Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, October 29, 2017
7th Sunday of Luke

St. Anastasia of Rome
Sts. Avramios and Maria

Apolytikion of the Day (4th Tone)

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spake to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Το φαινόν της Αναστάσεως κήρυγμα, εκ του Αγγέλου μαθούσαι αι τον Κυρίου μαθήτριαι, και την προγονικήν απόφασιν απορρίψασαι, τοις Αποστόλοις καυχώμεναι έλεγον. Εσκύλευται ο θάνατος, ηγέρθη Χριστός ο Θεός, δωρούμενος το κόσμω 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. Ὅτι εφίμωσε λαμπρως, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του 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 τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντο, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδῃς ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἄλλα πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ικεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ᾖ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμῶντος σε.
**Epistle Reading**

*My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*
*For he has regarded the humility of his servant.*
The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

**Galatians 2:16-20** – Brethren, knowing 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 8:41-56** – 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, "Someone 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.

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**JOURNEY TO ORTHODOXY:** This is a reminder that the “Journey to Orthodoxy” class for adults meets 9-10 AM 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 Church. It is also recommended for intending or newly married couples, especially where one spouse is not Orthodox. The class is held in an informal discussion format. Text is provided. We meet at in the Seniors’ Kentro room on the ground floor of Founders’ Hall. For further information contact the teachers, John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com 202 375-1007.

**YAL –11/9 – THU – YAL Fellowship Forum.**

**11/12 – SUN – Sunday Football Fun Day after Liturgy.**

**Culmore Clinic** is located in Columbia Baptist Church, down the block from St. Katherine, 3245 Glen Carlyn Rd. It is an interfaith clinic treating all patients without regard to ability to pay. St. Katherine is a founding member of the Clinic. They had been open only on Thursdays, but have recently expanded to Tuesdays as well. Fr. Costas is on their Advisory Board and Dr. John Demakis is on their Executive committee.
**Announcements**

**Memorial Services**

Memorial Services are offered this morning for Straton Doulos, cousin of Maria Cavas, Ivan Danzig and Mersene Valases; and for Despina Kyrkou, mother of Androulla Tsentas. May their memory be eternal!

**Coffee Hour**

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Cavas, Danzig, Valases and Tsentas families in memory of their loved ones.

**Registration for the 2017-2018 HEC school year**

Registration for the 2017-2018 HEC school year is now open for both Paideia Preschool and Greek School. Forms can be downloaded from HEC website (www.stkhec.org) or picked-up in the school office. Registration for Greek Adult classes – Classes begin in September, Beginners Greek I and II on Tuesday evenings, and Intermediate and Advanced Greek on Thursday evenings. Contact Eleni Alexopoulou, with any questions, ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com.

**SAVES THE DATE**

SAVE THE DATE – Saint Katherine Annual GALA, Sunday, November 19 at the Hilton McLean. Join us as we gather to give thanks for our community’s many blessings and recognize this year’s worthy honorees for their devoted service to our community – Presvytera Pauline Pavlakos and the Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter 438.

**AHEPA Christmas Ornaments**

AHEPA Christmas Ornaments – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce our Tenth Annual Community Christmas Ornament. These collectable ornaments have grown in popularity from year to year and they will be available for purchase at our Fall Festival. Our latest limited edition ornament, entitled “Evzone Nutcracker” 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. Your purchases help make our philanthropy in support of our community and Hellenic ideals possible! For additional information, call 703-671-7225.

**Today!**

Today! – Turning stress into strength through the Jesus Prayer, presented by Dean Chelpon LCSW after Liturgy in the Lecture room of the Meletis Charuhas Center, downstairs across the boardroom. All are welcome, light refreshments will be served. The presentation is sponsored by the Daughters of Penelope and AHEPA.

**Philocthothos Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon**

Philocthothos Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon will take place on Thursday, November 9th, noon-3:00 p.m. For your reservation please call Mary Drakoulis at 703-273-4159 or Eleni Kanakos at 703-969-8364.

**Philocthothos Bake Sales**

Philocthothos Bake Sales – For Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 19th. For Christmas on Sundays, December 10th and 17th, after Liturgy. To place your order, please call Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161.

**Philocthothos Annual Christmas Luncheon**

Philocthothos Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held at Westwood Country Club at 800 Maple Avenue E, Vienna, VA 22180, on Sunday, December 3rd from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Buffet price is $55.00. Children’s meal can be made available at $22.00 (chicken tenders, French fries and fruit bowl). Reservations, payments and cancellation can be accepted till Sunday, November 26th. No tickets sold or paid at the door. For reservations please call Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161.

**Daughters of Penelope**

Daughters of Penelope – November 5, Memorial Service for members of Philoptochos and Daughters of Penelope who have passed. Please join us! Meeting, Monday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. in boardroom.

**Food Pantry**

Food Pantry – Please bring back the bags to the foyer of the community center this morning. Thank you for your support of our bi-annual food drive!

**St. Katherine’s Paideia Preschool**

St. Katherine’s Paideia Preschool will be hosting their Annual Fall Family Fun Night on November 4th, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will include raffles, prizes, face painting, magic show and more! Join us for this fun filled event for all ages! Tickets (adults $30.00 and kids 2 and over $10.00) can be purchased on DCGreeks.com. For more information please contact mdliakos@aol.com.

You are invited to join the gardeners of St. Phocas – Together we can continue to enhance the gardens of our church. All interested parishioners are asked to contact Linda Jouvanis at ljouvanis@gmail.com. You do not need a green thumb. A joyful spirit will do!
**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 εξίλασιμο του λαού Σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αἰώνα. Ἀμήν.