

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, JULY 24, 2011

6th Morning Gospel - Plagal 1st Mode

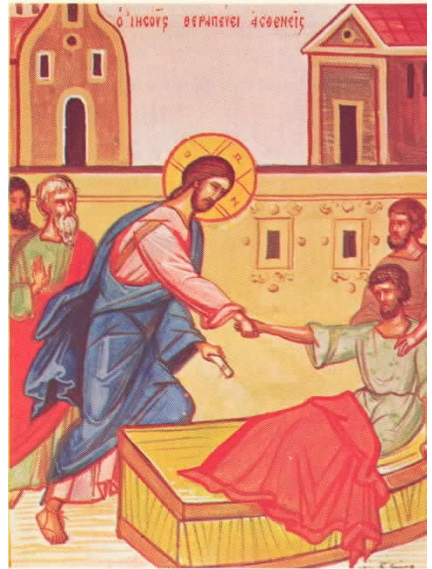
6th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Greatmartyr Christina

Athenagoras the Confessor

Athanasio & Theophilos
Neomartyrs

Martyr Capeto



~ 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 Chrysostom

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον – Πλ. Α' - σ. 114 - 116

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠδύοκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομείναι, καὶ ἐγειραὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Resurrectional Apolytikion – Plagal 1st Mode - p. 115 - 117

To the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Τῆς Ἀγίας - Ἦχος Δ'

Ἡ ἀμνάς σου, Ἰησοῦ, κράζει μεγάλη τῇ φωνῇ· Σὲ Νυμφίε μου ποθῶ, καὶ σὲ ζητοῦσα ἀθλῶ, καὶ συσταυροῦμαι καὶ συνθάπτομαι τῷ βαπτισμῷ σου· καὶ πάσχω διὰ σέ, ὡς βασιλεύσω σὺν σοί, καὶ θνήσκω ὑπὲρ σοῦ, ἵνα καὶ ζήσω ἐν σοί· ἀλλ' ὡς θυσίαν ἄμωμον, προσδέχου τὴν μετὰ πόθου τυθεισάν σοι. Αὐτῆς πρεσβείαις, ὡς ἐλεήμων, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

For the Saint - 4h Mode

Your own ewe-lamb cries to You loudly, O Jesus, and she says, * "For my Bridegroom do I long, and seeking You I now contend; * and I am crucified and buried with You in Your baptism. * I suffer for Your sake, that I may reign with You. * I die for You that I may also live in You. * Accept me as an unblemished sacrifice * as I offer myself to You with love." * At her entreaties and intercessions, * save our souls, O Merciful Lord.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἀγίας Αἰκατερίνης - Ἦχος Πλ. Α'

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

Apolytikion of St. Katherine - Plagal 1st Mode

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 β – σ. 224

Προστασία τών Χριστιανών ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τόν ποιητήν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παριδῆς ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τήν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν καί σπεύσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα αἰεὶ, Θεοτόκε τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Kontakion - Second Mode

A protection of Christians unshamable, * intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, * reject not * the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. * Instead, come to us, for you are good; * your loving help bring unto us, * who are crying in faith to you: * Hasten to intercede * and speed now to supplicate, * as a protection for all time, * Theotokos, for those who honor you.

The Epistle Reading is St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 12:6-14

BRETHREN, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

The Gospel Reading Matthew 9:1-8

At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why

do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" he then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

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, Mary Katsenes, Peter Katsoulas, Steve Plakiotis, John Paul Figari, Andrew & Pauline Kalton, Jay Figari, Jan Sangi, Ernest Kartsonis, Dorothy Pappademetriou, Mae Charos, Joyce Ninos, Nazieh Yacoub, Niki Seaman, Cristian, Lynette, Leilani & Xavier, Elaine, Jay, Eleni, Jaymi, Niki, George, Steve, Harry, Dina Koursaris, Elaine, Jerry F., John Nicholas, James Figari, Ashley, Elizabeth Gaherty.

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

Those preparing for Ordination: Dan Kennedy

Those preparing for Marriage: Nicholas Cannaverde & Rosa Maria Obregon.

College Students: James Figari, John Paul Figari, James Petersen, Sade Jelani, Jamila Jelani, George Saad, Alyssa Giglio.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT ADDED TO THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH THEIR EMAIL & COLLEGE CONTACT INFORMATION, AS PER METROPOLITAN ALEXIOS.

(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.

Upcoming Liturgies & Events

Tues., July 26th - St. Paraskevi - Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am

Wed., July 27th - St. Panteleimon **HERE AT ST. KATHERINE** Orthros 9 am
Divine Liturgy 10 am / **VESPERS AT ST. PANTELEIMON** 6 pm

Dormition Fast begins on August 1st

Paraklesis Services begin at 6 pm Wed., August 3rd; Wed., August 10th; Friday, August 12th

Fri., August 5th - Vespers for Holy Transfiguration 6pm

Sat., August 6th - Holy Transfiguration - Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am

Sun., August 7th - Ministries Registration following Communion - Forms are in the Narthex.

Sun., August 7th - GOYA Meeting and Officer Elections following Divine Liturgy

Sun., August 14th - 1st day of Sunday School following Communion.

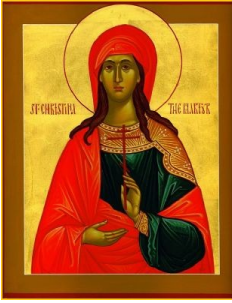
Sun., August 14th - **FESTIVAL MEETING** following Divine Liturgy. Anyone interested in attending, grab a cup of coffee and we'll meet outside.

Mon., August 15th - Dormition of the Theotokos - Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am

Mon., August 29th - Beheading of John the Baptist - Orthros 9 am
Divine Liturgy 10 am

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

PROLOGUE OF OHRID
JULY 24



THE HOLY FEMALE MARTYR CHRISTINA

Christina was born in the city of Tyre the daughter of Urban, the imperial deputy, an idol worshipper. The reason her parents gave her the name of Christina is unknown but it concealed the mystery of her future following of Christ. Until age eleven, she knew nothing of Christ. When she reached the age of eleven her father, in order to conceal her from the world because of her extraordinary beauty until she fully matured, designated the highest floor of a tall tower for her to live. All the comforts of life were afforded her; slaves were given to serve her, gold and silver idols were placed in her quarters so that she may offer daily sacrifices to them. However, in this idolatrous environment, it was difficult for the soul of young Christina. Looking out through the window each day at the sun and all the beauty of the world then, again at night, at the miraculous cluster of shining stars, Christina, through her own natural understanding came to the firm belief in the One Living God. The merciful God, seeing her longing for the truth, sent His angel who traced the sign of the cross upon Christina and called her the bride of Christ and completely instructed her in godly understanding. Christina then smashed all the idols in her quarters and provoked wild fury in her father. Her father brought her to trial and handed her over to be tortured and, after that, threw her into the dungeon with the intention to behead her the next day. That night Urban, completely healthy, parted from his soul and went to the grave before his daughter. After that two imperial deputies, Dion and Julian, continued to torture this holy virgin. Christina's courageous endurance and her miracles, which she worked by the power of God, converted many pagans of Tyre to Christianity. During the torturing of Christina, Dion suddenly fell dead in the midst of the people. Dion's successor, Julian, severed the breasts and tongue of Christina. The martyr took her tongue and threw it into Julian's face and he was instantly blinded. Finally her suffering for Christ ended by death beneath the sharp sword and her life continues in the immortal kingdom of the angels. Christina honorably suffered in the third century.

THE VENERABLE POLYCARP, ABBOT OF THE MONASTERY OF THE CAVES IN KIEV

Polycarp possessed "love toward God and his fellow men, joy because of an untainted conscience, peace because of victory over all passions, patience in time of temptation and misfortune, goodness in submission toward all, be-

nevolence toward the poor, undoubting faith in fulfilling the commandments, truth in fulfilling his vows, meekness in not knowing anger, restraint and so forth." So well did he govern the Lavra of the Caves in Kiev that, after his death, a worthy successor among the monks could not be found (for those who were worthy did not want to accept the rank of abbot out of humility), so that the brethren were compelled to take Basil, a secular priest, as their abbot. St. Polycarp reposed in the Lord in the year 1182 A.D.

REFLECTION

The Faith of Christ mostly sanctifies and illumines the souls of men when the preachers of the Faith shine in their own lives. Blessed Polycarp, the abbot of the Monastery of the Caves in Kiev, was so completely illumined with the Faith of Christ, both in words and in deeds and in his entire being. Because of this, he had an unusual influence not only on ordinary people but also on princes and noblemen. Listening and seeing this godly man the Prince of Kiev, Rostislav Mstislavitch, became so illumined with the Faith of Christ and thus became so subdued and gentle, that he became a model of life in his immediate surroundings and to his entire people. During the Great Lenten Fast Season, Prince Rostislav received Holy Communion every Sunday and, in all places, sought out those who were in need and those less fortunate and helped them. In the end, he resolved to embrace the monastic order and spoke to Saint Polycarp about this: "Holy father, princely rule in this world cannot be without sin and it has already embittered me and has rendered me incapable." Polycarp answered him: "If you desire this monastic state from your heart, then let it be God's will." Once while in Smolensk, the prince became ill and close to death and ordered that he be quickly taken to Kiev, so that before his death he may receive the monastic tonsure. However he died before his wish was fulfilled.

HOMILY

About the holy apostolic warning

"For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error" (2 Peter 2:18).

The holy apostle knows men better than the learned scribes for he is a saint and an apostle. A saint and an apostle penetrate deeply into the heart of man. About whom does the apostle speak? He speaks about the "impure, impudent and the self-willed", whom he earlier called "wells without water and clouds and mist" (2 Peter 2:17). The "impure, impudent and self-willed"

are men of many and high sounding [high falutin] words. They speak proud and false words to men. By these proud and false words, they both conceal and reveal their hearts concealing it for the uneducated and for those who do not understand and revealing it for those who are steadfast in the Faith and enlightened by Grace.

When the impure speak of their purity, by that they are declaring their impurity; when the impudent defends his character, by that he reveals his impudence; when the self-willed interprets the will of God, by that he shows his self-will. Whoever attentively follows his words can sense the stench of their bodily desires. The inattentive and uneducated cannot sense this stench but believe and are deluded. Those "who have just begun to escape" from the illusion of the body, the world and the devil are ensnared by proud and false words, as a fish in an invisible net. The fish does not know that it is in a net, until the net is pulled out on the hot sand. Then it knows but then it is too late. O may it not be too late for those pitiful souls of mankind who are ensnared in the net of proud and false words! Brethren know that every teacher who, by his teaching, condones bodily desires and who yields to sinners in bodily desires, is false.

Lord Jesus, Holy and All Pure, send Your Holy Angels to defend all beginners and fledgings in Your Faith from proud and false lips.

To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.



GREEK SCHOOL

Dear Parishioners,

The new Greek School year is quickly approaching. We are beginning the registration process in order to get an idea of what grades will be needed. We ask that you fill out the registration form in the months of June & July to give us enough time to order books and to organize the rosters for each class. Please contact Despina at the Church for more information.

Thank you,
Marianthi Lagges
Demetre Lagges
Rose Abadiotakis
Dr. Peter Pappas

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE IN THE NARTHEX ,
OR IF YOU CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE WE CAN
EMAIL ONE TO YOU. IT WILL ALSO BE IN THE
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER.

TASTE OF GREECE ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL FEBRUARY 17, 18 & 19, 2012

***FESTIVAL MEETING
SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH
following Divine Liturgy***

*We need to begin the planning process in
order to have a successful festival.
We need everyone's help - that means YOU!*

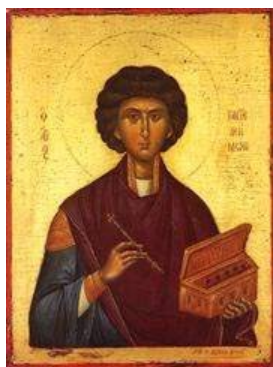
SAINT PARASKEVI JULY 26



Saint Paraskevi, who was from a certain village near Rome, was born to pious parents, Agatho and Politia. Since she was born on a Friday (in Greek, Paraskevi), she was given this name, which means "preparation" or "preparedness" (compare Matt. 27:62, Mark 15:42, Luke 23:54, and John 19:31, where 'Friday' is called "the day of the preparation"). From childhood she was instructed in the sacred letters and devoted herself to the study of the divine Scriptures, while leading a monastic life and guiding many to the Faith of Christ. During the reign of the Emperor Antoninus

Pius, she was apprehended because she was a Christian and was urged to worship the idols, but she answered with the words of Jeremias: "Let the gods that have not made heaven and the earth perish from off the earth" (Jer. 10:11). Because of this she endured exceedingly painful torments, and was beheaded in the year 140. The faithful pray to her for the healing of eye ailments

SAINT PANTELEIMON JULY 27



This Saint, who had Nicomedia as his homeland, was the son of Eustorgius and Eubula. His father was an idolater, but his mother was a Christian from her ancestors. It was through her that he was instructed in piety, and still later, he was catechized in the Faith of Christ by Saint Hermolaus (see July 26) and baptized by him. Being proficient in the physician's vocation, he practiced it in a philanthropic manner, healing every illness more by the grace of Christ than by medicines. Thus, although his parents had named him Pantoleon ("in all things

a lion"), because of the compassion he showed for the souls and bodies of all, he was worthily renamed Panteleimon, meaning "all-merciful." On one occasion, when he restored the sight of a certain blind man by calling on the Divine Name, he enlightened also the eyes of this man's soul to the knowledge of the truth. This also became the cause for the martyrdom of

him who had been blind, since when he was asked by whom and in what manner his eyes had been opened, in imitation of that blind man of the Gospel he confessed with boldness both who the physician was and the manner of his healing. For this he was put to death immediately. Panteleimon was arrested also, and having endured many wounds, he was finally beheaded in the year 305, during the reign of Maximian. Saint Panteleimon is one of the Holy Unmercenaries, and is held in special honor among them, even as Saint George is among the Martyrs.



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

In the name of Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen.

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. Amen

STEWARDSHIP



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

175 Stewards Pledging \$152,015 Paid \$105,770
25 Uncommitted Stewards Paid \$5,572.

**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