Sunday after the Holy Nativity
Κυριακή μετά την του Χριστού Γέννησιν
St. Anysia of Thessaloniki
St. Leon the Archimandrite
St. Gideon the New

**Apolytikion of the Day (1st Plagios Tone)**

Τον συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρί και Πνεύματι, τον εκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εις σωτηρίαν ημών, ανυμήσωμεν πιστοί και προσκυνήσωμεν. Ότι ημόκυψε σαρκί, ανελθείν εν τω σταυρώ, και θάνατον υπομείναι, και γειάραι τους τεθνεώτας, εν τη ενδόξω Αναστάσει αυτού.

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

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

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντίληψιν, ὅτι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δύναμε. Και ως μάρτυς του Κυρίου στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι, το μέγα ἔλεος.

The all-blessed bride of Christ let us extol 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 us.

**Kontakion of the Day (3rd Tone)**

Η Παρθένος σήμερον, τον Υπερούσιον τίκτει, και η γη το Σπήλαιον, τω απροσίτω προσάγει. Ἀγγέλοι, μετά Ποιμένων δοξολογούσι, Μάγοι δὲ, μετά αστέρος οδοιποροῦσι. Δι’ ἡμᾶς γαρ εγεννήθη παιδίον νέον, ο προ αιώνων Θεός.

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; Wise men, with a star make their journey. For unto us is born today, as a young child, the pre-eternal God.
Epistle Reading

God is wonderful among the saints.
Bless God in the congregations.
The reading is from Saint 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 Magi had 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 has 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, “H shall be called a Nazarene.”
Announcements

A Trisagio is offered this morning for Stella and Chris Kiriakou, parents of John, Emmanuel and Catherine Kiriakou. May their memory be eternal!

Bake Sale – Please pick up your ordered Vasilopita after the Divine Liturgy. We have also extras for sale.

JOY/HOPE Holiday Ice Skating – At Reston Skate Quest (1800 Michael Faraday Court, Reston, Virginia 20190). Today, Sunday, December 30, 1:50-3:00 p.m. Questions? Please contact Tina Papamichael at athena02@vertizon.net and Elena Ziu at eziu@cox.net.

Junior Choir – Saint Katherine is in the process of starting up a Junior Choir around the beginning of 2013. If anyone is interested in enrolling their children in the Junior Choir, please contact John Doulis at jdoulis@aol.com. Please see next edition of DOXA for more information.

Best advertising rates around! Please consider advertising your business and/or profession on the new online Saint Katherine Business and Professional Directory. So many of us would prefer to do business with someone we know. Let the rest of the community know what you do for a living! The directory is already up and running. Check it out on the church website. The Application form is included in this bulletin and online. Contact Daphne Vaccarello, dvac.memories@verizon.net with any questions.

St. Katherine is proud to be a Project Mexico Santa’s Helper this year. A full package is on its way to Project Mexico as you read this bulletin. I need your help in raising funds to cover Esteban’s wish list this year. Please make your checks payable to St. Katherine with Project Mexico in the memo column. If you have any questions please email rayvazquez1@aol.com.

Consider joining an OCMC Orthodox Mission Team in 2013. Mission Teams serve our Holy Orthodox Church’s unending mission effort that all people may come to know the saving love of our Lord. Be a living witness as a family on a Family Outreach Team in Albania, take part in stewardship training in Uganda, or offer your talents on other OCMC Teams in 2013. Team applications and details are available online at www.ocmc.org or call the OCMC at 1-877-463-6787, ext. 142 for more information.

Have a Happy and Blessed New Year!
Καλή κι Ευλογημένη Χρονιά!
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 – Ο 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 προσφέρομε 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 την φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.