Sunday, October 25, 2015
6th Sunday of Luke

Sts. Marcianos and Martirios
St. Tabitha the Merciful

Apolytikion of the Day (4th Tone)
The joyful news of Your resurrection was told to the women disciples of the Lord by the angel. Having thrown off the ancestral curse, and boasting, they told the Apostles: Death has been vanquished, Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy.

Το φαιδρόν της Αναστάσεως κήρυγμα, εκ του Αγγέλου μαθούσαι αι του Κυρίου μαθήτριαι, και την προγονικήν απόφασιν απορρίψασαι, τοις Αποστόλοις καινημόνενα είλεγον: Εσκύλευται ο θάνατος ηγέρθη Χριστός ο Θεός, δωρούμενος τω κόσμῳ το μέγα έλεος.

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, τον Πνεύματον τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (2nd 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. 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

O Lord, how magnificent are your works. You have made all things in wisdom. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Galatians.

Galatians 2:16-20 – Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I, through the law, died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gospel Reading

Luke 8:26-39 – At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, 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 the
re on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. 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 Gerasenes 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.

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The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA chapter 438 is proud to announce the opening of the new community Seniors Κέντρο (Kentro) located on the ground floor of Founders Hall. Gather with friends, enjoy a cup of coffee while watching the news from Greece, spending some quiet time reading the paper, or enjoying each other’s company/parea. Lectures, Bible Studies and presentations of health and wellness are also benefits that will be introduced as part of our Church’s new Seniors Ministry.

The Seniors Kentro is carpeted and fully furnished, featuring a 60-inch flat screen television with satellite access to Greek network programming, and has a coffee bar. Operating hours are Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 3:00pm (the Seniors Kentro will open at noon when church services are scheduled). The room is also available to other groups by appointment through the Church Office.

Philoptochos Thanksgiving Bake Sale will be on November 22nd at the end of the Divine Liturgy; and Christmas Bake Sale will be on December 13th and 20th after the Divine Liturgy.

Miracle of Christmas at the Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre, Lancaster, PA. Cost $91.40. Includes theater tickets, round-trip van transportation, all taxes, fees, and gratuities, lots of fun and friendship. Contact Kathy Cavallo, 571-284-7379 or 571-212-8911 or kcvallol@aol.com. When: Tuesday, December 1, 2015, leave from St. Katherine’s parking lot promptly at 10:15 a.m., and arrive back around 8:00 p.m. Limited seating only for 35, make reservations early.
Announcements

Memorial Services are offered this morning for Emmanuel and Stavroula Kalarhakis, parents of Mallamo Mavromatakis and Anastasia Noussis; for Constantinos and Aikaterini Mavromatakis, parents of George Mavromatakis; and for Vasilios A. Voliotis, husband of Mrs. Vaso Voliotis and father of Lea and John. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Mavromatakis and Voliotis families in memory of their loved ones.

Doxology will be offered this morning on the commemoration of October 28, 1940 OXI Day. We welcome the Dignitaries of the Greek Embassy.

Saint Katherine Annual Dinner Gala – SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, November 8, 2015 at the McLean Hilton in Tysons Corner in celebration of our Parish and our many blessings. 6:00 pm Silent Auction and Reception; 7:00 pm Dinner. Music by “Orkistra Mikrasiatiki.” For information and reservations, and to place ads for your business or in support of your community contact Mallamo Mavromatakis (minoancone@gmail.com) or Maria Wills (mwills28@verizon.net), Gala Co-Chairs or visit our table in the lobby after Liturgy.

Daughters of Penelope and the Philoptochos will be collecting new hoodies for teens at the Alternative House facility and jackets for children served by the Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless. The sizes needed are: S, M, L, & XL warm-style hoodies for both male and female teens; and jacket sizes 2T-4T for toddlers, and youth sizes 5 to 20 for both boys and girls. Monetary donations are payable to DOP-Helle Chapter 283 and mailed to Karen Polizos, 903 Holly Creek Drive, Great Falls, VA 22066. Drop your hoodies and jackets in the box in the hall foyer or directly to the church office starting 9/20 through 11/8. Thank you!

AHEPA Christmas Ornaments – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce our Eighth Annual Community Christmas Ornament is now available for purchase. These collectable ornaments have grown in popularity from year to year and we are extremely proud of this year’s offering. Our latest limited edition ornament, entitled “Evzone Snowman” is a whimsical portrayal of a classic Christmas image with a Hellenic twist that is sure to delight young and old. 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 be available for sale after Liturgy during coffee hour while supplies last. Please make your purchases after Liturgy beginning TODAY, or by sending requests to antovi@verizon.net or by calling 703-929-6110.

Gentle Exercise Class – Reduce stress, lower blood pressure, gain flexibility, balance and circulation. Class includes deep breathing, stretching, meditation and deep relaxation. Open to men and women of all ages and all fitness levels. 6 weeks for $60.00, drop-in’s $12.00, payable to St. Katherine. Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., in the Meletis Charuhas Center, began October 14, 2015. Bring an exercise mat, cushion and blanket. For further information contact Tina Ligelis at (703) 845-0520 or LigelisCPA@aol.com.

Food Pantry – Our next food pantry collection is this Sunday, October 25. Thank you for bringing your donations to the entry of community center in the blue cloth bags (food lists inside) that will be handed out this Sunday. This morning our family volunteers will transport the donations to the food pantry of our next-door neighbor, Columbia Baptist Crossroads, which was recently selected as one of the region’s best community-based charities by the Catalogue for Philanthropy— Greater Washington. We are proud to have donated 3,000 pounds of food to this fine organization with our tri-annual food drive the last school year. Thank you, everyone, for your generosity!! Let’s continue to help those in need of food and Christian love.

The Children’s Agape Foundation Tea will be held this afternoon, October 25, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 7701 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817. For information, contact Stella Katcheves at 410-368-8404, Evangeline Kokkinos at 410-268-7639 or Kay Emmanuelidis at 443-851-1445. Admission is FREE. All proceeds will help Orthodox children with financial assistance for medical treatment. Come help support this worthy cause!

Thanksgiving Seniors Luncheon by our Philoptochos – Thursday, November 12, 2015, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m., at the Meletis Charuhas Center.

OFC – October is Orthodox Awareness Month, and our Philoptochos was requested to “keep our youth steadfast in their practice of the Orthodox Faith.” With that in mind we would like to make students of St. Katherine aware of OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship) and how they can connect with the program when they get to college. Please, give us your student’s name and college/university he/she is attending, and we will do the rest. Please contact Elvira Garnett at villa45@hotmail.com or call (703) 425-3675. Looking forward to hearing from you. Thank 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. 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 για την δόξα Σου, προς ελάφρυνση των δοκιμασιών και της πείνας, προς διακονία του λαού Σου, προς συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών και εξίλασμο του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.

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](http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins)

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