Sunday, July 22, 2012
7th Sunday of Matthew
St. Mary Magdalene, the Myrrh-bearer
St. Markella of Chios, the Virgin Martyr
Αγ. Μαρίας Μαγδαληνής, Αγ. Μαρκέλλης

Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Plagios Tone)

When the Angelic Powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You, resurrected from the dead, O Lord, glory to You.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1st Plagios Tone)

The all-blessed bride of Christ let us extol 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 (2nd Tone)

O Protection of the Christians unashamable, mediation to the maker immovable, despise not the pleading voices of those in sin, but hasten, O good one, to the help of all of us, who in faith cry out to you. Speed up your intercession, and press on your supplication, O Theotokos who always protect, all those who honor you.
Epistle Reading

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.
To you, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.
The reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans.

Romans 15:1-7 – Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failing of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me.” For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:27-35 – At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, “See that no one knows it.” But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.”

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among people.

GOYA – The Annunciation, Baltimore GOYA’s Indoor Lacrosse Tournament will be held on Saturday, August 4, starting at 1:00 p.m. at Saints Constantine and Helen Church in Annapolis. The $5.00 admission fee includes includes a full day of lacrosse AND a pizza party, drinks, and snacks. No experience is needed. The format is 6 on 6 fiddle stick lacrosse (real sticks NOT allowed). The schedule is as follows: 1:00 p.m. Registration, 1:30 p.m. Lacrosse Fun, 5:30 p.m. Pizza Party, 6:00 p.m. Finals, and 6:30 p.m. Trophy Ceremony. Let’s get together and have fun. If you would like to participate, please contact Presvytera Pauline at przpauline@stkchurch.com, no later than Thursday, July 26.
Community Announcements

We welcome this morning to our church His Excellency Pavlos Anastasiades, Ambassador of the Embassy of Cyprus, and Mr. Nikolaos Krikos, Political Counselor of the Embassy of Greece.

Memorial Services are offered this morning for the Brothers and Sisters of Cyprus who were fallen asleep during the 1974 Turkish invasion; for Nicholas Tsimbidis, husband of Mrs. Anna Tsimbidis and father of Niki, Steve and Lori; for Stella & George and Peter Bounacos, parents and brother of Mrs. Mariann Michel; for Bartholomew Dimattina; for Isidoros Alatis, brother of Dr. James Alatis; and for Efrosini Mastoridis, aunt of Mrs. Penny Alatis. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by Mrs. Anna Tsimbidis and family in memory of her beloved husband Nicholas Tsimbidis; and by the Pan-Cyprian Association of the Washington DC area in memory of their beloved Brothers and Sisters who were fallen asleep during the 1974 Turkish invasion.

Summer Exercise Classes with instructor Tina Ligelis – Classes began Wednesday, July 18 and run for 6 weeks from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The cost is $60.00 for 6 weeks and drop ins are $12.00 per class. The check should be made to “St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church” since Tina is again donating the money to the church. It will be a gentle class, full of movement, healing and relaxation, and applies to all ages and levels of fitness. It is wonderful to be able to help the church while we help ourselves. Please encourage friends and family to join us. Contact Kathy Cavallo, (703) 978-1539, kcavallo1@aol.com, if you are interested.

Samaritans Feet – We will be collecting children shoes again this year during the entire month of August. This is so children will have new shoes to wear to school starting in September. They are asking for children’s sizes 5-6-7 male and female. The shoes should be gym/sneakers/tennis shoes. There will be a special bin in the foyer of our community center. The shoes will be distributed to children in the Washington DC area. For many children this will be their first pair of new shoes. Thank you for your generosity.

Clothing and Toiletries – We continue to collect new and used clothing and unopened toiletries for the Shelter. Although winter is over, they are still collecting warm clothing, coats, scarves, gloves, etc. They will store them for next winter. And there is always a need for adult shoes of every kind for men and women. Dress shoes, casual shoes, and new shoes and used shoes in good condition. Please give what you can. Bring your items to our community center and we will deliver to the shelter once a week. Thanks to all who have contributed in the past.

St. Katherine Professional and Business Directory – Please contact Daphne Vaccarello for more details at (703) 830-0892 or dvac.memories@verizon.net.

Greek School – Registration for 2012-2013 is taking place in July at the Church office, Monday through Friday, during office hours. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on the days the school begins Friday and Saturday, September 7 and 8, and on Sunday, September 9, following the Divine Liturgy. We offer classes from Pre-K to 9th grade and adult classes, as well as Conversational Greek classes at two levels, level 1 for children up to 10 and level 2 for children ages from 10 to 15 on Wednesday evenings with Greek dancing too by expert teachers. For information on Greek School please contact Sophia Tsangali, the principal, at (703) 671-1515 or stsangali@stkchurch.com.

Paideia Preschool is hiring teachers/assistant(s) for the fall session. We are looking for energetic and caring individuals with qualifications/experience in early childhood education. For more information contact Maria Papathanassiou at director@gopaideia.org or at (571) 201-2787.

Summer Camp for 3-5 year-olds has begun July 9 to August 17. Join us for wild adventures, fun activities, lively music and dance (incl. Greek dancing). We have limited space available. For information and registration email director@gopaideia.org.

First Annual VA-DC-MD Regional Orthodox Scouting Retreat – September 29th, 2012 – Open to all Orthodox Cub scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Heritage girls, as well as adult scouters! Come join us for fellowship, activities, hiking, food, Liturgy and of course, a campfire! Service opportunities also are available for older scouts. Registration will begin in August. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Johnston at themom@hotmail.com or (315) 523-3561 or Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Annapolis, Maryland at office@SCHGOChurch.org or (410) 573-2072.
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, ὃπως δέχθηκες τα δώρα του Άβελ, τις θυσίες του Νώε και του Αβραάμ, το θυμίαμα του Ααρών και του Ζαχαρία, ας δεχθείς από τα αμαρτώλα 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 ἔλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενοῦς Σου Ιησού. Ευλογημένο να είναι τὸ ὄνομά Σου εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. Αμήν.