Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, October 21, 2012

6th Sunday of Luke

Hilarion, The Great
Christodoulus, the Wonderworker of Patmos
Martyrs Theodote and Socrates
John the New Martyr of Peleponnesos
Righteous Philotheus

Apolytikion of the Day (Second Tone)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord by His Might, has created a Dominion. He has conquered death by death, and become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hades, and has granted the world great mercy.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ᾅδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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 πολιού χον Σινά, την βοήθεια ημῶν και αντίληψιν, ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και ως μάρτυς του Κυρίου στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσιν, 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 χριστιανών ακαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία προς τον Ποιητήν αμετάθετε, μη παρίδης, αμαρτωλών δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον ὡς αγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τοῦ πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι: Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεύσον εἰς ικεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα αεί, Θεοτόκε των τιμώντων σε.
**Epistle Reading**

St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19 - BRETHREN, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 8:26-39 - 6th Sunday of Luke - At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said,"Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

**Wisdom of the Church Fathers**

For if we, going about on the earth which is familiar and well known to us, being encompassed with a body, when we are journeying in a strange road, know not which way to go unless we have some one to lead us; how should the soul, being rent away from the body, and having gone out from all her accustomed region, know where to walk without one to show her the way?

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 28 on Mathew 8
4th Century

**Lives of the Saints**

**Our Righteous Father Christodoulos, the Wonderworker of Patmos**

Saint Christodoulos, who was from the region of Nicaea of Bithynia, was the son of Theodore and Anna, and was given the name John. He assumed the monastic habit in his youth and was renamed Christodoulos ("slave of Christ" in Greek). At first, he lived the ascetical life in various places, then he received permission and monetary aid from the Emperor Alexis I Comnenus (reigned 1081-1118), and built a church and monastery on the island of Patmos named in honour of Saint John the Evangelist. These buildings stand to this day. However, when the Arabs attacked that place, he fled with his disciples and went to Euboa (Euripus), where he also completed the course of his life about the end of the eleventh century on the 16th of March. The disciples of this righteous man took his sacred incorrupt remains and transferred them to his own monastery, where they repose to this day for the sanctification of those who have recourse to them with faith.
An Orthodox Christian Steward is an active participant in the life of the Church. The parish encourages all who accept the Orthodox Faith to become practicing Stewards. Each year the Steward is expected to carefully review his or her personal circumstances and make a commitment of time, talent, and treasure to support the Parish and her Ministries, which in turn support the National Ministries of our Archdiocese, Metropolises, and institutions.

Stewardship Sunday is October 28...please reflect on your blessings in preparation for this date. We are honored to have Bill Marianes deliver the homily and address the Adult Catechism Class on this day.

Memorial Services are offered this morning for Anthony Yianilos, husband of Mrs. Diane Yianilos, and father of Jason and Christopher Yianilos and Andrea Walkup. May their memory be eternal! Coffee Hour is sponsored by Mrs. Diane Yianilos and family in memory of her beloved husband, Anthony.

National Leadership 100 Sunday – Today we give thanks to God for the faithful and steadfast members of Leadership 100, Mr. & Mrs. George Bilidas and Mr. & Mrs. John Spanos from our church, and celebrate the great achievements of the Leadership 100 Endowment Fund, which, 28 years since its founding by Archbishop Iakovos of Blessed Memory, has continuously provided assistance to the ministries of our Church for the glory of God. Through their generosity and philanthropic endeavors, we experience what the Apostle Paul prayed for the Hebrews, namely that they consider one another in order to stir up love and good works.

A General Assembly meeting will be held this Wednesday, Oct 24, 7:30 p.m. at the Meletis-Charuhas Center.

Flu Shots – On Sunday, Nov 4, flu shots will be available to our community after each liturgy in the Community Center. Licensed healthcare professionals will administer the influenza vaccine at a cost of $20. Medicare, Cigna, United Healthcare insurances accepted with no out of pocket costs.

JOY and HOPE families (children age 5-12) – Please join us for a family picnic and outdoor fun and hiking, on Sunday, October 28, from 12:00-5:00 p.m. at Sky Meadows State Park. RSVP to eziu@cox.net.

The Daughters of Penelope Helle Chapter #238 is sponsoring a drive for new winter jackets for abused and homeless children. Last year, 150 jackets were donated to needy children. This year, there will be a box and an Angel Tree in the foyer of the Meletis Charuhas Center from October 21st – November 11th. Please “Be an Angel and Pick Out an Angel!” Jackets can be dropped off on Sundays. Checks payable to Helle Chapter #238 are also welcomed. Thanks for your support!

AHEPA Christmas Ornaments – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce the arrival of our Fifth Annual Community Christmas Ornament. These collectable ornaments have grown in popularity from year to year and this year's ornament is no exception with record sales during our recent festival! This stunning three-dimensional ornament is entitled “Snowflakes from Mt. Athos” and depicts the Byzantine Eagle among 25 sparkling snowflakes as it soars over Mt. Athos. Manufactured by the same firm that creates the famous White House Christmas ornaments, they make excellent gifts – an ideal stocking stuffer. Ornaments are available for sale after Liturgies, Supplies are limited...start your Christmas shopping early! Contact antovi@verizon.net or call 703-929-6110.
**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 γιά 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.

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**Church Services**

**Friday, October 26**  
*Saint Demetrios, the Great Martyr*  
Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, October 28**  
*Seventh Sunday of Luke (Stewardship Sunday)*  
Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Orthros and Catechetical School 9:30 a.m.

**Sunday, November 4**  
*Fifth Sunday of Luke*  
Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Orthros and Catechetical School 9:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, November 9**  
*Saint Nektarios, the Wonderworker*  
Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, November 11**  
*Eighth Sunday of Luke*  
Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Orthros and Catechetical School 9:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, November 13**  
*Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople*  
Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

**Friday, November 16**  
*Saint Mathew the Apostle and Evangelist*  
Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, November 18**  
*Ninth Sunday of Luke (Hierarchical Visit, His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos)*  
Orthros 9:15 a.m.; Catechetical School 9:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.