

### **Remember in Your Prayers**

- The Wards, who are looking for housing near the parish.
- For the repose of Jeffrey, Fred, Rebecca, and Vladimir, non-Orthodox relatives of parishioners.
- Daniel Schilke, son of Don Schilke, whose cancer has returned.
- Eric (Nectarios) Cochran, who reposed suddenly
- Our new catechumen, Steven, who is fighting throat cancer & pneumonia

### **Namedays, Birthdays, and Anniversaries**

This week, Yulia and Jeff celebrated their anniversary, and Yulia also celebrated her birthday. Philip (Pip) Cuneo, Lyudmila Rockett and Ken Talley also celebrated their birthdays. – *May God grant them many years!*

### **Parish Building Fund**

We are in the final stretch of 3 months to achieve \$75K of donations. We will make it if we are steady givers. Remember - every dollar of this will be matched and we'll be closer to acquiring our own space.

### **St. Euphrosynos Ministry - Agape Meal Schedule**

Oct 1st – Slava Bagat's Team

Oct 8th – Brandon Davie's Team

### **Altar Server Schedule**

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

*Next week* – Vespers: Thomas, Max; Divine Liturgy: Miles, Daniel, Luke

### **+Weekly Services at St. Katherine Orthodox Church+**

Wednesday 6:15 pm – *Akathist/Paraklesis*

Saturday – 5pm – *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, October 01, 2017**

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**17th Sunday after Pentecost; Protection of the Most Holy Lady  
the Theotokos; Venerable Romanus the Melodist**

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 **Gospel:** Luke 6:31-36

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### **Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 8**

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!

Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//

O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

### **Troparion for the Protection - Tone 4**

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy,  
illuminated by thy coming, O Mother of God.

Beholding thy pure image, we fervently cry to thee:

“Encompass us beneath the precious veil of thy protection;

deliver us from every form of evil

by entreating Christ, thy Son and our God,//

that He may save our souls.”

### **Troparion for Venerable Romanus - Tone 4**

Today Valaam joins Alaska in celebrating this joyous feast,  
as her spiritual son Juvenaly embraces the New-Martyr Peter with love.

Together they suffered for the Lord in America

and united the Old World with the New by their voluntary sacrifice!//

Now forever they stand before the King of glory and intercede for our souls.

### **Kontakion of the Resurrection - Tone 8**

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrected Adam.

Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,

and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O

greatly Merciful One!

### **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 – 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1***

*16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

*17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.*

*18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

*7 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

***Gospel – Luke 6:31-36***

*31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.*

*32 For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them.*

*33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.*

*34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.*

*35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.*

*36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.*

***Patristic Commentary***

“The Apostles were about to be sent out to preach and many persecutors and plotters awaited them. If the Apostles were fearful and dismayed by persecution, they might want to protect themselves from their persecutors by keeping silent and not teaching. If that happened,

the radiant sun of the Gospel would be extinguished. In anticipation of this, the Lord exhorts the Apostles not to give way to defensive measures against their enemies, but instead bravely to endure all things, even insults and murderous plots. This is what He Himself did on the Cross, saying, ‘Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do’ (Lk.23:34). To prove to the Apostles that this commandment to love ones enemies is possible to keep, He then says, ‘What you want to be done to you, do the same to others; and be to others that kind of person you want others to be to you.’ If you want your enemies to be hard, unfeeling, and angry towards you, then be the same yourself to them. But if you want them to be kind and compassionate towards you, and not to remember wrongs, do not think that it is impossible for you yourself to be the same towards them. Do you see this natural law which is written in our hearts? That is why the Lord also said, ‘In those days I will surely put My laws into their mind, and write them on their hearts’ (Jer. 38:33). Then He adds another compelling reason to keep this commandment: if you love those who love you, you are like the sinners and the Gentiles; but if you love those who do evil to you, you are like God, Who is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Which do you desire—to be like sinners or to be like God? Do you see the divine teaching? First He persuaded you by means of the natural law: what you want to be done to you, do to others. Then He persuades you with the result and the reward—He promises that you will become like God.

*+from The Explanation of the Gospel of St. Luke by Blessed Theophylact, Archbishop of Ochrid and Bulgaria+*

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**+PARISH LIFE+**

***Upcoming Feasts & Services***

***10/03, Tue 6 pm – Visit of Myrrh-Streaming Hawaiian- Iveron Icon: Akathist (appetizer sign-up online)***

***10/04, Wed 6:15 pm –Akathist to St Innocent of Alaska***

***10/05, Thu 9 am – Daily Matins***

***10/06, Fri 4 pm – Daily Vespers***