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.

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

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 (2nd Plagios Tone)

Having fulfilled the dispensation for us, and uniting the earthly with the heavenly, you ascended in glory, O Christ our God, in no way separating yourself, but remaining inseparable, and calling out to those who love you: I am with you, and none can be against you.
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 in 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 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.”
Community Announcements

Memorial Services are offered this morning for James O. Stassinos, husband of Mrs. Helen T. Stassinos and father of Odysseus (Steven) and Elizabeth; and for Josephine (Zografi) Pappaminas, mother of Konstantinos, Venetia, Kalliopi and Maria. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by Mrs. Helen T. Stassinos and family in memory of her beloved husband James O. Stassinos; and by Mr. Konstantinos Pappaminas and family in memory of his beloved mother Josephine (Zografi) Pappaminas.

Saint Katherine’s Spring Festival is next weekend – June 1, 2 and 3, 2011! Festival News – We will be making galaktoboureko Tuesday, May 29 and karithopita Thursday, May 31 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Many hands are needed. If you would like to help bake or volunteer at the festival, please call Andrea Ballard at (703) 250-5419 or email andreaballard1@verizon.net or Elvira Garnett at (703) 425-3675 or email villa45@hotmail.com. The festival schedule and menu is available on the Church website. Please share with your family, friends and at your place of work. Take out is available!

Sacraments – Congratulations to Tom and Kim Stoumbos on the baptism of their son Dean Alexander, on May 26, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.; and to John Anthony Brewster and Eleni Papazissi on their wedding, on May 27, 2012 at 12:30 p.m.

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 classes. For more information on Greek School please contact Sophia Tsangali, the principal, at (703) 671-1515 or stangali@stkchurch.com.

The Greek School is pleased to offer a unique learning experience for the youth of our community. After a successful introduction of Conversational Greek Classes on Wednesday evenings, we will now offer Conversational Greek at two levels which will be combined with Greek Dancing instruction. Level 1 for children up to 10, and Level 2 for older children ages from 10 to 15. The students of both levels will be offered special instruction in Greek Dancing by expert teachers. For more details please contact Elena Lagos or Chris Christou. We expect that these classes will be filled quickly, so please do not delay to register.

Philoptochos End of the Year Dinner on Tuesday, June 12 at Anthony’s restaurant in Falls Church. For reservations please call Tina Spanos at (703) 237-2731 or Irene Burton at (703) 256-5531.

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.

Prometheus Event – 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.
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 και από τα αμαρτωλά μας χέρια και τις προσφορές αυτές ἵνα τοποθετήσεις τα 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 έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι τὸ ὄνομά Σου εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. Αμήν.

Church Services

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day
Trisagion Prayers – Τρισάγιον 10:00 a.m.
at the National Memorial Park Cemetery

Saturday, June 2

4th Saturday of Souls – Δ΄ Ψυχοσάββατον
Orthros 9:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 3

THE HOLY PENTECOST – ΤΗΣ ΑΓΙΑΣ ΠΕΝΤΗΚΟΣΤΗΣ
Orthros 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

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