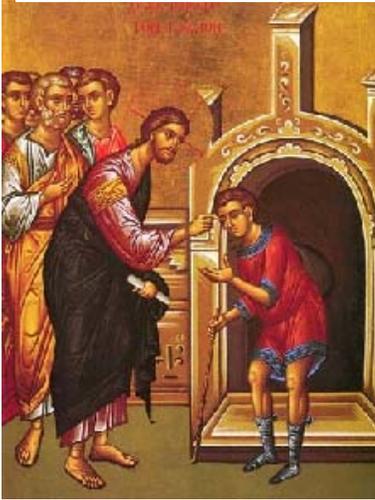


Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, May 13, 2018
Sunday of the Blind Man

Saint Glykeria of Heraclia
Saint Sergios the Confessor
Mother's Day



Apolytikon of the Great and Holy PASCHA (1ST Plagal Tone)

-Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

-Χριστός ανέστη εκ νεκρών, θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας, και τοις εν τοις μνήμασι ζωήν χαρισάμενος.

Resurrectional Apolytikion of the Day (1st Plagal Tone)

-To the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. Of his own will He mounted the cross in the flesh, He suffered death, and raised the dead by his glorious resurrection.

-Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠδύοκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

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.

-Τὴν πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν τὴν θεῖαν καὶ πολιοῦχον Σινά, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν. Ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομπσοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματων τὴ δυνάμει. Καὶ νυν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πάσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of Sunday of the Blind Man (4th Tone)

-I come to You, O Christ, as the man blind from birth. With the eyes of my soul blinded, I cry out to You in repentance, "You are the resplendent Light of those in darkness."

-Τῆς ψυχῆς τα ὀμματα πεπηρωμένος, σοι Χριστέ προσέρχομαι, ὡς ὁ τυφλὸς ἐκ γενετῆς, ἐν μετανοίᾳ κραυγάζων σοι: Σὺ τῶ ἐν σκότει το φως το υπέρλαμπρον.

Epistle Reading

*You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.
The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Acts 16:16-34 – IN THOSE DAYS, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-38 – At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he

could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshipped him.

Announcements

Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη! -- Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Memorial Service is offered this morning for **Eleni Kavarligos**, wife of Mr. George Kavarligos, and mother of Sophia and Tina. May her memory be eternal!

Ladies Philoptochos invite you to a Continental Breakfast on Mother's Day this morning and Father's Day, on Sunday, June 17th following the Divine Liturgy. We will be raising funds for the "Heart to Heart" campaign that will help our brothers and sisters, who are in such financial crisis in Cyprus and Greece. Your donations are welcome. Please make your checks payable to: *The Saint Katherine Ladies Philoptochos*.

Ladies Philoptochos General Meeting will be held next Sunday, May 20, in the boardroom of the Meletis Charuhas Center following the Divine Liturgy.

Calling All Parishioners! The Saint Katherine Spring Festival will be held **June 1, 2 and 3, 2018**. We need YOUR help! To volunteer please go to <http://signup.com/go/apOLOYr> to sign up or email Andrea at andreaballard1@verizon.net or call 703-250-5419.

Sunday School Graduation – Please join us next Sunday, May 20th, after Liturgy in church to honor our Sunday school graduates and to thank and bid farewell to Karen Polizos (16 years), Ray & Christina Vazquez (16 years) and George Moratis (24 years) for their MANY years of service to teaching the Orthodox faith to our youth. Your service is greatly appreciated! Congratulations to our graduates! There will be a pizza and cake reception in the Multipurpose room for Sunday school families following the ceremony.

Teachers Needed for 2018-2019! The 4th-grade and 7th/8th-grade teaching positions are now vacant and available for next year. Please consider stepping up to teach! It is just one hour a week from 9-10 a.m. on Sundays. We are also looking for volunteers who can co-teach or be available for subbing next year. Please contact Bill and/or Eleni Porter at beporter1@verizon.net. Thank you!!

Journey to Orthodoxy – Our "Journey to Orthodoxy" class for adults meets 9:00-10:00 a.m. Sunday before Liturgy. This class is designed for non-Orthodox inquirers as well as Orthodox Christians wanting to learn more about our faith. It is also recommended for newly married couples, particularly where one is not Orthodox. It is informal and all texts are provided. Location is the Seniors' Kentro (downstairs of Chelpon Hall). For more information please contact Dr. John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com, 202-375-1007.

Vacation Bible Camp 2018 – We desperately need 2 teachers, teacher assistants, and kitchen and activity volunteers to pull off another year of VBC!! It will be held the last week of June (25th – 29th) from 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The theme is "The Armor of God!" and we will be covering the Lives of Superhero Saints. Please contact Eleni Porter if you can lend a helping hand!! beporter1@verizon.net or 703-470-9992.

GOYA – 5/13 – SUN – Annapolis GOYA Basketball Tournament.

5/13 – SUN – Youth Church Duty

5/20 – SUN – GOYA Meeting

6/9 – SAT – End of the Year Pool Party at Moratis Home

Camp Good Shepherd – VA – July 8-14

For those who have completed 5th grade – finished high school

Ask Nick for more info! njunes@stkchurch.com.

Scholarship Awards for Graduating Seniors! – The Scholarship Awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet next Sunday, May 20, 2018, at the Hilton Hotel in Rockville, MD. For information, please contact Karen Polizos, (571) 434-7790.

You are invited to join the Gardeners of Saint Phocas – Together we can continue to enhance the gardens of our church. All interested parishioners are asked to contact Linda Jouvanis at ljouvanis@gmail.com. You do not need a green thumb. A joyful spirit will do!

Daughters of Penelope Meeting – Tomorrow evening, Monday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom of the Meletis Charuhas Center, downstairs. **Happy Mother's Day!**

Church Services

Thursday, May 17	The Holy Ascension – Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, May 20	The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. <i>AHEPA Sunday; Sunday School Commencement</i> Vespers at Saints Constantine and Helen 7:00 p.m., 2747 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland
Monday, May 21	Saints Constantine and Helen – Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, May 26	Saturday of Souls – Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, May 27	The Holy Pentecost – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day – Trisagion Prayers at the National Memorial Park 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 at http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins.



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