Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, June 1, 2014

The Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council
Των Αγίων Πατέρων της Α΄ Οικουμενικής Συνόδου
Justin the Martyr
Pyrros the Hiermartyr
Ioustínou tou Filostrófou
Pýrrou Ieromárturōs

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 τω τάφω, ξητούσα το άρχαντός σου σώμα. Εσκύλευσας τον Άδην, μη πειρασθείς υπ’ αυτού. Υπήντησας τη παρθένον, δωρούμενος την ζωήν. Ο ανατάς εκ των νεκρών, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1st Plagios 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 us.

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημῶν και αντίληψιν, ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και ως μάρτυς του Κυρίου στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι, το μέγα έλεος.

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.

Την υπέρ ημῶν, πληρώσας οικονομίαν, και τα επί γης, ενώσας τοις ουρανίοις, ανελήφθης εν δόξη, Χριστέ ο Θεός ημῶν, ουδαμόθεν χωρίζομενος, αλλά μένων αδιάστατος, και βοών τοις αγαπώσι σε. Εγώ ειμί μεθ’ υμών, και ουδεὶς 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 has 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.”

Virginia and Maryland Orthodox Youth Day at Kings Dominion – Thursday, June 26, 2014. $51.00 per person. RSVP by June 5, 2014 to Presvytera Pauline at przpauline@stkchurch.com or (703) 239-2627.

Attention Graduates and Parents of Graduates! Saint Katherine would like to share the exciting news of your graduation with our entire community. A special section of the July/August 2014 DOXA will be dedicated to our graduates. Please send the following information no later than noon on Saturday, June 14: Graduate’s name, parents’ name(s), name of high school, name of college or future plans. You may also include a short list of accomplishments. The total submission should be 75 words or less. College and other higher education graduates are encouraged to send information as well.
Announcements

Memorial Services are offered this morning for Dr. Evangelos Kotselas (40-days), husband of Mrs. Marina Kotselas and father of Nicole, Demeann, and Constanine; for Andreas Christofi, father of Kostas and Chris Christofi and Maria Georges; for Eleni Johnnides, mother of Marianna, Christianna, and Euripides; and for James Wallace, father of Father Christodoulos and Christine Wallace. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Kotselas, Christofi, Georges, Johnnides, and Wallace families in memory of their loved ones.

HEC Matching Grant – All donations to the HEC up to a total of $1,000 will be matched by a matching grant program established by the Garnett family. Please make checks payable to St. Katherine Greek School with a notation “HEC Matching Grant.” Call the Church office, (703) 671-1515 for additional information. We gratefully acknowledge the Garnett family’s generosity and encourage everyone’s participation.

Saint Katherine Paideia Preschool – Every Wednesday, 9:30am - 11am, and 2:30pm - 3:30pm, and every Tuesday, 5:00pm - 6:00pm. For information please visit www.stkhec.org or contact Eleni Alexopoulou, Director, at 703-627-1556 or ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com. Information for HEC Summer Camp 2014 can be found in the narthex.

Pan-Laconian Federation Scholarship Application 2014 – It is open to all high school graduates 2014 and present college students who have not received the award previously in college-graduate school-law/medical school. For further information please email Dimitra Marafatsos at Demitra13@aol.com.

Project Mexico Mission Trip departs on August 13th and returns home August 19th. Each team member is expected to raise $1,500.00. This covers air fare and expenses and also goes to fund needed items for the orphanage. Currently we are seeking four to five additional members to complete the Mission Team. We also need sponsors and donations to help our Team Members cover their expenses. Please contact Ray Vazquez rayvazquez1@aol.com or Father Panagiotis Hanley frphanley@stkchurch.com for more information or to submit donations.

Camp Good Shepard 2014 – All teenagers of our community are encouraged to join Fr. Costas at Camp Good Shepard 2014, The Linwood-MacDonald YMCA Center, Brachville, New Jersey, Sunday, July 27 – Saturday, August 2. Camp cost: $525 for the week. Transportation will be provided from/to St. Katherine. (The bus will pick up teenagers from Annunciation, Norfolk; SS. Constantine and Helen Newport News; and SS. Constantine and Helen, Richmond.) If interested, please contact Fr. Costas: frcostas@stkchurch.com, (703) 671-1515.

Philoptochos Dinner/Meeting – Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at the Amphora Restaurant, Vienna, VA, at 6:00 p.m. The cost is $30.00 per person. You have a choice of chicken kebob or salmon. For reservations and more information please call Mary Drakoulis at (703) 273-4159 or Eleni Kanakos at (703) 938-8360.

Volunteers Urgently Needed for Church Construction in Kenya – The OCMC will be sending teams to the Turkana region of Northern Kenya to help build the Church of St. Nicholas in the remote village of Lokichar. The first team will serve from June 17th to July 1st and the second from June 24th to July 11th. At least two more volunteers are urgently needed to each team. Apply online at www.ocmc.org. You can contact Andrew Lekos or Presv. Renee Ritsi by email at teams@ocmc.org or by phone at 1-877-463-6784, ext. #141, if you are able to help build a church for our newly illumined Turkana brothers and sisters in Christ.

Serving Food at the Homeless Shelter – On Tuesday, June 10th, 2014, our Mission and Outreach Committee will be serving dinner at the Bailey’s Crossroads Homeless Shelter at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in helping to serve at the shelter, contact Dr. John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com.

Saint Katherine’s Spring Festival – Next weekend, June 6, 7, and 8, 2014, from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Please sign up at Coffee Hour after Liturgy or email andreaballard1@verizon.net or call Andrea at (703) 250-5419. We also need help on Monday, June 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. to assemble trays of pastry.
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. Ο Θεός, όπως δέχθηκε 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 εξιλασμό του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. 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](http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins)