Resurrectional Apolytikion of the Day (4th Plagal Tone)

From on high didst Thou descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days hast Thou submitted that Thou mightest free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατῆλθες ὁ εὔσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν καταδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωή καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of All Saints (4th Tone)

Your Church, O Christ our God, clothed itself in the blood of Your martyrs from throughout the world, as though it were a robe of linen and purple; through them, she cries out to You, "Send down upon Your people compassion, grant peace to Your commonwealth, and to our souls, great mercy."

Τὸν ἐν ὅλῳ τῷ κόσμῳ Μαρτύρων σου, ὡς πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον τὰ αίματα, ἡ Ἐκκλησία σου στολισαμένη, δι᾿ αὐτῶν βοᾷ σοι Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, τῶν λαῶν τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου καταπεμψον, εἰρήνην τῇ πολιτείᾳ σου δώρησαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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.

Τὴν πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν τὴν θείαν καὶ πολιούχον Σινᾶ, τὴν βοήθειαν ημῶν καὶ αντίληψιν. Ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τῶν ασεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῇ δυνάμει. Καὶ νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Plagal Tone)

As the first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in offering unto Thee, O Lord. Through their earnest entreaties, keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

Ὡς ἀπαρχὰς τῆς φύσεως, τῷ φυτουργῷ τῆς κτίσεως, ἡ οἰκουμένη προσφέρει σοι Κύριε, τοὺς θεοφόρους Μάρτυρας, ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, ἐν εἰρήνῃ βαθεία, τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν σου, διὰ τῆς Θεοτόκου συντήρησον, πολυέλε.
Epistle Reading

God is wonderful among his saints.
Bless God in the congregations.
The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2 – Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfector of our faith.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30 – The Lord said to his disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."
Saint Katherine Spring Festival – Today, from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Traditional foods, drinks and desserts, arts and crafts, live music and dancing.

Memorial Services are offered this morning for Andreas Christofi and Chris Christofi, father and brother of Maria Georges and Kostas Christofi. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by our Ladies Philoptochos.

Teachers Needed for 2018-2019! The 4th-grade and 7th/8th-grade teaching positions are now vacant and available for next year. Please consider stepping up to teach! It is just one hour a week from 9-10 a.m. on Sundays. We are also looking for volunteers who can co-teach or be available for subbing next year. Please contact Bill and/or Eleni Porter at beporter1@verizon.net. Thank you!!

Vacation Bible Camp 2018: June 25th – 29th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The theme is “The Armor of God!” and we will be covering the Lives of Superhero Saints. Registration will be closing at the end of May, so don’t delay!! Contact Eleni Porter if you can lend a helping hand!! beporter1@verizon.net or 703-470-9992.

Congratulations to our GOYANs!! Our Girls A team won the championship and our Boys B team came in 2nd place at the SS. Constantine & Helen, Annapolis Basketball Tournament! Congratulations to all our GOYANs on another successful basketball season!


Camp Good Shepherd – VA – July 8-14
For those who have completed 5th grade – finished high school
Ask Nick for more info! njunes@stkchurch.com.

Hellenic Education Center – Greek School Graduation will take place on Saturday, June 9, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at the Meletis Charuhas Center.

Saint Katherine Ladies Philoptochos is inviting you to their Annual Luncheon, on Saturday, June 9th at Nostos Restaurant, 8100 Boone Boulevard, Vienna, Virginia. Seating is limited. Deadline to make reservations is May 30th. For reservations please contact Patty Karounos at 703-459-0234 or Eleni Kanakos at 703-969-8364.

The Ladies Philoptochos invite you also to a Continental Breakfast on Father’s Day, June 17th, at the Meletis Charuhas Center following the Divine Liturgy. We will be raising funds for the “Heart to Heart” campaign that will help our brothers and sisters, who are in such financial crisis in Greece and Cyprus. Your donations are welcome. Please make your checks payable to: The Saint Katherine Ladies Philoptochos.

Daughters of Penelope – Please join us for the Daughters of Penelope end of the year luncheon June 16, 11:30 a.m. at Our Mom Eugenia Restaurant in Great Falls. It promises to be a great buffet for $30.00. Reservations required before June 7th. Please send check to: Karen Polizos, 903 Holly Creek Drive, Great Falls, VA 22066. Make Checks payable to: DOP Helle Chapter 283 or call Barbara Koltos at 703-250-7486.

The Evrytanian Association of America, Chapter 10 ‘Itia’ is hosting the 74th Annual Convention – Grand Banquet Dinner and Dance, Saturday, June 16th, 2018 at the Bethesda North Marriott (5701 Marinelli Road, Rockville, MD 20852). Drinks (cash bar) 6:30 -7:30 p.m., dinner 7:30-9:00 p.m., dessert, coffee and tea 9:00-9:30 p.m. Dance featuring The Golden Flame Band 10:00-2:00 p.m. $100 per person, $50 per child 10 and under. For tickets please follow the link: http://www.velouchiwashingtondc.com/2018-velouchi-convention.html. Tickets can also be purchased by calling either JoAnn Nasios at 240-483-7145 or Theodosis Liappis at 703-216-1827.
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, ὃπως δέχθηκες 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 γιά την δόξα Σου, προς ελάφρυνση των δοκιμασιών και της πείνας, προς διακοινία του λαού Σου, προς συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών και εξίλασμο 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.