Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Tone)

When You descended unto death O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the nether world all the Powers of the heavens were crying out. O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You.

Ανακομιδή Αγίων Λειψάνων Αγ. Γεωργίου, Αγίων Ακεψιμά, Ιωσήφ και Αειθαλά

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (First Plagios Tone)
The all-blessed bride of Christ let us extol 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 us.

Kontakion of the Day (Second 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, μη παρίδης, αμαρτωλών δεήσεων φωνάς, αλλά πρόφθασον ως αγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τὸν πιστὸς κραυγαζόντος σοι: Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεύδον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα αεί, Θεοτόκε των τιμώντων σε.
2nd Corinthians 11:31-33, 12:1-9 – Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he 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 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 weakness, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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 poor 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 he prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

Wisdom of the Church Fathers

The sign that thou lovest God, is this, that thou lovest thy fellow; and if thou hatest thy fellow, thy hatred is towards God. For it is blasphemy if thou prayest before God while thou art wroth. For thy heart also convicts thee, that in vain thou multipliest words: thy conscience rightly judges that in thy prayers thou profitest nought.

St. Ephraim the Syrian, On Admonition and Repentance.

Let us then, bearing in mind all the things which have been said, show forth great love even towards our enemies; and let us ease away that ridiculous custom, to which many of the more thoughtless give way, waiting for those that meet them to address them first.

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 18 on Matthew 5

4th Century
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Despina Josephine Fanos, sister of Mary Gillepsi; for Lambros, Panagiotes, and Stylianos Hadjichristodoulu, father and brothers of Despina, Kyriacos, Androula, Christodoulos, Andreas, and Maria; for Agorasti Fotelargias, mother of Fani Dretakis and Antonios Fotelargias; for Despina Kyrkou, mother of Androura Tsentas; and for Ioanna Zarkadoulas, wife of Mr. George Zarkadoulas, and mother of Ilias Zarkadoulas. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Gillepsi, Hadjichristodoulu and Demetriou, Dretakis and Fotelargias, Tsentas and Kyrkou, and Zarkadoulas families in memory of their loved ones.

A second tray will be passed this morning by our Philoptochos to benefit our Patriarchate in Constantinople.

The Ladies Philoptochos will have the swearing in of its new Board. They are: Eleni Kanakos (president), Kathy Cavallo (1st vice-president), Trish Kapsidelis (2nd vice-president), Tina Papamichael (recording secretary), Chrysoula Pappas (corresponding secretary), and Patty Karounous (treasurer), Evie Cavros, Mary Charouhas, Irene Kavros, Maria Laliotis, Demetra Nightingale, Fran Nonas, Roula Oktay, Lia Papailia, Karen Polizos, Mary Varlas, and Demetra Vroustouris (members). Congratulations and may God bless you and your great philanthropic work!

Saint Katherine Annual Dinner Gala – SAVE THE DATE! Next Sunday, November 10, 2013 at the McLean Hilton in Tysons Corner in celebration of our Parish and our many blessings and also to honor the Veterans of our community (all veterans planning to attend please register at our booth in the lobby after liturgies). Our honored guest will be His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey. 6:00 p.m. Silent Auction and Reception; 7:00 p.m. Dinner. Music by “Appolonia.” For information and reservations, contact Nick Larigakis, Dinner Chairman at (703) 909-9078.

AHEPA Christmas Ornaments – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce orders are now being taken for our Sixth Annual Community Christmas Ornament. These collectable ornaments have grown in popularity from year to year and we are extremely proud of this year’s offering. This stunning three-dimensional ornament is entitled “Star of Saint Katherine” and is a testament to the indomitable spirit of our community, its ministries and those who lovingly labor in its behalf. 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 first be available for sale during the Fall Festival and after Liturgies during coffee hour while supplies last. Please visit our booth at the Fall Festival or place your order after Liturgy beginning September 15, or by sending requests to antovjp@verizon.net or by calling 703-929-6110.

Philoptochos Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Luncheon – Thursday, November 14, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. For reservations please call Eleni Kanakos at (703) 938-8360 or Irene Burton at (703) 256-5531.

The SAFEWAY BEBEFITS Program is looking for new members. Please, look for our table, after both services, if you would like to join. Thank you! For more information contact Elvira Garnett at villa45@hotmail.com or (703) 425-3675.

Creation Care Conference on Monday, November 11 – “On Earth as it is Heaven: Putting Orthodox Theology and Ecology into Practice” hosted by The Orthodox Fellowship of the Transfiguration. Keynote speakers: HE Archbishop Demetrios and James Hansen, former head of NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies. At St. Sophia Cathedral, Washington, DC, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sliding scale registration from $20 to $200 includes lunch. RSVP to http://www.orth-tranfiguration.org/.

The Daughters of Penelope are collecting new or in like-new condition winter jackets for infants and toddlers and warm hooded sweatshirts for teens that will be donated to Alternative House and homeless shelters. Male and female infant and toddler jackets are specifically needed in the following quantities and sizes: (10) each 2-4T; (10) each 18-24M; (5) each 12-18M, 9-12M, 6-9M, 3-6M, and Newborn. Hoodies are needed for boys and girls size 4-16, and for male and female teens size Small to X-Large to Adult sizes. Please drop donations in the box labeled DOP in the hall entrance. Monetary donations may be made payable to Daughters of Penelope and mailed to Kathy Cavallo, 6190 Fred’s Oak Road, Fairfax Station, VA 22039. Thank you for your generous support!

“it is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20-35). Beginning today, November 3, the Sunday school is commencing a canned and boxed dry food drive to give to the adult Homeless Shelter in Falls Church for Thanksgiving. Through November 24th, please have your child bring either canned or boxed dry foods that were recently purchased. Thank you.

Christmas Caroling – The children of our community will do Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 8 immediately following Sunday School classes (10:30 a.m.). If you would like the children to do Christmas caroling at your home or business, please contact Eleni Alexopoulou (Hellenic Education Center Director) at ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com.

General Assembly Meeting – Thursday, November 14, 7:00 p.m., at the Meletis Charouhas Center, downstairs.
Church Services

Saturday, November 9  
Saint Nektarios of Pentapolis the Wonderworker  
Αγίου Νεκταρίου Πενταπόλεως του Θαυματουργού  
Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 10  
8th Sunday of Luke – Η’ Κυριακή Λουκά  
Orthros and Catechetical School 9:30 a.m.  
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 13  
Saint John Chrysostom – Αγίου Ιωάννου Χρυσοστόμου  
Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

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 δέχθησες από τα αμαρτωλά μας χέρια και τις προσφορές αυτές έτσι, ώστε πάντοτε να μπορούμε να σου προσφέρουμε δόρα 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 τη φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού.  Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα.  Αμήν.