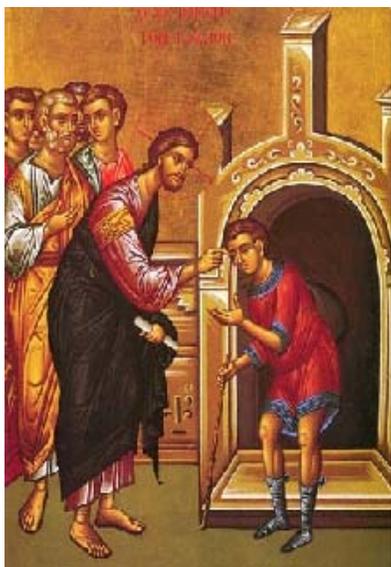


Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, May 17, 2015



**Sunday of the Blind Man
Andronikos & Junia the Martyrs
Righteous Nectarius of Barlaam**



Apolitikion of the Day (1st Plagios 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 ζώνη χαρισάμενος.

Apolitikion of the Day (1st Plagios Tone)

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginated with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness he was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

Τον συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρί και Πνεύματι, τον εκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εις σωτηρίαν ημών, ανυμνήσωμεν πιστοί και προσκυνήσωμεν, ότι ηυδόκησε σαρκί, ανελθειν εν τω σταυρώ, και θάνατον υπομειναι, και εγειραι τους τεθνεώτας, εν τη ενδόξω Αναστάσει αυτου.

Apolitikion 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 Χριστου υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντιληψιν. Οτι επιμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματων τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Plagios Tone)

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the Myrrh-bearing women. Hail, and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

Ει και εν τάφω κατήλθες αθάνατε, αλλά του Άδου καθείλες την δύναμιν, και ανέστης ως νικητής, Χριστέ ο Θεός, γυναιξί Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος. Χαίρετε, και τοις σοις Αποστόλοις ειρήνην δωρούμενος, ο τοις πεσούσι παρέχων ανάστασιν.

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Epistle Reading

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man had 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 the owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace 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 go kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried out 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 worshiped him.

Announcements

GOYA has church duty. Van Strifas is the GOYA Captain and Epistle reader.

The Ladies Philoptochos of Saint Katherine would like to let you know that they have *koulourakia* and *paximathia* available all year long. Please contact Mary Varlas at (703) 965-4161 or Eleni Kanakos at (703) 969-8364. The Ladies Philoptochos will have their **Regular Meeting** this morning immediately following the coffee hour downstairs in the boardroom of the Meletis Charuhas Center. All ladies are welcome to attend. **Coffee Hour** is sponsored this morning by our Ladies Philoptochos.

AHEPA Sunday – This day is the annual commemoration of AHEPA Sunday in recognition of the members of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association and their vital work around the world. The members of AHEPA are offering light, hope and opportunity to many. May God bless you all!

Parents are reminded that *children are not allowed to play on the stage* in the Meletis Charuhas Center during Coffee Hour or other social gatherings. We ask your assistance to prevent injury to the children and damage to curtains and other equipment. Thank you.

New Candle Prices – The Parish Council has approved the following changes to candles available at the pangaria: Red votive candles - \$10; large white candles - \$5; small candles -\$1 (no change). Prices are effective in April.

The 2015 Saint Katherine Vacation Bible Camp still needs teachers and volunteers! Please contact Vicki Mowery at (703) 913-3178 or mowerycrew@gmail.com, or Eleni Porter at (703) 913-9629 or beporter1@verizon.net if you are interested. Camp will take place June 22-26, 2015, 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., ages 4-14. Registration for camp is now closed. Please help us make this a memorable week for our youth. (Sponsored by AHEPA Chapter #438).

HEC will offer a 7-week period of summer fun to 3 - 5 year-old children in our Summer Camp Program, June 29 - August 14, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. For more information, please contact the director at eaalexopoulou@stkchurch.com.

Food Pantry – Our next collection for the food pantry mission at our neighbor church, Columbia Baptist Crossroads on Glen Carlyn Road, is this Sunday. Thank you for your contributions for the destitute, which have been totaling a thousand pounds of food per collection. We also welcome your help in taking the food to Columbia Baptist and shelving it this morning at 10:30 a.m. If you would like to be involved, contact Marilyn Rouvelas at mrouvelas@verizon.net.

Save the date: The Philoptochos Annual Dinner will be on June 9, at 6:00 p.m., at Anthony's Restaurant in Falls Church. Complete dinner – mezethakia, entrée, wine, dessert, etc., including gratuity \$30.00 per person. Additional information to follow.

Gentle Exercise Class – Reduce stress, lower blood pressure, gain flexibility, balance and circulation. Class includes deep breathing, stretching, balance, meditation and deep relaxation. Open to men and women of all ages and all fitness levels. 6 weeks for \$60.00, drop-in's \$12.00, payable to Saint Katherine. Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., May 6 through June 10, held at Saint Katherine in large classroom across from board room. Bring a yoga mat, cushion and blanket. For further information contact Tina Ligelis at (703) 845-0520 or LigelisCPA@aol.com.

Camp Good Shepherd – June 28th (2:00 p.m. check in) – **July 3rd** (2:30 p.m. pick up) for grades 6th-12th. Location: Camp Piankatank (1586 Stampers Bay Road, Hartfield, VA 23071). Cost: \$495.00 by June 1st, \$545 after June 1st. Theme: *Living the Good Life – The Beatitudes*. Scholarships are available by contacting the Metropolis Youth Office at (908) 301-0500 or by email dnphilotheos@nj.goarch.org. Registration: <http://h3981838.ath.cx:8111/CGSONline/login.html;jsessionid=EADCE6B54FD4DEA9CFE6CC48A7170195>. Additional information: <http://nj.goarch.org/youthyal/goodshepherd.htm>.

St. Phoebe Center Southern Regional Chapter will be presenting a Pan-Orthodox program, “*Restoring the Holy Orthodox Tradition of Deaconesses*” at St. Katherine's in the Hellenic Education Center on Thursday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m. RSVP and further information: mrouvelas@verizon.net, www.orthodoxdeaconess.org.

St. Theodore's Festival (7101 Cipriano Rd., Lanham, MD 20706, 301-552-3540) – This Sunday, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sts. Peter & Paul Festival (920 West 7th St., Frederick, MD 21701, 301-663-0663) – This Sunday, 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey proudly presents a Metropolitan Concert – Areti Ketime, “*The Angelic Voice*”, “*East meets West...Musical Bridges*”, performing for the first time in U.S., Sunday, May 31, 6:00 p.m., St. Nicholas Community Center, Greek Town Square, Baltimore, MD. Tickets/Info: specialevents@nj.goarch.org, 908-301-0500 or call Mrs. Katherine Cavallo, 703-978-1539. All proceeds will benefit the ministries of our New Jersey Metropolis.

SAINT KATHERINE SPRING 2015 GREEK FESTIVAL – JUNE 5, 6 and 7 – Please get involved! Our Spring Festival is made possible by the combined efforts of many volunteers just like you! The success of our Festival depends on the support of all parishioners. Proceeds from our Festival assist Saint Katherine in continuing its ministries and programs. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Andrea Ballard at (703) 250-5419 or andreaballard1@verizon.net.

Church Services

Thursday, May 21

The Holy Ascension – Της Αναλήψεως
Sts. Constantine and Helen, Equal-to-the Apostles
Αγ. Κωνσταντίνου και Ελένης των Ισαποστόλων
Orthros 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 24

Father of the First Ecumenical Council – Οι Αγ. Πατέρες της Α' Οικ. Συνόδου
Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m. (*One Liturgy*)

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day
Trisagion Prayers at the National Memorial Park Cemetery 10:00 a.m.

Please note:

One Liturgy on Sundays, May 24, and May 31.

One Liturgy on Sundays of June, July, August and until September 13.

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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