Apolytikion of the Day (Grave Tone)

Katέλυσας τω Σταυρώ σου τον θάνατον. Ηνέωξας τω Ληστή τον Παράδεισον. Των Μυροφόρων τον θρήνον μετέβαλες, και τοις σοις Αποστόλοις κηρύττειν επέταξας. Οτι ανέστης Χριστέ ο Θεός, παρέχουν των κόσμω το μέγα έλεος.

By the means of Your Cross, O Lord You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the Myrrh-bearing women You transformed and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that you had risen, from the dead, our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

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

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

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

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

The Lord will give strength to his people.
Bring to the Lord, O Sons of God,
bring to the Lord honor and glory.
The reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians.

Ephesians 2:14-22 – Brethren, he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken
down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and
ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,
and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility
to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who
were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no
longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with saints and members of the
household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself
being cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple
in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel Reading

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 might 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.”

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Prayer as an Important Aspect of our Spiritual Life

Saint John Chrysostom, commenting of prayer before and after meals, notes that among the reason for
these prayers are the following: that we also remember the nourishment of the soul: that we avoid
intoxication and over-indulgence; that we develop the discernment of moderation; and that we express our
gratitude to God for his gifts.

At prescribed times the Church gathers in common prayer and worship. The prayers of many faithful who
have gathered are more readily received and heard by God he is particularly attentive to such petitions. To
help us receive the full benefit of ecclesiastical gatherings let us pay close attention to these words of St.
Symeon the New Theologian.

“Stand in church as if you are in heaven together with the angels, and consider yourself unworthy to be
praying together with your brothers. And be vigilant not be looking back and forth to observe the brothers
and sisters, how they are standing or chanting, but observe only yourself, your chanting and your sins.”

St. Paul noted that he who is happy should sing. Psalmody – spiritual song – is not only for church
services, but for any circumstances that permit. We can chant aloud or silently, individually or as a group,
before and after prayer, and even during intermissions.

Happy Thanksgiving and Χρόνια Πολλά for Saint Katherine’s Feast Day!
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Rev. Fr. George Calciu, spiritual father of Iakovos Ioannou; for Louis John Tompros, father of John, Michael, Andrew, Paul, Thomas Tompros and Christina Stavros; for Euripides Pikrallidas, husband of Mrs. Androula Pikrallidas, and father of Eftychia, Anastasia and Demetra; and for Constantine Spathopoulos, father of Vivian Chelpon and Stella Spathopoulos. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Ioannou, Tompros, Stavros, Pikrallidas, Chelpon and Spathopoulos families in memory of their loved ones.

A tray will be passed this morning for the benefit of the “Hurricane Sandy” victims.

Orthodoxy 101 – Six sessions covering the fundamental teaching of the Orthodox Church. These classes provide a friendly and open forum for your questions and concerns on Sundays, November 4 - December 16 (no session 11-25), 9:30-10:30 a.m. in our community center. Contact Fr. Costas, frcostas@stkchurch.com.

Sacraments – Congratulations to Pete Simos and Andreanna Zuppas on the baptism of their daughter Evangelia Eleni, November 10, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.; and to Andrew P. Schneider and Alexandra Saris on their wedding, November 17, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

The Daughters of Penelope and St. Katherine’s Ladies Philoptochos will also host a Christmas Luncheon Sunday, December 2 at 12:30 p.m. at the Westwood Country Club, Vienna, VA. Cost is $40/adults, $20/children 10 & under. Special Christmas chorale performance and annual charity raffle featured. RSVP to Kathy Anitole-Misleh at (703) 448-0296 by November 23.

AHEPA Christmas Ornaments – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce the arrival of our Fifth Annual Community Christmas Ornament. This stunning three-dimensional ornament is entitled “Snowflakes from Mt. Athos” and depicts the Byzantine Eagle among 25 sparkling snowflakes as it soars over Mt. Athos. They make excellent gifts – an ideal stocking stuffer. Ornaments are available for sale after Liturgies. Supplies are limited...start your Christmas shopping early! Contact antovi@verizon.net or call 703-929-6110.

2012 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 Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church. Deadline for participating is Monday, December 3, 2012.

Junior Practice – St. Katherine is in the process of starting up a Junior Choir around the beginning of 2013. If anyone is interested in enrolling their children in the Junior Choir, please contact John Doulis at jdoulis@aol.com. Please see the next edition of the DOXA for more information.

77th Annual Laconian Society Dance – Friday, November 23, 2012 at the Capital Hilton Hotel, 1001 16th Street and K Street, Washington, DC 20036. Continuous Greek and American Music by the Apollonia Orchestra. Cash Bar. Tickets: Adults $40.00, students $25.00. For information and tickets please call: Dimitrios Hios at (703) 281-3569 or John Goranitis at (571) 238-3015.

St. Katherine Philoptochos Christmas Bake Sale – December 9 and 16 (after Liturgy). Please order your Vasilopita by Sunday, December 2 for pick up December 30. Order forms are available in the Narthex or you may call Elvira Garnett at (703) 425-3675 or Andrea Ballard at (703) 250-5419 to place your order.

Diaper Collection for Area Food Pantries – We will be collecting diapers on Sunday, December 9, 2012 for the area food pantries. Federal food stamps cannot be used to buy diapers, so this is a great help to mothers with infants. Collections will take place in the foyer of our Community Center. Please bring unopened packages of sizes newborn to 6. No pull ups please. The diapers will be distributed to several area food pantries.
Church Services

Wednesday, November 21

*Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple – Τα Εισόδια της Θεοτόκου*
Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 24

*Great Vespers for St. Katherine and St. Mercurios the Great Martyrs – Δέχεστε την Εσπερινή του Αγ. Αικατερίνης και του Αγ. Μερκουρίου των Μεγαλομάρτυρων*
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Following the Vespers a reception will take place in the Meletis Charuhas Center sponsored by our Philoptochos.

Sunday, November 25

*St. Katherine and St. Mercurios the Great Martyrs – Αγ. Αικατερίνης και Αγ. Μερκουρίου των Μεγαλομάρτυρων*
Orthros 9:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Only ONE Liturgy
Reception by our Philoptochos.

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, ὃπως δέχθηκες τα δώρα του Άβελ, τις θυσίες του Νώε και του Αβραάμ, το θυμίαμα του Ααρών και του Ζαχαρία, ας δεχθείς από τα αμαρτώλα 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 δοκιμασιών και της πείνας, προς διακονία του λαού Σου, προς συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών και εξίλασμο του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και την φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.

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