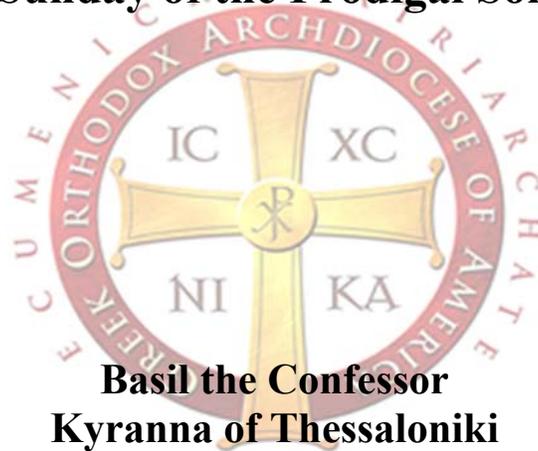


# Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, February 28, 2016  
Sunday of the Prodigal Son



**Basil the Confessor**  
**Kyranna of Thessaloniki**



## *Apolytikion of the Day (2<sup>nd</sup> Plagios Tone)*

Angelic Powers were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. To Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἵστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητούσα τὸ ἀχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

## *Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1<sup>st</sup> 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 νύμφην Χριστοῦ ὑμνήσωμεν, Αἰκατερίναν τὴν θεῖαν καὶ πολιούχον Σινά, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν. Ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τὴ δύναμι. Καὶ νυν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πάσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## *Kontakion of the Day (4<sup>th</sup> Tone)*

O Father, foolishly I ran away from Your glory, and in sin, squandered the riches You gave me. Wherefore, I cry out to You with the voice of the Prodigal, "I have sinned before You Compassionate Father. Receive me in repentance and take me as one of Your hired servants."

Τῆς πατρῴας, δόξης σου, ἀποσκιρτήσας ἀφρόνως, ἐν κακοῖς ἐσκόρπισα, ὃν μοι παρέδωκας πλοῦτον, ὅθεν σοι τὴν του Ἀσώτου, φωνὴν κραυγάζω, «Ἡμαρτον ἐνώπιόν σου Πάτερ οἰκτίρμον, δέξαι με μετανοοῦντα, καὶ ποιήσόν με, ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου».

## ***Epistle Reading***

*Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 becomes one body with her? For, as it 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; but the immoral man sins against his own 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 and in your spirit which belong to God.

## ***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 his 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 put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; 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 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.’”

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

**Lenten Retreat – Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:Demakis9931@gmail.com) or Betty Slanta at [slanta@verizon.net](mailto: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.

## Announcements

**Memorial Services** are offered this morning for **Dr. James Alatis**, husband of Mrs. Penelope Alatis and father of Stephen, William and Anthony; for **Pavlos Hantzopoulos**, father of Leonidas, Demetra and Despina; for **Gregory Kastrenopoulos**, brother of Mr. Nikos Kastrenopoulos; and for **Archimandrite Nicholas Pekatoros**. May their memory be eternal!

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

**A Lecture** will be offered today in loving memory of Father Nicholas Pekatoros by Father George Alexson in Founders' Hall at 1:30 p.m. Also, some of Father Nicholas' spiritual children will say a few words. May his memory be eternal! Refreshments will follow.

**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](http://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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. To learn more or apply, visit [http://www.ocmc.org/about/view\\_team.aspx?TeamId=170](http://www.ocmc.org/about/view_team.aspx?TeamId=170), e-mail [teams@ocmc.org](mailto: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 family in need 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 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:demakis9931@gmail.com) or Jim Jatras [heraclius13@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.hellenext.org).

**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.

**Peter Derzis AHEPA Chapter 438** will start selling 2016 restaurant raffle tickets after the Liturgy on Sunday, March 6. The cost of the tickets will be \$20.00 (6 for \$100.00) with the drawing for the 3 prizes of \$500.00 in gift certificates to be held on AHEPA Sunday, May 15, 2016.

**Apokreatiko Glendi by the Prometheus Society** – Saturday, March 5 at the Hellenic Center, Bethesda, MD. For information and reservations please contact, [ergini@aol.com](mailto:ergini@aol.com).

## Church Services

Saturday, March 5

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 (Της Κρεωφάγου)**  
Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 12

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

Sunday, March 13

**Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare) – Κυριακή της Συγχωρήσεως (Της Τυροφάγου)**  
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 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:

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