WE NEVER SAW ANYTHING LIKE THIS! (MARK 2:12)

We are in the time of Lent where hopefully we are all reflecting on our relationship with Christ, which is also a reflection with each other. I know what sin is because God has given us the Law, through the ten commandments. Our Church upholds the truth. Our parents taught us to love and show love.

I do not understand this new teaching that is being preached in our schools and workplaces—if you are a certain color it determines whether or not a person is sinful. No human being is systemically sinful. We do not come to the Sacrament of Confession to ask forgiveness of sins we have not committed, but those that we have.

I have been solicited three times this week for us to pay someone to teach the Church tolerance and diversification. I have never known anything that we preach or practice as other than what the Lord commanded the Church to be. “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden” (Matthew 5:14).

In the Orthodox Church, the 2nd Sunday of Lent has been chosen to remember Gregory Palamas—a Greek monk and theologian of the 14th century—who stressed the Biblical notion of man as a single and united whole, body, and soul together. Saint Gregory’s teaching is illustrated in the Gospel lesson where the Lord deals with both the body and soul of the paralytic (Mark 2:1-12). Jesus’ first reaction was to forgive the sins of the paralytic. It is interesting to note that Jesus forgave the sins of the paralytic after He saw the faith of the paralytic and the four men who carried him. Scribes and Pharisees (Luke 5:21) were present—one of them may have owned the house—and immediately began reasoning in their minds that this was blasphemy. To them, only God could forgive sins and, even then, not without the shedding of blood in an animal sacrifice. Only God can read the thoughts and intents of men’s hearts. Jesus put all of this in perspective by challenging their thoughts before they spoke their objections: “Which is easier to say, ‘your sins are forgiven’ or ‘take up your pallet and walk’”? Jesus continued, just to dispel any doubts, “But that you (the Scribes and Pharisees) may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”. He then healed the paralytic. The crowd’s reaction was amazement and glorification of God, “We never saw anything like this!” (Mark 2:12)

Chrysostom also stated that the faith that Christ required of people changed as He proceeded in His three-year ministry. As they got to know Him, He asked more of them. The paralytic also had a share in the faith that healed him. “After they broke up the roof, and let him down, they put the sick man before Christ, saying nothing, but committing everything to Christ. In the beginning Christ Himself went about and did not require so much faith of them that came to Him; yet in this case, they approached Him, and had faith required on their part. For, ‘Seeing their faith’; that is, the faith of them that had let the man down. He does not, on all occasions, require faith on the part of the sick only; as for instance, when they are insane, or through their disease, are out of their own control. In this case the sick man too had
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UNFINISHED FUND RAISING

I AM ROUTINELY ASKED why we still owe such a large loan? It is well known what the loans were for, but why after 20 years has the church not finished paying these loans? Simply put, as a community we have a significant amount of unfinished fund raising. The icons and new fixtures were all fundraising opportunities, but we did not achieve 100% sponsorship. However, you can still sponsor an icon or fixture.

Beyond wanting to support our church, I would like to share the reasons why my wife and I sponsored two of the icons you see each Sunday. At the time we sponsored the two icons, our children were young. We had recently moved to the community and wanted to make a lasting contribution to our church. The sponsorship of the icons allowed us to help contribute to beautification of our church, to teach our children the importance of supporting our church, and to leave a lasting memory for our children and, hopefully, one day, grandchildren.

The Icon of St. Gerasimos: When the original plan of the icons was presented, there was an opportunity for some new saints to be added to our existing iconography. My wife and I jumped at the opportunity to sponsor an icon of St. Gerasimos. Growing up, Christina spent summers in Kefalonia. Near the small village of Valsamata, you will find a beautiful church and the relics of St. Gerasimos. As a young girl, she witnessed the healing of those with mental illness as his relics were processed on his feast days. In the late 70s, there was an attempt to remove part of his relics from the church. My father-in-law, along with several villagers, held vigils and guarded his relics which remain intact at the church today. St. Gerasimos has interceded for our family many times. Seeing him each Sunday is a blessing for us.

The Icon of the Wedding at Cana: The miracle Christ performed during the Wedding at Cana is one of the most beautiful and most important moments in our Church and in His ministry. The moment in time allows us to understand the role of the Theotokos and her relationship with Jesus. The decision to perform His first miracle at a wedding places marriage as a cornerstone and foundation in our faith. Raising our three young children, we used icons as visual learning aids. This particular icon allowed us to reinforce the role of the Theotokos in our church and how even Christ listened to His mother.

I hope that our story inspires you to consider helping Saint Katherine finish the fund raiser. You can individually or with friends sponsor an icon or fixtures. I will be sharing with the community the list of all the icons and fixtures still available for sponsorship. Please pray and consider helping Saint Katherine finish the fund raising that was started over 20 years ago. In the meantime, please email me at rvazquez@stkchurch.com.

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part in the faith; for he would not have allowed himself to be let down, unless he had believed”. Gregory Palamas also stated that there was a substantial contribution of faith on the part of the paralytic. “Recall the daughters of Jairus and the Canaanite woman and the centurion’s servant. The paralyzed man, by contrast, was present and in his right mind, although his body was paralyzed. It seems more likely to me that his bearers accepted faith in the Lord and ventured to approach Him as a result of the paralyzed man’s own hopefulness and faith. Persuaded by him, they took him and carried him up on the roof and let him down from there in front of the Lord. They could not have done this against his wishes. Obviously, the racking of his body with paralysis had broken down all barriers and obstacles to faith, but not his reason”.

The Forgiveness of Sins. This was the only occasion where Christ forgave the sins of someone before He healed them. Obviously, He knew the heart of the paralytic, but there was more to it than this. There was a drama being played out in the courtyard where Jesus was speaking. As the four men were taking the roof apart, which took some time, Jesus continued to speak. Finally, they slowly lowered the paralytic in front of Jesus, and everyone wondered what Jesus would do. Gregory Palamas reasoned that the Scribes misperceived Jesus’ ability. This is why I say to you that we have never seen anything like this before, but now that the Lord has revealed Himself to us we have seen, we have heard, and we are willing to obey.

I hope the rest of our pilgrimage on the way to Golgotha, walking in the footsteps with our Lord, will be one of great celebration in His and our Resurrection.

Kali Sarakosti,
LAZARUS SATURDAY: A PASchal CELEBRATION

Having accomplished the forty days for the benefit of our souls, we pray to Thee, O Lover of Man, that we may see the holy week of Thy passion, that in it we may glorify Thy greatness and Thine unspeakable plan of salvation for our sake. (Vespers Hymn)

THE WEEK AFTER THE SUNDAY OF SAINT MARY OF EGyPT, our Holy Orthodox Church recalls that Jesus’ friend Lazarus has died and that the Lord is going to raise him the dead (Jn. 11). As the day continues toward Saturday, the Church, in its hymns and verses, continues to follow Christ towards Bethany to the Tomb of Lazarus. On Friday evening, the eve of the celebration of the Resurrection of Lazarus, the “great and saving forty days” of Great Lent are formally ended.

The double feast of Lazarus’ resurrection and the Entrance of the Lord to Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) is described in liturgical texts as the “beginning of the Cross” and is to be understood therefore, within the context of the Holy Week.

The common Troparion of these days explicitly affirms that by raising Lazarus from the dead, Christ confirmed the truth of general resurrection. It is highly significant that we are led into the darkness of the Cross by one of the twelve major feasts of the Church. Light and joy shine not only at the end of Holy Week but also at its beginning; they illumine darkness itself, reveal its ultimate meaning.

It is the only time in the entire Church Year that the Resurrection service of Sunday is celebrated on another day. At the liturgy of Lazarus Saturday, our Church glorifies Christ as “the Resurrection and the Life” who, by raising Lazarus, has confirmed the universal resurrection of mankind even before His own suffering and death.

The baptismal verse from Galatians: As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ (Gal 3:27) replaces the Thrice-holy Hymn thus indicating the resurrectional character of the celebration, and the fact that Lazarus Saturday was once among the few great baptismal days in the Orthodox Church Year.

Because of the resurrection of Lazarus from the dead, Christ was hailed by the masses as the long-expected Messiah—King of Israel. Thus, in fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament, He entered Jerusalem, the city of the King, riding on the colt of an ass (Zach 9.9).

The crowds greeted Him with branches in their hands and called out to Him with shouts of praise: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! The son of David! The king of Israel! Because of this glorification by the people, the priests and scribes were finally driven “to destroy Him, to put Him to death” (Lk 19.47).

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NEW BEGINNINGS
Paideia Preschool has reopened! After a tumultuous 2020, we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic together. It is time for a clean slate, a new beginning. As we are one year wiser, we need to set aside our worries and confidently move towards a healthy and happy year of learning, playing, and socialization.

Our Preschool team has been working hard, preparing policies and procedures to ensure our children and families have the safest and best learning environment possible:
- We follow the Health Department’s guidelines
- We maintain a low student/teacher ratio and low enrollment per class
- We conduct daily health checks
- We minimize interaction and cross contamination
- We use enhanced cleaning and sanitizing practices
- We reinforce frequent hand washing and provide hand sanitizer in multiple locations

We invite you to join us in our efforts to build back that special place where our children’s happiness and development create amazing, unforgettable memories.

Please keep us in your prayers as we keep you in ours.

BOOKSTORE
For many of us, cooking during Lent is a challenge. We find ourselves searching for something to serve our loved ones beyond peanut butter sandwiches and tuna fish casseroles. This month we highlight the Taste and See cookbook, which is purposely written to help American mothers (and fathers) prepare meals that conform to the traditional Orthodox fasting guidelines of no meat, no dairy, and no fish with a backbone. The recipes are put together to appeal to an American palate and are simple and stress-free allowing us more time for prayer, almsgiving, and attending the services. For children, we have mini books in the saints of the month—St. George and St. Mary of Egypt.

Visit our online bookstore at st-katherine-fcva-bookstore.square.site.

CATECHETICAL (SUNDAY) SCHOOL
As we focus on our Lenten journeys, the Sunday School lessons are tailored to have students reflect and learn about the various traditions in our faith. If you have not signed up to receive the Sunday School lessons, you still have time. Please send an email to Christina Vazquez at czvmail2@gmail.com.

Please note that I will not be sending out lessons on Palm Sunday (April 25) or on Pascha (May 2).

BYZANTIO
The Byzantio Greek Dance and Cultural Arts Program is excited to announce that dance practice for the youth groups (Pre-K through 12th grade) will begin again Tuesday, April 13th from 6:30pm-7:30pm. All information including safety guidelines is located in the Google Form below. Use this form to register your child for dance:

https://forms.gle/29thWJjUYELC1P7L9

One additional note, Byzantio will not collect any registration money this year due to the short session. Registration fees will be required for the new dance year that will begin in September 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Anna and Aris Yortzidis at annadermanis@aol.com.

GOYA
March was a busy month for the GOYAns. It feels really good to be back as part of our amazing parish. Many thanks to Fr. Zisis and Fr. Costas for thinking outside the box. The Youth of STK are an integral part of this parish and have a lot to offer.

April will also be busy! Follow our happenings on the YOUTH OF STK Facebook page. Our April Youth Sunday is on the 18th. The GOYAns will make the prosforo for that Liturgy. We will have an All-Day Good Friday Retreat on April 30th. We will celebrate our graduating seniors this year in May. Please send us your graduate’s information.

We are grateful and humbled for our Lenten Journey!
ΠΙΣΤΟΙ ΚΑΙ ΕΥΓΝΩΜΟΝΕΣ ΣΤΑ ΑΠΙΑ ΠΑΘΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ ΙΗΣΟΥ! 

Sophia D. Tsangali

Τα Πάθη του Κυρίου συγκλονίζουν ολόκληρη την ανθρωπότητα, αλλά και η δική μας ψυχή πονάει και με δέος στέκεται μπροστά στα πάνσεπτα Πάθη Του! Ο νοερός ήχος της καμπάνας μας καλεί την Μεγάλη Σαρακοστή στους ιερούς ναούς για να παρακολουθήσουμε με κατάνυξη και να ζήσουμε την μαρτυρική πορεία του θείου Διδασκάλου προς τον Γολγοθά. Η κάθε μέρα, ιδιαίτερα της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας, μας αποκαλύπτει καινούργιες πτυχές του θείου δράματος, καθώς εμείς προσεκτικά μέσα στον ιερό ναό με ανοιχτό τον Συνεκδημό παρακολουθούμε τις ιερές ακολουθίες.

Με πολλή ευλάβεια ας δούμε μερικές λεπτομέρειες πολύ σημαντικές και σπουδαίες του Πάθους του Κυρίου.

Σκεφτήκαμε ποτέ πόσο οδυνηρός είναι ο πόνος που πλήγωσε την ψυχή του Κυρίου, όταν ένας αγαπημένος του μαθητή τον πρόδωσε; Ο Ιούδας ήταν εκλεκτός μέσα στους εκλεκτούς. Ο προδότης όμως “ουκ ηβουλήθη συνιέναι”. Δεν θέλησε να καταλάβει τον πλούτο της αγάπης του θείου Διδασκάλου. “Τυφλούται τω πάθει της φιλαργυρίας και εξέτεινε τας χείρας του λαβείν αργύρια”. Δεσμώτης πια του Σατανά χάνεται μες στο βαθύ σκοτάδι της νύχτας για να εκτελέσει τα καταχθόνια σχέδιά του. Τον πόνο όμως της αγίας ψυχής του Κυρίου για το κατάντημα του μαθητή Του δείχνουν όσα διεδραμάτισθηκαν στον κήπο της Γεθσημανή. Πρώτος μέσα στο άγριο πλήθος έρχεται κοντά στον Κύριο και λέει: “Χαίρε, Ραββί”, “και κατεφίλησε Αυτόν”. “Ιούδα, με φίλημα παραδίδεις τον Υιόν του ανθρώπου;” Γεμάτη πόνο ακούγεται η φωνή του Κυρίου. Δεν βρήκες, Ιούδα, άλλο τρόπο για να με φανερώσεις στους δολοφόνους και χρησιμοποίησες το φίλημα, βεβηλώνοντας με την πράξη σου την καινή εντολή; Η γεμάτη αγάπη καρδιά του Κυρίου ήταν πικρότερη και από τη χολή για την οδύνη που γεύθηκε επί του Σταυρού, αντικρύζοντας προδότη τον μαθητή.

Ήταν τραγικά δύσκολες οι τελευταίες μέρες του Χριστού μας πάνω στη γη. Πονάει γιατί τον περικυκλώνουν οι εχθροί. Στα βλέμματά τους μόνο λάμψεις μίσους διακρίνει. Στα πρόσωπά τους διαβάζει την μοχθηρία τους. Τα λόγια τους είναι πικρά και ειρωνικά. Κατάρες, ψέματα, κατακραυγή, περιφρόνηση, χλευασμό. Και ο Κύριος μόνος, “περίλυπός εστιν η ψυχή μου έως θανάτου”, αναφωνεί. “Μείνατε ώδε και γρηγορείτε μετ’ εμού, είπε στα μόνα φιλικά σε Αυτόν πρόσωπα, στους μαθητές του, όταν προχώρησε για να προσευχηθεί. Και εκείνοι, “ουκ ίσχυσα μίαν ώραν γρηγορήσαι μετ’ Αυτού”. “Ελθών ευρίσκει αυτούς καθεύδοντας”.

ΠΑΘΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ ΙΗΣΟΥ.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS OF OUR GREEK SCHOOL FOR THE VIDEOS WE MADE AND SENT TO THE ARCHDIOCESE ON THE GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY ALSO FOR OUR PROGRAM IN CHURCH ON MARCH 28.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, April 24  
Saint Lazarus – Church attendance
April 26-May 1  
Holy Week and Easter – No class
May 21 and 22  
2nd Term Exams
Saturday, June 12  
Graduation

(Continued from previous column)
ADULT STUDIES

ADULT ADULT BIBLE STUDY (THURSDAYS, 7PM-8PM)
DURING THIS TIME OF SOCIAL DISTANCING, let us continue our weekly online Adult Bible Studies Gospel of Luke and the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. Join us each Thursday evening from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. If you are not already on Bill Polizos’ invitation list, please send your email address to bp3175@att.com to receive weekly invitations to the Zoom classes.

ACL—ADULT CATECHETICAL LESSONS (WEDNESDAYS, 8:00PM AND FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, 3PM-4PM)
HISTORY OF RELIGION TRADITIONS AND SCRIPTURES. This course seeks to help better understand the rich and complex ways that religions function in historic and contemporary contexts by exploring the faith systems of Christianity (Protestantism, Catholicism), Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, Zoroastrianism, and others. We meet on Wednesdays at 8:00pm. If you are interested in attending this course, please join us on Zoom and email Ioannis Gkigkitzis at igkigkitzis@nvcc.edu for further information and to add you to the group.

Our other catechetical lessons are as follow:
- Fridays, 3:00pm ACL Philokalia
- Saturdays, 3:00pm ACL Ladder of Divine Ascent

JOURNEY TO ORTHODOXY (TUESDAYS, 7PM-8PM)
The “JOURNEY TO ORTHODOXY” CLASS FOR ADULTS will be held on Tuesdays, April 6, 13, and 20 via Zoom (from 7:00pm to 8:00pm). The class follows an informal discussion format. For further information, to receive links to class materials, and to be placed on the Zoom invitation list, contact the teachers, Dr. John Demakis (demakis9931@gmail.com), Jim Jatras (heralius13@gmail.com or 202-375-1007), or the Zoom technical coordinator James Class (classj@gmail.com).

SAINT KATHERINE RECOGNIZED FOR FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS AT COLUMBIA BAPTIST

I AM SO PLEASED to share some statistics about our participation with the Columbia Food Pantry (see below for an excerpt from their 2020 operations report). I am grateful to God that, during this crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are blessed as a community to continue do the work of the Lord. Thank you all!

God’s blessings,
Fr. Costas

Changes in Major Sources of Donations (shown in pounds)

AS YOU READ THIS ARTICLE, AHEPA’s first attempt to fundraise for the training of a dog for veterans is coming to an end. We would like to extend our thanks to all that joined us in the virtual race for this worthwhile cause and although the results are not a cause for celebration, given the COVID-19 environment, they were not discouraging either. We will continue our efforts to fully fund the training of a dog, but it will take time.

The deadline for submitting scholarship applications is almost upon us. Make sure you have the necessary signatures to validate your good standing with AHEPA and/or Saint Katherine Church for the application to be considered.

We are working to update/improve our website to provide the capability of paying Chapter dues online. Especially this year that is so out of normality, we had many requests from brothers to have this option available to them.

On another front there is pressure that we start having our meetings in person instead of zooming. We are thinking of having our first, since the lock-down, meeting next month. All CDC guidelines will be followed. Details will be addressed in our monthly letter to our members.

If you are thinking about joining our AHEPA Chapter, please log onto our website, www.ahepa438.org, to download an application and mail it to Saint Katherine Church, Attention “AHEPA Chapter 438”.

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George Vasilopoulos, President
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**Kandilia (Luminaries)**

An Easter Tradition at Saint Katherine

**LET US LIGHT THE PROCESSIONAL PATHWAY**

for the Epitaphion on Holy and Great Friday evening. Purchase Kandilia in memory of, in honor of, and/or for the health of your loved ones—$12 each. One individual or one family name per bag, please. See page 15 for details.
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Please check the online calendar, [http://saint-katharines.org/calendar](http://saint-katharines.org/calendar), for the most current information.
We are all working hard to keep our mission work flowing. After the success of “Feed our Neighbors” on Valentine’s Day, we decided to move forward with one more “Feed our Neighbors” event with the help of some donors. Our goal this time is to provide 50 food insecure families with food/pantry items and fresh produce. The plan is to complete this campaign by the end of May and to conduct a third “Feed our Neighbors” in the fall to benefit another 50 food insecure families. My heartfelt thanks go to all of you who volunteered and donated your efforts and helped finance these campaigns. Without you we cannot accomplish anything.

Our most recent Food Drive which benefitted the Columbia First Baptist Food Ministry was another success. With your help we collected 1,200 pounds of food and delivered it to the food ministry. Since September 2020, our church has collected 6,400 pounds of food for Columbia First Baptist Food Ministry. According to them, our church is the 5th largest donor to their food ministry. Your generosity has exceeded our expectations and we are humbled by your response.

Over the next few weeks you will begin to hear about some new initiatives. Until then, please don’t forget to place your orders for the upcoming Easter curbside bake sale taking place on Sunday, April 18 and Saturday, April 24 between 10:30am and 12:00pm. Please contact Mary Varlas for information at 703-965-4161. The deadline for Easter bake sales and payments is April 15. There will be NO pickup of goods on Palm Sunday or during Holy Week.

There are quite a few Philoptochos renewal applications that we have not received. Please download the application form from our church website www.saint-katherines.org. We are currently 153 members strong. Please join us!

Kali Sarakosti.

It is wonderful that the weather is finally turning nice! More than 10 sisters will meet on Saturday, March 27, in a large park to support our AHEPA Chapter 438 brothers raise money for a service dog. The Sisters plan to walk at least 5K around the park. Thanks to Sandy Caparell for organizing—we raised more than $350 for this good cause!

Mother’s Day is coming up and as a Chapter we are holding a virtual event on Tuesday, April 20 at 8:00pm. This won’t be an official chapter meeting, but rather a way for all of us to see each other, socialize, and talk about our mothers and all they have taught us. Keep an eye out for an email with some suggested questions to help spur discussion. We are hoping this will be fun, light spirited, and heartwarming all at the same time.

We are also planning an end of the year, in person (socially distanced!) picnic at a local park. We are planning on Saturday, June 12 (with June 19 as the rain date). We will discuss more at our upcoming April meeting and will share more details in the newsletter. Mark your calendars now!

Speaking of our April meeting, please join us on April 11, via Zoom, at 4:00pm. This will be an important meeting as we will be reviewing nominations for, and voting on, our Chapter’s 2021-2022 Board of Officers. You can sign in or call in to the meeting. Join us if you can.

All the best to everyone this Lent.

This year, due to the COVID pandemic, we will distribute palms for people to take home, fold into crosses, and bring back to church for blessing and distribution on Palm Sunday, April 25. An email will be sent to everyone on the listserv when details are known. Be on the lookout!

Below is a link to an instructional video on how to fold the palms:
https://everydaybest.com/?s=how+to+fold+palms+into+crosses

HELP NEEDED FOLDING PALMS INTO CROSSES
EASTER BAKE SALE

Sunday, April 18th
Saturday, April 24th

Deadline for orders and payment is April 15

CURBSIDE PICK UP ONLY
10:30am - 12pm in the circular drive

NAME________________________________________
email________________________________________
phone no.____________________________________

Traditional Cookies

_____Koulourakia $10 per dozen
_____Paximadia $10 per dozen

Traditional Baked Bread

_____Tsoureki NO egg $15

Sweet Baked Desserts

_____Baklava $20 (6 pieces)
_____Diples $22 (6 pieces, Bowtie shape)
_____Galaktoboureko $85 (frozen, full pan, 40 pieces)
_____Kourambiedes $20 per dozen
_____Melomakarona $20 per dozen

Savory Oven-Baked Appetizers & Entrees

_____Moussaka $47 half-pan
_____Pasticchio $45 half-pan
_____Spanakopita $30 per dozen
_____Tiropita $30 per dozen

To place your order:
- Print out this flyer
- Make your selections
- Write a check for the total amount and address to "Saint Katherine Ladies Philoptochos"
- mail flyer and check to:
  Mary Varlas
  14685 John Ewell Ct.
  Centreville, VA 20121

Please call Mary at 703-965-4161 with any questions

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Our motto is “Ever to Excel” (οἱ ἐκ τῆς ἅπαντος) and is intended to serve as an inspiration to all students in search of excellence.

Milestones:
Physical - Developing fine and gross motor and sensory skills.
Emotional - Developing positive self-concept and skills to communicate effectively.
Cognitive - Developing speech and early reading skills in English and Greek, as well as skills to think creatively.
Social - Developing skills such as sharing, taking turns, cooperating, and learning the importance of being part of a group.

- Faith-based program
- Exposure to the Greek
- STEM labs
- Music
- Arts & Crafts
- Theater
- Modern Playground

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# STEWARDSHIP

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2021 “...THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE”**

Stewardship is the offering to God as children of faith rather than as hired servants. Children of God make offerings to God as expression of authentic love, whereas, hired servants simply fulfill legalistic duty. Christian stewardship is a manifestation of our love for God through the holistic offering of time, talent, and treasure to Him, through Christ’s Holy Church. By this offering of love to our Father in heaven, He further extends the healing experience of His Church to His children, through Her ministry.” ~ Father Luke Palumbis

We deeply appreciate all of you who have generously donated your time, talent, and treasure during this pandemic. During challenging times “we know that all things work together for good to those who love God” (Romans 8:28). We look forward to a time when we can once again worship next to one another and can enjoy being with our Saint Katherine family.

May the grace of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you and your loved ones.

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**SHOWN BELOW is a list of families and individuals who participated in the 2021 Saint Katherine Stewardship Program, as well as the Dollar More A Day campaign, through March 19, 2021. Thank you for responding to the needs of our church. Please contact Lisa Mikhailovsky at accounting@stkchurch.com or 703-671-1515 x106 with any questions.**

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APRIL SERVICES

03 7pm 3rd Salutations
04 9am Orthros/10am Liturgy, Sunday of the Holy Cross
05 7pm Compline (6pm Holy Confession)
07 7pm Presanctified Liturgy (6pm Holy Confession)
09 7pm 4h Salutations
11 9am Orthros/10am Liturgy, St. John Climacus
12 7pm Compline (6pm Holy Confession)
14 7pm Presanctified Liturgy (6pm Holy Confession)
16 7pm Akathist Hymn
18 9am Orthros/10am Liturgy, St. Mary of Egypt
19 7pm Compline (6pm Holy Confession)
21 7pm Presanctified Liturgy (6pm Holy Confession)
24 9am Orthros/10am Liturgy, Saturday of Lazarus

Please see page 8 for the Holy Week Schedule.

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**REGISTRY**

**Baptism**
Michael George Kozak (March 20)
son of George Charles and Margaret Lurine Kozak
Godparent: Vasilios (Bill) Porter

**Chrismation**
Matthew Brian Albano (March 7)
Sponsor: Elizabeth Kiklis

**Wedding**
Evdokia Reissis
and Vassilios G. Vassiliadis (March 6)
Koumbaros: Nikos Diakos

**Funerals**
Katina Alastanos Doulis (March 1)
Rose Marie Allen (March 3)
Ellan Saah Abd Diamantides (March 5)

**Memory eternal.**

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**Kandilia**
(Luminaries)
An Easter Tradition at Saint Katherine

Let us light the processional pathway for the Epitaphion on Holy and Great Friday evening!

Purchase Kandilia for your loved ones—$12 each. One individual or family name per bag, please.
Please circle “in memory of”, “in honor of”, or “for the health of” and print the desired name.

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A card with the name of your loved one(s) will be attached to each luminary and placed along the Epitaphion’s Processional Pathway on Holy and Great Friday evening.

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