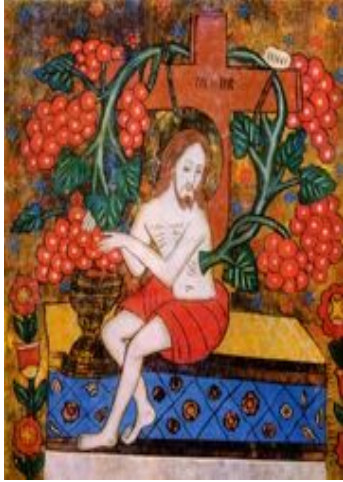


Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, September 2, 2012
13th Sunday of Matthew

Mammas the Martyr
John the Abster, Patriarch of Constantinople
Ammon & Aeithalas the Martyrs of Thrace

Apolytikion of the Day (Third Tone)

The women disciples of the Lord heard from the angel, the joyful news of the Resurrection and the repeal of the sentence imposed upon our forefathers. With pride they said to the Apostles, "Death is vanquished, Christ our God is risen bestowing upon the world His great mercy."

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριά, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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.

Τὴν πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν τὴν θεῖαν καὶ πολιούχον Σινά, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν, ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆς δυνάμει. Καὶ ὡς μάρτυς τοῦ Κυρίου στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πᾶσι, τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day

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."

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Epistle Reading

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 16:13-24 - BRETHREN, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-42 - 13th Sunday of Matthew - The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it was marvelous in our eyes?'"

Wisdom of the Church Fathers

Many things does He intimate by this parable, God's providence, which had been exercised towards them from the first; their murderous disposition from the beginning; that nothing had been omitted of whatever pertained to a heedful care of them;...

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And observe also both His great care, and the excessive idleness of these men for what pertained to the husbandmen, He Himself did ... and He left little for them to do; to take care of what was there, and to preserve what was given to them.

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And where do they take counsel to kill Him? "Out of the vineyard." Do you see how He prophesies even the place where He was to be slain. "And they cast Him out, and slew Him."

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... that even when prophets had been slain, He had not turned away from them, but had sent His very Son; that the God both of the New and of the Old Testament was one and the same; that His death should effect great blessings; that they were to endure extreme punishment for the crucifixion.

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For nothing was left undone, but all accomplished; ... And "He sent His servants," that is, the prophets, "to receive the fruit;" that is, their obedience, the proof of it by their works.

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 68 on Matthew 21
4th Century

Announcements



Memorial Services are offered this morning for **Patra Liossi**, loving mother to Eleftheria Brown. May her memories be eternal!



Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by Eleftheria Brown in memory of her beloved mother, **Patra Liossi**.



Greek School – Registration for 2012-13 is taking place 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 Weds. evenings as well as Greek dancing by expert teachers. For information, please contact the Church Office (703) 671-1515.



Catechetical (Sunday) School – Registration will begin Sunday September 9th following the Divine Liturgy in the hall where coffee is served. You may also download the registration form and view the schedule at the Church website. <http://www.saint-katherines.org>. The new school year begins at 9:30 a.m. September 16th. We will meet upstairs in the large hall to receive a blessing from Father Costa then proceed downstairs for class and continue registration.



Paideia Preschool is hiring teachers/assistant(s) for the fall session. We seek energetic and caring individuals with qualifications/experience in early childhood education. For more information leave a message at the Church Office (703) 671-1515 and we will contact you personally.



SAFeway Program supporters – Please look for the "10% Goes back to schools" logo when you shop. When you purchase products bearing this logo, Safeway will contribute 10% of your purchase amount to St. Katherine. This 10% program runs August 8 - Sept 11, 2012. If you are not a member of the program, you can still contribute. Just drop off your Safeway receipts for the products with the "10% Goes Back to School" logo at the church office or put them in the Sunday offering basket. Call Elvira Garnett at (703) 425-3675 for more info.



Fall Festival Cooking – Preparation for the Fall Festival has begun and many people look forward to our delicious pastries. So please come to help us bake while enjoying the camaraderie of other women. We will be baking Baklava on Tuesday, August 28 and Kataifi Thursday, August 30 beginning at 10AM. **Everyone is welcome**. Please contact Kathy Cavallo, 703-978-1539, kcavallo1@aol.com for additional information.

Lost Item – A very sentimental pin that belonged to my beloved sister. It is oval, approximately 1.5 inches in length with a large amethyst stone in the center. Reward offered. Please call Irene Burton, 703-256-5531.



AHEPA Christmas Ornaments - The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce orders are now being taken for our Fifth Annual Community Christmas Ornament. These collectable ornaments have grown in popularity from year to year and this year's ornament is no exception! This stunning three-dimensional ornament is entitled "*Snowflakes from Mt. Athos*" and depicts the Byzantine Eagle among 19 sparkling snowflakes as it soars over Mt. Athos. Manufactured by the same firm that creates the famous White House Christmas ornaments, they make excellent gifts and are the ideal stocking stuffer. Ornaments will first be available for sale during the Fall Festival and after Liturgies during coffee hour while supplies last. Please visit our booth at the Fall Festival or place your order after Liturgy beginning September 16, or by sending requests to antovi@verizon.net or by calling 703-929-6110.

"Snowflakes from Mt. Athos"

Church Services

- Saturday, September 8 *Nativity of The Theotokos*
Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, September 9 *Sunday Before the Holy Cross*
Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, September 14 *Elevation of the Holy Cross*
Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, September 16 *Sunday After the Holy Cross*
Divine Liturgy 8:00a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Orthros and Catechetical School 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday, September 23 *First Sunday of Luke*
Divine Liturgy 8:00a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Orthros and Catechetical School 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Sept 26 *The Falling Asleep of St. John the Evangelist and Theologian*
Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 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 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 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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