Sunday, October 27, 2019
7th Sunday of Luke

St. Nestor of Thessaloniki
St. Kyriakos, Patriarch of Constantinople

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

When You descended unto death, O Life Immortal, You rendered to Hades a mortal blow by the lightning of Your divinity, and when from the depths of darkness You also raised the dead, all the heavenly powers cried out: O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You.

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

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

Let us praise the all lauded and noble bride of Christ, the godly Katherine, the guardian of Sinai and its defense, who is also our support, assistance and our help; for with the Holy Spirit’s sword she hath silenced brilliantly the clever among the godless; and being crowned as a Martyr, she now does ask great mercy for us all.

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

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

The protection of Christians unshameable, intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, do not turn from the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercession and speed now to supplication, as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

Προστασία των χριστιανών ακαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία προς τον Ποιητήν αμετάθετε, μή παρίδης, αμαρτολόν δεήσεων φωνάς, αλλά πρόφθασον ὡς γαθή, εἰς την βοήθειαν ημών, των πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι: Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, και σπεύδον εἰς ικεσίαν, η προστατεύουσα αεί, Θεοτόκε των τιμῶν τοιον.
Epistle Reading

The Lord is my strength and my song.
The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

2nd Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9 – Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, who is blessed for ever, 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.

Gospel Reading

Luke 8:41-56 – At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter and those who were with him said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Adult Bible Class - Classes are held every Sunday at 9:30am in the board room of the Meletis Charouhas Center. Join us each Sunday to learn more about our faith. "A Journey through the Orthodox Faith Guided by the Words of the Bible". This year’s topic: The Gospel of Luke. For more information or questions, please contact Bill Polizos at 571-434-7790 or polizos@att.com. Everyone is welcome!

Journey to Orthodoxy – The “Journey to Orthodoxy” class for adults meets 9:30am-10:30am Sunday, before Liturgy, (concurrently with the Sunday School). The class is designed for non-Orthodox inquirers into Orthodoxy as well as for Orthodox Christians who want to know more about the teachings, practices, history, and contemporary life of our Orthodox faith. It is also recommended for intending or newly married couples where one spouse is not Orthodox. The class is held in an informal discussion format. Text is provided. We meet in the Seniors’ Kentro room on the ground floor of Founders’ Hall. For further information, please contact the teachers, Dr. John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Mr. Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com, 202-375-1007.
A Doxology will be offered this morning at the end of the second Divine Liturgy to commemorate the Greek Independence Day of October 28, 1940 – OXI Day! With great joy, we welcome this morning to our church, the Dignitaries of the Greek Embassy!

Celebrating our Saint Katherine Church on Sunday, November 10, 2019. There will be a Free Lunch after the Divine Liturgy. Only 300 tickets will be available! Please RSVP to Sophia Tsangali at stsangali@stkchurch.com. (There will be only one Liturgy on November 10, Orthros 9:30am, Divine Liturgy 10:30am.)

General Assembly Meeting will take place this morning immediately following the second Divine Liturgy and coffee hour at the Meletis Charuhas Center.

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by our Ladies Philoptochos.

Ladies Philoptochos is selling their cookbooks every Sunday after the second Liturgy.

Catechetical Lectures of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem – A Greek Bible Study led by Professor Ioannis Gkigkitzis. The Adult Catechism and Sacraments class “Catechetical Lecture of Saint Cyril” is taking place every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. This includes time for discussion and fellowship.

The Genevieve Orthodox Book Club meets today in the Senior Kentron following the Parish Assembly. Grab a cup of coffee and come join us. Look forward to see you there! It's a nice time to gather with friends and deepen our faith through reading and discussing Orthodox books. We are currently reading Wounded by Love. If you would like to be included on our mailing list or for more information, please contact vistoriacherpes@gmail.com.

Security Announcement – Please be aware that scammers and cybercriminals may be sending you emails and text messages acting like Father Costa or a member of the Parish Council asking you for money or assistance. Neither Father or a Parish Council Member will send you a direct email requesting money or assistance. These messages are frauds. Do not click or respond to these messages. If you have any questions, please contact Sophia Tsangali at 703-671-1515.

Church Playroom – Parents please accompany your children in the playroom downstairs. Regardless of age, all children in the playroom must be supervised by a Parent at all times.

Attention Parishioners! When attending church services and events at our church, kindly please park your car properly within the designated parking space lines in the parking lot. This will prevent loss of a space for someone else to park their car. Thank you!

Stewardship Table – Please stop by the stewardship table and update your email on record. We are transitioning to mailing statements to save $2,000 in mailing costs. Thank you!

GOYA – Congratulations Boys B Champions and Boys A and B2 in the semi-finals for the St. Nicholas Tournament! It was a wonderful weekend of sportsmanship and fellowship. Upcoming Basketball Tournaments: St. Sophia (10/26-27) & St. Katherine (11/2-3). For more information, email SaintKatherineGOYA@aol.com.

The Laconian Society of Washington DC will have their 84th Laconian Dance on Friday, November 29th, 2019 at the Hilton Rockville, located at 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. Time is 8:00 PM until 1:00 AM. Call John Goranitis at 571-238-3015 for information and tickets. Please email us at info@hagoc.org.

PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation – We are pleased to share with you that the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation will once again offer $250,000 in scholarship awards to 40 exceptional Greek American undergraduates. The application is currently on our website, panhellenicsf.org, and the deadline to apply is Friday, January 31, 2020. The scholarships will be distributed at our Awards Ceremony and Gala, which will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2020.
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 για 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.

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