

Namedays, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

Blessed tributes to many saints are noted this coming week, among them St Sergius of Radonezh, St John the Theologian, St Sophia and her 3 daughters Faith, Hope and Love, Prophet Jonah, St John the Baptist (Conception), St Silouan the Athonite, New Martyrs of Alaska, First Woman Martyr Thecla, St Eustathius (and his family), and St Euphrosynos the Cook. This week Fr. Jerome celebrated his birthday, and Stavros Hetrick celebrated his nameday – *May God grant them many years!*

Parish Building Fund

We are in the final stretch of 3,5 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.

St. Euphrosynos Ministry - Agape Meal Schedule

Sep 03 – Khan Talley's Team

Sep 10 – Irina Kotek's Team

Altar Server Schedule

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

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

± Weekly Services at St. Katherine Orthodox Church ±

Wednesday 6:15 pm – *Akathist*

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 17, 2017

15th Sunday after Pentecost; Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross – Martyr Sophia and her 3 daughters: Faith, Hope, and Love
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 **Gospel:** Matthew 22:35-46

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 6

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men.

Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body.

Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.

Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.//

O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Cross - Tone 1

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!

Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries;

and by virtue of Thy Cross,// preserve Thy habitation!

Troparion for the Martyrs - Tone 5

Thou didst blossom in the courts of the Lord

as a fruitful olive tree, holy martyr Sophia;

in thy contest thou didst offer to Christ the sweet fruit of thy womb,

thy daughters Faith, Hope, and Love.//

Together with them intercede for us all!

Kontakion of the Resurrection - Tone 6

When Christ God the Giver of Life,

raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,

He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//

He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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 4:6-15

⁶ For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.⁸ We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;⁹ Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;¹⁰ Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.¹¹ For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.¹² So then death worketh in us, but life in you.¹³ We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;¹⁴ Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.¹⁵ For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

Gospel – Matthew 22:35-46

³⁵ Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, ³⁶ Master, which is the great commandment in the law? ³⁷ Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. ⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David. ⁴³ He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ 'The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?' ⁴⁵ If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? ⁴⁶ And no man was able to answer him a word, neither dared any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

Patristic Commentary

“The person who loves God cannot help loving every man as himself, even though he is grieved by the passions of those who are not yet purified. But when they amend their lives, his delight is indescribable and knows no bounds.”

+ St. Maximos the Confessor, *Four Hundred Texts on Love* 1.13, *The Philokalia: The Complete Text* (Vol. 2)

“When we make the time to pray daily and to come to Liturgy on Sundays and Feast days; when we confess our sins and prepare conscientiously to receive Communion; when we wrestle with our passions through fasting or other forms of self-denial; when we humble ourselves to serve others and to ask for their forgiveness when we offend them; when we live faithfully—though imperfectly—as Christ’s followers, we grow in the love of God and neighbor, and we shine a bit more brightly with the holy light of Christ. Then we grow in union with the Lord and His righteousness and, despite our unworthiness, we share in Christ’s fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. That is what our life as human beings is about, and it is possible because the Son of God really has become one of us so that we may become more like Him, being truly perfected in love.”

+ Fr. Philip LeMasters; *Orthodox Commentary on Theology, Ethics, and Culture*

+PARISH LIFE+

Upcoming Feasts, Services & Events

9/23, Sat – Conception of St. John the Baptist

9/27, Tue – Falling asleep of St John the Evangelist and Theologian

Edifying (and Exceedingly Edible) Events Elsewhere

-Festival this weekend at St. Petka Serbian Orthodox Church

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 this week suddenly
- Our new catechumen, Steven, who is fighting throat cancer & pneumonia