

Remember in Your Prayers

- The Wards, who are looking for housing near the parish.
- For the repose of 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, Alexander Scott celebrated his nameday, while Tryphon Tunik and Victoria Ramos celebrated their birthdays – *May God grant them all many years!*

Parish Building Fund

What joy to announce a \$5000 anonymous gift this past week! Let's continue to take advantage of our **Matching Grant** opportunity! We only have **4 months remaining** to meet our goal of \$75K!

Tithing

We had a wonderful month of July in catching up with monthly tithes: as we keep up, let us remember that all that we give is the Lord's gift to us.

St. Euphrosynos Ministry - Agape Meal Schedule

Sep 03 – Mat. Elizabeth Cuneo's Team

Sep 10 – Terri Tarcon's Team

Altar Server Schedule

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

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

+ 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 03, 2017

13th Sunday after Pentecost – Hieromartyr Anthimus

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24 **Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-42

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 4

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen,//
granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion to the Heiromartyr Anthimus - Tone 4

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles,
thou didst become a successor to their throne.
Through the practice of virtue, thou didst find the way to divine
contemplation, O inspired one of God;
by teaching the word of truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith, even
to the shedding of thy blood. //
Hieromartyr Anthimus, entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Kontakion of the Resurrection - Tone 4

My Savior and Redeemer
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, //
He has risen on the third day!

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 – 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

¹³ Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. ¹⁴ Let all that you do be done with love. ¹⁵ I urge you, brethren—you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints— ¹⁶ that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. ¹⁷ I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. ¹⁸ For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. ¹⁹ The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. ²⁰ All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. ²¹ The salutation with my own hand—Paul’s. ²² If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! ²³ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. ²⁴ My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Gospel – Matthew 21:33-42

³³ “Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. ³⁴ Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. ³⁵ And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. ³⁷ Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?” ⁴¹ They said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

Patristic Commentary

“It is necessary to combine [divine provision and free will]: to strive *and* to expect all things from grace. It is not one’s own efforts that will lead to the goal, because without grace, efforts produce little; nor does grace without effort bring what is sought, because grace acts in us and for us through our efforts. Both combine in a person to bring progress and carry him to the goal.”

St. Theophan the Recluse

+PARISH LIFE+

Welcome to a New Church Year!

A blessed Church New Year to all! As a last break before school activities begin in earnest, our country celebrates Labor Day, knowing that refreshment of body and soul is needed for any serious endeavor. This is good, but there is a difference between a holiday and a holy day. Our hearts need ever orbit around the Resurrection of Christ. Real refreshment, true rest, comes only from the sustained worship of the Living God. As St Isaac of Syria says so perfectly: “Why do you increase your bonds? Take hold of your life before your light grows dark and you seek help and do not find it. This life has been given to you for repentance; do not waste it in vain pursuits.” The Church, while never denying our material needs, ever reminds us of our spiritual ones - and satisfies them.

Upcoming Feasts & Services

Wed. September 6: “Missions in Albania” – Special lecture by Dn Stephen Ritsi, after the 6:15pm Akathist.

Thurs September 7: Festal Vigil for Nativity of the Theotokos - 6:30pm

Fri September 8: Festal Liturgy for Nativity of the Theotokos - 9:30am

Edifying (and Exceedingly Edible) Events Elsewhere

-Greek Festival held September 9th & 10th at Sts Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Cardiff-by-the-Sea, CA

-Serb Fest held September 16th & 17th at St. Petka Serbian Orthodox Church in San Marcos, CA

Bible Study Home Groups, to begin September - Sign up!

This month (September), Bible study home groups will be starting. Please sign up if you are interested in participating in this time of spiritual study & fellowship!