Apolytikion of the Day (4th Tone)

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and the rejection of the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly. Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

Το φαιδρόν της Αναστάσεως κήρυγμα, εκ του Αγγέλου μαθούσαι αι του Κυρίου μαθήτρια, και την προγονικήν απόφασιν απορρίψασαι, τοις Αποστόλοις καυχώμεναι έλεγον. Εσκύλευται ο θάνατος, ηγέρθη Χριστός ο Θεός, δωρούμενος τω κόσμῳ το μέγα έλεος.

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.

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, αιτείται πάσι, το μέγα έλεος.

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.

Ο καθαρώτατος ναός του Σωτήρος, η πολυτίμητος παστάς και Παρθένος, το ειρόν θησαύρισμα της δόξης του Θεού, σήμερον εισάγεται, εν το οίκω Κυρίου, την χάριν συνεισάγουσα, την εν Πνεύματι θείω. Ην ανυμνούσιν Αγγέλοι Θεού. Αὕτη ὑπάρχει, σκηνὴ επουράνιος.
Epistle Reading

O Lord, how magnificent are your works.  
You have made all things in wisdom.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
The reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Galatians.

Galatians 2:16-20 – Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified.  But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin?  Certainly not!  But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor.  For I, through the law, died to the law, that I might live to God.  I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:16-21 – The Lord said this parable: “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’  And he said, ‘I will do this:  I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods.  And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’  But God said to him, ‘Fool!  This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’  So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”  As he said these things, he cried out: “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Wisdom of the Church Fathers

The sign that thou lovest God, is this, that thou lovest thy fellow; and if thou hatest thy fellow, thy hatred is towards God. For it is blasphemy if thou prayest before God while thou art wroth. For thy heart also convicts thee, that in vain thou multipliest words: thy conscience rightly judges that in thy prayers thou profitest nought.

St. Ephraim the Syrian, On Admonition and Repentance.

Let us then, bearing in mind all the things which have been said, show forth great love even towards our enemies; and let us ease away that ridiculous custom, to which many of the more thoughtless give way, waiting for those that meet them to address them first.

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 18 on Matthew 5, 4th Century

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Icon Exhibit – The Philoptochos of St. Sophia Cathedral, Washington, DC presents The Works of Despina Fountoglou, an Iconographer and Pyrographic Artist of Thessaloniki, this afternoon, 12:30am to 4:00pm.

Socrates Now - St. Katherine Hellenic Education Center and The Hellenic Society of Prometheas present The Apology of Socrates, starring Emmy Award winner, Yannis Simonides, Saturday, November 23, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Meletis Charuhas Center.  Tickets:  Adults $15.00, and Students $7.50.  For tickets and information please call at (703) 671-1515 or contact at www.DCGreeks.com/Tickets.
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Euripides Pikrallidas, husband of Mrs. Androula Pikrallidas; for Constantine Spathopoulos, father of Stella Spathopoulos and Vivian Spathopoulos Chelpon; and for the Deceased Daughters of Penelope and the Deceased Sisters of the Ladies Philoptochos. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Ladies Philoptochos, the Daughters of Penelope, the Pikrallidas family and the Spathopoulos and Chelpon families in memory of their loved ones.

Philoptochos General Meeting immediately following the Coffee Hour in the Board Room of the Meletis Charuhas Center.

Philoptochos Christmas Bake Sale – Half trays of Spanakopita are available for sale for $25.00. The trays are uncooked and frozen. If you would like to buy a tray, please contact Mary Varlas at (703) 965-4161 or email at Mary.Varlas@yahoo.com. Next week we will start baking Tsoureki and Vasilopites for Christmas Bake Sale. Baking will be on Tuesday, November 19 at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday, November 21 at 11:00 a.m.

AHEPA Christmas Ornaments – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce orders are now being taken for our Sixth 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. This stunning three-dimensional ornament is entitled “Star of Saint Katherine” and is a testament to the indomitable spirit of our community, its ministries and those who lovingly labor in its behalf. Manufactured by the same firm that creates the famous White House Christmas ornaments, they make excellent gifts and are the ideal stocking stuffer. Ornaments will be available for sale after Liturgies during coffee hour. Please place your order after Liturgy beginning, or by sending requests to antovi@verizon.net or by calling 703-929-6110.

The Daughters of Penelope are collecting new or in like-new condition winter jackets for infants and toddlers and warm hooded sweatshirts for teens that will be donated to Alternative House and homeless shelters. Male and female infant and toddler jackets are specifically needed in the following quantities and sizes: (10) each 2T; (10) each 18-24M; (5) each 12-18M, 9-12M, 6-9M, 3-6M, and Newborn. Hoodies are needed for boys and girls size 4-16, and for male and female teens size Small to X-Large to Adult sizes. Please drop donations in the box labeled DOP in the hall entrance. Monetary donations may be made payable to Daughters of Penelope and mailed to Kathy Cavallo, 6190 Fred’s Oak Road, Fairfax Station, VA 22039. Thank you for your generous support!

“it is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20-35). Beginning today, November 3, the Sunday school is commencing a canned and boxed dry food drive to give to the adult Homeless Shelter in Falls Church for Thanksgiving. Through November 24th, please have your child bring either canned or boxed dry foods that were recently purchased. Thank you.

Christmas Caroling – The Greek School and the Paideia Preschool students of our community will do Christmas caroling on Saturday, December 7 at 11:30 a.m. and on Saturday, December 21 at 5:00 p.m. If you would like the children to do Christmas caroling at your home or business, please contact Martha Lampros, P.T.O. President, at mmlampros@msn.com.

2013 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 St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church. Deadline for participating is Monday, December 2, 2013. See enclosed letter.

YAL Elections/Meeting – Today at 12:30 p.m. and trip to Art Gallery to see the Byzantine Exhibit.
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 δέχθεις από τα αμαρτωλά μας χέρια και τις προσφορές αυτές έτσι, ώστε πάντοτε να μπορούμε να σου προσφέρουμε δώρα και τους κόπους της εργασίας μας γιὰ 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 ονόμα Σου εἰς τον αιώνα. Άμην.