Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, September 25, 2016
1st Sunday of Luke

St. Euphrosyne of Alexandria
St. Paphnoutios and his 546 Companions

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.

Τον συνάναρξαν Δόξαν Πατρί και Πνεύματι, τον εκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ημῶν, ανυμνήσομεν πιστοί καὶ προσκυνήσομεν, ὅτι ἠνόδηκε σαρκί, ανελθεὶν εἰς τὸ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον υπομεῖναι, καὶ εγείραι τοὺς τεθνεότας, εν τῇ ενδόξῳ Αναστάσει αυτοῦ.

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.

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημῶν καὶ αντίληψιν. Ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τοὺς κομψούς τῶν ασεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῇ δυνάμει. Και νῦν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αἰτεῖται πάσι τῷ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (2nd Tone)

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Προστάσια τῶν Χριστιανῶν ακαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητήν αμετάθετε. Μή παρίδης αμαρτωλῶν δοξασίαν φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ως αγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι. Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεύσον εἰς ικεσίαν, ἡ προσπατεύουσα αεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμῶντων σε.
Epistle Reading
You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

2nd Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4 – BRETHREN, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me - it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Gospel Reading
Luke 5:1-11 – At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

AHEPA Christmas Ornaments – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce our 9th Annual Community Christmas Ornament. These collectable ornaments have grown in popularity from year to year and we are extremely proud of this year’s offering. Our latest limited edition ornament, entitled “Santa’s Sleigh” is sure to delight young and old. They make excellent gifts and are the ideal stocking stuffer. Ornaments will be available for sale during the Fall Festival and after Liturgies (starting in Oct.) during coffee hour while supplies last. Please visit our booth at the Fall Festival or make your purchases by sending requests to antovi@verizon.net or by calling 703-929-6110.

Philoptochos Fundraiser Project – The Ladies Philoptochos are selling handmade children’s hats and scarves. All proceeds will benefit the victims of the recent Louisiana flood disaster. Please visit their table and make a generous donation after church during the coffee hour.

Philoptochos Bake Sale – We will start baking in October. For Thanksgiving the date is Sunday, November 20, following the Liturgy during coffee hour and for Christmas on Sundays, December 12 and 18, following the Liturgy.

Philoptochos Agape Foundation Tea – Sunday, November 6, 2:00-4:00p.m. at St. Theodore, 7101 Cipriano Rd., Lanham, MD 20706. For information and reservations please contact Maria Kapsalis, 240-304-6433 or Nora Presti, 410-952-8922. Admission is free. Donations welcome. Door prizes.

Women’s Book Club – Please join us on Wednesday, October 7, 10:30am-12:00pm for our first meeting. We meet in the Meletis Charuhas Center in the room two doors from the church office. Our first book this year will be “On the Providence of God” by St. John Chrysostom (author), St. Herman of Alaska Brotherhood (editor). The book is available to purchase on Amazon. For further information contact Despina Raizes at 2draizes@gmail.com or (703) 216-8176.

Food Pantry – The food pantry collection will take place on October 16. Thank you for bringing your donations to the entry of the Meletis Charuhas Center in the blue cloth bags (food list inside) that will be handed out on October 2 and 9. On October 16 our family volunteers will transport the donations to the food pantry. Last year, for each collection, we provided over 1000 lbs. of food to the pantry plus some cash donations that was really needed. Thank you everyone for your generosity! Let’s continue to help those in need of food and Christian love.

Save the Date for St. Katherine Annual Dinner Gala – Join us as we honor this year’s Community Service honorees: John Agnos and Pierre Tavoularis on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at the McLean Hilton, Tysons Corner.
Announcements

Memorial Services are offered this morning for Dr. Alexandros Pavlos Christodoulides, husband of Mrs. Sophia Christodoulides, father of Dr. & Mrs. Iosif Christodoulides, and grandfather of Alexander and Dimitra; for Vasilios Voliotis, husband of Mrs. Vasiliki Voliotis, father of Lia and John, and grandfather of Maria, Alexandros, and Andreas; and for Anatoli Hehelskiy, husband of Mrs. Tatiana Hehelska and father of Anastasia. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee hour is sponsored this morning by Dr. & Mrs. Iosif Christodoulides in memory of his beloved father, Dr. Alexandros Pavlos Christodoulides.

A tray will be passed this morning in all parishes of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey to assist all those who have lost so much in Kalamata, Greece. Please pray fervently for the repose of the four souls lost in this disaster, as well as for the health and wellbeing of the thousands who have lost their homes so that collectively we may offer our prayers and support in this time of desperate need and tragedy.

Youth Church Duty Day this morning – Zoe Could is the captain and the Epistle Reader.

Goya – GOYA will have elections this morning, in the board room, immediately following Liturgy. A parents’ informational meeting will be held after elections. Hope to see you there!

Registration for the 2016-2017 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. Please contact HEC Director, Eleni Alexopoulou, with any questions, ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com.

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.

Our Hellenic Education Center is seeking a Greek School teacher and an Assistant Preschool teacher for 2016-2017. Please submit an updated CV to the HEC office at ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com.

Hope is organizing an outing at Roer’s Zoofari, located in Vienna, VA, for Saturday, October 29, at 1:00 p.m. The children can enjoy a wagon ride; visit the petting barn and reptile house; and go on a budgiery (i.e. birds) adventure. Ticket prices are $15 for adults and $10 for kids ages 2 to 12. This price includes one free wagon ride. If families want to feed the animals, that will cost extra and can be purchased in the gift shop at the zoofari on the event day. Please RSVP to Mary Charuhas at (703) 519-5607 or msiatis@hotmail.com by Sun., Oct. 2. Zoofari’s wedside is www.roerszoofari.com.

Coffee Hour Procedures – Coffee Hour sponsorship after a Memorial Service requires a donation of $175. Your sponsorship includes coffee set up, 100 koulourakia, 100 paximathia, putting koliva in cups and clean up after the event. Checks should be made out to: Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church (please make payment in advance). Parishioners can contact Mary Varlas at (703) 965-4161 or Eleni Kanakos at (703) 969-8364. Please also remember to schedule the actual memorial service with the Church office.

4th Annual Monumental Mission Walk 2016 – Saturday, Oct 15th 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.! Help us raise funds for OCMC and local VA charities, while walking past the Capital and other monuments and having fellowship with other Orthodox Christians. Register at http://www.DCGreeks.com/MonumentalMissionsWalk. Ask family and friends to sponsor you for the walk. Donations by check made out to St. Katherine GOC with “Monumental Missions Walk 2016” in the memo line. Contact Eleni Porter at beporter1@verizon.net or (703) 470-9992.

Daughters of Penelope and Philoptochos Annual Jacket Drive – We are collecting jackets, hoodies, and sweatshirts for children, teens and adults through October 25. Donated items should be new (preferred) or in perfect and clean condition. Drop your hoodies and jackets in the box in the hall foyer or directly to the church office. Sign up to donate at: http://bit.ly/DOP_Philoptochos_KeepWarm. Monetary donations payable to DOP-Helle 283 and mail to Karen Polizos, 903 Holly Creek Drive, Great Falls, VA 22066.

The National Geographic exhibit “The Greeks: Agamemnon to Alexander the Great” in DC will be on till October 10.

St. Katherine’s Fall Festival will be held on Friday – Sunday, October 7, 8 and 9, 2016. We need your help and support. Please volunteer by contacting Andrea Ballard at 703-250-5419 or andreaballard1@verizon.net.
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 ἐτσι, ώστε πάντοτε να μπορούμε να σου προσφέρουμε δώρα και τους κόσους της εργασίας μας για την δόξα Σου, προς ελάφρυνση των δοκιμασιών και της πιένας, προς διακονία του λαού Σου, προς συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών και εξελλασμό του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το ελέος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το ὄνομά Σου εις τον αἰώνα. 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

Church Organizations

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Church Services

Sunday, October 2
2nd Sunday of Luke – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, October 9
3rd Sunday of Luke – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, October 16
The 7th Ecumenical Council – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, October 18
St. Luke the Evangelist – Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, October 23
6th Sunday of Luke – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 26
St. Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer – Orthros 9:30 a.m., Div.Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, October 30
5th Sunday of Luke – Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

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Week Day Services: Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.