Apolytikion of the Day (Grave Tone)

Thou didst abolish death by Thy Cross; Thou didst open Paradise to the thief; Thou didst transform the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and didst bid Thine Apostles to preach that Thou art risen, O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέῳξας τῷ Λῃστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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. Ὄτι εφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τους κομψούς των ασεβῶν, του Πνευματον τη δυνάμει. Και νων ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Tone)

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

Ο καθαρώτατος ναός τού Σωτήρος, η πολυτίμητος παστάς καί Παρθένος, τό Ιερόν θησαύρισμα τής δόξης τού Θεού, σήμερον εισάγεται, εν τῷ οίκῳ Κυρίου, τήν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τήν εν Πνευματι θείο, ἴν ανυμνούσιν Άγγελοι Θεού, Αὕτη υπάρχει σκηνή επουράνιος.
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 St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

Ephesians 2:14-22 – Brethren, Christ 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 the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the 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

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."

JOURNEY TO ORTHODOXY: This is a reminder that the “Journey to Orthodoxy” class for adults meets 9-10 AM Sunday (before Liturgy, concurrently with the Sunday School). The class is designed for non-Orthodox inquirers into Orthodoxy as well as for Orthodox Christians who want to know more about the teachings, practices, history, and contemporary life of our Orthodox Church. It is also recommended for intending or newly married couples, especially where one spouse is not Orthodox. The class is held in an informal discussion format. Text is provided. We meet in the Seniors’ Kentro room on the ground floor of Founders’ Hall. For further information contact the teachers, John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com 202 375-1007.

Sunday School’s Christmas Pageant – Please join us for our special presentation of the “Nativity of Christ” on December 10th in the Chelpon Hall at 12:00 p.m. A reception will follow

GOYA – Basketball practice will be next week – Boys WED 6:30pm, Girls THU 6:30pm.

Interested in going to Project Mexico? – For the 5th time, our Church will sponsor a staying at the St. Innocent Orphanage. 15 spots have been reserved for our team, and only 3 are still available! The trip costs $1,700.00, which pays for the building supplies/materials, food, lodging, flights, and a rental van into Mexico. If you are interested in going, please contact Bill Porter at beporter1@verizon.net or Nick Junes at njunes@stkchurch.com ASAP!

82nd Laconian Annual Dance – Friday, November 24, 2017, 8:00pm-1:00am at the Hilton Hotel, Rockville, MD. Music by Apollonia; ticket prizes; cash bar. For tickets and information please call John Goranitis at 571-238-3015.

DIAPER DRIVE - Our next diaper drive will be Sunday, December 3, 2017, three days before the feast day of St. Nicholas... Please bring all sizes of disposable diapers in their original packaging (but no pull-up pants types) to the foyer of the Meletis Charuhas Center for collection and delivery. The food pantries have identified this as a tremendous benefit for the mothers and working families who receive emergency assistance there. Unfortunately, federal funds cannot be used for diapers so they depend on the food pantries.
**Announcements**

**Memorial Services** are offered this morning for George Z. Kontzias, husband of Mrs. Helen Kontzias and father of Zachary; for Artemis Danzig, wife of Mr. Ivan Danzig and cousin of Mrs. Mersene Valases; and for Reverend Father George Calciu, spiritual father of Iacovos Ioannou. May their memory be eternal!

**Coffee Hour** is sponsored this morning by Mrs. Helen Kontzias and family in memory of her beloved husband, George Z. Kontzias; and by Mr. Ivan Danzig and family in memory of his beloved wife, Artemis Danzig.

**General Assembly Meeting** this morning immediately following the Coffee Hour. Please stay for the meeting, your support is greatly appreciated.

**Registration for the 2017-2018 HEC school year** is now open for both Paideia Preschool and Greek School. Forms can be downloaded from HEC website (www.stkhec.org) or picked-up in the school office. **Registration for Greek Adult classes** – Classes begin in September, Beginners Greek I and II on Tuesday evenings, and Intermediate and Advanced Greek on Thursday evenings. Contact Eleni Alexopoulou, with any questions, ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com.

**Saint Katherine Annual GALA – This Sunday Evening, November 19 at the Hilton McLean.** Join us as we gather to give thanks for our community’s many blessings and recognize this year’s worthy honorees for their devoted service to our community – Presvytera Pauline Pavlakos and the Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter 438.

**AHEPA Christmas Ornaments** – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce our **Tenth Annual Community Christmas Ornament**. These collectable ornaments have grown in popularity from year to year and **they will be available for purchase at our Fall Festival**. Our latest limited edition ornament, entitled “Evzone Nutcracker” is a whimsical portrayal of a classic Christmas image with a Hellenic twist that is sure to delight young and old. Manufactured by the same firm that creates the famous White House Christmas ornaments, they make excellent gifts and are the ideal stocking stuffer. Your purchases help make our philanthropy in support of our community and Hellenic ideals possible! For additional information, call 703-671-7225.

**PHILOPTOCHOS**

**Thanksgiving Bake Sale** this morning immediately following the Divine Liturgy at the Meletis Charuhas Center.

**Saint Katherine’s Great Vespers** – November 24 at 7:00 p.m. Please call Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161, if you can bring a “nistisimo” dish for the reception.

**Annual Christmas Luncheon** – December 3rd. For reservations please call Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161.

**Christmas Bake Sale** – December 10th and 17th. To preorder, please contact Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161 or Lpbakesale@yahoo.com.

**GOYA**

12/2 - SAT – Saint George GOYA Basketball tournament
12/9 – SAT – Saint Sophia Cathedral GOYA Retreat
12/10 – SUN – Saint Katherine Christmas Pageant
12/17 – SUN – Youth Church Duty / GOYA Meeting
12/17 – SUN – GOYA Christmas Party at Moratis House

**YAL**

12/16 – SAT – D/M/V YAL Christmas Party

**OCF**

12/8 – FRI – Dinner and Fellowship – Chuy’s in Fairfax
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 δοκιμασιών και της πείνας, προς διακοινία του λαού Σου, προς συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών και εξίλασμο 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.