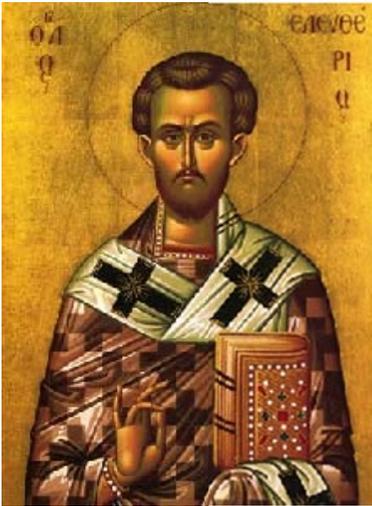


Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, December 15, 2019
11th Sunday of Luke

**St. Eleutherios, Bishop of Illyria,
and his mother, Anthia
Righteous Susannah the Deaconess**



Apolytikion of the Day (1st Tone)

Although the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose on the third day, O Savior, giving life to the world. For this reason, the heavenly powers cried out to you, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your dispensation, only Lover of Mankind!

Του λίθου σφραγισθέντος υπό των Ιουδαίων, και στρατιωτών φυλασσόντων το άχραντόν Σου σώμα, ανέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τω κόσμω την ζωήν. Διά τούτο αι δυνάμεις των ουρανών εβόων σοι Ζωοδότα. Δόξα τη αναστάσει Σου Χριστέ, δόξα τη βασιλεία Σου, δόξα τη οικονομία Σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

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 ημών και αντίληψιν. Ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Tone)

On this day the Virgin comes unto the cave to give birth there to the Word before all time: beyond all words is this wonder! Dance with joy, all of creation, hearing these tidings. Glorify, along with angels and with the shepherds, him who willingly appears as a newborn baby, yet he is God before time.

Η Παρθένος σήμερα, τον προαιώνιον Λόγον, εν Σπηλαιώ έρχεται, αποτεκείν απορρήτως. Χόρευε, η οικουμένη ακουτισθείσα. Δόξασον, μετά Αγγέλων και των Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα εποφθήναι, παιδίον νέον, τον προ αιώνων Θεόν.

Epistle Reading

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.
What shall I render to the Lord for all that he has given me?
The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy.*

2nd Timothy 1:8-18 – TIMOTHY, my son, do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:16-24 – The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

2019 Parish Council Elections – Congratulations to the following candidates who were elected at last Sunday's Parish Council Elections. They are: **Andrea Ballard, Domenic Carr, Bobby Demson, Costas Mavromatakis, Dean Metropoulos, Bill Polizos, Craig N. Thomas, Steve Veletsis, Maria Wills, and Andreas Xenos.** They will serve for a 2-year period, beginning January 1, 2020. May God bless them!

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 will RESUME JANUARY 5, 2020: The "Journey to Orthodoxy" class for adults meets 9-10am 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, Bill Porter WEPorter1@fcps.edu, or Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com 202-375-1007.

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

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.



Announcements



Sunday School students along with the Saint Katherine choir will present the Nativity of our Lord according to Saint Luke this morning, after the second Divine Liturgy.

Philoptochos – Sunday, January 12th, the Ladies Philoptochos will be packaging 25,000 dry meals, after the end of the second Liturgy. About 100 volunteers are needed for about 3 1/2 hours. Please email mary.varlas@yahoo.com or call 703-965-4161. **Sunday, December 15th and 22nd**, bake sale will start after the 2nd Liturgy. Please call Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161 or email lpbakesale@yahoo.com. **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 – A big thanks to all who participated and supported our memorial service for our family and friends who passed away at National Memorial Park. Thanks Kalli Dinos for reading the Epistle and all the GOYAns who participated in Youth Sunday. Upcoming events: Christmas Bag Preparation 12/23 and Distribution 12/25. New email SaintKatherineGOYA@stkchurch.com.

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 the last Sunday of each month following the second Divine Liturgy. 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!*

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.

FOOD PANTRY – In keeping with our Christmas tradition of helping others in need, this morning, Dec. 15, we will be collecting food for the local Food Pantry located at the Columbia Baptist Church near St. Katherine. Please return the food to the foyer of our community center. Please place food items in the blue cloth bags. Food items can include: canned fruit, soup, and canned pasta, cereal/cereal bars, peanut butter, rice, spaghetti/pasta sauce, chili, canned tomatoes, tuna, canned beans, canned vegetables and macaroni & cheese. If you are unable to fill a bag, write a check to “Columbia Baptist Church” with “Food Pantry in the corner and give it to one of the food pantry volunteers. Thank you!

Church Services

Sunday, December 15 **11th Sunday of Luke** – 1st Divine Liturgy 8:00am; Orthros 9:30am; Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 22 **Sunday before the Nativity** – 1st Divine Liturgy 8:00am; Orthros 9:30am; 2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30am

Tuesday, December 24 **Christmas Eve** – Orthros/Hours 9:30am; Vespers Liturgy 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 25 **HOLY NATIVITY – CHRISTMAS DAY** – Orthros 9:30am; Divine Liturgy 10:30am.

Sunday, December 29 **Sunday after the Nativity** – Orthros 9:30am; Divine Liturgy 10:30am

Sunday Services: Orthros 9:30am., Divine Liturgy 8:00am & 10:30am -- Week Day Services: Orthros 9:30am, Divine Liturgy 10:30am

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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