

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, February 12, 2017

The Prodigal Son



Meletios, Abp. of Antioch
Antonius, Abp. of Constantinople

Apolytikion of the Day (4th Plagal Tone)

Though the tomb was sealed by a stone and soldiers guarded Your pure body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, giving life to the world. Therefore, O Giver of life, the heavenly powers praise You: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ, glory to Your kingdom, glory to Your plan of redemption, O only loving God.

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 φιλόανθρωπε.

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

The all-blessed bride of Christ let us extoll 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 you.

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

Kontakion of the Day (3rd Tone)

Foolishly I ran away, from your fatherly glory, and wasted in sin, the wealth that you gave me, therefore, the Prodigal cry I address to you: I have sinned, before you now merciful Father, do accept me in repentance, and make me only, one of your hired hands.

Της πατρώας δοξης σου, αποσκιρτήσας αφρόνως, εν κακοίς εσκορπίσα, ον μοι παρέδωκας πλούτον, όθεν σοι, την του Ασώτου φωνήν κραυγάζω: Ήμαρτον, ενώπιόν σου Πάτερ οικτίρμον, δέξαι με μετανοούντα, και ποιήσόν με ως ένα των μισθίων σου.

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Epistle Reading

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

The reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

1st Corinthians 6:12-20 – Brethren, “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me, “but I will not be enslaved by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”--and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute become one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two shall become one flesh.” But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:11-32 – The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into this fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. “Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

Safety Notice – Please be reminded that during inclement weather, the front entrance of the church will be closed until such time as the safety railings are installed. On such occasions, please use the side entrance.

St. Katherine’s Bookstore – Come to our first annual Cheese fare Book Fair on Sunday 26 February and pick out a book to enrich your Lenten experience! We will be offering for one day only gently used and almost new books--\$5 for paperbacks and \$10 for hard covers. You will be able to choose from readings from church elders, homilies on the place of animals in Orthodox theology, and short stories on the lives of Orthodox saints among other books. If you have items you would like to donate to the Book Fair, feel free to bring them by the bookstore. Consider also this Lent purchasing a new icon. We will be discounting our in-stock icons 15 percent on the Sunday of Orthodoxy (5 March). Our stock includes many beautiful icons of Christ, the Theotokos, major saints, and guardian angels. Remember we now can take credit card payments.

Scholarship Opportunity for Graduating Seniors! The 2017 Washington Metropolitan Area AHEPA/DOP Scholarship Application is available now in the Church Office. Completed Applications are due March 31st. Donor applications are also available. Awards will be presented at the Annual Banquet in May 2017. For more information, please contact Karen Polizos, (571) 434-7790.

Philoptochos Meeting – Next Sunday, February 19, at the Meletis Charuhas Center, downstairs, following the Coffee Hour. **Philoptochos Stewardship Tea** – Sunday, March 12, at the Meletis Charuhas Center, following the D. Liturgy.

Announcements

Youth Church Duty – Alexandra Lagos is the Youth Church Duty Captain and Epistle Reader today. Other youth will help with various duties.

Memorial Services are offered this morning for **Father Theodore Chelpon**, husband of Presvytera Theodora Chelpon, and father of Deacon Harry, Dean, and Antonia Chelpon; for **Anastasios ‘Tasos’ Triarhos**, husband of Mrs. Mary Triarhos, and father of Effie, Gia, and Renie; for **Vasilios Zaimis**, husband of Mrs. Sudabeth Zaimis, and father of Alexander Zaimis; for **Yvonne Stathis**, mother of Steve Stathis, Cathy Cable, Toni Fightmaster and Elena Grivas, and sister of Nicholas Grivas and Maria Vasilakos; for **Pavlos Thrasyvoulou** and **Thrasyvoulos Thrasyvoulou**, husband and son of Mrs. Eleni Thrasyvoulou and father and brother of Maria Kolas and Yioula Trahilis; for **Maria Tsiaoushis**, mother of Androniki, Panagiota and John; and for **Iziaslav Kopylov**, father of Vitali Kopylov. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Chelpon, Triarhos, and Thrasyvoulou families in memory of their loved ones.

Memorial Coffee Hour Procedure – If you would like to sponsor the coffee hour in memory of your loved one, a donation of \$175.00 is required. This includes coffee set-up, 100 koulourakia, 100 paximathia, putting koliva in cups, and clean-up after the event. Please remember to schedule the memorial service with the Church Office and mail your check at that time. Checks should be made payable to *Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church*.

Project Mexico Home-Building 2017 – There are only 2 spaces left for this year’s home-building trip. The trip is from August 16-23. If you are interested in going, please contact Bill or Eleni Porter at beporter1@verizon.net.

Project Mexico Bake Sale – The Project Mexico Home-Building Team is having a Bake Sale today in the Meletis-Charuhas Center following the Liturgy. Please come by and see photos from previous home-building trips and buy some yummy treats to support our fundraising efforts! Thank you!

Journey to Orthodoxy – This is a reminder that the “Journey to Orthodoxy” class for adults meets 9:00-10:00 a.m. 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 at the Seniors’ Kentro room on the ground floor of Founders’ Hall. For further information contact the teachers, John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com, (202) 375-1007.

Women’s Book Club – Please join us on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Meletis Charuhas Center in the room two doors from the church office. We are reading “The Way of a Pilgrim and The Pilgrim Continued His Way”. The book is available for purchase on Amazon and the Church Bookstore. It’s not too late to join the club. For further information contact Despina Raizes at 2draizes@gmail.com or (703) 216-8176.

Apokreatiko Glendi – Please join us for an elegant, fun, and family friendly evening this coming Saturday, February 18, 2017 for the 2017 Saint Katherine Greek School Annual Apokreatiko Glendi. (February 19 is the snow date). There will be mezethes, dinner, Greek dancing, best costume prizes, balloon twisting, a photo booth, and face painting. There will be wonderful raffle prizes, including a Fitbit Blaze, Apple TV, Vineyard Tour and Wine Tasting, and many more. Tickets can be purchased NOW at DC Greeks at www.dcgreeks.com. Hope to see you there!

JOY (Junior Orthodox Youth, ages 8-12) – Have fun with friends at Bowl America Fairfax (9699 Fairfax Boulevard) on Saturday, March 18th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Please contact Vaitsa.Bousbouras@yahoo.com to RSVP by March 11th.

Padeia Bilingual Kindergarten – Hellenic Education Center (3149 Glen Carlyn Rd., Falls Church, VA 22041). Come learn the advantages of our unique Kindergarten program: Curriculum based in scientific inquiry, Low teacher: student ratio with highly qualified staff, Greek language immersion, Christian values and tradition, On-site before and after care. For more information: www.stkhere.org, 703-671-7715 or ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com.

Moms, Pops and Tots will have a potluck brunch on Saturday, February 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Senior Hall. All children up to four years old and parents are welcome. Please join us for this fellowship for both children and adults. For more information, please contact Irene Sakkas at (703) 338-8823 or irenesakkas@gmail.com.

The HOPE Ministry for children (ages 7 and under) is meeting at “Paint Your Own Pottery” in Fairfax on Saturday, March 4th, at 4:00 p.m., for a pottery painting party! Choose between a lion or a lamb. Reservations are necessary. Please email Doris Mentis at doris@alumni.virginia.edu for details and to register.

Church Services

Saturday, February 18	<i>1st Saturday of Souls</i> – Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, February 19	<i>Meatfare (Judgment) Sunday</i> – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, February 25	<i>2nd Saturday of Souls</i> – Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, February 26	<i>Cheesefare (Forgiveness) Sunday</i> – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Monday, February 27	<i>Clean Monday – Great Lent Begins</i> – Great Compline 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Services: Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Week Day Services: Orthros 9:30 a.m., 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 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 in two formats--a PDF copy of the bulletin handed out in church and an online version with much more information. Please take a moment to check them out by visiting:

http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins



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