

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, May 29, 2016
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
Κυριακή της Σαμαρείτιδος

St. Theodosia of Tyre
St. Theodosia of Constantinople



Apolytikion 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.

Apolytikion of the Day (4th Tone)

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spoke to the Apostles exultantly. Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Το φαιδρόν της Αναστάσεως κήρυγμα, εκ του Αγγέλου μαθούσαι αι του Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, και την προγονικήν απόφαισιν απορρίψασαι, τοις Αποστόλοις καυχώμεναι έλεγον. Εσκύλευται ο θάνατος, ηγέρθη Χριστός ο Θεός, δωρούμενος τω κόσμω το μέγα έλεος.

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.

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντίληψιν. Ότι επίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματων τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Plagal 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.

Epistle Reading

O Lord, how manifold are your works. You have made all things in wisdom. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 11:19-30 – In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Gospel Reading

John 4:5-42 – At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice

together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

Announcements

Memorial Service is offered this morning for **Paul Gianelos**, son of Mrs. Helen Gianelos and brother of Jim and Tom. May his memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by Mrs. Helen Gianelos and family in memory of her beloved son, Paul Gianelos.

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.

Need for Catechetical School Teachers – A few of our dearly loved Sunday School teachers will be stepping down after many years of service. As a result, we need stewards who are willing to fill these openings for the continued Christian Education of our children. We are looking to fill these positions for the 2016-2017 school year, so please contact Bill and/or Elaine Porter at beporter1@verizon.net ASAP. Thank you in advance!

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.

Kindergarten Teacher – The Hellenic Education Center in Falls Church is seeking for an English language teacher for its inaugural kindergarten class for 2016-2017. This is a 6 time position (4.5 hours daily) in a Greek immersion program. This position can be turned into a full time position by adding a preschool class or before/after care responsibilities, according to the candidate's preference. Learn more about our school at ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com or www.stkhec.org.

Philoptochos Annual Luncheon – You are invited, with your husband, to attend our luncheon on June 11, at 1:00 p.m., at Nostos Restaurant, 8100 Boone Blvd., Vienna, near Tysons I. Menu choice: Lamb riganato, chicken, or salmon. Tickets \$40.00, which includes tax and gratuity. Reservations and pre-payment required by June 1st. Please, RSVP to Mary Drakoulis – Marydrak3gmail.com or (703) 273-4159

Saint Katherine's Spring Greek Festival – Next weekend, June 3, 4, & 5, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. 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 her ministries and programs. To volunteer you can use the link: <http://vols.pt/7nWYJc>. For any questions, please contact Andrea Ballard at (703) 250-5419 or andreaballard1@verizon.net.

Book and Author Signing! Please join us on **Sunday, June 5, 2016** (after Divine Liturgy and during the Spring Festival, **from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.**). This special event features St. Katherine's **Marilyn Rouvelas**, author of *St. Anthony the Great* (a children's picture book), and **Dr. Joan Markessini**, author of *Around the World of Orthodox Christianity - Five Hundred Million Strong: The Unifying Aesthetic Beauty*. These books contain beautiful illustrations and photographs and will make a welcome addition to your home library.

Our Missions and Outreach Committee will have their next meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of our Community Center. All are welcome to attend.

Church Services

Monday, May 30	Memorial Day – Trisagion at the National Memorial Park 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, June 5	Sunday of the Blind Man – Κυριακή του Τυφλού Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, June 9	Holy Ascension – Της Αναλήψεως Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, June 12	Fathers of the First Ecumenical Synod – Των Αγ. Πατέρων της Α' Οικουμ. Συνόδου Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, June 18	Saturday of Souls – Ψυχοσάββατον , Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, June 19	Holy Pentecost – Της Αγίας Πεντηκοστής Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. – <i>Father's Day</i>

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.

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