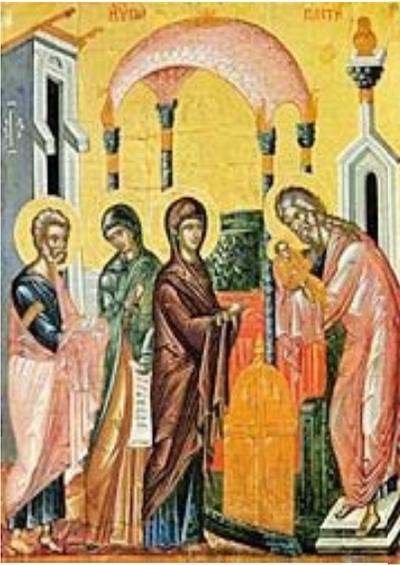


# Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, February 2, 2014



**The Presentation of our Lord  
Gabriel the New Martyr  
Η Υπαπαντή του Κυρίου  
Γαβριήλ Νεομάρτυρος**



## *Apolytikion of the Day (Grave Tone)*

By means of Your Cross, O Lord You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen from the dead, our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

Κατέλυσας τω Σταυρώ σου τον θάνατον. Ηνέωξας τω Ληστή τον Παράδεισον. Των Μυροφόρων τον θρήνον μετέβαλες. Και τοις σοις Αποστόλοις κηρύττειν επέταξας. Ότι ανέστης Χριστέ ο Θεός, παρέχων τω κόσμω το μέγα έλεος.

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

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.

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

## *Kontakion of the Day (1<sup>st</sup> Tone)*

You who sanctified by your birth a virgin womb, and blessed the hands of Symeon as was appropriate, did come, indeed, O Christ our God, and saved us all. But bring peace to the commonwealth in time of war, and secure in strength the rulers you truly loved, as the only one who loves mankind.

Ο μήτραν παρθενικήν αγιάσας τω τόκω σου, και χείρας του Συμεών ευλογήσας ως έπρεπε, προφθάσας και νυν έσωσας ημάς, Χριστέ ο Θεός. Αλλ' ειρήνευσον εν πολέμοις το πολίτευμα, και κραταίωσον βασιλείς ους ηγάπησας, ο μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

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## *Epistle Reading*

*My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior.*

*For he has regarded the humility of his servant.*

*The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.*

**Hebrews 7:7-17** – Brethren, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes though Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.

Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, “Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

## *Gospel Reading*

**Luke 2:22-40** – Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: “Lord, now You are letting your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel. And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for sign which will be spoken against (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

## Announcements

**Memorial Services** are offered this morning for **Nicholas Paraskevopoulos**, father of Haralambos and Dimitrios Paraskevopoulos; for **Pavlos Hantzopoulos**, father of Leonidas, Demetra and Despina; and for **Gerry Capacos**, beloved uncle of Ioannis Laios. May their memory be eternal!

**Coffee Hour** is sponsored this morning by the Paraskevopoulos, the Hantzopoulos, and the Laios families in memory of their loved ones.

**Attention High School Seniors** – Student applications are now available for the Washington Metropolitan Area 44<sup>th</sup> AHEPA Scholarship program. Students eligible for an award will be honored at this year's Awards Program on May 18, 2014 held at the Hilton Washington, DC/Rockville Hotel in Rockville, MD. This program has honored 1,508 students and awarded \$804, 975 in scholarships. Applications are available in the church office and website. Completed applications and materials must be submitted by April 4, 2014. For more information, contact Karen Polizos at [kpelizos@naifa.org](mailto:kpelizos@naifa.org) or on (571) 434-7790.

**Saint Katherine Paideia Preschool** – Open House Invitation – February 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and February 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Join us and explore the Paideia setting, become acquainted with our teachers and director, talk to current preschool parents, and ask questions regarding our program. Paideia is accepting students, ages 2-4yrs old, for Spring 2014 and/or the 2014-2015 school year. Enrollment applications for 2014-2015 school year are due April 11, 2014. For information please visit [www.stkhec.org](http://www.stkhec.org) or contact Eleni Alexopoulou, Director, at (703) 627-1556 or [ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com](mailto:ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com).

**The Three Hierarchs Celebration** by our Greek School students this morning in church at the end of the second Divine Liturgy.

**OCMC Benefit Dinner – Sunday, February 9, 2014** – Our annual OCMC benefit dinner will be held at St. Katherine next Sunday, February 9, 2014. We are honored to have Fr. Luke Veronis as our main speaker. His topic will be: *“Capturing the Spirit of Missions: Kenya, Albania and the World!”* Fr. Luke has served as a long term missionary in Kenya and in Albania with Archbishop Anastasios. He will share his experience in these countries and tell us what we can do to help Orthodox missions around the world. Cocktails will be at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$55.00, under 22 \$30.00, children under 4 free. Send checks out to St. Katherine and note: *“Mission Banquet”*. For further information please contact Dr. John Demakis at [demakis9931@gmail.com](mailto:demakis9931@gmail.com).

**Philoptochos Annual Seniors' Valentine's Day Luncheon** is scheduled for February 13, 2014, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the Meletis Charuhas Center. For reservations please call Evdoxia Mitchell, chairperson, at (703) 256-4115 or Eleni Kanakos, president, at (703) 938-8360 or [ekanakos@aol.com](mailto:ekanakos@aol.com). We look forward to seeing all of you there!

**Food Pantry Collection – Sunday, February 9, 2014** – Will be our next collection for our local Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable food or canned items to the Church on Sunday, February 9, 2014. This 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 and cheese. This list is also on the St. Katherine website. Please be generous. Get the children involved. What a wonderful way to teach our children to help the less fortunate.

**Our Mission and Outreach Committee** will meet on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in our Meletis-Charuhas Center. All are welcome to come.

**Valentine's Dance, February 15** – GOYA s sponsoring a Valentine's Dance for Orthodox teenagers, ages 13-18 on Saturday, February 15, 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., in the Meletis Charuhas Hall. GOYAs from DC, Maryland, and Loudoun County have been invited. Snacks will be provided. Music by DJ Steve. Cost: \$10.00. Hope to see you there!

**Oratorical Festival Registration is now open.** If your son or daughter is interested in participating in the Junior (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade) or Senior (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) completion, please contact Ray Vazquez at [rayvazquez1@aol.com](mailto:rayvazquez1@aol.com). Topics will be distributed in class and can be found on [www.goarch.org](http://www.goarch.org).

**St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church invites you to its Annual Dinner Dance** at the Greek Village Restaurant on Saturday, February 8, 2014. For information please call at 302-552-3540 or [info@sttheodores.org](mailto:info@sttheodores.org).

**The Byzantio Greek Dance & Cultural Arts Program** is offering six adult recreational dance classes. Cost: \$100 for all sessions paid at first session or \$20.00 a session, drop-in. Location: St. Katherine's Founder's Hall. Time: 4:00 p.m. -5:30 p.m. Dates: February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. For information, contact Aris and Anna Yourtzidis at [greekdancedc@gmail.com](mailto:greekdancedc@gmail.com).

## Church Services

Sunday, February 9

*The Publican and the Pharisee – Triodion Begins*  
*Leavetaken of Presentation*  
*Martyr Niciphoros of Antioch*  
*Του Τελώνου και Φαρισαίου – Αρχεται το Τριώδιον*  
*Απόδοσις Υπαπαντής*  
*Μάρτυρος Νικηφόρου εξ Αντιοχείας*  
1<sup>st</sup> Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m.  
Orthros/Youth and Adult Catechism 9:30 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

**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 Αβελ, 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.

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