**Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church**

Sunday, October 19, 2014

3rd Sunday of Luke

Joel the Prophet
Ouaros the Martyr

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**Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Tone)**

When You descended unto death, O Lord, who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also, when You raised the dead from the nether world, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out. O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You.

Ότε κατήλθες προς τον θάνατον, η ζωή η αθάνατος, τότε τον Άδην ενέκρωσας, τη αστραπή της θεότητος. Ότε δε και τους τεθνεώτας, εκ των καταχθονίων ανέστησας, πάσαι αι δυνάμεις των επουρανίων εκραύγαξον. Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ο Θεός ημών, δόξα σοι.

**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 κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματον 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 your supplication, O Theotokos, who always protects, all those who honor you.

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 τιμώντων σε.
Epistle Reading

The Lord is my strength and my song.
The Lord has chastened me sorely.
The reading is from Saint Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians.

2nd Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9 – Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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 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!”

The Philoptochos and the Daughters of Penelope are once again collecting winter coats/jackets for homeless and abused children. The angel tree will be in the foyer of the Meletis-Charuhas Center starting next Sunday, October 26, 2014. We will have a box for the collection. Coats/jackets will be collected through Sunday, December 7, 2014. The coats and jackets will be delivered the week of December 8, 2014 to local area shelters. Thank you for your support!

OCMC – On Saturday, November 15, 2014, Orthodox Christians from around the Washington, DC Metropolitan area will converge on the National Mall for the second annual Monumental Missions Walk. Sponsored by our own Metropolitan DC Orthodox Mission and Outreach Committee, the Monumental Missions Walk is a 3-mile long, spiritual journey, past some of the Nation’s most important landmarks. At each designated monument along the route, all participants will learn about the historical significance of the landmarks as well the role that Christian faith has played in the shaping of this great country. The Monumental Missions Walk will afford participants the unique opportunity to pause and admire these important places of reflection through the unique lens of our Christian faith. To register go to: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/monumental-missions-walk-tickets-6911036095.
Food Pantry – Our next food pantry collection will be taking place this morning. We have handed out cloth bags for the food collection after church on Sunday, October 5 and October 12. Please use the cloth bags because paper bags tend to tear. Please bring the food only this morning. Please be generous. The last three collections, we donated more than 1000 lbs. of food each time. Let’s not break our streak!

FAMILY FUN is back with FAMILY FUN DAY! Join us today from 1:00-5:00 p.m. for a fun-filled carnival-inspired afternoon complete with catered lunch, magic show, balloon twisting, games activities and much more! Buy tickets online at www.degreeks.com. Adults $25, children $10, kids age 5 and under free. Don’t forget to enter our raffle for a chance to win amazing prizes, including electronics, merchandise, gift certificates, and big ticket items (1for $5, 3 for $10, 7 for $20). Raffle tickets can be purchased from any PAIDEIA family or staff. FAMILY FUN DAY is organized by The PAIDEIA Preschool with proceeds benefiting The Hellenic Education Center. Get ready for some FUN!

National Leadership 100 Sunday – Next Sunday, October 26, the Feast of St. Demetrios, our Archdiocese and all of us give thanks to God for the steadfast and abounding labor of the members of Leadership 100, and celebrate the great accomplishments of the Leadership 100 Endowment Fund. We would like to acknowledge from our parish Mr. & Mrs. George Bilidas and Mr. & Mrs. John Spanos who are members of Leadership 100. Thank you and God bless you.

Kenya Short-Term Missionary – Mary VanMullekom, one of our Saint Katherine parishioners, has been chosen by the OCMC for a short-term teaching team to Kenya. Mary and her team will be in Kenya from October 27 to November 8, 2014. The Team will minister in Nairobi, the hub of the Orthodox Church of Kenya, to the students of the Makarios III Seminary, the Orthodox Teachers College of Africa, and the Saint Clement of Alexandria School by leading classes, tutoring students and teaching the English language. Please keep Mary and her team in your prayers. Contributions via check can be sent to Saint Katherine; on the memo line, please specify Mary VanMullekom.

General Assembly Meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 22, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lecture Room of the Education Center (downstairs).

Saint Katherine Annual Dinner Gala - November 9, 2014 at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner. Reception and silent auction is at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Dress for the evening is business. For reservations please contact Maria Wills at (703) 409-3041 or mwills28@verizon.net, or Nick Larigakis at nlarigakis@ahiworld.org.

Pan-Hellenic Scholarship Foundation will again offer $250,000 in scholarship awards. The awards will be distributed in the following way: 20 awards of $10,000 based on academic achievement and financial need, and 20 awards of $2,500 based solely on academic achievement. Scholarship awards are available to all undergraduate students of Hellenic descent. The application is available on www.panhellenicscholarships.org, and deadline to apply is January 31, 2015. Awards Ceremony and Gala: Saturday, June 20, 2015 at the Hilton Chicago.

Philoptochos General Meeting will take place this morning after the second Divine Liturgy immediately following the coffee hour in the Lecture Room of the Education Center (downstairs).
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 δέχθεις από τα αμαρτωλά μας χέρια και τις προσφορές αυτές έτσι, ώστε πάντοτε να μπορούμε να σου προσφέρουμε δώρα και τους κόπους της εργασίας μας γιά την δόξα Σου, προς ελάφρυνση των δοκιμασίων 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.

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