Sunday, May 20, 2018
Sunday of the First Ecumenical Council
Saint Thallélaios and Companions
Saint Mark the Hermit

_Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Plagal Tone)_
-Angelic powers were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. O Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

_Apolytikion of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council (4th Plagal Tone)_
-You are greatly glorified, O Christ our God, who established our Fathers as luminaries upon the earth, and through them led us all to the true Faith. O Most compassionate, glory to You.

_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.

_Kontakion of the Day (2nd Plagal Tone)_
-O Christ our God, upon fulfilling Your dispensation for our sake, You ascended in Glory, uniting the earthly with the heavenly. You were never separate but remained inseparable, and cried out to those who love You, "I am with you and no one is against you."

-Τὴν πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημῶν και αντίληψιν. Ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβῶν, του Πνεύματον τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

-Την υπέρ ήμῶν πληρώσας οἰκονομίαν, καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ γῆς ἐνώσας τοὺς ὑπάρνοις, ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, οὐδαμόθεν χωριζόμενος, ἀλλὰ μένον ἀδιάστατος, καὶ βοῶν τοῖς ἀγαπώσι se Ἐγὼ εἰμί μηθ' ἕκατος καθ' ὑμῶν.
Epistle Reading

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.
For you are just in all you have done.
The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 – IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel Reading

John 17:1-13 – At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

Have a Pleasant and Safe Memorial Weekend!
Memorial Services are offered this morning for George S. Louvis, husband of Mrs. Eileen Louvis; for Constantina Caracostas, mother of Lynn Goodwin and Kathy Williams; and for the AHEPA Departed Brothers of Peter Derzis Chapter 438. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the AHEPA of Peter Derzis Chapter 438 in memory of their Beloved Departed Brothers.

AHEPA Sunday – Today we recognize the members of our Beloved AHEPA Family, as they are inspired by the power of the faith that we share and their love for humankind to offer service and resources in many ways. For over ninety years the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association has promoted the ideals of philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, and family and individual excellence through many programs and special efforts, including assistance to Greek Immigrants, scholarships for youth, housing for senior adults, relief funds following major tragedies, and activism on a wide range of issues. May we continue to offer our prayers and support for the faithful service of AHEPA.

Sunday School Graduation – Please join us today in church after Liturgy to honor our Sunday school graduates (Cameron Edgington, Gabrielle Kiszka, Ariana Porter, Theodore Statopoulos, Theodore Vargas, Stephanie Vazquez) and to thank and bid farewell to Karen Polizos (16 years), Ray & Christina Vazquez (16 years) and George Moratis (24 years) for their MANY years of service to teaching the Orthodox faith to our youth. Your service is greatly appreciated! Congratulations graduates! There will be a pizza and cake reception in the Multi-purpose room for Sunday school families following the ceremony.

Teachers Needed for 2018-2019! The 4th-grade and 7th/8th-grade teaching positions are now vacant and available for next year. Please consider stepping up to teach! It is just one hour a week from 9-10 a.m. on Sundays. We are also looking for volunteers who can co-teach or be available for subbing next year. Please contact Bill and/or Eleni Porter at beporter1@verizon.net. Thank you!!

Vacation Bible Camp 2018: June 25th – 29th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The theme is “The Armor of God!” and we will be covering the Lives of Superhero Saints. Registration will be closing at the end of May, so don’t delay!! Contact Eleni Porter if you can lend a helping hand!! beporter1@verizon.net or 703-470-9992.

GOYA – 5/20 – SUN – GOYA Meeting
6/9 – SAT – End of the Year Pool Party at Moratis Home

Camp Good Shepherd – VA – July 8-14
For those who have completed 5th grade – finished high school
Ask Nick for more info! njunes@stkchurch.com.

Saint Katherine Ladies Philoptochos General Meeting this morning in the boardroom of the Meletis Charuhas Center following the Divine Liturgy.

Saint Katherine Ladies Philoptochos is inviting you to their Annual Luncheon, on Saturday, June 9th at Nostos Restaurant, 8100 Boone Boulevard, Vienna, Virginia. Seating is limited. Deadline to make reservations is May 30th. For reservations please contact Patty Karounos at 703-459-0234 or Eleni Kanakos at 703-969-8364. The Ladies Philoptochos invite you also to a Continental Breakfast on Father’s Day, June 17th, at the Meletis Charuhas Center following the Divine 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 Greece and Cyprus. Your donations are welcome. Please make your checks payable to: The Saint Katherine Ladies Philoptochos.

Calling All Parishioners! The Saint Katherine Spring Festival will be held June 1, 2 and 3, 2018. We need YOUR help! To volunteer please go to http://signup.com/go/apOLoYr to sign up or email Andrea at andreaballard1@verizon.net or call 703-250-5419.
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 étai, ώστε πάντοτε να μπορούμε να Σου προσφέρουμε δώρα και τους κόπους της εργασίας μας γιά την δόξα Σου, προς ελάφρυνση τον δοκιμασίων και της πείνας, προς διακονία του λαού Σου, προς συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών και εξίλασιμό του λαού Σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το ονομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.

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