



SAINT KATHERINE CHRONICLE

March 2014



A Word from your Pastor

One of the most interesting things I enjoy seeing during the Divine Liturgy on Sunday mornings is when newly baptized babies from 6 months to 1 year old are brought forward to receive Holy Communion. They come with their beautiful baptismal clothes and their parents or godparents holding the baptismal candle. What I enjoy is the typical pattern. The first time or two, the baby is unsure of what exactly is going on. Sometimes they get apprehensive and start squirming and then they often resist the spoon holding the precious body and blood of Christ in it.

But invariably what happens after the first few times, is always the same. They love it. They look forward to it and they accept it with joy and anticipation all through their beautiful childhood years. At first, fussy, fussy, fussy. Then always happy, happy, happy. Why?

Well, you might think that it comes with familiarity, but I don't think so. After all, I've seen many children continue to resist things no matter how familiar they are with them. The answer for me goes a little deeper and says a great deal to us adults as well. The reason the children resist Holy Communion at first is because they are indeed unfamiliar with it. But what happens next? They taste the sweetness of Christ and they see that He is good. After a few times, they come gladly because they know that receiving Christ is unlike anything else they experience. And they accept Him and come to Him.

I have found that the same thing happens to us big people. If we come to church once in a while, things can remain relatively unfamiliar to us. We don't really know what is going on or why. Then when Sunday morning rolls around, we're inclined to resist.

The point is that the more we partake of Christ and His Church, the more we'll want Him. Great Lent is the great time when we can experience what even babies instinctively know.

Faithfully yours,

Father Dina

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW PARISH COUNCIL – We welcome the new members of our Parish Council who were elected this past December and the returning members. The members of the 2014 Saint Katherine Parish Council are as follows: Enrico Carrieri, President; Carol Robinson, Vice President; Richard Bueche, Treasurer; Michael Putnam, Secretary; Kostas Kapiniaris, Theodore Pantazis and Demos Papadopoulos. We are grateful for their dedicated service and for all their efforts involved with the administration of our parish. Thank you and congratulations one and all!

STEWARDSHIP – Our Stewardship program remains the mainstay of support for our parish. It provides for over half of the funds we need to continue to do God’s work through our parish. So far we have received nearly 200 pledge cards from our families with an average pledge of about \$800 for the year. We thank everyone for their continued support. Another 100 families have yet to return their card and we ask that if you haven’t yet, send yours in this week. Don’t forget that you can print a card from our website. You can also make your offerings in a way that is most convenient for you - weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually. Also you may even send your Stewardship offering through our website and the Paypal feature available.

RESURRECTION SUPPER – All parishioners are invited to break the Lenten fast with a midnight supper following the Divine Liturgy of the Resurrection. There is no charge for this wonderful meal, but if you would like to help with the cost of securing one of the 12 legs of lamb we’ll be preparing, please make your check for \$35 (marked Easter lamb donation in the memo) payable to Saint Katherine. Simply hand it to one of the ushers on Sunday or to Athina Holland by April 8th, and join us after we celebrate the resurrection of Christ this year.

HOLY FRIDAY MYHRRBEARERS – Don’t forget that all girls aged 6 – 12 are invited to participate in the procession during the evening service of the Lamentations on Holy Friday at 7 PM. They should wear a white dress and sit in the front pew (no candles please) to be ready to sprinkle flower petals during the procession that night.

BECOME A MEMBER OF PHILOPTOCHOS – We invite all the women in the Parish to become a member of Philoptochos in 2014. Our Saint Katherine Philoptochos is comprised of a number of Circles, each of which has special interests and allows each Circle to focus on its particular cause or charity.

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Saint Katherine Philoptochos Easter Bake Sale

Orders forms must be submitted by Sunday, April 6th. Items may be picked up on Palm Sunday, April 13th.

Qty.		=	\$	Sub Totals
_____	dz. Koulourakia - \$6 per dozen	=	\$	_____
_____	ea. Tsoureki Bread x \$8 per loaf	=		_____
_____	Baklava x \$100 per whole sheet	=		_____
_____	Baklava x \$50 per half sheet	=		_____
_____	ea. Baklava x \$1.50 per piece	=		_____
_____	dz. Red Easter Eggs - \$6 per dozen	=		_____

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID **Total Enclosed =** \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Return in person by April 6th or mail to Philoptochos, 9165 Peets Street, Elk Grove, CA 95758

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

April

11	FRIDAY EVENING	Tie Palm Crosses	6:30 PM
12	LAZARUS SATURDAY	Divine Liturgy Confessions following Liturgy	10 AM
13	PALM SUNDAY	Divine Liturgy & luncheon Bridegroom Service	10 AM 7 PM
14	HOLY MONDAY	Bridegroom Service	7 PM
15	HOLY TUESDAY	Bridegroom Service	7 PM
16	HOLY WEDNESDAY	Holy Unction Service	5:30 PM
17	HOLY THURSDAY	Divine Liturgy Holy Passion Service	10 AM 7 PM
18	HOLY FRIDAY	(Decorate Epitaphios) Descent From the Cross Service of Lamentations	9 AM 3 PM 7 PM
19	HOLY SATURDAY	Divine Liturgy Resurrection Service	10 AM 11:45 PM
20	EASTER SUNDAY	Resurrection Liturgy (Paschal supper follows in church hall) Agape Vespers	12:01 AM 12 PM



MARK YOUR LENTEN CALENDAR

Psychosabbata (Memorial Saturdays) 10 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by the Memorial Service.
February 22, March 1 and March 8.

Presanctified Liturgies – The Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts beginning at 10 AM on the following Wednesdays: March 5, 12, 19.

Salutations to the Virgin Mary (Χαιρετισμοί τῆς Θεοτόκου) will be chanted beginning at 7 PM on the following Fridays: March 7, 14, 21 and 28.

The Akathist Hymn (Ὁ Ακάθιστος Ὕμνος) will be chanted on Friday, April 4th at 7 PM.

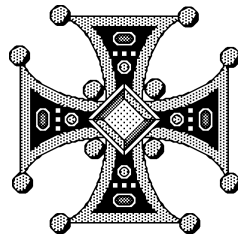
April 11, Friday – Tie Palm Crosses, 6:30 PM

April 12, Saturday – Saturday of Lazarus, Divine Liturgy 10 AM; Sacrament of Confession following.

April 13 to 20 – HOLY WEEK AND EASTER. Please refer to the Holy Week Schedule in this issue for a complete listing of services throughout the week.

May 10th – Mothers Day Luncheon, sponsored by our Philoptochos Society in our Tsakopoulos Hall, Saturday at Noon. All are invited but reservations are required.

May 18th – Sunday School Graduation following the Divine Liturgy.



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