

Remember in Your Prayers

- The newly-reposed Vladimir, father of Elias Potashov
- The newly-reposed Steven Halstead
- The newly reposed Daniel Schilke, son of Don Schilke
- Vera Belyaev, who suffered a life-threatening stroke
- Vladimir Booriakin, father of Elena Sullivan, who is recovering from stroke

Namedays, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

This week, John Gilbert was born to the Gilbert family! – *May God grant him and them many years!*

Parish Building Fund

Currently raised: \$40,000

Total amount necessary to raise to receive matching grant: \$75,000

Still need to raise before December 31st: \$35,000

We are in the final stretch of 2 months to achieve \$75K of donations.
Time to dig deep!

St. Euphrosynos Ministry - Agape Meal Schedule

Nov 5th – Irina Kotek's Team

Nov 12th – Archbishop visit meal

Altar Server Schedule

This week – Vespers: Miles, Max, Thomas; Divine Liturgy: Daniel, Luke, Soren

Next week – Vespers: Logan, Toby; Divine Liturgy: Stavros, James, Evan

+ Weekly Services at St. Katherine Orthodox Church +

Wednesday 6:15 pm – *Akathist/Paraklesis*

Saturday – 5:00pm – *Great Vespers*

Sunday – 9:10 am – *Hours*; 9:30 am – *Divine Liturgy*

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Saint Katherine of Alexandria Orthodox Church

Weekly Bulletin - Sunday, November 5th, 2017

***22nd Sunday after Pentecost; Martyr Galacteon and his wife,
Epistemis, at Emesa (3rd cent)***

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 **Gospel:** Luke 8:41-56

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death, and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion for Martyrs Galacteon and Epistemis - Tone 1

Let us the faithful honor these two betrothed athletes:
Galacteon and modest Epistemis.
Their ascetic labors blossomed into martyrdom,
Therefore we cry to them:
“Glory to Him Who has strengthened you!
Glory to Him Who has ^crowned you!
Glory to Him Who through you grants healing to all!”

Kontakion of the Resurrection - Tone 5

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, //
and we cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

Kontakion to Saint Katherine - Tone 2

Let all of us who love to honor the martyrs, form a great choir in praise of the most wise Katherine, for she preached Christ and trampled the serpent, despising the knowledge of the orators!

Welcome to all our guests!

We are glad you are able to be with us this day. Guests are invited to join us for coffee and a lunch meal after the Divine Liturgy.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle – Galatians 6:11-18

¹¹ *Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand. ¹² As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.*

¹³ *For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh. ¹⁴ But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. ¹⁵ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. ¹⁶ And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷ From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁸ Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.*

Gospel – Luke 8:41-56

⁴¹ *And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house: ⁴² For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him. ⁴³ And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, ⁴⁴ Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd. ⁴⁵ And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? ⁴⁶ And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me. ⁴⁷ And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately. ⁴⁸ And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace. ⁴⁹ While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master. ⁵⁰ But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole. ⁵¹ And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden. ⁵² And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. ⁵³ And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴ And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise. ⁵⁵ And*

her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat. ⁵⁶ And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done.

Commentary on the Gospel

“This woman, unclean by the standards of the Mosaic law and liable for stoning should she be discovered, throws all caution to the wind in her desperation and reaches out in all-consuming faith, to touch His garment. Then (can you not imagine this scene?) Jesus comes to a halt and exclaims, “Who touched me?” There was something different about this woman’s touch. There was intent behind it, there was faith behind it, there was rich content in her touch that made her contact significant, so significant that it coaxed power to proceed from Him! Why?

One, I believe it was because she was focused on her goal, undistracted by the crowd, its noise and size, the pushing and shoving, or from the fear of being discovered (an unclean woman was forbidden to be in contact with the ritually pure), undistracted even by her own suffering. Her mind was simple and clear: touch His garment and you will be healed.

Secondly, I believe it was her faith. Jesus tells us that her faith was what made her whole. She believed even after twelve years of physical suffering and of enduring the label of social pariah that the Lord would heal her. In fact, it may well have been her suffering that gave birth to the rich faith she brought to the scene. Suffering can inspire the deepest kinds of faith.

Thirdly, she was uniquely prepared for the encounter; her long suffering had prepared her to meet the Incarnate God. She literally had nothing to lose. She had abandoned all feelings of shame, of fear, even of “being and non-being” as Dionysios the Areopagite writes in mystical language. She passed beyond everything, including herself, with single-minded purpose to touch the hem of His garment. So, she becomes a model of the spiritual life for all of us.”

+ Archpriest Antony Hughes; *St. Mary Orthodox Church*+

+PARISH LIFE+

Nov. 11-12: *Visit of His Eminence Abp. BENJAMIN*

Nov. 21: *Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos*

Nov. 23: *Akathist of Thanksgiving (Thanksgiving morning)*

Nov. 24: *Vigil for St Katherine – 6:30pm*

Nov. 25: *Feast of St Katherine – 9:30am*

Edifying Events Elsewhere - Forum Lecture at University of Saint Katherine, Monday 7:30pm (upstairs), by Fr. Calinic Berger, “The Holy Spirit in Orthodox Christian Life”