Sunday of the Fathers of the
First Ecumenical Council
Symeon the Stylite
Vincent of Lerins

**Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Plagios Tone)**

When the angelic powers, appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as
dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You
devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You,
resurrected from the dead, O Lord, glory to You.

Αγγελικαί Δυνάμεις επί το μνήμα σου, και οι φυλάσσοντες απενεκρώθησαν. Και ίστατο Μαρία εν
to τάφω, ξητούσα το άχραντον σου σώμα. Εσκύλευσας τον Άδην, μη πειρασθείς υπ’ αυτού.
Υπήνησας τη παρθένω, δωρούμενος την ζωήν. Ο αναστάς εκ τω νεκρών, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

**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.

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

**Kontakion of the Day (2nd 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 separated but remained inseparable, and
cried out to those who love You, “I am with you and no one is against you.”

Την υπέρ ημῶν πληρώσας οικονομίαν, και τα επί γης ενώσας τοις ουρανίοις, ανελήφθης εν
dόξη, Χριστέ ο Θεός ημών, σταμάτησε χωριξόμενος, αλλά μένων αδιάστατος, και βοών τοις
αγαπώσι σε. Εγώ ειμί μεθ’ υμών, και ουδείς καθ’ υμών.
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 Ephesus, so that he might
not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day
of Pentecost. And from Miletus, he sent to Ephesus 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 guardians, to feed the church of the Lord which he obtained
with his own Blood. 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 everyone 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 thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, since thou hast given him power over all
flesh, to give eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou
hast sent. I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do;
and now, Father glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee
before the world was made.

“I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine
they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. Now they know that
everything that thou hast given me is from thee; for I have given them the words which thou
gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have
believed that thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for
those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; all mine are thine, and thine 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 thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may
be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast
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 thee; and these things I speak in the
world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.”

Our Saint Katherine parish is pleased to welcome Metropolitan Kallistos Ware, from Oxford,
England, for a Pan Orthodox Vespers on Saturday, June 13th, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. and Divine Liturgy on Sunday,
June 14th. Following Vespers on Saturday, he will make a presentation “Divine Compassion and Restoring the
Human Icon” in the church. Metropolitan Kallistos is one of our foremost Orthodox theologians today.
Immediately following the presentation there will be a meal served in our Community Center. Metropolitan
Kallistos’ books will be available for purchase and for signing. If you would like to take part in the meal will
be a $15.00 charge, payable on site (children less than 12 are free). Please confirm your attendance at the meal
with demakis9931@gmail.com or slanta@verizon.com.


Memorial Services are offered this morning for Peter Stathis, husband of Mrs. Olga Stathis and father of Julia and P.J. Stathis; for Chris Christofi and Andreas Christofi, brother and father of Kostas Christofi and Maria Georges; for Anastasia Thrasyvoulou, daughter of Mrs. Eleftheria Thrasyvoulou and sister of Mary Kolas and Yioula Trahilis; and for Vasiliki Karousos, mother of John Karousos and Nancy Mingussi. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is offered this morning by the Stathis, Christofi, Georges, Thrasyvoulou, Kolas, Trahilis, and Karousos families for their loved ones.

The Ladies Philoptochos of Saint Katherine would like to let you know that they have koulourakia and paximathia available all year long. Please contact Mary Varlas at (703) 965-4161 or Eleni Kanakos at (703) 969-8364.

Parents are reminded that children are not allowed to play on the stage in the Meletis Charuhas Center during Coffee Hour or other social gatherings. We ask your assistance to prevent injury to the children and damage to curtains and other equipment. Thank you.

New Candle Prices – The Parish Council has approved the following changes to candles available at the pangaria: Red votive candles - $10; large white candles - $5; small candles - $1 (no change). Prices are effective in April.

The 2015 Saint Katherine Vacation Bible Camp still needs teachers and volunteers! Please contact Vicki Mowery at (703) 913-3178 or mowerycrew@gmail.com, or Eleni Porter at (703) 913-9629 or beporter1@verizon.net if you are interested. Camp will take place June 22-26, 2015, 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., ages 4-14. Registration for camp is now closed. Please help us make this a memorable week for our youth. (Sponsored by AHEPA Chapter #438).

HEC will offer a 7-week period of summer fun to 3 - 5 year-old children in our Summer Camp Program, June 29 - August 14, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. For more information, please contact the director at ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com.

The Philoptochos Annual Dinner will be at the Anthony’s Restaurant, Falls Church, this year, on June 9th, at 6:00 p.m. You are all invited to come! Dinner includes: Mezethakia, salad, choice of oven-roasted chicken with potatoes, or lamb shank with rice, wine, galaktoboureko, cost, including gratuity $30.00. Please, make your reservations by calling Mary Drakoulis at (703) 273-4159.

Gentle Exercise Class – Reduce stress, lower blood pressure, gain flexibility, balance and circulation. Class includes deep breathing, stretching, balance, meditation and deep relaxation. Open to men and women of all ages and all fitness levels. 6 weeks for $60.00, drop-in’s $12.00, payable to Saint Katherine. Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., May 6 through June 17, held at Saint Katherine in large classroom across from board room. Bring a yoga mat, cushion and blanket. For further information contact Tina Ligelis at (703) 845-0520 or ligelisCPA@aol.com. Class will not be held on May 27th.

Camp Good Shepherd – June 28th (2:00 p.m. check in) – July 3rd (2:30 p.m. pick up) for grades 6th-12th. Location: Camp Piankatank (1586 Stampers Bay Road, Hartfield, VA 23071). Cost: $495.00 by June 1st, $545 after June 1st. Theme: Living the Good Ite – The Beatitudes. Scholarships are available by contacting the Metropolis Youth Office at (908) 301-0500 or by email dnpphiloteos@nj.goarch.org. Registration: http://h3981838.ath.cx:8111/CGSOnline/login.html?sessionid=EADCE6B54FD4DEA9CFE6CC48A7170195. Additional information: http://nj.goarch.org/youthyal/goodshepherd.htm.

St. Phoebe Center Southern Regional Chapter will be presenting a Pan-Orthodox program, “Restoring the Holy Orthodox Tradition of Deaconesses” at St. Katherine’s in the Hellenic Education Center on Thursday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m. RSVP and further information: mrouvelas@verizon.net, www.orthodoxdeaconess.org.

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey proudly presents a Metropolitan Concert – Arethi Keteme, “The Angelic Voice”, “East meets West…Musical Bridges”, performing for the first time in U.S., Sunday, May 31, 6:00 p.m., St. Nicholas Community Center, Greek Town Square, Baltimore, MD. Tickets/Info: specialevents@nj.goarch.org, 908-301-0500 or call Mrs. Katherine Cavallo, 703-978-1539. All proceeds will benefit the ministries of our New Jersey Metropolis.

Greek Music Artists will celebrate the release of a new DC, performance at the Kennedy Center’s Millennium Stage, “Hellenic Song: A Musical Migration”, Monday, May 25, in collaboration with the Embassy of Greece. Mary Voutsas (piano), Anna Hennessy (violin) and Ellie Falaris Ganelin (flute). It will be a collection of sonatas, suites, and popular songs by contemporary Greek composers. Entrance is free.

SAINT KATHERINE SPRING 2015 GREEK FESTIVAL – JUNE 5, 6 and 7 – Please get involved! Our Spring Festival is made possible by the combined efforts of many volunteers just like you! The success of our Festival depends on the support of all parishioners. Proceeds from our Festival assist Saint Katherine in continuing its ministries and programs. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Andrea Ballard at (703) 250-5419 or andreaballardl@verizon.net.
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 δέχθεις 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 εξάλειψη του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.

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