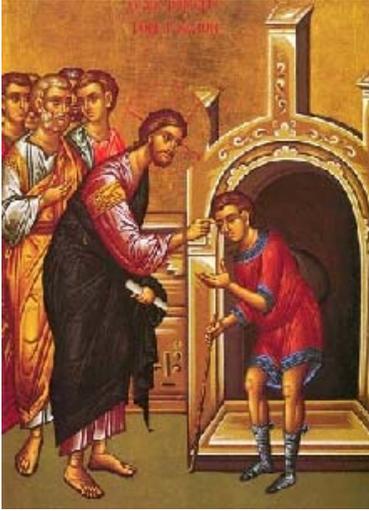


Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, June 5, 2016

Sunday of the Blind Man

Κυριακή του Τυφλού

**Dorotheos, Bishop of Tyre
Nicandrus, Gorgias and Apollon**



Apolytikion of the Day (1st Plagios 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 ζώνη χαρισάμενος.

Apolytikion of the Day (1st Plagal Tone)

Let us worship the Work, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is cobeginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by his glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

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 εγειραι τους τεθνεώτας, εν τη ενδόξω Αναστάσει αυτου.

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.

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

Kontakion of the Day (4th Plagal Tone)

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the Myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

Ει και εν τάφω κατήλθες αθάνατε, αλλά του Άδου καθείλες την δύναμιν, και ανέστης ως νικητής, Χριστέ ο Θεός, γυναιξί Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος. Χαίρετε, και τοις σοις Αποστόλοις ειρήνην δωρούμενος ο τοις πεσούσι παρέχων ανάστασιν.

Epistle Reading

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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 that are 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 who 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

Saint Katherine's Spring Greek Festival – Today, 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Our Spring Festival is made possible by the combined efforts of many volunteers just like you! The success of our Festival depends on the support of ALL parishioners. Proceeds from our Festival assist Saint Katherine in continuing her ministries and programs. To volunteer you can use the link: <http://vols.pt/7nWYJc>. For any questions, please contact Andrea Ballard at (703) 250-5419 or andreaballard1@verizon.net.

Book and Author Signing! Please join us today (after Divine Liturgy and during the Spring Festival, from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.). This special event features St. Katherine's Marilyn Rouvelas, author of *St. Anthony the Great* (a children's picture book), and Dr. Joan Markessini, author of *Around the World of Orthodox Christianity - Five Hundred Million Strong: The Unifying Aesthetic Beauty*. These books contain beautiful illustrations and photographs and will make a welcome addition to your home library.

Philoptochos – To sponsor Coffee Hour after a Memorial Service is a \$175.00 donation. It will include set up coffee, 100 koulourakia, 100 paximathia, putting koliva in cups and cleaning up. Donations need to be sent to Saint Katherine's in advance. Please write checks to: *Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church*. Parishioners will call the church first for the date and all their information and then, they can contact Mary Varlas at (703) 965-4161 or Eleni Kanakos at (703) 969-8364.

Teach Youth Basic Orthodoxy in Guatemala This Summer – In Guatemala there are hundreds of children and young adults hungry to learn more about their Orthodox Christian Faith. A short-term OCMC mission team has been invited to offer a summer Church school program for two communities outside Nuevo Conception in Southwest Guatemala to teach basic Orthodoxy. If you have a heart for youth or teaching, please prayerfully consider joining this team which will serve from June 15th to the 28th, 2016. To learn more or apply, visit http://www.ocmc.org/about/view_team.aspx?TeamId=170, e-mail teams@ocmc.org, or call 1-877-463-6784, ext. 141.

Need for Catechetical School Teachers – A few of our dearly loved Sunday School teachers will be stepping down after many years of service. As a result, we need stewards who are willing to fill these openings for the continued Christian Education of our children. We are looking to fill these positions for the 2016-2017 school year, so please contact Bill and/or Elaine Porter at beporter1@verizon.net ASAP. Thank you in advance!

The Saint Katherine HEC Greek School is leading an initiative to include Modern Greek as part of the Fairfax County "credit by exam" program. To do so, we need to collect 200 names of FCPS junior high and high school students who know Greek. If we are successful, our children can obtain high school credit for their knowledge of Greek. If you or your child is currently enrolled in grades 6-12 in a FCPS school and know Greek, please contact pelekasisgreece@yahoo.com to provide your/your child's information so we can collect the 200 names.

Kindergarten Teacher – The Hellenic Education Center in Falls Church is seeking for an English language teacher for its inaugural kindergarten class for 2016-2017. This is a 6 time position (4.5 hours daily) in a Greek immersion program. This position can be turned into a full time position by adding a preschool class or before/after care responsibilities, according to the candidate's preference. Learn more about our school at ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com or www.stkhec.org.

Philoptochos Annual Luncheon – You are invited, with your husband, to attend our luncheon on June 11, at 1:00 p.m., at Nostos Restaurant, 8100 Boone Blvd., Vienna, near Tysons I. Menu choice: Lamb riganato, chicken, or salmon. Tickets \$40.00, which includes tax and gratuity. Reservations and pre-payment required by June 1st. Please, RSVP to Mary Drakoulis – Marydrak3gmail.com or (703) 273-4159

Our Missions and Outreach Committee will have their next meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of our Community Center. All are welcome to attend.

Project Mexico Car Wash/Bake Sale Fundraiser – Sunday, June 12, after Liturgy get your car washed, buy some baked goods, and support our Project Mexico team. Funds raised will also help to purchase gifts for the children at Saint Innocent's Orphanage, where the team will be staying.

Monumental Missions Walk, October 15, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Save the date! The tent will be set up on the DC Mall near 3rd/4th Streets, next to the American Indian Museum. The 2-3 mile walk will go past the Capital and other monuments/memorials in the area. Please consider picking up a registration form/sponsor sheet available after church and ask family and friends to sponsor you for the walk. Help us raise funds for OCMC and local VA charities, while walking with other Orthodox Christians. Checks should be made out to Saint Katherine Church, with "Monumental Missions Walk 2016" in the memo line. If questions, email Eleni Porter at beporter1@verizon.net.

Church Services

Thursday, June 9	Holy Ascension – Της Αναλήψεως Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, June 12	Fathers of the First Ecumenical Synod – Των Αγ. Πατέρων της Α΄Οικουμ. Συνόδου Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, June 18	Saturday of Souls – Ψυχοσάββατον , Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, June 19	Holy Pentecost – Της Αγίας Πεντηκοστής Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. – <i>Father's Day</i>
Friday, June 24	Nativity of Saint John the Baptist – Γεννέθλιον Ιωάννου Προδρόμου 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 εξίλασμό του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.

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