

January 16, 2022
12th Sunday of Luke
Veneration of Apostle Peter's Precious Chains
Righteous Hierodeacon Makarios of Kalogeras
Romilo the Monk of Mount Athos

ENTRANCE HYMNS

Resurrectional Apolytikion – Ton Sinanarhon Logon (“The Word Who Always Was”)

O, The Word Who always was with the Father and Spirit, who for us and our salvation was born of a Virgin let us faithful believers praise and adore, For it did please Him to ascend the Cross in the flesh and Death to endure. And to raise up the dead with Him through His own glorious Resurrection.

Apolytikion for Apostle Peter – Tin Romin mi lipon (“Without leaving Rome”)

Without leaving Rome, you came to us, through the precious Chains that you wore, O President of the Apostles. As we venerate them in faith, we pray to you: By your intercessions with God, grant to us the great mercy.

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

Greek

Ὁς ελαία κατά καρπος ανεβλάστησας, ἐν ταῖς ἀνλαῖς τοῦ Κυρίου, Σοφία μάρτυς σεμνή, καί προσήγαγες Χριστῷ καρπὸν ἢ δῦτατον, τοὺς τῆς νηδύος σου βλαστούς, δι’ ἀ γώνων εὐαγών, Ἀγάπην τε καὶ Ἐλπίδα σὺν τῇ θεόφρονι Πίστει, μεθων δυσώπει υπέρ 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 – O mitran parthenikin (“the virginal womb”)

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.

LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS OF ST SOPHIA



COAT DRIVE

DEADLINE

SUNDAY

JAN 30TH

DROP OFF LOCATION

ST SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
Fr John A Limberakis Cultural Center
900 S Trooper Rd
Jeffersonville, PA 19403
questions: ladies@saintsophiachurch.org

Bring in your new or gently used men's, women's and children's coats.
Donations will provide assistance to individuals and families facing adversity.

St. Sophia Give-a-Brick Program Update



The third phase of the brick program is now being started. We thank all those who took part in this program. Please check out the installation area under the flags to see previously sponsored bricks and pavers. This program has been very successful and has helped to raise money for our church needs.

If you did not have a chance to be a sponsor of this program previously, please fill out a Brick Form (available at the Pangari) and bring it to the Parish office, or see Peter Patukas. We will be ordering more in the next few months once we have enough sponsored pavers and bricks for the factory to produce. A minimum of 10 is needed.

40th Anniversary Commemorative Mugs: The mugs are still available at the back of the Cultural Center, and the suggested donation is \$10 each. Please indicate the number of mugs you wish to order and/or any donation you wish to make using the SignUpGenius. Please use this link to order yours today: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044CA4AC29A20-40th>.



Payment may be made by check or by using the donation options found at the bottom of the SignUpGenius page.

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.

Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Ἀνάγνωσις ἐπιστολῆς

Πρὸς Κολοσσαεῖς 3:4-11 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

*Σὺ Κύριε, φυλάξαις ἡμᾶς καὶ διατηρήσαις ἡμᾶς.
Στίχ. Σῶσον με, Κύριε, ὅτι ἐκλέλοιπεν ὄσιος.*

Ἀδελφοί, ὅταν ὁ Χριστὸς φανερωθῇ, ἡ ζωὴ ἡμῶν, τότε καὶ ὑμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ φανερωθήσεσθε ἐν δόξῃ. Νεκρώσατε οὖν τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, πορνείαν, ἀκαθαρσίαν, πάθος, ἐπιθυμίαν κακῆν, καὶ τὴν πλεονεξίαν, ἣτις ἐστὶν εἰδωλολατρεία, δι' ἃ ἔρχεται ἡ ὀργὴ τοῦ θεοῦ ἐπὶ τοὺς υἱοὺς τῆς ἀπειθείας· Ἐν οἷς καὶ ὑμεῖς περιεπατήσατέ ποτε, ὅτε ἐζήτε ἐν αὐτοῖς. Νυνὶ δὲ ἀπόθεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς τὰ πάντα, ὀργὴν, θυμὸν, κακίαν, βλασφημίαν, αἰσχρολογίαν ἐκ τοῦ στόματος ὑμῶν· μὴ ψεύδεσθε εἰς ἀλλήλους, ἀπεκδυσάμενοι τὸν παλαιὸν ἄνθρωπον σὺν ταῖς πράξεσιν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι τὸν νέον, τὸν ἀνακαινούμενον εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν κατ' εἰκόνα τοῦ κτίσαντος αὐτόν· ὅπου οὐκ ἐνὶ Ἑλλην καὶ Ἰουδαῖος, περιτομὴ καὶ ἀκροβυστία, βάρβαρος, Σκύθης, δοῦλος, ἐλεύθερος· ἀλλὰ τὰ πάντα καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν Χριστός.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Luke 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 17:12-19 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἰσερχομένου αὐτοῦ εἰς τινα κώμην ἀπήντησαν αὐτῷ δέκα λεπροὶ ἄνδρες, οἱ ἔστησαν πόρρωθεν, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἤραν φωνὴν λέγοντες· Ἰησοῦ ἐπιστάτα, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. καὶ ἰδὼν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· πορευθέντες ἐπιδείξατε ἑαυτοὺς τοῖς ἱερεῦσι. καὶ ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ ὑπάγειν αὐτοὺς ἐκαθαρίσθησαν. εἷς δὲ ἐξ αὐτῶν, ἰδὼν ὅτι ἴαθη, ὑπέστρεψε μετὰ φωνῆς μεγάλης δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν, καὶ ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ πρόσωπον παρὰ τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ εὐχαριστῶν αὐτῷ· καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν Σαμαρεῖτης. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· οὐχὶ οἱ δέκα ἐκαθαρίσθησαν; οἱ δὲ ἑννέα ποῦ; οὐχὲν εὐρέθησαν ὑποστρέψαντες δοῦναι δόξαν τῷ Θεῷ εἰ μὴ ὁ ἄλλογενὴς οὗτος; καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀναστὰς πορεύου· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε.

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

Donations made to the Philoptochos Poor Box for the month of January benefits the Jefferson Fire Company No. 1 in West Norriton, the township where St. Sophia resides. Jefferson Fire is primarily a volunteer fire company with only one paid driver on staff. They rely mainly on donations to fund the purchase of new equipment.

You can learn more about the Jefferson Fire Company at <https://jeffersonfireco.com/>.

You may send checks to the church to the attention of Philoptochos/Poor Box Donations or donate at <https://www.saintsophiachurch.org/poorboxdonations.html>

Thank you for your support!



**Frozen
Tiropita Sale**



ONLY 6 / \$18
WITH BAKING INSTRUCTIONS

Perfect for a quick snack, lunch or dinner

Contact Kathy 610-539-5413 to purchase

During the COVID-19 crisis, all Liturgical Services have been available on-line. Simply click on the link below. You do NOT need a Facebook account to access the on-line services.

www.facebook.com/saintsophiachurch

PLEASE keep in mind that our fixed costs are still ever present. We hope you can help us with an on-line donation. You can give by going to our website, www.saintsophiachurch.org and clicking on the "Donate" button.

Donate



You can also donate using Venmo! Just search in Venmo or click www.venmo.com/SaintSophiaChurch

NEW! We also accept Zelle as a form of payment! Through your bank's Zelle system, input treasurer@saintsophiachurch.org as a recipient and you'll be ready to donate to St. Sophia Church.

Stewardship: Thank you to everyone who supported our 2021 Stewardship Program. If you have not yet finished paying your pledge, please do so as soon as possible. In addition, when paying by check, it is imperative that you indicate "Stewardship 2021" or "Stewardship 2022" on the memo line so that your account is properly credited. Also, if you make cash donations, please be sure to include your name either on the outside of the envelope or on a slip of paper attached to the cash.

Should you have any questions, please call the Parish office or see Tom Cox, our stewardship chairperson. The 2022 campaign will be starting shortly, so it is imperative that we are able to finalize our stewardship rolls for last year. 2022 Stewardship Commitment Forms are now available at the Pangari and on the table outside of the Parish office.

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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.

Coffee Hour: Thank you to our Little Angels parents for offering today's coffee hour.

Blessing of the Homes at Theophany: If you wish to have your homes and/or businesses blessed, please call or email the Parish office to schedule a visitation.

Senior Citizen Ministry: St. Sophia's Senior Parea is open to all senior citizens of the community. The meetings take place on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 12 noon. During the cold weather, the meetings may be cancelled; be sure to call the Parish office to confirm whether or not there will be a meeting on a given week.

PanHellenic Scholarship: The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation will once again offer \$250,000 in scholarship awards to 40 exceptional Greek American undergraduates. Undergraduate students of Hellenic descent from all fifty states are encouraged to apply by January 31st. Applications are available online at <https://www.panhellenicsf.org/>

Calling All Current Girl Scouts of our Parish: If you would like to sign up to do your own cookie booth during coffee hour, please see and confirm with Presvytera Katherine -- pkstfamily@verizon.net. Cookie sales will take place beginning Sun. Jan. 23rd and ending Sun. March 13th. You will need to set-up & decorate your table, clean up afterwards, and dress in either your GS uniform or a GS shirt. Those who participate must wear a mask when selling cookies indoors. Thank you!



SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Fri. Jan. 21 st	March for Life Pilgrimage – Washington D.C. No Little Angels Today
Sat. Jan. 22 nd	HOPE & JOY Kid Mission @ Annunciation, Elkins Park Trivia Nite POSTPONED until May 6, 2022
Fri. Jan. 28 th	4:45 pm – Little Angels
Wed. Feb. 2 nd	10:00 am – Divine Liturgy – Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple
Fri. Feb. 4 th	4:45 pm – Little Angels
Sun. Feb. 6 th	Godparents' Day Brunch sponsored by Philoptochos

HOPE & JOY Kid Mission: This year's HOPE & JOY Kid Mission will take place on Saturday, January 22nd at Annunciation G.O. Church in Elkins Park (flyer enclosed). If you have any questions or if you would like to RSVP, please contact Donna Christou **TODAY** at 908-500-5697 or donnachristou@gmail.com.



Blessing of the Homes at Theophany

If you wish to have your homes and/or businesses blessed by Fr. Peter, please call or email the Parish Office to schedule a visitation.

Before the Priest Comes to Bless the House

- **To protect everyone in the home, masks must be worn during the blessing.**
- Be prepared (this is a serious sacrament.)
- **Make sure ALL the lights in the house have been turned on, as Epiphany is known as the “Feast of Lights.”**
- Make sure all radios, stereos, TVs, etc. are turned off.
- Have a table where you can place an icon, a lit candle, and a list of names (living and deceased) of those you wish to commemorate.
- When the priest begins to sprinkle the rooms, lead him to the rooms that you wish blessed. This “procession” should include all who are able to walk. Children who are very young may need to be carried (nursing mothers are exempted if the feeding needs to take place immediately.)
- Afterwards, return to the place you started (where the table, icon, etc., are) for the closing prayer and blessing.

2022 Ecclesiastical Calendars: To save the Parish resources, 2022 Church calendars are available for pickup in the Narthex of the church and on the table outside of the Parish office on a first come, first serve basis. We respectfully request that each stewarding family take only 1 calendar per household. Thank you!





Project Mexico

Imagine if you didn't have a home, or home was a makeshift shelter constructed from discarded pallets, tin, cardboard, or tarps. Unfortunately, this is the reality for countless families around the world -- including families in Mexico.

By God's grace, volunteers with Project Mexico have been making a difference. Since 1988, Project Mexico has been building safe, secure, and weather-tight homes for some of the most impoverished families in Northern Mexico. Every home is constructed over the course of four days and built entirely with volunteer labor.

Our parish has committed to fielding a group of 10 volunteers to help Project Mexico build a house between June 9th and 15th, and we need your help. So far, 5 people have answered the call. We still need 5 more people to join our team. If you would like to learn more, please chat with John Pogas, the group leader, Presvytera Katherine or Chris Altum.

SAVE THE DATE!



Friday, January 21, 2022

Did you know?

- 8 in 10 Americans believe abortion should have real, legal limits
- 2/3 of Americans oppose tax dollars paying for abortion
- Planned Parenthood aborts over 320,000 unborn babies every year
- 56% of Americans believe that healthcare providers should not be forced to perform abortions against their conscience.

Bottom line - every abortion ends a unique life - fully human and unrepeatable – regardless of his/her ability to thrive outside of the womb. The teaching of the Apostles and witness of the Saints through the ages does not try to lighten the sting of what happens in an abortion.

St. Basil writes, "Those who give potions for the destruction of the child conceived in the womb are murderers, as are those who take potions which kill the child." (Letters, CLXXXVIII, Canon 8)

The voice of Orthodoxy has been a whisper when it comes to this very important cause. We can and must change that! Please join us in Washington, DC on Friday January 21st for the March for Life Rally. **A bus has been chartered and paid for by an anonymous donor.** This FREE event features a live concert and inspiring speeches from pro-life leaders – sharing how to stay involved in the pro-life movement all year long. More importantly, it shows the leaders of our government that we care about life inside and outside the womb. The Rally will begin at 12 pm ET on the National Mall. The bus will be departing the Saint Sophia Parking Lot earlier in the morning.

SEATING IS LIMITED! Please contact John Pogas if you would like to participate in this important ministry -- johnpogas@gmail.com 215-896-1963 (cell)

2022 Hope & Joy Kid Mission

“Heroes of our Church”
& Service Project

Saturday, January 22, 2022
9:30am – 1:00pm

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
7921 Old York Road, Elkins Park PA 19027
Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

NOT ALL
HEROES
WEAR
CAPES

*“Heroes may not always fight crime, or wear a cape,
they don’t read minds or levitate,
but every time our world needs saving,
there’s a superhero to the rescue”*

The St. Sophia Parish has chosen "nurses" as
the heroes we will discuss.

Please RSVP by January 16, 2022 to
Donna Christou
donnachristou@gmail.com or 908-500-5697



ST. SOPHIA PRESENTS

TRIVIA

NITE

MAY 6, 2022

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM - TRIVIA BEGINS AT 7PM
REGISTRATION/PAYMENT DEADLINE - APRIL 8th

\$25 per person
Coffee & Dessert Included - BYOB

ST. SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
900 S TROOPER RD, JEFFERSONVILLE, PA 19403

REGISTRATION DETAILS ON:
www.saintsophiachurch.org/trivia-nite.com

Please bring non-perishable food items for the Patrician Society
& receive a special raffle ticket