

June 19, 2022
The Sunday of All Saints
Father's Day

Thaddeus (Jude) the Apostle & Brother of Our Lord
Holy Martyr Zosima ❖ Our Righteous Father Zenonus



ENTRANCE HYMNS

Resurrectional Apolytikion – Ex Ypsous Katilthes (“From On High You Descended”)

From on high you descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to You, O Lord.

Apolytikion for the Saints – Ton en olo to kozmo (“Your Church, O Christ our God”)

Your Church, O Christ our God, clothed itself in the blood of Your martyrs from throughout the world, as though it were a robe of linen and purple; through them, she cries out to You, "Send down upon Your people compassion, grant peace to Your commonwealth, and to our souls, great mercy."

Apolytikion of St. Sophia/Ss. Faith, Hope & Agape

Greek

Ὁς ελαία κατά καρπος ανεβλάστησας, ἐν ταῖς ἀνταῖς τοῦ Κυρίου, Σοφία μάρτυς σεμνή, καί προσήγαγες Χριστῷ καρπὸν ἡ δύτατον, τοὺς τῆς νηδύος σου βλαστούς, δι' ἀγώνων εὐαγών, Ἀγάπην τε καὶ Ἐλπίδα σὺν τῇ θεόφρονι Πίστει, μεθὼν δυσώπει ὑπὲρ πάντων ἡμῶν.

English Phonetics for Greek

Os elea kata karpos anevlastisas, en tes avles tu Kyriou Sofia martys semni, ke prosigages Christo karpon idytaton, tus tis nidyos su vlastus, di' agonon evagon, Agapin te ke Elpida, syn ti theofroni Pisti; meth' on dysopi yper pandon imon.

English

As an olive tree laden with fruit you sprouted forth, in the courtyards of the Lord, Sophia martyr dignified, and you brought to Christ a fruit most sweet, Namely your womb's own sprouts, brought up by instructive deeds: your daughters Love and Hope, along with God-minded Faith; together intercede with God for us all.

Seasonal Kontakion – Os aparchas tis fiseos (“O Planter of creation, Lord”)

O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr Saints, as being nature's first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in a state of profoundest peace, through the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.

The Ladies Philoptochos Society has a designated Poor Box in the Narthex to help fund its mission to aid those in need.

Please consider supporting the philanthropic outreach of our church through the Philoptochos Poor Box located in the Pangari. Each month (unless otherwise noted) 100% of the donations are designated for a local charity.

Donations made to the Philoptochos Poor Box for the month of June benefit The Clinic in Phoenixville, which provides quality healthcare for the uninsured. You can learn more about The Clinic at <https://www.theclinicpa.org/>.

Please consider donating to this worthwhile charity at:

<http://www.saintsophiachurch.org/poorboxdonations.html>, or submit a check payable to St. Sophia Philoptochos and indicate Poor Box on the memo line. Gift Cards are also a welcome addition!

God bless you and thank you for your support!

Philoptochos Scholarships: The Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos, with the blessings of His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia, and our Metropolis Chancellor, the Very Reverend Father Christoforos Oikonomidis, is embarking upon a new initiative. Each year we will be offering an opportunity to qualifying High School seniors, who are enrolled in an accredited University, College, or Trade School, to apply for a Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos merit based scholarship. There are five (5) scholarships for 2022, each in the amount of \$1,000.00 and they will be awarded to qualifying applicants. For more information and to download an application, go to:

<https://www.saintsophiachurch.org/uploads/1/8/6/1/18610160/anastasiamichals.memorial.scholarship.final.app.pdf>

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St. Sophia/Ss Faith, Hope & Agape Vigil Candle: If you are interested in sponsoring a vigil candle, please see a Parish Council member at the Pangari – no advance signup necessary and several individuals or families can sponsor each week. The proceeds of these donations will go to our Mortgage Reduction Fund. Each vigil candle lasts one week; the asking donation is \$10.

40-Day Baby Blessing: Vasili and Aggie Papanikolopoulos present their third child, a girl, for the traditional 40-day baby blessing. May God bless **Calliope**, her parents, and her big brothers Vasili and Leonidas!

Festival Lawn Signs: Please return any Festival Lawn Signs that you may have taken, as we recycle them. You may place them in the alcove outside of the Office Entrance.

Coffee Hour Sponsors Needed: If you are interested in hosting a coffee hour, don't forget to sign up on the Coffee Hour Sponsor Sheet on the door near the coffee/refreshments table.

Pastoral Visits - A Request to All Parishioners: If you desire a pastoral visit in case of a hospitalization, or for someone who is homebound, in a nursing facility, or in prison, please have an immediate family member notify the Parish office at 610-650-8960 so that a visit can be arranged.

Bulletin Announcements: Any church organization requesting that their announcement or flyer be placed in the bulletin must submit their material by 12 noon Wednesday for the upcoming Sunday's bulletin. Please e-mail information to office@saintsophiachurch.org.

In Case of Emergency: If you are having an **extreme medical emergency ONLY** and are in need of an Orthodox priest, please call the Parish office at 610-650-8960.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Tues. June 28 th	Interfaith Blood Drive at Mormon Church up the block from St. Sophia (see flyer)
Wed. June 29 th	10:00 am – Divine Liturgy – Holy Apostles Peter & Paul
Thurs. June 30 th	10:00 am – Divine Liturgy – Synaxis of Holy Apostles
July 3 rd – 7 th	Fr. Peter away -- 46th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress, New York City, NY

Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2

*God is wonderful among his saints.
Verse: Bless God in the congregations.*

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**Ἀνάγνωσις ἐπιστολῆς
Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 11:33-40, 12:1-2 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα**

**Θαυμαστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἐν τοῖς Ἁγίοις αὐτοῦ.
Στίχ. Ἐν Ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεὸν.**

Ἀδελφοί, οἱ Ἅγιοι πάντες διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἔκλιναν ἀλλοτρίων. Ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπρίσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον· περιῆλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι - ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος - ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσιν καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὄπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες, μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως, οὐκ ἔκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσιν. Τοιγαροῦν καὶ ἡμεῖς, τοσοῦτον ἔχοντες περικείμενον ἡμῖν νέφος μαρτύρων, ὄγκον ἀποθέμενοι πάντα καὶ τὴν εὐπερίστατον ἀμαρτίαν, δι' ὑπομονῆς τρέχωμεν τὸν προκείμενον ἡμῖν ἀγῶνα, ἀφορῶντες εἰς τὸν τῆς πίστεως ἀρχηγὸν καὶ τελειωτὴν Ἰησοῦν.

