Apolytikon of the Day (1st Plagios Tone)

Τον συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρί και Πνεύματι, τον εκ Παρθένου τεξάντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ημῶν, ανυμήσωμεν πιστοί καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν. Ότι ἡμόδοκησε σαρκί, ανέλθείν εν τῳ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον υπομείναι, καὶ εγείραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, εν τῇ ενδόξῳ Αναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

Apolytikon of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1st Plagios Tone)

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημῶν και αντίληψιν, ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και ως μάρτυς του Κυρίου στεφθείσα, ιερολειχόμενη, αιτείται πάσι, το μέγα ἔλεος.

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)

Ο καθαρώτατος ναός του Σωτήρος, η πολυτίμητος παστάς και Παρθένος, το μέγας θησαυρός της δόξης του Θεοῦ, σήμερον εισάγεται, εν τῷ οἴκῳ Κυρίου, τῃ χάριν συνεισάγουσα, την εν Πνεύματι θείω. Ην ανυμήσην Ἀγγελοί Θεοῦ. Αὕτη υπάρχει, σκηνή ἐπουράνιος.

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

My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart shall bring forth understanding.

Hear this all you nations.

The Reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 7:26-28, 8:1-2 – Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

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.”

The Orthodox Christian Mission Center has announced their 2012 Mission Team opportunities. These short-term mission trips offer evangelism, health care, construction, catechism, and/or youth ministry in eight foreign countries: Mongolia, Kenya, Uganda, Guatemala, Moldova, Romania, Tanzania, South Korea, and Alaska in the U.S. More information is available at www.OCMC.org or contact Gregory McKinney at (571) 338-6929.

On Sunday, November 20th, Stewardship Sunday, each parishioner is invited to assemble a winter survival kit or hygiene pack for the homeless at the nearby VOA Bailey’s Crossroads Community Shelter. Tables will be set up after each Liturgy in the foyer of the Meletis Charuhas Center. Donations are also needed to cover the cost of these kits; Checks should be made out to St. Katherine’s, the homeless at the nearby VOA Bailey’s Crossroads Community Shelter. Tables will be set up after each Liturgy in the foyer of the Meletis Charuhas Center. Donations are also needed to cover the cost of these kits; Checks should be made out to St. Katherine’s, with “Shelter Kits” in the memo line. See the DOXA or contact Gregory McKinney for more information, (571) 338-6929. Thank you.

The Helle Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope is selling personalized bakeware from “That’s My Pan.” The pans could be used to make pastitio, moussaka, baklava...the list is endless! They are great for gift-giving as well! For more information please contact Lynn Francis at elfran@cox.net or (703) 978-4370 or stop by the display after church services beginning today, October 16th. All proceeds will be donated to our philanthropic endeavors supporting those who are victims of domestic violence.

The Daughters of Penelope Helle Chapter #283 will be collecting new winter jackets for abused and homeless boys and girls in sizes 3-14 throughout October and November. We will deliver the jackets the week of Thanksgiving. Please be generous since many of these children must leave their homes quickly and without any clothing except for what they were wearing. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, we will shop for the jackets. Please make checks payable to: Daughters of Penelope Helle Chapter #283. Point of contact, Kathy Cavallo at kcvalllo@aol.com or (703) 978-1539. There will be a labeled box in Meletis Charuhas center on Sundays or bring them to the office of St. Katherine during the week.

10th Annual Conference on the Future of Hellenism in America hosted by The American Hellenic Institute Foundation (AHIF). Friday and Saturday, November 18 & 19, 2011 at The Capital Hilton Hotel (1001 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC). 30 Speakers and High-Level Panel Discussions addressing: Greek Education in America; The Greek American Community and The Political Process; Greek American Organizations and The Needs of the Community; Current Perspectives on Current Challenges; Looking to the Next Generation of Greek Americans. Activities include: Friday Night Awards Dinner; Saturday Luncheon and All-Day Conference. For more information visit www.ahiworld.org or call The American Hellenic Institute at (202) 785-8430.

The Women’s Book Club will meet on Wednesday, November 16 at 10:30 a.m.
**Announcements**

**Memorial Services** are offered this morning for **Mary Makris**, mother of Demetra Yowell; for the **Deceased Sisters of the Daughters of Penelope Helle Chapter #283**; for **Ioannis and Elisavet Ekiz**, parents of Popi, Vasiliki, Angeliki and Lucas; for **Eleni Dimopoulos**, daughter of Fr. & Presv. George Dimopoulos, and sister of Arthur Dimopoulos; and for **George Cardabikis**, cousin of Anastasios Sakkas. May their memory be eternal!

**Coffee Hour** is sponsored this morning by the Yowell and the Ekiz families and the Daughters of Penelope Helle Chapter #283 in memory of their loved ones.

**An Artoklasia** is offered this morning on the feastday of St. Menas (November 11) by Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios Hios Family.

**The Journey to Orthodoxy class** will meet for six sessions, beginning today, 9:30-10:30 a.m., in the hall where coffee is served. In addition to covering the fundamental teachings of the Orthodox Church, the class will provide an open forum for participants to address questions and concerns about becoming Orthodox. Those interested may contact Georgia Kazakis at gkazakis@cov.com or Elena Ziu at eziu@cox.net.

**Thanksgiving Seniors Luncheon by our Philoptochos** – Thursday, November 17 at 11:45 a.m. To make your reservations please call Mary Drakoulis at (703) 273-4159 or Irene Kavros at (703) 971-7455. You are welcomed to join us!

**2011 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. Please make checks payable to Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church. Deadline for participating is Monday, December 5, 2011. Deadline for participating is Monday, December 5, 2011. See enclosed letter.

**Parish e-mail list** – Please subscribe to our Church’s e-mail list. Simply go to our newly redesigned web site at www.saint-katherines.org and click on Join our Email List at the top of the page. We will use this list to communicate more efficiently with you. You can send feedback to webmaster@stkchurch.com. We have more exciting things to come - check back often!

**AHEPA Christmas Ornaments** - The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce the arrival of the Fourth Annual Community Christmas Ornament. These collectable ornaments have grown in popularity from year to year and this year's ornament is no exception! A stunning three-dimensional rendition of The Star of Bethlehem serves as the inspiration for our 2011 offering to the community – a perfect ornament for the Christmas season, depicting the divine light that served as a beacon to all mankind heralding the joy of the Nativity. They make excellent gifts and are the ideal JOY Theater Trip to Ford’s Theater for “A Christmas Carol” on Sunday, November 27 at 2:00 p.m. $65.00 per ticket for premium orchestra seating. Contact JOY Director, Tina Papamichael, at athena02@verizon.net or (703) 536-4711 to reserve your spot. Space is limited so please reserve early! Open to the entire Saint Katherine community.

**The Daughters of Penelope Helle Chapter** invites you to our **Christmas Party on Sunday, December 4 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Westwood Country Club.** The cost is $40 for adults and $22 for children 10 and under. Spouses and guests are welcomed! The buffet will include rolls, tossed salad, salmon, London broil, chicken breast, rice pilaf, roasted potatoes, grilled vegetables, dessert, and choice of beverage. A cash bar will be available from 12:30 -2:00 p.m. During lunch we will be entertained by madrigal singers. We will also have many wonderful items available for auction at our Charity Raffle. **Please RSVP by November 20, 2011 to Katherine Misleh, 8437 Hunt Valley Drive, Vienna, VA 22182 with your check made payable to Helle Chapter #283.** Tables of 8 or 10 may also be reserved. To accompany our Children’s Winter Coat Drive, please bring a new, unwrapped winter hat, gloves, mittens, or scarf to donate to the cause.

**Paideia Bilingual Preschool** fulfills the full-day and half-day educational and daycare needs of families with children from 2 to 5 years of age. Enrollment for the Spring 2012 session is now open. Meet our teachers and learn more about our program at the OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, December 7, 8:30-10:30 a.m. RSVP to Maria Papathanassiou at director@gopaideia.org.

The Daughters of Penelope, Helle Chapter #283 will sponsor **Christmas tour of Williamsburg on Saturday, December 10th.** The tour will leave St. Katherine’s at 7:30 a.m. and return between 9:00-9:30 p.m. Total price for tour and bus is $65.00. Space is limited to 33 seats on bus. First come, first served. For more information please contact Kathy Cavallo at kcavallo1@aol.com or (703) 978-1539.

**3rd Annual St. Nicholas Diaper Drive on Sunday December 4th!** Did you know diapers are ineligible for purchase by needy families using their food-assistance dollars? Local emergency food pantries love to have some disposables on-hand to help their clients. Please bring a box of any size diaper (newborn to size 6, but NO pull-ups) to the foyer of the Meletis Charalas center on the 4th. We doubled our donations last year. Help us do at least that well this time. Thank you!
Church Services

Sunday, November 20

9th Sunday of Luke – Ὁ’ Κυριακή Λουκά
Forefeast of the Entrance – Προεόρτια τής εν τῷ Ναῷ Εισόδου
St. Gregory of Decapolis – Αγ. Γρηγορίου Δεκαπολίτου

1st Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m.
Orthros, Youth and Adult Catechism 9:30 a.m.
2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
Breakfast following both Liturgies

Sacraments - Congratulations to David and Zemma Chachu on the baptism of their daughter Elizabeth Desta Akosua, November 12, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.; and to Daniel James Kelly and Kiriaki George Avramidis on their wedding, November 12, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

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 δέχθηκες από τα αμαρτωλά μας χέρια και τις προσφορές αυτές έτσι, ώστε πάντοτε να μπορούμε να σου προσφέρουμε δόρα 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.