Apolytikion of the Day (4th Plagios Tone)

Ευλογητός ει Χριστέ ο Θεός ημών, ο πανσόφος, τους αλλιεις αναδείξας, καταπέμψας αυτοίς το Πνεύμα το Ἀγιον, και δι’ αυτών, την οικουμενήν σαγηνεύσας. Φιλάνθρωπε δόξα σοι.

Blessed are you O Christ our God, who did render, the fishermen all-wise, by sending the Holy Spirit upon them, and through them, the world capturing in your nets, glory to you who love mankind.

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

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

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 (4th Plagios Tone)

Ότε καταβάς, τας γλώσσας συνέχεε, διεμέριζεν έθνη ο Ὑψιστος. Ότε του πυρός τας γλώσσας διένειμεν, εις ενότητα πάντας εκάλεσε, και συμφώνως δοξάζομεν, το Πανάγιον Πνεύμα.

When he came down and confused all the languages (at the Tower of Babel), the Most High split the world into nations; when the tongues of fire to them he distributed, he called the world into unity; reasons then glorify, the All-holy Spirit.
Epistle Reading

The voice has gone out
Into all the earth.
The heavens declare the glory of God.
The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 2:1-11 – When the day of Pentecost has come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontos and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in their own tongues the mighty works of God.”

Gospel Reading

John 7:37-52, 8:12 – On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, “If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This is really the prophet.” Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priest and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not bring him?” The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this man!” The Pharisees answered them, “Are you let astray, you also? Have any the of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed.” Nicodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, “Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?” The replied, “Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee.” Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
Community Announcements

Saint Katherine’s Spring Festival is TODAY! Traditional homemade foods and desserts, arts and crafts, life music and dancing – OPA! Free admission and parking. Take out is available!

The Musical Legacy of Manos Loizos – You are invited to attend a concert celebrating “The Musical Legacy of Manos Loizos” (benefiting the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey). Sunday, June 24, 4:00 p.m., Hermes Center, St. Demetrios Church (2504 Cub Hill Road, Baltimore, MD 21234), performing the SYN-PHONIA BAND and Harry Antoniou, Winner of the Greek X-Factor 3, in cooperation with Axiocom, Inc. $65.00 VIP seating, $50.00 regular and $25.00 youth and student. For tickets please contact Chris Christou (703) 533-0055 or cachris2@hotmail.com, Iacovos Ioannou (703) 550-7199 or iioannou@imf.org, the Church office (703) 671-1515, and Fr. Costa Pavlakos (703) 671-1515 or frcostas@stkchurch.com.

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 stsangali@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.

Prometheas Event – Friday, June 15, at 8:00 p.m., A Lecture on Diet, Spiritual and Physical Health. The event 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, ὁπως δέχθηκες τα δώρα του Άβελ, τις θυσίες του Νώε και του Αβραάμ, το θυμίαμα του Ααρών και του Ζαχαρία, ας δέχθηκε από τα αμαρτωλά μας χέρια και τις προσφορές αυτές έτσι, ώστε πάντοτε να μπορούμε να σου προσφέρουμε δόρα 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 το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.