

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, October 28, 2012

7th Sunday of Luke



The Holy Protection of the Theotokos
Holy Martyrs Terrence and Eunice
Our Righteous Father Steven the Sabbaiter
Athanasius, Patriarch of Constantinople
Angelis, Manuel, George, & Nicholas, New
Martyrs of Crete



Apolytikion of the Day (Fourth Tone)

The women disciples of the Lord heard from the angel, the joyful news of the Resurrection and the repeal of the sentence imposed upon our forefathers. With pride they said to the Apostles, "Death is vanquished, Christ our God is risen bestowing upon the world His great mercy."

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion for the Holy Protection of the Theotokos

O Virgin, we extol the great grace of thy Protection, which thou didst spread out like a bright cloud beyond all understanding; for thou dost invisibly protect thy people from the foe's every assault. Since we have thee as our shelter and certain help, we cry to thee with our whole soul: Glory to thy great deeds, O most pure Maid. Glory to thy shelter most divine. Glory to thy care and providence for us, O spotless one.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (First Plagios Tone)

The all-blessed bride of Christ let us extol 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 us.

Τὴν πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν τὴν θεῖαν καὶ πολιοῦχον Σινά, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν, ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆ δυνάμει. Καὶ ὡς μάρτυς τοῦ Κυρίου στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πάσι, τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (Second 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.

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Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7 - BRETHREN, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

Gospel Reading

Luke 8:41-56 - 7th Sunday of Luke - At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Wisdom of the Church Fathers

He puts an end to the woman's fear ... He sets her right, in respect of her thinking to be hid ... He exhibits her faith to all, so as to provoke the rest also to emulation ...

At the same time both signifying that it is easy for Him to raise the dead ... and also teaching us not to fear death; for that it is not death, but is henceforth become a sleep.

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 31 on Mathew 9
4th Century

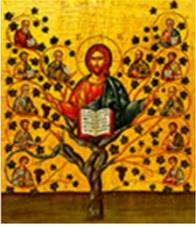
Lives of the Saints

Saint Demetrios, the Myrrh-streamer



Saint Demetrios was a Thessalonian, a most pious son of pious and noble parents, and a teacher of the Faith of Christ. When Maximian first came to Thessalonica in 290, he raised the Saint to the rank of Duke of Thessaly. But when it was discovered that the Saint was a Christian, he was arrested and kept bound in a bath-house. While the games were under way in the city, Maximian was a spectator there. A certain friend of his, a barbarian who was a notable wrestler, Lyaeus by name, waxing haughty because of the height and strength of his body, boasted in the stadium and challenged the citizens to a contest with him. All that fought with him were defeated. Seeing this, a certain youth named Nestor, acquaintance of Demetrios', came to the Saint in the bath-house and asked his blessing to fight Lyaeus single-handed. Receiving this blessing and sealing himself with the sign of the precious Cross, he presented himself in the stadium, and said, "O God of Demetrios, help me!" and straightway he engaged Lyaeus in combat and smote him with a mortal blow to the heart, leaving the former boaster lifeless upon the earth. Maximian was sorely grieved over this, and when he learned who was the cause of this defeat, he commanded straightway and Demetrios was pierced with lances while he was yet in the bath-house. As for Nestor, Maximian commanded that he be slain with his own sword.

Stewardship



Psalm 116 asks: “What shall I give to the Lord in return for all His benefits toward me?” The answer comes in the Divine Liturgy when we are invited to “offer ourselves and our whole life to Christ our God.” We bear fruit for Jesus Christ when follow His example and love, serve and support the Church which is His Body. When we abide in Christ, we express this through generosity and devotion, especially in our financial stewardship and acts of personal generosity. Bearing fruit in the world is the visible result of our abiding in Christ. **Stewardship Sunday is TODAY...**please reflect on your blessings as you contemplate your commitment to our community. We are honored to welcome **Bill Marianes** who will deliver today’s homily & also address our Adult Catechism Class.

Announcements



Memorial Services are offered this morning for **Minnie Margaret Caridakis**, mother of Cathleen Hall, Frank, George and Thomas Caridakis, and also for **Fr. George Dimopoulos** of Annunciation Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA, and father of Art Dimopoulos. May their memory be eternal! **Coffee Hour** is sponsored by the Hall and Caridakis families in memory of their beloved mother, and also by the Macedonian Organization.



On the occasion of **OXI Day** - October 28, 1940 - a **Doxology** will take place this morning, as well as an **Artoklasia** offered by the Macedonian Association of the Greater Washington Area. A **Trisagion** will be offered

Saint Katherine Annual Dance – Enjoy a fun evening Saturday, November 10, 7:00 p.m. to midnight at the Meletis Charuhas Hall. Mezedakia, live band (Golden Flame), Cash Bar: beer, wine & sodas. Tickets: \$25/adults & \$15/children. Reservations: George Moshos, 202-409-2302 or Andrea Ballard, 703-250-5419.

Orthodoxy 101 – Six sessions covering the fundamental teaching of the Orthodox Church. These classes provide a friendly and open forum for your questions and concerns on Sundays, November 4 - December 16 (no session 11-25), 9:30-10:30 a.m. in our community center. Contact Fr. Costas, frcostas@stkchurch.com.

On Sunday, **November 4th**, our **Philoptochos** will pass a second tray during both Liturgies on the feastday of Saints Cosmas and Damianos (November 1st), their patron Saints. All proceeds will benefit our Patriarchate in Constantinople. The coffee hour will be sponsored by our Philoptochos.

Flu Shots will be available to our community on **Sunday, Nov 4**, after each liturgy in the Community Center. Licensed healthcare professionals will administer the influenza vaccine at a cost of \$20. Medicare, Cigna, United Healthcare insurances accepted with no out of pocket costs.

The **Daughters of Penelope Helle Chapter #238** is sponsoring a drive for new winter jackets for abused and homeless children. This year, there will be a box and an Angel Tree in the foyer of the Meletis Charuhas Center from October 21st – November 11th. “Be an Angel and Pick Out an Angel!” Jackets can be dropped off on Sundays. Checks payable to Helle Chapter #238 are also welcomed. The **Daughters of Penelope** and **St. Katherine’s Ladies Philoptochos** will also host a **Christmas Luncheon** Sunday, December 2 at 12:30 p.m. at the Westwood Country Club, Vienna, VA. Cost is \$40/adults, \$20/children 10 & under. Special Christmas chorale performance & annual charity raffle featured. RSVP to Kathy Anitole-Misleh at 703-448-0296 by 11/23.



AHEPA Christmas Ornaments – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce the arrival of our Fifth Annual Community Christmas Ornament. This stunning three-dimensional ornament is entitled “*Snowflakes from Mt. Athos*” and depicts the Byzantine Eagle among 25 sparkling snowflakes as it soars over Mt. Athos. They make excellent gifts – an ideal stocking stuffer. Ornaments are available for sale after Liturgies. Supplies are limited...start your Christmas shopping early! Contact antovi@verizon.net or call 703-929-6110.

“Snowflakes from Mt. Athos”

Church Services

Sunday, November 4	Fifth Sunday of Luke Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Orthros and Catechetical School 9:30 a.m.
Friday, November 9	Saint Nektarios, the Wonderworker Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, November 11	Eighth Sunday of Luke Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Orthros and Catechetical School 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, November 13	Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Friday, November 16	Saint Mathew the Apostle and Evangelist Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, November 18	Ninth Sunday of Luke (Hierarchical Visit, His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos) Orthros 9:15 a.m.; Catechetical School 9:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sacraments

Congratulations to Konstantinos & Isabelle B. Kollias on the baptism of their son **Stephanos Nestor** on October 27, 2012.

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 μόνογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.



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