

Remember in Your Prayers.

- The newly-reposed Vladimir, father of Elias Potashov.
- The newly-reposed Steven, who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, after having been baptized the previous Sunday
- Vera Belyaev, who suffered a life-threatening stroke
- Vladimir Booriakin, father of Elena Sullivan, who suffered a stroke this week
- Daniel Schilke, son of Don Schilke, entering hospice care.

Namedays, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

This week, James Trierweiler celebrated his Nameday, and Alla Kisina celebrated her birthday. – *May God grant them many years!*

Next Church School: Today! And then November 5th

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 will be closer to searching for our own space each year.

St. Euphrosynos Ministry - Agape Meal Schedule

Oct 15th – Matushka Elizabeth's Team

Oct 22nd – Terri Tarcon's Team

Altar Server Schedule

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

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

+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 15, 2017

19th Sunday after Pentecost: *Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council*

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 **Gospel:** Luke 8:5-15

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Troparion for the Holy Fathers - Tone 8

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God!
Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them Thou hast guided us to the true Faith.//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Kontakion of the Resurrection - Tone 2

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with
Thee,//
and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

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 11:31-12:9

³¹ *The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.* ³² *In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me:* ³³ *And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.* ¹ *It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.* ² *I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.* ³ *And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)* ⁴ *How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.* ⁵ *Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.* ⁶ *For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me.* ⁷ *And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.* ⁸ *For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.* ⁹ *And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

Gospel – Luke 8:5-15

⁵ *A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.* ⁶ *And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.* ⁷ *And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.* ⁸ *And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.* ⁹ *And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be?* ¹⁰ *And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.* ¹¹ *Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.* ¹² *Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.* ¹³ *They*

on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

¹⁴ *And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.* ¹⁵ *But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.*

Patristic Commentary

“The Word which brings about the salvation of our souls is analogous to seed. Just as farmers first cultivate the earth with the plough, then sow seed, so must we prepare ourselves beforehand to accept the heavenly seed, by which I mean the word of spiritual teaching. But we are not inanimate, unfeeling earth which is cultivated and sown by others, but living, breathing, rational ground. For that reason we must make ourselves ready by means of repentance. To give you an indication of the starting point of repentance and the cultivation of the soul, it is what those who approached John’s baptism did on their own initiative: ‘They went out’, it says, ‘and were baptized in Jordan, confessing their sins’ (cf. Matt. 3:5-6, Mark 1:5). The confession of sins is the beginning of this cultivation, the start, that is, of repentance and preparation to accept within us the saving seed, the word of God, which is able to save our souls. Ploughing the ground was devised by farmers as a means of extracting wild roots from deep down in the earth, and rendering it capable of receiving our seeds and plants. Confession does exactly this for the reasonable field, our heart. It digs up the evil passions concealed within it and throws them out, making it ready to take in the sacred seeds and suitable to grow a fine harvest of virtues. Just as, after Adam’s transgression, the earth began to bring forth thistles, thorns, and other useless plants (Gen. 3:18), so man’s heart bears shameful and evil passions and thoughts, and the sins which they in turn produce.”

+St. Gregory Palamas, *The Homilies*, 460+

+PARISH LIFE+

Upcoming Feasts & Services

10/17, Tue Noon – 6th Hour and Canon

10/18, Wed 6:15 pm – Akathist to Evangelist Luke

10/19, Thu 9am – Daily Matins

10/20, Fri 4:00 pm – Daily Vespers

Edifying Events Elsewhere

Monday, Oct 16 at 7:30pm (upstairs at 1637 Capalina Rd, San Marcos)
University of Saint Katherine **Forum Lecture** by Keith Buhler, PhD,
of Trinity Classical Academy, “When School is Real Life: Treating
Education as Initiation”