

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

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Sunday before Holy Cross



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CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH OF THE
HOLY RESURRECTION (HOLY SEPULCHRE);
CORNELIUS THE CENTURION & MARTYR;
ARISTIDES THE PHILOSOPHER



Apolytikion of the Day (2nd 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.

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμᾳ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion for Forefeast of the Exaltation (2nd Tone)

We offer Thee in mediation the life-giving Cross which, of Thy goodness, Thou hast given unto us, the unworthy, O Lord. Save Thy hierarchs and Thy flock, and grant Thou peace through the Theotokos, O only friend of man.

Τὸν ζωοποιὸν Σταυρὸν τῆς σῆς αγαθότητος, ὃν ἐδωρήσω ἡμῖν τοῖς ἀναξίοις Κύριε, σοὶ προσάγομεν εἰς πρεσβειάν, Σώζε τοὺς βασιλεῖς καὶ τὴν πόλιν σου, εἰρηνεύοντας διὰ τῆς Θεοτόκου, μόνε φιλόνητο.

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 ἀντίληψιν. Ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομπῶδους τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆς δυνάμει. Καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πᾶσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Tone)

The Church is shown to be a many-lighted heaven that doth shine a guiding light upon all them that do believe; wherein while standing we cry aloud: Do Thou Thyself now establish this house, O Lord.

Οὐρανὸς πολύφωτος ἡ Ἐκκλησία, ἀνεδείχθη ἅπαντας, φωταγωγούσα τοὺς πιστοὺς, ἐν ᾧ ἐστώτες κραυγάζομεν, Τούτον τὸν οἶκον, στερέωσον Κύριε.

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Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Second Letter to the 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

Matthew 22:2-14 – John 3:13-17 – The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. 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."

Wisdom of the Church Fathers

For since Nicodemus had said, "We know that Thou art a teacher come from God," on this very point He sets him right, all but saying, "Think Me not a teacher in such manner as were the many of the prophets who were of earth, for I have come from heaven (but) now. None of the prophets hath ascended up thither, but I dwell there."

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For not in heaven only is He, but everywhere, and He fills all things; but yet He speaks according to the infirmity of His hearer, desiring to lead him up little by little ... For after having spoken of the very great benefaction that had come to man by Baptism, He proceeds to mention another benefaction, which was the cause of this, and not inferior to it; namely, that by the Cross ...

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 27 on John 3
4th Century



Seniors Κέντρο

also benefits that will be introduced as part of our Church's new Seniors Ministry.

The Seniors Kentro is carpeted and fully furnished, featuring a 60-inch flat screen television with satellite access to Greek network programming, and has a coffee bar. Operating hours are **Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 3:00pm (the Seniors Kentro will open at noon when church services are scheduled)**. The room is also available to other groups by appointment through the Church Office.

Daughters of Penelope and the Philoptochos will be collecting new hoodies for teens at the Alternative House facility and jackets for children served by the Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless. The sizes needed are: S, M, L, & XL warm-style hoodies for both male and female teens; and jacket sizes 2T-4T for toddlers, and youth sizes 5 to 20 for both boys and girls. Monetary donations may be made payable to DOP-Helle Chapter 283 and mailed to Karen Polizos, 903 Holly Creek Drive, Great Falls, VA 22066. Drop your hoodies and jackets in the box in the hall foyer or directly to the church office starting 9/20 through 11/8. Thank you for your support!

Announcements



Memorial Services for **Dr. Kathleen Michael**, wife of Mr. Frank Michael and mother of Dr. Beckie Michael Nutaitis, Dr. Christina Michael Silis, and Martha Boneta; for **Athena Cholakis**, wife of Mr. Louis Cholakis, and mother of Maria Heijst and George Cholakis; for **Barbara Euripides**, wife of Mr. Charles Euripides and mother of Chris, Michael and Constantine; and for **Nicholas Ioannis Alexiades**, father of John Nicholas and George Nicholas Alexiades, and brother of Agapia VanCutren, Thalia Pappas, and Alexander Alexiades. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by all the above families for their departed loved ones.



Saint Katherine Directory – We are creating a new photo directory for our community. **Schedule appointments in-person after church today** or receive a \$10 discount for scheduling appointments online – <http://saint-katherines.org/announcements/church-directory-portrait-sign-up>. All participants will receive a free 8 x 10 portrait and a copy of our new church directory – **no purchase is necessary**. Seniors (60+) and Military will receive a 20% discount on the purchase of portrait products and frames.

Sunday School classes begin on September 20th. Register today during coffee hour in the hall.

GOYA will meet following liturgy on Sunday, September 27, in the board room. We will have a brief overview of the year and elections. All teenagers of our community are encouraged to participate as we have something to offer everyone. Visit the GOYA page of our church's website (under the "Ministries" tab) for more information. Please bring your completed Health/Registration form (available on the web page) and \$30 dues to the meeting. Please contact the GOYA advisors Presv. Pauline (GOYA_St_Katherine@msn.com) or Maria Wills (mwills28@verizon.net) for more information.

The **Holy Orthodox Primary Education (HOPE)** ministry is an opportunity for children (ages 7 and under) to meet, socialize and interact with one another. Our first event is Lego Fun and Book Drive at Founders Hall (Oct. 17, 3:30-5:30PM). Email us at HOPE_St_Katherine@yahoo.com to be added to our email distribution list.



Adult Bible Study – Classes begin September 20. This year, we will explore ***Biblical Responses to the Problem of Evil and Suffering***. Classes are held every Sunday at 9:00am 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. Everyone welcome!

Journey to Orthodoxy Class for adults begins on Sunday, September 20, 9-10 AM in the Seniors' Kentro on the ground floor of Founders' Hall. The class is designed for non-Orthodox inquirers into Orthodoxy as well as for Orthodox Christians who want to know more about the teachings, practices, history, and contemporary life of our Orthodox Church. It is also recommended for intending or newly married couples, especially where one spouse is not Orthodox. The class is held in an informal discussion format. Text will be provided. For further information contact the teachers, John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com 202-375-1007.

Monumental Missions Walk



Monumental Mission Walk 2015 – On September 19, 2015, Orthodox Christians from the Washington, D.C. Metro area will converge on the National Mall for the 3rd Annual Monumental Missions Walk to raise funds for missions. Contact Eleni Porter at (703) 913-9629 or at beporter1@verizon.net. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-monumental-missions-walk-registration-17020607094>.



Registration for the 2015-2016 HEC school year is ongoing for Paideia Preschool, Greek School and Adult language classes. Forms can be downloaded from HEC website (www.stkhec.org) or picked-up in the school office. Please contact HEC Director, Eleni Alexopoulou, with any questions, ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com.



Women's Book Club - Join us on Wednesday, October 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for our first meeting in the small conference room of the Meletis Charuhas Center. Our first book is ***Inner River: A Pilgrimage to the Heart of Christian Spirituality*** by Kyriacos C. Markides (available in bookstore). Contact is Despina Raizes at 2draizes@gmail.com or 703-216-8176.

Church Services

Monday, September 14 *Elevation of the Holy Cross* – Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, September 15 *Sophia and Her Three Daughters* – Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, September 20 *Sunday after Holy Cross* – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, September 27 *First Sunday of Luke* – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 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 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 εξίλασμό 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



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