Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, November 24, 2019
13th Sunday of Luke

St. Clement, Pope of Rome
St. Peter, Archbishop of Alexandria

Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Plagal Tone)

The Heavenly Powers appeared at Your tomb, and those guarding it became like dead. Mary stood at Your grave seeking Your pure body. You stripped the power of Hades, not touched by its corruption. You met the virgin woman, as one who grants life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Αγγελικαί Δυνάμεις επί το μνήμα Σου, και οι φυλάσσοντες απενεκρώθησαν. Και ίστατο Μαρία εν τω τάφω, ζητούσα το άχραντόν Σου σώμα. Εσκύλευσας τον Άδην, μή πειρασθείς υπ’ αυτού, υπήντησας τη παρθένω, δωρούμενος τιν ζωήν. Ο αναστάς εκ των νεκρών, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

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.

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ήμον και αντίληψιν. Ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβώς, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Tone)

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.

Ο καθαρώτατος ναός 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 Αγγελοί Θεού, αυτή υπάρχει, σκηνή επουράνιος.
Epistle Reading

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.
To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.
The reading is from St. 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, and made us sit 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 beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:18-27 – At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

Adult Bible Class - Classes are held every Sunday at 9:30am in the board room of the Meletis Charuhas Center. Join us each Sunday to learn more about our faith. "A Journey through the Orthodox Faith Guided by the Words of the Bible". This year’s topic: The Gospel of Luke. For more information or questions, please contact Bill Polizos at 571-434-7790 or polizos@att.com. Everyone is welcome!

Journey to Orthodoxy – The “Journey to Orthodoxy” class for adults meets 9:30am-10:30am 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 faith. It is also recommended for intending or newly married couples 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, please contact the teachers, Dr. John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Mr. Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com, 202-375-1007.

"AHEPA – The brothers will be selling their Christmas Ornaments every Sunday after the second Liturgy till Christmas. Great for stocking stuffers, please stop by and check them out. The proceeds will be used to finance their charities."

The Laconian Society of Washington DC will have their 84th Laconian Dance on Friday, November 29th, 2019 at the Hilton Rockville, located at 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. Time is 8:00 PM until 1:00 AM. Call John Goranitis at 571-238-3015 for information and tickets. Please email us at info@hagoc.org.

PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation – We are pleased to share with you that the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation will once again offer $250,000 in scholarship awards to 40 exceptional Greek American undergraduates. The application is currently on our website, panhellenicsf.org, and the deadline to apply is Friday, January 31, 2020. The scholarships will be distributed at our Awards Ceremony and Gala, which will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2020.
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Alexander Alan White, father of Gina White; for Roosevelt Larigakis, father of Nicholas and Constantine Larigakis; for James Schalk, husband of Mrs. Anna Schalk, and father of James and Stanley Schalk, Elizabeth Friedman, and Sophia Flam. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the White, Larigakis, and Schalk families in memory of their loved ones; and by our Ladies Philoptochos.

The Ladies Philoptochos will be collecting every Sunday in November, personal items for women in Shelters. Bringing Resources to Aid Women’s Shelters. Saturday, December 7th, we will host our Annual Christmas Luncheon, at Westwood Country Club, in Vienna, VA. For information and reservations, call Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161. The Ladies Philoptochos Cookbooks are still on sale for $25.00. They make a great Christmas and bridal shower presents. Pick them up at coffee hour, after the second Liturgy.

GOYA – Thank you to all who attended the GOYA Movie Night! Next Youth Sunday/Meeting is Dec. 8. We will pass a tray for donations for the Christmas Bag distribution to the homeless project. All are welcome to participate in this project for the homeless. Upcoming events: Christmas Party 12/7; Christmas Bag Preparation 12/23 and Distribution 12/25. For more information, email SaintKatherineGOYA@aol.com.

Congratulations to our GOYAns!! Our Girls B and Boys B teams both won the championship at the Annunciation, Baltimore basketball tournament last weekend! Kai eis anotera!

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 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. This includes time for discussion and fellowship.

Saint Genevieve Book Club meets today following the second Divine Liturgy. Grab a cup of coffee and meet us in the Senior Kentron for fellowship and our final chapters of Wounded by Love. If you would like to be included on our mailing list, please email victoriacherpes@gmail.com.

Security Announcement – Please be aware that scammers and cybercriminals may be sending you emails and text messages acting like Father Costa or a member of the Parish Council asking you for money or assistance. Neither Father or a Parish Council Member will send you a direct email requesting money or assistance. These messages are frauds. Do not click or respond to these messages. If you have any questions, please contact Sophia Tsangali at 703-671-1515.

Church Playroom – Parents please accompany your children in the playroom downstairs. Regardless of age, all children in the playroom must be supervised by a Parent at all times.

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!

Stewardship Table – Please stop by the stewardship table and update your email on record. We are transitioning to mailing statements to save $2,000 in mailing costs. Thank you!

2019 Community Christmas Card – You are invited to participate in the Annual Christmas Card of our parish. It will be mailed by the Church Office to everyone on our mailing list, and your donation is only $25.00. Checks must be payable to St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church. Please send your name, as you wish it to appear in the Card, English of Greek, to the Church Office, no later than Monday, December 9, 2019. Pick up a form from the pangari.

Culmore Clinic, an interfaith non-profit medical clinic serving uninsured adults, is seeking a full time executive director to lead the organization through exciting growth and change. The ideal candidate will be an experienced manager with significant development experience. Please email search@culmoreclinic.org for the full position announcement and salary/benefit details.
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 δέχθεις από τα αμαρτωλά μας χέρια και τις προσφορές αυτές έτσι, ώστε πάντοτε να μπορούμε να Σου προσφέρουμε δόρα και τους κόπους της εργασίας μας για την δόξα Σου, προς ελάφρυνση των δοκιμασιών και της πείνας, προς διακονία του λαού Σου, προς συγχωρήσει 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.