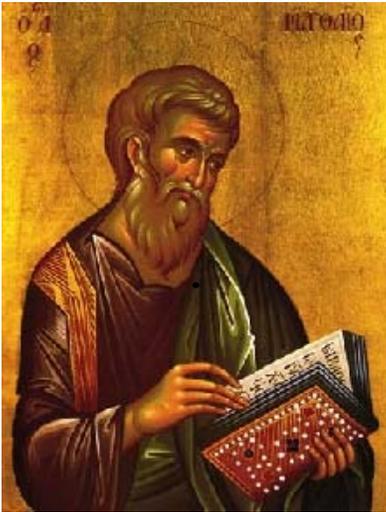


# Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, November 15, 2020  
8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke  
Nativity Fast Begins

Saint Gourias, Confessor of  
Edessa in Syria  
Saint Thomas, Archbishop of  
Constantinople



## *Apolytikion of the Day (2<sup>nd</sup> Plagal Tone)*

Angelic Powers appeared at Your tomb, and those guarding it became like dead, and at Your grave Mary was standing, seeking Your most pure body. You plundered Hades, not being tempted by it; You encountered the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You!

Αγγελικαί Δυνάμεις επι τω μνήμα σου, και οι φυλάσσοντες απενεκρώθησαν. Και ιστατο Μαρία εν τω τάφω, ζητούσα το άχραντόν Σου σώμα. Εσκύλευσας τον Άδην, μη πειρασθείς υπ' αυτού. Υπήντησας τη παρθένω, δωρούμενος την ζωήν. Ο αναστάς εκ των νεκρών, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

## *Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1<sup>st</sup> Tone)*

Let us praise the all lauded and noble bride of Christ, the godly Katherine, the guardian of Sinai and its defense, who is also our support, assistance and our help; for with the Holy Spirit's sword she hath silenced brilliantly the clever among the godless; and being crowned as a Martyr, she now does ask great mercy for us all.

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

## *Kontakion of the Day (4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Ο καθαρώτατος ναός του Σωτήρος, η πολυτίμητος παστάς και Παρθένος, το ιερόν θησαύρισμα της δόξης του Θεού, σήμερα εισάγεται, εν τω οίκω Κυρίου, την χάριν συνεισάγουσα, την εν Πνεύματι θείω. Ην ανυμνούσιν Άγγελοι Θεού. Αύτη υπάρχει, σκηνή επουράνιος.

# *Epistle Reading*

*O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.  
To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.  
The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.*

**Ephesians 2:4-10** – Brethren, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

# *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."

## *Saint Katherine Annual Community 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 prayers and love to all of our brothers and sisters. This special Community Christmas Card will be mailed by the Church Office and your donation is only \$25,00. Please make checks payable to ***Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church*** and note ***Christmas Card*** on the memo line. Thank you!

Please complete the form below and give it to a Church usher or mail it to the Church Office by Monday, December 7, 2020. List your name(s), in English or Greek, as you want it (them) printed in the card.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Thanksgiving Bake Sale by our Philoptochos** – This morning only, 10:00am-11:30am in the circle drive. For more information, please call Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161.



# *Announcements*



**Memorial Services** are offered this morning for **Constantine “Gus” Svolis** (*40-days*), husband of Mrs. Voula Svolis, and father of George and Basil Svolis and Anastasia Giatas; for **Helen and Frank Tsutras** (*40-days, 1-year*), parents of Dean Tsutras; for **Athanasios “Tommy” Sokos** (*40-days*), husband of Mrs. Anna Sokos and father of Kalia and Harry, for **Daniel B. Peyser** (*1-year*), husband of Mrs. Irene Peyser; for **Anca Gabriela Elefteratos**, wife of Mr. Aristotle Elefteratos; for **George Chelpon**, son of Presvytera Theodora Chelpon; and for **Nausika Thomakou** (*1-year*), mother of Katerina Goranitis. May their memory be eternal!

**Adult Bible Studies class** – In this time of social distancing, let us continue our weekly Adult Bible Studies online. Join us each Thursday evening at 7:00pm. We will take up a new topic each week on Thursdays, with: *“What is the Meaning of Resurrection?”*

**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 every Tuesday online at 7:15 p.m. This includes time for discussion and fellowship.

**Attention Parishioners!** When attending Church services and events at our church, kindly please park your car properly within the designated parking space lines in the parking lot. This will prevent loss of a space for someone else to park their car. *Thank you!*

**HEC - Greek School** – Please check our Church’s website, [www.saint-katherines.org](http://www.saint-katherines.org) or our HEC website, [www.stkhec.org](http://www.stkhec.org) for an application. For more information on our Saint Katherine’s Greek School please contact Sophia Tsangali at 703-671-1515 or [stsangali@stkchurch.com](mailto:stsangali@stkchurch.com). Classes have begun in September.

**Food Collection for the Food Insecure in our Community:** In keeping with our Thanksgiving tradition of helping others in need, on Sunday, November 15 (10 days before Thanksgiving) please bring food items to the circular driveway in the front of the Church for donations to the Food Pantry located at Columbia Baptist Church. Volunteers are available to collect the food. Please make sure the items are packaged appropriately (not easily torn) in a double plastic bag. Items can include: canned fruit (canned in juice), canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon), peanut butter, canned tomatoes, canned corn, meal soups, canned beans, pasta sauce, pasta, macaroni and cheese, cereal, and oatmeal. Some special holiday items are pancake mix, pancake syrup and brownie mix.

## ***The Nativity Fast***

**The Nativity Fast** is one of four main fast periods throughout the ecclesiastical year. Beginning on November 15 and concluding on December 24, the Nativity Fast gives individuals the opportunity to prepare for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior in the Flesh on December 25. By abstaining from certain food and drink, particularly from meat, fish, dairy products, olive oil, and wine, as well as focusing more deeply on prayer and almsgiving, we can find that the primary aim of fasting is to make us conscious of our dependence upon God.

## ***The Martyrs of Edessa in Syria***

Of these most illustrious Martyrs of the city of Edessa in Syria, Guria and Shamuna contested during the reign of Diocletian, in 288; after many tortures, they were cast into prison, then beheaded. Saint Habib, a deacon, contested in the days of Licinius, in the year 316, and was burned alive; he was buried with Saints Guria and Shamuna. The three have one common feast, and it is always together that they are portrayed in icons and invoked by the faithful. On account of a

renowned miracle they worked, they are invoked for help in marital difficulties. A certain Goth had come with the Roman army to Edessa and was quartered in the house of a pious widow named Sophia. The Goth asked Sophia for the hand of her daughter, Euphemia; after resisting for a long time, Sophia at last agreed. When it was time for the army to return home, Sophia made the Goth vow by the power in the holy Martyrs Shamuna, Guria, and Habib, to keep Euphemia as the apple of his eye. As he was nearing his home, however, the treacherous man revealed to Euphemia that he already had a wife. Euphemia was compelled to serve the Goth's wife, who dealt with her mercilessly. After extreme sufferings, which included being sealed alive in a tomb and left there to die, Euphemia was miraculously conveyed to Edessa, to the very shrine of the holy Martyrs whose surety they had taken, and was reunited with her mother through their holy prayers.

## Church Services

Sunday, November 15	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke – Nativity Fast Begins</b> – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Monday, November 16	<b>St. Mathew the Apostle and Evangelist</b> – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Tuesday, November 17	<b>Paraklesis to the Holy Trinity in Defense from the Pandemic</b> 7:00pm
Saturday, November 21	<b>The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple</b> – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Sunday, November 22	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke – St. Philemon of the 70 and St. Cecilia &amp; Companions</b> – Orthros 9am; Divine Liturgy 10am
Tuesday, November 24	<b>Great Vespers for St. Katherine and St. Mercurios the Great Martyrs</b> 7:00pm. <b>XPONIA ΠΟΛΙΑ!</b>
Wednesday, November 25	<b>St. Katherine the Great Martyr and St. Mercurios the Great Martyr</b> – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Sunday, November 29	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</b> – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Monday, November 30	<b>St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle</b> – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Sunday Services and Weekday Services: Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy 10:00am**

**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 Αβελ, 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](http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins).



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