Sunday, September 20, 2020
Sunday after Holy Cross

Righteous Eustathius, his wife and their two children
Great Martyr Eustathius,
Archbishop of Thessalonica
New Martyr Hilarion of Crete

Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Plagal Tone)

Angelic Powers appeared at Your tomb, and those guarding it became like dead, and at Your grave Mary was standing, seeking Your most pure body. You plundered Hades, not being tempted by it; Your encountered the virgin, granting life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Aγγελικά Δυνάμεις επί το μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες απενεκρώθησαν. Καὶ ἱστατο Μαρία εν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητούσα το ἄγραντόν σου σῶμα. Εσκύλευσας τὸν Ἅδην, μη πειρασθείς υπ’ αὐτοῦ, υπήντησας τῇ παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωήν. Ο ἀναστάς εκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1st Tone)

Let us praise the all lauded and noble bride of Christ, the godly Katherine, the guardian of Sinai and its defense, who is also our support, assistance and our help; for with the Holy Spirit's sword she hath silenced brilliantly the clever among the godless; and being crowned as a Martyr, she now does ask great mercy for us all.

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημῶν και αντίληπτην. Ότι εφιέμεσε λαμπρῶς, τους κομψοὺς τῶν ἁσβεῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῇ δυνάμει. Καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αἰτεῖται πάσι το 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.

Ο υψωθείς εν τῷ Σταυρῷ εκουσίως, τη επωνύμῳ σου κανή πολιτείᾳ, τους οικτιρμοὺς σου δώρησαι, Χριστὲ ο Θεός, εύφρανον εν τῇ δύναμί σου, τους πιστοὺς Βασιλείς ημῶν, νίκας χορηγών αυτοῖς, κατὰ τῶν πολεμίων, την συμμαχίαν ἔχουν την σὴν, ὅπλον εἰρήνης, αἴτητον τρόπαιον.
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 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 – "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.

"Prayer of the Hour – Sixth Hour Prayer

O You Who on the sixth day and hour nailed to the cross the sin which rebellious Adam committed in Paradise, tear asunder also the bond of our iniquities, O Christ our God, and save us. God, Lord of hosts and Maker of all creation, who in Your great compassion and mercy sent down Your Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
Memorial Service is offered this morning for Katherine Pappas Jatras (1 year), wife of Mr. James Jatras, and mother of Alexandra and Christina; and for George Jatras (6-months), father of Mr. James Jatras. May their memory be eternal!

Adult Bible Studies class – In this time of social distancing, let us continue our weekly Adult Bible Studies online. Join us each Thursday evening at 7:00pm. We will take up a new topic each week on Thursdays, with: “What is the Meaning of Resurrection?”

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 Tuesday online at 7:15 p.m. This includes time for discussion and fellowship.

Vacation Bible Camp 2020 – This year’s VBC is cancelled due to the Covid-19. It will be on, God willing, next summer. The theme will be “Fruits of the Holy Spirit” and an exciting week of activities is being planned! Please consider volunteering as a teacher, assistant, lunch preparation, or donating to this ministry. Sign up sheets are posted on Sunday School’s bulletin board. Thank you!

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!

HEC - Greek School – Registration is on now. Please check our Church’s website, www.saint-katherines.org or our HEC website, www.stkhec.org for an application. For more information on our Saint Katherine’s Greek School please contact Sophia Tsangali at 703-671-1515 or stsangali@stkchurch.com. Classes began last Saturday, September 19, 2020, 9:30am-1:30pm.

Have a Happy and Blessed Fall!
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 δέχθηκες 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.