

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

GREAT MARTYR EPHEMIA & HOLY MARTYR MELITINI

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Sermon: Identify Your Cross and Embrace It

Orthros

Tone: Seven

Fifth Eothinon: Luke 24:12-35

Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 (pg. 151)

Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1 (pg. 151)

Epistle Reader: Karen Hood

Prophora: Russel Pierson & St. Katherine Philoptochos

Coffee Hour Set-Up: Helen Anastassiou & Pagona Athanitis

Coffee Hour Hostesses: Stella Demis, Judy Frangos, Maria Scolinos

Parish Council: Craig Brothers, Tony Kostas, Patrick Santy

Altar Boys Team: Three

Next Week's Team: Four

Parish Schedule for the Week September 16, 2018

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Sunday, September 16	Orthros Divine Liturgy Youth Sunday Sign-Ups	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 PM
Monday, September 17	Greek Dance Practice	5:00 PM
Tuesday, September 18	YAL Basketball Practice	7:00 PM
Wednesday, September 19		
Thursday, September 20	AHEPA Movie Night (<i>Fotion Fellowship Hall</i>)	7:00 PM
Friday, September 21	Greek Language School	4:00 PM
Saturday, September 22	Greek Language School Choir Practice	9:00 AM 12:00 PM

Resurrection Hymn (Tone Seven): Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου

O Lord, by Your sacred Cross You abolished death, and granted unto the thief blessed paradise. The Myrrh-bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The Apostles did preach the Good News at Your command, that You had risen from the dead O Christ our God, bestowing Your mercy upon the world evermore.

New Ecclesiastical Year Resolutions!

If you haven't turned in your pledge card for 2018, perhaps you were waiting for the "new year." Now that our new church year has officially begun, there are no excuses left! Resolve to be the best steward you can be and turn in your 2018 pledge card. Pledge cards are available in the church office or pledge online at www.StKatherineGOC.org and press the "Stewardship" icon. Happy New Year!

Today is Youth Sunday – Register your children!

After Liturgy, Sunday school students will go to their respective classrooms in the Caras Education Center and register with their teacher. PreSchool (#105); Kindergarten & 1st Grade (#205); 2nd Grade (#204); 3rd Grade (#203); Grades 4 & 5 (#209); Middle School-Grades 6-8 (#207); High School-Grades 9-12 (#200). Parents should accompany their children to the classrooms to review and/or complete the Registration/Medical Release forms. After registering for Sunday School, children will be able to sign up for special activities and Youth Ministry groups in the Community Center (i.e. GOYA, JOY, Little Lambs & HOPE, Budding Angles, Basketball, Greek Dance, Greek Language, Youth Choir, Altar Boys & Myrrh Bearers.) Banners will be displayed over each group's sign-in table. A pizza lunch will be offered in the courtyard for our youth.

Summer is cooling down and school is beginning... time to return

Altar boys are being called back into service. All currently enrolled Altar Boys are being called back to action. Please review your team schedule and start to serve again. New teams will be developed after Youth Sunday (9/16) registration. Boys need to be in the Altar before 10am so we can all start the Divine Liturgy together.

St. Katherine Organizations – The new Church Year has begun – Let's get organized

As summer winds down, our campus will soon start jumping with activity as all our parish ministries and groups resume with regular meetings, events and activities. All groups using our facilities are required to fill out a Room Request form to reserve a space so our church calendar (July 2018 thru June 2019) may be completed and accurate. As a reminder, services of the Church take precedence over all other functions. Great Lent 2019 begins March 11 and Pascha falls on April 28. We request that *no meetings be scheduled during Lent* or in the *two weeks before or after Festival*. Blank room request forms are available electronically from the church office.

Administrative offices have moved

The long-awaited transition from our temporary space up in the Fireside Room into our new Administrative complex is almost complete. We are fully operational in our new home but it may take a couple of weeks to settle-in fully and get our surroundings fine-tuned. Weekday access to the church and offices will be from the main Knob Hill glass doors (as it used to be before construction). The parking lot gates will be locked unless there is a scheduled event going on. We hope your next visit upstairs will be enjoyable!

Dr. Corina Gheorghiu to offer a class on Parenting as part of our Marriage & Family Ministry

Please fill out and return the enclosed questionnaire to Dr. Corina so she can tailor the class to best meet the needs of our community. Please send the completed questionnaire to Dr. Corina at 2CorinaG@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES! - Upcoming Philoptochos Events

Sat. 10/6: Annual Blessing of the Animals at St. Katherine. Sun. 10/7: Philoptochos General Assembly Meeting following coffee hour. Sat. 11/17: The Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos annual *Light the Path* luncheon will be held at Assumption parish (Long Beach). This festive Christmas event raises funds for the Bishop Anthony Philoptochos Student Aid Endowment Fund which helps support our Metropolis students at Holy Cross/College.

SAVE THE DATE! Blessing of the Animals (pets) – Saturday, October 6 – 10AM Sharp!

This year the blessing of the Animals is back on home turf! Event parking will be available in the St. Katherine lot or on the streets. All animals big or small are welcome but must stay with the owner and be either caged or properly restrained on a leash. Blessed biscuits will be on hand for your furry friend. See you then!

AHEPA Movie Night – “Faith, Hope & Love” – This Thursday, September 20 at 7PM

Join us for a screening of Robert Krantz's latest endeavor, *Faith, Hope & Love*, the story of Faith a dance studio owner and recent divorcee who enters a dance contest to save her struggling studio, where she meets Jimmy (played by Krantz) and starts to rediscover her faith and dreams. \$10 donation includes appetizers/refreshments. Seating is limited, please RSVP to Tony Kostas at 310-316-0884 or adonakis@gmail.com.

Saint Sophia Camp Annual Golf Tournament & Fundraiser – October 5, 2018 – Save the date

This major fundraiser for our beloved camp program helps keep the cost to campers as low as possible and also helps the camp committee offer full scholarships to those children who cannot afford to attend. This year's tournament will be held at the California Country Club in Whittier. \$185 registration fee include greens fees, brunch, gift bag, lamb bbq, dinner, appetizers, cocktail hour and awards reception. Non golfers are welcome to attend the banquet, tickets available for \$50. For more information contact one of the co-chairs: Stephanie Caiopoulos-Lubian at 909-861-1012 or Nick Ananias at 562-552-1178, or send an email to Golf4LAcamp@aol.com. To register online please visit www.SaintSophiaCamp.org, click on the EVENTS menu.