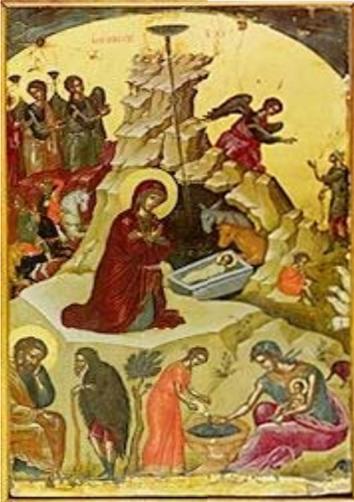


# Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, December 29, 2019  
**Sunday after Nativity**

**14,000 Infants (Holy Innocents)  
Righteous Marcellus**



## *Apolytikion of the Day (4<sup>th</sup> Tone)*

Your Nativity O Christ our God, has dawned upon the world, the light of knowledge; for thereby those who worshipped the stars, by a star were they taught. You to adore, the only Sun of righteousness, and you to know, as the Sunrise from on high. Lord, glory to you.

Η Γέννησίς σου Χριστέ ο Θεός ημών, ανέτειλε τω κόσμω, το φως το της γνώσεως, εν αυτή γαρ οι τοις άστροις λατρεύοντες, υπό αστέρος εδιδάσκοντο, σε προσκυνείν, τον Ήλιον της δικαιοσύνης, και σε γινώσκειν εξ ύψους Ανατολήν. Κύριε δόξα σοι.

## *Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1<sup>st</sup> 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tone)*

The Virgin bears today, the one above essence, and the earth a humble Cave, to the unapproachable offers. Angels, with the Shepherds, to God give glory; Wisemen, with a star make their journey. For unto us is born today, as a young child, the pre-eternal God.

Η Παρθένος σήμερα, τον Υπερούσιον τίκτει, και η γη το Σπήλαιον, τω απροσίτω προσάγει. Άγγελιοι, μετά Ποιμένων δοξολογούσι, Μάγοι δε, μετά αστέρος οδοιπορούσι, δι' ημάς γαρ εγεννήθη παιδίον νεόν, ο προ αιώνων Θεός.

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## *Epistle Reading*

*God is wonderful among his saints.*

*Bless God in the congregations.*

*The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians.*

**Galatians 1:11-19** – Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

## *Gospel Reading*

**Matthew 2:13-23** – When the wise men departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaos reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:demakis9931@gmail.com), Bill Porter [WEPorter1@fcps.edu](mailto:WEPorter1@fcps.edu), or Jim Jatras [heraclius13@gmail.com](mailto:heraclius13@gmail.com) 202-375-1007.



## Announcements



**Memorial Services** are offered this morning for **James Loizou**, husband of Mrs. Jane Loizou, and father of Maria Jane, Dean, James, and Ellen; for **Georgios Christopoulos**, friend of Mr. Les Thompson; and for **William Salavantis**, husband of Mrs. Toula Salavantis, and father of Harry and Peter. May their memory be eternal!

**Coffee Hour** is sponsored this morning by the Loizou, Thompson and Salavantis Families in memory of their loved ones; and by our Ladies Philoptochos.

**Philoptochos – Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**, 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 ½ hours. Please email [mary.varlas@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.varlas@yahoo.com) or call 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** – Upcoming events: St. George Winter Dance (1/4); Richmond basketball tournament (1/11-12); Bible Study (1/14). New email [SaintKatherineGOYA@stkchurch.com](mailto: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](mailto: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!*

## ***Happy, Blessed New Year! Καλή, Ευλογημένη Χρονιά!***

### ***Church Services***

Sunday, December 29	<b><i>Sunday after the Nativity</i></b> – Orthros 9:30am; Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Wednesday, January 1, 2020	<b><i>New Year's Day, St. Basil the Great, Circumcision of Christ</i></b> –Orthros 9:30am, Div.Lit.10:30am
Sunday, January 5	<b><i>Eve of Theophany</i></b> – Orthros 9:30am; Divine Liturgy 10:30am; and Agiasmos
Monday, January 6	<b><i>Holy Theophany</i></b> – Orthros 9:30am; Divine Liturgy 10:30am; and Agiasmos
Tuesday, January 7	<b><i>Synaxis of St. John the Baptist</i></b> – Orthros 9:30am, Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Sunday, January 12	<b><i>Sunday after Theophany</i></b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Div. Liturgy 8:00am, Orthros 9:30am.; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Div. Liturgy 10:30am
Wednesday, January 15	<b><i>Paraklesis</i></b> to St. Ephraim of Nea Makri 8:00pm
Friday, January 17	<b><i>St. Anthony the Great</i></b> – Orthros 9:30am; Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Sunday, January 19	<b><i>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</i></b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Divine Liturgy 8:00am; Orthros 9:30am; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Wednesday, January 22	<b><i>Paraklesis</i></b> to St. Ephraim of Nea Makri 8:00pm
Saturday, January 25	<b><i>St. Gregory the Theologian</i></b> – Orthros 9:30am; Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Sunday, January 26	<b><i>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</i></b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Divine Liturgy 8:00am; Orthros 9:30am; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Thursday, January 30	<b><i>The Three Hierarchs</i></b> – 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](http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins).



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