Apolytikion of the Day (4th Tone)

To φαιδρόν της Αναστάσεως κήρυγμα, εκ του Αγγέλου μαθούσαι αι του Κυρίου μαθήτρια, και
tην προγονικήν απόφασιν απορρίψασαι, τοις Αποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἐλεγον. Ἐσκύλευται ο
θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστός ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος το κόσμῳ το μέγα ἔλεος.

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the
Resurrection and the rejection of the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles
triumphantly. Death has been despoiled Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the
world.

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

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά,
tην βοήθειαν ημῶν και αντίληπην, ὅτι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τῶν ασεβῶν, τοῦ
Πνεύματος τὴν δυνάμει. Καὶ ὡς μάρτυς τοῦ Κυρίου στεφθείσα, αἰτείται πάσι, το μέγα ἔλεος.

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.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Plagios Tone)

Εἰ καὶ εν τάφῳ κατῆλθες αθάνατε, αλλὰ τοῦ Ἄδου καθῆλες τὴν δύναμιν. Καὶ ανέστης ὡς
νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξί Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοὶ Ἀποστόλοις
εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων 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

O Lord, how magnificent are your works. You have made all things in wisdom. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 11:19-30 – In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them, named Agabos, stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Gospel Reading

John 4:5-42 – At that time Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was here, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly.” The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.” Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, “What do you wish?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying “Rabbi, eat.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him food?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony. “He told me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world.”
Community Announcements

Philoptochos – The swearing in of the 2012-2013 newly elected Philoptochos Board members will take place this morning at the end of the second Divine Liturgy. They are: Kathy Cavallo, Mary Charuhas, Chris Eskinzes, Diane Fogarty, Eleni Kanakos, Trish Kapsidelis, Patricia Karounos, Irene Kavros, Maria Laliotis, Fran Nonas, Roula Oktay, Lia Papailias, Tina Papamichael, Helen Spanos, and Demetra Vroustouris. Congratulations and may God bless you!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by our Philoptochos Ladies honoring all mothers of our community. The carnations also are offered by our Philoptochos. Happy Mother’s Day to all mothers!

Festival News – We will be making baklava Tuesday, May 15 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Elvira Garnett at (703) 425-3675 or villa45@hotmail.com or Andrea Ballard at (703) 250-5419 or andreaballard1@verizon.net, if you can help or for further information. Volunteers are also needed to work at the festival. You may sign up to help at coffee hour after both Liturgies today or call or email Elvira or Andrea.

Sacraments – Congratulations to Yannos and Ashley Misitzis on the baptism of their daughter Zoe Adele, May 12, at 11:00 a.m. and to Gregory Price and Leah J. Ballis on their wedding, May 12, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday School Graduation is next Sunday, May 20, 2012 immediately following the Divine Liturgy. A reception with pizza, cake and refreshments for the students and their parents will follow in the Founders Hall.

Greek School Graduation is next Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the Meletis Charuhas Center. Students must be in class at 4:30 p.m. Following the Graduation a school-wide barbecue, including cake, fruit and refreshments for students and parents will be offered by the parents and the school. Greek School registration for 2012-2013 will take place during the months of June and July in the Church office, Monday through Friday, during office hours, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday, September 9 after the Divine Liturgy. We offer classes from Pre-K to 7, 8 and 9 grades, and Adult and Conversation classes. For more information on Greek School please contact Sophia Tsangali, the principal, at (703) 671-1515 or stsangali@stkchurch.com.

Attention Safeway Supporters: Gatorade will donate 5% of the purchase price to St. Katherine when you purchase any two (2) or more Gatorade or G2 20 oz. 8-packs in a single transaction at a Safeway store, using your registered Safeway card. And 10% will be donated when you buy any Gatorade Prime or Gatorade Recover. The program is good between 5-23-2012 – 6-1-2012. Happy Shopping and Thank you. For more information, call Elvira Garnett, (703) 425-3675.

If you are interested in learning the basics of Byzantine chant (hymns, ison and the eight modes) and some Greek ethnic songs, please call Jim Loizou at (703) 356-8220. No age limit and no musical background necessary, only a willingness to learn.

Summer Camp for 3-5 year-olds – Join us July 9-August 17 for wild adventures, fun activities, lively music and dance. Space is limited. Contact Maria Papathanassiou at director@gopaideia.org.

Paideia Bilingual Preschool – Enrollment for Fall 2012 is OPEN. Registration will take place after Liturgy starting June 1st. We provide a unique, faith-based program for children 2 to 5 years old, offering a loving and safe environment, an enriching and challenging Greek/English curriculum that prepares students for their next developmental level, and enhances their moral and spiritual growth.

Prometheas Events – Friday, May 18, at 8:00 p.m., A Musical Evening with Spyros Koliavasilis and the Mortes; and Friday, June 15, at 8:00 p.m., A Lecture on Diet, Spiritual and Physical Health. Both events will take place at Saint George, Bethesda, Maryland.

Summer Job Opportunity – IT consultant is seeking several college students looking for summer work in the IT world. Should be very familiar with computers and Windows operating systems. Local commute required. Job begins June 4th and ends July 27th. July 4th week off and first week travel required (all expenses paid). Excellent hourly rate. Interested parties should immediately reach out and send resumes to PLCsoccer@AOL.com. For more information, call Perry Cherpes at 1-303-619-8114.

Wine and Food Tasting to Support the Uninsured – Please join us on Saturday, May 19, 7:00 p.m. in our Founders’ Hall for a Wine and Food Tasting to support the Culmore Clinic which provides basic health care services to uninsured adults. There is no fee for the event, but direct donations to the Culmore Clinic will be solicited. The Culmore Clinic is a project of the Bailey’s Crossroads Health Access Partnership (BxHAP), an interfaith alliance seeking to increase access to healthcare for the uninsured of the Bailey’s Crossroads community. St. Katherine is a founding member of BxHAP.
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, οπώς 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 γιά 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 ἔλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενοῦς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.