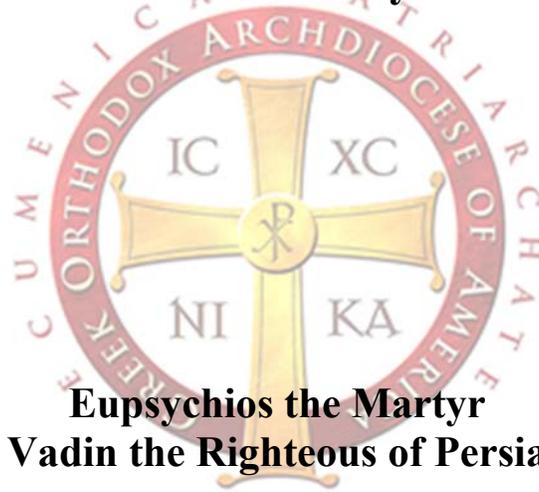
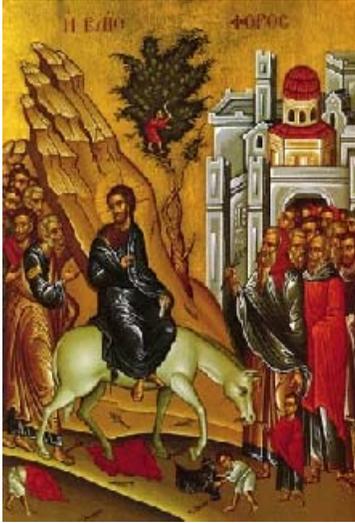


Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday



**Eupsychios the Martyr
Vadin the Righteous of Persia**

Apolytikion of the Day (4th Tone)

As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Συνταφέντες σοι διὰ τοῦ Βαπτίσματος, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, τῆς ἀθανάτου ζωῆς ἠξιώθημεν τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου, καὶ ἀνυμνοῦντες κράζομεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

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 νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν τὴν θεῖαν καὶ πολιούχον Σινά, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν. Ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τὴ δυνάμει. Καὶ νυν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πάσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (2nd Plagal Tone)

In Heaven, He is seated upon a Throne and on earth He rides upon a foal. O Christ our God, accept the praise of the Angels and the hymn of the Children who cry out to You, "Blessed are You who comes to recall Adam."

Τῷ θρόνῳ ἐν οὐρανῷ, τῷ πῶλῳ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἐποχοῦμενος Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, τῶν Ἀγγέλων τὴν αἴνεσιν, καὶ τῶν Παίδων ἀνύμνησιν προσεδέξω βοῶντων σοι· Εὐλογημένος εἶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος, τὸν Ἀδὰμ ἀνακαλέσασθαι.

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Epistle Reading

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His mercy endures forever.
The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians.*

Philippians 4:4-9 – BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Reading

John 12:1-8 – Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazaros out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

Kandilia (Luminaries) – An Easter Tradition at Saint Katherine – Let us light the processional pathway for the Epitaphio on Holy Friday evening. Please purchase Kandilia in memory of, in honor of, or for the health of you loved one - \$10.00 each. One individual or one family name per bag. Forms are available in the narthex at the pangari, where the candles are.

Ladies Philoptochos Easter Bake Sale – This morning (Palm Sunday) immediately following the two Divine Liturgies.

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 beporter1@verizon.net or 703-470-9992.

Announcements

Palm Sunday Family Fish Luncheon this morning immediately after both Divine Liturgies. Psari cod plaki, rice, roll of bread and *horiatiki* Greek salad. Donation: \$15.00 per person. Pasta dish available for children: \$7.00. Carry out orders will also be available after both Liturgies.

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*.

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 or (703) 216-8176.

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.

OCMC Annual Benefit Banquet – Now taking reservations for what promises to be a great evening. The Annual Benefit Banquet for OCMC, Sunday, April 30. The night begins with Vespers followed by a wine reception, silent auction and two raffles. Raffle prizes include: a weekend stay at the Four-Diamond Hilton Mclean Hotel or a weekend/weekday stay at a Condo at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in PA. Your \$60.00 ticket includes a wine reception, dinner & wine, desserts and a beautiful classical guitar performance. The keynote speaker, the Very Rev. Martin Ritsi, Executive Director of OCMC, will be speaking the heart on Missions in Today's World. Please join us in this wonderful benefit for OCMC Missions around the world! Visit our reservation & ticket table during coffee hour or contact Dr. Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Betty Slanta slanta@verizon.net. Thank you!

High School World Languages, Fairfax County Public Schools – Every year, Fairfax County Public Schools offers 7th – 12th Grade students the opportunity to obtain High School credit for their knowledge of a foreign language. Currently 26 world languages are offered as part of this exam, Modern Greek is not one of them. Here is a link that provides additional information: *High School World Languages, Fairfax County Public Schools*. To do so, we need to provide the Fairfax County World Language personnel a list of 200 Fairfax County Public students who are rising 7th graders through 12th graders and know Greek. For more information please contact, pelekasisgreece@yahoo.com.

The Feast Day of Saint George the Great Martyr and triumphant. The Priests of Saint George, Bethesda, MD invite us to join them on Saint George Feast Day for Great Vespers on April 22, 6:30 p.m., and for the Divine Liturgy on April 23 at 9:30 a.m.

Altar Boys – Please join us for an Altar Boy Retreat on Good Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Girls – are invited to help decorate the Kouvouklion (Epitaphio) on Good Friday at 10:00 a.m.

St. Katherine's GOYA will host its annual Basketball Tournament on April 22 and 23, 2017, and invite our parishioners to come and support our GOYA youth! We will publish an Ad Book as our only fundraiser. You may email Elena Lagos at pedakia@aol.com, if you are interested in placing an ad, no later than Monday, April 10th.

Church Services

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

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.

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 Αβελ, 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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