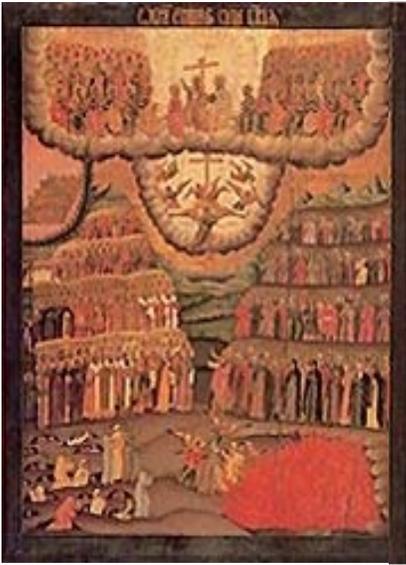


Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, February 23, 2014



**The Judgement Sunday
(Meatfare Sunday)
Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna
Proterios, Abp. of Alexandria
Κυριακή της Κρίσεως
(Της Κρεωφάγου)
Πολυκάργου Ιερομάρτυρος
Προτερίου, Αρχ. Αλεξανδρείας**



Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Tone)

When you descended unto death O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You notify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the nether world all the Powers of the heavens were crying out. O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You.

Ότε κατήλθες προς τον θάνατον, η ζωή η αθάνατος, τότε τον Άδην ενέκρωσας, τη αστραπή της θεότητας. Ότε δε και τους τεθνεώτας εκ των καταχθονίων ανέστησας, πάσαι αι δυνάμεις των επουρανίων εκραύγαζον. Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ο Θεός ημών, δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1st 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 αντίληπνιν, ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και ως μάρτυς του Κυρίου στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι, το μέγα έλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (1st Tone)

When you come, O God, upon the earth with glory, and the universe will tremble, and the river of fire will bring us before your judgment seat, and the books will be opened, and the secrets will be published, then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and count me worthy, to stand on your right, O most righteous Judge.

Όταν έλθης ο Θεός, επί γης μετά δόξης, και τρέμωσι τα σύμπαντα, ποταμός δε του πυρός, προ του βήματος έλκη, και βίβλοι ανοίγονται, και κρυπτά δημοσιεύονται, τότε ρύσαι με, εκ του πυρός του ασβέστου, και αξίωσον, εκ δεξιών σου με στήναι, Κριτά δικαιοτάτε.

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Epistle Reading

The Lord is my strength and my song.

The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The reading is from Saint Paul's First 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 becomes 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 failing, 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 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 for 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 eternal life.”

Announcements

Stewardship Sunday this morning and breakfast following both Divine Liturgies.

Memorial Services are offered this morning for **Despina Loisou**, wife of Mr. James Loisou and mother of Denise Garbis and Stefanos Loisou; for **Nick Karanikas**, husband of Mrs. Maynee Karanikas; for **Christin Daphne Natsios**, daughter of Mrs. Mitzi Natsios and sister of Alexandra Natsios; for **David Trecry**, husband of Mrs. Efrosyni Dianelli; and for **Maroulla Georgiou Patsalosavvis** and **Georgios Patsalosavvis**, parents of Costas Patsalosavvis and sister of Mrs. Androulla Pikrallidas. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Loisou, Garbis, Karanikas, Natsios, Dianelli and Patsalosavvis families in memory of their loved ones.

Attention High School Seniors – Student applications are now available for the Washington Metropolitan Area 44th 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 or on (571) 434-7790.

Daughters of Penelope, Helle Chapter 283 Jewelry Fundraiser – Sunday, March 2, during both coffee hours. This would be a perfect opportunity to purchase gifts for Easter, graduation and Mother's Day! All proceeds will benefit our philanthropic projects. We appreciate your support!

Saint Katherine Paideia Preschool – Open House Invitation – February 26th, 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 or contact Eleni Alexopoulou, Director, at (703) 627-1556 or ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com.

GMU OCF – Fr. Costa will meet with Orthodox Christian Fellowship students at the Johnson Center, Rm. 239H (Campus Ministries Office) at George Mason University on Wednesday, February 26, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Northern Virginia Community College students are welcome to join us. Please tell your Orthodox friends about this ministry and this meeting. Parents, please tell your college student. If you need a ride to church, please contact Fr. Costa at frcostas@stkchurch.com or (703) 671-11515 and he will arrange transportation.

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

Church Services

Saturday, March 1

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

Sunday, March 2

Forgiveness – Cheesefare Sunday
Hesychios the Martyr, Nicholas Planas
Κυριακή της Απόκρεω – Της τυροφάγου
Ησυχίου Συγκλητικού – Νικολάου Πλανά
1st Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m.
Orthros/Youth and Adult Catechism 9:30 a.m.
2nd 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.

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