Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, October 6, 2019
3rd Sunday of Luke

Saint Thomas the Apostle
Martyr Eroteis of Cappadocia

Apolytikion of the Day (Grave Tone)
-By Your Cross, O Lord, You shattered death; to the thief You opened Paradise. You transformed the Myrrhbearers' lamentation, and commanded Your Apostles to proclaim that You arose, Christ our God, granting to the world Your great mercy.

-Apetlaspas to Staurow Sou ton thanaaton, hneosos to Lesth tioi Paradoson. Ton Myroforon ton thyrhnon metebales, kai tous Soui Apostolois khruttin epetaxas, oti anesthi Xriste o Theos, paracho ton koso to mega elos.

Apolytikion of Saint Thomas (3rd Tone)
-O holy Apostle Thomas, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.

-Apostole aige Thwma, presbeue to eilemoni Theo, iana patiasmaton apresin paraskhei tais psyxais nomon.

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.

-Ten panovefimon nymhon Xristoj umnosemen, Aiakatiran ten theiain kai poliojoun Sinai, ten botheian nomon kai antitplen. Oti epimwase lampros, tous kumou tovn asobion, ton Pnevatomai tis dunamei. Kai ten as Murtis steftheisa, aiteitai pasi to mega elos.

Kontakion of the Day (2nd Tone)
-The protection of Christians unshameable, intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, do not turn from the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercession and speed now to supplication, as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

-Prostasia ton xristianon akataxchonte, mesiteia pro twn Poitetha ametathete, mi paridei, amartolodon deisxwv fowv, alla profotheson ois agath, eis tin botheian nomon, ton pistew krataganton soui: Tachon eis presbeian, kai sseuson eis ikeian, h prostatawousa aei, Theotoke ton timon ton seu.
Epistle Reading

The Lord will give strength to his people.

Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

2nd Corinthians 6:1-10 – Brethren, working together with him, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Gospel Reading

Luke 7:11-16 – At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

Adult Bible Class - Classes are held every Sunday at 9:30am in the board room of the Meletis Charuhas Center. Join us each Sunday to learn more about our faith. “A Journey through the Orthodox Faith Guided by the Words of the Bible”. This year’s topic: The Gospel of Luke. Please see enclosed flyer. For more information or questions, please contact Bill Polizos at 571-434-7790 or polizos@att.com. Everyone is welcome!

Journey to Orthodoxy – The “Journey to Orthodoxy” class for adults meets 9:30am-10:30am 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 faith. It is also recommended for intending or newly married couples where one spouse is not Orthodox. The class is held in an informal discussion format. Text is provided. We meet in the Seniors’ Kentro room on the ground floor of Founders’ Hall. For further information, please contact the teachers, Dr. John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Mr. Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com, 202-375-1007.

Church Playroom – Parents please accompany your children in the playroom downstairs. Regardless of age, all children in the playroom must be supervised by a Parent at all times.

The parking spot next to the assistant priest is restricted for the Head Chanter. A sign will be placed in the coming weeks.

Stewardship Table – Please stop by the stewardship table and update your email on record. We are transitioning to mailing statements to save $2,000 in mailing costs. Thank you.
SAINT KATHERINE FALL FESTIVAL!
TODAY! 11:00am-9:00pm. Greek food and Greek pastries. Live music by Golden Flame. Traditional Greek dancing. There is NO admission fee. All are welcome to attend!

The Ladies Philoptochos is inviting all parishioners, young and mature on Friday, October 18th, 7:00pm-9:00pm at the Chelpon Hall, for an ongoing seminar, of our Metropolis Opioid Response Effort “Support Without Judgment”. Reception to follow.

GOYA – Great job Mia Tzafolias and Evi Euripides with your Epistle reading! Upcoming events: St. Katherine Festival (10/4-6); Cox Farm (10/11); Food Distribution (10/12). For more information, email SaintKatherineGOYA@aol.com.

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 Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. This includes time for discussion and fellowship.

The Genevieve Orthodox Book Club meets the last Sunday of each month after the Divine Liturgy in the Seniors Kentron. All are welcome to join us. If you would like to be included on our mailing list or for more information, please contact vistoriacherpes@gmail.com.

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!

Mission Trip – Are you interested in going on an OCMC mission trip? Last year, OCMC sent 22 short term mission teams to 10 countries and ministered to nearly 7,000 people. See OCMC.org for more information.

Daughters of Penelope - Helle Chapter 283, and Saint Katherine’s Ladies Philoptochos are accepting New Hoodies and Sweatshirts. Please click on link http://bit.ly/DOPHelleKeepWarm. Monetary donations will be accepted. Thank you!

The Daughters of Penelope is an organization that promotes Hellenism, Education and Philanthropy. Our next initiation will take place at 12 Noon on October 13, in Chelpon Hall. If you are interested in joining this wonderful organization, please contact Rosalie Georgeadis @ 703 432-1723 or rgeorgeadis@hotmail.com, or President, Maria Vargas 703- 812-0286 (Mariatv703@yahoo.com).

Looking for home care work for the elderly and some tutoring, Greek or English or babysitting; Fluent in Greek and English; Fairfax, Falls Church, Vienna, McLean or Reston area. Please call the Church office, 703-671-1515.

Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, Loudoun County – Congratulations to Father George Alexson for 50 years in the Priesthood. Join us for a Dinner Celebration to honor Father George Alexson, October 27, 2019, 6:00pm, at the Belmont Country Club (19661 Belmont Manor Lane, Ashburn, VA 20147). $80 adults, $20 children. For more information and reservations, at holyapostlesgreekorthodox.org.
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 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.