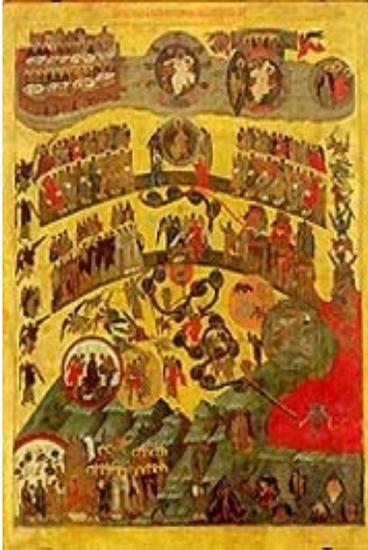


Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, February 19, 2017

Judgment Sunday
(Meatfare Sunday)



Philemon and Archippos of the 70
Philothea Martyr of Athens

Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Tone)

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

Ότε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

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.

Τὴν πανεύφημον νόμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν τὴν θεῖαν καὶ πολιούχον Σινά, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν. Ότι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομπούς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆς δυνάμει. Καὶ νυν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πᾶσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (1st Tone)

O God, when You come upon the earth in glory, the whole world will tremble. A river of fire will bring all before Your Judgment Seat and the books will be opened, and everything in secret will become public. At that time, deliver me from the fire which never dies, and enable me to stand by Your right hand, O Judge most just.

Όταν ἔλθῃς ὁ Θεός, ἐπὶ γῆς μετὰ δόξης, καὶ τρέμωσι τὰ σύμπαντα, ποταμὸς δὲ τοῦ πυρὸς πρὸ τοῦ Βήματος ἔλκη, καὶ βίβλοι ἀνοίγονται, καὶ τὰ κρυπτὰ δημοσιεύονται, τότε ρῦσαί με, ἐκ τοῦ πυρὸς τοῦ ἀσβέστου, καὶ ἀξίωσον, ἐκ δεξιῶν σου μὲ στήναι, Κριτὰ δικαιοτάτε.

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Epistle Reading

Great is our Lord, and great is his power.

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

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

1st Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2 – Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46 – The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternity.

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 – This morning, 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 Divine Liturgy.

Announcements

Memorial Services are offered this morning for **Artemis Danzig**, wife of Mr. Ivan Danzig, and cousin of Mrs. Mercene Valasis; for **Denise L. Kyriacou**, mother of Catherine, George, Andronique, Helen, Gus and Maria; for **Ioanna Gwen B. Aliferis**, wife of Mr. Peter V. Aliferis, and mother of Nicholas; for **Nikolaos Harokopos**, husband of Mrs. Maria Harokopos, and father of Kostas and Ourania; for **Fani Spanomanoli**, mother of Mrs. Evdoxia Mitchel, and grandmother of Mrs. Fay Mpras; and for **William Basil Rousos**, husband of Mrs. Irene Rousos, and father of Nicholas and Basil. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Danzig, Kyriacou, Aliferis, Harokopos, Mitchel, and Rousos 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 heracli13@gmail.com, (202) 375-1007.

Women's Book Club – Please join us on Wednesday, March 1, 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 Preschool – Hellenic Education Center (3149 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church, VA 22041). Job opening for Nursery Assistant. For more information: www.stkherc.org, 703-671-7715 or ealexopoulou@stkchurch.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.

Ellinomathia (Greek Exams) – Registration is now till March 19. The Exams will take place on May 16-18, 2017. For information and applications, please contact Sophia Tsangali, 703-671-1515 or stsangali@stkchurch.com.

Church Services

Saturday, February 25

2nd Saturday of Souls – Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 26

Cheesefare (Forgiveness) Sunday – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Monday, February 27

Clean Monday – Great Lent Begins – 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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