

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, October 4, 2020
2nd Sunday of Luke

St. Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens
St. Domnina and her daughters,
Verini and Prosdoki



Apolytikion of the Day (4th Plagal Tone)

From on high You descended, Most Merciful; for us You condescended to a three-day burial to set us free from the passions. O Lord, our Resurrection and our life, glory to You.

Εξ ύψους κατήλθες ο εύσπλαγχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ίνα ημάς ελευθερώσης των παθών. Η ζωή και η ανάστασις ημών, 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 Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντίληψιν. Ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομπούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (2nd Tone)

O protection of the Christians unashamable, mediation to the Creator immovable, despise not, the pleading voices of those in sin, but hasten O good one, to the help of all of us, who in faith cry out to you: Speed up your intercession, and press on you supplication, O Theotokos who always protect, all those who honor you.

Προστασία των χριστιανών ακαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία προς τον Ποιητήν αμετάθετε, μη παρίδης, αμαρτωλών γεήσεων φωνάς, αλλά πρόφθασον ως αγαθή, εις την βοήθειαν ημών, των πιστώσ κραυγαζόντων σοι: Τάχυνον εις πρεσβείαν, και σπεύσον εις ικεσίαν, η προστατεύουσα αεί, Θεοτόκε των 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."

Saint Hierotheus of Athens

According to some, Hierotheus, like Saint Dionysius, was a member of the court of Mars Hill. Having first been instructed in the Faith of Christ by Paul, he became Bishop of Athens. He, in turn, initiated the divine Dionysius more perfectly into the mysteries of Christ; the latter, on his part, elaborated more clearly and distinctly Hierotheus' concise and summary teachings concerning the Faith. He too was brought miraculously by the power of the Holy Spirit to be present at the Dormition of the Theotokos, when, together with the sacred Apostles, he became a leader of the divine hymnody. "He was wholly transported, wholly outside himself and was so deeply absorbed in communion with the sacred things he celebrated in hymnology, that to all who heard him and saw him and knew him, and yet knew him not, he seemed to be inspired of God, a divine hymnographer," as Dionysius says (On the Divine Names, 3:2). Having lived in a manner pleasing to God, he reposed in the Lord.



Announcements



Memorial Services are offered this morning for **Constantine Kalpaxis**, husband of Mrs. Dina Diamantides and father of Christos Kalpaxis; for **Dimitrios Kalpos**, father of Mrs. Mary Kalpos Tsounis; for **Eleni Viglas**, mother of Mrs. Niki Kapelos; for **James L. Loisou**, father of Mrs. Denise Garbis and Mr. Stefanos Loisou; and for **Eleni Thrasyvoulou**, mother of Mrs. Maria Kolas and Mrs. Yioula Trahilis. 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.

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 have begun Saturday, September 19, 2020, 9:30am-1:30pm, and Friday, September 25, 5:00-7:00pm.

Prayer of the Hour – Vespers Prayers

Now that we have reached the setting of the sun and behold the evening light, we sing to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is fitting at all times to praise you with cheerful voices, O Son of God, the Giver of life. Behold, the world sings your glory.

Church Services

Sunday, October 4	<i>2nd Sunday of Luke</i> – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Tuesday, October 6	<i>Paraklesis to the Holy Trinity</i> in Defense from the Pandemic 7:00pm
Sunday, October 11	<i>Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Synod</i> – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Tuesday, October 13	<i>Paraklesis to the Holy Trinity</i> in Defense from the Pandemic 7:00pm
Sunday, October 18	<i>St. Luke the Evangelist</i> – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Tuesday, October 20	<i>Paraklesis to the Holy Trinity</i> in Defense from the Pandemic 7:00pm
Friday, October 23	<i>St. James the Apostle</i> – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Sunday, October 25	<i>6th Sunday of Luke</i> – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Monday, October 26	<i>St. Demetrios the Great Martyr</i> – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Tuesday, October 27	<i>Paraklesis to the Holy Trinity</i> in Defense from the Pandemic 7:00pm
Wednesday, October 28	<i>The Holy Protection of the Theotokos</i> – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am; OXI Day

Sunday Services and Weekday Services: Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy 10:00am

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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