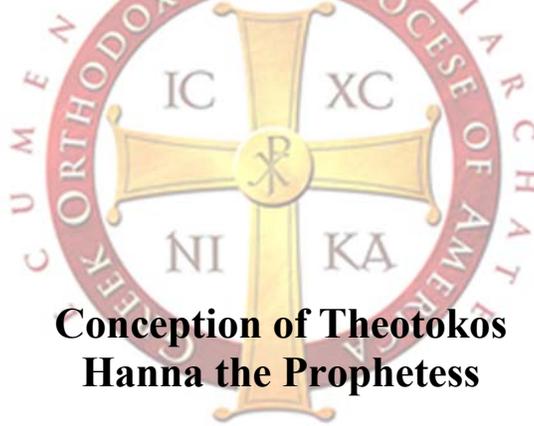


Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, December 9, 2018
10th Sunday of Luke



Conception of Theotokos
Hanna the Prophetess



Apolytikion of the Day (3rd Tone)

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm, He hath trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead hath He become. From the belly of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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 θεῖαν καὶ πολιούχον Σινά, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν. Ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆ δυνάμει. Καὶ νυν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πάσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Tone)

Today the world rejoices in the conception of Anna, wrought by God. For she bore the One who beyond comprehension conceived the Logos.

Εορτάζει σήμερον, ἡ οἰκουμένη, τὴν τῆς Ἄννης σύλληψιν, γεγενημένην ἐν Θεῷ, καὶ γὰρ αὐτὴ ἀπεκύησε, τὴν ὑπὲρ λόγον, τὸν Λόγον κηύσασαν.

Epistle Reading

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.

Oh God, hear my cry.

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

Galatians 4:22-27 – Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:10-17 – At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

2018 Parish Council Elections – Congratulations to the following candidates who were elected at last Sunday's Parish Council elections. They are: **Tony Alexis, Manuel Capsalis, Mark Cherpes, Dr. John Demakis, Harry Karageorge, James Kontzamanys, George Moratis, Stelios Moschou, Ray Vazquez, and John Ziu.** They will serve for a 2-year period, beginning January 1, 2019. May God bless them!

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!

GOYA – Many thanks to the Euripides family for hosting the Christmas party. It was a night full of fun and fellowship! Upcoming events: Arlington Cemetery Wreath Laying 12/15; Youth Sunday 12/16; GOYAn singing at National Gallery of Art 1:30 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. on 12/16. For more information, email saintKatherineGoya@aol.com.

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 tomorrow Monday, December 10, 2018. Thank you! Applications at the pangari.

Daughters of Penelope – Please join us January 13, 2019 for the Daughters of Penelope annual community lecture. This year the lecture is: Culinary Medicine and The Mediterranean Lifestyle with Chef Amy Riolo and Dr. Sam Pappas. Please join us after church on the 13th; light (and healthy!) refreshments will be served.

DIAPER DRIVE MINISTRY – Our semi-annual diaper drive will be this morning, 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.



Announcements



An Artoklasia is offered this morning for the Pashiardis family on the Feast day of Saint Anna, the mother of the Theotokos. May God bless you!

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

Catechetical (Sunday) School Christmas Pageant has been postponed for next Sunday, December 16, 2018 at the Chelpon Hall, following the Divine Liturgy. Regular classes 9-10am, get dressed 11-12pm, pageant/reception 12:30-1:30pm. There will be no children's Liturgy and no breakfast. **Merry Christmas!**

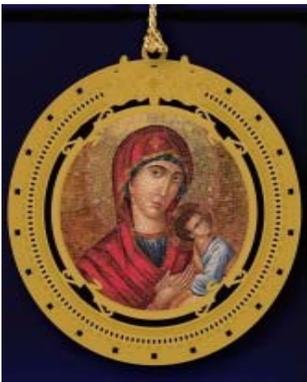
Philoptochos – Sale of handmade hats and scarves – This morning and on Sunday, December 16, and 23, after the Divine Liturgy. **Christmas Bake Sale** – Sunday, December 16 and 23, following the Divine Liturgy. For more information see us at Coffee Hour or call Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161.



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 – The “Journey to Orthodoxy” class for adults has concluded for this year. A new class will convene on Sunday, January 6, 2019. We meet at 9am Sunday (concurrently with the youth Sunday School before 10am Divine Liturgy) in the Seniors' Kentro room on the ground floor of Founders' Hall. 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, this class is also recommended for intending or newly married couples, especially where one spouse is not Orthodox. Informal discussion format, text provided. For further information contact the teachers, John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com, 202 375-1007.

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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING – The next meeting of our Mission and Outreach Committee will be Tuesday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board room of our Community Center. All are welcome to attend. We will be hearing from our Betty Slanta and Mike Bosworth who just returned from a successful mission trip to the clinic in Guatemala. There will also be an update on our Project Mexico trip in July from the Porters. Lori Easton will share with us the newest outreach for FOCUS (Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve) which she is asking us to join. There will also be a representative from the Bailey's Crossroads Homeless Shelter to thank us for delivering 300 Hygiene and Survival kits to the shelter last Sunday. Thanks to all our church groups that contributed.

“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*

Church Services

Sunday, December 16 **11th Sunday of Luke** – Orthros 9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 23 **Sunday before Nativity** – Orthros 9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Monday, December 24 **Christmas Eve** – Orthros and Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 25 **Holy Nativity – Christmas Day** – Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 30 **Sunday after Nativity** – Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

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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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NEW JERSEY

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