Apolystikion of the Day (2nd Plagios Tone)

When the Angelic Powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You, resurrected from the dead, O Lord, glory to You.

Apolystikion 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.

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
Epistle Reading

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

To you, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

The Reading is from Saint 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 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 before hand, that we should walk in them.

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.”

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY! Today! Breakfast following both Liturgies.

The Orthodox Christian Mission Center has announced their 2012 Mission Team opportunities. These short-term mission trips offer evangelism, health care, construction, catechism, and/or youth ministry in eight foreign countries: Mongolia, Kenya, Uganda, Goutemala, Moldova, Romania, Tanzania, South Korea, and Alaska in the U.S. More information is available at www.OCMC.org or contact Gregory McKinney at (571) 338-6929.

Today, Stewardship Sunday, each parishioner is invited to assemble a winter survival kit or hygiene pack for the homeless at the nearby VOA Bailey’s Crossroads Community Shelter. Tables will be set up after each Liturgy in the foyer of the Meletis Charuhas Center. Donations are also needed to cover the cost of these kits; Checks should be made out to St. Katherine’s, with “Shelter Kits” in the memo line.

JOY Theater Trip to Ford’s Theater for “A Christmas Carol” on Sunday, November 27 at 2:00 p.m. $65.00 per ticket for premium orchestra seating. Contact JOY Director, Tina Papamichael, at athena02@verizon.net or (703) 536-4711 to reserve your spot. Space is limited so please reserve early! Open to the entire St. Katherine

The Daughters of Penelope have had to cancel the Williamsburg trip because of insufficient interest.

The Kalymnian Society of Greater Washington, D.C. is hosting its kick of fundraiser Saturday, December 10 at 8:30 p.m. Wine tasting, mezethes and music at Giorgio’s Family Restaurant in Montclair, VA. For more information contact Efy Garbis at (443) 220-1837 or Garbisfamily@comcast.net.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

ΧΡΟΝΙΑ ΠΟΛΛΑ FOR SAINT KATHERINE’S FEASTDAY!
Announcements

Memorial Service is offered this morning for Reverend Father George Calciu.

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by Mr. and Mrs. Iakovos Ioannou and family in loving memory of Father George Calciu.

The Journey to Orthodoxy class will meet for six sessions, beginning today, 9:30-10:30 a.m., in the hall where coffee is served. In addition to covering the fundamental teachings of the Orthodox Church, the class will provide an open forum for participants to address questions and concerns about becoming Orthodox. Those interested may contact Georgia Kazakis at gkazakis@cov.com or Elena Ziu at eziu@cox.net.

2011 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. Please make checks payable to Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church. Deadline for participating is Monday, December 5, 2011. Deadline for participating is Monday, December 5, 2011.

Parish e-mail list – Please subscribe to our Church's e-mail list. Simply go to our newly redesigned web site at www.saint-katherines.org and click on Join our Email List at the top of the page. We will use this list to communicate more efficiently with you. You can send feedback to webmaster@stkchurch.com. We have more exciting things to come - check back often!

AHEPA Christmas Ornaments - The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce the arrival of the Fourth Annual Community Christmas Ornament. These collectable ornaments have grown in popularity from year to year and this year's ornament is no exception! A stunning three-dimensional rendition of The Star of Bethlehem serves as the inspiration for our 2011 offering to the community – a perfect ornament for the Christmas season, depicting the divine light that served as a beacon to all mankind heralding the joy of the Nativity. They make excellent gifts and are the ideal.

The Daughters of Penelope Helle Chapter invites you to our Christmas Party on Sunday, December 4 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Westwood Country Club. The cost is $40 for adults and $22 for children 10 and under. Spouses and guests are welcomed! The buffet will include rolls, tossed salad, salmon, London broil, chicken breast, rice pilaf, roasted potatoes, grilled vegetables, dessert, and choice of beverage. A cash bar will be available from 12:30 -2:00 p.m. During lunch we will be entertained by madrigal singers. We will also have many wonderful items available for auction at our Charity Raffle. Please RSVP by November 20, 2011 to Katherine Misleh, 8437 Hunt Valley Drive, Vienna, VA 22182 with your check made payable to Helle Chapter #283. Tables of 8 or 10 may also be reserved. To accompany our Children’s Winter Coat Drive, please bring a new, unwrapped winter hat, gloves, mittens, or scarf to donate to the cause.

Paideia Bilingual Preschool fulfills the full-day and half-day educational and daycare needs of families with children from 2 to 5 years of age. Enrollment for the Spring 2012 session is now open. Meet our teachers and learn more about our program at the OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, December 7, 8:30-10:30 a.m. RSVP to Maria Papathanassiou at director@gopaideia.org.

3rd Annual St. Nicholas Diaper Drive on Sunday December 4th! Did you know diapers are ineligible for purchase by needy families using their food-assistance dollars? Local emergency food pantries love to have some disposables on-hand to help their clients. Please bring a box of any size diaper (newborn to size 6, but NO pull-ups) to the foyer of the Meletis Charuhas center on the 4th. We doubled our donations last year. Help us do at least that well this time. Thank you!
**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 δέχθηκαν 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.

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**Church Services**

- **Monday, November 21**
  - *The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple – Τα Εισόδια τής Θεοτόκου*
  - Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

- **Friday, November 24**
  - *Great Vespers for Sts. Katherine and Merkourios the Great Martyrs 7:00 p.m.*
  - Μέγας Εσπερινός Αγίων Αικατερίνης και Μερκουρίου των Μεγαλομαρτύρων 7:00 μ.μ.

- **Saturday, November 25**
  - *Sts. Katherine and Merkourios the Great Martyrs*
  - Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

- **Sunday, November 27**
  - (NO Sunday School)
  - *13th Sunday of Luke – ΙΓ΄ Κυριακή Λουκά*
  - St. James of Persia – Ιακώβου του Πέρση
  - Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m. – **Only One Liturgy**

**Sacraments - Congratulations**
- to Stephan Trent and Joanna O. Rogers on the baptism of their son Andrew Kenneth, November 19, 11:00 a.m.; to Dimitri Arthur and Cheryl Ann Alexson on the baptism of their son George Odysseas, November 19, 3:30 p.m.; and to Alexander and Norah Haje on the baptism of their daughter Zoe Alexandra, November 20, 12:30 p.m.

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**Church Organizations**

- **Acolyte Captains** – Anastasios Galatis
- **Protos-Psalters** – James Loizou (703) 356-8220
- **Choir Director** – John Doulis (703) 780-0560
- **Catechetical School** – Christian Demeter (703) 534-5669
- **Greek School** – Sophia Tsangali (703) 671-5820
- **Paideia Preschool** – Maria Papathanassiou (703) 527-0942
- **Philoptochos** – Andrea Ballard (703) 250-5419
- **YAL** – Contact Fr Costas (703) 671-1515
- **GOYA President** – Tiffani Wills (703) 948-7950
- **JOY** – Tina Papamichael (703) 536-4711
- **HOPE** – Kelly Alexis (703) 909-2256

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