

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, November 22, 2020
9th Sunday of Luke

Saint Philemon of the 70
Saint Cecilia and Companions



Apolytikion of the Day (Grave Tone)

By your Cross, O Lord, you shattered death, to the thief you opened Paradise. You transformed the Myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and commanded your Apostles to proclaim that you arose, Christ our God, granting to the world your great mercy.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέωξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον. Τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας. Ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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

Let us praise the all lauded and noble bride of Christ, the godly Katherine, the guardian of Sinai and its defense, who is also our support, assistance and our help; for with the Holy Spirit's sword she hath silenced brilliantly the clever among the godless; and being crowned as a Martyr, she now does ask great mercy for us all.

Τὴν πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν τὴν θείαν καὶ πολιούχον Σινά, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν. Ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆ δυνάμει. Καὶ νυν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πάσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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.

Ὁ καθαρῶτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτήρος, ἡ πολυτίμητος παστάς καὶ Παρθένος, τὸ ἱερόν θησαύρισμα τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ, σήμερον εἰσάγεται, ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Κυρίου, τὴν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τὴν ἐν Πνεύματι θείῳ. Ἦν ἀνυμνοῦσιν Ἄγγελοι Θεοῦ. Αὕτη ὑπάρχει, σκηνὴ ἐπουράνιος.

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."

Saint Katherine Annual Community 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 prayers and love to all of our brothers and sisters. This special Community Christmas Card will be mailed by the Church Office and your donation is only \$25,00. Please make checks payable to **Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church** and note **Christmas Card** on the memo line. Thank you!

Please complete the form below and give it to a Church usher or mail it to the Church Office by Monday, December 7, 2020. List your name(s), in English or Greek, as you want it (them) printed in the card.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

AHEPA Christmas Ornament – This year will be at \$20.00 each and it can be picked-up from the Church office during working hours. Thank you!

“XRONIA POLLA” FOR OUR SAINT KATHERINE’S FEAST DAY!



Announcements



Memorial Service is offered this morning for **Alexandra “Alex” Diapoulis (5-years)**, sister of Margo Buda and Nicholas Diapoulis. May her memory be eternal!

Adult Bible Studies class – In this time of social distancing, let us continue our weekly Adult Bible Studies online. Join us each Thursday evening at 7:00pm. We will take up a new topic each week on Thursdays, with: *“What is the Meaning of Resurrection?”*

Catechetical Lectures of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem – A Greek Bible Study led by Professor Ioannis Gkigkitzis. The Adult Catechism and Sacraments class “Catechetical Lecture of Saint Cyril” is taking place every Tuesday online at 7:15 p.m. This includes time for discussion and fellowship.

Attention Parishioners! When attending Church services and events at our church, kindly please park your car properly within the designated parking space lines in the parking lot. This will prevent loss of a space for someone else to park their car. *Thank you!*

HEC - Greek School – Please check our Church’s website, www.saint-katherines.org or our HEC website, www.stkhec.org for an application. For more information on our Saint Katherine’s Greek School please contact Sophia Tsangali at 703-671-1515 or stsangali@stkchurch.com. Classes have begun in September.

Taste of Greece – Sunday, December 6 – Pre-Order, Curbside Pickup 12:00pm-6:00pm. Order cutoff: Friday, December 4, 9:00pm (No Walk Ups!) – Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church welcomes you to our first ever Pre-Order Curbside Pickup Fundraiser! Due to COVID-19 restrictions and in order to maintain a safe environment, we have designed an event that will allow our members to safely support our Church while enjoying some great Greek food! Menu items: spanakopita, tyropita, chicken souvlaki, gyro, pastitsio, roasted half chicken, roasted leg of lamb, grilled octopus.

The Nativity Fast

The Nativity Fast is one of four main fast periods throughout the ecclesiastical year. Beginning on November 15 and concluding on December 24, the Nativity Fast gives individuals the opportunity to prepare for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior in the Flesh on December 25. By abstaining from certain food and drink, particularly from meat, fish, dairy products, olive oil, and wine, as well as focusing more deeply on prayer and almsgiving, we can find that the primary aim of fasting is to make us conscious of our dependence upon God.

Saint Philemon of the 70

Saint Philemon, who was from Colossae, a city of Phrygia, was a man both wealthy and noble; Apphia was his wife. Archippus became Bishop of the Church in Colossae. All three were disciples of the Apostle Paul. Onesimus, who was formerly an unbeliever and slave of Philemon, stole certain of his vessels and fled to Rome. However, on finding him there, the Apostle Paul guided him onto the path of virtue and the knowledge of the truth, and sent him back to his master Philemon, to whom he wrote an epistle (this is one of the fourteen epistles of Saint Paul). In this epistle, Paul commended Onesimus to his master and reconciled the two. Onesimus was later made a bishop; in Greece he is honored as the patron Saint of the imprisoned. All these Saints received their end by martyrdom, when they were stoned to death by the idolaters. Saint Onesimus is also commemorated on February 15.

Saint Cecilia and Companions

Saint Cecilia was of an illustrious Roman family. On being betrothed to Valerian, she drew him to the Faith of Christ, and he in turn drew his own brother Tiburtius to the same. They contested in martyrdom during the reign of Diocletian, in the year 288.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Church Services

Sunday, November 22 **9th Sunday of Luke – St. Philemon of the 70 and St. Cecilia & Companions** – Orthros 9am; Divine Liturgy 10am
Tuesday, November 24 **Great Vespers for St. Katherine and St. Mercurios the Great Martyrs** 7:00pm. **ΧΡΟΝΙΑ ΠΟΛΛΑ!**
Wednesday, November 25 **St. Katherine the Great Martyr and St. Mercurios the Great Martyr** – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Sunday, November 29 **13th Sunday of Luke** – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Monday, November 30 **St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle** – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Sunday Services and Weekday Services: Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy 10:00am

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 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.

The Sunday bulletin is available online at http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins.



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