Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, November 11, 2018
8th Sunday of Luke

Martyr Menas of Egypt
Martyrs Victor and Stephanie
Veterans Day

Apolytikion of the Day (Grave Tone)
Thou didst abolish death by Thy Cross; Thou didst open Paradise to the thief; Thou didst transform the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and didst bid Thine Apostles to preach that Thou art risen, O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέῳξας τῷ Λῃστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Αποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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 Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντίληψιν. Ὅτι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Tone)
Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

Ο καθαρώτατος ναός τού Σωτήρος, η πολυτίμητος παστάς καί Παρθένος, τό Ιερόν θησαύρισμα τῆς δόξης τού Θεού, σήμερον εισάγεται, εν τῷ οίκῳ Κυρίου, τήν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τήν εν Πνεύματι θείω, ἣν ανυμνοῦσιν Ἀγγέλοι Θεοῦ, Αύτη υπάρχει σκηνή επουράνιος.
Epistle Reading

God is wonderful among his saints.
Bless God in the congregations.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

2nd Corinthians 4:6-15 – Brethren, it is the 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 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."

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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!

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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 Pristouris, 703-424.6521, elaine.pristouris@yahoo.com.

Congratulations to our GOYAns and their Coaches on another successful Basketball Tournament weekend! Our Girls A, Girls B and Boys B teams all won the Championship and our Boys A team came in 3rd place at our Annual Basketball Tournament, last weekend!

Please pray for Mike Bosworth and Betty Slanta who just arrived for their short-term medical mission trip. (They flew into Mexico City, had an orientation there, and then yesterday took a ten-hour bus trip to the Mayan region of Guatemala.) Today they are in church in Aguacate, Guatemala, a rural village in the northern mountainous region where over 150,000 people have converted to Orthodoxy! This week, they will be working hard at a medical clinic which is making a difference in the health and lives of thousands of individuals. Thank you for your prayers that they may minister the love to Christ to all they meet, and for their safe passage and return next Sunday! We will be excited to learn about their trip.

The Children's Agape Foundation will host its annual Tea on Saturday, November 17 at St. Sophia Cathedral at 2:00-4:00 p.m. This is a lovely afternoon which benefits the important work of the Children's Agape Foundation. All Philoptochos members and friends are invited and encouraged to attend. Please contact Diane Argerson at dionysia6@yahoo.com for details.
The Annual Special Offering Tray will be passed this morning in honor and in special recognition of Saint John Chrysostom for the benefit of the pastoral ministries of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey. Your generosity is critical in order our Holy Metropolis to be able to meet its ongoing philanthropic and administrative needs. May our loving Lord, “…who gives us richly all things to enjoy,” (1st Timothy 6:17) bless and multiply your generosity with all good things from above.

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. 6:00 p.m. Silent Auction and Reception. 7:00 p.m. Dinner. Music by Zephyros.

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

Philoptochos Events: Meeting – This morning in the Board Room, following the Divine Liturgy.
Thanksgiving Bake Sale – November 18, following the Divine Liturgy.
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.
Sale of handmade hats and scarves – On Sundays, November 18, December 9, 16, and 23.
Christmas Bake Sale – Sunday, 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 Capital Campaign began 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” is taking place on 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.
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 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 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.

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