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Holy Great Martyr Katherine

By Very Rev. Fr. Lawrence Farley

Katherine was born of wealthy parents in Alexandria. The tyrant Emperor Maximin was seducing great numbers of women in Alexandria, and he desired to seduce Katherine also. She, as a Christian, refused his advances, despite all his urgings and threats on her life. She was prepared to suffer martyrdom and death rather than give in to him, and so he confiscated all her wealth. She was then finally beheaded, though some say she was sent into exile. It is said they tried to kill her by having her tortured on a wheel but that God saved her. Her relics were later taken to Mount Sinai's Monastery of the Transfiguration, which was renamed St. Katherine's in her honor. Katherine endured her suffering in about 307.

Services	Sun., Nov. 24 th	Memorial for the Repose of the Souls of the Servants of God, <i>Jereme Joseph Dudzinski</i> (6 th Ann.) and <i>John Skurkay</i> requested by their families	After Liturgy
	Sat., Nov. 30 th	Great Vespers (Holy Sacrament of Confession to follow)	7 pm
	Sun., Dec. 1 st	Holy Prophet Nahum Church School Hours Divine Liturgy	9:15 am 9:45 am 10 am

Epistle (Ephesians 2:4-10)

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it* is the gift of God,

not of works, lest anyone should boast.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Gospel (Luke 13:10-17)

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise *herself* up.

But when Jesus saw her, He called *her* to *Him* and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."

And He laid *His* hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day."

The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead *it* away to water it?"

So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"

And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind
for Sunday's Liturgy.

Next Week:

Ephesians 2:14-22

Gospel Reading:

Luke 18:18-27

Announcements:

We celebrated the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple this past Thursday. There were five clergy and members from at least four different parishes present. A special thanks to all who celebrated with us.

Christmas is coming!

- ❖ Don't forget to order your nut, apricot and/or poppyseed rolls! Pick up your HROC Annual Christmas Bake Sale order form at the candlestand. You can submit your orders at the Candle Stand by **Sunday, December 1st**. *Please remember*, due to the large demand for nut rolls, no orders can be accepted after the due date.

***Don't forget to include a valid telephone number(s)
on the order form so we can contact you for pick-up!***

All Parishioners are invited to gather together to bake the Christmas rolls on **Saturday, December 7th and Saturday, December 14th starting at 7 am**. Come on over to lend a hand, enjoy the fellowship and get into the holiday spirit. Nothing beats the aroma of freshly baked Christmas rolls. *Remember, real men ALSO make Christmas rolls!* (Depending on the amount of orders, we may schedule an extra baking session on **Friday, December 13th**.) Stay tuned....

- ❖ Don't forget, we need to remember and visit our Home-Bound Parishioners especially over the holiday season! See today's bulletin insert for a listing of our Home-Bound Parishioners. All of these folks are very appreciative that their parish has not forgotten them and enthusiastically send their love to all here at HROC. *If you know of a person who needs to be added to it, please let Father Stephan know.*
- ❖ Christmas is the time for sharing the love and joy of the birth of our Savior with your fellow man. Do you know of anyone or family in need of feeling this warmth of love this holiday season? *Please let Father Stephan know, names will be kept confidential.*

Upcoming Events:

- **Don't forget that the Nativity Fast (Philipovka) began at Sundown on Thursday, November 14th**. Pick up some of Baba's homemade Perohi (potato & cheese, hot pepper cheese and cabbage filling are available) to help keep the fast!
- A visitation of *The Wonder Working Icon of Saint Anna* will be at:
 - ❖ St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Donora, on **Friday, December 6th**
A Prayer Service will be held at **6:30 pm** before the Icon followed by a Talk with Fr. Sergius: **"Ten Minute Spirituality" at 7 pm**.
There will be a light reception in the Church Social Hall
 - ❖ St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Canonsburg,
on **Saturday, December 7th**
A Prayer Service will be held at **10 am** before the Icon followed by a light reception in the Church Social Hall
A Talk with Fr. Sergius: **"Finding Salvation in the Modern World"** will begin at **11 am**.
 - ❖ St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral on December 7th and 8th. A Great Vespers Service will be held **Saturday, December 7 at 5 pm** followed by a Moleben and Presentation by Fr. Sergius. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on **Sunday, December 8th at 10 am** followed by Veneration of the Icon and Farewell. (See the vestibule bulletin board for details)
- ***This Year's Christmas Yolka*** is scheduled for **Sunday, December 8th**. Don't forget to bring your cameras, as we will have a "Special Visitor" arrive that day! Please help make our Yolka a festive occasion for all – please see either Marie Dudzinski or Rebecca Bazzar if you are able to help lend a hand with Coffee Hour to welcome St. Nicholas! ***"Oh, who loves, Nicholas the saintly"***...
- **Sun., December 8th ~ Prayer Arise ~** The Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Men's a capella Liturgical and Folk Choir ~ Will be performing a Christmas Concert at St. John, the Baptist, Orthodox Church in Canonsburg beginning at 4 pm. The Concert will be followed by light refreshments in the church social hall. All are welcome!

Collection: Nov. 17th: \$1,599