

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, November 18, 2018
9th Sunday of Luke

Plato the Great Martyr of Ancyra
Holy Martyr Romanus



Apolytikion of the Day (4th Plagal Tone)

From on high didst Thou descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days hast Thou submitted that Thou mightest free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν καταδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, 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, Αικατερίναν τὴν θεϊαν καὶ πολιούχον Σινά, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν. Ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆς δυνάμει. Καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πάσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Tone)

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

Ὁ καθαρῶτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτήρος, ἡ πολυτίμητος παστάς καὶ Παρθένος, τὸ ἱερόν θησαύρισμα τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ, σήμερον εἰσάγεται, ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Κυρίου, τὴν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τὴν ἐν Πνεύματι θεῷ, ἣν ἀνυμνοῦσιν Ἄγγελοι Θεοῦ, Αὕτη ὑπάρχει σκηνὴ ἐπουράνιος.

Epistle Reading

*Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.
God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.
The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.*

Ephesians 4:1-7 – Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:16-21 – The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Adult Bible Study – This year's topic is *Who We are and What We Believe: A Journey through Examination of the Orthodox Faith Guided by the Words of the Nicene Creed*. The objective will be to broaden the understanding of our own Orthodox faith and deepen our spiritual outlooks. We will explore the significance of the Creed for how we live our faith now as individuals and as "one, holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church." Classes are held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the board room of the Meletis Charuhas Center. For more information or questions, please contact Bill Polizos at 571-434-7790 or polizos@att.com. Everyone welcome!

George Mason University Orthodox Christian Fellowship is for any Orthodox student. Please send us your contact information, e-mail, to be put on list. Spiritual Leader: Rev. Fr. Costas Pavlakos, fcostas@stkchurch.com; Student Leader: Christina Makhlof, cmakhlou@masonlive.gmu.edu.

The Laconian Association will be hosting their 83rd Annual Dance on Friday, November 23, 2018, at 8:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. at the Tyson's Marriott (8028 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22182). Greek and American music by Nikos Koutras, Band and DJ Xenia. Compliments and hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, raffle prizes, free parking. Adults \$50.00, students 12+ \$35.00, children under 12, free. For information and reservations, please contact John Goranitis, 571-238-3015 or Elaine Pristouris, 703-424.6521, elaine.pristouris@yahoo.com.

Congratulations to our GOYAns and their Coaches on another successful Basketball Tournament weekend! Our Girls A, Girls B and Boys B teams all won the Championship and our Boys A team came in 3rd place at our Annual Basketball Tournament, last weekend!

Please pray for Mike Bosworth and Betty Slanta who arrived for their short-term medical mission trip. (They flew into Mexico City, had an orientation there, and then took a ten-hour bus trip to the Mayan region of Guatemala.) They are in church in Aguacate, Guatemala, a rural village in the northern mountainous region where over 150,000 people have converted to Orthodoxy! They will be working hard at a medical clinic which is making a difference in the health and lives of thousands of individuals. Thank you for your prayers that they may minister the love to Christ to all they meet, and for their safe passage and return! We will be excited to learn about their trip.

2018 Community Christmas Card – You are invited to participate in the Annual Christmas Card of our parish. It will be mailed by the Church Office to everyone on our mailing list. Please send your name, as you wish it to appear in the Card, English or Greek, to the Church Office, no later than Monday, December 10, 2018. Thank you!



Announcements



Youth Church Duty this Sunday! **Edward Parrish** is the Epistle reader.

Memorial Service is offered this morning for **Reverend Father George Calciu**, spiritual father of Iacovos Ioannou; and for **Kostas & Eugenia, and Dimitrios Poulos**, parents and brother of Pete Poulos. May their memory be eternal!

We welcome home this morning Father Andrew and Presvytera Caroline Pavlakos! *Καλωσορίσατε!*

Coffee Hour is sponsored this morning by our Saint Katherine's Ladies Philoptochos.

Philoptochos Events: Thanksgiving Bake Sale – This morning, following the Divine Liturgy.

Christmas Luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Westwood Country Club (800 Maple Avenue, E., Vienna, VA.). Please contact Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161 to reserve your ticket(s). Reservations are required and payments must be received by Monday, November 26. Payments will not be accepted at the door. Please make checks payable to *Ladies Philoptochos* and on memo line please note, *Christmas Luncheon*.

Sale of handmade hats and scarves – This morning and on Sundays, December 9, 16, and 23, following the Divine Liturgy. **Christmas Bake Sale** – Sunday, December 16 and 23, following the Divine Liturgy.

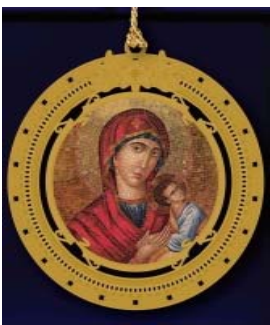
For more information see us at Coffee Hour or call Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161.



Our Capital Campaign begun in September to address the abundant needs of our community. We solicit your support and encourage your prayerful consideration of this most worthy endeavor in support of “our families, our church, our future.” Please contact us at capcampaign@stkchurch.com with your questions.

JOURNEY TO ORTHODOXY – Our “Journey to Orthodoxy” class for adults begins September 23, meeting 9-10 a.m. Sunday in the Seniors Kentro room in Chelpon Hall. The class is held in an informal discussion format and 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. Text is provided. Contact John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com, 202-375-1007 for additional information.

Catechetical Lectures of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem – A Greek Bible Study led by Professor Ioannis Gkigkitzis. The Adult Catechism and Sacraments class “Catechetical Lecture of Saint Cyril” is taking place on Wednesdays. Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. This includes time for discussion and fellowship.



AHEPA Christmas Ornaments – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce our **11th Annual Community Christmas Ornament**. These collectable ornaments have grown in popularity from year to year. Our latest limited edition ornament, entitled “**Theotokos & Child**” is a classic and revered icon and mosaic appearing over our sanctuary entrance that, for the first time ever, will be available in the *beautiful “sun catcher” format* that makes a brilliant display allowing daylight to further enhance the icon’s classic beauty, enabling its use year round. 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 enable our philanthropy in support of our community and Hellenic ideals! For additional information, call 703-671-7225.

“PROJECT MEXICO 2019 – Hello friends! We have reserved our week for our 2019 Annual Homebuilding Trip to Rosarito, Mexico. The week is July 30 – August 5, 2019!! We have reserved 10 slots for the trip and need to confirm our volunteers by this December. We already have 3 interested parties! If you want to be a part of our team, you can contact me at the following, wepor1@fcp.edu or 703-901-2404. *In His Grip, Bill Porter*

Daughters of Penelope Meeting – This morning after Liturgy. This month we will be collecting women's personal hygiene articles and undergarments. These items are for homeless and underprivileged teens and women. We are supporting an organization called BRAWS (Bringing Resources to Aid Women's Shelters). A box will be placed in the foyer of the Meletis Charuhas Center every Sunday after Liturgy for collection. Please help us with this mission.

DIAPER DRIVE MINISTRY – Our semi-annual diaper drive will be on Sunday, December 9, 2018. Please bring disposable diapers sizes newborn to 6 (no pull ups) and drop them off in the Meletis Charuhas Center that Sunday morning. Volunteers from our Mission and Outreach Committee will deliver the diapers to three centers in the area for young unwed mothers who need assistance. This is very helpful to the young mothers since federal food stamps cannot be used for diapers.

Church Services

Wednesday, November 21 *Entrance of the Theotokos* – Orthros 9:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, November 22 *Thanksgiving Day*

Saturday, November 24 *Great Vespers of Saints Katherine & Mercourios the Great Martyrs* – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 25 *Saints Katherine & Mercourios the Great Martyrs* – 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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