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**Biblical Archaeology
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Our next meeting is Sunday, October 4, 2015. Guided Tour at 3 PM

**Guided Tour of Saint Katherine’s Greek Orthodox Church
& Brief History of the Greek Orthodox Church & Its Martyrs**

Guided by Father Costa Pavlakos



BASONOVA members and guests will visit Saint Katherine’s Greek Orthodox Church on Sunday, October 4 during its Fall Festival. We are invited to attend the Festival bazaar and purchase samples of the delicious food served by parishioners. At 3 pm, Father Costa Pavlakos will begin a tour of Saint Katherine’s, beginning in the sanctuary. As part of the tour, he will discuss the procession of the Church service and speak about the history of the Church and its unique martyrology.

Saint Katherine, who lived in Alexandria, Egypt during the fourth century C.E., was the daughter of the ruler Constantus and she was said to have been very beautiful and unequalled in kindness. She refused all proposals of marriage. One night, Jesus appeared to her and placed a

golden ring on her finger, saying, “Today I make you my bride, and for ages to all ages. Hold this joining sacred and never take unto yourself another bridegroom.”

When Saint Katherine later refused the edict of Emperor Maxentius to reject Christianity, she was sentenced to a deadly torture known as “the wheel”. Yet when Katherine was placed in the device with sharp blades, the wheels broke loose and killed many pagans. Since then, the torturer’s wheel has served as a symbol for Saint Katherine and is often depicted in icons of her.

The emperor had Katherine beheaded November 25th around the year 305, making her a martyr. Her body was lifted by heavenly angels and taken to Mount Sinai. A band of monks later discovered her body and built a monastery near the spot of discovery. St. Katherine's was one of the voices heard by St. Joan of Arc. Her relics are enshrined in the monastery of Saint Katherine on Mount Sinai.

Meeting Place: Saint Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church / 3149 Glen Carlyn Rd /Falls Church, VA 22041

ATTENDANCE BY PRE-PAID RESERVATION ONLY. NO WALK-INS PERMITTED.

Please clip and send in your reservation form right away:



Standard Costs: **Members** Tour: \$7.00 *each*
 Non-members Tour: \$10.00 *each*

The guided tour will begin at approximately 3 pm from the Church sanctuary.

RESERVATION FORM: Sunday, October 4, 2015 St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church

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Name: _____ **Guest(s)** _____

Telephone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ to pay for _____ attendees

***I would like to add \$_____ to support a student excavation scholarship**

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