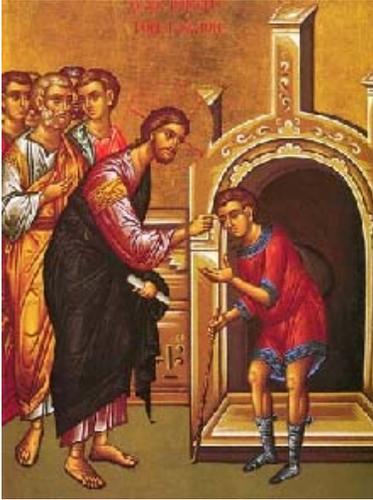


Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, June 2, 2019
Sunday of the Blind Man

St. Nikephoros Patriarch of
Constantinople
Hieromartyr Erasmus of Ochrid



Apolytikion of the Great and Holy PASCHA (1st Plagal Tone)

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Χριστός ανέστη εκ νεκρών, θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας, και τοις εν τοις μνήμασι ζωήν χαρισάμενος.

Apolytikion of the Day (1st Plagal Tone)

Let us the faithful give praise and worship to the Logos, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for of His own goodwill he consented to ascend the cross in the flesh and endured death and raised the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Τον συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρί και Πνεύματι, τον εκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εις σωτηρίαν ημών, ανυμνήσωμεν πιστοί και προσκυνήσωμεν. Ότι ηυδόκησε σαρκί, ανελθειν εν τω σταυρώ, και θάνατον υπομείναι, και εγείρει τους τεθνεώτας, εν τη ενδόξω Αναστάσει αυτου.

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

Let us praise the all lauded and noble bride of Christ, the godly Katherine, the guardian of Sinai and its defense, who is also our support, assistance and our help; for with the Holy Spirit's sword she hath silenced brilliantly the clever among the godless; and being crowned as a Martyr, she now does ask great mercy for us all.

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

Kontakion of the Day (4th Tone)

With the eyes of my soul, completely closed, O my Christ I come to you, like the blind man from birth, and in repentance cry out to you: For those in darkness, you are the most brilliant light.

Τῆς ψυχῆς τὰ ὄμματα πεπηρωμένος, σοὶ Χριστέ προσέρχομαι, ὡς ὁ Τυφλὸς ἐκ γενετῆς, ἐν μετανοίᾳ κραυγάζων σοι: Σὺ τῶν ἐν σκότει, τὸ φῶς τὸ ὑπέρλαμπρον.

Epistle Reading

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 16:16-34 – IN THOSE DAYS, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-38 – At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.



Announcements



Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη! -- Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Saint Katherine Spring Festival – Next weekend, June 7, 8 and 9, 2019 – Traditional foods, drinks and deserts, arts and crafts, live music and dancing. The link to volunteer is: <https://signup.com/go/KfnpVFz>. For more information, please contact Andrea Ballard at 703-250-5419 or andreaballard1@verizon.net.

Memorial Services are offered this morning for **Peter Stathis**, husband of Mrs. Olga Stathis, and father of Julia and Peter J. Stathis; and for **Andreas and Chris Christofi**, father and brother of Kosta Christofi and Maria Georges. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee hour is sponsored this morning by Mrs. Olga Stathis and family in memory of her beloved husband, Peter Stathis; coffee hour is also sponsored by our Ladies Philoptochos.

The Ladies Philoptochos are collecting Greek Recipes, in order to publish our first cookbook. Please email us your recipes at greekrecipes@aol.com or bring them to us at our table during the coffee hour.

Catechetical Lectures of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem – A Greek Bible Study led by Professor Ioannis Gkigkitzis. The Adult Catechism and Sacraments class “Catechetical Lecture of Saint Cyril” is taking place every **Thursday** (not Tuesday) at 7:15 p.m. in the Board Room. This includes time for discussion and fellowship.

Vacation Bible Camp 2019 registration is now open!!! Camp is in session August 5th-9th from 10:00am-2:00pm daily. Our theme this year is Traveling the Ark of Salvation. Each day in camp offers a morning prayer service, arts & crafts, playtime and a lesson themed around the life of the Theotokos and Orthodox Christianity. The cost of the camp is \$30.00 per camper and includes lunch. Please stop by our sign-up table during coffee hour today. Also we are in need of teachers and volunteers to make this a success and a fun time for all. If you are available, please contact victoriacherpes@gmail.com.

Saint Genevieve Orthodox Bookclub meets today at 12:30pm in the Senior Kentro (located in the lower level of the Chelpon Hall. We are currently reading Wounded By Love: The Life and Wisdom of Saint Porphyrios. We hope you can join us! If you would like to be included on our mailing list or for more information, please contact victoriacherpes@gmail.com.

Congratulations, Graduates! We would like you to share your wonderful news with the entire community in the July/August 2019 issue of DOXA. Please send the following information (75 words or less) to przpauline@stkchurch.com by noon on Monday, June 10: your name, your parents’ names, name of your high school, name of the college you will attend or your future plans, and, if you wish, a short list of your accomplishments. College and other higher education graduates are also encouraged to send information. Parents, please ensure that your student sends the information or send it yourself.

“Paideia preschool is looking to hire an assistant for the summer program (Paideia Preschool) July 1- August 23. For more information, please contact the director at ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com.”

DOP Capital District #3 Governor, Eleanor "Lynn" Francis will be presenting AHEPA National Projects Chairman, George Karatzia, District #5 Supreme Governor, with a check for the AHEPA K9 Service Dogs for Warriors Project at the end of the Liturgy on Sunday, June 2. The District is very proud of Helle Chapter for raising \$15,000 to make this possible for a deserving veteran. Please join us in congratulating Helle Chapter and the St. Katherine Community for their outstanding contribution to this worthy cause.

Attention Parishioners! When attending church services and events at our church, kindly please park your car properly within the designated parking space lines in the parking lot. This will prevent loss of a space for someone else to park their car. Thank you!

Clothing Ministry – We continue to collect clothes for the area shelters the second week of each month. Please bring new or clean used clothes and unopened toiletries to foyer of our Community Center on Sunday, June 9, 2019.

Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting – Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. All are welcome to attend. Come and join us and be involved in many of the wonderful ministries in our Church.

Church Services

Thursday, June 6	Holy Ascension – Orthros 9:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, June 9	Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council – Orthros 9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, June 15	Saturday of Souls – Orthros 9:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, June 16	THE HOLY PENTECOST – Orthros 9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Father's Day
Sunday, June 23	All Saints – Orthros 9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, June 29	Apostles Peter and Paul – Orthros 9:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, June 30	Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles – Orthros 9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Services: Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. -- Week Day Services: Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.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, όπως 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 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 at http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins.



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