Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, June 9, 2019
Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

St. Cyril, Patriarch of Alexandria
3 Virgin Martyrs of Chios

Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Plagal Tone)

Angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, and those guarding it became like dead, and at Your grave Mary was standing, seeking Your most pure body. You plundered Hades, not being tempted by it; You encountered the virgin, granting life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You!

Αγγελικά Δυνάμεις επί το μνήμα σου, και οι φυλάσσοντες απενεκρώθησαν. Και ίστατο Μαρία εν τω τάφω, ζητούσα το άγραντόν σου σώμα. Εσκύλευσας τον Άδην, μη πειρασθείς υπ' αυτού, υπήντησας τη παρθένω, δωρούμενος την ζωήν. Ο αναστάς εκ των νεκρών, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

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 Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντίληψιν. Ὄτι εφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, τον Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (2nd Plagios Tone)

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united things on earth with the things in heaven, You were taken up thither in glory, O Christ our God, going not away from any place, but continuing inseparable, and to them that love You crying out: "I am with you, and there is, therefore, none against you."

Την υπέρ ημῶν, πληρώσας οἰκονομίαν, και τα επί γης, ενώσας τοις οὐρανίοις, ανελήφθης εν δόξῃ, Χριστέ ο Θεός ημῶν, ουδαμόθεν χορηγόμενος, ἀλλά μένων αδιάστατος, και βοών τοῖς αγαπῶσι σε: Εγώ αἰμί μεθ' υμῶν, καὶ ουδεῖς καθ’ υμῶν.
Epistle Reading

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.
For you are just in all you have done.
The reading is from Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 – IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel Reading

John 17:1-13 – At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."
Announcements

Saint Katherine Spring Festival – Today!

Traditional foods, drinks and deserts, arts and crafts, live music and dancing!!! Please come and enjoy, and at the same time you support our Church’s programs!

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 at 12:30pm in the Senior Kentro (located in the lower level of the Chelpon Hall at the last Sunday of each month. 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.”

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 today.

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.

The Krokeai and Vasilakion Societies Dinner/Dance will take place at Saint Katherine’s Meletis Charuhas Center on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. For information and reservations please contact John Goranitis at 571-238-3015 or jgoranitis@gmail.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, 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 εξάλειψη του λαού Σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το ονόμα Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.

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