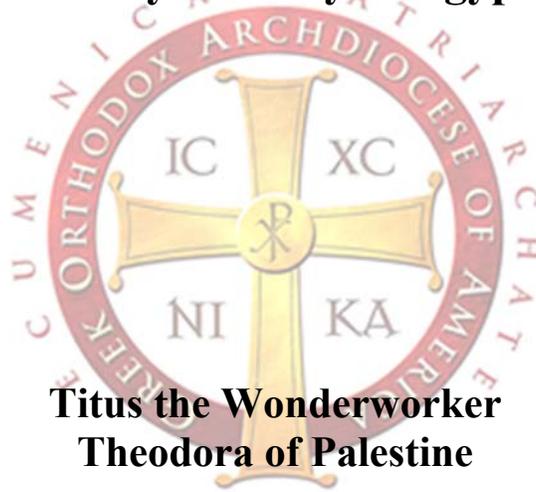


# Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, April 2, 2017  
Sunday of Mary of Egypt



Titus the Wonderworker  
Theodora of Palestine

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

-From on high didst Thou descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days hast Thou submitted that Thou mightest free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to Thee.

-Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν καταδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

## *Apolytikion of Saint Mary of Egypt (4<sup>th</sup> Plagal Tone)*

-The image of God, was faithfully preserved in you, O Mother. For you took up the Cross and followed Christ. By Your actions you taught us to look beyond the flesh for it passes, rather to be concerned about the soul which is immortal. Wherefore, O Holy Mary, your soul rejoices with the angels.

-Ἐν σοί Μήτηρ ακριβῶς διεσώθη τό κατ' εικόνα, λαβὼν γάρ τὸν σταυρὸν, ἠκολούθησας τῷ Χριστῷ, καὶ πράττων ἐδίδασκες, ὑπερορὰν μὲν σαρκός, παρέρχεται γάρ ἐπιμελίσθαι δὲ ψυχῆς, πράγματος αθανάτου, διό καὶ μετὰ Ἀγγέλων συναγάλλεται, οσία Μαρία τό πνεύμά σου.

## *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 υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν τὴν θείαν 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 το μέγα ἔλεος.

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

-To you, Theotokos, invincible Defender, having been delivered from peril, I, your city, dedicate the victory festival as a thank offering. In your irresistible might, keep me safe from all trials, that I may call out to you: "Hail, unwedded bride!"

-Τὴ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, ἀναγράφω σοὶ ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε, Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, ἐκ παντοίων μὲ κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, ἵνα κράζω σοί, Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

## *Epistle Reading*

*Make your 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 Letter to the Hebrews.*

**Hebrews 9:11-14** – BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the *living God*.

## *Gospel Reading*

**Mark 10:32-45** – At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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**St. Katherine's Bookstore** – If you have items you would like to donate to the Bookstore, feel free to bring them by the bookstore. Consider purchasing a new icon this Lent. We will be discounting our in-stock icons 15 percent. Our stock includes many beautiful icons of Christ, the Theotokos, major saints, and guardian angels. Credit card payments accepted.

**Vacation Bible Camp June 26th – 30th, 2017** – "Going for the Gold!" is the theme of St. Katherine's VBC 2017 and we will be covering the Feasts of the Triumph of Christ and His Church. The camp is for ages 4-14 and will run from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$30/child including lunch daily. A registration table will be set up after Liturgy on March 12th and 19th in the community center lobby. Please have your payment ready – registration is not complete until payment is received. Checks should be made out to: St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church with "VBC 2017" in the memo line. Forms are also available online on our website. Payment may be given directly to Eleni Porter, placed in the Sunday school mailbox, or mailed to 6811 Bluefield Court, Springfield, VA 22152. Refer questions to Eleni Porter at [reporter1@verizon.net](mailto:reporter1@verizon.net) or 703-470-9992.

## Announcements

**Memorial Services** are offered this morning for **Christos Pieri**, husband of Mrs. Pezounou Pieri, and father of Petros and Marios; for **Kostas** and **Zaharias Pieri**, and **Maria Achillea**, brothers-in-law, and mother of Mrs. Pezounou Pieri; for **Nicholas Tsimbidis**, husband of Mrs. Anna Tsimbidis; for **Anagnostis ‘Aggie’** and **Mary Capsalis**, parents of Manuel Capsalis; and for **Nikolaos Harokopos**, husband of Mrs. Maria Harokopos and father Ourania and Konstantinos. May their memory be eternal!

**Coffee Hour** is sponsor this morning by the Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Capsalis and family in memory of their beloved parents, Aggie and Mary Capsalis.

**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*.

**Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival** – Nina Ziu and Eleni Ziu will be presenting their Oratorical Festival speeches today in place of the sermon.

**MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE** – We are pleased to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at <http://saint-katherines.org>
- 2) Click on the **Online Donation** button,
- 3) Click on the Create Profile button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.



To reach the online giving page using your smartphone or tablet, simply scan our QR code to sign up and start giving. Our new **Giving Kiosk** is also available in the Narthex for your convenience.

**Women’s Book Club** – Please join us on Wednesday, April 26, 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 Pilgrim Continues His Way”. For further information please contact Despina Raizes at [2draizes@gmail.com](mailto:2draizes@gmail.com) or (703) 216-8176.

**Project Lazarus** – Once again the Saint Katherine community will distribute 200 bags filled with basic clothing, personal care items and food to our brothers and sisters who are living on the streets of the DC area on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please make donations to this very worthy community project. Please contact Daphne Papamichael at [Cyprusd@aol.com](mailto:Cyprusd@aol.com).

**March 25<sup>th</sup> Greek Independence Day Parade** – Sunday, April 2, 2:00 p.m., in front of Saint Nicholas, Baltimore, MD. After marching, everyone is encouraged to return to the parking lot across from Saint Nicholas Church to observe the post-parade ceremony at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

**Kairos Prison Ministry** – We will be baking cookies for Kairos Prison Ministry on April 23, 2017. We will be baking 150 dozen cookies. Volunteers needed. Please contact Dennis Garbis at 202-437-7299 for more information.

## Church Services

Monday, April 3  
Wednesday, April 4  
Saturday, April 8  
Palm Sunday, April 9

Holy Monday, April 10  
Holy Tuesday, April 11  
Holy Wednesday, April 12  
Holy Thursday, April 13

Holy Friday, April 14

Holy Saturday, April 15

EASTER SUNDAY, April 16

*Confession* 6:00 p.m., *Compline* 7:00 p.m.  
*Presanctified Liturgy* 7:00 p.m.  
*Saint Lazarus* – Orthros 9:30 a.m., *Divine Liturgy* 10:30 a.m.  
*1<sup>st</sup> Divine Liturgy* 8:00 a.m., *Orthros* 9:30 a.m., *2<sup>nd</sup> Divine Liturgy* 10:30 a.m.  
*Bridegroom Service* 7:00 p.m.  
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*Presanctified Liturgy* 9:30 a.m., *Holy Unction* 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
*Vespers with Liturgy of Saint Basil* 6:00 a.m.  
*The Holy Passion of Christ/The Twelve Gospels* 7:00 p.m.  
*The Great Hours* 9:00 a.m., *Great Vespers with the Descent of the Cross* 3:30 p.m.  
*The Lamentations/Epitaphios* 7:00 p.m.  
*Vespers with Liturgy of Saint Basil* 9:30 a.m., *Canon Preceding the Resurrection* 11:00 p.m.  
*Orthros and Divine Liturgy* 12:00 a.m.  
*Vespers of Love/Agape* 11:00 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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