All Saints
Των Αγίων Πάντων
Synaxis of the Holy Disciples
Σύναξις των Αγίων Αποστόλων
Michael, New Martyr of Athens
Μιχαήλ, Νεομάρτυς εξ Αθηνῶν

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
Sunday, June 30, 2013

Apolytikion of the Day (4th Plagios Tone)
Εξ ύψους κατήλθες ο εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ίνα ημάς ελευθερώσης των παθών. Η ζωή και η ανάστασις ημών, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

You descended from on high O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1st Plagios Tone)
Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντίληψιν. Ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα ἐλεος.

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 us.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Plagios Tone)
Ως απαρχάς της φύσεως, τω φυτουργώ της κτίσεως, η οικουμένη προσφέρει σοι Κύριε, τους θεοφόρους Μάρτυρας. Ταῖς αυτῶν ικεσίαις, εν ειρήνη βαθεία την Εκκλησίαν σου, διά τῆς Θεοτόκου, συντήρησον Πολυέλεε.

Like the first fruits of nature, to the maker of all creation, the earth offers to you O Lord, the God-bearing Martyrs. By their intercessions, maintain your Church in profound peace, through the Theotokos, O most Merciful one.

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Epistle Reading

The voice has gone out into all the earth.
The heavens declare the glory of God.
The reading is from Saint Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians.

1st Corinthians 4:9-16 – Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ’s sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things.

I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

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 him 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.” 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 everyone 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.”
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Vasiliki (Bessie) Ligelis, mother of Nicholas, Elaine, Tina and Meas; for Lambros Veltsistas, husband of Mrs. Irene Veltsistas and father of Maria, Helen and Christina; and for George and Stella Bounacos, and Peter Bounacos, parents and brother of Mrs. Marianne Michel. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Ligelis family in memory of their beloved mother Vasiliki (Bessie) Ligelis; and by Mrs. Irene Veltsistas and family in memory of her beloved husband Lambros Veltsistas.

Sacraments – Congratulations to Luigi Joseph Mandarino and Alexandra Nicole Phass on their wedding, June 29, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.; to Stergio and Antonia Zissios on the baptism of their daughter Eleni Anastasia, June 29, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.; to Demosthenes and Maria Zissios on the baptism of their son Yianni Demosthenes, June 29, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.; and to Austin and Evanthia Aldrich on the baptism of their son Beau Alexander on June 30, 2013 at 12:30 p.m.

Saint Katherine is offering a Summer Camp for 2 year olds and 3-5 year olds this summer. Both camps are offered from 2 July-16 August on a weekly basis, with after care available. Many fun activities are planned! If interested, please contact Pantelis Psoras at (301) 538-4710 or director@gopaideia.org.

Saint Katherine has teamed up with our neighboring church, Columbia Baptist, to provide food to hungry people in our community through their Food Pantry. Our first collection of the year was last Sunday, June 16. Please bring the following items to the foyer of our community center: 1. Non-perishable food or canned items including Canned Fruit, Cereal, Chunky/Hearty Soup, Condensed Soup, Pasta Sauce and Canned Pasta (e.g., Chef Boyardee). 2. Additional items needed are Cereal/Cereal Bars, Peanut Butter, Beef Stew, Bagged Rice, Spaghetti/Pasta Sauce, Chili, Canned Tomatoes, Tuna. 3. Canned Beans (e.g., kidney, pinto, garbanzo, baked), Hearty/Meal Soups (e.g. Campbell’s Chunky or Healthy Request; Progresso), Instant Soup, Canned condensed soup or broth. 4. Canned Fruit, Pasta, Canned pasta (e.g., Spaghetti, etc.), Canned Vegetables (e.g., green beans, corn, peas, mixed veggies) and Macaroni & Cheese. – More details can be found in the June issue of DOXA. Financial donations are accepted. Please make checks payable to “Saint Katherine” and, on the bottom left line, specify “Food Pantry.”

Caregiver, Babysitter, or Housekeeper available – Looking for a job with a family for P/T or F/T position. Mature, responsible, patient, reliable, and honest with good references upon request. Please contact Maria at (703) 938-0538.
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 δέχθηκες 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 εξιλασμό του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και την φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αἰώνα. Αμήν.