

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, February 21, 2016
Sunday of the Publican and
the Pharisee
Triodion Begins

Timothy the Righteous
John III, Patriarch of
Constantinople



Apolytikion of the Day (1st Plagios Tone)

Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

Τον συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρί και Πνεύματι, τον εκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εις σωτηρίαν ημών, ανυμνήσωμεν πιστοί και προσκυνήσωμεν, ότι ηυδόκησε σαρκί, ανελθείν εν τω σταυρώ, και θάνατον υπομείναι, και εγείρει τους τεθνεώτας, εν τη ενδόξω Αναστάσει αυτου.

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 Χριστου υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντίληψιν. Ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Tone)

Let us flee from the boasting of the Pharisee and learn through our own sighs of sorrow the humility of the Publican. Let us cry out to the Savior, "Have mercy on us, for through You alone are we reconciled."

Φαρισαίου φύγωμεν υψηγορίαν, και Τελώνου μάθωμεν, το ταπεινόν εν στεναγμοίς, προς τον Σωτήρα κραυγάζοντες. Ίλαθι μόνη ημίν ευδιάλλακτε.

Epistle Reading

*Make you vows to the Lord our God and perform them.
God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.
The reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to Timothy.*

2nd Timothy 3:10-15 – Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:10-14 – The Lord said this parable, “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”



Seniors Κέντρο

The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA chapter 438 is proud to announce the opening of the new community Seniors Κέντρο (Kentro) located on the ground floor of Founders Hall. Gather with friends, enjoy a cup of coffee while watching the news from Greece, spending some quiet time reading the paper, or enjoying each other's company/parea. Lectures, Bible Studies and presentations of health and wellness are also benefits that will be introduced as part of our Church's new Seniors Ministry.

The Seniors Kentro is carpeted and fully furnished, featuring a 60-inch flat screen television with satellite access to Greek network programming, and has a coffee bar. Operating hours are Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 3:00pm (the Seniors Kentro will open at noon when church services are scheduled). The room is also available to other groups by appointment through the Church Office.

St. Katherine's Vacation Bible Camp – Mark your calendars for St. Katherine's Vacation Bible Camp on June 27th – July 1st. We are looking for great teachers to make this event happen! Please contact Vicki Mowery at mowerycrew@gmail.com or Eleni Porter at beporter1@verizon.net if you are interested in volunteering.

Ride to Church Needed – A woman who is helping her son settle into Vienna is seeking a ride to church services. If you can help, please call Tina at 248-496-8787.

Lenten Retreat – Saturday, March 19th, 2016, with Bishop Neofitos of Kenya. His Grace NEOFITOS, Bishop of the Diocese of Nyeri & Mount Kenya Region (Kenya), will speak on the topic: “Experiencing Christ in Fasting and Prayer: A Missiological Approach”, on Saturday, March 19, 2016, beginning with the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.; Lunch at 12:00 noon, and the retreat from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 3149 Glen Carlyn Rd., Falls Church, VA 22041. Please confirm attendance with your name & email to either Dr. John Demakis at Demakis9931@gmail.com or Betty Slanta at slanta@verizon.net. A free-will offering will be taken for the retreat and lunch. Bishop Neofitos bio: born in 1970, His Grace graduated from Holy Cross School of Theology in 2005; he was appointed Deputy Dean of Makarios III Seminary, Nairobi, Kenya, and the Director of the Archdiocese affairs in August 2008. Bishop Neofitos was elected Bishop of the Diocese of Nyeri and Mount Kenya Region on November 24, 2015.

Scholarship Opportunity for Graduating Seniors! The 2016 Washington Metropolitan Area AHEPA/DOP Scholarship Application is available now in the Church office. Completed applications are due the first week of April. Donor applications are also available. Awards will be presented at the Annual Banquet in May 2016. For more information, please contact Karen Polizos, (571) 434-7790.

Announcements

We welcome His Eminence our Metropolitan EVANGELOS of New Jersey who will be the celebrant in today's Divine Liturgy. *Εις πολλά έτη Δέσποτα!*

Memorial Services are offered this morning for **James Eskinzes**, husband of Mrs. Chrisoula Eskinzes and father of Rosanne, Sandy and Stephanie; for **Panagiotis (Pete) Silis**, husband of Mrs. Calliopi Silis and father of Manny, George and Thomas; for **Fani Spanomanoli**, mother of Mrs. Evdoxia Mitchell; and for **Theodora Souliotis**, mother of John, George, Eleftheria, Despina, Tasia and Christina. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Eskinzes, Silis, Mitchell and Souliotis families in memory of their loved ones.

Saint Katherine's Community wishes to express our deepest Sympathies to Presvytera Theodora 'Dora' Chelpon and her family at the falling asleep in the Lord of our Beloved Father Theodore 'Ted' H. Chelpon – loving husband, father, grandfather and our first spiritual father. He will be missed by us all! May his memory be eternal!

Congratulations to the 2016 New Parish Council Board Members. Jim Stoucker (President), Peter Karounos (Vice President), Maria Wills (Treasurer), Bill Polizos (Secretary), Kelly Alexis, Chris Euripides, Rosemary Filou, Nicholas Larigakis, Costas Mavromatakis, Mallamo Mavromatakis, Dr. Jerry Rich, Maria Vargas and Mary Varlas (members). May God bless you!

Philoptochos Regular Meeting this morning immediately following the Coffee Hour in the board room.

Philoptochos – To sponsor Coffee Hour after a Memorial Service is \$175.00 donation. It will include set up coffee, 100 koulourakia, 100 paximathia, putting koliva in cups and cleaning up. Donations need to be sent to Saint Katherine's in advance. Please write checks to: *Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church*. Parishioners will call the church first for the date and all their information and then, they can contact Mary Varlas at (703) 965-4161 or Eleni Kanakos at (703) 969-8364.

Apokreatiko Glendi 2016 – Tickets are now on sale for the March 12, 2016 Apokreatiko Glendi! Visit ApokreatikoGlendi2016.EventBrite.com to purchase your tickets. \$45.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children ages 4 to 13. Please join us for an elegant and fun evening of mezedes, dinner, raffle prizes, music and dancing, and other fun activities. For more information, contact Toula Christou at toulamm@gmail.com.

Teach Youth Basic Orthodoxy in Guatemala This Summer – In Guatemala there are hundreds of children and young adults hungry to learn more about their Orthodox Christian Faith. A short-term OCMC mission team has been invited to offer a summer Church school program for two communities outside Nuevo Conception in Southwest Guatemala to teach basic Orthodoxy. If you have a heart for youth or teaching, please prayerfully consider joining this team which will serve from June 15th to the 28th, 2016. To learn more or apply, visit http://www.ocmc.org/about/view_team.aspx?TeamId=170, e-mail teams@ocmc.org, or call 1-877-463-6784, ext. 141.

Build a House in Mexico this Summer – In Mexico, there are many families without homes. You can change the life of a needy family by volunteering on a home building trip to Tijuana, Mexico. The Mission and Outreach Committee at St. Katherine's invite you to join us this summer from July 14th-20th, 2016 to build a home for an impoverished family. If you have a heart for working with your hands, please prayerfully consider joining this team. The team leader is Elaine Porter and she can be reached at beporter1@verizon.net or (703) 913-9629 (H) or (703) 470-9992 (cell). To learn more about Project Mexico, please visit their website at www.projectmexico.org.

Journey to Orthodoxy Class for adults – Meets 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. on Sundays in Seniors' Kentro of the Founders' Hall. Do you want to know more about the teachings, practices, history and contemporary life of the Orthodox church? For more information contact John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com, 202-375-1007.

Archimedes Scholarship – Applications are now being accepted for the Next Generation Initiative's Archimedes Award Scholarship, offered to outstanding high school seniors of Hellenic heritage intending to pursue studies in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) related fields at a university in the United States. To be considered for a 2016-17 scholarship, please **apply by March 25, 2016**. For more information, and to apply online, please go to www.hellenext.org.

Church Services

Sunday, February 28

Sunday of the Prodigal Son – Κυριακή του Ασώτου

Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 5

1st Saturday of Souls – Α΄ Ψυχοσάββατον

Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 6

Judgment Sunday (Meatfare) – Κυριακή της Κρίσεως (Κρεωφάγου)

Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.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 εξίλασμό 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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