Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Tone)

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

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.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1st Plagios Tone)

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

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.

Kontakion of the Day (2nd Tone)

Προστασία των χριστιανών ακαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία προς τον ποιητήν αμετάθετα, μη παρίδης, αμαρτωλών δεήσεων φωνάς, αλλὰ πρόφθασον ως αγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ημῶν, τῶν πιστῶν κραυγάζοντος σοι. Τάχυνοι εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεύδον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα αἰεί, Θεοκόκε τον τιμώντον 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**

*God is wonderful among the saints. Bless God in the congregations.*

*The Reading is from Saint Paul’s Second Letter to the Galatians.*

**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** – Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!” For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. And they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.” And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

**Philoptochos** – Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Philoptochos Board. They are: Kathy Cavallo, Chris Eskinzes, Patty Karounos, Danae Kouliatzakis, Fran Nonas, Maria Papanasissiou, Christina Vazquez. They will take the Oath of Office today.

**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 kcvallallo@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.
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Stavroula Kalarhakis, wife of Mr. Emmanuel Kalarhakis and mother of Mallamo Mavromatakis and Anna Noussis; and for Ioanna Zarkadoulas, wife of Mr. George Zarkadoulas and mother of Elias Zarkadoulas. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is offered this morning by the Mavromatakis and Noussis families in memory of their beloved mother Stavroula Kalarhakis; and by the Zarkadoulas family in memory of their beloved wife and mother Ioanna Zarkadoulas.

National Leadership 100 Sunday – National Leadership 100 Day is celebrated nationwide today Sunday, October 23. On that day, we gave thanks for the faithful members of Leadership 100-Orthodox Christians who commit themselves to offer $10,000.00 a year for a total of $100,000.00 to maintain the life-sustaining ministries of the Church. Our very own George and Bess Bilidas and John and Ermione Spanos are members of Leadership 100. Thank you, George, Bess, John, and Ermione. We encourage other members of our community to join this worthwhile organization. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Costa.

General Assembly Meeting will be Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The Journey to Orthodoxy class will meet for six sessions, beginning November 6, 9:30-10:30 a.m., in the hall where coffee is served. In addition to covering the fundamental teachings of the Orthodox Church, the class will provide an open forum for participants to address questions and concerns about becoming Orthodox. Those interested may contact Georgiu Kazakis at gkazakis@cov.com or Elena Ziu at eziu@cox.net.

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.

GOYA (13-to 18-year-olds) will have basketball practices on Tuesday, October 25 (Girls 6:00 p.m. and Boys 7:30 p.m.) and following Liturgy on Sunday, October 30. They will participate in the Saint Sophia (October 22-23) tournament.

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 Garnett 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.

St. Katherine Annual Dance (Athenian Night) – 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. We will be selling tickets after each Liturgy every Sunday.

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, όπως δέχθηκες τα δώρα του Άβελ, τις θυσίες του Νώε και του Αβραάμ, το θυμίαμα του Ααρών και του Ζαχαρία, ας δέχθηκες 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 όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.