Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, May 28, 2017
The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Eutyches, Bishop of Melitene
Nikitas, Bishop of Chalcedon

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.

Ἀγγελικά Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ Ἰωτάτο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντον σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἅδην, μὴ πειρασθεῖς υπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμεν τὸν ζωήν, ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ των νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of 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.

Ὑπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινήν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὁδηγήσας· πολυεύσπλαγχνε, 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. Ὅτι εφίμοισε λαμπρῶς, τους κομψοὺς τῶν ασεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῇ δύναμε. Καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αἰτείται πάσι το μέγα ἔλεος.

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 ύπὲρ ἡμῶν πληρώσας οἰκονομίαν, καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ γῆς ἐνώσας τοῖς οὐρανοῖς, ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστε ὁ Θεός ἡμῶν, οὐδαμόθεν χωρίζομεν, ἀλλὰ μένων ἀδιάστατος, καὶ βοῶν τοῖς ἀγαπῶσι σε· Ἐγὼ εἰμι μεθ' ὑμῶν, καὶ οὐδεὶς καθ' ὑμῶν.
Epistle Reading

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.

Oh God, hear my cry.

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 at 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 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; 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."

Saint Katherine Spring Festival is June 2-4 – We are once again using Volunteer Spot to sign up for shifts. You can use the link: http://signup.com/go/YGuqyL to volunteer. Please contact Andrea Ballard at anreaballard1@verizon.net or 703-250-5419. We need a little help from many, not a lot of help from just a few.

Memorial Coffee Hour Procedure – If you would like to sponsor the coffee hour in memory of your loved one, a donation of $175.00 is required. This includes coffee set-up, 100 koulourakia, 100 paximathia, putting koliva in cups, and clean-up after the event. Please remember to schedule the memorial service with the Church Office and mail your check at that time. Checks should be made payable to Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church.

Memorial Services are offered this morning for Constantine Sarakinis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Panagiotis and Irene Sarakinis, brother of Mavra, Soula, Natalie, Antigone, and father of Angely Sarakinis; for Andreas Christofi and Chris Christofi, father and brother of Maria Georges and Costas Christofi; and for George Bursenos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher and Maria Bursenos, and brother of Ioanna and Demetrios Bursenos. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Bursenos and family in memory of their beloved son, George Bursenos.

Our Philoptochos cordially invites all to its Annual Luncheon on June 10th at 12:00 noon, at Nostos Restaurant, 8100 Boone Blvd., Vienna, VA. Menu includes: Appetizers, choice of lamb reganato, ½ boneless chicken or salmon, dessert, coffee, etc. Price $40.00 For reservations, please call Mary Drakoulis (703) 273-4159 or Eleni Kanakos (703) 938-8360.

MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE – We are pleased to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

1) Visit the church website at http://saint-katherines.org
2) Click on the Online Donation button,
3) Click on the Create Profile button, then
4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

To reach the online giving page using your smartphone or tablet, simply scan our QR code to sign up and start giving. Our new Giving Kiosk is also available in the Narthex for your convenience.

Sunday School – Several teaching and co-teaching positions are available next school year, 2017-18. Please contact Bill or Eleni Porter at beporter1@verizon.net if you are interested.

Vacation Bible Camp June 26th – 30th, 2017 – There are only 9 spaces available for VBC 2017, “Going for the Gold”, the theme of this year’s VBC where we will be covering the Feasts of the Triumph of Christ and His Church. The camp is for ages 4-14 and will run from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The cost is $30.00/child including lunch daily. Checks should be made out to: St. Katherine’s Greek Orthodox Church with “VBC 2017” in the memo line. Forms are also available online on our website. Payment may be given directly to Eleni Porter, placed in the Sunday School mailbox, or mailed to 6811 Bluefield Court, Springfield, VA 22152. Refer questions to Eleni Porter at beporter1@verizon.net or 703-470-9992.

GOYA and YAL – We have been called on by the Saint Katherine community to be a major contributor to the success of our annual Greek Festival – June 2 – 4, 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. We are all prayerfully encouraged to give our time to helping! http://signup.com/go/YGugyL.

GOYA – Saturday, June 17 – Pot Luck Pool Party at the Vazquez residence! Contact Nick for details, njunes@stkchurch.com.

YAL – Saturday, June 10 – Wine-tasting Tour and Fellowship. If any youth, young adult, or parent is not receiving my emails, please email me so I can put you on the list.

AHEPA Christmas Ornaments – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce our Tenth Annual Community Christmas Ornament. These collectible ornaments have grown in popularity from year to year and this year, by popular demand, they will be available for purchase at our Spring Festival. Our latest limited edition ornament, entitled “Evzone Nutcracker” is a whimsical portrayal of a classic Christmas image with a Hellenic twist that is sure to delight young and old. Manufactured by the same firm that creates the famous White House Christmas ornaments, they make excellent gifts and are the ideal stocking stuffer. Please visit our booth at the Spring Festival. Your purchases help make our philanthropy in support of our community and Hellenic ideals possible! For additional information, call 703-671-7225.

“Evzone Nutcracker”
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 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 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 αἰώνα. Αμήν.

The Sunday bulletin is available online in two formats—a PDF copy of the bulletin handed out in church and an online version with much more information. Please take a moment to check them out by visiting: http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins

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