

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, NOVEMBER 27, 2011

2nd Morning Gospel - Grave Mode

13th Sunday of Luke

Great Martyr Iakovos of Persia

Righteous Nathaniel of Nitria & Pinouphrios of Egypt



~ 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 Βαρύς – σ. 122 - 124

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον· ἠνέωξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον· τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες· καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας· ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Resurrection Apolytikion - Grave Tone - p. 123 - 125

By Your cross, O Lord, You destroyed death; to the thief You opened paradise. The myrrhbearers' sorrow You transformed into joy, and You sent Your apostles forth to proclaim that You had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world Your great mercy.

Τοῦ Ἁγίου - Ἦχος δ'

Ὁ Μάρτυς σου Κύριε ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτοῦ, τὸ στέφος ἐκομίσαστο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· ἔχων γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλεν, ἔθραυσε καὶ δαιμόνων τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτοῦ ταῖς ἰκεσίαις, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

For the Saint – 4th Mode

Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily awarded by You * the crown of incorruption, in that he contested for You our immortal God. * Since he possessed Your power, he defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ God, at his fervent entreaties, save 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 κομψοὺς τῶν ασεβῶν * τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆ δυνάμει· καὶ ὡς Μάρτυς Κυρίου στεφθεῖσα * αἰτεῖται πάσι τὸ 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 – Ἦχος Βαρύς - σ. 240 - 242

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τόν προαιώνιον Λόγον, * εν Σπηλαίῳ
έρχεται, * αποτεκεῖν απορρήτως. * Χόρευε, η οικουμένη *
ακουτισθείσα, * δόξασον, μετά Αγγέλων καί τών Ποιμένων, *
βουληθέντα εποφθῆναι, * Παιδίον νέον, * τόν πρό αίωνων Θεόν.

Kontakion – Grave Tone - p. 241 - 243

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the
Word ineffably, * who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O
earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the angels and the
shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a
young Child who * before the ages is God.

The Epistle Reading is St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22

BRETHREN, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

The Gospel Reading Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go

through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

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, Andrew & Pauline Kalton, Jay Figari, Jan Sangi, Ernest & Stella Kartsonis, Mae Charos, Joyce Ninos, Nazieh Yacoub, Cristian, Lynette, Leilani & Xavier, Elaine, Jay, Eleni, Jaymi, Niki, George, Steve, Harry, Elaine Petersen, Jerry, Theresa Sempepos, Dorothy Pappademetriou, Patricia Laflamm.

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, Alyssa Giglio, Sade Jelani, Jamila Jelani, Alyssa Karas, Ashley Petersen, James Petersen, Kathleen Rogers, George Saad, Jason Sirounis, John Sirounis, Katie Sirounis.

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.



Brevard Interfaith Coalition has given us 70 names of foster children with their Christmas wish lists. They are displayed on 2 Christmas trees in the community center. Please choose a needy child and sign the sheet. You can bring the unwrapped gifts to the community center the latest by Sunday, December 11th.

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 ~

GOYA will be shadowing the Parish Council today

Fellowship Hour sponsored today by
GOYA

Festival Meeting today following fellowship hour



Upcoming Liturgies & Events

- Mon., Nov. 28th** - Trisaghion for Fr. George Papadeas in Daytona
Tues., Nov. 29th - 9 am - Orthros & Liturgy & funeral for Fr. Papadeas in Daytona
Wed., November 30th - St. Andrew - Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am
Sun., December 4th - Parish Council Elections Noon - 3 pm
Sun., December 4th - Sunday School Class Pictures
Mon., December 5th - Vespers for St. Nicholas AT St. Nicholas in Ft. Pierce. 7 PM, Dinner shall be served following service.
Tues., December 6th - St. Nicholas at St. Nicholas in Ft. Pierce 9 AM Orthros & Divine Liturgy
Mon., December 12th - St. Spyridon - Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am
Sat., December 17th - St. Dionysios - Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am
Sat., December 17th - Christmas Pageant Practice
Sat., December 17th - St. Modestos Pet Blessing - NOON
Sun., December 18th - Sunday School Christmas Program & Spaghetti Fundraiser
Fri., December 23rd - Nativity Hours - 10 am
Sat., December 24th - St. Basil Liturgy for Christmas Eve - Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am
Sat., December 24th - Vespers for Christmas Eve - 6 pm - followed by Choir singing Christmas Carols
Sun., December 25th - Christmas Day - Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am

PROLOGUE OF OHRID

November 27

The Holy Martyr Iakovos the Persian

James was born of Christian parents in the Persian city of Elapa (or Vilat), brought up in the Christian Faith and married to a Christian woman. The Persian King Yezdegeherd took a liking to James for his talents and skillfulness, and made him a noble at his court. Flattered by the king, James was deluded and began offering sacrifices to the idols that the king worshiped. His mother and wife learned of this, and wrote him a letter of reproach in which they grieved over him as an apostate and one who was spiritually dead. Yet, at the end of the letter, they begged him to repent and return to Christ. Moved by this letter, James repented bitterly, and courageously confessed his faith in Christ the Lord to the king. Angered, the king condemned him to death by a special torture: his entire body was to be cut up, piece by piece, until he breathed his last. The executioners fulfilled this command of the wicked king to the letter, and cut off James's fingers, then his toes, his legs and arms, his shoulders, and finally his head. During every cutting, the repentant martyr gave thanks to God. A sweet-smelling fragrance, as of a cypress, emanated from the wounds. Thus, this wonderful man repented of his sin and presented his soul to Christ his God in the Kingdom of Heaven. James suffered in about the year 400. His head is to be found in Rome and a part of his relics in Portugal, where he is commemorated on May 22.

The Seventeen Venerable Martyrs of India

They were Christian monks who suffered at the hands of the Indian King Abenner. Enraged at Elder Barlaam because he baptized his son, Ioasaph, King Abenner sent men in pursuit of him. The pursuers did not capture Barlaam, but captured seventeen other monks and brought them to the king. The king condemned them to death and his men plucked out their eyes, severed their tongues, broke their arms and legs, and then beheaded them. Even so, the Christian Faith in the Kingdom of India was strengthened all the more by the blood of these knights of Christ.

The Venerable Romanus the Wonderworker

Romanus lived a life of asceticism in the vicinity of Antioch. He never kindled a fire or lit a candle in his cell. He reposed peacefully, and was a miracle-worker both during his life and after his death. He intercedes for barren women when they offer prayer to him.

The Venerable Pinuphrius

Pinuphrius was a contemporary of St. John Cassian (February 29) and a great

Egyptian ascetic. He lived in the fourth century and carried out his life of asceticism in various places, always fleeing the praise of men. He had many disciples, who strove to imitate the lofty example of their teacher.

The Venerable Nathaniel

Nathaniel was a Nitrian monk. He prayed to God both day and night, and was enlightened by the contemplation of divine matters. He neither left his cell nor even crossed the threshold for a full thirty-eight years. He entered into rest in the Lord in the second half of the sixth century.

REFLECTION

When the executioners severed the thumb of St. James's right hand, he said: "Even a vine is pruned in this manner, so that in time a young branch may grow." At the severing of his second finger, he said: "Receive also, O Lord, the second branch of Thy sowing." At the severing of his third finger, he said: "I bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." At the severing of his fourth finger, he said: "O Thou who acceptest the praise of the four beasts [symbols of the four evangelists], accept the suffering of the fourth finger." At the severing of the fifth finger, he said: "May my rejoicing be fulfilled as that of the five wise virgins at the wedding feast." During the severing of the sixth finger, he said: "Thanks be to Thee, O Lord, Who at the sixth hour stretched out Thy most pure arms on the Cross, that Thou hast made me worthy to offer Thee my sixth finger." At the severing of the seventh finger, he said: "Like David who praised Thee seven times daily, I praise Thee through the seventh finger severed for Thy sake." At the severing of the eighth finger, he said: "On the eighth day Thou Thyself, O Lord, wast circumcised." At the severing of the ninth finger, he said: "At the ninth hour, Thou didst commend Thy spirit into the hands of Thy Father, O my Christ, and I offer Thee thanks during the suffering of my ninth finger." At the severing of the tenth finger, he said: "On a ten-stringed harp I sing to Thee, O God, and thank Thee that Thou hast made me worthy to endure the severing of the ten fingers of my two hands, for the Ten Commandments written on two tablets." Oh, what wonderful faith and love! Oh, the noble soul of this knight of Christ

HOMILY on the perfect man

... Till we all come in the unity of the Faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:13).

The unity of the Faith, brethren, and the knowledge of the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ the Savior, unites two men into one man, a thousand people into one man, and many millions of people into one man. The unity of Faith in Christ the Lord, and the true Orthodox knowledge of Christ the Lord, unites men more strongly than blood, more strongly than language, more strongly than all external circumstances and material bonds. When many souls think as one and the same, will as one and the same, and desire as one and the same, then these many souls are as one soul, one great and mighty soul. Physical differences in this case mean little, and are hardly to be taken into consideration. Thus, the same souls are built up into *a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ*. The parts of the perfect whole are themselves perfect. Every Christian soul is a part of the *perfect man*. Christ is the Perfect Man of Whom the Church is the Mystical Body. He fills everyone who believes in Him with Himself, according to the *measure of the stature* of each. He is the fullness beyond all fullness, the living fount that flows and fills every worthy space. Inasmuch as a man empties himself of everything that is not of Christ, Christ will enter into him and fill him accordingly. O my brethren, deep humility is needed in addition to strong faith, so that the Living Water may be poured into us. Even in nature, we see that water easily irrigates the lowlands. So, the more lowly our humiliation is before the Lord Jesus, the more willingly He pours Himself into us, irrigates us with His life-giving Self, and fills us as His vessel with the fullness of His immortality. O Lord Jesus, Thou fullness of life, wisdom, beauty and sweetness, help us to humble ourselves before Thy Divine Majesty, that we may be made worthy of Thy visitation.

To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.

LOST & FOUND

If anyone has seen a watch that was left at the Bakaliko a couple of weeks ago, can you please call the Church office, or drop it off in the Narthex.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - November 20th

Kindergarten / Pre-K - Brenda Roman

Last week we talked about how we can help others. Summer did an excellent job reading us a story about some men who helped their sick friend go see Jesus. Then we did two crafts. For the first craft, we made "helping hands". We traced our hands, cut them out, and wrote on them what we would do to help somebody this week. The kids had fun hanging them up in the room. For the second craft, we cut another handprint out, and made a Thanksgiving turkey with it. At the top of that paper we wrote, "Give Thanks to God!"

Attendance: 6

1st - 2nd Grades: Donna Thomson

In Sunday school, the children learned the following Monday we celebrated The Entrance of the Theotokos and the meaning of it. We shared with each other all that we are thankful for this Thanksgiving. They were also excited to learn that Friday we celebrate St. Katherine and that is who our church is named for. They can't wait to wish Kronia Polla to everyone they know that is having a Nameday!

Attendance: 5

3rd - 5th Grades: Mark & Effie Psarakis

We continued our unit on how families share. We discussed how families share prayers together and how that brings us closer as a family unit. We discussed that prayer unites us and helps us to be closer to God. We discussed the bible story in Acts about Cornelius and how he welcomed the Apostle Peter into his home and he and his family prayed and with Peter and received the Holy Spirit in their hearts.

We enjoyed making a Prayer Book together and encouraged the students to use it at home with their families. We also discussed the Feast day of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple celebrated Nov 21.

Attendance: 6

6th - 8th Grades: Trish Loso

We learned the three T's of Stewardship, Time, Talents, and Treasures. God has given us many gifts. It is important that we all develop and share our gifts with others. Everyone participated in our discussions about what we do for our families, friends, Church, and community. What a great group of kids!

Attendance: 7

Orthodox Life/High School: Fr. Demetri Tsigas

Jesus Christ - The Way less Traveled - Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." (John 14:6) We identified what it means to follow the way. We must first know Who and what the Way is before we can follow it. The Bible, the Creed, the 10 Commandments, the Saints, the Sacraments, and Spiritual Mentors teach us the Way. Actually following the Way is more challenging however. With Faith, Humility, Mercy, Love and the Grace of God however, we are empowered to make this miracle a reality in our lives. The Challenge Question was: "If you were on trial, accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you or would you be acquitted by a jury of your peers?"

Attendance: 7 Students and one guest. (Fr. Demetri, Costa Triantafyllidis and Dan Kennedy taught the class.)



**Operation Tom Sawyer
is in full swing!
Saturday, December 3rd
9 am**

Calling all teens, young adults
& able bodied adults to help with painting.

Please call or email the Church office to
let us know if you can help so we can
plan ahead of time.

Thank you.

PHILOPTOCHOS FUNDRAISERS

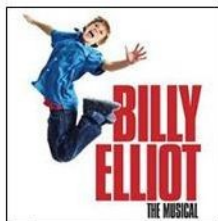
Christmas Card Sign Up Forms are available in the Narthex or see Nickie Ladis or Patricia Cincimino in the Community Center during fellowship hour. Final day to sign up is Sun., November 27th. Proceeds from the Christmas Card go to the “Faye Sellis Memorial Scholarship Fund” We award 2 students \$1,000. each Please help us achieve this goal.

Christmas Bake Sale Forms are available in the Narthex. Proceeds from the bake sale help cover our National & Metropolis obligations. Last day to order is Sunday, December 4th.

Baking Schedule for Philoptochos Christmas Bake Sale
All Workshops begin at 10 am

Finikia	Tues., Nov. 29th
Kourambiethes	Fri., Dec. 2nd
Koulourakia	Mon., Dec. 5th

Packaging will be on Fri., Dec. 9th
Pick up date is Sun., Dec. 11th



On February 25th we will be going to the Bob Carr Theatre to see “Billy Elliot”

Bus & Brunch included \$111.00

Please make your checks out to Apollo Travel or call
Ann Xenakis 259-2754 or
Toni Zarnas 636-0607



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

**195 Stewards Pledging \$163,750. Paid \$150,815.
25 Friends of St. Katherine Paid \$13,107**

2012 STEWARDSHIP

35 Stewards Pledging \$113,634.

*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