

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, JANUARY 8, 2012 8th Morning Gospel - Plagal 1st Mode

Sunday after Epiphany

Martyr George the Chozevite

Venerable Mother, Domnike

Righteous Kyros & Attikos
Patriarchs of Constantinople

Martyr Theophilos



~ 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 Πλ. Α' - σ. 114 - 116

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠδύοκῆσε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγειρᾶι 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.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον – Τῆς Ἑορτῆς - Ἦχος Α' - σ. 208 - 210

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου, Κύριε, ἡ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις· τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοι, ἀγαπητόν σε Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα· καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἶδει περιστρᾶς ἐβεβαίου τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές· ὁ ἐπιφανείς, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας, δόξα σοι.

Resurrectional Apolytikion - 1st Mode - p. 209 - 211

At Your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest, for the Father's voice bore You witness by calling You his beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of the Father's Word. O Christ our God, You have appeared to us and enlightened the world. Glory to You.

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 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 τῆς Ἑορτῆς - Ἦχος - σ. 248

Ἐπεφάνης σήμερον τῇ οἰκουμένῃ, καὶ τὸ φῶς σου, Κύριε, ἐσημειώθη ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, ἐν ἐπιγνώσει ὑμοῦντάς σε· Ἥλθες, ἐφάνης, τὸ φῶς τὸ ἀπρόσιτον.

Kontakion of the Feast – p. 249

You have revealed Yourself to the world today, and Your light shines forth on us, who sing Your praise with full knowledge: You have come to us, O Lord; You are made manifest, O inaccessible Light.

The Epistle Reading is St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

The Gospel Reading Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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, Nicholas.

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.

(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**



~ TODAY ~



Memorial Service



Andrew Roman - 3 days
George Alexander - 3 days
Konstantina 1 yr
Nickolas Abadiotakis 16 yrs

NO FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY

Following Divine Liturgy we will caravan down to Pineda Inn on Suntree Blvd. & US 1 for Blessing of the Waters & throwing the cross in the river, followed by lunch on our own at Pineda Inn. Please carpool as parking is limited. Thank you to Terry Salamis for allowing us to use his restaurant for this beautiful service.



Upcoming Liturgies & Events

- Sun., January 15th** - Vasilopita Cutting sponsored by Philoptochos
- Tues., January 17th** - St. Anthony the Great - To be announced
- Wed., January 18th** - St. Athanasios - Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am.
- Sat., January 21st** - OPA Mardi Gras see p. 11 for more information
- Saturday, January 28th** - Philoptochos Annual Membership Tea - 11 am - 2 pm at the Holiday Inn on Wickham Road & I 95 - \$30 pp. Call now for reservations. We will also have a guest speaker, our very own Demetri Kitsopoulos on how to deal with stress! Boy can we use that after the Christmas season!
- Sunday, February 5th** - Fundraiser Luncheon sponsored by the St. Helen Circle of Philoptochos

PROLOGUE OF OHRID

January 8

THE HOLY MARTYRS JULIAN AND BASILISSA

Julian and Basilissa were of noble and wealthy parents. United in marriage, they vowed to live chastely as brother and sister. They distributed all of their property to the poor and both were tonsured. Julian founded a monastery and Basilissa founded a convent. Julian had about ten-thousand monks and Basilissa about a thousand nuns. When a terrible persecution began under Diocletian, Basilissa implored God that none of her nuns would become frightened of the tortures and would not fall away from the Orthodox Faith. The Lord heard the prayers of His worthy handmaiden and, in the course of six months, received unto Himself all the nuns, one by one and finally their abbess Basilissa. Before her death, Basilissa had a vision of her sisters [nuns] from the other world. To her, all of them appeared to her radiant and joyful as angels of God and beckoned their spiritual mother to come to them as soon as possible. Unlike Basilissa's convent, Julian's monastery was set ablaze by the persecutors and Julian was inhumanly tortured and died from the most difficult sufferings. During his tortures, the Lord watched over him and strengthened him so that he heroically endured, preserved his Faith and glorified the Name of Christ. Beheaded along with Julian were Celsus and Maronilla, the son and wife of the tormentor Marcian, who witnessing Julian's heroism in suffering and torture, were themselves converted to the Faith of Christ. Also beheaded were twenty Roman soldiers; seven brothers from that town; the presbyter Anthony; and a certain Anastasius, whom Julian at the time of his torture, resurrected from the dead by prayer. All suffered honorably for Christ and became citizens of the heavenly kingdom about the year 313 A.D.



VENERABLE GEORGE THE CHOZIBITE

George lived an ascetical life in the seventh century in Choziba Monastery in Jericho on the road from Jerusalem, the monastery where the Venerable John Chozibite first led an ascetical life.

SAINT DOMNICA

During the reign of Emperor Theodosius, Domnica, unbaptized, came from Carthage to Constantinople with four other pagan maidens. Patriarch Macarius baptized them and gave his blessing to them to live as nuns. With great zeal, St. Domnica gave herself up to a life of asceticism and in that zeal did not waver until her death in extreme old age. She died in the Lord about 474 A.D. She was so

enlightened by the Holy Spirit that she was able to discern events in the future and through prayer to work miracles.

SAINT GREGORY, BISHOP OF OHRID

Gregory was a devout teacher and shepherd of Christ's flock. He died in the year 1012 A.D. In one of the inscriptions in the Church of St. Sophia in Ohrid, he is referred to as "Gregory, the all-wise."

REFLECTION

On one of the stones in the Church of St. Sophia, the following words were engraved: "Wash your sins, not only your face." Whoever entered this glorious church read this inscription and remembered that the Christian Faith requires of him moral purity: purity of the soul, purity of the heart and purity of the mind. Just as in the heart of man is concentrated the complete spiritual man, this is what the Lord also said, "Blessed are the pure of heart" (St. Matthew 5:8). Total external cleanliness does not help at all in gaining the kingdom of heaven. Oh, if only we would invest as much effort in washing ourselves from sins as we invest daily in washing our faces, then God would truly be seen in our hearts as though in a mirror!

HOMILY

About the needed caution for those who think that they are secure

"Therefore, whoever think she is standing secure should take care not to fall" (I Corinthians 10:12).

The apostle who gives such advice knew human nature perfectly and all its weakness. Day after day, this experience is confirmed: that as soon as man straightens up from the mud of sin, he then sways and falls again. As soon as he is cured of the sin of avarice, he falls into the vice of vainglory. Or, as soon as he extends his hand to help a poor man, pride then topples him to the other side. Or, as soon as he becomes accustomed to prayer, he then opens wide his mouth to degrade those who are not yet accustomed to prayer. Or, as soon as he felt that the Spirit of God is directing him to the path of salvation, he then immediately sets himself up as a teacher to the entire world until unfortunately by that he completely drives away the Spirit from within himself.

When the Lord foretold to His disciples that they would all deny Him and flee, then Peter confident in his stability cried out: "Though all may have their faith in You shaken, mine will never be" (St. Matthew 26:33). Discerning his very heart only and seeing him already fallen into self-conceit and pride, the Lord responded to him, "This very night before the cock crows, you will

deny Me three times" (St. Matthew 26:34). And when such a fall happened to the apostle in the immediate proximity of the Lord, why would it not happen to us? This is why, brethren, when we rise and turn from a certain sin and stand erect, we should ascribe this to the power and mercy of God and not to ourselves and we should be very vigilant to protect ourselves and to implore God that we, again, do not fall, be it to one side or the other side, but walk on the upright path of the Lord.

O All-seeing Lord, help us to stand straight before You by the Spirit, and when we become erect, uphold us that we do not fall anymore.



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA

January 6, 2012

Reverend Clergy and the Faithful of the Holy and God-protected
Metropolis of Atlanta

My beloved in the Lord,

"Why then is this day called Theophany?

*Because Christ made Himself known to all -- not then when He was
born -- but then when He was baptized."*

St. John Chrysostom

I greet you with love and joy in the Name of our Incarnate Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we celebrate this glorious Feast Day of Theophany, I pray that each of us will be spiritually renewed by the Holy Waters.

Of course, we know that the Feast Day commonly referred to as Epiphany (επιφάνεια, "the appearance; miraculous phenomenon") should be rather be called the Feast of the Theophany (Θεοφάνεια, "God shining forth"). For today we celebrate the 'shining forth' or revelation of God to mankind in human form, the person of Jesus, as, according to Holy Scripture and Holy Tradition, He was baptized in the Jordan River by St. John the Fore-

runner. It is one of the greatest and most ancient feasts of our Church, because for the first time the Holy Trinity was revealed in the voice of God the Father, God the Son baptized in the river, and God the Holy Spirit descending in the shape of a dove from heaven.

Indeed, we give thanks to Almighty God for giving us this Feast Day to uplift us and strengthen our Faith and commitment to our Lord and His Holy Church. When we receive the holy water, let us all pray that the blessing of the Epiphany Season will be with us throughout the year. May we be sanctified not only with the water but also with our prayers, Christian living, compassion and love for one another.

As I remember all of you in prayer on this bright and blessed day, I ask that you also remember my humble self in your prayers. May we receive strength and wisdom from Above, to dedicate ourselves to the service of the Lord and His Holy Orthodox Church. I remain,

Paternally yours with love in Christ,
+Metropolitan Alexios
+ALEXIOS
Metropolitan of Atlanta



THE JESUS PRAYER

Κύριε Ἰησοῦ 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

*St. Helen Circle
of St. Sophia Ladies Philoptochos Society
Fundraiser Luncheon
Sunday, February 5th
Following Divine Liturgy*

**FESTIVAL AD BOOK FORMS
PLEASE PICK A FEW UP AND BRING TO
YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES AND ASK THEM
FOR THEIR SUPPORT**

VOLUNTEERS ARE A WONDERFUL THING!!

What would we do without them? We hope you'll be as generous with your time as last year. We need lots of you signing up NOW!!

Once again, it's that time and the pressure is on. Volunteer Sign Up sheets will be in the community center after the New Year. Decide what area you'd like to work, but sign up early.

Please write or print your name clearly, along with your phone number. For those of us doing the follow up calls, it's so important to be able to read, CLEARLY, your name and phone number.

Please mark your calendar at home, as to what area, day and time you committed to and someone will call a week or so before to remind you.

Thanking you in advance.

Your festival committee



*OPA's Mardi Gras Glendi
Dinner Dance*



Sat., January 21st, 6 pm

Come join us for a delicious
Dinner followed by dancing

\$25. per person

Appetizers, Salad, Chicken Jambalaya
& Dessert
Cash Bar

at St. Katherine's Community Center
5965 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne

Please call for pre-paid reservations
by Sun., Jan 15th

Linda Bilissis 609. 2672, Kiki Karas 984.7653
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*OPA's proceeds go towards helping St. Katherine
Donations to St. Katherine New Education Building Church Office
for 2011 \$2,000.*

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.



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

200 Stewards Pledging \$167,090. Paid \$170,898.

24 Friends of St. Katherine Paid \$14,392

2012 STEWARDSHIP

65 Stewards Pledging \$136,334.

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

Luke 12:34