Apolytikion of the Day (Second Tone)

Angelic powers were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. O Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Ἄγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἰστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἁρπαγμόν σου σώμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἀδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, ὑπήντησας τῇ ζωήν, ὃ ἱερά σὺ ἐκ των νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (First 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.

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντίληψιν, ὃτι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβῶν, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και ως μάρτυς του Κυρίου στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι, το μέγα ἐλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (Second Tone)

You were transfigured upon the mount, O Christ our God, and Your disciples, in so far as they could bear, beheld Your glory. Thus, when they see You crucified, they may understand Your voluntary passion, and proclaim to the world that You are truly the effulgence of the Father.

Επὶ τοῦ ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ὃς εχώρουν οἱ Μαθηταί σου τὴν δόξαν σου, Χριστέ ο Θεός εθεάσαντο, ἵνα ὅταν σε ἱδὼσι σταυροφόρους, τὸ μὲν πάθος νοήσωσιν εκούσιον, τὸ δὲ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ὃτι σὺ ὑπάρχεις ἀληθῶς, τοῦ Πατρὸς τὸ απαύγασμα.
Matins Gospel
Seventh Orthros Gospel, The Reading is from John 20:1-10

At that time, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Epistle Reading
The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7

BRETHREN, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings 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 your Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Gospel Reading
7th Sunday of Matthew, The Reading is from 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 unto 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 the people.

Wisdom from the Church Fathers
~St. John Chrysostom, Homily 31 on Matthew 9, 4th century

And then at last He for His part lays His hand upon them, saying, "According to your faith be it unto you." And this He does to confirm their faith, and to show that they are participators in the good work....

He puts an end to the woman's fear ... He sets her right, in respect of her thinking to be hid ... He exhibits her faith to all, so as to provoke the rest also to emulation....
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Louis P. Cherpes, husband of Mrs. Mary Cherpes and father of Peter, George, and Mark; George and Elizabeth Karaiskos, parents of Ntinos Karaiskos; George Bursenos, son of Christopher and Maria Bursenos; Maria Georges, mother of Nick and Frank Georges and Anna Werrell. May their memory be eternal! Coffee Hour is sponsored the Cherpes, Karaiskos, Bursenos, and Georges families in memory of their loved ones.

EFGOCM Choir Conference. Saint Katherine is hosting the EFGOCM choir conference the weekend of October 17-20. Beginning today and through the end of September, please stop by Choir Table at the Coffee Hour and place an ad or welcome to our participants in our Program Book. Any questions? Please contact Katina Doulis, Conference Chairman, at 703-899-4130.

Final Week of Summer Camp. The final week of Summer Camp for 2 year olds and 3-5 year olds is this week. After care is available. Many fun activities are planned! If interested, please contact director@gopaideia.org.

DOP Backpack/Calculator Collection. Daughters of Penelope Helle Chapter is collecting backpacks and scientific calculators for students ages 14-18. Today is the final day for donations. A collection box is located in the atrium of the Meletis Charuhas Center. Monetary donations are welcome and will go toward purchasing these items. Checks can be made payable to DOP-Helle Chapter 283 and mailed to: Karen Polizos, 903 Holly Creek Drive, Great Falls, VA 22066. This is a coordinated collection through the Fairfax County organization, Our Daily Bread. Thank you for your support!

GOYA. GOYA will have basketball practice for boys and girls on Thursday, August 15, starting at 7:00pm. On Sunday, September 15, they will have Church Duty during second liturgy, followed by a General Meeting with elections. All youth of our community, ages 13-18, are encouraged to participate in GOYA.

Operation Lace Up. On August 21 and 22, over 3,000 pairs of children’s shoes will be delivered to Saint Katherine and then distributed to homeless children in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area. This program is administered by FOCUS (Fellowship of Orthodox United to Serve). We need volunteers to help unload and sort the shoes into sizes and school districts. The shoes must be moved out in 5-6 days. Contact Eleni Porter at bporter1@verizon.net, if you are interested in helping.

Appalachian Outreach, August 22-26. Members of Saint Katherine and other area Orthodox churches travel to North Carolina on a mission trip, led by Fr. Costa, from August 22 through August 26. We will work with the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve (FOCUS) on Habitat for Humanity-type projects. Volunteers must be at least 14 years of age. FOCUS will assign projects based on the skills each volunteer group. The deadline for registration has been extended to August 15. Email Daphne Papamichael at cyprusd@aol.com or Stacey Kazacos at Stacey@sent.com to register or for more information.

Greek Folk Dance Lessons Begin September 11, 7:00pm. Saint Katherine offers Greek Folk Dance lessons through the Byzantio Greek Dance and Cultural Arts Program. Registrations for the 2013-2014 program are now being accepted. More information, including a Registration Form and Permission Slip are available at http://saint-katherines.org/about_us/greek-folk-dance-lessons. Please turn in all paperwork and fees direction to Anna at the first dance practice. Please feel free to contact Aris and Anna at greekdancedc@gmail.com or 757-218-6991.

Philoptochos. Please mark the following dates on your calendars: September 22, Philoptochos Meeting; October 27, Philoptochos Agape Foundation Tea; and on an October date yet to be determined, Philoptochos Yard Sale.

Monumental Mission Walk, October 19. Our Mission and Outreach Committee is sponsoring a walk on the National Mall for Orthodox Missions on Saturday, October 19. For more information, see the July/August DOXA.

Safeway Supporters. Please note that Safeway, along with many vendor partners, will donate 10% of the sale price of more than 2,500 products purchased from August 14 to September 10 to Saint Katherine. Look for the apple logo. As always, thank you. Questions? Contact Elvira Garnett at 703-426-3675.
Church Services

Wednesday, August 14  Great Vespers – Μέρας Εσπερινός 7:00pm
Thursday, August 15  The Dormition of the Theotokos – Η Κοίμησις της Θεοτόκου
Orhros 9:30am, Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Saturday, August 17  Challenge Liturgy at Saint George, Bethesda, Maryland
Divine Liturgy 9:30am
Sunday, August 18  8th Sunday of Matthew – Η΄ Κυριακή Ματθαίου
Orhros 9:30am, Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Sunday, August 25  9th Sunday of Matthew – Θ΄ Κυριακή Ματθαίου
Orhros 9:30am, Divine Liturgy 10:30am

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 δέχθεις από τα αμαρτωλά μας γέρα και τις προσφορές αυτές έτσι, ώστε πάντοτε να μπορούμε να σου προσφέρουμε δώρα και τους κύρους της εργασίας μας γιά 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 ονόμα Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.