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.

Αγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις επὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες απενεκρώθησαν. Καὶ ἱστατο Μαρία εν τῷ τάφῳ, ξητούσα το ἀχραντόν σου σῶμα. Εσκύλευσας τὸν Άδην, μη πειρασθείς ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ. Υπήντησας τῇ παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωήν. Ο αναστάς εκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριες δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1st Plagios 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 us.

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημῶν και αντίληψιν, ὅτι εφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τους κομψούς τῶν ασεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῇ δυνάμει. Και ὡς μάρτυς τοῦ Κυρίου στεφθείσα, αἰτείται πάσι, το μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (2nd Tone)

Upon the mount you were transfigured, and your Disciples beheld your glory, as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see you being crucified, they would know that you suffered willingly; and thus proclaim to all the world, that you are truly the one, who is the Father’s radiance.

Επὶ τοῦ Ὀρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ως εχώρουν οἱ Μαθηταί σου, τὴν δόξαν σου Χριστὲ ο Θεός εθεάσαντο. Ἰνα ὅταν σε ἱδοίῃ σταυρούμενον, τὸ μὲν πάθος νοῆσωσιν εκοῦσιν, τὸ δὲ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ὅτι σὺ ὑπάρχεις αληθῶς, τοῦ Πατρὸς τὸ απαύγασμα.
Epistle Reading

*The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.*

*O God, hear my prayer.*

*The reading is from Saint Paul’s Second Letter to Timothy.*

2nd Timothy 2:1-10 – Timothy, my son, be strong in grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

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.
Announcements

Memorial Services are offered this morning for Joanne Helen Christides, mother of Alexander Skouras; and for Zena (Zoe) Hayes, mother of Presvytera Pauline Pavlakos. May her memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by Mr. Alexander Skouras and family in memory of his beloved mother, Mrs. Joanne Helen Christides.

Project Mexico Mission Trip departs on August 13th and returns home August 19th. Each team member is expected to fund raise $1,500.00. This covers air fare and expenses and also goes to fund needed items for the orphanage. Currently we are seeking four to five additional members to complete the Mission Team. We also need sponsors and donations to help our Team Members cover their expenses. Please contact Ray Vazquez rayvazquez1@aol.com or Father Panagiotis Hanley frphanley@stkchurch.com for more information or to submit donations.

Volunteers Urgently Needed for Church Construction in Kenya – The OCMC will be sending teams to the Turkana region of Northern Kenya to help build the Church of St. Nicholas in the remote village of Lokichar. The first team will serve from June 17th to July 1st and the second from June 24th to July 11th. At least two more volunteers are urgently needed to each team. Apply online at www.ocmc.org. You can contact Andrew Lekos or Presv. Renee Ritsi by email at teams@ocmc.org or by phone at 1-877-463-6784, ext. #141, if you are able to help build a church for our newly illumined Turkana brothers and sisters in Christ.

You Are Needed for a 2014 OCMC Mission Team! The Orthodox Christian Mission Center is seeking 10 volunteers to help fill teams that will serve in Albania, Tanzania and Uganda later this year. The Albania team departing on September 17th will lead spiritual retreats for clergy wives, women lay leaders and women’s groups. The Tanzania team departing on October 27th will offer theological training for the clergy of the Metropolis of Mwanza. And, the Uganda team, also departing on October 27th will offer Christian stewardship workshops to clergy and laity in various communities. Are you able to serve on one of these teams? If so, you are urgently needed! Without 10 additional volunteers these teams may not go. Please visit http://www.ocmc.org/about/open_teams.aspx, or contact OCMC’s Teams Department by e-mail at teams@ocmc.org or by phone at 1-877-463-6784 for more information and to apply.

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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 δόμα 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 φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.

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