

Remember in Your Prayers

- The newly-reposed Mitred Archpriest, Michael Margitich
- The newly-reposed Vera Belyaev, grandmother of Alexei Belyaev
- Donald Neufeld, father of Matthew, as he recovers from a heart episode

Namedays, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

This week, Fr. Andrew celebrated his Name Day, as did the parish of St Andrew's in Riverside.

Parish Building Fund & Pledge Forms

With roughly \$30K to go for our final month, parishioners are urged to finalize their contributions for our Matching Grant. A permanent building is not an option for our near future, it's a necessity: our faithfulness now pays dividends later.

This is our 2nd to last weekend for Pledge Forms: please turn them in to Jayson Treirweiler or Helen Levenetz.

St. Euphrosynos Ministry - Agape Meal Schedule

Dec 3rd – Matushka Elizabeth's team

Dec 10th – Terri Tarcon's Team

Altar Server Schedule

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

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

+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, December 3rd, 2017

26th Sunday after Pentecost; Prophet Zephaniah

Epistle: Ephesians 5:9-19 **Gospel:** Luke 18:18-27

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,
granting life to the world.

The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:
“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!

Glory to Thy ^Kingdom!//

Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest of mankind!”

Troparion for Prophet Zephaniah – Tone 2

We celebrate the memory of Thy prophet Zephaniah, O Lord;
through him we beseech Thee:

“Save our souls!”

Kontakion of the Resurrection – Tone 1

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory,
raising the world with Thyself.

Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished.

Adam exults, O Master!

Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee://

“Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

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 – Ephesians 5:9-19

⁹ (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) ¹⁰ Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. ¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. ¹² For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. ¹³ But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. ¹⁴ Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. ¹⁵ See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, ¹⁶ Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; ¹⁹ Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

Gospel – Luke 18:18-27

¹⁸ And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? ¹⁹ And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God. ²⁰ Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother. ²¹ And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up. ²² Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. ²³ And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. ²⁴ And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! ²⁵ For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. ²⁶ And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved? ²⁷ And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Commentary on the Gospel

“There are those who refuse to follow Jesus; such was the young man who ‘became sorrowful, for he was very rich.’ What became of this young man? We would like to think that later he came back to Jesus, giving everything. We are permitted to cling to such a hope by the very fact that when going

away, he ‘became sorrowful.’ Not incensed or (not of) bitter, but sorrowful. Therefore he was repenting of it... Grief bears fertile seeds.”
+ Fr. Lev Gillet +

“Let us think of our human existence as a book. Most people regard this present life as the actual text, the main story, and they see the future life – if, indeed, they believe that there is any future life – as no more than an appendix. But the genuinely Christian attitude is the exact reverse of this. Our present life is in reality no more than the preface, the introduction, while it is the future life that constitutes the main story. The moment of death signifies not the conclusion of the book but the start of Chapter One.” +(Bishop Kallistos Ware, *The Inner Kingdom*, pg. 25)+

“You don’t become holy by fighting evil. Let evil be. Look towards Christ and that will save you. What makes a person saintly is love.” +St. Porphyrios+

+PARISH LIFE+

Weekly Services Coming Up

Dec. 6, 6:15pm: Akathist to St. Nicholas

Dec 13, 4:30pm: St Lucy Day and Akathist to St Herman – Parish fellowship and holiday craft night

Edifying Events Elsewhere

Monday Dec 4, 8am Liturgy for St. Barbara & St. John of Damascus, Univ. of Saint Katherine

Tuesday Dec 5, 7pm – Choral Christmas Concert & Caroling at Univ. of Saint Katherine