Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, November 4, 2018
5th Sunday of Luke

Saint Ioannikios the Great
Saint Nikandros, Bishop of Myra

Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Plagal Tone)
Angelic powers were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. O Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἱστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ξητούσα τὸ ἄχραντον σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἀδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ, ὑπήνητσας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωήν, ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

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 Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθεια ημών και αντίληψιν. Ὑποίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβῶν, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αἰτείται πάσι το μέγα ἐλεος.

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 ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδῃς ἄμαρτολον δέσποινας, ἀλλὰ πρόθυσον, ὡς ἄγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἕμων, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι. Τάχινον εἰς πρεσβείαν, και σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμῶντων σε.
Epistle Reading

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.
To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.
The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

Ephesians 2:4-10 – Brethren, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:19-31 – 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; 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 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 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.'"

Adult Bible Study – This year’s topic is Who We are and What We Believe: A Journey through Examination of the Orthodox Faith Guided by the Words of the Nicene Creed. The objective will be to broaden the understanding of our own Orthodox faith and deepen our spiritual outlooks. We will explore the significance of the Creed for how we live our faith now as individuals and as “one, holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.” Classes are held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the board room of the Meletis Charuhas Center. For more information or questions, please contact Bill Polizos at 571-434–7790 or polizos@att.com. Everyone welcome!

George Mason University Orthodox Christian Fellowship is for any Orthodox student. Please send us your contact information, e-mail, to be put on list. Spiritual Leader: Rev. Fr. Costas Pavlakos, frcostas@stkchurch.com; Student Leader: Christina Makhlouf, cmakhlou@masonlive.gmu.edu.

The Laconian Association will be hosting their 83rd Annual Dance on Friday, November 23, 2018, at 8:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. at the Tyson’s Marriott (8028 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22182). Greek and American music by Nikos Koutras, Band and DJ Xenia. Compliments and hors d’oeuvres, cash bar, raffle prizes, free parking. Adults $50.00, students 12+ $35.00, children under 12, free. For information and reservations, please contact John Goranitis, 571-238-3015 or Elaine Pirstouris, 703-424.6521, elaine.pirstouris@yahoo.com.

Food Pantry – Once again the Saint Katherine community opened its cupboards and hearts to donate 1500 pounds of food to the Columbia Baptist Church Pantry a few blocks from our church. How satisfying is to know that families in need will be coming on Saturdays to receive bags filled with healthy food. Thank you for your generosity.
The Saint Katherine Missions Committee

The Choir will not sing this morning, as Mr. & Mrs. John and Betty Slanta will travel to Cleveland to their niece's wedding.

Philoptochos – Ladies Philoptochos Meeting on Sunday, November 11 in the Board Room.
Thanksgiving Bake Sale, November 18, following the Divine Liturgy.
Ladies Philoptochos Sale of handmade hats and scarves on 11/18, 12/9, 12/16, and 12/23.
Ladies Philoptochos Christmas Bake Sale on Sundays, December 16 and 23 following the Divine Liturgy.
For more information see us at Coffee Hour or call Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161.
Our GOYA’s Basketball Tournament is on today, too! We welcome all Goyans to our Church this morning, and wish them all Good Luck to their final games!

A Second Tray will be passed this morning by our Ladies Philoptochos on the occasion of the feast day of their Patron Saints Cosmas Damianos the Holy Unmercenarys (November 1st). All proceeds will benefit the National Philoptochos.

Saint Katherine Annual GALA is taking place on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at the Meletis Charuhas Center. Please 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 – Jim Stoucker and our GOYA. Music by Zephyros.

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by our Saint Katherine’s Ladies Philoptochos.

Philoptochos – Our Ladies Philoptochos will be hosting the Annual Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon on Thursday, November 8, 2019, at noon. For reservations please call Mary Drakoulis at 703-273-4159 or Demetra Vroustouris at 703-938-6348. Also, the Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Westwood Country Club (800 Maple Avenue, E., Vienna, VA.). Please contact Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161 to reserve your ticket(s). Reservations are required and payments must be received by Monday, November 26. Payments will not be accepted at the door. Please make checks payable to Ladies Philoptochos and on memo line please note, Christmas Luncheon.

Our Capital Campaign begun in September to address the abundant needs of our community. We solicit your support and encourage your prayerful consideration of this most worthy endeavor in support of “our families, our church, our future.” Please contact us at capcampaign@stkchurch.com with your questions.

JOURNEY TO ORTHODOXY – Our “Journey to Orthodoxy” class for adults begins September 23, meeting 9-10 a.m. Sunday in the Seniors Kentro room in Chelpon Hall. The class is held in an informal discussion format and 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. Text is provided. Contact John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com, 202-375-1007 for additional information.

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” has been moved to Wednesdays. Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. This includes time for discussion and fellowship.

AHEPA Christmas Ornaments – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce our 11th Annual Community Christmas Ornament. These collectable ornaments have grown in popularity from year to year. Our latest limited edition ornament, entitled “Theotokos & Child” is a classic and revered icon and mosaic appearing over our sanctuary entrance that, for the first time ever, will be available in the beautiful “sun catcher” format that makes a brilliant display allowing daylight to further enhance the icon’s classic beauty, enabling its use year round. 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 enable our philanthropy in support of our community and Hellenic ideals! For additional information, call 703-671-7225.

“PROJECT MEXICO 2019 – Hello friends! We have reserved our week for our 2019 Annual Homebuilding Trip to Rosarito, Mexico. The week is July 30 – August 5, 2019!! We have reserved 10 slots for the trip and need to confirm our volunteers by this December. We already have 3 interested parties! If you want to be a part of our team, you can contact me at the following, weporter1@fcps.edu or 703-901-2404. In His Grip, Bill Porter

Daughters of Penelope Meeting – November 18 after Liturgy. This month we will be collecting women's personal hygiene articles and undergarments. These items are for homeless and underprivileged teens and women. We are supporting an organization called BRAWs (Bringing Resources to Aid Women's Shelters). A box will be placed in the foyer of the Meletis Charuhas Center every Sunday after Liturgy for collection. Please help us with this mission.

From GOYA – St. Katherine's GOYA and Tournament Committee sincerely thank all the visiting churches for participating and supporting our annual St. Katherine's Basketball Tournament. It was a wonderful weekend of fellowship, fun and sportsmanship. We would also like to thank our many hard working volunteers and donors who helped make our tournament such a success. Please join us after church for some fantastic basketball final games!
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. Ο Θεός, 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 δοκιμιών και της πείνας, προς διακονία του λαού Σου, προς συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών και εξίλασμο 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.