

11TH SUNDAY OF LUKE - SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS

HAGGAI THE PROPHET; ST. MODESTOS, ARCHBISHOP OF JERUSALEM; QUEEN THEOPHANO THE WONDERWORKER
ST. NICHOLAS CHRYSOVERGIS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; MEMNON, ARCHBISHOP OF EPHEBUS
HOLY MARTYRS: MARINOS, PROVOS, AND ILARION

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Sermon: The Nativity Fast: Physical and Spiritual Abstinence

Orthros

Tone: Four

Seventh Eothinon: John 20:1-10

Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11 (pg. 117)

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24 (pg. 118)

Epistle Reader: Arlene Staich

Prophora: St. Katherine Philoptochos

Coffee Hour Set-Up: Carolyn Crossley & Bonnie Mitrosilis

Coffee Hour Hostesses: Helen Servetas, Fane Zambros, Alexandra Zarkas

Parish Council: John Giakouminakis, Bill Marutsos, Andrea Ballas

Phanouropita Blessing: Offered by the Wilson and Terzoli Families

Memorials: Boshra Ayad, 40 days; Fr. Ashiaa Ghobrial, 18 yrs.; Shawky Metry, 20 yrs.; Angeel Fuad; Laila Metry

Altar Boys Team: Three

Next Week's Team: Four

Parish Schedule for the Week December 16, 2018		
Sunday, December 16	Orthros Divine Liturgy Sunday School Adult Catechism Class (Fotion Fellowship Hall) Greek Dance School's Bake Sale & Aromatherapy Boutique	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:30 AM
Monday, December 17	Greek Dance Practice	6:00 PM
Tuesday, December 18	YAL Basketball Practice	7:00 PM
Wednesday, December 19	Bible Study (Fotion Fellowship Hall) Parish Council Meeting (Fotion Fellowship Hall) Boys Basketball Practice	10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM
Thursday, December 20		
Friday, December 21	Budding Angels Christmas Gathering (Caras Ed. Bldg.-EC105)	10:00 AM
Saturday, December 22	Restoration & Renewal Ministry Brunch (at Brothers home)	10:30 AM

Resurrection Hymn (Tone Four): Τό φαιδρόν τῆς ἀναστάσεως

When the tidings of the resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished, to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished evermore and Christ our God has risen from the dead and granted to the world His great redeeming mercy.

Stewardship Update – "It's the most wonderful time of the year"

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, it's also time to make sure we have honored our promises to St. Katherine's Stewardship. We are getting closer to our goal of \$515,000 in pledges, but pledges are only promises until they are fulfilled. Please take a moment to fulfill your pledge to ensure that you remain in "good standing" in 2018. We are grateful for each and every one of our St. Katherine stewards.

Bookstore ready to help with your Christmas shopping

Why walk miles in the mall? Why interface with the internet? Shop with people you know and buy Orthodox gifts for your children, spouse, siblings parents, grandparents and do not forget your Godparents.

Philoptochos Christmas Outreach

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Christmas outreach projects to benefit three local charities. The collections of food and warm jackets, blankets, etc. will continue through January.

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance, December 31 – Sponsored by the St. Katherine Greek Dance School

Looking for something to do on New Year's Eve? Plan on coming to a very festive event hosted by our Greek Dance school. The food will be delicious and our dancers will wow you with a terrific floor show. And if *you* come then the "parea" (the company) will also be excellent. RSVP by 12/21 to Martha Light 310-344-5770.

Greek Dance School Bake Sale TODAY – Nothing beats the aroma of fresh baked sweets, except...

Visit our "bake shop" pick up some delicious "home baked" sweets for your holiday table or as a wonderful hostess gift. In addition, Annamarie Sylvia will be offering the heavenly aromas of the Scentsy line of home fragrances, a beautiful way to add decor and fragrances to your home without flames, soot or toxins.

Fresh-baked Vasilopita for your New Years celebration

Beginning today and continuing through December 23, Philoptochos is taking orders for freshly-baked Vasilopites that will be available for pick-up on Sunday, December 30. To order, stop by the Philoptochos table during coffee hour or contact Stella Demis at stellaz@gmail.com or 310-378-3789. Please note, orders must be prepaid at \$10 each. Make checks payable to St. Katherine Philoptochos with *vasilopita* in the memo section.

Philoptochos is selling special "Gold" Vasilopita coins & Cookbooks

For the "do-it-yourself" bakers, Philoptochos is offering keepsake Vasilopita coins for \$12 each, or 2 for \$20. These "gold-plated" coins are engraved with the image of St. Basil. We will also have a limited number of Philoptochos cookbooks available for purchase at \$15 each. Both items make terrific stocking-stuffers.

Budding Angels Christmas Event! Friday, December 21 at 10:30AM – Merry Christmas! Καλά Χριστούγεννα!

IT IS THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR ONCE AGAIN! Christmas always brings the magic of our childhood back to our hectic adult lives. We strive to make the holiday season for our children as special as it was for us by passing down our family traditions of celebrating Jesus Christ's birth. St. Katherine's youngest members (newborn to 3 year old) will celebrate with a holiday party. Join us with your little Angels for Christmas sweets and loads of fun! If your child is interested in participating in our annual Secret Santa game, please bring a wrapped gift (\$5 maximum value). RSVP by Wed., 12/ 19 to Anelia Ordoulidis anelia.velinoff@gmail.com.

Orthodox Christian Women's Book Club – Inaugural meeting will be on January 17, 2019, 6-8:30PM!

Join us as we launch our new St. Katherine ministry. A wonderful fellowship of women of all ages interested in deepening their faith and their life in Christ. Join us in the Petrofanis Conference Room (upstairs) an evening each month reading (and discussing) from an incredible selection of fiction and non-fiction works about and by Orthodox Christian women. For more info or to RSVP contact Angelica Sotiriou Rausch at philkoep@aol.com.

Foundation Scholarship Applications now available

Please stop by the church office to pick up a 2019 Scholarship application. Be sure to fully sign for your application packet. An early start will help our applicants meet the firm deadline of *Wed., April 10, 2019 at 5PM.*

Calling All Twenty-Somethings – This Saturday, December 22, 10:30AM at the Chrysa & Craig Brothers

Reconnect and enjoy the gift of giving together! Join us for the launch of the new Restoration & Renewal Ministry with an inspiring brunch event. Bring friends and RSVP to Chrysa by text 310-617- 8898.

Sponsored Coffee Hour – May his memory be eternal

Today's coffee hour is offered in memory of Boshra Ayad by Dr. Adel & Mrs. Samia Metry.