Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, November 13, 2016
8th Sunday of Luke

St. John Chrysostom
St. Damaskinos of Mount Athos

Apolytikion of the Day (4th Plagal Tone)
The grace of your words illuminated the universe like a shining beacon. It amassed treasures of munificence in the world. It demonstrated the greatness of humility, teaching us by your own words; therefore, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede to Christ the Logos for the salvation of our souls.

Ἡ τοῦ στόματός σου καθάπερ πυρσὸς ἐκλάμψασα χάρις, τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐφώτισεν, ἀφιλαργυρίας τῷ κόσμῳ θησαυροὺς ἐναπέθετο, τὸ ὑψίς ἡμῖν τῆς ταπεινοφροσύνης ὑπέδειξεν. Άλλα σοὶς λόγοις παιδεύων, Πάτερ, Ἰωάννη Χρυσόστομε, πρέσβευε τῷ Λόγῳ Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

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. Καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αἰτεῖται πάσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (2nd Plagal Tone)
You received divine grace from Heaven, and by your own lips taught all to worship the One God in Trinity. All-blessed, venerable John Chrysostom, deservedly, we praise you for you are a teacher clearly revealing things divine.

Εκ τῶν ουρανῶν εδέξω τὴν θείαν χάριν, καὶ διὰ τῶν σῶν χειλέων, πάντας διδάσκεις, προσκυνεῖν εν Τριάδι τὸν ἕνα Θεόν, Ἰωάννη Χρυσόστομε, παμμακάριστε Ὁσιε, επαξίως ευφημούμεν σε, υπάρχεις γάρ καθηγητής, ὡς τὰ θεία σαφῶν.
**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.

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**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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**AHEPA Christmas Ornaments** – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce our 9th Annual Community Christmas Ornament. These collectable ornaments have grown in popularity from year to year and we are extremely proud of this year’s offering. Our latest limited edition ornament, entitled “Santa’s Sleigh” is sure to delight young and old. They make excellent gifts and are the ideal stocking stuffer. **Ornaments are available for sale after Liturgy** during coffee hour. Please visit our table and make your purchases or sending requests to antovi@verizon.net or by calling 703-929-6110.

**Sunday School Supply Drive** – The 7th and 8th graders in Sunday School are organizing a “Supply-Drive” on November 13th and 20th to assist NVFS with pressing needs for the Bailey’s Homeless Shelter. The Shelter needs kitchen supplies (sturdy paper plates, cups, bowls, napkins, paper towels, plastic cutlery) and household cleaning supplies (all-purpose cleaner, disposable gloves, paper towels, tile/bathroom cleaner, laundry detergent (HE), bleach, lysol (spray & liquid), pine-sol, clorox wipes, glass cleaner, sponges, toilet brushes) to help its community outreach. You can drop off your donations in one of the two donation boxes, in the Sunday School lobby and the Meletis Charuhas hall lobby. **We also need volunteers on Sunday, November 20th** to transport the supplies to the shelter. Thank you for your support!

**Sunday School’s Christmas Pageant** – Please join us for our special presentation of the “Nativity of Christ” on December 11th in the Chelpon Hall (Founders Hall) at 12:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the Meletis-Charuhas Hall.

**$250,000.00 Scholarship Available for Greek American Undergraduates** – The Pan Hellenic Scholarship Foundation will once again offer $250,000.00 in scholarships awards to exceptional Greek American college students. For more information please see their website, [www.panhellenicsf.org](http://www.panhellenicsf.org). If you are interested please contact Allie Clayman, scholarship coordinator, at (312)357-6432 (office) or (248) 495-3280 (cell). *Building a better America through Education and Hellenism.*
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Mihail Ziu, husband of Mrs. Theodora Ziu and father of Andrew, Peter and John; for George Apostolou, husband of Mrs. Effie Apostolou and father of Alexander and Eleni; and for the Daughters of Penelope and Ladies Philoptochos Departed Members. May their memory be eternal!

A second tray will be passed this morning in honor and in special recognition of Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, for the benefit of the pastoral ministries of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey. Saint John Chrysostom is the Patron Saint of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey. Χρόνια Πολλά!

Stewardship Sunday today! Please stay after Liturgy for a delicious breakfast in the Meletis Charuhas Center.

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Ziu and Apostolou families in memory of their loved ones. And by the Daughters of Penelope and Ladies Philoptochos in loving memory of their Departed members.

Women's Book Club – Please join us on Wednesday, November 16th at 12 Noon, a new time, for our Club meeting. It’s not too late to join the club. We meet in the Meletis Charuhas Center in the room two doors from the church office. We are reading, On the Providence of God by St. John Chrysostom (Author), St. Herman of Alaska Brotherhood (Editor). The book is available for purchase on Amazon and the Church Bookstore. For further information contact Despina Raizes at 2draizes@gmail.com or (703) 216-8176.

Philoptochos Bake Sale – For Thanksgiving the date is Sunday, November 20, following the Liturgy during coffee hour and for Christmas on Sundays, December 11 and 18, following the Liturgy.

Philoptochos Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Army Navy Country Club, in Arlington, VA on Saturday, December 10, from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The address is 1700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA. Ticket price is $50.00 for adults and $20.00 for children. Please bring family and friends. Reservations and payment have to be in before by December 1st. Meal choice: Salmon, Chicken or Vegetarian, please specify. For your reservations, call Chrysoula Pappas at (703) 827-5435 or Trish Kapsidelis at (703) 356-5905.

Memorial Service Procedures – A Memorial Service requires a donation of $175.00. Your sponsorship includes coffee set up, 100 koulourakia, 100 paximathia, putting koliva in cups and clean up after the event. Checks should be made out to: Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church (please make payment in advance). Please remember to schedule the actual memorial service with the Church office.

Our Hellenic Education Center is seeking a Kindergarten teacher, a Preschool teacher and an Assistant Preschool teacher for 2016-2017. Please submit an updated CV to the HEC office at ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com.

Gentle Exercise Class – Reduce stress, lower blood pressure, gain flexibility, balance and circulation. Class includes deep breathing, stretching, balance, meditation and deep relaxation. Open to men and women of all ages and all fitness levels. 6 weeks for $60, drop-in’s $12, payable to Saint Katherine. Every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m., in the Meletis Charuhas Center (foyer area). Bring an exercise mat, cushion and blanket. All interested please contact Tina Ligelis at (703) 845-0520 or LigelisCPA@aol.com.

Pan-Icarian Dance – The Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America Chapter 16 “Lefkas” of Washington-Baltimore is hosting a dance on November 19, 2016, 7:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church Meletis Charuhas Center. Adults $50.00, under 18 $20.00. Heavy hor d’oeuvres, carving station, and cash bar. For information and tickets/reservations, please contact Gus Kohilas at (571) 233-8435, or KKohilas@gmail.com or Linda Moratis at (703) 999-9983 or lmoratis@aol.com.

Project Mexico 2017 – Our group registration for Home Building 2017 has been confirmed for August 16-August 22 for 10 participants. If you are interested in going, please contact Bill or Eleni Porter at beporter1@verizon.net.
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 γιά την δόξα Σου, προς ελάφρυνση των δοκιμασίων και της πείνας, προς διακονία του λαού Σου, προς συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών και εξιλασμό του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το ἔλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενοῦς Σου Υἱού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αἰώνα. Αμήν.