Apolytikion of the Day (1st Plagios Tone)

To the Word, coeternal with The Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. Of His own will He mounted the cross in the flesh, He suffered death, and raised the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Τον συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρί και Πνεύματι, τον εκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εις σωτηρίαν ημῶν, ανυμήσωμεν πιστοί και προσκυνήσωμεν. Ότι ημύδοκησε σαρκί, ανελθείν εν τω σταυρώ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομείναι, καὶ εγείραι τοὺς τεθνεώτας, εν τη ενδόξω Αναστάσει αυτοῦ.

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, 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 των χριστιανών ακαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία προς τον Ποιητήν αμετάθετε. Μή παρίδης αμαρτωλών δείχσων φωνάς, αλλά πρόφθασον, ως αγαθή, εις την βοήθειαν ημῶν, των πιστώς κραυγαζόντων σοι. Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεύδον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, η προστατεύουσα αεί, Θεοτόκε, των τιμῶντων σε.
Epistle Reading

Among the Saints who are in His land, the Lord has been wondrous. I see the Lord before me continually.

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

1st Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8 – Brethren, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31 – The Lord said, “There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The door man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things: but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to them, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

Seniors Kentro

The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA chapter 438 is proud to announce the opening of the new community Seniors Kέντρο (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 kcavallo1@aol.com. When: Tues., Dec. 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.

Women’s Book Club – Members have decided to wait until the fall of 2016 to resume meetings. This is because of their busy schedule and commitments this year.

GOYA – Congratulations to our GOYA girls winning the St. George’s and St. Sophia’s Basketball Tournaments the last two weekends. Kai eis anotera! Axies!

The Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County cordially invites you to “Dinner Dance Gala 2015”, Saturday, November 14, 2015, 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Belmont Country Club (19661 Belmont Manor Ln., Ashburn, VA 201470. For reservations and information, contance Ash Ioanou, 703-627-0792 or Kristina Ayoub, 703-6270792.
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Paraskevi (Voula) DeSantick-Morlock, mother of Tori Carr and James DeSantick; for Despina Kyrkou, mother of Androulla Tsentes; and for Chrissi Fasarakis, mother of Niki Louvros. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the DeSantick, Carr, Tsentes, and Louvros families in memory of their loved ones.

Artoklasia is offered this morning by the Society of Chios of the Washington DC Metropolitan area. The Coffee Hour is also sponsored by the Society of Chios.

The Swearing in of GOYA Officers will take place this morning at the end of the Divine Liturgy – The GOYA Officers are: Theo Karounos (President), Panos Lagos (Vice President), Alex Cameron (Treasurer), Vasiliki Topping (Deputy Treasurer), Stephanie Vazquez (Corresponding Secretary), Niko Porter (Recording Secretary), Phaedra Manikas and Eleni Mowery (Historians), and Kyriakos Mossaidis, Kosta Pehlivanis, and Van Strifas (Sergeants at Arms). Congratulations to everyone! May God bless you!

Our Greek School students will present an October 28th, 1940 OXI Day Program in the Meletis Charuhas Center this morning following the Coffee Hour.

Saint Katherine Annual Dinner Gala – SAVE THE DATE! Next 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, contact Mallamo Mavromatakis (minoaneone@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, balance, 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 – Thank you, thank you, St. Katherine parishioners! We are delighted to report that you donated 1,500 pounds of food for the Columbia Baptist food pantry last Sunday. This was a fifty percent increase over what we usually collect!! Our food pantry committee consisting of five families (with a total of eleven children) transported the food, checked expiration dates, and shelved it in record time also. We are so grateful to them and you for giving time, talent, and treasure to help those in need. “I was hungry and you gave me food …” (Matthew 25:35)

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 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.