Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
Sunday, September 1, 2019
Ecclesiastical New Year
10th Sunday of Matthew

Synaxis of the Recovery of the Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos of Miasenae; Joshua of Navi; Symeon the Stylite; 40 Holy Women Martyrs of Thrace; Holy Martyrs Calliste and Siblings: Euodus and Hermogenes; Righteous Meletius, The Struggler of the Muionpolis Mountain

Apolytikion of the Day (First Tone)
Savior, Your tomb was sealed with a stone. Soldiers kept watch over Your sacred body. Yet, You rose on the third day giving life to the world. Wherefore the powers of heaven cried out, "O Giver of Life, glory to Your Resurrection O Christ; glory to Your Kingdom, glory to Your dispensation who alone are the Loving One."

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῇ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωήν. Διὰ τούτου αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Apolytikion for Ecclesiastical New Year
Creator of the universe, setting times and seasons by Your sole authority, bless the cycle of the year of Your grace, O Lord, guarding our rulers and Your nation in peace, at the intercession of the Theotokos, and save us.

Ἄπλου τῆς δημιουργῆς τῆς κτίσεως, ὁ καιροὺς καὶ χρόνους ἐν τῇ ἰδίᾳ ἐξουσίᾳ θέμενος, εὐλόγησον τὸν στέφανον τοῦ ἐνιαυτοῦ τῆς χρηστότητάς σου Κύριε, φυλάττουν ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοὺς Βασιλείς καὶ τὴν πόλιν σου, πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, καὶ σώσον ήμᾶς.

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 ημῶν και αντίληψαν, ὅτι εφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομψοὺς των ασεβῶν, του Πνεύματος τή δυνάμει. Και ως μάρτυς του Κυρίου στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι, το μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day
You who created all things in Your infinite wisdom, and set the times by Your own authority, grant Your Christian people victories. Blessing our comings and goings throughout this year, guide our works according to Your divine will.

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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 First Letter to Timothy

St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 2:1-7 – TIMOTHY, my son, first of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:16-22— Ecclesiastical New Year – At that time, Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. And he stood up to read; and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth.

Wisdom from the Church Fathers

And while one calls on Jerusalem, saying, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion, for lo! thy King cometh to thee meek, riding upon an ass, and a young colt;" another proclaims His second coming also, saying on this wise, "The Lord, whom ye seek, will come, and who will abide the day of His coming? Leap ye as calves set free from bonds." And another again, amazed at such things, said, "This is our God; there shall none other be accounted of in comparison of Him."

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 19 on Matthew 6
4th Century
**Announcements**

**GOYA** – For information please email, SaintKatherineGOYA@aol.com

**Catechetical Lectures of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem** – A Greek Bible Study led by Professor Ioannis Gkigkitzis. The Adult Catechism and Sacraments class “Catechetical Lecture of Saint Cyril” is taking place every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. This includes time for discussion and fellowship.

**The Saint Genevieve Book club** meets the last Sunday of each month after the Divine Liturgy in the Senior Kentron. We will be finishing *Wounded by Love: The Life and Teaching of Saint Porphyrios*. All are welcome to join us - even if you have not read the book. Hope to see you there!

**Attention Parishioners!** When attending church services and events at our church, kindly please park your car properly within the designated parking space lines in the parking lot. This will prevent loss of a space for someone else to park their car. Thank you!

Our **FALL FESTIVAL** will be held **Friday, Oct 4 – Sunday Oct 6**. We need your help and support. Please volunteer. Signup here - [https://signup.com/go/HqZxrRC](https://signup.com/go/HqZxrRC).

**Stewardship Statements** – We recently mailed stewardship statements. Contribution statements were not mailed at this time. We are running behind on our stewardship commitments and wanted to share where we were with the community. The stewardship statements represent pledges made via pledge cards. If you have not submitted your 2019 pledge card, it is not too late. Please stop by the stewardship table and complete your 2019 and 2020 pledge card. We would also like to switch you to electronic stewardship statements versus paper. This could save the Church up to $2,000 in postage. Please sign up for electronic statements at the Stewardship table. Please contact Lori Nelson with any questions regarding the accuracy of your statement.

**Sunday School** starts September 15. Contact Christina Vazquez for registration or questions czvmail2@gmail.com.

**Save the date** – General Assembly – October 27, 2019.

**Two Liturgies** start September 15, 2019. 8:00am Divine Liturgy; 9:30am Orthros and Catechetical Schools; 10:30am Divine Liturgy.
Church Services

September 7  Vespers for the Nativity of the Theotokos, Fredericksburg 6:00 pm
September 8  Nativity of the Theotokos - Orthros 9:30am; Divine Liturgy 10:30am

Sunday Services: Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Weekday Services: Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 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 δέχθεις από τα αμαρτωλά μας χέρια και τις προσφορές αυτές έτσι, ώστε πάντοτε να μπορούμε να σου προσφέρουμε δώρα και τους κόπους 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 όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.

The Sunday bulletin is available online [http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins](http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins)

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