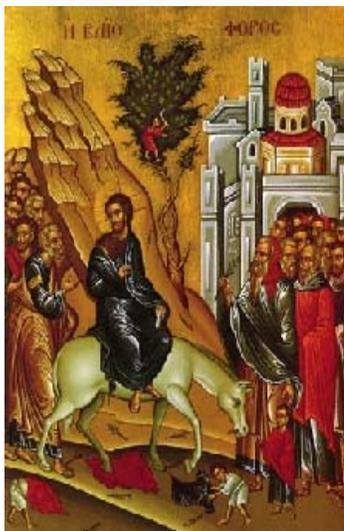


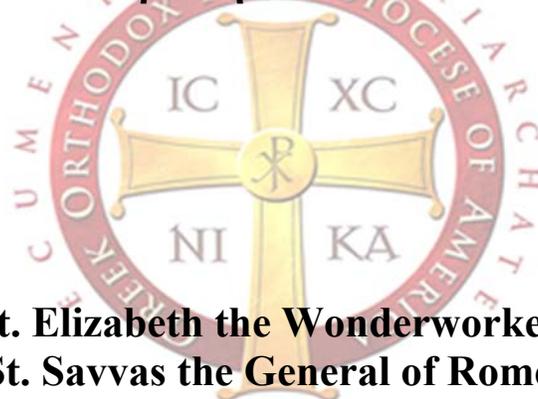
Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, April 24, 2016

Palm Sunday

Κυριακή των Βαΐων



**St. Elizabeth the Wonderworker
St. Savvas the General of Rome**



Apolytikon 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 διά του Βαπτίσματος, Χριστέ ο Θεός ημών, της αθανάτου ζωής ηξιώθημεν τη Αναστάσει σου, και ανυμνούντες κράζομεν.

Ωσαννά εν τοις υψίστοις, ευλογημένος ο ερχόμενος, εν ονόματι Κυρίου.

Apolytikon 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 Χριστού 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 (2nd 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."

Τω θρόνω εν ουρανώ, τω πάλω επί γης, εποχούμενος Χριστέ ο Θεός, των Αγγέλων την αίνεσιν, και των Παίδων ανύμνησιν προσεδέξω βοώντων σοι. «Ευλογημένος ει ο ερχόμενος, τον Αδάμ ανακαλέσασθαι».

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 12:1-18 – Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus 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 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 Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus 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 Lazarus 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.

GOYA is selling ads for their 2016 Basketball Tournament (May 7-8) ad book. Please stop by the GOYA table at coffee hour for more information about the tournament, to place your ad, or pick up a flyer. You can also submit your ad electronically to pedakia@aol.com. Order and payment must be received by Monday, May 2. Thank you in advance for your support

The Saint Katherine HEC Greek School is leading an initiative to include Modern Greek as part of the Fairfax County “credit by exam” program. To do so, we need to collect 200 names of FCPS junior high and high school students who know Greek. If we are successful, our children can obtain high school credit for their knowledge of Greek. If you or your child is currently enrolled in grades 6-12 in a FCPS school and know Greek, please contact pelekasisgreece@yahoo.com to provide your/your child’s information so we can collect the 200 names.

Paideia Bilingual Kindergarten Informational Meeting – Come learn the advantages of our unique Kindergarten program: Greek language immersion, Curriculum based in scientific inquiry, Low teacher – student ratio with highly qualified staff, On-site before and after care, Jr. K/Bridging options. Monday, April 25, 6:30-7:30pm, Hellenic Education Center, 3149 Glen Caryn Rd., Falls Church, VA 22041. www.stkhec.org, 703-671-7715, ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com.

Announcements

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

The Ladies Philoptochos are having their traditional Easter Bake Sale following the Second Divine Liturgy only, this morning. No sales will be available during Holy Week. For more information please contact Mary Varlas, (703) 965-4161 or LPbakesale@yahoo.com.

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.

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.

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 Jatrass heraclius13@gmail.com, 202-375-1007.

Peter Derzis AHEPA Chapter 438 started selling 2016 restaurant raffle tickets after the Liturgy during coffee hour. The cost of the tickets is \$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.

Save the Date! The Metropolitan DC Orthodox Mission and Outreach Committee is again sponsoring a Mission Dinner, at SS Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church, 10620 River Road, Potomac, MD, on Sunday, May 15, beginning with a Pan-Orthodox Vespers at 4:30 p.m., Hors d' Oeuvres and Silent Auction at 5:15 p.m., and the Mission and Missionary presentation at 6:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit the OCMC. The speaker is V. Rev. John Chakos, speaking on "*Guatemala Mission Faces East: The Next Step in Conversion*". For tickets please contact Dr. John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com or Betty Slanta at slanta@verizon.net.

There are three more spots for any girl between the ages of 7-12 who is interested in serving as a Myrrh Bearer on Holy Friday evening. Please contact Christina Vazquez at czvmail@aol.com. Additionally, there will be a mandatory meeting on Holy Friday morning for all Myrrh-Bearers.

Catechetical School Clothes Drive – Thank you to all who donated to our Clothes Drive and to Melanie and Joanna Greig and to Parrish family for transporting the 25 bags of clothing to the Northern Virginia Family Services (NVFS) office. The estimated value of clothing collected was \$2,500! Below are a few words of gratitude from Marlissa Hudson, the community Engagement Specialist, and the Early Head Start Center: "Today has been amazing...we are blown away by the sheer amount of toddler clothes...the gratitude in this place was palpable! Thanks so much for all of your coordination...please pass on to the St. Katherine family just how much it has benefitted our families!"

Diaper Drive – We are doing our semi-annual diaper collection this morning. Collections will take place in the foyer of our Community Center. Please bring unopened packages for newborn to 6. No pull ups please. Federal food stamps cannot be used to buy diapers, so this is a great help to mothers with infants. Thank you.

Church Services

Palm Sunday, April 24 (Evening)
Holy Monday, April 25
Holy Tuesday, April 26
Holy Wednesday, April 27
Holy Thursday, April 28
Holy Friday, April 29
Holy Saturday, April 30
EASTER SUNDAY, May 1

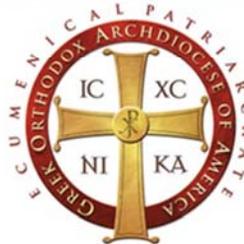
Bridegroom Service – Ακολουθία Νυμφίων 7:00 p.m.
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Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 9:30 a.m.
Holy Unction – Το Άγιο Ευχέλαιο 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Vespers & Liturgy of St. Basil – Εσπερινός & Λειτ. Μ. Βασιλείου 6:00 a.m.
The Holy Passion (12 Gospels) – Τα Άγια Πάθη (12 Ευαγγέλια) 7:00 p.m.
The Great Hours – Οι Μεγάλες Ώρες 9:00 a.m.
Great Vespers & Descent of the Cross – Μ. Εσπερινός & Αποκαθήλωση 3:30 p.m.
The Lamentations (Epitaphios) – Ο Επιτάφιος Θρήνος (Επιφάφιος) 7:00 p.m.
Vespers & Liturgy of St. Basil – Εσπερινός & Λειτουργία Μ. Βασιλείου 9:30 a.m.
Canon Preceding Resurrection 11:00 p.m.; **HOLY RESURRECTION** 12:00 a.m.
Vespers of Love – Εσπερινός Αγάπης 11:00 a.m. – *Easter Egg Hunt*

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.

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http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins



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