**Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church**

Sunday, June 4, 2017

**The Holy Pentecost**

**Metrophanes, Patriarch of Constantinople**

**Saints Matha and Maria**

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**Apolytikion of the Day (4<sup>th</sup> Plagal Tone)**

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast shown forth the fishermen as supremely wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them didst draw the world into Thy net. O Befriender of man, glory be to Thee.

Εὐλογητός εἶ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἁλιεῖς ἁναδείξ ας καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἄγιον καὶ δι’ αυτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας φιλάνθρωπε δόξα Σοι.

**Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημῶν και αντίληψιν. Ὄτι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματον τη δυνάμει. Και νῦν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα ἔλεος.

**Kontakion of the Day (4<sup>th</sup> Plagal Tone)**

Once, when He descended and confounded the tongues, the Most High divided the nations; and when He divided the tongues of fire, He called all men into unity; and with one accord we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

Ὅτε καταβὰς τὰς γλώσσας συνέχεω, διεμέρισεν ἔθνη ὁ Ὕψιστος· ὅτε τοῦ πυρὸς τὰς γλώσσας διένειμεν, εἰς ἑνότητα πάντας ἐκάλεσε, καὶ συμφώνως δοξάζωμεν τὸ πανάγιον Πνεῦμα.
**Epistle Reading**

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

**Acts 2:1-11** – WHEN THE DAY of Pentecost had 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 the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our 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 priests 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 led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemus, 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?" They 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.

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**Memorial Coffee Hour Procedure** – If you would like to sponsor the coffee hour in memory of your loved one, a donation of $175.00 is required. This includes coffee set-up, 100 koulourakia, 100 paximathia, putting koliva in cups, and clean-up after the event. Please remember to schedule the memorial service with the Church Office and mail your check at that time. Checks should be made payable to Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church.

**Saint Katherine Ladies Philoptochos** are inviting all of you to a complimentary Continental Breakfast on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18th. This event is to benefit "Aid to Greece and Cyprus campaign "Heart to Heart". All donations are appreciated and will be forwarded to this campaign. In case you cannot join us, please make and mail your donations to Saint Katherine Ladies Philoptochos and write on the memo line "Heart to Heart".
**Announcements**

**Saint Katherine’s Spring Festival today** immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Come one and all and support our church. Come and enjoy the Greek food, Greek pastries, music, dancing, and more!

**Our Philoptochos cordially invites all to its Annual Luncheon** on June 10th at 12:00 noon, at Nostos Restaurant, 8100 Boone Blvd., Vienna, VA. Menu includes: Appetizers, choice of lamb reganato, ½ boneless chicken or salmon, dessert, coffee, etc. Price $40.00 For reservations, please call Mary Drakoulis (703) 273-4159 or Eleni Kanakos (703) 938-8360.

**MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE** – We are pleased to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

1) Visit the church website at [http://saint-katherines.org](http://saint-katherines.org)
2) Click on the **Online Donation** button,
3) Click on the **Create Profile** button, then
4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

To reach the online giving page using your smartphone or tablet, simply scan our QR code to sign up and start giving. Our new **Giving Kiosk** is also available in the Narthex for your convenience.

**Sunday School** – Several teaching and co-teaching positions are available for the next school year, 2017-18. Please contact Bill or Eleni Porter at beporter1@verizon.net if you are interested.

**Vacation Bible Camp June 26th – 30th, 2017** – There are only **9 spaces available** for VBC 2017, “Going for the Gold”, the theme of this year’s VBC where we will be covering the **Feasts of the Triumph of Christ and His Church**. The camp is for ages 4-14 and will run from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The cost is $30.00/child including lunch daily. Checks should be made out to: St. Katherine’s Greek Orthodox Church with “VBC 2017” in the memo line. Forms are also available online on our website. Payment may be given directly to Eleni Porter, placed in the Sunday School mailbox, or mailed to 6811 Bluefield Court, Springfield, VA 22152. Refer questions to Eleni Porter at beporter1@verizon.net or 703-470-9992.

**AHEPA Christmas Ornaments** – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce our **Tenth Annual Community Christmas Ornament**. These collectable ornaments have grown in popularity from year to year and **this year, by popular demand, they will be available for purchase at our Spring Festival**. Our latest limited edition ornament, entitled “**Evzone Nutcracker**” is a whimsical portrayal of a classic Christmas image with a Hellenic twist that is sure to delight young and old. Manufactured by the same firm that creates the famous White House Christmas ornaments, they make excellent gifts and are the ideal stocking stuffer. Please visit our booth at the Spring Festival. Your purchases help make our philanthropy in support of our community and Hellenic ideals possible! For additional information, call 703-671-7225.

**HEC Graduation** – Saturday, June 10, 2017, 10:00 a.m. at the Meletis Charuhas Center.

**Youth** – June 17 – Potluck Pool Party at the Vazquez house.

**Young Adults** – Next Saturday, June 10 is winery tour day! Even if you missed out on the bus ticket you can still carpool and meet us there! Contact Nick Junes at njunes@stkchurch.com.
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 δέχθησιν από τα αμαρτώλα μας χέρια και τις προσφορές αυτές ἐστι, ὡστε 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 εξάλασιν του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το ἐλεός και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιοῦ. Ευλογημένο να είναι το ὅνομά Σου εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. Αμήν.