

Remember in Your Prayers

- The newly-reposed Vladimir, father of Elias Potashov
- The newly-reposed Steven Halstead
- The newly reposed Daniel Schilke, son of Don Schilke
- Vera Belyaev, who remains paralyzed by a stroke
- The Wang family

Namedays, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

This week, Eva celebrated her birthday, and Miles (Michael) celebrated his name-day – *May God grant them many years!*

Parish Building Fund

Currently raised: \$46,000

Total amount necessary to raise to receive matching grant: \$75,000

Still need to raise before December 31st: \$29,000

We are in the final stretch of 2 months to achieve \$75K of donations.

Time to dig deep!

St. Euphrosynos Ministry - Agape Meal Schedule

Nov 12th – Archbishop Visit Meal

Nov 19th – Slava Bagat's Team

Altar Server Schedule

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

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

+ Weekly Services at St. Katherine Orthodox Church +

Wednesday 6:15 pm – *Akathist/Paraklesis*

Saturday – 5:00pm – *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, November 12th, 2017

23rd Sunday after Pentecost; St John the Merciful, Patriarch of Constantinople / Venerable Nilus the Faster, of Sinai (5th cent)

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10 **Gospel:** Luke 10:25-37

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 for St John the Merciful – Tone 8

By endurance thou didst gain thy reward, venerable Father;

thou didst persevere in prayer unceasingly;

thou didst love the poor and provide for them in all things.

Blessed John the Merciful, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved!

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 – Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved); ⁶ And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: ⁷ That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Gospel – Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? ²⁶ He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? ²⁷ And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. ²⁸ And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. ²⁹ But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? ³⁰ And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. ³³ But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, ³⁴ And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. ³⁶ Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? ³⁷ And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Commentary on the Gospel

“God commands but does not force us to fulfill the commands of loving Him and our neighbor through tithing and almsgiving. To do so, would negate our

freewill, which is absolutely essential to the act of love. Love implies and requires freedom. Love not given freely is not love at all. Yet, no love given brings us back to the rich man.

Jesus loved the many people who became His neighbors, whom He came next to or they approached and came next to Him. St. Paul instructs us to be like Christ:

⁸ Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. (Romans 13:8-10)

¹⁴ For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Galatians 5:14)

The First Universal Epistle of John, chapters 3-4, offer several instructions on brotherly love but can be summed up in one verse: ²⁰ If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? ²¹ And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also. (1 John 4:20-21).

We say during the Divine Liturgy right before the Creed, “Let us love one another so that with one mind we may confess.” In other words, our statement of belief in “One God, Father Almighty” and so on, is confirmed, realized and lived in our love for one another. Look to your right and to your left. Look in front and in back of you. These are your neighbors. Love them! Amen!”

+ Fr. Richard Demetrius Andrews; St. George Greek Orthodox Church+

+PARISH LIFE+

Important Services Coming Up

Nov. 11-12: Visit of His Eminence Abp. BENJAMIN – Welcome Vladyka!

Notable: Nov 15th is the beginning of Nativity Fast

Nov. 21: Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos – 9:30am

Nov. 23: Akathist of Thanksgiving (Thanksgiving morning)

Nov. 24: Vigil for St Katherine – 6:30pm

Nov. 25: Feast of St Katherine – 9:30am