Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Plagal 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.

Αγγελικαί δυνάμεις επί το μνήσα σου, και οι φυλάσσοντες απενεκρώθησαν, και ίστατο Μαρία εν το τάφῳ, ζητούσα το άχραντό σου σώμα. Εσκύλευσας τον Άδην, μη πειρασθείς υπ’ αυτού, υπήντησας τη Παρθένω, δωρούμενος την ζωήν, ο αναστάσας εκ των νεκρών, 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 Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντίληψιν. Ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματον τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

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 των Χριστιανών ακαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία προς τον Ποιητήν αμετάθετε. Μή παρίδης αμαρτωλών δεήσεων φωνάς, αλλά πρόφθασον, ως αγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τοῦ πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι. Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεύσον εἰς ικεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα αεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμῶντος σε.
Epistle Reading

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.
To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

2nd Corinthians 4:6-15 – Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:31-36 – The Lord said, "And 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."

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 – During Coffee Hour the Philoptochos is raising funds to assist the victims of the Louisiana floods. Come to the Church Hall, make a donation and choose a hand-made one of a kind child’s hat or scarf.

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, 2:00-4:00pm 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. For reservations and tickets please see Maria Wills after church during coffee hour or contact her at (703) 409-3041.
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Alexandros Kolovos, husband of Mrs. Eleftheria Kolovos, and father of Ted and Doris; for Barbara Donna Stoyas, wife of Evangelos Stoyas, and mother of Peter and Athena; for Konstantinos Dimitrakopoulos and Anastasia Dimitrakopoulou, parents of Mrs. Virginia Dimitrakopoulou; and for Reverend Father Konstantinos Koukos, spiritual father of Mr. Iacovos Ioannou. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee hour is sponsored this morning by Mrs. Eleftheria Kolovos and family in memory of her beloved husband, Alexandros Kolovos; and by Mr. Evangelos Stoyas and family in memory of his beloved wife, Barbara Donna Stoyas.

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 budgie (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 website 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 next weekend, 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 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 εξάλειψη του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.