Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, October 1, 2017
2nd Sunday of Luke

Holy Protection of the Theotokos
St. Ananias, Apostle of the 70
St. Romanos the Melodist

Apolytikion of the Day (4th Plagal Tone)

From on high didst Thou descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days hast Thou submitted that Thou mightest free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Ἔξε ὑψους κατήλθες ὁ εὔσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν καταδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃ τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

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 Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημῶν και αντίληψιν. Ὅτι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς τῶν ασεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματον τῇ δυνάμει. Και νυν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το 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.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκατασχύνοντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδῃς ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ως ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεύσον εἰς ικέσιαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἡώ τε, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.
Epistle Reading

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.
God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.
The reading is from St. Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians.

2nd Corinthians 6:16-18, 7:1 – Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:31-36 – The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

JOURNEY TO ORTHODOXY: This is a reminder that the “Journey to Orthodoxy” class for adults meets 9-10 AM Sunday (before Liturgy, concurrently with the Sunday School). 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 is provided. We meet at in the Seniors’ Kentro room on the ground floor of Founders’ Hall. For further information contact the teachers, John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com 202 375-1007.

Kairos Prison Ministry – We will bake cookies for Kairos Prison Ministry today after the Divine Liturgy. If you can, please come in the kitchen and help us. For any questions, please contact Dennis Garbis at djgarbis@envdes.com.

Daughters of Penelope meeting – This morning after Liturgy, in the board room. Hope to see you there.

Save the date, October 29, 2017 – Turning stress into strength through the Jesus Prayer, presented by Dean Chelpon LCSW after Liturgy in the Chelpon Hall. All are welcome, light refreshments will be served.

GOYA
• 10/3 – TUE – 6:30-8pm - Bible Study and Fellowship – Cherpes House
• 10/6-10/8 - Serve at Greek Festival
• Basketball 6:30-8pm(Boys WED, Girls THU)
• 10/14-10/15 – Richmond GOYA Lock-in

YAL
• 10/3 – TUE – 6:30-8:30pm – AFAC Food Distribution
• 10/6-10/8 - Serve at Greek Festival
• 10/12 – THU – 6:30-8pm – YAL Open Discussion Forum (Downstairs of small hall)

Moms, Pops & Tots, HOPE, JOY
• 10/21 – SAT – 3:00pm – Burke Pumpkin Playground
SAINT KATHERINE FALL FESTIVAL – Next weekend, October 6, 7 and 8, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Festival volunteers needed! Please sign up after Liturgy today or go to http://signup.com/go/XWgrBst or email andreaballard1@verizon.net or call 703-250-5419.

Memorial Services are offered this morning for Joanna Vlanton, mother of Mrs. Evangelia Newton, and grandmother of Joanna Newton, Olympia Carranza, and great grandmother of Ricky Carranza; and for Georgios Christopoulos, friend of LTC Les Thompson. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Newton/Carranza and Thompson families in memory of their loved ones.

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, ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com.

Choir – Regular rehearsals will be on Thursdays 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.

Philoptochos – 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.

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!

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.
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 δέχθεις από τα αμαρτωλά μας χέρια και τις προσφορές αυτές έτσι, ώστε πάντοτε να μπορούμε να Σου προσφέρουμε δώρα και τους κόπους της εργασίας μας γιά την δόξα Σου, προς ελάφρυνση των δοκιμασιών και της πείνας, προς διακονία του λαού Σου, προς συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών και εξίλασιμό του λαού Σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.

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