Sunday, May 12, 2013

ANTIPASCHA
Sunday of Saint Thomas
Κυριακή του Αγίου Θωμά
Epiphanios Bishop of Cyprus
Germanos Patriarch of Constantinople

Paschal Troparion (1st Plagios Tone)

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

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

Apolytikion of the Day (Grave Tone)

Εσφραγισμένου του μνήματος, η ζωή εκ τάφου ανέτειλας Χριστέ ο Θεός. Και τοις θυρών κεκλεισμένοις, τοις Μαθηταῖς επέστης η πάντων Ανάστασις, Πνεύμα ευθές δι’ αυτῶν εγκαινίζων ημῖν, κατά το μέγα ἔλεος.

With the tomb sealed securely, O Christ the life, you rose from the grave; and with the doors tightly closed, you came to your Disciples, O Resurrection of all, renewing through them a right Spirit in us, according to your great mercy.

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

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βούηθειαν ημῶν και αντίλημην, ὑπὲρ εἰρήνης θυμόν, τοις σοις Αποστόλοις δώρούμενος, ο τοις πεσοῦσιν ανάστασιν.

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 the muzzled brilliantly, the ungodly clever men, by the power of the Spirit. And now crowned as Martyr, she pleades great mercy for all of us.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Plagios Tone)

Εἰ καὶ εν τάφῳ κατήλθες αθάνατε, αλλὰ τοῦ Άδου καθήλες τὴν δύναμιν. Καὶ ανέστηςως υιοθήκης, Χριστέ ο Θεός, γυναιξί μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοὶς Ἁγιοι ἁγιάσας εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ο τοῖς πεσοῦσιν ανάστασιν.

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.
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 the 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.

Saint Katherine’s Spring Festival – May 31st, June 1st and 2nd, 2013.
Announcements

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

Sacraments – Congratulations to George and Meredith Dounias on the baptism of their daughter Eliana Marie, May 11, at 11:00 a.m.; to Nicholas Stephen Hanna and Virginia G. Stergioulis on their wedding, May 11, at 3:30 p.m.; and to Andrino Diogenes Flevotomos on his chrismation, May 12, at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion – Parishioners are reminded that routing procedures have been designed to avoid confusion and improve the traffic flow during Holy Communion. Please follow the direction of ushers, who will direct parishioners. One pew at a time from the outer aisles to receive Communion. Parishioners will return to their seats down the center aisle.

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Ladies Philoptochos in celebration of Mother’s Day. Philoptochos also is honoring the mothers with carnations. Happy Mother’s Day!

GOYA Basketball Tournament is this weekend and we welcome all our guests. You can also invite parishioners to watch the games.

Best advertising rates around! Please consider advertising your business and/or profession on the new online Saint Katherine Business and Professional Directory. So many of us would prefer to do business with someone we know. Let the rest of the community know what you do for a living! The directory is already up and running. Check it out on the church website. The application form is included in this bulletin and online. Contact Daphne Vaccarello, dvac.memories@verizon.net with any questions.

Now on sale at the bookstore: “Peter Clashes with Anger” and “Eleni Looks at Jealousy.” These new books for eight-to ten-year-olds were written by Jeanette Aydlette and Marilyn Rouvelas, and published by Holy Cross Orthodox Press. These books make great Pascha gifts. https://sites.google.com/site/silentwayseries/.

OCMC Missionary Banquet will be held Tuesday, May 21, 2013, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at St. Katherine’s for dinner. Presentations will be given by OCMC Board President and Mission Professor Rev. Fr. Dr. George Liacopoulos, OCMC Missionary to Tanzania, Maria Roeber, R.N., and OCMC Executive Director Fr. Martin Ritsi. Tickets $25.00; under 18 $10.00. Deadline for reservations May 17. For information please contact Dr. John Demakis demakis9913@gmail.com, Skip Mersereau jwmster@gmail.com or Betty Slanta slanta@verizon.net. Mail check to St. Katherine, 3149 Glen Carlyn Rd., Falls Church, VA 22041, check payable to “St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church”, note “Mission Banquet”. This banquet provides attendees to mingle with the OCMC Board members during their semi-annual board meeting at St. Katherine’s.

Saint Katherine is offering a Summer Camp for 3-5 year olds and 6-8 year olds this summer. The 3-5 year old camp is offered July 2-August 16 on a weekly basis, with after care available as well. The 6-8 year old camp is offered the weeks of July 2 and July 8. Many fun activities are planned! If interested, please contact Pantelis Psoras at (301) 538-4710 or director@gopaideia.org.

Please call Katherine Chronopoulos, if you know a qualified, trustworthy, and Greek Speaking person to take care of her mother. Please call at (301) 424-0900, ext.#200 or (202) 285-5837.

Happy Mother’s Day!
Church Services

Saturday, May 18  
**Challenge Liturgy**

at St. George, Bethesda, Maryland, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 19  
**Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers – Κυριακή των Μυροφόρων**

1st Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m.
Orhthos/Youth and Adult Catechism 9:30 a.m.
2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 21  
**Saints Constantine and Helen, Equal to the Apostles**

Αγίων Κωνσταντίνου και Ελένης των Ισαποστόλων
Orthros 8:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

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**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, ὅπως δέχθηκες τα δώρα του Άβελ, τις θυσίες του Νώε και του Αβραάμ, το θυμίαμα του Ααρών και του Ζαχαρία, ας δέχθηκες 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 την φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.

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