Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, October 13, 2013
Fourth Sunday of Luke

Saints Carpos, Papylos, Agathodoros, Agathoniki, and Benjamin the Deacon
Αγίων Κάρπου, Παπύλου, Αγαθοδόρου, Αγαθονίκης και Βενιαμίν διακόνου

Apolytikion of the Day (Grave Tone)

By means of Your Cross, O Lord You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the Myrrh-bearing women You transformed and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen from the dead, our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

Κατέλυσας τον Σταυρό σου τον θάνατον. Ηνέωξας τον Ληστή τον Παράδεισον. Των Μυροφόρων τον θρήνον μετέβαλες και τοις σοις Αποστόλοις κηρύττειν επέταξας, ότι ανέστης Χριστέ ο Θεός, παρέχω το κόσμῳ το μέγα έλεος.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (First Plagios Tone)

The all-blessed bride of Christ let us extol 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 us.

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημῶν και αντίληψιν, ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και ως μάρτυς του Κυρίου στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι, το μέγα έλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (Second 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 χριστιανῶν ακαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία προς τον Ποιητήν αμετάθετε, μη παρίδης, αμαρτωλών δεήσεων φωνάς, αλλά πρόφθασον ως αγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ημῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σου: Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεύδον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα αεί, Θεοτόκε των τιμώντων σε.
Epistle Reading

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For You are just in all You have done.
The reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to Titus.

Titus 3:8-15 – Titus, my son, the saying is true. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good things, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith.

Grace be with you all. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Luke 8:5-15 – The Lord said this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.”

And when his disciples asked him what his parable meant, he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As he said these things, he cried out “He who ears o hear, let him hear.”

Wisdom of the Church Fathers

The sign that thou lovest God, is this, that thou lovest thy fellow; and if thou hatest thy fellow, thy hatred is towards God. For it is blasphemy if thou prayest before God while thou art wroth. For thy heart also convicts thee, that in vain thou multipliest words: thy conscience rightly judges that in thy prayers thou profitest not.

St. Ephraim the Syrian , ON ADMONITION AND REPENTANCE.

Let us then, bearing in mind all the things which have been said, show forth great love even towards our enemies; and let us ease away that ridiculous custom, to which many of the more thoughtless give way, waiting for those that meet them to address them first.

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 18 on Matthew 5
4th Century

There are three things that impel us towards what is holy: natural instincts, angelic powers and probity of intention. Natural instincts impel us when, for example, we do to others what we would wish them to do to us (cf. Luke 6:31), or when we see someone suffering deprivation or in need and naturally feel compassion. Angelic powers impel us when, being ourselves impelled to something worthwhile, we find we are providentially helped and guided. We are impelled by probity of intention when, discriminating between good and evil, we choose the good.

St. Maximos the Confessor, Second Century on Love no. 32, Philokalia Vol. 2 edited by Palmer, Sherrard and Ware; Faber and Faber pg. 71; 7th century
Announcements

Memorial Service is offered this morning for Alex Kostopoulos, cousin of Mrs. Georgia McKinney. May his memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by Mr. & Mrs. Gregory McKinney and family in memory of her beloved cousin Alex Kostopoulos.

Saint Katherine Annual Dinner Gala – **SAVE THE DATE!** Sunday, November 10, 2013 at the McLean Hilton in Tysons Corner in celebration of our Parish and our many blessings and also to honor the Veterans of our community (all veterans planning to attend please register at our booth in the lobby after liturgies). Our honored guest will be His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey. 6:00 PM Silent Auction and Reception; 7:00 pm Dinner. Music by “Appolonia.” For info & reservations, contact Nick Larigakis, Dinner Chairman, 703-909-9078.

EFGOCM Choir Conference will be hosted by Saint Katherine the weekend of October 17-20. Beginning today and through the end of September, please stop by Choir Table at the Coffee Hour and place an ad or welcome to our participants in our Program Book. Please contact Katina Doulis, Conference Chairman, at 703-899-4130.

Monumental Mission Walk, October 19 – On October 19, Orthodox Christians from around the metro-DC area will converge on the National Mall for the first-ever Monumental Missions Walk. Sponsored by our Metropolitan DC Orthodox Christian Mission and Outreach Committee, the event is a 3-mile spiritual stroll past some of our nation's most important landmarks & will benefit Orthodox Missions world-wide and locally. For more information and to register, visit [https://monumentalmissionswalk.eventbrite.com](https://monumentalmissionswalk.eventbrite.com).

OCAMPR – On November 1-2, 2013, the Orthodox Christian Association of Medicine, Psychology and Religion (OCAMPR) will hold its annual national conference at Saint Katherine. The theme of the Conference is The Clinical and Pastoral Care of the Aging Patient. Our keynote speaker Friday night will be Bishop John of Boston and New England of the Antiochian Archdiocese who is also a clinical psychologist. On Saturday we will have noted speakers covering the medical, psychological, and religious issues of the aging patient. Go to [www.OCAMPR.org](http://www.OCAMPR.org) for the full agenda and to register or email J. Demakis for more information, demakis9931@gmail.com.

AHEPA Christmas Ornaments – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce orders are now being taken for our Sixth 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. This stunning three-dimensional ornament is entitled “Star of Saint Katherine” and is a testament to the indomitable spirit of our community, its ministries and those who lovingly labor in its behalf. Manufactured by the same firm that creates the famous White House Christmas ornaments, they make excellent gifts and are the ideal stocking stuffer. Ornaments will first be available for sale during the Fall Festival and after Liturgies during coffee hour while supplies last. Please visit our booth at the Fall Festival or place your order after Liturgy beginning September 15, or by sending requests to antovi@verizon.net or by calling 703-929-6110.

Single Parent Fellowship – Join us this morning at 9:30 a.m. at the Lecture Room of the Meletis Charuhas Center for the inaugural meeting of the newest mission of our church – Single Parent Fellowship. All single parents are welcome. Please feel free to contact Andrea Katsenes, the coordinator, at andrea.katsenes@verizon.net.

YAL (Young Adult League) Meeting this morning at the Board Room of the Meletis Charuhas Center following the second Divine Liturgy. All young adults are welcomed to attend.

The Children’s AGAPE Foundation Tea by our Philoptochos – Sunday, October 27, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Meletis Charuhas Center. Everyone is welcome. Please see the ad in October’s DOXA.

Philoptochos Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Luncheon – Thursday, November 14, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. For reservations please call Eleni Kanakos at (703) 938-8360 or Irene Burton at (703) 256-5531.

The SAFEWAY BEBEFITS Program is looking for new members. Please, look for our table, after both services, if you would like to join. Thank you! For more information contact Elvira Garnett: villa45@hotmail.com or (703) 425-3675.

MANY THANKS to all our parishioners who helped and made our Fall Festival a GREAT SUCCESS! God bless YOU!
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. Ο Θεός, όπως δέχθηκες τα δώρα του Άβελ, τις θυσίες του Νώε και του Αβραάμ, το θυμίαμα του Ααρών και του Ζαχαρία, ως 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.

Church Services

Friday, October 18  Saint Luke the Evangelist – Αγίου Λουκά του Ευαγγελιστού
Orthros 9:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 20 Sixth Sunday of Luke – ΣΤ’ Κυριακή Λουκά
Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Orthros and Catechetical School 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 26 Saint Demetrios the Myrrhbearer – Αγ. Δημητρίου του Μυροβλήτου
Orthros 9:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 27 Seventh Sunday of Luke – Ζ’ Κυριακή Λουκά
Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Orthros and Catechetical School 9:30 a.m.

The Sunday bulletin is available online in two formats—a PDF copy of the bulletin handed out in church and an online version with much more information. Please take a moment to check them out by visiting:
http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins

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