Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, October 26, 2014
6th Sunday of Luke

St. Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer
Great Earthquake of Constantinople

Apolytikion of the Day (3rd Tone)

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

Αυτοῦ τοῦ Κυρίου κάτερα τον θάνατον, και κατατρέπει τον πρωτότοκον των νεκρών εγένετο. Εκ κοιλίας Άδου ερρύσατο ημᾶς, και παρέσχε 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 ημῶν και αντίληψιν. Ὅτι εφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος 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, αμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, αλλὰ πρόφθασον ως αγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ημῶν, τον πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι. Τάξινον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεύσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα αεί, Θεοτόκε των τιμῶντων σε.
Epistle Reading
The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.
O God, hear my prayer.

The reading is from Saint Paul’s Second Letter to Timothy

2nd Timothy 2:1-10 – Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

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 there 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 surrounded 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 done for him.

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 this 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.
GOYA Church Duty – GOYAns have church duty today. Demetri Karounos, GOYA President, will serve as GOYA Captain and Epistle Reader.

Memorial Services are offered this morning for Athena Cholakis, wife of Mr. Louis Cholakis and mother of Maria Heijst and George Cholakis, and sister of Mr. George Bilidas; and for Amal Nassar, wife of Mr. Farid Nassar. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by Mr. Louis Cholakis and family in memory of his beloved wife, Athena Cholakis.

Stewardship Sunday is today! Please join us for a delicious breakfast in the Educational Center following the Divine Liturgy.

National Leadership 100 Sunday – This 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.

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.

AHEPA Chapter #438 invites the community to an evening with Virginia House of Delegates member Mark L. Keam (D-Fairfax) on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 8:30 p.m. in Founders’ Hall. Delegate Keam has served over 80,000 residents living in Virginia’s 35th House District since 2009 and is regarded as a legislator with a strong reputation for bipartisanship and effectiveness. He will offer insights on the state of affairs in Northern Virginia from a local and statewide point of view. Please join us for a highly informing evening.

Philoptochos Thanksgiving Bake Sale – November 23, 2014 following church services at the Educational Center. Please buy your Thanksgiving sweets: koulourakia $8/dozen, kourambiethes $16/dozen, melomakarona $16/dozen, diples $20/4-jumbo, baklava $18/6pieces, kataifi $18/6pieces, spanakopita $24/dozen, and tiropita 24/dozen. Please make checks to: Saint Katherine Ladies Philoptochos and mail to: Saint Katherine Philoptochos, 3149 Glen Carlyln Road, Falls Church, VA 2204. Order forms are available in the narthex. Philoptochos Christmas Bake Sale will be on December 14, 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. To order, please email to lpbakesale@yahoo.com or call Mary Varlas at (703) 965-4161. No credit cards are accepted.

General Assembly Meeting will take place on Sunday, November 2, 2014 immediately following the 2nd Divine Liturgy in the Educational Center.
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. Ο Θεός, όπως δέχθηκες τα δώρα του Άβελ, τις θυσίες του Νώε και του Αβράαμ, το θυμίαμα του Ααρών και του Ζαχαρία, ας δέχθεις από τα αμαρτιώλα μας γέρια 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 δικαιονόμο 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.