Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Plagios Tone)

When the Angelic Powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the Virgin, and granted eternal life. You, resurrected from the dead, O Lord, glory to You.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1st 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 (4th Tone)

The very purest abode of the Savior, the most priceless Bridal Chamber and Virgin, the most sacred treasury of the glory of God, today is led inside of the house of the Lord, the grace bringing in with her of the Holy Spirit. It is her God’s Angels sing in praise. She is in truth, a tabernacle heavenly.
Epistle Reading

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.
To you, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.
The reading is from Saint Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians.

2nd Corinthians 4:6-15 – Brethren, it is God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:25-37 – At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered right; do this, and you will live.” But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise and a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Wisdom of the Church Fathers

And together with what we have said, He brings forward an example also to teach thee moderation. And like as the physician, to alarm the sick man ... He also bring in the rich man, laboring indeed, and longing for life and health, but not able to attain thereto, because of having set his heart on covetousness, but going away empty ... * * *

How then is it possible for the rich man to be saved. By possessing his goods in common with them that are in need, being such as Job was, and exterminating out of his soul the desire of more, and in no points going beyond real need ... * * *

But what now do we learn from hence? That no man can protect us there, if we are betrayed by our works, not because he will not, but because he cannot. For these too take refuge in the impossibility. This the blessed Abraham also indicated, saying, "Between us and you there is a great gulf," so that not even when willing is it permitted them to pass it ... the end of each one is at the doors, whether he be old or young; and it is not possible for men after they have gone hence, either to buy oil any more, or to obtain pardon by prayers, though he that entreats be Abraham, or Noah, or Job, or Daniel.

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 74 on Matthew 23; Homily 78 on Matthew 6, 20, 25
4th Century
Announcements

An Artoklasia is offered this morning by Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios Hios and family.

Memorial Services are offered this morning for the Deceased Sisters of the Daughters of Penelope, Chapter #238 and for the Deceased Sisters of the Philoptochos Ladies of Saint Katherine. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Daughters of Penelope and the Philoptochos Ladies in memory of their beloved Sisters.

Orthodoxy 101 – Six sessions covering the fundamental teaching of the Orthodox Church. These classes provide a friendly and open forum for your questions and concerns on Sundays, November 4 - December 16 (no session 11-25), 9:30-10:30 a.m. in our community center. Contact Fr. Costas, frcostas@stkchurch.com.

Sacrament – Congratulations to Jackson and Frances Toof on the baptism of their son Nikolas Jeffrey on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.

The Daughters of Penelope Helle Chapter #238 is sponsoring a drive for new winter jackets for abused and homeless children. This year, there will be a box and an Angel Tree in the foyer of the Meletis Charuhas Center from October 21st – November 11th. “Be an Angel and Pick Out an Angel!” Jackets can be dropped off on Sundays. Checks payable to Helle Chapter #238 are also welcomed.

The Daughters of Penelope and St. Katherine’s Ladies Philoptochos will also host a Christmas Luncheon Sunday, December 2 at 12:30 p.m. at the Westwood Country Club, Vienna, VA. Cost is $40/overall, $20/children 10 & under. Special Christmas chorale performance and annual charity raffle featured. RSVP to Kathy Anitole-Misleh at (703) 448-0296 by November 23.

AHEPA Christmas Ornaments – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce the arrival of our Fifth Annual Community Christmas Ornament. This stunning three-dimensional ornament is entitled “Snowflakes from Mt. Athos” and depicts the Byzantine Eagle among 25 sparkling snowflakes as it soars over Mt. Athos. They make excellent gifts – an ideal stocking stuffer. Ornaments are available for sale after Liturgies. Supplies are limited...start your Christmas shopping early! Contact antovi@verizon.net or call 703-929-6110.

Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Luncheon sponsored by our Philoptochos – Thursday, November 15, 2012, 12:00 p.m. at the Meletis Charuhas Center. To make your reservations please call Trish Kapsidelis (703) 356-5905, Irene Burton (703) 256-5531 or Helen Spanos (703) 536-3322.

Philoptochos General Meeting – Today following the second Liturgy in the Board Room of the Meletis Charuhas Center.

2012 Christmas Card – You are invited to participate in the Annual Christmas Card of our parish. Our community Christmas Card brings us together as a family, expressing our prayers and love to all of our brothers and sisters. Donation is $25.00. Please make checks payable to Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church. Deadline for participating is Monday, December 3, 2012.

Choir Practice – Thursday, November 15, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – We are having a very important choir practice to go over music for the upcoming Hierarchical Liturgy celebrated with Metropolitan Evangelos.

77th Annual Laconian Society Dance – Friday, November 23, 2012 at the Capital Hilton Hotel, 1001 16th Street and K Street, Washington, DC 20036. Continuous Greek and American Music by the Apollonia Orchestra. Cash Bar. Tickets: Adults $40.00, students $25.00. For information and tickets please call: Dimitrios Hios at (703) 281-3569 or 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, ὅπως δέχθηκες τα δώρα του Άβελ, τις θυσίες του Νώε και του Αβραάμ, το θυμίαμα του Ααρών και του Ζαχαρία, ας δέχθείς από τα αμαρτωλά μας χέρια και τις προσφορές αυτές έτσι, ώστε πάντοτε να μπορούμε να σου προσφέρουμε δώρα και εξέδωκας την χάρη, το έλεος και την φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.