Sunday, October 15, 2017
Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

St. Loukianos of Antioch
St. Savinos, Bishop of Catania

Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Tone)
When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

Άτε κατήλθες προς τον θάνατον, η ζωή η αθάνατος, τότε τον Άδην ενέκρωσας, τη αστραπή της θεότητος. Ότε δε και τους τεθνεότας, εκ των καταχθονίων ανέστησας, πάσαι αι δυνάμεις των επουρανίων εκραύγαζον: Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ο Θεός ημών, 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 Πνεύματον τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (2nd Tone)
O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίρητην, μεσημβρία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετη. Μὴ παρίδῃς ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἄλλα πρόφθασον, ὡς ἁγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶν κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς προσβείαν, καὶ σπεύσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατευοῦσα άει, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμῶντων σε.
Epistle Reading

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous.
Blessed are they whose transgressions have been forgiven.

The reading is from St. Paul’s Letter to Titus.

Titus 3:8-15 – Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Luke 8:5-15 – The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Anthony Katsakis, husband of Mrs. Marlene Katsakis and father of Melinda, Michelle, Nicholas and Katerina; and for Anthony L. Yianilos, husband of Mrs. Diane Yianilos, and father of Jason and Christopher Yianilos and Andrea Walkup; and for Nikolaos Harokopos, husband of Mrs. Maria Harokopos and father of Ourania and Konstantinos. May their memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by the Katsakis and Yianilos Families in memory of their loved ones.

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.

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.

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!

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.

Save the date, October 29, 2017 – Turning stress into strength through the Jesus Prayer, presented by Dean Chelpon LCSW after Liturgy in the Chelpon Hall. All are welcome, light refreshments will be served. The presentation is sponsored by the Daughters of Penelope and AHEPA.

Philoptochos – October is Cancer Awareness month. We are accepting donations every Sunday till the end of the month during coffee hour “Give Cancer the boot”. October 22 is “Agape Tea” at Saints Peter and Paul”, Frederick, MD, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Ladies Philoptochos, along with the Daughters of Penelope, are collecting coats every Sunday thru October, in the Meletis Charuhas Center. Seniors Thanksgiving luncheon will take place on November 9th.

Food Pantry – Today and October 22 volunteers will be handing out empty blue bags for donations to the St. Katherine Food Pantry located at Columbia Baptist Crossroads Church several blocks away. Each bag has a suggested list of nutritious food for hungry families. Please take a bag and bring back brimming to the foyer of the community center on Sunday, October 29. Thank you for your support of our bi-annual food drive!

St. Katherine’s Paideia Preschool will be hosting their Annual Fall Family Fun Night on November 4th, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will include raffles, prizes, face painting, magic show and more! Join us for this fun filled event for all ages! Tickets (adults $30.00 and kids 2 and over $10.00) can be purchased on DCGreeks.com. For more information please contact mdliakos@aol.com.
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.