 19 **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 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 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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