Apolytikion of the Day (4th Plagios Tone)
From on high You descended, O merciful Lord, and accepted the three-day burial to free us from our passions. Glory to You, O Lord, our life and our resurrection.
Εξ ύψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ελευθέρωσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωή καὶ η ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

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 Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντίληψιν. Ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματον τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς 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 ιερό θησαυρίσμα της δόξης του Θεού, σήμερον εισάγεται, εν τω οίκω Κυρίου, την χάριν συνεισάγουσα, την εν Πνεύματι θείω. Ην ανυμνούσιν Ἀγγελοί Θεού. Ἀυτή υπάρχει, σκηνή επουράνιος.
**Epistle Reading**

*Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.*

*God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel.*

*The reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians.*

**Ephesians 4:1-7**

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift.

**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 said 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.”

---

The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA chapter 438 is proud to announce the opening of the new community Seniors Κέντρο (Kentro) located on the ground floor of Founders Hall. Gather with friends, enjoy a cup of coffee while watching the news from Greece, spending some quiet time reading the paper, or enjoying each other’s company/parea. Lectures, Bible Studies and presentations of health and wellness are also benefits that will be introduced as part of our Church’s new Seniors Ministry. The Seniors Kentro is carpeted and fully furnished, featuring a 60-inch flat screen television with satellite access to Greek network programming, and has a coffee bar. Operating hours are Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 3:00pm (the Seniors Kentro will open at noon when church services are scheduled). The room is also available to other groups by appointment through the Church Office.

**Philoptochos Thanksgiving Bake Sale** is today, November 22nd at the end of the Divine Liturgy; and the **Christmas Bake Sale** will be on December 13th and 20th after the Divine Liturgy.

**Kalanda Singers** – December 5th the Greek School will be around the town for their annual Kalanda fundraiser. We invite families to host our singers. Please contact Toula Christou, tmchristou@yahoo.com to arrange a time.

**Laconian Society of Washington, D.C. 80th Annual Dance** – Friday, November 27, 2015, 8:00-1:00p.m. at the Hilton Hotel in Rockville (1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-468-1100). Continuous Greek and American Music by Apollonia. Adults $45.00 and students $30.00. Complimentary Hors d’œuvres: 9:30-10:30 pm and Cash Bar. For information and reservations please call Mary Varlas 703-965-4161 or John Goranitis 571-238-3015.

Χρόνια Πολλά for Saint Katherine’s Feast Day!

*Happy Thanksgiving!*
Memorial Services are offered this morning for James G. Poulos and Kostas Poulos, brother and father of Pete G. Poulos; for James F. Brackman, husband of Stella Brackmand, father of Gloria Nussbaum and grandfather of Stephanie and Daniel; for Helen Scouros, mother of Stella Brackman, Dr. Michael Scouros of Athens and Dr. Maria Scouros of Houston, TX; for Nevenka Petrovic, mother of Diana Kenovic; and for Dionysia and Nikolaos Tzamarias, parents of Themis Tzamarias. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by Mrs. Stella Brackman and family in memory of her beloved husband, James F. Brackman; and by Mr. & Mrs. Themis Tzamarias and family in memory of his beloved parents, Dionysia and Nikolaos Tzamarias.

Daughters of Penelope and the Philoptochos are collecting new hoodies for teens at the Alternative House facility and jackets for children served by the Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless. The sizes needed are: S, M, L, & XL warm-style hoodies for both male and female teens; and jacket sizes 2T-4T for toddlers, and youth sizes 5 to 20 for both boys and girls. Monetary donations are payable to DOP-Helle Chapter 283 and mailed to Karen Polizos, 903 Holly Creek Drive, Great Falls, VA 22066. Drop your hoodies and jackets in the box in the hall foyer or directly to the church office through 12/6. Thank you!

AHEPA Christmas Ornaments – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce our Eighth Annual Community Christmas Ornament is now available for purchase. These collectable ornaments have grown in popularity from year to year and we are extremely proud of this year’s offering. Our latest limited edition ornament, entitled “Evzone Snowman” 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. Ornaments will be available for sale after Liturgy during coffee hour while supplies last. Please make your purchases after Liturgy or by sending requests to antovi@verizon.net or by calling 703-929-6110.

Gentle Exercise Class – Reduce stress, lower blood pressure, gain flexibility, balance and circulation. Class includes deep breathing, stretching, balance, meditation and deep relaxation. Open to men and women of all ages and all fitness levels. 6 weeks for $60.00, drop-in’s $12.00, payable to St. Katherine. Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., in the Meletis Charuhas Center, began October 14, 2015. Bring an exercise mat, cushion and blanket. For further information contact Tina Ligelis at (703) 845-0520 or LigelisCPA@aol.com.

Diaper Collection for Area Food Pantries – We will be collecting diapers on Sunday, December 6, 2015 (the feast day of Saint Nicholas). 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 newborn to 6. No pull ups please.

Christmas Luncheon and Fashion Show – An event for the entire family – Hosted by St. Katherine Philoptochos on Dec. 12, 2015, 11:30 a.m. at Westwood Country Club (800 Maple Avenue, E, Vienna, VA 22180, 703-938-2300). Donation $45.00, raffle and door prizes, children under 12, $15.00. We welcome spouses and friends. Fashions by Bloomingdales. All proceeds to benefit the Philoptochos charities. Reservation deadline, December 1st, 2015. For information and raffle donations, please call Trish Kapsidelis, 703-356-5905, for reservations call Demetra Vroustouris, 703-938-6348. Make check payable to St. Katherine Philoptochos and mail it to: Dr. Chrysoula Pappas (7716 Fallstaff St., McLean, VA 22102). Please bring a door prize, new item. 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 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 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 in two formats--a PDF copy of the bulletin handed out in church and an online version with much more information. Please take a moment to check them out by visiting: http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins

Church Services

Tuesday, November 24  Great Vespers for Saint Katherine 7:00 p.m.  (Following the Vespers a reception will take place in the Meletis Charuhas Center offered by our Ladies Philoptochos)
Wednesday, November 25  Saint Katherine the Great Martyr – Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.  Χρόνια Πολλά for our Church’s Nameday and Happy Thanksgiving!
Sunday, November 29  13th Sunday of Luke – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Monday, November 30  Saint Andrew the First-Called Apostle – Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Services: Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.  Week Day Services: Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Church Organizations

Acolyte Captains – Nicholas Vazquez and Chad Velezis  
Protos-Psalter – James Loizou 703-356-8220  
Choir Director – John Doulis 703-670-4386  
Catechetical School – Bill Porter 703-901-2404  
Hellenic Education Center – Eleni Alexopoulou 703-671-7715

Philoptochos President – Eleni Kanakos 703-938-8360  
YAL President – Faye Anson 703-437-5747  
GOYA President – Theo Karounos 703-321-3009  
JOY – Toula Christou 703-533-0055  
HOPE – Vaitsa Bourbous, vsbourbous@yahoo.com

Facebook: Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church