

### **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.
- Katya Lukianov, recovering from major back surgery.

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

This week, Ellie, Matushka Elizabeth, and Megan celebrated their names days (St Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist), as well Miles (Archangel Michael) and Florence (Nativity of the Theotokos). Florence also celebrated her birthday – *May God grant them all many years!*

### **Parish Building Fund**

We are in the final stretch of 4 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 will be closer to searching for our own space each year.

### **Tithing**

How can we skip church for the work that God Himself gave us? How can we not give back some the very resources which are from Him? What time is too much to give to Him who made time itself?

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

Sep 03 – Terri Tarcon's Team  
Sep 10 – Khan Talley's Team

### **Altar Server Schedule**

*This week* – Vespers: Luke, Max; Divine Liturgy: Thomas, Miles, Daniel  
*Next week* – Vespers: Logan, Stavros; Divine Liturgy: Toby, Evan, James

### **+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, September 10, 2017**

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**14th Sunday after Pentecost; Sunday before Holy Cross** – Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora of Nicomedia

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 **Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14

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### **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 the Feast - Tone 4**

Thy nativity, O Virgin,  
has proclaimed joy to the whole universe!  
The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God,  
has shone from thee, O Theotokos.  
By annulling the curse,  
He bestowed a blessing.//  
By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

### **Kontakion of the Resurrection - Tone 5**

You descended 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 – 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4**

*<sup>21</sup> Now he which establisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God,<sup>22</sup> Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.<sup>23</sup> Moreover I call God for a record upon my soul, that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth.<sup>24</sup> Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand. <sup>2:1</sup> But I determined this with myself, that I would not come again to you in heaviness.<sup>2</sup> For if I make you sorry, who is he then that maketh me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me?<sup>3</sup> And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all.<sup>4</sup> For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.*

**Gospel – Matthew 22:1-14**

*<sup>1</sup> And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, <sup>2</sup>The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, <sup>3</sup> And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. <sup>5</sup> But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: <sup>6</sup> And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. <sup>7</sup> But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. <sup>8</sup> Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. <sup>10</sup> So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. <sup>11</sup> And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: <sup>12</sup> And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

*<sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen.*

**Patristic Commentary**

“There is a great difference, dearly beloved brethren, between corporal and spiritual delights in that the former, when we are without them, enkindle in the soul a strong desire to possess them, but once they are attained, they quickly satiate us. Spiritual pleasures, on the contrary, when unattained, produce a certain aversion; but once we taste them, the taste awakens desire, and our hunger for them increases the more we taste them... So we see that, if we do not taste these delights, we cannot desire them, because their flavor is unknown to us... so that the psalmist says, ‘Taste and see that the Lord is sweet’ (Ps. 33:9). We do not know what we should desire, and our repugnance is increased the further our souls stray from that true nourishment...”

+St. Gregory the Great, *Parables of the Gospel*, XXXVI

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**+PARISH LIFE+**

**Welcome to a New Church Year for Inquirers & Catechumens!**

The Inquirers/Catechumen sequence for the year starts a new cycle, 3:30 pm on Saturdays commencing Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. For those who wish to become (or already are) catechumens, this is the starting point. Please feel free to visit, or if you wish, revisit this class, and we'll ask for God's blessings to help us all go deeper into the wonderful Faith that Christ has provided us.

**Upcoming Feasts & Services**

**9/11, 10 am** - Liturgy at St Petka's (Beheading of St John, Old Calendar) & Memorial Panihida

**9/12, Noon** - 6<sup>th</sup> Hour and Canon

**9/13, 6:30 pm Wed** – Vigil for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**9/14, 9:30 am Thurs** – Exaltation of the Holy Cross Festal Liturgy

**Edifying (and Exceedingly Edible) Events Elsewhere**

- Greek Festival held September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> at Sts Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Cardiff-by-the-Sea, CA
- Serb Fest held September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Petka Serbian Orthodox Church in San Marcos, CA