Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, October 9, 2016
3rd Sunday of Luke

St. James the son of Alphaeus
Sts. Andronicus and Athanasia of Egypt

Apolytikion of the Day (Grave Tone)

Thou didst abolish death by Thy Cross; Thou didst open Paradise to the thief; Thou didst transform the Myrrh-bearers’ lamentation, and didst bid Thine Apostles to preach that Thou art risen, O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

Κατέλυσας τω Σταυρώ σου τον θάνατον, ηνέωξας τω Ληστή τον Παράδεισον, των Μυροφόρων τον θρήνον μετέβαλες, και τοις σοις Αποστόλοις κηρύττειν επέταξας, ότι ανέστης Χριστέ ο Θεός, παρέχον το κόσμο το μέγα ἔλεος.

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 κοιμουόν τον ασεβών, του Πνεύματον τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως 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 των Χριστιανών ακαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία προς τον Ποιητήν αμετάθετε. Μή παρίδης αμαρτωλών δεήσεων 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 τιμώτων σε.
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.

Corinthians 6:1-10 – BRETHREN, working together with him, then, 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!"

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 antovij@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 19, 10:30am-12:00pm. It is not too late to join the club. 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 and the Church Bookstore. 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 this morning. 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.
Announcements

ST. KATHERINE’S FALL FESTIVAL! TODAY! 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Please come and taste our delicious, traditional homemade foods and deserts. See the Arts and Crafts booth! Enjoy Live Music and Dancing! OPA!

Save the Date for Saint 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.

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 budgery (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, October 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.

OCF Fall Retreat – Saturday, October 29, 2016, Sacred Monastery of St. Nektarios (8704 Hampton Valley Rd., Emmitsburg, MD 21727) – Theme: “The world has changed, the WORLD has Not.” Speaker: Fr. Constantine Moralis, presiding priest, Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, Baltimore, MD. Please register by Monday, October 24, 2016, using the link: https://goo.gl/forms/vCBbeBomEDWW7hww2. For more information, please contact: ocf.umd@gmail.com. Schedule of events: 9:00am Orthros; Registration begins; 10:00am Divine Liturgy; 11:30am Brunch; 12:15pm First session; 1:15pm Lunch and fellowship; 2:00pm Second session; 3:15pm Outdoor fellowship; 4:00pm Great Vespers and Confession.
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, ὁπως 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 δοκιμασίων και της πείνας, προς διακοίνωση του λαού Σου, προς συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών και εξίλασμι του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.