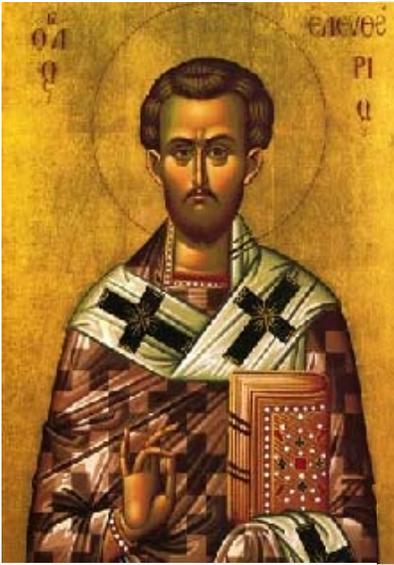


Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, December 15, 2013

11th Sunday of Luke



St. Eleftherios, Bishop of Illyria and Anthia

St. Susannah the Deaconess

Αγ. Ελευθερίου και της μητρός Ανθίας

Αγ. Σωσάννης, Διακονίσσης



Apolytikion of the Day (4th Plagios Tone)

You descended from on high O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Εξ ύψους κατήλθες ο εύσπλαχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ίνα ημάς ελευθερώσης των παθών. Η ζωή και η ανάστασις ημών, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1st 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.

Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημών και αντίληψιν, ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τους κομπούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και ως μάρτυς του Κυρίου στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι, το μέγα έλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (4th Tone)

Today the Virgin comes, unto a Cave, to give birth ineffably to the Word pre-eternal. Hearing this, be of good cheer, all earth and its people; glorify Him, with the Angels and the Shepherds, whose will was to be made, manifest as a young child, the pre-eternal God.

Η Παρθένος σήμερα, τον προαιώνιον Λόγον, εν Σπηλαίω έρχεται, αποτεκείν απορρήτως. Χόρευε, η οικουμένη ακουτισθείσα. Δόξασον, μετά Αγγέλων και των Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα εποφθήναι, παιδίον νέον, τον προ αιώνων Θεόν.

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Epistle Reading

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.
What shall I render to the Lord
for all that he has given me?
The reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to Timothy.*

2nd Timothy 1:8-18 – Timothy, my son, do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, and among them Phygelos and Ermogenes. May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphoros, for he often refreshed me; he was not ashamed of my chains, but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me eagerly and found me – may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day – and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:16-24, Matthew 22:14 – The Lord said this parable: “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for all is now ready.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.’”

Wisdom of the Church Fathers

The sign that thou lovest God, is this, that thou lovest thy fellow; and if thou hatest thy fellow, thy hatred is towards God. For it is blasphemy if thou prayest before God while thou art wroth. For thy heart also convicts thee, that in vain thou multipliest words: thy conscience rightly judges that in thy prayers thou profitest nought.

St. Ephraim the Syrian , *On Admonition and Repentance.*

Let us then, bearing in mind all the things which have been said, show forth great love even towards our enemies; and let us ease away that ridiculous custom, to which many of the more thoughtless give way, waiting for those that meet them to address them first.

St. John Chrysostom, *Homily 18 on Matthew 5, 4th Century*

St. Katherine is proud to be a Project Mexico Santa's Helper this year. I need your help in raising funds to cover Ivan's wish list this year. Please make your checks payable to *St. Katherine* with *Project Mexico* in the memo column. If you have any questions please email rayvazquez1@aol.com.

Special Tour – To view the famous exhibit *Heaven and Earth: Art of Byzantium* from Greek Collections at the National Gallery of Art will take place on Tuesday, December 17, 2013. Some 170 works of art, including mosaics, icons, manuscripts, jewelry, and ceramics will be on display. Plans to travel by chartered bus to the National Gallery for a special guided tour of the exhibit. The tour is limited to 35 people and will depart from the Church at 10:00 a.m. and return at approximately 2:00 p.m. Please call (703) 671-1515 for reservations.

Announcements

Philoptochos Christmas Bake Sale – This morning and next Sunday, December 22, 2013 immediately following the Divine Liturgies. Half trays of Spanakopita are available for sale for \$25.00. The trays are uncooked and frozen. If you would like to buy a tray, please contact Mary Varlas at (703) 965-4161 or email at Mary.Varlas@yahoo.com.



“Star of Saint Katherine”

AHEPA Christmas Ornaments – The Peter N. Derzis AHEPA Chapter #438 is proud to announce orders are now being taken for our Sixth Annual Community Christmas Ornament. These collectable ornaments have grown in popularity from year to year and we are extremely proud of this year’s offering. This stunning three-dimensional ornament is entitled *“Star of Saint Katherine”* and is a testament to the indomitable spirit of our community, its ministries and those who lovingly labor in its behalf. Manufactured by the same firm that creates the famous White House Christmas ornaments, they make excellent gifts and are the ideal stocking stuffer. Ornaments will be available for sale after Liturgies during coffee hour. Please place your order after Liturgy beginning, or by sending requests to antovi@verizon.net or by calling 703-929-6110.

The Daughters of Penelope are collecting new or in like-new condition winter jackets for infants and toddlers and warm hooded sweatshirts for teens that will be donated to Alternative House and homeless shelters. Male and female infant and toddler jackets are specifically needed in the following quantities and sizes: (10) each 2-4T; (10) each 18-24M; (5) each 12-18M, 9-12M, 6-9M, 3-6M, and Newborn. Hoodies are needed for boys and girls size 4-16, and for male and female teens size Small to X-Large to Adult sizes. Please drop donations in the box labeled DOP in the hall entrance. Monetary donations may be made payable to Daughters of Penelope and mailed to Kathy Cavallo, 6190 Fred’s Oak Road, Fairfax Station, VA 22039. ***Thank you for your generous support!***

Christmas Caroling – The Greek School and the Paideia Preschool students of our community will do Christmas caroling on Saturday, December 21 at 5:00 p.m. If you would like the children to do Christmas caroling at your home or business, please contact Martha Lampros, P.T.O. President, at mmlampros@msn.com.

The Christmas Pageant will take place this morning at 12:30 p.m. at the Meletis Charuhas Center. Following the pageant a reception will be offered by the parents of the schools.

Parish Council Elections will be held in the Charuhas Meletis Center following the Divine Liturgy until 3:00 p.m. The following are on the ballot (were drawn by lots) are eligible and have agreed to run for the years 2014-2015: **George Moshos, Pierre Tavoularis, Dr. John Demakis, Chris Christou, Artermis Dimopoulos, Daphne Vaccarello and Jim Stoucker.** Good luck to you!

Attention High School Seniors – Student applications are now available for the Washington Metropolitan Area 44th AHEPA Scholarship program. Students eligible for an award will be honored at this year’s Awards Program on May 18, 2014 held at the Hilton Washington, DC/Rockville Hotel in Rockville, MD. This program has honored 1,508 students and awarded \$804, 975 in scholarships. Applications are available in the church office and website. Completed applications and materials must be submitted by April 4, 2014. For more information, contact Karen Polizos at kpelizos@naifa.org or on (571) 434-7790.

Church Services

Sunday, December 22

Sunday before the Nativity – Κυριακή προ Χριστού Γεννήσεως
Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 24

Eve of the Nativity – Παραμονή Χριστουγέννων
Orthros and Great Hours 9:30 a.m., Vesperal Liturgy 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25

The Holy Nativity – Τα Άγια Χριστούγεννα
Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 29

Sunday after the Nativity of Christ – Κυριακή μετά Χριστού Γεννήσεως
Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m. **(One Liturgy only)**

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 in two formats--a PDF copy of the bulletin handed out in church and an online version with much more information. Please take a moment to check them out by visiting:

http://www.saint-katherines.org/about_us/sunday-bulletins



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