

# SAINT KATHERINE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Orthros: 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM

Fellowship Hour: 11:30 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Mon. through Fri. 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. / Sat. closed & Sun. closed during Liturgy

### ~ VISION & MISSION STATEMENT ~

Our Vision (dream) is to be a growing, loving, united Orthodox Christian family open to all.

Our Mission (job) is to grow our faith in Christ through love and respect with humility and forgiveness.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2011

**1st Morning Gospel  
Fourth Tone**

**SUNDAY OF  
ST. JOHN CLIMACUS**

**Righteous Niketas, Confessor**

**Joseph the Hymnographer**

**Paul the Russian and John  
Neomartyrs**



### ~ Welcome to Our Guests ~

We are delighted that you are with us today. Please keep in mind that according to the Holy Canons and teachings of the Orthodox Church, you must be a baptized and chrismated member of the Orthodox faith in good standing in order to receive Holy Communion. You are welcome to receive a portion of the blessed bread (antidoron) distributed at the end of the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for coffee hour following services.

# Divine Liturgy of St. John the Chrysostom

## Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον - Ἦχος Δ - σ. 110 - 112

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## Resurrectional Apolytikion – 4th Tone - p. 111 - 113

The joyful news of Your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they rean elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with His great mercy.

## Τοῦ Ὁσίου - Ἦχος πλ. δ' - σ. 136

Ταῖς τῶν δακρῶν σου ροαῖς, τῆς ἐρήμου τὸ ἄγονον ἐγεώργησας, καὶ τοῖς ἐκ βάθους στεναγμοῖς, εἰς ἑκατὸν τοὺς πόνους ἐκαρποφόρησας· καὶ γέγονας φωστῆρ, τῇ οἰκουμένη λάμπων τοῖς θαύμασιν, Ἰωάννη πατῆρ ἡμῶν ὅσιε· πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

## For the Saint – Plagal 4th Tone - p. 137

With the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O John, our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἁγίας Αἰκατερίνης - Ἦχος Πλ. Α'

Τὴν πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν \* Αἰκατερίναν τὴν θεῖαν καὶ πολιούχον Σινά \* τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν· ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς \* τοὺς κομποὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν \* τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆ δυνάμει· καὶ ὡς Μάρτυς Κυρίου στεφθεῖσα \* αἰτεῖται πάσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## Apolytikion of St. Katherine - Plagal 1st Tone

The all-blessed bride of Christ let us extol in song \* Katerina the divine

and protector of Sinai \* our assistance and unfailing firm support; \* for she did muzzle brilliantly \* the ungodly clever men by the power of the Spirit. And now as a crowned Martyr \* the great mercy she pleads for all of us.

**Κοντάκιον - Ήχος Α' - p. 268 - 270**

Τῆ υπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν, ευχαριστήρια, Αναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου, Θεοτόκε. Ἀλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τό κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον Ἴνα κράζω σοι, Χαίρε, Νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

**Kontakion - 1st Tone - p. 269 - 271**

Victorious Lady, mighty champion, defending us, we your servants now inscribe to you in this hymn of thanks, for you rescued us from suffering and tribulation. Theotokos, with your power that can never fail, keep us safe from every danger our whole life long that we may cry to you: Rejoice, O Bride unwedded.

**The Epistle Reading is St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20**

BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

**The Gospel Reading Mark 9:17-31**

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Je-

sus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

*Please pray for our:*

**Spiritual Leaders:** Patriarch Bartholomew; Archbishop Demetrios; Metropolitan Alexios; & Fr. Demetri

**Civil Leaders:** President Barack Obama; Governor Rick Scott; all our civil authorities and our armed forces.

**Parish Leadership:** Parish Council members, Philoptochos members, Chanters, Choir, Sunday School teachers and students, our Youth Group leaders and children.

**Those who are sick, awaiting surgery, recovering from surgery, in need of prayers and/or shut in:** Andrew Roman, Tresa Roman, Ero Diamantos, Pauline Porch, Sophia Tenreiro, Jennifer Andersen, Lynette Wiggins, Alison Hall, Charlie & Alexandra Diamond, Antonio Tenreiro, Mary Katsenes, Peter Katsoulas, Steve Plakiotis, John Paul Figari, Andrew & Pauline Kalton, Jay Figari, Jan Sangi, Ernest Kartsonis, Elaine Petersen, Dorothy Pappademetriou, Mae Charos, Joyce Ninos, Pamela Kamenelis, Nazieh Yacoub, Agatha Kerrasites.

**Those serving in the Military:** Joseph Abadiotakis, Jr., John Brewster, George Korkos, Elias Panayiotis Maldonado, Michael Moody, Cristian Segarra, Nicholas Tsamoutales, Yanni Tshontikidis.

**Those preparing for Ordination:** Dan Kennedy

**College Students:** James Figari, John Paul Figari, Dimitra Gatidis, Alyssa Giglio, Alexandra Grant, Anastasia Hawkins, Carl Hawkins, Jamila Jelani, Sade Jelani, Alyssa Karas, Jared Kennedy, Andrew Koines, Kimberley Koines, Christina Koumarios, Alex Pappas, Eric Pappas, Nicollette Pasvantis, Rita Perakis, Kathy Perakis, Jas Petersen, Kathleen Rogers, Sarah Rogers, Stephen Roman, Alexandra

Sarpoolaki, Dimitri Sarpoolaki, Irene Sarpoolaki, Jason Sirounis, John Sirounis, Katie Sirounis, Katrina Sirounis, Marie Sirounis, Andrew Theodotou, Toulia Triantafilou, Ryan Voll, Nicholas Xenakis, Heather Yanas, Nicholas Yanas, Alexis Zavitsanos, Alysanna Zavitsanos, Peter Zavitsanos.

*(If you know of anyone that should be added to this list, please call the Church office.)*

## TRAYS

In accordance with Metropolis policy, the Stewardship offering will be collected just before The Lord's Prayer. A second tray will be collected after Holy Communion for the Building Fund.

## ~ TODAY ~



### Memorial Service

Olga Kapsis - 6 months

*(Andreanos Jordanopoulos' sister)*



## GOYA & SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETINGS TODAY FOLLOWING LITURGY

## PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON TICKETS ON SALE TODAY



## ~ Upcoming Liturgies & Events ~

**Wednesdays, Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6 pm followed by Faith Study, see p. 11**

**Fridays, Salutations to the Theotokos, 6 pm**

**Sat., April 9th** - 10 am. - Philoptochos General Assembly Meeting .

**Sat., April 16th** - 10 am - Saturday of Lazarus followed by making the Palm Crosses.

**Sun., April 17th** - Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon sponsored by GOYA & Sunday School.

See page 9 for list of Holy Week Services

**Please turn your cell phones & pagers off  
or on vibrate before entering Church**

## PROLOGUE OF OHRID APRIL 3



### **SAINT NICETAS THE CONFESSOR**

Nicetas was born in Bithynia in the city of Caesarea. His father, Filaret, after the death of his spouse, was tonsured a monk while Nicetas remained with his paternal grandmother. After reaching maturity and completing all of his studies, Nicetas entered the Monastery of Medikion, where the Abbot Nicephorus tonsured him a monk. After seven years of hardship and mortification, Patriarch Tarasius ordained him a priest (Heiromonk). Following the deaths of Abbot Nicephorus and Athanasius, the faithful companion of Nicetas, the monastic brotherhood elected him as abbot, against his will. St. Nicetas was a holy example and model of life and asceticism to his brethren for many years. When Leo V, the Armenian, was crowned emperor, after the pious Irene and the right-believing Emperors Nicephorus and Michael, the Iconoclastic struggle was again enflamed. The emperor deposed Patriarch Nicephorus and later banished him into exile and, in his place, elevated the heretic Theodotus Cassiteras, a man of impure life. Nicetas was also imprisoned and tortured but he remained steadfast in his Orthodoxy. He was led from prison to prison and suffered hunger, thirst, chills, oppressive heat and ridicule. He did not permit himself to waver. What particularly annoyed him was the laughter and scorn of a certain Nicholas. One night, Nicholas' deceased father appeared to him in a dream and rebuked Nicholas saying: "Withdraw from Nicetas, the servant of God." From that moment on Nicholas repented and did not annoy the saint anymore and turned others away from annoying him also. When Leo V, the Armenian, met with a wicked death, the empire was taken over by the Orthodox Emperor Michael, the Stammerer, who liberated all the Orthodox sufferers. Nicetas then withdrew to an isolated place near Constantinople, where in prayer and thanksgiving to God for all, spent the remaining days of his earthly life. During his lifetime he worked many miracles through prayer. When he died his body was translated to his monastery. At the time of the funeral procession, many who were ill and who reached out and touched his body were healed. His relics were placed next to the grave of Nicephorus his spiritual father and Athanasius, his companion. This great hierarch died in the year 824 A.D.

### **SAINT PAUL, THE SORROWFUL ONE**

Paul was a Russian by birth. In his youth he was enslaved by the Turks. Not wanting to deny the Faith of Christ and to embrace Islam, he was tortured

and slain by the sword in Constantinople in the year 1683 A.D.

### **THE HOLY MARTYR ULPHIANUS**

Ulphianus was a young man from the city of Tyre. He suffered for Christ at the hands of Urban, the mayor of the city of Tyre, who also was the torturer of Amphianus [April 2]. Finally, he was tied in a sack along with a dog and a snake and tossed into the sea. He suffered and was glorified in the year 306 A.D.

"I await a thousand deaths for myself," wrote St. Athanasius the Great to his flock in Egypt at the time of the terrible Arian heresy. Every religious man can say this about himself who, in the spirit, has glanced and seen the net in which is contained every human soul in this world. The more spiritual a man is, the denser the net becomes. Such is the will of God: that the most spiritual are saved by the most narrow path. The Psalmist David also says: "Many are the afflictions of the righteous" (Psalm34:19). However, in the end, victory and glory belong to the righteous. They need only to arm themselves with faith and forbearance. Whoever believes also understands their suffering. He who clothes himself with patience, will see victory and glory. To him who loves the Lord, even the narrowest path is sufficiently wide enough, the greatest pain an easy yoke and the most violent death, a joyful wedding feast.

### **HOMILY**

#### **About the great desire of God**

"Who wills everyone to be saved" (1Timothy 2:4).

God wants that all men be saved, that is why He descended into Hades to save those who lived on earth before His coming. For, had He not descended into Hades, an enormous number of righteous souls would have perished forever. And yet, had He not descended into Hades, the main habitat of evil against God and the human race, Hades would have remained undestroyed. Therefore, the two reasons which motivated Christ, the Giver-of-Life, to descend into Hades in the Spirit are: First, to destroy the nest of the powers of Hades and, Second, to bring from Hades to Heaven, the souls of ancestors, prophets and righteous men and women, who have fulfilled the Old Dispensation (The Old Law of God) and, by that, pleased God. Before Satan was totally jubilant at gazing upon Christ humiliated and lifeless on the Cross, Christ appeared alive and almighty in the midst of Hades, the primary abode of Satan. What unexpected and dreadful news for Satan! For three years Satan wove snares against Christ on earth and in three days, behold, Christ de-

stroyed Satan's kingdom and carried away the most precious booty in the form of a swarm of righteous souls.

O Lord, You want that all men be saved. We pray to You, save even us. For there is no salvation nor Savior outside of You. In You do we hope, You alone do we worship, You, the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and always. Amen.

**PHILOPTOCHOS GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING,  
SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH AT 10 AM.**



**ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN MAY,  
IF ANYONE IS  
INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR THE BOARD  
PLEASE TALK TO EITHER  
BETTY KITSOPOULOS 631-6618  
OR LINDA BILISSIS 609-2672.**

**STEWARDSHIP/MEMBERSHIP MONIES ARE NOW DUE.  
\$30. PER PERSON. MEN CAN JOIN AS ASSOCIATE  
MEMBERS ALSO!**




AHEPA & Philoptochos scholarships are being offered. Call or email the church office for a form. Deadline to return completed applications is May 1, 2011.

~ SCHEDULE OF HOLY WEEK SERVICES ~



<b>Sat., April 16th</b>	Saturday of Lazarus Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy <b>10 am - followed by Making Palm Crosses</b>
<b>Sun., April 17th</b>	Palm Sunday Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy <b>10 am</b> Followed by Fish Luncheon sponsored by the Youth
<b>Sun., April 17th</b>	Bridegroom Service - <b>6 PM</b>
<b>Mon., April 18th</b>	Holy Monday Pre-Sanctified Liturgy <b>10 AM</b> Bridegroom Service - <b>6 PM</b>
<b>Tues., April 19th</b>	Holy Tuesday Pre-Sanctified Liturgy <b>10 AM</b> Bridegroom Service - <b>6 PM</b>
<b>Wed., April 20th</b>	Holy Wednesday Pre-Sanctified Liturgy <b>10 AM</b> Holy Unction Service - <b>6 PM</b>
<b>Thurs., April 21st</b>	Holy Thursday Vesperal Divine Liturgy <b>10 am</b> Reading of the 12 Gospels - <b>6 PM</b>
<b>Fri., April 22nd</b>	Holy Friday Royal Hours <b>10 AM</b> Decorating of the Kouvouklion <b>12 PM (please come dressed appropriately)</b>  Apokathelosis - <b>3 PM</b> Lamentations - <b>7 PM</b>
<b>Sat., April 23rd</b>	Holy Saturday Liturgy of St. Basil Liturgy <b>10 am</b> Resurrection Service <b>11 PM</b>
<b>Sun., April 24th</b>	Agape Service - <b>12 Noon</b>



# PALM SUNDAY FISH LUNCHEON



Sunday, APRIL 17th  
Following Divine Liturgy

Tickets go on sale Sunday, April 3rd

Sponsored by  
GOYA & SUNDAY SCHOOL



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAITH STUDY FOLLOWING PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY

Dan Kennedy will be leading a study of Bishop Kallistos Ware's book, **THE ORTHODOX WAY**. This is truly a seminal book on Orthodox Christianity by one of its best known theologians. The book is available from our religious store in our community center as well as online. Whether you are new to the Orthodox faith or you have been raised in the faith all your life, this study will deepen and broaden your understanding of what the Orthodox Christian Church believes about God and our relationship with Him. Please make every effort to set aside time each Wednesday during Great Lent to pray and study with your spiritual family. A Lenten Potluck will be served after services and before our study. We look forward to growing together in our understanding and love for God and one another.

### SYLLABUS

*Wednesdays ~ 7:30 PM*

*(following Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6 PM)*

April 6	God as Spirit
April 13	God as Prayer & Epilogue



## STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, our God, accept our offerings as You have accepted the gifts of Your people throughout the ages. We offer these gifts to Your glory, for the support of the ministries of Your holy Church, for the alleviation of suffering and hunger, and for the proclamation of Your Gospel to the whole world.

Grant us Your blessing, Lord our Savior, that we may always be faithful stewards, continuing to share the gifts you have given us, by the power of Your grace, mercy and love. May Your name be glorified forever.

STEWARDSHIP



## 2011 STEWARDSHIP DON'T FORGET! TO RETURN YOUR 2011 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS

**140 Stewards Pledging \$123,235. Paid \$52,747.**

**24 Uncommitted Stewards Paid \$6,017.**

**Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their  
2011 Stewardship Cards**

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

*Luke 12:34*



### THE JESUS PRAYER

Κύριε Ιησοῦ Χριστέ, Υἱέ τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἐλέησόν  
με τὸν ἁμαρτωλόν  
(τὴν ἁμαρτωλὸν if prayed by a female)

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
Have Mercy on Me a sinner