

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, September 16, 2018
Sunday after Holy Cross



Euphemia the Great Martyr
Melitini the Martyr



Apolytikion of the Day (Grave Tone)

Thou didst abolish death by Thy Cross; Thou didst open Paradise to the thief; Thou didst transform the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and didst bid Thine Apostles to preach that Thou art risen, O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέφξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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, Αικατερίναν τὴν θεῖαν καὶ πολιούχον Σινά, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν. Ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆ δυνάμει. Καὶ νυν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πάσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Tone)

Lifted up on the Cross by Your free will, Christ God, grant mercies to the new commonwealth that bears Your name. Gladden our faithful rulers by Your power, giving them victories over their adversaries. May Your alliance be for them a weapon for peace, an invincible standard.

Ὁ υψωθείς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ ἐκουσίως, τῆ ἐπωνύμῳ σου καινῆ πολιτεία, τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου δώρησαι, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, Εὐφρανὸν ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου, τοὺς πιστοὺς Βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν, νίκας χορηγῶν αὐτοῖς, κατὰ τῶν πολεμίων, τὴν συμμαχίαν ἔχοιεν τὴν σὴν, ὄπλον εἰρήνης, ἀήττητον τρόπαιον.

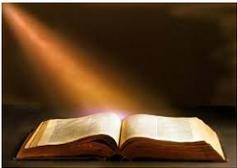
Epistle Reading

*The Lord will give strength to his people.
Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.
The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians.*

Galatians 2:16-20 – Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:34-38; 9:1 – The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."



Adult Bible Study – Classes begin September 16. This year's topic is *Who We are and What We Believe: A Journey through Examination of the Orthodox Faith Guided by the Words of the Nicene Creed*. The objective will be to broaden the understanding of our own Orthodox faith and deepen our spiritual outlooks. We will explore the significance of the Creed for how we live our faith now as individuals and as "one, holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church." 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!

Daughters of Penelope are sponsoring a brunch to help support homeless women veterans. Please join us September 23, after the Devine liturgy in the Chelpon Hall. It is estimated that there are currently 55,000 homeless women Veterans in the United States on any given day. For the sacrifices they and their families have made, this is an unacceptable state for any of them to be in. Please help support them. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 12.

George Mason University Orthodox Christian Fellowship is for any Orthodox student. Please send us your contact information, e-mail, to be put on list. Spiritual Leader: Rev. Fr. Costas Pavlakos, fcostas@stchurch.com; Student Leader: Christina Makhlof, cmakhlou@masonlive.gmu.edu.

GOYA – On Sunday, September 30th, GOYA members will perform Church duty, and will host a Bake Sale after Liturgy. There will also be a Parent Meeting to plan for our Basketball Tournament, to be held on November 3rd and 4th. All are welcome to attend!



Announcements



Memorial Service is offered this morning for **John N. Konstantinidis**, husband of Mrs. Alexandra Konstantinidis, and father of Nick Konstantinidis and Mary Varlas; and for **Sotirios S. Katsakos**, father of Steve Katsakos and Georgia Cogar. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee hour is sponsored this morning by the Konstantinidis, Varlas, Katsakos and Cogar families in memory of their love ones.



Our Capital Campaign begins in September to address the abundant needs of our community. We solicit your support and encourage your prayerful consideration of this most worthy endeavor in support of “our families, our church, our future.” More details to follow. Please contact us at capcampaign@stkchurch.com with your questions.

SAVE THE DATE – **Saint Katherine Annual GALA, Saturday, November 17, 2018 at the Meletis Charuhas Center.** 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 – Jim Stoucker and our GOYA. Music by Zephyros.

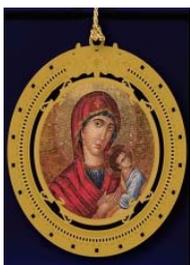


Registration for the 2018-2019 HEC school year is now open for both Paideia Preschool and Greek School. Forms can be downloaded from HEC website (www.stkhec.org) or picked-up in the school office. **Registration for Greek Adult classes** – Please see our HEC website, www.stkhec.org for a registration form or pick up one from the school or the church office. Classes begin in September, Beginners Greek I and II on Tuesday evenings, and Intermediate and Advanced Greek on Thursday evenings. Please contact HEC Director, Eleni Alexopoulou, with any questions, ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com.



Catechetical (Sunday) School – Welcome! Registration for Sunday school will be available in the lobby of the Meletis-Charuhas Center or in the Sunday School office, downstairs. Classes begin this morning. We will meet at 8:45 a.m. to be led in prayer by Fr. Costa and to introduce our teachers. Please contact Bill or Eleni Porter at beporter1@verizon.net for more information.

JOURNEY TO ORTHODOXY – Our “Journey to Orthodoxy” class for adults begins September 23, meeting 9-10 a.m. Sunday in the Seniors Kentro room in Chelpon Hall. The class is held in an informal discussion format and 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. Text is provided. Contact John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Jim Jatrass heraclius13@gmail.com, 202-375-1007 for additional information.



AHEPA Christmas Ornaments – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce our **11th 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 “**Theotokos & Child**” is a classic and revered icon and mosaic appearing over our sanctuary entrance that, for the first time ever, will be available in the *beautiful “sun catcher” format* that makes a brilliant display by allowing daylight to further enhance the icon’s classic beauty, enabling its use year round. 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 enable our philanthropy in support of our community and Hellenic ideals! For additional information, call 703-671-7225.

Church Services

Monday, September 17 **Saint Sophia and her daughters, Faith, Hope and Love** – Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 23 **1st Sunday of Luke** – Orthros 9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 26 **The Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian** – Orthros 9:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 30 **2nd 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 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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NEW JERSEY

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