Sunday, May 19, 2013

Sunday of the Myrrh Bearer

Κυριακή των Μυροφόρων
St. Patrikios, Bishop of Proussa
St. Memnon the Wonderworker

Paschal Troparion (1st Plagios Tone)

--Χριστός ανέστη ek nekrón, 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.

Apolytikia of the Day (2nd Tone)

--Ότε κατήλθες προς τον θάνατον, η ζωή η αθάνατος, τότε τον Άδην ενέκρωσας, τη αστραπή της θεότητος. 
--When You descended unto death O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lighting flash of Your Divinity.

--Ο ευσχήμων Ιωσήφ, από του ξύλου καθελών, το αχράντον σου σώμα, σινδόνι καθαρά ειλήσας και αρώμασιν, εν μνήματι καινώ, κηδεύσας απέθετο.
--Noble Joseph, having lowered from the Cross, your undefiled body, with spices anointed it and wrapped it in fresh linen, and in a brand new tomb, with loving care laid it; but in three days you did rise Lord, granting to the world the great mercy.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Plagios Tone)

--Ει και εν τάφω κατήλθες αθάνατε, αλλά του Άδου καθήλες την δύναμιν. 
--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

The Lord is my strength and my song.
The Lord has chastened me sorely.
The reading is from the 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 world.” And what thy 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.

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 say 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.

Saint Katherine’s Spring Festival!

Friday, May 31st, Saturday and Sunday, June 1st and 2nd, 2013.
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Stavroula Xereas, wife of Mr. Peter Xereas and mother of John, Antonia, Penny and Eleni; for Athanasia Ethel Flannigan, mother of Sharlene Aukofer; for Zografia Pappaminas, mother of Venetia, Kalliopi, Maria and Constantinos; and for Antonia Hios Zevgolis, great grandmother of Antonia Manno and mother of Mrs. Irene Burton; May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Xereas, Pappaminas, Manno and Burton families in memory of their loved ones.

Sacraments – Congratulations to Arthur and Tara Lambros on the baptism of their daughter Juliana Marie, May 18, 9:30 a.m.; to Dimitris and Stavroula Kouretas on the baptism of their daughter Sophia Alexandra, May 18, 11:00 a.m.; to Nicholas Katharos and Korinna Garbis on their wedding, May 18, 4:00 p.m.; and to Michael and Adrianna Saul on the baptism of their son Ryan Cook, May 19, 12:30 p.m.

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. Dr. George Liaopoulos, OCMC Missionary to Tanzania, Maria Roeber, R.N., and OCMC Executive Director Fr. Martin Ritsi. Tickets $25.00; under 18 $10.00. 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 2 year olds and 3-5 year olds this summer. Both camps are offered from 2 July-16 August on a weekly basis, with after care available. Many fun activities are planned! If interested, please contact Pantelis Psoras at (301) 538-4710 or director@gopaideia.org.

Bible Camp After-care Program will be offered Monday, June 24 – Friday, June 28 from 1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m. as a supplement to the Saint Katherine Vacation Bible Camp (VBC), for ages 4–14. For more information, please contact Pantelis Psoras at (301) 538-4710 or director@gopaideia.org.

Orthodox Youth Day at Kings Dominion is on Thursday, June 20. All youth of our church, of any age, are welcome. The cost is $48.00 per person, which includes admission and an all-you-can-eat picnic lunch. If there is enough interest, we will rent a bus, otherwise we will carpool. The reservation deadline, with payment, is Monday, June 3. Please give your money to Presv. Pauline or Maria Wills. For more information, contact Presv. Pauline at (703) 239-2627 or przpauline@stkchurch.com.

Catechetical (Sunday) School Graduation is June 9 th. Only one Liturgy this day at 10:30 a.m. Class as usual at 9:30 a.m. Pizza party for students, teachers and parents after liturgy in Founders’ Hall. Have a blessed summer!

Greek School Graduation is also on Sunday, June 9 at 5:00 p.m. with a cook out dinner. Please come to see our program and have dinner with us.

Philoptochos Elections today, immediately following the second Divine Liturgy in the Board Room of the Meletis Charuhas Center, 12:30 p.m. sharp.

Daughters of Penelope “Tea Theme” Meeting today in the Lecture Room of the Meletis Charuhas Center at 1:00 p.m.

Memorial Day – Monday, May 27 – Trisagion Prayers will take place on Monday, May 27, 10:00 a.m. at the National Memorial Park Cemetery.
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.

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Church Services

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.

Sunday, May 26

Sunday of the Paralytic – Κυριακή του Παραλύτου

Orthros 9:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

ONE Liturgy only (summer schedule)

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