Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
Sunday, November 5, 2017
5th Sunday of Luke

Apolytikion of the Day (1st Plagal Tone)
Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

Τον συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρί και Πνεύματι, τον εκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ημῶν, ανυμήσωμεν πιστοί και προσκυνήσωμεν. Ὅτι ημόνομος σαρκί, ἀνελθείν εν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον υπομείναι, καὶ εγείραι τοὺς θεννεώτας, εν τῇ ενδόξῳ 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 Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημῶν και αντίληψιν. Ὅτι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματον τῇ δυνάμει. Και νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτεῖται πάσι τῷ μέγα ἔλεος.

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 ἀκαταίηγχνα, μεσιέα πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδῃς ἀμαρτιωλόν δεήσεων φωνᾶς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι. Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεύσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τὸν τιμῶντον 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 St. Paul’s Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

Galatians 6:11-18 – Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

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 the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

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 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.

GOYA - Our Home Saint Katherine GOYA Basketball Tournament is this weekend! Championship games will be played in Charuhas Hall after Liturgy today! We welcome all of our visiting churches: St. George, St. Demetrios, St. Nicholas, St. Sophia, Sts. Constantine and Helen (DC and Annapolis)! GOYA Officers: President: Maria Wuerker; 1st Vice President: Stefano Falcon; 2nd Vice President: Maria Euripides; Treasurer: Maria Sarantis; Recording Secretary: Andrew Chelpon; Corresponding Secretary: Iliana Tzafolias; Historian: Anna Moratis; Sergeants at Arms: Alexandra Lagos and Ariana Porter.

GOYA – Congratulations to our Goyans! Once again, our Girls’ A and Boys’ B teams both won the championship at St. Sophia’s Basketball Tournament this past weekend!


OCF – 11/15 – WED - Hand out Flyers for Action Week! – 12pm-2pm.
We welcome this morning in our church Father Gregory Floor, Dean of Students of Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Seminary, Brookline, Massachusetts. Father Gregory will give a presentation to our parishioners today. Ἐις πολλὰ ἔτη, Father!

Memorial Services are offered this morning for Stephanie Kearse, mother of Zachary; Stephanie was a member of St. Katherine’s Choir for many years; for John G. Smaragdis, husband of Mrs. Litsa Smaragdis, and father of Carolina, Mary, Joyce and George; for Paraskevi Morlock, mother of Tori and Todd Carr, Jimmy and Lisa DeSatnick, and sister of Christos and Ourania Passakos; for Efthymia Christelis, sister of George Tavlas; and for the Deceased Sisters of the Ladies Philoptochos and the Daughters of Penelope Hellen Chapter #283. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Ladies Philoptochos, the Daughters of Penelope, and the Smaragdis, Carr, DeSatnick, Passakos, and Tavlas families in memory of their loved ones.

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.

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 – 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.

Philoptochos 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.

Philoptochos 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.

Philoptochos 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 – Monday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. in boardroom.

Mission and Outreach Committee – Our next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference room. We will hear from our recently returned Kenya Mission team. Come and hear the exciting things happening in Kenya Orthodox Church.

Choir – Last Sunday, October 29, 2017, there was no choir due to the EFGOCM Choir Conference. We are proud that our choir director, Nick Kyrus, was selected as guest conductor for the Liturgy at the Metropolitan-wide Church Music Conference! Congratulations Niko «και εις ανώτερα»!

82nd Laconian Annual Dance – Friday, November 24, 2017, 8:00pm-1:00am at the Hilton Hotel, Rockville, MD. Music by Apollonia; ticket prizes; cash bar. For tickets and information please call John Goranitis at 571-238-3015.
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, ὥσπερ δεχθήκες τα δώρα του Ἀβελ, 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 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.