Sunday, June 2, 2013

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
Κυριακή της Σαμαρείδος
Nikephoros, Pat. of Constantinople
Hieromartyr Erasmos

*Paschal Troparion (1st Plagios Tone)*

--Χριστός ανέστη εκ νεκρών, θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας, και τοις εν τοις μνήμαι, ζωήν χαρισάμενος.
--Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

*Apolytikion of the Day (4th Tone)*

--Το φαινόν της Αναστάσεως κήρυγμα, εκ του Αγγέλου μαθούσαι αι του Κυρίου μαθήτριαι, και την προγονικήν απόφασιν απορρίψασαι, τοις Αποστόλοις καινοχάμεναν έλεγον. Εσκύλευται ο θάνατος, ηγέρθη Χριστός ο Θεός, δωρούμενος τό κόσμο τό μέγα έλεος.
--When the women Disciples of the Lord, had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and the rejection of the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly. Death has been despoiled Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

*Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1st Plagios Tone)*

--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 νυν ως μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.
--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.

*Kontakion of the Day (4th Plagios Tone)*

--Ει και εν τάφω κατήλθες αθάνατε, αλλά του Άδου καθήλες την δύναμιν. Και ανέστης ως νικητής, Χριστέ ο Θεός, γυναείς μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, χαίρετε, και τοις σοις Αποστόλοις ειρήνη δωρούμενος, ο τοις πεσούσι παρέχων ανάστασιν.
--Though in the grave you descended, O immortal one, yet you destroyed the power of Hades; and you rose as victor, O Christ our God; to the myrrh-bearing women you said: Rejoice! And to your Apostles you granted your peace, you who grant resurrection to the fallen ones.
**Epistle Reading**

*O Lord, how magnificent are your works. You have made all things in wisdom. Bless the Lord, O my soul. The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Acts 11:19-30 – In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians.

Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them name Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

**Gospel Reading**

John 4:5-42 – At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and so Jesus, weariest as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband;’ for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly.” The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our father worshiped on this mountain, and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, “What do you wish?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him food?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest?’ I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He also reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sow and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony. “He told me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world.”
Announcements

Memorial Services are offered this morning for Marios Droussiotis, husband of Mrs. Nathina Droussiotis and father of Marinos Droussiotis; for James C. Wallace, father of Father Christodoulos and Christine Wallace; and for Andreas Christofi, father of Alekos Andreou, Kostas and Chris Christofi, and Maria Georges. May their memory be eternal!

Saint Katherine is offering a Summer Camp for 2 year olds and 3-5 year olds this summer. Both camps are offered from 2 July-16 August on a weekly basis, with after care available. Many fun activities are planned! If interested, please contact Pantelis Psoras at (301) 538-4710 or director@gopaideia.org.

Bible Camp After-care Program will be offered Monday, June 24 – Friday, June 28 from 1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m. as a supplement to the Saint Katherine Vacation Bible Camp (VBC), for ages 4–14. For more information, please contact Pantelis Psoras at (301) 538-4710 or director@gopaideia.org.

Orthodox Youth Day at Kings Dominion is on Thursday, June 20. All youth of our church, of any age, are welcome. The cost is $48.00 per person, which includes admission and an all-you-can-eat picnic lunch. If there is enough interest, we will rent a bus, otherwise we will carpool. The reservation deadline, with payment, is Monday, June 3. Please give your money to Presv. Pauline or Maria Wills. For more information, contact Presv. Pauline at (703) 239-2627 or przpauline@stkchurch.com.

Catechetical (Sunday) School Graduation is next Sunday, June 9. Only one Liturgy this day at 10:30 a.m. Class as usual at 9:30 a.m. Pizza party for students, teachers and parents after liturgy in Founders’ Hall. Have a blessed summer!

Greek School Graduation is also next Sunday, June 9 at 5:00 p.m. with a cook out dinner. Please come to see our program and have dinner with us.

St. Katherine’s Book Club invites everyone interested in joining to lunch and our final meeting on Wednesday, June 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the home of Fay Mpras in Annandale. You do not have to be a member or have read the current book, Remember Thy First Love: The Three Stages of the Spiritual Life in the Theology of Elder Sophrony, to enjoy this morning of “sistership” and hospitality. This is an opportunity to observe and participate in our unique meetings (generally held every other Wednesday morning at St. Katherine’s from 10:30-12:00) where we discuss answers to previously questions about text in several chapters only, not the entire book. The questions are a great catalyst for exploration of our faith and how it applies to our lives. If you would like to join us for lunch and the meeting on June 12, please email: faympras@gmail.com or call Fay at (703) 865-5776. We look forward to having new members, and we will begin again in October.

Attention Parishioners – Please park your cars in our church’s parking. Do not park your cars in front of our neighbors’ houses and drive ways and block them. Thank you!

Attention Graduates and Parents of Graduates! Saint Katherine would like to share your wonderful graduation news with the entire community. A special section of the July/August 2013 DOXA will be dedicated to our graduates. Please send the following information no later than noon on Friday, 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.

Saint Katherine has teamed up with our neighboring church, Columbia Baptist, to provide food to hungry people in our community through their Food Pantry. Our first collection of the year will be on Sunday, June 16. Please bring the following items to the foyer of our community center:

1. Non-perishable food or canned items including Canned Fruit, Cereal, Chunky/Hearty Soup, Condensed Soup, Pasta Sauce and Canned Pasta (e.g., Chef Boyardee).
2. Additional items needed are Cereal/Cereal Bars, Peanut Butter, Beef Stew, Bagged Rice, Spaghetti/Pasta Sauce, Chili, Canned Tomatoes, Tuna.
3. Canned Beans (e.g., kidney, pinto, garbanzo, baked), Hearty/Meal Soups (e.g. Campbell’s Chunky or Healthy Request; Progresso), Instant Soup, Canned condensed soup or broth.
4. Canned Fruit, Pasta, Canned pasta (e.g., Spaghetti, etc.), Canned Vegetables (e.g., green beans, corn, peas, mixed veggies) and Macaroni & Cheese. – More details can be found in the June issue of DOXA. Financial donations are accepted. Please make checks payable to “Saint Katherine” and, on the bottom left line, specify “Food Pantry.”

Enjoy our Saint Katherine’s Spring Festival all day today until 9:00 p.m.!
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, ὁπως 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 δοκιμιών και της πείνας, προς διακονία του λαού Σου, προς συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών και εξίλασμό του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και την φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.

Church Services

Sunday, June 9
The Blind Man – Του Τυφλού
Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School Graduation in Church following the Liturgy
Greek School Graduation and picnic 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 13
The Holy Ascension – Της Αναλήψεως
Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 15
Challenge Liturgy 9:30 a.m., at St. George, Bethesda, Maryland

Sunday, June 16
The 318 Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council in Nikaia
Των 318 Αγίων Πατέρων της Α΄ Οικουμενικής Συνόδου εν Νικαια
Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
GOYA Church Duty
Father’s Day

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