Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Tone)

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

Ὅτε κατῆλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ θάνατος, τότε τὸν ἁδέν ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς καταχθονίους ἀνέστησας, πάσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον Ζωοδότα Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

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.

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημῶν και αντίληψιν, ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και ως μάρτυς του Κυρίου στεφθείσα, αἰτείται πάσι, το μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Tone)

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

Ἰωακείμ καί Ἄννα ὀνειδίσμου ἀτεκνίας, καί Ἄδαμ καί Εὕα, εκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ θανάτου, ἡλευθερώθησαν, Ἀχραντε, εν τῇ αγίᾳ γεννήσει σου, αυτὴν εορτάζει καί ο λαὸς σου, ενοχής τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς εν τῷ κράζει σοι, Ἡ στείρα τίκτει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.
Epistle Reading

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12 - BRETHREN, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:23-35 (11th Sunday of Matthew) - The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailors, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Wisdom of the Church Fathers

Wherefore then did He not do this, nor forgive the debt before the account? Desiring to teach him, from how many obligations He is delivering him, that in this way at least he might become more mild towards his fellow servant .... He gave more than he asked, remission and forgiveness of the entire debt.

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When then you are minded to be revengeful, consider that against yourself are you revengeful, not against another; that you art binding up your own sins, not your neighbors ....

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Two things therefore does He here require, both to condemn ourselves for our sins, and to forgive others; ... and not merely to forgive with the lips, but from the heart.

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 61 on Matthew 18
4th Century

Do we forgive our neighbors their trespasses? God also forgives us in His mercy. Do we refuse to forgive? God, too, will refuse to forgive us. As we treat our neighbors, so also does God treat us. The forgiveness, then, of your sins or unforgiveness, and hence also your salvation or destruction, depend on you yourself, man. For without forgiveness of sins there is no salvation.

St. Tikhon of Zadonsk, Unknown
18th Century
Hellenic Education Center (HEC) – Enrollment for our Greek school and Preschool is underway and registrations for the 2014-15 school year are currently being accepted. Our Greek School classes begin Friday, 12 Sept. and Saturday, 13 Sept. and Paideia Preschool classes begin Sept 8. Please contact Eleni Alexopoulou, HEC director, with questions regarding registration or plans for the coming year. Registration forms are available at: http://www.stkhec.org/pages/Hellenic_Education_Center.

Catechetical (Sunday) School classes begin on September 21. Registration will take place on Sunday, September 14 after Divine Liturgy in the hall during coffee hour or on September 21 during Sunday School session downstairs in the rooms where music instruction normally occurs.

HOPE - Is your child interested in joining HOPE? The Holy Orthodox Primary Education ministry is an opportunity for children (ages 8 and under) to meet, socialize and interact with one another. HOPE children will have fun through crafts, games and special events while learning about their Orthodox faith. The 1st event is scheduled for Sunday, Sept 7th, after the 2nd Liturgy, in the Founders Hall. Please contact Patricia Rader at paphrader@yahoo.com to register. For more info, visit DOXA or www.saint-katherines.org under "Ministries."

Adult Bible Study – Classes begin September 21. This year, we will explore The Letters of St. Paul. Classes are held every Sunday at 9:30am in the board room of the Meletis Charuhas Center. For more information or questions, please contact Bill Polizos at 571-434-7790 or polizos@att.com. All are welcome!

Project Mexico: Our Project Mexico team led by Fr. Panagiotis, (Ray and Nick Vazquez, Bill & Ariana Porter and Jesse Cherpas) has returned safely after helping build a home for a poor and disadvantaged family. “The experience was something we will never forget. We got the honor of handing the keys to the family.” God bless them for their work.

NHS Screening of Zorba - The National Hellenic Society (NHS) is hosting a special 50th anniversary screening of the newly remastered film Zorba the Greek on Thursday, September 4th at 6:30 pm at Angelika Film Center & Café at Mosaic, 2911 District Ave. Fairfax, VA (Gallows Road Exit off I-495). RSVP's Only: Call: (703) 256-3180. Anthony Quinn’s wife, Katherine Quinn will also be with us to share stories and anecdotes about his signature role as “Zorba.”

Save the Date - Saint Katherine Annual Dinner Gala - November 9, 2014 - Hilton McLean Tysons Corner.
**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.** Ὡ Θεέ, ὅπως δέχθηκες τα δώρα του Άβελ, τις θυσίες του Νώε και του Αβραάμ, το θυμίαμα του Άαρών 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 εξίλασμο 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](http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins)