Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, October 16, 2011
Sunday
of the 7th Ecumenical Council
St. Longinos the Centurion

Apolytikion of the Day (1st Tone)
Το λίθου σφραγισθέντος υπό των Ιουδαίων, και στρατιωτών φυλασσόντων το άχραντόν Σου σώμα, ανέστη τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δεινόμενος το κόσμο την ζωήν. Διά τούτο αι δυνάμεις τον ευρανόν εβόων σοι Ζωοδότα. Δόξα τον Αναστάσιν Σου Χριστό, δόξα τη βασιλεία Σου, δόξα τη οικονομία Σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.
The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver. Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your eternal rule; Glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1st Plagios Tone)
Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν και αντίληψιν, ὥστε εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δύναμεν. Και ως μάρτυς τον Κυρίου στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι, το μέγα ἔλεος.
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 sheuzzled brilliantly, the ungodly clever men, by the power of the Spirit. And now crowned as Martyr, she pleads great mercy for all of us.

Kontakion of the Day (2nd Tone)
Προστασία των χριστιανῶν ακαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία προς τον ποιητήν αμετάθετε, μη παρίδης, αμαρτωλῶν δήσεων φωνᾶς, αλλὰ πρόφθασον ὡς αγαθή, εἰς την βοήθειαν ημῶν, τον πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι. Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεύσον εἰς ικεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα αεί, Θεοκόκε τῶν τιμῶν σε. 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.
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 Second 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 deeds, 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 what this 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 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 has ears to hear, let him hear.”

**Philoptochos** – There will be a Philoptochos meeting today after the second Liturgy. This meeting is particularly important as my term as President and that of the Board technically ended in May. While my term as president has been very fulfilling I believe that others should have this opportunity. Therefore I will not seek reelection to the Board. As past president I will remain as advisor. Please plan to attend this very important election meeting.

**IOCC ANNUAL BANQUET** – The 7th Annual International Christian Charities Benefit Banquet is Sunday, November 6, 2011, 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Sophia Cathedral with Vespers at 4:30 p.m. Entertainement by Spyros Koliavasilis and The Mediterranean Colors. You can register on-line at iocc.org. Tickets are $55.00; $65.00 if purchased after October 28.

**The Helle Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope** is selling personalized bakeware from “That’s My Pan.” The pans could be used to make pastitsio, moussaka, baklava…the list is endless! They are great for gift-giving as well! For more information please contact Lynn Francis at elfran@cox.net or (703) 978-4370 or stop by the display after church services beginning today, October 16th. All proceeds will be donated to our philanthropic endeavors supporting those who are victims of domestic violence.

**The Daughters of Penelope Helle Chapter #238** will be collecting new winter jackets for abused and homeless boys and girls in sizes 3-14 throughout October and November. We will deliver the jackets the week of Thanksgiving. Please be generous since many of these children must leave their homes quickly and without any clothing except for what they were wearing. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, we will shop for the jackets. Please make checks payable to: Daughters of Penelope Helle Chapter #238. Point of contact, Kathy Cavallo at kcavallo@aol.com or (703) 978-1539. There will be a labeled box in Meletis Charuhas center on Sundays or bring them to the office of St. Katherine during the week.

**The St. Katherine “Support the Troops”** is looking for names of men and women serving our country overseas. We would like to send out packages and cards for the upcoming holidays. Please e-mail Ray Vazquez (rayvazquez1aol.com) names and addresses of anyone you know who is deployed.

**General Assembly Meeting** will be Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Rita Christopher, wife of Dr. Andrew Christopher, and mother of Dr. George A. and Mark Christopher, and Diane Bridge; and for William Michael Brackney, husband of Mrs. Katherine Galifianakis. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is offered this morning by Dr. Andrew Christopher and family in memory of his beloved wife, Rita Christopher; and by Mrs. Katherine Galifianakis and family in memory of her beloved husband, William Michael Brackney.

Sacraments - Congratulations to Christopher and Torra Yianilos on the baptism of their daughter Eleanor Jordan, October 15, 11:00 a.m.; and to George Arthur Caridakis and Cassandra Lee Becker on their wedding, October 15, 4:00 p.m.

Catechetical School - We are adding a new Pre-K 3½ year old class this year. Please call Christian Demeter, 703-534-5669 for additional information.

The Nursery, located on the lower level of the church, is “open for business.” The space is available to parents who need a place to take a break with their babies and toddlers during church services. Children must be supervised at all times.

Fall Weeknight Adult Bible Study meets Wednesdays, October 5 – November 16, 7:30-8:45 p.m. in the boardroom of the Meletis Charuhas Center. Come join us as we discuss Love in the Letters of John “the disciple Jesus loved.” What better source could there be for exploring what it means to live in love with our Lord Jesus and our brethren? Can’t make it every week? No problem! Drop-ins are welcome, including our older teens.

Orthodox Christian Mission Center Benefit Banquet will be held at Saint Katherine on Sunday, April 29. The speaker will be Fr. Martin Ritsi. For more information, contact Gregory McKinney, dintym@hotmail.com.

GOYA (13-to 18-year-olds) will have basketball practices on Tuesdays, October 18, and 25 (Girls 6:00 p.m. and Boys 7:30 p.m.) and following Liturgy on Sundays, October 9 and 30. They will participate in the Saint George, Bethesda (October 15-16) and Saint Sophia (October 22-23) tournaments.

Interfaith Orthodox Study – Any interfaith married couples (one orthodox and one non-orthodox) interested in participating in a study on interfaith families in the Orthodox Church, please contact Chris Vaccarello at cmv3d@virginia.edu or by phone at 703-307-0563.

Parish e-mail list – Please subscribe to our Church's e-mail list. Simply go to our newly redesigned web site at www.saint-katherines.org and click on Join our Email List at the top of the page. We will use this list to communicate more efficiently with you. You can send feedback to webmaster@stkchurch.com. We have more exciting things to come - check back often!

AHEPA Christmas Ornaments - The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce the arrival of the Fourth Annual Community Christmas Ornament. These collectable ornaments have grown in popularity from year to year and this year's ornament is no exception! A stunning three-dimensional rendition of The Star of Bethlehem serves as the inspiration for our 2011 offering to the community – a perfect ornament for the Christmas season, depicting the divine light that served as a beacon to all mankind heralding the joy of the Nativity. They make excellent gifts and are the ideal stocking stuffer. Please place your order at jstoucker@verizon.net or 703-929-6110.

The SAFEWAY Program is looking for new members. Please look for our table at coffee hour after both services for details or call Elvira Garnette at (703) 425-3675. Thank you.

JOY Theater Trip to Ford’s Theater for “A Christmas Carol” on Sunday, November 27 at 2:00 p.m. $65.00 per ticket for premium orchestra seating. Contact JOY Director, Tina Papamichael, at athena02@verizon.net or (703) 536-4711 to reserve your spot. Space is limited so please reserve early! Open to the entire Saint Katherine community.

Athenian Night at St. Katherine – November 12, 2011, 8:00 p.m. to midnight, Meletis Charuhas Hall. Tickets: Adults $40.00; children under 12 $25.00; $50.00 at the door (cash only); open seating/table reservations only; cash bar – beer/wine – mezedakia. Live entertainment by Ladi Sti Fotia. Featuring Sofia Tzini, George Koumiotis, DJ Liakos and Band. For tickets and information, contact: Anna Vassilopoulos (703) 671-1515 or Tina Moshos (703) 307-1906. Table reservations by October 30.

Clothing for the Homeless Shelter – We are continuing to collect clothing and toiletries for men and women at the Bailey’s Crossroads Homeless Shelter. Clothes may be new or used but must be clean. Toiletries should be unopened. There is a collection receptacle in the foyer of our community center. Please continue to be generous to those less fortunate.
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, ὅπως δέχθηκες τα δώρα του Άβελ, τις θυσίες του Νώε και του Άβραάμ, το θυμίαμα του Ααρών και του Ζαχαρία, ας δέχθεις από τα αμαρτιόλα 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 ονόμα Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.