

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, June 23, 2019

ALL SAINTS

St. Agrippina the Martyr of Rome
Sts. Aristocleus, Demetrios, and
Athanasios



Apolytikion of the Day (4th Plagal Tone)

-From on high You descended, Most Merciful; for us You condescended to a three-day burial to set us free from the passions. O Lord, our Resurrection and our life, glory to You!

-Εξ ύψους κατήλθες ο εύσπλαγγνος, ταφή κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ίνα ημάς ελευθερώσης των παθών. Η ζωή και η ανάστασις ημών, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of All Saints (4th Tone)

-Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs who witnessed throughout the world, as though in purple and fine linen. Through them she cries to You, Christ our God, "Send down to Your people Your tender love, grant peace from above to Your commonwealth, and to our souls Your great mercy."

-Των εν όλω τω κόσμω Μαρτύρων σου, ως πορφύραν και βύσσον τα αίματα, η Εκκλησία σου στολισαμένη, δι' αυτών βοά σοι, Χριστέ ο Θεός. Τω λαώ σου τους οικτιρισμούς κατάπεμνον, ειρήνην τη πολιτεία σου δώρησαι, και ταις ψυχαίς ημών το μέγα έλεος.

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. Ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομπούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Plagal Tone)

-O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr Saints, as being nature's first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in a state of profoundest peace, through the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.

-Ως άπαρχάς τής φύσεως, τῷ φυτουργῶ τής κτίσεως, ή οικουμένη προσφέρει σοι Κύριε, τούς θεοφόρους Μάρτυρας, ταίς αυτών ίκεσίαις, έν ειρήνη βαθεία, την Έκκλησίαν σου, δια τής Θεοτόκου συντήρησον, πολυέλεε.

Epistle Reading

God is wonderful among his saints.

Bless God in the congregations.

The reading is from St. 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 perfecter of our faith.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 12:1-2 – 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."



Announcements



Memorial Services are offered this morning for **Deacon Michael James Jeweler**, husband of Deaconissa Peggy Jeweler, and father of James and John Jeweler; for **Antoinette “Toni” C. Demeres**, sister of Mr. Tellie Charuhas, and Godmother of Barbara Doulis Miles; and for **Nikolaos Kontzamanys**, husband of Mrs. Anastasia Kontzamanys and father of Vasiliki Tsepelias and Jimmy Kontzamanys. May their memory be eternal!

The 2019-2021 New Philoptochos Board Members will be swearing in at the end of the Divine Liturgy. They are: **Sophia Varlas Bohle, Niki Tsakonas Bouloukos, Tori Carr, Lisa Christacos, Elvira Garnett, Paulette Harfield, Linda Jouvanis, Eleni Kanakos, Patty Karounos, Anastasia Kanakos Katsakos, Linda Moratis, Daphne Papamichael, Tina Papamichael, Margaret Schwartz, Mary Varlas, Demetra Vroustouris, and Eugenia Vroustouris.** Axies! May God bless you!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the families of Jeweler, Kontzamanys, Charuhas, Miles, and Doulis in memory of their loved ones; and by our Ladies Philoptochos.

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 7:30 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 is currently reading Wounded by Love: The Life and Wisdom of Saint Porphyrios. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 30th following the Divine Liturgy. We hope that you can join us! If you would like to be included on our mailing list or for more information, please contact victoriacherpes@gmail.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!

The Krokeai and Vasilakion Societies Dinner/Dance will take place at Saint Katherine’s Meletis Charuhas Center on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. For information and reservations please contact John Goranitis at 571-238-3015 or jgoranitis@gmail.com.

