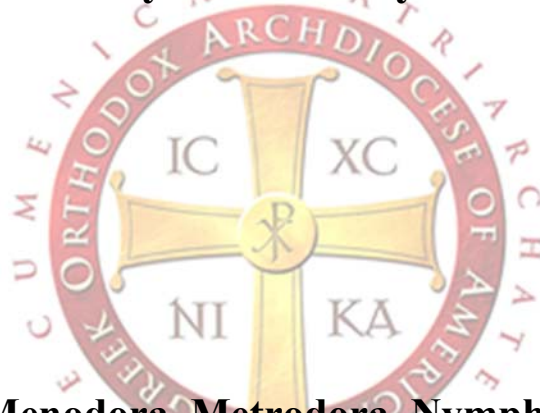


Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Sunday before Holy Cross



Menodora, Metrodora, Nymphodora, Pulcheria the Empress



Apolytikion of the Day (1st Plagal Tone)

Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠδύοκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείρει τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1st 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 you.

Τὴν πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αἰκατερίναν τὴν θεῖαν καὶ πολιοῦχον Σινά, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληπιν. Ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τὴ δύναμει. Καὶ νυν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πάσι τὸ 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 καὶ Ἄννα ὄνειδισμού ἀτεκνίας, καὶ Ἀδάμ καὶ Εὐά, ἐκ τῆς φθοράς τοῦ θανάτου, ἠλευθερώθησαν, Ἄχραντε, ἐν τῇ ἀγία γεννήσει σου, αὐτὴν εορτάζει καὶ ὁ λαός σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι, Ἡ στείρα τίκτει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.

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Epistle Reading

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

Galatians 6:11-18 – Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Gospel Reading

John 3:13-17 – The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Philoptochos – Every Sunday, in the month of September, we will be accepting donations for the victims of tropical storm Harvey during the coffee hour.

Save the date on Sunday, October 22, 2017 for the Annual Tea to benefit the Agape Foundation at Saints Peter and Paul, Greek Orthodox Church, Frederick Md., 2:00-4:00p.m.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING – The meeting of our Missions and Outreach Committee will be Tuesday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of our Community Center. All are welcome to attend. Please join us and learn about the many projects our community is sponsoring around the world and in our community. Refreshments will be served.

FEED THE HOMELESS – We will go to the Bailey's Crossroads Homeless Shelter on Tuesday, September 12 to feed the homeless. If you would like to join us, please be at Saint Katherine by 5:15 p.m. to help load the cars with the food. Serving will start at 6:00 p.m. and we will be finished by 6:30 p.m. If you plan to come, please notify Dr. John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com.

GOYA

- St. Katherine Basketball Tournament Prep. Meeting today after Liturgy! (downstairs in multi-purpose classroom)
- 9/16 – SAT – GOYA Potluck Kick-Off! at Vazquez residence 12-4pm
- 9/23 – SAT – Service Saturday – Columbia Baptist Church Food Pantry 8:45am-12pm
- 9/24 – SUN – Youth Church Duty and 1st GOYA meeting (officer elections)
- 10/14 – SAT/SUN – Lock-In at Sts Constantine and Helen Richmond
- Basketball Practice – BOYS Wednesday 6:30-8pm, GIRLS Thursday 6:30-8pm

Young Adults

- 9/11 – MON – Sandwich making and basketball 7:30pm
- 9/14 – THU – Young Adult Kick-Off! – 6:30-8pm
- 9/21 – THU – Third Thursday Fellowship – TBD
- 9/23 – SAT – Service Saturday – Columbia Baptist Church Food Pantry 8:45am-12pm

Altar Boys

- 9/16 – SUN – Brief orientation in church after Divine Liturgy
- All boys 8 years and up are welcome!

For all things youth related please contact Nick Junes, Pastoral Assistant and Youth Director – njunes@stkchurch.com.

Announcements

Memorial Service is offered this morning for **Basil Rousos**, husband of Mrs. Irene Rousos. May his memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by Mrs. Irene Rousos and family in memory of her beloved husband, Basil Rousos.

Sunday School News – Thank you to Aspasia Wooldridge and Maria Angelidis for volunteering to teach our Pre-Kindergarten students! We are greatly appreciative to both of you!

Sunday school classes begin on September 17th. You may register your children via Google forms <https://goo.gl/forms/kjcXAXLd3AkVqinm2>, printing a form from the St. Katherine's website, or filling out a form at the registration table today after Liturgy in the community center lobby.

Our NEW email will be stksundayschool@gmail.com.



Registration for the 2017-2018 HEC school year is now open for both Paideia Preschool and Greek School. Forms can be downloaded from HEC website (www.stkhec.org) or picked-up in the school office.

Registration for Greek Adult classes – Classes begin in September, Beginners Greek I and II on Tuesday evenings, and Intermediate and Advanced Greek on Thursday evenings. Contact Eleni Alexopoulou, with any questions, alexopoulou@stkchurch.com.

Choir – Our first Sunday singing will be for the Divine Liturgy on September 10. Regular rehearsals will commence on Thursday, September 14 at 7:30. If you have a decent voice and are willing to give of your time and talents, please consider joining us. Contact Nick Kyrus at 703-981-2526 or nbkyrus@comcast.net.



SAVE THE DATE – Saint Katherine Annual GALA, Sunday, November 19 at the Hilton McLean.

Join us as we gather to give thanks for our community's many blessings and recognize this year's worthy honorees for their devoted service to our community – Presvytera Pauline Pavlakos and the Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter 438.



MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE – We are pleased to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the

Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at <http://saint-katherines.org>
- 2) Click on the **Online Donation** button,
- 3) Click on the Create Profile button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.



To reach the online giving page using your smartphone or tablet, simply scan our QR code to sign up and start giving. Our new **Giving Kiosk** is also available in the Narthex for your convenience.

Warm Clothing Drive - The Daughters of Penelope and our Philoptochos are collecting hoodies, sweatshirts, and jackets Sept 3 - Oct 29. Sizes needed are for children, teens and adults. Donations must be new (preferred) or items in perfect and clean condition. Drop your donations in the box in the hall foyer after church or directly to the church office. You can sign up to donate at: <http://bit.ly/KeepWarm2017>. Monetary donations are welcome, payable to DOP-Helle 283 and mail to Karen Polizos, 903 Holly Creek Drive, Great Falls, VA 22066, which will be used to purchase items needed. Thank you for supporting this worthy effort!

Daughters of Penelope first meeting 6:30 Monday September 11, plan on having a nice meal and helping the victims of hurricane Harvey.



AHEPA Christmas Ornaments – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce our **Tenth Annual Community Christmas Ornament**. These collectable ornaments have grown in popularity from year to year and **they will be available for purchase at our Fall Festival**. Our latest limited edition ornament, entitled **“Evzone Nutcracker”** is a whimsical portrayal of a classic Christmas image with a Hellenic twist that is sure to delight young and old. Manufactured by the same firm that creates the famous White House Christmas ornaments, they make excellent gifts and are the ideal stocking stuffer. Your purchases help make our philanthropy in support of our community and Hellenic ideals possible! For additional information, call 703-671-7225.

Church Services

Thursday, September 14 *Elevation of Holy Cross* – Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 17 *Saint Sophia and Her Three Daughters: Faith, Hope, and Love*
Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 24 *1st Sunday of Luke* – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 26 *Falling Asleep of Saint John the Theologian* – Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Services: Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Week Day 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 Αβελ, 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.

The Sunday bulletin is available online at http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins.



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