Sunday, June 13, 2021,
Fathers of the Ferst
Ecumenical concil

St. Akylina the Martyr of Syria
St. Eulogios, Patriarch of Antioch

Apolytikion of the Day (2nd Plagal Tone)
-The Heavenly Powers appeared at Your tomb, and those guarding it became like dead. Mary stood at Your grave seeking Your pure body. You stripped the power of Hades, not touched by its corruption. You met the virgin woman, as one who grants life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You.
-Aγγελικά Δυνάμεις επί το μνήμα σου, και οι φυλάσσοντες απενεκρώθησαν. Και ίστατο Μαρία εν τω τάφω, ζητούσα τον άριστον σου σώμα. Εσκύλευσας τον Άδην, μη πειρασθείς υπ’ αυτού. Υπήντησας τη παρθένω, δωρομένος την ζωήν. Ο αναστάς εκ των νεκρών, Κύριε δόξα σου.

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 λαμπρώς, τους κομψούς των ασεβών, του Πνεύματος τη δυνάμει. Και νυν ως Μάρτυς στεφθείσα, αιτείται πάσι το μέγα έλεος.

Kontakion of the Day (2nd Plagal Tone)
-Having fulfilled the dispensation for us, and uniting the earthly with the heavenly, you ascended in glory, O Christ our God, in no way separating yourself, but remaining inseparable, and calling out to those who love you. I am with you, and none can be against you.
-Την υπέρ ημῶν, πληρώσας οικονομία, και τα επί γης, ενώσας τούς ουρανίους, ανελήφθης εν δόξῃ, Χριστέ Ο θεός ημῶν, ουδαμόθεν χωρίζομεν, αλλά μένων αδιάστατος, και βοών τοις αγαπώσις σε. Εγώ ειμί μεθ’ υμῶν, και ουδείς καθ’ υμῶν.
Epistle Reading

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.
For you are just in all you have done.
The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36 – IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel Reading

John 17:1-13 – At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. "I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me; that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."
Memorial Services are offered this morning for Maria K. Laliotis (40-days), mother of Deany Merlis and Effie Sarantis; and for Louis Treires (40-days), brother of Athena Ullrich. May their memory be eternal!

2021-2023 Saint Katherine Ladies Philoptochos New Board – The Ladies Philoptochos New Board Members are the following: Daphne Papanichael (President), Tina Papanichael (1st Vice-President), Mary Smaragdis (2nd Vice-President), Tori Carr (Recording Secretary), Andrea Dionis (Corresponding Secretary), Linda Moratis (Treasurer), Karen Polizos (Assistant Treasurer), Sophia Varlas Bohle, Denise Garbis, Anastasia Kanakos, Martha Lampros, Deana Simons, Mary Varlas and Nia Vroustouris (Board Members). Congratulations and may God bless you!

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 for a 2021-2022 registration form, www.saint-katherines.org. For more information on our Saint Katherine’s Greek School please contact Sophia Tsangali at 703-671-1515 or stsangali@stkchurch.com.

Saint Katherine Day School – We are excited to announce that the Saint Katherine Day School is now open and accepting enrollments. We currently offer part-time (3 days/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.

Camp Good Shepherd – Virginia 2021 – July 4th–July 10th. Ages: completed 5th grade-12th grade. For questions, please email cgsvirginia@gmail.com or call Fr. John Manuel at 804-615-9065. Official Registration info will be sent out soon. Stay tuned!
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 Νόε 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 γιά 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 ἔλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενοῦς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.