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RESTORATION

GOD DOES NOT DESIRE THE DEATH OF A SINNER, rather he wants the sinner to turn away from his sins and live. The Sacrament of Holy Confession helps us do just that—live! Holy Confession is available from 6:00pm to 7:00pm every Monday and Wednesday evening during Lent. Just contact me (703-671-1515 or frcostas@stkchurch.com) ahead of time to let me know that you wish to receive the Sacrament of Holy Confession. Through this sacrament, we have the means to obtain forgiveness of our sins and be restored to the favor of God.

We all love new things, but nothing is more beautiful than restoring an old thing. How do we start our restoration back to the original beauty in which God formed us? First, we need to have the desire to renew our relationship with the Lord. God will forgive, but we have to ask to be forgiven and willingly accept His forgiveness. “Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father; to whom be the glory for ever and ever” (Galatians 1:3-5).

“By evil world the Apostle Paul means evil deeds and a perverted will. When we say, ‘I had a bad day,’ we do not mean that the time itself was bad, but that the circumstances and the events which took place in it were bad. Christ did not die to kill us and thrust us out of this present life, but to free us from evil deeds from now on...Paul said that Christ gave Himself for our sins, that is, He freed us from our former faults; now he goes on to assert that Christ has granted us security in the future, in order to remove us from our evil way of life. The law, on the other hand, could neither blot out our former sins nor exert any positive influence on the future.” These are the thoughts of the blessed Theophylactos, Greek Archbishop of Ohrid and commentator on the Bible.

So, our restoration starts by stripping away the old crusted skin and peeling away the sins of our souls, so that we may begin the restoration. The restoration will be complete when we allow God to forgive us. Remember, at the time of the Crucifixion, there were two thieves, one on the right and one on the left. “The one thief recognized in Jesus’ voice His goodness and divinity, when He said on behalf of His crucifiers, ‘Father, forgive them.’ The voice of Jesus was not only full of compassion, but it also revealed great power. He did not say, ‘Lord, I beseech Thee, forgive them,’ but instead spoke the simple and authoritative words, ‘Father, forgive them.’ Therefore, when the former blasphemer recognized by this voice that Jesus was indeed a king, he rebuked the other thief, and said to Jesus, ‘Remember me in Thy Kingdom.’ How does the Lord reply? ‘Today thou shalt be with Me in paradise.’ As a man, He was on the Cross, but as God, He is everywhere, both on the cross and in paradise, filling all things, and nowhere absent.” (Theophylactos).

I welcome all of you to participate in the Lenten services and pray that you give your souls some attention—attention so that they can be restored and renewed—and rejoice in the blessings of our Lord.

Kali Sarakosti,

Fr. Costa

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PARISH COUNCIL

Fellow Parishioners,

Over one hundred years ago, my grandfather, Athanassios, left Smyrna and came to this country to make a better life for his family. His story of sacrifice, love, and devotion to family is typical of all our ancestors whose extraordinarily selfless efforts provided foundations for opportunity and success that have blessed our families to this day.

Those blessings continue for me as I assume the presidency of our Parish Council. I am deeply honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve our community and pledge myself to this ministry and the work of our Holy Church. Together with our Parish Council, we will always endeavor to improve our ministries and community. All of us are particularly grateful to our outgoing President, Daphne Papamichael, whose devotion and service to our community is without equal. We are indeed fortunate to have her on our Parish Council for the coming year.

Our community is blessed and has been from its founding. Throughout our abundant history, you, the parishioners of Saint Katherine, have given selflessly of your time, talents, and treasures to establish our parish. The last ten years have been particularly eventful and blessed with such landmark events as the building of the Meletis Charuhas Community Center, the renovation of our sanctuary including the acquisition of breathtaking and inspirational iconography that now looks down upon us, strong missions and outreach programs reaching across our globe, and the establishment of a vibrant Paideia bilingual day care school. Additional blessings stem from well-established Greek language programs for youth and adults which are second to none, a devoted Philoptochos, and committed service organizations like AHEPA and the Daughters of Penelope. Our Catechetical School, GOYA, and other youth ministries continue to provide spiritual education and important outlets for our youth.

Arguably, the seminal event during this period was the advent of stewardship in our community which has provided the fuel for much of our success. Today, with the help of so many of you, our stewardship programs are well established and remain the key to our prosperity and growth. However, we cannot afford complacency in this vital ministry of our church and must now begin taking the “next steps” toward further refining our stewardship programs. To that end, we anticipate crafting a 3-5 year plan to materially change stewardship in our community to focus on its numerous and various ministries and participation of our stewards therein. Our purpose is to further establish a willing and joyful attitude with regards to stewardship—in all its forms—as a spiritual expression of faith that can lead to salvation. We anticipate briefing the General Assembly on our progress in March. I humbly solicit your prayers for our success as we embark on this effort as well as your continued and generous support as stewards of our church.

Many of you are aware that financial issues over the course of the last several years have tested our community, but we

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SUNDAY CHURCH DUTY ROSTER

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March 4, 2012</u></p> <p>Chris Euripides, Captain Andrea Ballard Art Dimopoulos George Moshos</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>8:00am</u></p> <p>Daphne Vaccarello Christina Vazquez Maria Wills</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March 4, 2012</u></p> <p>Jim Stoucker, Captain Dr. John Demakis Chris Euripides Korinna Garbis</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>9:30am</u></p> <p>Daphne Papamichael Bill Polizos Bill Porter</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March 18, 2012</u></p> <p>Andrea Ballard, Captain Iacovos Ioannou Bill Porter Jim Stoucker</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>8:00am</u></p> <p>Pierre Tavoularis Daphne Vaccarello Maria Wills</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March 18, 2012</u></p> <p>Dr. George Silis, Captain Chris Christou Chris Euripides Korinna Garbis</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>9:30am</u></p> <p>Daphne Papamichael Bill Polizos Christina Vazquez</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March 25, 2012</u></p> <p>Korinna Garbis, Captain Dr. John Demakis Art Dimopoulos Daphne Papamichael</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>8:00am</u></p> <p>Bill Polizos Daphne Vaccarello Christina Vazquez</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March 25, 2012</u></p> <p>George Moshos, Captain Andrea Ballard Chris Christou Iacovos Ioannou</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>9:30am</u></p> <p>Costa Mavromatakis Bill Porter Pierre Tavoularis</p>

CATECHETICAL (SUNDAY) SCHOOL

DURING THIS MONTH OF MARCH, a primary focus for the Catechetical (Sunday) School will be Great Lent. Our young people will focus on what Great Lent means and what is crucial during this significant period in preparation for Holy Week and Pascha. Major emphasis will be given on this period of fasting and, more significantly, this period of repentance and prayer. Our teachers are giving each child a mission box from the Greek Orthodox Mission Center in Saint Augustine, Florida. We are asking each child to put offerings in the box throughout Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha. Right after Pascha, on Thomas Sunday, April 22, each child will give their box of offerings to their teacher. The mission box is another Catechetical School activity to emphasize the Biblical Lesson that *it is more blessed to give than to receive*. We strongly encourage our parents to discuss these important topics with their child/children.

In this same context, the Catechetical (Sunday) School recently received a letter from Thomas Nichols, Program Director of the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter for homeless men and woman. In this letter Mr. Nichols, states "Please accept our heartfelt thanks to the members of the Sunday School, for the wonderful gift you presented Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter homeless men and women during this Christmas season. Our homeless residents are so grateful for the outpouring of love by all of you at St. Katherine's. Your gifts were so needed and very much appreciated!"

Bible Jeopardy is back on March 4 for our 4th through 6th grades and on the March 11 for our 7th through 12th grades. Mr. John Moses continues his many years of service as our Master of Ceremonies.

Also, March 4, the first Sunday of Lent, is the Sunday of the Triumph of Orthodoxy commemorating the restoration of Icons for use in services and in private devotional life. Our children and young adults should bring the icons of their Patron Saint or parish Saint to Church and join with our clergy in the procession celebrating this decision of the Seventh Ecumenical Council.

On Saturday, March 17, 10:30am-3:00pm, our church will host a Teenage Lenten Retreat. Andrew Pavlakos and Theodore Cherpas, students at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, will be the retreat leaders. Please mark the date on your calendar. Details will be forthcoming.

On March 18, our church will conduct its Parish Oratorical Festival from 9:30am to 10:30am in the Lecture Room located in the Catechetical School area. Young people who wish to enter the Oratorical Festival as contestants should complete registration forms. These forms are available through the Chairman of our Parish Oratorical Festival, Mr. Ray Vazquez; the Catechetical (Sunday) School teachers; and the Church Office. On the day of our Parish Festival, parents of participants and interested members of

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PAIDEIA

OUR FAMILY FUN NIGHT was a great success. A warm thank you goes out to our parent organizers, our volunteers, and our sponsors who provided food and prizes. We are especially grateful to Mr. Pantelis Firripidis and his helpers for the wonderful meal.

February was full of celebrations and learning! Six of our children (Kostas Alexis, Tess Emanuel, Marianna Georges, Eleni Kapelos, George Sifakis, and Mia Tripathi) represented our school at the Greek Letters Day Program of the Metropolis of New Jersey that was held at Saint George on February 4 with his Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos. There was a Valentine's Day party, a costume party for Αποκριες, and we flew kites on Clean Monday as is the tradition in Greece. We learned about our presidents and how we travel, as well as how to take care of our pets. We saw what things float or sink and how the power of the wind can be used.

We are blessed to have active parents and generous donors. We would like to recognize the support of SAFEWAY and thank them for providing healthy snacks for our children.

March brings us the wonders of Spring, as well as two important holidays that we will commemorate: the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary when the Archangel Gabriel announced to the Theotokos that she will give birth to the Son of God, our Savior; and Greek Independence Day – both on March 25. It was this day in 1821 that Bishop Germanos of Patra raised the Greek flag at the Monastery of Agia Lavra and proclaimed the national uprising against the Ottoman Empire.

We will celebrate this day and honor our Greek heritage on two occasions. On March 24, we will participate in the program celebrating Greek Independence Day that will take place in the Meletis Charuhas Hall at 10:30am. On Sunday, March 25 we will take part in the Greek Parade in Baltimore. We hope you will join us as we proclaim our pride and love for our faith and our culture.

If you would like to learn more about our school and meet our teachers, please come to our Open House on March 6 from 10:00am to noon.

Καλη Σαρακοστη!

JOY

THE JOY LENTEN RETREAT will be held on Saturday, March 10, the same day as the Parish Retreat. The JOY retreat is for children ages 8-12. The retreat begins at 10 am and ends at 4 pm. Lunch is provided. There is no fee, but advance registration is required. To register your child, please send their name and age to JOY Director Tina Papamichael at athena02@verizon.net or call her at 703-536-4711.

Inclement Weather Announcements.

Should inclement weather precipitate the need to cancel or postpone a church activity, an announcement will be posted on our church's website and an email will be sent to our listserv.

GOYA

GOYA WILL GO **COSMIC BOWLING** on Saturday, March 3, 9:45pm-11:30pm at Bowl America Burke, 5615 Guinea Road. GOYA has **Church Duty** during the second liturgy on Sunday, March 11. Argy Kosmakos will be the GOYA Captain. Five other GOYAnS will assist her in the administration of various church duties. Following liturgy, GOYA will have a **meeting** in the Board Room. GOYAnS, and all teenagers of our community, are encouraged to participate in a **Teenage Lenten Retreat** on Saturday, March 17. Please see page 8 for more information.

ΠΡΟΣΕΥΧΗ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΕΙΡΗΝΗ ΤΗΣ ΨΥΧΗΣ

Χριστέ μου,

Εσύ γνωρίζεις την ταραχή της ψυχής. Τα χαρακτηριστικά της σημερινής εποχής, την αδημονία, το άγχος, την ανησυχία, την νευρικότητα που έχουν βαριές επιπτώσεις, τόσο σωματικώς όσο και πνευματικώς.

Εσύ γνωρίζεις την φθαρτή μας φύση αλλά και τον πνευματικό μας αγώνα. Εκτός από τις προσωπικές μας προσπάθειες, ζητούμε Εσένα οδηγό στην ζωή μας.

Βοήθησέ μας να αγωνιζόμαστε με κάθε τρόπο για την διατήρηση της ψυχικής ειρήνης και να μην ενοχλούμεθα από τις προσβολές. Να συγκρατούμε τον θυμό και να φυλάμε με προσοχή τον νου και την καρδιά από απειρείς σκέψεις και αισθήματα. Να πολεμούμε τις επιθυμίες που σπείρουν στην καρδιά ακάθαρτες και πονηρές σκέψεις.

Να διώχνουμε την απελπισία και να αγωνιζόμαστε για να έχουμε πνεύμα χαρούμενο. Η αληθινή μετάνοια, η συγχωρητικότητα, η προσευχή, ο εκκλησιασμός, η μυστηριακή ζωή, η εγκράτεια είναι φάρμακα δυνατά και εφόδια ισχυρά.

Χριστέ μου, βοήθησέ μας να συγκρατούμε την γλώσσα μας όπως αναφέρει ο Ψαλμωδός “εταράχθην και ούκ ελάλησα”.

Χριστέ μου, βοήθησέ μας να αποκτήσουμε πνεύμα ειρήνης. Ζητούμε την ειρήνη της ψυχής γιατί μόνο τότε ο νους ευφραίνεται όταν βλέπει με τα εσωτερικά μάτια Εσένα τον Ήλιον της Δικαιοσύνης. Τότε η χαρά είναι αγγελική! Ο άνθρωπος που έχει δώσει την καρδιά του στον Χριστό δεν υποφέρει όσες δυσκολίες και να του συμβούν. Χαίρεται είναι γεμάτος εσωτερική χαρά. Είναι δραστήριος. Προσεκτικός. Δεν κάνει λάθη, ζημιές. Το μυαλό, τα χέρια, τα πόδια, όλα κινούνται από την Χάρη του Θεού! Χριστέ μου, την Ειρήνη του κόσμου ζητάμε αλλά την Ειρήνη του Θεού ποθούμε!! Αμήν.

REGISTRY

Baptisms

Penelope Rae (September 25, 2011)
daughter of Vasili and Danielle Koubaroulis
Godparents: Joyce Ann Koubaroulis and
Thomas and Reagan Mudd

Nikolaos Alexandros (September 26, 2011)
son of Nikolaos and Gissel Ploutis
Godparents: Athina and Konstantinos Kofilas

Congratulations!

Funeral

Marie Doliantis Marshall (February 11)

May their memories be eternal.

BOOKSTORE

We are in the midst of Great Lent! Our Bookstore has many books on prayer and Orthodox spirituality to help you on your Lenten journey. We also have cookbooks offering easy-to-prepare Lenten recipes the whole family will enjoy. These books, and others, can serve as guides to strengthen and inspire us on the road to Pascha.

A GMU student needs a ride to church. If you are able to offer assistance, please contact Fr. Costas at 703-671-1515.

IONIAN VILLAGE 2012 | www.ionianvillage.org | 212-570-3536

Ionian Village, the summer camping ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America *in Greece*, is now accepting registrations for its Summer 2012 programs: *Summer Travel Camp* (June 29-July 18) and *Byzantine Venture* (July 25-August 13) for youth who have completed grades 7 through 12 and *Spiritual Odyssey*, shorter pilgrimage-style trips for young adults ages 19-28, Cyprus and Constantinople (May 30-June 9), The Greek Mainland (June 10-June 20) and The Greek Islands (July 15-July 25). Register now!

ΠΙΣΤΟΙ ΚΑΙ ΕΥΓΝΩΜΟΝΕΣ

Σοφία Δ. Τσαγκάλη

Ένας ιδιαίτερα ευλογημένος μήνας είναι ο Μάρτιος! Κι αυτό, γιατί, βιώνοντας την Μεγάλη Σαρακοστή με τις άγιες ακολουθίες της, αίρεται πνευματικά η ψυχή μας από τα γήινα στα επουράνια, και κατά συνέπεια γινόμαστε όλο και περισσότερο θερμότεροι στην Ορθόδοξη πίστη μας και φυσικά καλύτεροι χριστιανοί.

Τόσο με τις ακολουθίες της Μεγάλης Σαρακοστής όσο και με τις ακολουθίες των Αγίων Παθών της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας ολόκληρη η ανθρωπότητα συγκλονίζεται. Και η δική μας ψυχή δεν μένει αμέτοχη μπροστά στα Πάνσεπτα Πάθη του Κυρίου. Προσπαθούμε όλοι μας, άλλος λιγότερο, λόγω εργασίας για την καθημερινή επιβίωση, και άλλος περισσότερο, να παρακολουθούμε με κατάνυξη και να ζούμε την μαρτυρική πορεία του ύψιστου, θείου Διδασκάλου προς τον Γολγοθά. Με ανοιχτό το βιβλιαράκι της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας παρακολουθούμε ευλαβικά και νοιώθουμε βαθειά το μεγαλείο το θείου δράματος.

Ο Ιούδας ο Ισκαριώτης ήταν εκλεκτός ανάμεσα στους εκλεκτούς μαθητές του Κυρίου. Παρ' όλα αυτά όμως δεν θέλησε να καταλάβει τον πλούτο της αγάπης του Κυρίου. Τυφλώθηκε από το πάθος της φιλαργυρίας και άνομα πήρε τα αργύρια. Δεσμώτης στα γρανάζια της εφήμερης ύλης χάνεται στο σκοτάδι της νύχτας για να εκτελέσει τα καταχθόνια σχέδιά του. Σκεφτήκαμε ποτέ πόσο οδυνηρό πόνο πλήγωσε την ψυχή του Κυρίου, όταν ένας αγαπημένος μαθητής του τον πρόδωσε και μάλιστα με φίλημα, αφού πρώτος μέσα στο πλήθος έρχεται κοντά Του λέγοντας, «Χαίρε, Ραββί». Πικρότερη ακόμη και από την χολή που γεύτηκε στον Σταυρό ήταν η οδύνη που δοκίμασε η γεμάτη αγάπη καρδιά του, αντικρύζοντας προδότη τον μαθητή.

Ήταν τραγικά δύσκολες οι μέρες του Χριστού πάνω στην γη. Πονάει, γιατί τον έχουν περικυκλώσει οι εχθροί, που στα βλέμματά τους μόνο λάμψη μίσους διακρίνει, στα δε πρόσωπά τους διαβάσει την μοχθηρία τους. Τα λόγια τους είναι πικρά και ειρωνικά. Μόνος! Ο αναμάρτητος Κύριος! Δίπλα του ψέμμα, κατάρρα, κατακραυγή, περιφρόνηση, χλευασμός. Και αναφωνεί, «Περίλυπος εστί η ψυχή μου έως θανάτου». Στα μόνα φιλικά του πρόσωπα, τους μαθητές του, λέγει, «Μείνате ώδε και γρηγορείτε μετ' εμού». Αλλά δυστυχώς και οι μαθητές του, όταν πήγε να προσευχηθεί, δεν έμειναν άγρυπνοι.

Και να η αχαριστία του ευεργετημένου λαού. Άλλο πικρό ποτήρι, άλλη πύρινη ρομφαία θα διαπεράσει την καρδιά του. Είναι η ρομφαία της αχαριστίας ενός λαού, που ευεργετήθηκε όσο κανένας άλλος, λέγοντας, Αγαπημένε λαέ, τί κακό σου έκαναν αυτά τα χέρια; Στους τυφλούς σου χάρισα το φως, στους λεπρούς σου την ίαση, στους αρρώστους την υγεία, τους πατέρες σου τους έθρεψα με μάννα και τους πότισα με δροσερό νερό, τους θέρμανα και τους ζωογόνησα με την αγάπη μου κι εσύ με ανταμείβεις με το ανόσιο έγκλημα του σταυρικού θανάτου.

Έφτασε η Μεγάλη Σαρακοστή! Φτάνουν και οι μέρες των Αγίων Παθών! Η ατμόσφαιρα της ψυχής μας, γεμάτη βαθειά ευγνωμοσύνη, που θα πηγάζει από την συντριβή που θα νοιώσουμε, αντικρύζοντας τον Αναμάρτητο να υποφέρει, να χλευάζεται και να πεθαίνει σαν εγκληματίας στον Σταυρό, για να χαρίσει λύτρωση και ζωή σε μας.

Πιστοί λοιπόν και ευγνώμονες μέχρι θανάτου στον Νικητή του θανάτου!

Ευλογημένη Τεσσαρακοστή!

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ

Ευτυχώς, παρά το χιονάκι του Ιανουρίου, μας δόθηκε η ευκαιρία τον Φεβρουάριο να δούμε οι δάσκαλοι τους γονείς, να μιλήσουμε για την πρόοδο των μαθητών μας, όσοι έρχονται σχολείο το Σάββατο, και να δώσουμε στους γονείς τους ελέγχους προόδου.

Το Αποκρέατικο Γλέντι γιορτάστηκε υπέροχα απ' όλους μας, μικρούς και μεγάλους! Όλοι χαρήκαμε! Ευχόμεστε να είμαστε όλοι καλά στην υγεία και με χαρά να ξαναγιορτάσουμε του χρόνου. Τα έσοδα από το Αποκρέατικο Γλέντι βοηθούν το Ελληνικό Σχολείο και τα προγράμματά του.

Ετοιμαζόμαστε πυρετωδώς για την γιορτή της 25^{ης} Μαρτίου, η οποία θα γίνει το Σάββατο 24 Μαρτίου στις 10:30 π.μ. Καλούμε όλους τους ενορίτες μας να έρθουν να μας χαρούν και να νοιώσουμε όλοι μαζί το μεγαλείο της πολυπαθής, αιώνιας Ελλάδας. Γνωρίζουμε όλοι πως η Ελλάδα τώρα περνάει δύσκολες μέρες. Εμείς όμως με την αγάπη μας θα κάνουμε τις μέρες της πιο εύκολες για να έρθει και πάλι η χαρά και η ευημερία στον τόπο της.

Να έχουμε υπ' όψη την παρέλαση της 25^{ης} Μαρτίου στην Βαλτιμόρη, η οποία θα γίνει την Κυριακή 25 Μαρτίου, στις 2:00 μ.μ. Επίσης και την γιορτή της 25^{ης} Μαρτίου του Προμηθέα, που θα γίνει στην Αγία Αικατερίνη την ίδια μέρα, Κυριακή 25 Μαρτίου, στις 5:30 μ.μ.

Οι Εξετάσεις Πιστοποίησης της Ελληνομάθειας έχουν ως εξής: Δευτέρα 14 Μαΐου: Επίπεδο Α1 για παιδιά 8-12, Α1

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GREEK SCHOOL

Fortunately, in spite of January's snow, the opportunity existed to hold the Saturday Parent-Teacher Conference in February. At the conference we distributed the report cards to the parents and talked about the progress of their children.

All, young and old, had a great time at the Apokreatiko Glendi! We wish everyone to be in good health to celebrate Apokries next year. The income from the Glendi will benefit the Greek School and its programs.

Now we are preparing eagerly for the 25th of March Greek Independence Day which will take place on Saturday, March 24th at 10:30am. We invite our parishioners to come and celebrate with us, and to feel the grandeur of our much suffered eternal Greece. We all know that Greece is now going through difficult times. We, however, will make her times easier with our love so that joy and prosperity will once again flourish.

Let us keep in mind that Baltimore's parade will take place Sunday, March 25th at 2:00pm, and that the Prometheas event (March 25th) will be held on the same day at Saint Katherine at 5:30pm.

The Ellinomathia Exams will be held as follows: Monday, May 14: Level A1 for children 8-12, A1 for teenagers and adults, A2 and B1, Tuesday, May 15: Level B2 and Γ1, and Wednesday, May 16: Level Γ2. Registration

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MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

GLOBAL MISSION ACTIVITIES

Missions lectures during Lent. Saint Katherine will present a lecture series immediately after the Salutation Services (Heretismoi). The schedule is:

March 2: Nicole Leonitsis on *Guatemala I Mission*

March 9: Greg McKinney on *Alaska Mission*

March 16: Andrew Pavlakos and Theodore Cherpas on *Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology*

March 23: Daphne Vaccarello on *Guatemala II Mission*

Join us for these informative and inspirational presentations. Refreshments will be served.

OCMC benefit dinner. The 2012 benefit dinner for the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) will be held at Saint Katherine on Saturday, April 28. We are pleased to announce that the main speaker will be the Executive Director of the OCMC, Fr. Martin Ritsi. Fr. Martin has served as a mission priest for four years in Kenya and six years in Albania with Archbishop Anastasios. He has been the Executive Director of the OCMC for 13 years. Come and be a part of this important event. Hear about the exciting things happening in Orthodox Missions around the world. Fr. Martin's topic will be *He Who Has Ears, Let Him Hear: Preaching the Word Where It Has Not Been Heard*. Tickets are \$50.00 per person and \$60.00 after April 10. Don't miss this important event. For tickets contact Gregory McKinney at dintym@hotmail.com or Skip Mersereau at iwmster@gmail.com.

Alaska mission trip, June 27-July 7, 2012. The Metro DC Orthodox Mission and Outreach Committee, based here at Saint Katherine, is organizing a pan-Orthodox team to travel to the native Allutiq village of Old Harbor on Kodiak Island to support Three Saints Orthodox Church. It is an area of great natural beauty and the birthplace of Orthodoxy in America. In 1794, a mission team, including the future Saint Herman, landed in a nearby cove and began their saving work among the native peoples.

The priest in Old Harbor, Fr. Gregory Parker, is looking for a few good folks to help with floor tiling, light electrical work, carpentry, and landscaping, as well as a few cooks and catechists to support the project. The trip is open to men and women as well as teens (accompanied by a parent), but space is limited to 15 or so. Team members should expect basic accommodations (sleeping bags), simple meals, daily worship, and a full day's work. Travel to the land of the midnight sun is not without its pleasures—we will also help represent the Church at the village's Fourth of July celebration, their biggest event of the year.

Most importantly, we ask for everyone's prayers for the cooperation of the Holy Spirit and the success of the mission team.

We hope that you will join us in this earnest effort to nurture and promote Orthodoxy among the spiritual children of St. Herman. Want more information on joining the team? Contact Gregory McKinney at 571-338-6929.

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LOCAL OUTREACH

Bailey's Crossroads Homeless Shelter

Director of Shelter visits Saint Katherine. Mr. Thomas Nichols, MSW, Director of the BC Homeless Shelter, came to our February 7 Missions and Outreach Committee meeting. Mr. Nichols thanked the Saint Katherine community for the health and survival kits we put together last November, our monthly dinners we serve at the shelter, and the clothes and toiletries we deliver regularly. He said they also have a special need for adult shoes of every kind for men and women—dress, casual, new, and used. During the winter months, coats, gloves, and scarves are needed.

Feeding the homeless. The Daughters of Penelope served dinner at the shelter on February 22, our parish council will serve on March 27, our Missions and Outreach Committee on April 24, and Greek School will serve lunch on May 5. If your church group would like to participate, please contact John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com.

Furniture donations. The Shelter welcomes new and used furniture for people who are leaving the Shelter for arranged housing. To arrange pick up of furniture, within a 10-mile radius, or if you have any questions, call the Shelter Director, Thomas Nichols, on his cell at 703-659-3460. Please do not bring the furniture to the church.

Clothing and toiletries. We continue to collect new and used clothing and unopened toiletries for the Shelter. See note above for their special needs during the winter.

Culmore Health Clinic

Volunteer opportunities. The Culmore Health Clinic recently moved down the street from Saint Katherine to space provided by the Columbia Baptist Church. The clinic provides basic health services, including physical therapy, to uninsured adults on Thursdays in the Bailey's Crossroads community. The clinic is a member of the Virginia Association of Free Clinics. Saint Katherine, along with other churches in the area, supports the clinic and the people it serves. The *Set Up Ministry* was created to facilitate more efficient clinic set up each Thursday. The ministry requires 2 people, onsite each Thursday from 9:15am-10:15am to move clinic equipment (which is on wheels) into place. It has been "senior tested" and does not require any particular physical strength. If you would like to volunteer to help set up on Thursday mornings, contact Dr. John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com.

Diaper collection for area food pantries. We will collect diapers for area food pantries on Palm Sunday, April 8. Federal food stamps cannot be used to buy diapers, so this is a great help to mothers with infants. Collections will take place in the foyer of our Meletis Charuhas Center. Please bring unopened packages, sizes newborn to 6. No pull-ups, please.

THREE RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Parish Retreat on Saturday, March 10

Saint Katherine will host a parish retreat on Saturday, March 10 for adults, ages 18 and over. The theme is *If You're Not Close to God, Who Moved?* The retreat leader will be the V. Rev. Fr. Constantine Moralis of the Annunciation Cathedral in Baltimore. Registration begins at 9:30am and the retreat will run from 10:00am to 4:00pm. There is no charge for the retreat, but free-will offerings will be gratefully accepted. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP by March 5 to Fr. Costa at fcostas@stkchurch.com or Sophia Tsangali at 703-671-1515.

Joy Retreat on Saturday, March 10

JOY will have a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 10, the same day as the Parish Retreat. The JOY retreat is for children ages 8-12. The retreat will begin at 10:00am and ends at 4:00pm. Lunch will be provided. There is no fee, but advance registration is required. To register your child, please send their name and age to JOY Director Tina Papamichael at athena02@verizon.net or call her at 703-536-4711.

Teenage Retreat on Saturday, March 17

Saint Katherine and GOYA will host a Teenage Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 17, 10:30am to 3:00pm. Andrew Pavlakos and Theodore Cherpas, students at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, will be the retreat leaders. The theme will be *The Spiritual Disciplines—Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me*. One of the activities will be “speed friending” (similar to speed dating.) Lunch will be served. There is no charge. ALL teenagers of our community are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to przpauline@stkchurch.com by March 12.

The SAFEWAY benefits program at Saint Katherine is looking for new members. Please fill out the form below. You can put it in one of the offering baskets on Sunday or mail it to the Church Office. For more information, call Elvira Garnett at 703-425-3675.

SAFEWAY BENEFITS

Card # _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

ATTENTION PARENTS: If your child is between the ages of 4-12 you might want to consider registering him/her for the 2012 Saint Katherine Vacation Bible Camp. This year, camp will begin on Monday, June 25 and end on Friday, June 29. Space is limited. Only 60 seats are available, so make sure to register early. This year's theme is *My Orthodox Journey*. Younger students will learn about the various areas in the church, from the Narthex to the Altar, and the older students will take a “trip” to Constantinople, Mount Athos, Mount Sinai, and Jerusalem. Registration is \$30 and forms can be found in the Narthex. Additionally, if you would like an electronic form, email Christina Vazquez at czvmail@aol.com or Daphne Papamichael at cyrusd@aol.com.

GO GOYA . . .

Saint Katherine GOYA will host their 2012 Basketball Tournament the weekend of April 21-22. Our teams are *red hot* and have been placing 1st and 2nd in church basketball tournaments.

GOYA will sell ads for their Tournament Book through April 6. GOYA thanks everyone in advance for their support.

For more information or to place an ad, please visit the GOYA table during Coffee Hour on Sundays or contact Mrs. Frances Campbell at fran-goo123@yahoo.com.

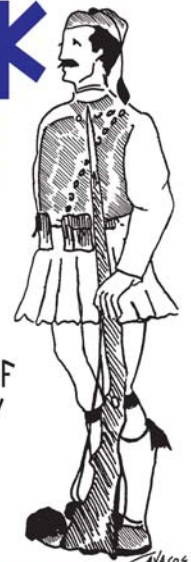


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>THREE LENTEN RETREATS <u>Saturday, March 10</u> Adult: <i>If You're Not Close to God, Who Moved?</i> Ages 8-12: <i>What is Lent?</i> (with activities)</p> <p><u>Saturday, March 17</u> Teenage: <i>The Spiritual Disciplines—Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me</i></p>				1 Adult Greek School 6:00pm Intermediate 7:30pm Advanced 7:30pm Choir Practice	2 5:00pm Greek School 7:00pm 1st Salutations followed by a Lenten Lecture	3 3rd Saturday of Souls Saint Theodore 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Greek School 9:45pm GOYA Cosmic Bowling
4 <i>Sunday of Orthodoxy</i> 8:00am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Orthros and Catechetical Shool 10:30am Divine Liturgy (Children, bring icons) 5:30pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers at Saint Sophia	5 6:00pm Holy Confession 7:00pm Compline	6 Adult Greek School 6:00pm Introductory II 7:30pm Introductory I 7:00pm Missions Meeting	7 6pm Conversational Greek 6:00pm Holy Confession 7:00pm Pre-Sanc. Liturgy followed by Lenten Pot Luck Dinner	8 Adult Greek School 6:00pm Intermediate 7:30pm Advanced 7:30pm Choir Practice	9 5:00pm Greek School 7:00pm 2nd Salutations followed by a Lenten Lecture	10 9:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Greek School 1:30pm Greek School Teachers' Meeting RETREATS! Adult and JOY 9:30am-4:00pm
11 <i>St. Gregory Palamas</i> 8:00am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Orthros and Catechetical Shool 10:30am Divine Liturgy (GOYA Church Duty) 12:00pm GOYA Meeting	12 6:00pm Holy Confession 7:00pm Compline 8:00pm YAL Deuteri Deutera (sandwich-making for the homeless)	13 Adult Greek School 6:00pm Introductory II 7:30pm Introductory I	14 12:00pm <i>DOXA</i> Deadline 6pm Conversational Greek 6:00pm Holy Confession 7:00pm Pre-Sanc. Liturgy followed by Lenten Pot Luck Dinner	15 Adult Greek School 6:00pm Intermediate 7:30pm Advanced 7:30pm Choir Practice	16 5:00pm Greek School 7:00pm 3rd Salutations followed by a Lenten Lecture	17 9:30am Challenge Liturgy at Saint George 9:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Greek School 9:30am Adult Bible Study TEENAGE RETREAT 10:30am-3:00pm
18 <i>Sunday of the Holy Cross</i> 8:00am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Orthros, Parish Oratorical Festival, and Catechetical Shool 10:30am Divine Liturgy	19 6:00pm Holy Confession 7:00pm Compline	20 Adult Greek School 6:00pm Introductory II 7:30pm Introductory I	21 6pm Conversational Greek 6:00pm Holy Confession 7:00pm Pre-Sanc. Liturgy followed by Lenten Pot Luck Dinner	22 Adult Greek School 6:00pm Intermediate 7:30pm Advanced 7:30pm Choir Practice	23 5:00pm Greek School 7:00pm 4th Salutations followed by a Lenten Lecture	24 9:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Greek School 10:30 March 25th Program 7:00pm Vespers at An-nunciaton, Baltimore
25 <i>Annunciation</i> <i>Saint John Climacus</i> 8:00am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Orthros and Catechetical Shool 10:30am Divine Liturgy 2:00pm Parade in Balto. 5:30pm Promotheas Event	26 6:00pm Holy Confession 7:00pm Compline	27 5:00pm Parish Council Feeding the Homeless at Bailey's X-Roads Shelter Adult Greek School 6:00pm Introductory II 7:30pm Introductory I	28 6pm Conversational Greek 6:00pm Holy Confession 7:00pm Pre-Sanc. Liturgy followed by Lenten Pot Luck Dinner	29 Adult Greek School 6:00pm Intermediate 7:30pm Advanced 7:30pm Choir Practice	30 5:00pm Greek School 7:00pm Akathist Hymn	31 9:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Greek School

PHILOPTOCHOS

WE HOSTED OUR ANNUAL VALENTINES LUNCHEON on February 9. This was a tremendous success, as always. We had a total of 119 attendees. The menu was outstanding and received rave reviews. Our beloved Ken Kunic entertained us with background music and songs in Greek and English. We recognized Aggie and Mary Capalis who celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary with the *Anniversary Waltz*.

Many thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who helped prepare and serve the luncheon. The theme, of course, was hearts and flowers, and the hall was beautifully decorated with red tablecloths and white napkins. The desserts were delicious and disappeared very quickly. We also extend our sincere thanks to Roberto Medina-Valdez and his staff for doing the set up and cleaning up after the luncheon.

Our February commitments to National Philoptochos were Autism Assistance Fund and Saint Photios Shrine. In March, we have OCMC/SAMP and HC/HC. We also have a tray obligation for the Emergency Social Service Fund for the Metropolis on the Sunday of Orthodoxy.

We encourage all ladies, young and old, to become members of our Philoptochos. A friendly reminder to all current or prospective members that the 2012 stewardship is due. Please submit your stewardship pledges, current addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, cell phone numbers, no later than March 31, 2012. Send them to Irene Burton, Treasurer, Saint Katherine Philoptochos, 6206 Everglades Drive, Alexandria, VA 22312.

We will start baking in March for our Easter Bake Sale and will publish a baking schedule shortly. Look for it online and in the Sunday bulletin. We will also take orders for Tsourekia, and personalized custom Easter Egg Candy—peanut butter and coconut cream flavors. Orders must be placed and paid for in advance. All volunteers are welcome.

Kali Anastasi!

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

IT'S ALMOST SPRING! We hope that you have made it through the cold and rainy days of winter! Unfortunately, our Bowling Tournament against the AHEPAnS from Chapter #438 had to be cancelled at the last minute. However, Rosalie and George Georgeadis have rescheduled the event for Sunday, March 18, and it will be a great time!

During one of our recent Chapter meetings, we voted to adopt the Alternative House as one of our primary philanthropic projects for this year. Alternative House is a refuge for abused and homeless children in the area. Recently, we responded to their plea for help and provided much needed undergarments for the teenage residents. We plan to continue this type of support during the rest of the year.

On Saturday, January 28, we were treated to a tour of the Kennedy Center by our own Chapter Sister and tour guide, Georgia Lindroth. Following the tour, we had lunch at the Café. On February 22, we helped cook and serve dinner at Bailey's Crossroads Homeless Shelter. On Saturday, February 4, we attended our mid-year conference, and are planning to attend the District #3 conference in June.

Unfortunately, the Ric Edelman Financial Seminar scheduled for Saturday, February 25, is postponed to a future date. As soon as it can be rescheduled, another announcement will be made.

Watch for your upcoming March newsletter which will include the date of our Chapter meeting and other important details. Also, mark your calendars for Sunday, April 29 when Helle Chapter presents its 4th Annual Fashions Around the Tea Tables at the Meletis Charuhas Center beginning at 2:00pm. Tickets are now on sale! The donation is \$35.00 for adults, and \$25.00 for children over 7 years old. Fashions will be by CAbi. For reservations, please call Elvira Garnett at 703-425-3675. It's an affair you don't want to miss!

Please accept our very best wishes for a Kali Sarakosti!

MEMORY ETERNAL, ADRIANA

GUATEMALA TEAM II'S WEEK ENDED on a sad note with the falling asleep in the Lord of one of the children, Adriana. She had been ill for a couple of years and, in the end, it was determined she had a "pre-leukemia" type of condition. Early in the week Adriana was playing with both the team and the children in the park. A few days later her condition worsened. She was rushed to the hospital and it was there that she died. Adriana has a sister at the orphanage, her name is Reina. The children and the nuns have been comforting Reina, during this difficult time. May Adriana rest in peace. May her memory be eternal. Please keep the nuns, the children, and the staff in prayer as they go through their grieving process.



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THE AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION'S COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION has been well documented throughout its history. Over \$4 million is endowed at the local, district, and national levels toward the use of scholarships and a half-million dollars is awarded annually. Thousands of young men and women have benefited as recipients of AHEPA scholarships at these various levels.

Our local AHEPA family is proud to claim a robust scholarship program to promote, encourage, induce, and advance education at the college and university levels for eligible and deserving youth in our community. We are indeed fortunate to have 4 distinct AHEPA scholarships immediately available to our community in the Washington Metropolitan area. Although we are blessed to have so many scholarship opportunities available for our young students, each year, one or two applicants fail to pay close attention to submission instructions and their applications are eliminated. *Please do not let this happen to you!*

Each of the following scholarships are separate and distinct, requiring submission of individual applications with differing requirements. What follows is pertinent information provided to make all those eligible aware of their scholarship opportunities and to eliminate confusion about the various scholarship programs available.

Washington Metro Area Scholarships have been awarded by DC metropolitan area AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope Chapters since 1970. This competitive program has recognized over 1,500 area students and awarded over \$750,000 since its inception. Scholarship presentations will be made at an awards program on Sunday, May 20, 2012 at the Hilton Washington, DC/Rockville Hotel in Rockville, Maryland. In addition to a cash award, each recipient receives a plaque and is individually honored during the award banquet. The award banquet is an exceptional affair and many parents and grandparents attend. Applications and additional information are available in the Church Office and also on the Saint Katherine website. *Submission deadline is April 6, 2011.*

The Peter N. Derzis Chapter 438 Community Scholarship is awarded to a student from the local community who best exemplifies attributes of scholarship and community involvement. This award is made on AHEPA Sunday during ceremonies after the second Divine Liturgy in the Church. Applications and additional information are available in the Church office, from any Chapter officer and also on the Saint Katherine website. *Submission deadline is April 6, 2011.*

AHEPA Capital District 3 Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors throughout the Capital District 3 region (Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, and Washington, DC). Scholarships are funded through the AHEPA Family District No. 3 Scholarship Foundation. The winners are determined by a scholarship committee which convenes at the District Convention (this year to be held June 6-8 in Annapolis, MD). Award recipients are notified shortly thereafter. The number of awards varies depending on availability of funds, but typically 20-25 awards are made. Additional information may be found on the District website http://www.district3ahepa.com/mydistrict/?page_id=437. Applications and additional information is available in the Church office and also on the Saint Katherine website. *Submission deadline is April 1, 2012.*

AHEPAcademy—for High School Juniors. Apply for the opportunity to be one of a small, select group of Greek-American high school students selected from all over the country to participate in AHEPAcademy, an interactive leadership and networking seminar to be held on the campus of George Mason University outside Washington, DC from June 24-30, 2012. Applications for AHEPAcademy are now available on www.AHEPAcademy.com. *The early-action deadline for submission of completed applications to AHEPAcademy is March 4, 2012. The final deadline for submission of completed applications to AHEPAcademy is April 1, 2011*, but please contact AHEPAcademy and your local AHEPA Chapter as soon as possible to indicate your interest in applying for the program and regarding your eligibility to receive a scholarship from your local AHEPA Chapter for your participation in the AHEPAcademy on Campus program.

Multiple ***AHEPA National Scholarships*** are also offered to a wide variety of students. Recipients are traditional and non-traditional students; seminarians, including those entering Holy Cross Greek School of Theology; and high school seniors, college, and post-graduate students who are looking to become tomorrow's leaders in the Hellenic American community. For additional information or to download applications for over a dozen additional AHEPA scholarships, please go to http://www.ahepa.org/uploads/pdf/ahepa_scholarship_2012.pdf. *Submission deadline is March 31, 2012.*

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES in 2012 and all are welcome. Classes are held every Sunday at 9:30am and are held on the lower level of the Meletis Charuhas Center. Using colorful PowerPoint® slide presentations, we will discuss how Scripture forms our Orthodox faith traditions. Any questions? Please contact Bill Polizos at 571-434-7790 or polizos@att.com.

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Suffering among the Saints—The Book of Job

“Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil,” so God says to Satan in the opening chapter of this Old Testament book. Yet Job is tried and suffers mightily through the loss of his family, his health, and the goodwill of others. Sound familiar? Why do bad things happen to good people? Our study group will dig into the book’s powerful poetry as we discuss Job’s questions in light of the Church’s teachings and healing powers.

What is it? Not a lecture series, but a prayerful discussion among interested people. Adults and older teens are all welcome. Invite a friend to come along!

What is required in order to participate? Simply show up with a copy of the Orthodox Study Bible, available at the church bookstore. No one is *required* to speak up during the discussion; listeners are always a blessing to the group. In order to get the most out of the weekly meetings, participants are encouraged to spend 10 minutes or so daily, reading and reflecting on that week’s texts.

When: Saturday morning, 9:30am to 10:30am. Drop-ins are always welcome!

Where: The boardroom on lower level of the Meletis Charuhas Center.

For more information, contact Gregory McKinney at 571-338-6929.

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our Church Community are invited to hear the presentations. In addition to the formal speeches of our contestants, some of our younger children will contribute short presentations that will enhance the Festival. For any additional information, please feel free to contact Mr. Ray Vazquez at 703-723-7424.

On March 25 and continuing into April, our choir director, Mr. John Doulis will conduct Church Music sessions with our youth in the 1st through 6th Grades. This instruction provides students with experiences that round out their knowledge of the Greek Orthodox Church.

The Hellenic Society Prometheas presents:
Τοπίο στην Ομίχλη (*A Place in the Fog*)
A Greek Film with English Subtitles
Saint George Greek Orthodox Church
Friday, March 2, 7:30pm
Free Admission

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Realty Alliance, Inc. (RAI), <http://raidonations.org>, is an organization dedicated to the funding of non-profit organizations such as Saint Katherine, through affiliated real estate agents who donate a portion of their compensation. Anyone wishing to buy or sell real estate merely checks the website mentioned above for a participating realtor who will ensure their donation is made to our parish. The average individual donation for our area is approximately \$2,500 and is tax deductible to the buyer or seller. This is a national organization and participation is not limited to just our parishioners. *Any* referral a member receives from a friend, relative, or co-worker *anywhere* in the country will qualify for a donation to Saint Katherine as long as a participating RAI agent is utilized. We hope all parishioners will consider using the services of realtors who participate in this endeavor and further that you designate Saint Katherine as the recipient of your generosity.

RAI has provided funding to organizations such as The American Cancer Society, YMCA, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, as well as numerous churches.

Please go to the RAI website for more information.

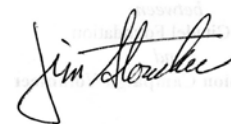
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have persevered and met those challenges head on with positive outcomes. Most recently, the lengthy appeal of our parish allocation to the Archdiocese has been resolved and the outcome was extremely favorable for our community. Brighter days lie ahead and we all look to the future with optimism and certainty that any obstacles we face will be met with resolve and enthusiasm, and that God's grace will continue to shine upon us.

Finally, in order to foster additional visibility into the inner workings of our Parish Council, we will publish the minutes and associated reports of each Parish Council Meeting on our website. We trust each of you will find this a convenient means of staying abreast of issues and developments within our community. We welcome your questions and comments.

I look forward to a continuing, effective, and meaningful dialogue with you as we work in support of our community and holy Orthodox faith. On behalf of our Parish Council, I wish you all a happy and blessed Lent. Καλή Σαρακοστή!

Your servant in Christ,
President, Parish Council



STEWARDSHIP

SHOWN BELOW is a list of families and individuals who participated in the 2011 Saint Katherine Stewardship Program as of January 31, 2012. Thank you for responding to the needs of our church.

Our stewardship pledge form is on page 15. If you have not yet sent a pledge, please complete the form and send it to the office as soon as possible. Alternatively, you may pledge online today at www.saint-katherines.org/stewardship. Your Church and community depend on your stewardship commitment.

If you have any questions, please contact Anna Vassilopoulos at 703-671-1515 or avassilopoulos@stkchurch.com.

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**A MEMORIAL PRAYER ON
THE SATURDAYS OF SOULS
ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ
March 3**



We are called to pray for those who have fallen asleep in the Lord on the Saturday of Souls (March 3). Please take time to prepare a list of deceased loved ones for whom you wish the priests to pray. Please note that we will keep the names for all three Saturdays of Souls. May the Lord grant eternal rest to the souls of our loved ones.

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Συγχαρητήρια στα παιδιά που παρευρέθηκαν στην Ελληνική Πρεσβεία και πήραν τα Πιστοποιητικά Ελληνομάθειας του περασμένου έτους, σε ειδική γιορτή, που οργάνωσε ο Δρ. Αντώνιος Μαρμαρινός και το Γραφείο Εκπαίδευσης της Ελληνικής Πρεσβείας τον Ιανουάριο. Θερμές ευχαριστίες στους γονείς, δασκάλους και μαθητές που συμμετείχαν στην γιορτή Τριών Ιεραρχών που διοργάνωσε η Μητρόπολή μας στον Άγιο Γεώργιο, Bethesda, Maryland.

Παρακαλούμε έχετε υπ' όψη ότι η ημερομηνία των εξετάσεων του Ελληνικού Σχολείου έχει αλλάξει για την Κυριακή 20 Μαΐου 2012, 5:00 p.m., στο Meletis Charuhas Center.

*The Hellenic Society Prometheas Presents:
The Greek Revolution and the Dream of Megali Idea*

*Keynote Speaker, Dr. Christos P. Ioannides,
Director of the Center for Byzantine and
Modern Greek Studies at Queens College,
City University of New York*

*Sunday, March 25, 5:30pm
Saint Katherine Meletis Charuhas Center*

**POT-LUCK DINNERS ON WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS THROUGHOUT LENT**

Share your favorite Lenten meal after Liturgy on Wednesday evenings. Bring enough food to serve your family, plus one additional person. (Bring the recipe and we'll make copies for everybody— what a nice way to add to your Lenten meal repertoire!)

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has already started and will continue until March 21. You may obtain an application from Sophia Tsangali, the principal, at the Church Office.

Congratulations to our students for receiving the Ellinomathia certificates from last year's exams at the special program held at the Greek Embassy, which was organized by Dr. Antonios Marmarinos and the Education Office. Many thanks to the parents, teachers, and students who participated in the Three Hierarchs program organized by our New Jersey Metropolis at Saint George, Bethesda, Maryland.

Please note that the date of our graduation has been changed from Saturday, May 19 to Sunday, May 20, at 5:00pm.

Important dates in March:

- 02 1st Salutations, 7:00pm
- 03 Teachers' Meeting, 1:30pm
- 09 2nd Salutations, 7:00pm
- 16 Practice for March 25th Program
3rd Salutations, 7:00pm
- 17 Practice for March 25th Program
- 21 Deadline for the Ellinomathia applications
- 23 No classes/Decorate stage for March 25th Program
4th Salutations, 7:00pm
- 24 March 25th Program, 10:30am
- 25 Baltimore Parade, 2:00pm
Prometheas March 25th Program, 5:30pm
- 30 The Akathist Hymn, 7:00pm



Become a 2012 Steward of Saint Katherine Today!



In faith, prayer, and sacrifice, my family and I wish to share in the support and work of our Greek Orthodox Church of Saint Katherine. Out of our love and gratitude to God for all His blessings, we would like to pledge the amount of

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Με πίστη, προσευχή και θυσία, η οικογένειά μου και εγώ επιθυμούμε να συμμετάσχομε στην υποστήριξη και υπηρεσία της Ελληνικής Ορθοδόξου Εκκλησίας Αγ. Ακατερίνης. Από αγάπη και ευγνωμοσύνη στον Θεό για τις ευλογίες Του, θα θέλαμε να υποσχεθούμε το ποσόν των

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Guatemala II team returns. Our second Saint Katherine team to the Guatemala Orphanage, Hogar Rafael Ayau, returned on January 26. We had a fun-filled and productive week. We mowed and edged the lawn, weeded the walkways and gardens, cut back bushes, power washed the entrance and front of the main building, changed light bulbs, repaired lighting fixtures, changed sink faucets, painted the church narthex areas, and, by those licensed, performed dental cleanings. Although we stayed very busy, we found lots of time to play with the children, have arts and craft time, and of course, play soccer! The team was able to treat the children to an outing at a Mayan Museum relevant to their school studies. After the museum, we treated them to a carousel ride and Pollo Campero fried chicken! The team took many gifts to the Hogar church and children—from communion wine, incense, and charcoal to clothing and school supplies. Of course, we also took gifts to Carlos Manuel, our parish's sponsored child. It was great to see him growing and doing well. A special thank you to all who continue to support Saint Katherine's outreach to the orphanage. Their needs are many, the workers few. God bless the missionaries who continue to offer their time and talents to help. It truly is a very special place.

OCMC mission teams for 2012. The Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) has announced its short-term mission teams for 2012. There will be 15 short term teams (2-3 weeks) going to nine countries, including Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Moldova, Romania, Mongolia, South Korea, Guatemala, and Alaska. These teams are a wonderful opportunities to witness for your faith. Please prayerfully consider dedicating 2-3 weeks to witness for Christ. Our community will be very supportive with finances and prayers. For dates and details, go to the OCMC web site, OCMC.org.

Missions Institute of Orthodox Christianity. The newly established Missions Institute of Orthodox Christianity seeks to promote a vibrant mission consciousness among students and seminarians at the Orthodox Theological Schools and Seminaries in the United States. It strives to do this by offering missiological courses, mission practicum, and special programs and events that help future Church leaders understand the centrality of missions, evangelism, and outreach within the Church and be inspired to fully participate and develop such ministries in their future pastoral and missionary work. The Institute is based at our Holy Cross Seminary. In 2011, Andrew Pavlakos, a seminarian from Saint Katherine, went on a mission trip to Albania with the Institute. For more information, see their website, <http://missioninsitute.org>. Donations are always welcome.

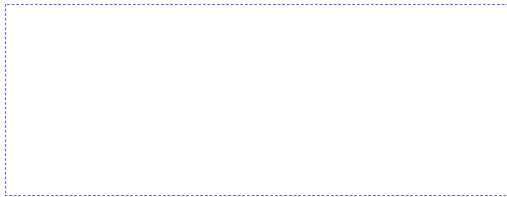


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