

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, July 17, 2016

The Holy Fathers



**Saint Marina the Great Martyr
Veronika and Speratos the Martyrs**



Apolytikion of the Day (3rd Tone)

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm, He hath trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead hath He become. From the belly of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

Ευφραινέσθω τα ουράνια, αγαλλιάσθω τα επίγεια, ότι εποίησε κράτος, εν βραχίονι αυτού, ο Κύριος, επάτησε τω θανάτω τον θάνατον, πρωτότοκος των νεκρών εγένετο, εκ κοιλίας Άδου ερρύσατο ημάς, και παρέσχε τω κόσμω το μέγα έλεος.

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 Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντίληψιν. Ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματων τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (2nd Tone)

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant, O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee. Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Προστασία των Χριστιανών ακαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία προς τον Ποιητήν αμετάθετε. Μή παρίδης αμαρτωλών δεήσεων φωνάς, αλλά πρόφθασον, ως αγαθή, εις την βοήθειαν ημών, των πιστών κραυγαζόντων σοι. Τάχυνον εις πρεσβείαν, και σπεύσον εις ικεσίαν, η προστατεύουσα αεί, Θεοτόκε, των τιμώντων σε.

Epistle Reading

*Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous.
Blessed are they whose transgressions have been forgiven.
The reading is from Saint Paul's letter to Titus.*

Titus 3:8-14

TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Huge Summer Clearance Sale!!! During the months of July and August at St. Katherine Bookstore, all books (except Bibles) are 50% off. All icons and other gift items are 20% off. Final prices are rounded to the nearest dollar. As always, we thank you for your patronage and support of the Bookstore.

The Saint Katherine Philoptochos would like to invite Philoptochos members/friends and family to an afternoon Play at the Alden Theater, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA 22101. The play is: "Footloose" based on the Original Screenplay by Dean Pitchford. The entire family will enjoy this place. Time and date: July 24th, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Cost is: \$23.00 per person. If you would like to join us please email: tjk1413@yahoo.com or call Mary Drakoulis at (703) 273-4159 as soon as you can, so that we can secure the tickets. Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Announcements

Memorial Services are offered this morning for **Louis Peter Cherpes**, husband of Mrs. Mary Cherpes and father of Peter, Greg and Mark; and for all **Heroes who perished during the 1974 Turkish Invasion of Cyprus**. May their memory be eternal and may we continue to pray and fight for a free Cyprus!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by Mrs. Mary Cherpes and family in memory of her beloved husband, Louis Peter Cherpes; and by the Cypriot Association of the Washington, D.C. area in loving memory of their Deceased Brothers and Sisters who fell asleep during the 1974 Turkish Invasion of Cyprus.

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.

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!

Need for Greek School Teacher and Preschool Assistant Teacher – The Hellenic Education Center in Falls Church is seeking for a Greek School teacher and for an assistant Preschool teacher for 2016-2017. For more about our schools please contact ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com or www.stkhec.org.

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.

Orthodox Youth Day at Kings Dominion – The June 28 Regional Orthodox Youth Day at Kings Dominion will not take place. Fr. Costa will try to organize a day at Kings Dominion with our local churches later this summer. If it comes to fruition, the information will be in the Sunday bulletins and mailed to our listserv.

Pray – Volunteer – Donate! Focus North America Summer Feeding – Childhood hunger is a problem that affects over 21 million children in the United States. In the District of Columbia alone, 13.2% of all households are food insecure. For two weeks this summer the Orthodox Churches of D.C. will serve over 15,000 meals to children who suffer from childhood hunger. Volunteer are needed to prepare and distribute meals. We need you **June 27 – September 2!** Sign up to volunteer at WWW.FOCUSNORTHAMERICA.ORG/WASHINGTONDC. For questions email or call DC@FOCUSNA.ORG, 866-267-3083.

Church Services

Monday, July 18	<i>Vespers for Saint Makrina – Εσπερινός Αγίας Μακρίνης</i> at St. George, Ocean City, MD 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 19	<i>Saint Makrina – Της Αγίας Μακρίνης</i> Divine Liturgy at St. George, Ocean City, MD 10:00 am.
Wednesday, July 20	<i>Prophet Elias – Προφήτου Ηλίου του Θεσβίτου</i> Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, July 24	<i>5th Sunday of Matthew – Ε΄ Κυριακή Ματθαίου</i> Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, July 31	<i>6th Sunday of Matthew – ΣΤ΄ Κυριακή Ματθαίου</i> Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 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.

The Sunday bulletin is available online in two formats--a PDF copy of the bulletin handed out in church and an online version with much more information. Please take a moment to check them out by visiting:

http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins



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