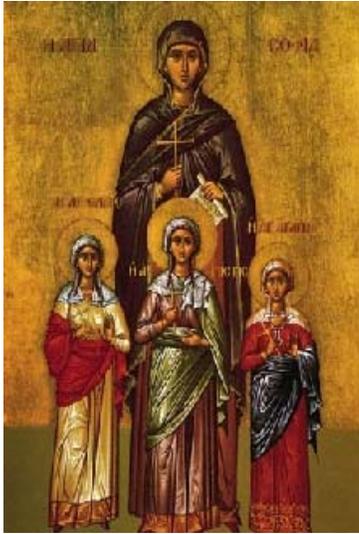


Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, September 17, 2017

Sunday after Holy Cross



Saint Sophia and her Three
Daughters, Faith, Hope, & Love
Saints Herakleides and Myron



Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Plagal Tone)

Angelic powers were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. O Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμᾳ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε 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.

Τὴν πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αἰκατερίναν τὴν θεῖαν καὶ πολιούχον Σινά, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν. Ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομπσοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆς δυνάμει. Καὶ νυν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πάσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Tone)

Lifted up on the Cross by Your free will, Christ God, grant mercies to the new commonwealth that bears Your name. Gladden our faithful rulers by Your power, giving them victories over their adversaries. May Your alliance be for them a weapon for peace, an invincible standard.

Ὁ υψωθείς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ ἐκουσίως, τῆ ἐπωνύμῳ σου καινὴ πολιτεία, τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου δώρησαι, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, Εὐφρανὸν ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου, τοὺς πιστοὺς Βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν, νίκας χορηγῶν αὐτοῖς, κατὰ τῶν πολεμίων, τὴν συμμαχίαν ἔχοιεν τὴν σὴν, ὄπλον εἰρήνης, ἀήττητον τρόπαιον.

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Epistle Reading

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

Galatians 2:16-20 – Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:34-38, 9:1 – The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

--JOURNEY TO ORTHODOXY: This is a reminder that the "Journey to Orthodoxy" class for adults meets 9-10 AM Sunday (before Liturgy, concurrently with the Sunday School). The class is designed for non-Orthodox inquirers into Orthodoxy as well as for Orthodox Christians who want to know more about the teachings, practices, history, and contemporary life of our Orthodox Church. It is also recommended for intending or newly married couples, especially where one spouse is not Orthodox. The class is held in an informal discussion format. Text is provided. We meet at in the Seniors' Kentro room on the ground floor of Founders' Hall. For further information contact the teachers, John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com 202 375-1007.

Philoptochos – Will have its monthly meeting this morning immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Board room. Coffee will be served in the Board room.

-Every Sunday, in the month of September, we will be accepting donations for the victims of tropical storm Harvey during the coffee hour.

-Save the date on Sunday, October 22, 2017 for the Annual Tea to benefit the Agape Foundation at Saints Peter and Paul, Greek Orthodox Church, Frederick Md., 2:00-4:00p.m.

FEED THE HOMELESS – We will go to the Bailey's Crossroads Homeless Shelter on Tuesday, September 12 to feed the homeless. If you would like to join us, please be at Saint Katherine by 5:15 p.m. to help load the cars with the food. Serving will start at 6:00 p.m. and we will be finished by 6:30 p.m. If you plan to come, please notify Dr. John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com.

GOYA

- 9/19 – TUE – Bible Study and Fellowship – 6:30-8pm – Bill and Eleni Porter's Home
- 9/23 – SAT – Service Saturday – Columbia Baptist Church Food Pantry 8:45am-12pm
- 9/24 – SUN – Youth Church Duty and 1st GOYA meeting (officer elections)
- 10/14 – SAT/SUN – Lock-In at SS. Constantine and Helen Richmond
- Basketball Practice – BOYS Wednesday 6:30-8pm, GIRLS Thursday 6:30-8pm

Young Adults

- 9/21 – THU – Third Thursday Fellowship – Zorba's Café
- 9/23 – SAT – Service Saturday – Columbia Baptist Church Food Pantry 8:45am-12pm

Altar Boys

- 9/17 – SUN – Brief orientation in church after Divine Liturgy - All boys 8 years and up are welcome!

For all things youth related please contact Nick Junes, Pastoral Assistant and Youth Director – njunes@stkchurch.com.

Announcements

Memorial Services are offered this morning for **Barbara Euripides**, wife of Mr. Charles Euripides, and father of Chris, Michael and Costa; and for **James Thomas**, husband of Mrs. Mary Thomas and father of Helen and Suzanne. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by Mr. Charles Euripides and family in memory of his beloved wife, Barbara Euripides.

Sunday School News – Thank you to Aspasia Wooldridge and Maria Angelidis for volunteering to teach our Pre-Kindergarten students! We are greatly appreciative to both of you!

-Sunday school classes begin this morning. You may register your children via Google forms <https://goo.gl/forms/kjXAXLd3AkVqinm2>, printing a form from the Saint Katherine's website, or filling out a form at the registration table today after Liturgy in the community center lobby.

Our NEW email will be stksundayschool@gmail.com.



Registration for the 2017-2018 HEC school year is now open for both Paideia Preschool and Greek School. Forms can be downloaded from HEC website (www.stkhec.org) or picked-up in the school office.

Registration for Greek Adult classes – Classes begin in September, Beginners Greek I and II on Tuesday evenings, and Intermediate and Advanced Greek on Thursday evenings. Contact Eleni Alexopoulou, with any questions, ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com.

Choir – Our first Sunday singing will be for the Divine Liturgy on September 10. Regular rehearsals will be on Thursdays at 7:30. If you have a decent voice and are willing to give of your time and talents, please consider joining us. Contact Nick Kyrus at 703-981-2526 or nbkkyrus@comcast.net.



SAVE THE DATE – Saint Katherine Annual GALA, Sunday, November 19 at the Hilton McLean.

Join us as we gather to give thanks for our community's many blessings and recognize this year's worthy honorees for their devoted service to our community – Presvytera Pauline Pavlakos and the Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter 438.



MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE – We are pleased to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the

Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at <http://saint-katherines.org>
- 2) Click on the **Online Donation** button,
- 3) Click on the Create Profile button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.



To reach the online giving page using your smartphone or tablet, simply scan our QR code to sign up and start giving. Our new **Giving Kiosk** is also available in the Narthex for your convenience.

Warm Clothing Drive - The Daughters of Penelope and our Philoptochos are collecting hoodies, sweatshirts, and jackets Sept 3 - Oct 29. Sizes needed are for children, teens and adults. Donations must be new (preferred) or items in perfect and clean condition. Drop your donations in the box in the hall foyer after church or directly to the church office. You can sign up to donate at: <http://bit.ly/KeepWarm2017>. Monetary donations are welcome, payable to DOP-Helle 283 and mail to Karen Polizos, 903 Holly Creek Drive, Great Falls, VA 22066, which will be used to purchase items needed. Thank you for supporting this worthy effort!



AHEPA Christmas Ornaments – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce our **Tenth Annual Community Christmas Ornament**. These collectable ornaments have grown in popularity from year to year and **they will be available for purchase at our Fall Festival**. Our latest limited edition ornament, entitled “**Evzone Nutcracker**” is a whimsical portrayal of a classic Christmas image with a Hellenic twist that is sure to delight young and old. Manufactured by the same firm that creates the famous White House Christmas ornaments, they make excellent gifts and are the ideal stocking stuffer. Your purchases help make our philanthropy in support of our community and Hellenic ideals possible! For additional information, call 703-671-7225.

Kairos Prison Ministry – We will bake cookies for Kairos Prison Ministry on Sunday, October 1st after the Divine Liturgy. If you can, please come in the kitchen and help us. For any questions, please contact Dennis Garbis at djgarbis@envdes.com.

Church Services

Sunday, September 24 *1st Sunday of Luke* – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 26 *Falling Asleep of Saint John the Theologian* – Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 1 *Holy Protection of Theotokos* – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 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 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.

The Sunday bulletin is available online at http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins.



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