Sunday, November 3, 2019
5th Sunday of Luke

The Consecration of the Church of St. George in Lydda Saints Acepsimas of Persia, Joseph, and Aithalas

_Apolytikion of the Day (3rd Tone)_

Let the heavens rejoice; let the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of His arm. He trampled down death by death and became the firstborn of the dead. From the depths of Hades, He delivered us and granted to the world great mercy.

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

_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.

_Κοντακιών του ημέρα (2ον Τόνον)_

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, αμφεθαλή δεήσεων φωνάς, αλλά πρόφθασον ως αγαθή, εις την βοήθειαν ημών, των πιστών κραυγαζόντων σοι: Τάχυνον εις πρεσβείαν, και σπεύσον εις ικεσίαν, η προστατεύουσα αει, Θεοτόκε των τιμώντων σε.
Epistle Reading
Sing praises to our God, sing praises.
Clap your hands, all you nations.
The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

Galatians 1:11-19 – Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

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 Lazaros, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; more over 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 Lazaros in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazaros 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 Lazaros 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 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.'"

Adult Bible Class - Classes are held every Sunday at 9:30am in the board room of the Meletis Charuhas 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.

"AHEPA – The brothers will be selling their Christmas Ornaments every Sunday after the second Liturgy till Christmas. Great for stocking stuffers, please stop by and check them out. The proceeds will be used to finance their charities."

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.
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Paraskevi DeSatnick-Morlock, mother of Tori Carr and Jimmy DeSatnick; and for John Savas, father of Vanessa Savas. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Carr and DeSatnick families in memory of their beloved mother, Paraskevi DeSatnick-Morlock; and by our Ladies Philoptochos.

Celebrating our Saint Katherine Church next 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.)

A second tray will be passed this morning by our Ladies Philoptochos commemorating their Patron Saints, Saints Cosmas and Damianos.

The Ladies philoptochos will be collecting every Sunday in November, personal items for women in Shelters. Bringing Resources to Aid Women’s Shelters. (BRAWS). **Thursday, November 14th,** we will host our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon at noon at Meletis Charuhas Hall. Please call Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161 or Eleni Kanakos at 703-938-8360, to make your reservations. **Thanksgiving Bake Sale,** will take place, on Sunday November 17th, after second Liturgy. Please call Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161 to pre-order. **Saturday, December 7th,** we will host our Annual Christmas Luncheon, at Westwood Country Club, in Vienna, VA. For information and reservations, call Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161. **The Ladies Philoptochos Cookbooks** are still on sale for $25.00. They make a great Christmas and bridal shower presents. Pick them up at coffee hour, after 2nd Liturgy.

Welcome to all our participating churches who came to our tournament: Holy Apostles, St. George, Sts. Constantine & Helen (Annapolis), St. Demetrios, Holy Trinity, St. Nicholas, St. Sophia, and Sts. Constantine & Helen (DC)! It was a wonderful weekend of sportsmanship and fellowship. Please join us after church for the championship games. **Upcoming events:** Church Lunch 11/10; Movie Night 11/22. For more information, email SaintKatherineGOYA@aol.com.

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 on the last Sunday of each month at the Seniors Kentron following the 2nd Divine Liturgy. 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!**
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 δέχθεις 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, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.

The Sunday bulletin is available online at http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins.