Sunday, May 2, 2021
GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA

Removal of Relics of Athanasios Hesperos and Zoe the Righteous

Apolytikion of Great and Holy Pascha (1st Plagal Tone)

Christ is Risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Χριστός Ανέστη εκ νεκρών, θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας, και τοις εν τοις μνήμαις ζωήν χαρισάμενος.

Apolytikion of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr (1st Tone)

- Let us praise the all lauded and noble bride of Christ, the godly Katherine, the guardian of Sinai and its defense, who is also our support, assistance and our help; for with the Holy Spirit's sword she hath silenced brilliantly the clever among the godless; and being crowned as a Martyr, she now does ask great mercy for us all.

- Την πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστού υμνήσωμεν, Αικατερίναν την θείαν και πολιούχον Σινά, την βοήθειαν ημῶν και αντίληψιν. Ότι εφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τον ασεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῇ δυνάμει. Και νῦν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αἰτεῖται πάσι το μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of Great and Holy Pascha (4th Plagal Tone)

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

Εἰ καὶ εν τάφῳ κατήλθες αθάνατε, αλλὰ τοῦ Ἄδου καθήλες την δύναμιν, καὶ ανέστης ως νικητής, Χριστέ ο Θεός, γυναιξί μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, χαίρετε, και τοῖς σοίς Αποστόλοις ειρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχονανάστασιν.
Epistle Reading

This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his mercy endures for ever.
The reading is from Acts of the Apostles.

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8 – In the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."
So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-17 – In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.
The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

To celebrate the arrival of Spring and the easing of some COVID restrictions, we are holding a post Pascha used books blowout sale. This not-to-be missed event takes place on two Sundays, May 9 and 16 in the covered awning area next to the Chelpon Hall. Thanks to the generous donations of the several parishioners, we have a wide assortment of gently used tomes in Greek and English, including meditations from Orthodox spiritual leaders, cookbooks, art books, history studies, and beautifully photographed guidebooks to key tourist sites in Greece. You choose your price for these items and we
hope you will be generous as we use these proceeds to fund important projects as books for the children in Kenya and catechism books for converts to Orthodox.

**Announcements**

Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη!  
*Christ is Risen!  Truly He is Risen!*

**Journey to Orthodoxy** – Beginning Monday, February 1, the “Journey to Orthodoxy” class for adults resumes ONLINE Via Zoom, on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00pm Eastern Time. 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. The class follows an informal discussion format. For further information, and to receive links class materials and to be placed on the Zoom invitation list, please contact the teachers, John Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com, Jim Jatras heraclius13@gmail.com, 202-375-1007, or the Zoom technical coordinator James Class, classj@gmail.com.

**Adult Bible Studies class** – In this time of social distancing, let us continue our weekly Adult Bible Studies online. Join us each Thursday evening at 7:00pm. We will take up a new topic each week on Thursdays, with: “What is the Meaning of Resurrection?”

**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 every Tuesday online at 7:15 p.m. This includes time for discussion and fellowship.

**Greek School** – Please check our Church’s website, www.saint-katherines.org or our HEC website, www.stkhec.org for an application. For more information on our Saint Katherine’s Greek School please contact Sophia Tsangali at 703-671-1515 or stsangali@stkchurch.com.

**Paideia Preschool** – We are excited to announce that the Paideia Preschool is now open and accepting enrollments. We currently offer part-time (3 day/week) and full-time (5 days/week) options for children between the ages 2 to 5. Should you have any questions, or wish to enroll in our program, please feel free to reach out to us at hec-administraton@stkchurch.com or 703-671-7715.
Warm Thanks to all our parishioners who helped our Church with voluntary work or with monetary donations during the Great Lent, the Great Holy Week and the Great and Holy Pascha! May our Risen Lord bless you and your families now and always!

Church Services

Holy Saturday, May 01
Canon Preceding the Resurrection 11:00pm; The HOLY RESURRECTION, Orthros and Divine Liturgy 12am

Sunday, May 02
The HOLY PASCHA/EASTER SUNDAY – Vespers of Love/Agape 11:00am

Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, May 03
Saint George Celebrated – Divine Liturgy, 9:30am, at Saint George, Bethesda, MD

Friday, May 07
Life-Giving Fountain – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Sunday, May 09
Saint Thomas – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Mother’s Day

Sunday, May 16
Myrrh-Bearing Women – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am

AHEPA Sunday

Friday, May 21
Saints Constantine and Helen – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Last Sunday of Sunday School

Sunday, May 23
Sunday of the Paralytic – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Monday, May 24
Memorial Day – Trisagion Prayers at the National Memorial Park 10:00am

Sunday, May 30
The Samaritan Woman – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Sunday Services and Weekday Services: Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy 10:00am

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 δοκιμιών 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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