

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 3, 2011

3rd Morning Gospel - 2nd Tone

3rd SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Martyr Hyacinth

Martyrs Theodotos, Diomedes, Evlampios, Asklipiades & Dolindouch

Patriarch of Constantinople Anatolios

Righteous Neomartyr Gerasimos the Younger



~ 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 – Ἦχος Β' – σ. 102 - 105

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον ἢ ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατον ἀθάνατος τότε τὸν Ἄδυνέ νέκρωσας τῆ ἀστραπῆ τῆς θεότητος. Ὅτε δέ καί τοὺς τεθνεώτας ἐκ τὸν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πάσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν. Δόξα σοί.

Resurrectional Apolytikion - 2nd Tone - p. 103 - 105

When you descended into death, Life immortal, You vanquished the pow'r of hell by your resplendent divinity, and When You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly: O giver of life Christ our God, glory to You.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἁγίας Αἰκατερίνης - Ἦχος Πλ. Α'

Τὴν πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν * Αἰκατερίναν τὴν θεϊαν καὶ πολιούχον Σινά * τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν· ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς * τοὺς κομψοὺς 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—Ἦχος β – σ. 224

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν καὶ σπεύσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα αἰεὶ, Θεοτόκε τῶν τιμῶντων σε.

Kontakion - Second Tone

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 5:1-10

BRETHREN, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

The Gospel Reading Matthew 6:22-33

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

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

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.)

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

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.



Happy 4th of July!
Have a safe & happy day!

Upcoming Liturgies & Events

Tues., July 19th - Vespers for St. Elias with Temple Beth Sholom 6 pm
followed by a small reception

Wed., July 20th - St. Elias - Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am



St. Stephens Coptic Retreat Center in Titusville is perhaps THE best place to watch a shuttle launch as it just across the river from KSC.

Riverfront view rooms cost \$200 a night. (Up to quad occupancy) Pool view is \$150. Parking lot is only \$125 but these are smaller rooms, double occupancy maximum.

This is an opportunity to see the historic last shuttle launch from a "room with a view", support the local economy and our Coptic Christian brothers and sisters. Call (321) 567-4961 to make your reservation.

P.S. You can reserve a parking spot for only \$25.

PROLOGUE OF OHRID JULY 3

THE HOLY MARTYR HYACINTHUS

Hyacinthus was a young man and a courtier at the court of Emperor Trajan. Secretly, he was a Christian. At one time when Emperor Trajan and his entire court solemnly offered sacrifices to the idols, Hyacinthus refrained from this abominable solemnity. For that he was accused and brought before the emperor to be judged. The emperor counseled him to deny Christ and to offer sacrifices to the idols. Hyacinthus remained as firm as a diamond and said to the emperor: "I am a Christian and I honor Christ. Him I worship and to Him alone do I offer myself as a living sacrifice." Beaten, spat upon and scraped, this holy martyr was thrown into prison. By order of the emperor, he was given nothing to eat except the sacrifices offered before the idols. Hyacinthus refused to partake of them and after eight days died in prison. The prison guards saw two radiant angels in the prison: one angel covering the body of the martyred Hyacinthus with his radiant vesture and the other angel placing a glorious wreath on his head. The entire prison was illuminated and aromatic. The youthful Hyacinthus honorably suffered and was crowned with eternal glory in the year 108 A.D.



SAINT ANATOLIUS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

At first, Anatolius was a presbyter in the Church at Alexandria and following the death of Patriarch Flavian, he was elevated to the patriarchal throne of Constantinople in the year 449 A.D. During his reign, the throne of Constantinople was recognized as equal to the throne of Rome by the Ecumenical Council held at Chalcedon in 451 A.D. He struggled greatly for the purity of the Orthodox Faith, suffered much at the hands of the heretics and finally was slain by them in the year 458 A.D. during the reign of Pope Leo the Great. Anatolius governed the church for nearly nine years and took up his habitation among the holy hierarchs in the Kingdom of God.

THE VENERABLE ALEXANDER [AKIMETES]

Alexander was born in Asia, educated in Constantinople and after the completion of his schooling he devoted himself to military service and attained the rank of an officer. Reading Holy Scripture, he came across the words of the

Savior: "If you seek perfection, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor. You will then have treasure in heaven. Afterward come back and follow me" (St. Matthew 19:21). These words had such an effect on Alexander that he immediately sold and distributed all that he had and withdrew into the wilderness. After many mortifications and labors in purifying himself, he established a monastery of the Sleepless Ones with a special constitution according to this rule: the divine services [offices] were carried on night and day without interruption in his community. The brotherhood was divided into twenty-four relays [cursus]. Each relay knew their hour of the day and night and went to church to continue the reading and singing of the preceding relay. Carrying nothing with him, Alexander traveled much throughout the eastern regions enlightening men with the Faith of Christ. Alexander disputed with heretics, worked miracles by the Grace of God, grew old serving the Lord and finally ended his earthly life in Constantinople in the year 430 A.D. where his relics manifested miraculous power and glory through which God glorifies His holy servants.

VENERABLE ISAIAH, THE RECLUSE [ANCHORITE]

Isaiah lived a life of asceticism in the Egyptian Scete during the fifth and sixth centuries. He is mentioned in the book of Saints Barsanuphius and John (Reply 249 and others) as a man possessing exceptional sanctity. He wrote many instructions for monks and anchorites. Of his works, very little remains and much was destroyed by the Muslims. St. Isaiah said: "The mind, before it awakens from the sleep of slothfulness, resides with the demons." "The crown of all good works consists in this: that a man place all his hope in God; that he finds recourse in Him once and for all with his heart and strength; that he be filled with compassion for all and weep before God, imploring His help and mercy." What is the sign to man that a certain sin is forgiven? "The sign that a sin is forgiven is that the sin does not generate any activity in your heart and that you have forgotten it to such a degree that in conversation about a similar sin you do not feel any inclination toward that sin but rather consider it something totally foreign to you. That is the sign that you are completely pardoned." In vain are prayer and mortification to a man who conceals within himself malice toward his neighbor and the desire for revenge. "Watch with all your strength that you do not speak one thing with your mouth and have something else in your heart." "The crown of good works is love; the crown of passions is the justification of one's sins."

REFLECTION

Love is all-powerful. It can, among other things, ease the judgment of the souls of deceased sinners. The Orthodox Church confirms this resolutely and

continues to offer prayers and performs corporal works of mercy for the deceased. Abundantly rich in every spiritual experience, the Church knows that prayers and works of mercy for the deceased helps those in the other world. Before her death, St. Athanasia the Abbess (April 12) made the sisterhood promise that for forty days after her death they would prepare a table for the poor and needy. The sisterhood carried out her command for only ten days and then ceased. The saint then appeared in the company of two angels and said to the sisters: "Why have you transgressed my commandment? Know, that through works of mercy and the prayers of the priest for the souls of the deceased in the course of forty days, invokes God's mercy. If the souls of the departed are sinful they, through this, receive forgiveness of sins from God and if they are not sinful then the corporal works of mercy performed for them serve to the salvation of the benefactor himself." Naturally, works of mercy and prayer are thought of here in connection with great love toward the departed souls. Such works of mercy and prayer, in truth, do help

HOMILY

About the joy of faith in Christ

"Although you have never seen Him, you love Him, and without seeing you now believe in Him and rejoice with inexpressible joy touched with glory" (1 Peter 1:8).

These are the words of the Holy Apostle Peter. He saw the Lord and loved Him. He looked at the Lord and believed in Him. Precisely because of that, he praises the love of those who have not seen the Lord and the faith of those who have not seen Him with their eyes. Our Lord Himself said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (St. John 20:29). Blessed are they who have not seen the Lord as the apostle saw Him, but, nevertheless, they love Him with apostolic love. Blessed are they who have not seen the Lord as the apostle saw Him but, nevertheless, they believe in Him with apostolic faith!

O my brethren, even if we do not see the Lord, we see His works which have enlightened the entire history of mankind from one end to the other and have illumined every created thing under the heavens with a spiritual significance. Even if we do not see the Lord, we see His Holy Church built upon His All-holy and Pure Blood, from countless saints, righteous ones and numerous souls baptized in His Name throughout the ages of ages. Even if we do not see the Lord face to face as the apostles saw Him, we believe that He is among us in the Body and Blood by which we, according to His commandment, communicate and, in communicating, we rejoice with unspeakable joy.

Brethren, the Lord is alive and the Lord is near! That is our unwavering faith and that is the spark of fire which stirs our hearts in a flame of love for the Lord, living and near.

To know that our Lord the Creator, out of love, descended into the earth and appeared as a man for our sake and further know that He was dead and that He appeared alive what stronger foundation does our faith need and what stronger justification for our love?

Brethren, the Lord is alive and near. And even in our day, He is appearing to many righteous souls who serve Him with patience.

O Living Lord, You were dead and are alive enliven in us faith and love until our last breath on earth, that with faith and love, we may be worthy to see You face to face as did Your holy apostles.

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.

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Protocol 108/11

July 4, 2011

Independence Day

*For you, brethren, have been called to liberty;
only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh,
but through love serve one another. (Galatians
5:13)*

To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils of the Greek Orthodox Communities, the Distinguished Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools, the Philoptochos Sisterhoods, the Youth, the Hellenic Organizations, and the entire Greek Orthodox Family in America

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this annual celebration of freedom and the commemoration of the founding of this nation, I greet you in the love of our Lord who offers to us enduring liberty leading to a creative life on earth and ultimately eternal life. Our liberty in Christ frees us from the bondage of sin and death through the power of the Resurrection and the presence of the Holy Spirit. As the Apostle Paul states in his Epistle to the Galatians, this liberty is to be led by the Spirit and should not be an opportunity to do the works of the flesh or fulfill selfish desires. Instead, this freedom should produce and nurture the fruit of the Spirit, leading each person in love and acts of service toward others (Galatians 5:22).

Our love and service toward others as Orthodox Christians and the building up of the community of faith is also the foundation for our relationship with the broader community in which we live. Civic engagement is an important facet of our lives, as we express concern for the social environment in which we live and for those with whom we share it. This was a principle that was recognized by the founders of our country. A democ-

matic government and a stable and free society necessitate the active participation in the political and civic life of the nation. They affirmed that participation should not be forced or coerced, but they also recognized that the well-being of the nation would be dependent on a robust and responsible engagement by the people.

One challenge is that this freedom which we celebrate on the 4th of July each year can paradoxically be the negative opportunity for selfishness, greed, and apathy, leading to a decline in engagement and a lack of concern for others in our communities. This is why our Orthodox Christian faith has so much to offer. Our civic engagement is a manner in which we express the love of God. It is our vocation as His people to labor for an environment where people have the opportunity to live securely, to be free, and to flourish. In addition, we offer a witness of the nature and power of true freedom, as we unite the freedoms we have in this country with the manner of life we live in Christ.

On this Independence Day, may we commemorate the many blessings of freedom and life that we share in this country. May we also consider our engagement within our communities and how we share our faith and the love of God through our service to others. For each and every person may we seek all that is good, just, and leads to a blessed life in God, which guarantees true freedom.

With paternal love in Christ,

†DEMETRIOS
Archbishop of America

PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE

Including Mt. Athos (men) or Ouranoupolis (women)

& CONSTANTINOPLE

**LED BY METROPOLITAN ALEXIOS OF THE
METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA**

Pilgrimage: Nov 18 – Dec 01 2011, 14 Days / 12Nights

SEE FORM IN NARTHEX



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

**171 Stewards Pledging \$148,165 Paid \$100,890.
26 Uncommitted Stewards Paid \$5,862.**

**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