

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, May 31, 2015



Apolytikion of the Day (4th Plagios Tone)

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast shown forth the fishermen as supremely wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them didst draw the world into Thy net. O Befriender of man, glory be to Thee.

Ευλογητός ει Χριστέ ο Θεός ημών ο πανσόφους τους αλιείς αναδείξας καταπέμψας αυτοίς το Πνεύμα το άγιον και δι' αυτών την οικουμένην σαγηνεύσας φιλόανθρωπε δόξα Σοι.

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 εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Tone)

Once, when He descended and confounded the tongues, the Most High divided the nations; and when He divided the tongues of fire, He called all men into unity; and with one accord we glorify All-holy Spirit.

Ότε καταβάς τας γλώσσας συνέχεε, διεμέριζεν έθνη ο Ύψιστος. Ότε του πυρός τας γλώσσας διένειμεν, εις ενότητα πάντας εκάλεσε, και συμφώνως δοξάζομεν το πανάγιον Πνεύμα.

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Epistle Reading

Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

The heavens declare the glory of God.

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 2:1-11 – When the day of Pentecost has come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in their own tongues the mighty works of God.”

Gospel Reading

John 7:37-52, 8:12 – On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, “If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This is really the prophet.” Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priest and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not bring him?” The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this man!” The Pharisees answered them, “Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed.” Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, “Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?” They replied, “Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee.” Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Our Saint Katherine parish is pleased to welcome Metropolitan Kallistos Ware, from Oxford, England, for a Pan Orthodox Vespers on Saturday, June 13th, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. and Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 14th. Following Vespers on Saturday, he will make a presentation “*Divine Compassion and Restoring the Human Icon*” in the church. Metropolitan Kallistos is one of our foremost Orthodox theologians today. Immediately following the presentation there will be a meal served in our Community Center. Metropolitan Kallistos’ books will be available for purchase and for signing. If you would like to take part in the meal will be a \$15.00 charge, payable on site (children less than 12 are free). Please confirm your attendance at the meal with demakis9931@gmail.com or slanta@verizon.com.

Announcements

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.

Sunday (Catechetical) School Graduation is taking place this morning in church following the Divine Liturgy. After Graduation a reception with pizza and refreshments will be served in the Founders' (small) Hall for Sunday School students and their parents. Thank you for your efforts of coming to Sunday School every Sunday and learning our faith. Have all a restful and blessed summer, and see you for Sunday School again in September.

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.

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 aalexopoulou@stkchurch.com.

The Philoptochos Annual Dinner will be at the Anthony's Restaurant, Falls Church, this year, on June 9th, at 6:00 p.m. You are all invited to come! Dinner includes: Mezethakia, salad, choice of oven-roasted chicken with potatoes, or lamb shank with rice, wine, galaktoboureko, cost, including gratuity \$30.00. Please, make your reservations by calling Mary Drakoulis at (703) 273-4159.

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 17, 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. Class will not be held on May 27th.

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 Stammers 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 dphilothos@nj.goarch.org. Registration: <http://h3981838.ath.cx:8111/CGSOnline/login.html;jsessionid=EADCE6B54FD4DEA9CFE6CC48A7170195>. Additional information: <http://nj.goarch.org/youthyal/goodshepherd.htm>.

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., this 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.

Church Services

Sunday, June 7

All Saints – Των Αγίων Πάντων

Orthros 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Monday, June 8

Apostles Fast Begins – Αρχεται η Νηστεία των Αποστόλων

Sunday, June 14

2nd Sunday of Matthew – Β' Κυριακή Ματθαίου

Orthros 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Please note that during Summer Sunday Orthros/Divine Liturgy times are 8:30 a.m./9:30 a.m., and Week Days Orthros/Divine Liturgy times are 9:30 a.m./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 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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