

January 23, 2022
14th Sunday of Luke
Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra
Agathangelus the Martyr
Righteous Father Dionysius of Olympus

ENTRANCE HYMNS

Resurrectional Apolytikion – Angelike DYNAMIS (“Angelic Powers”)

Angelic Powers were in Your Sepulchre and those who guarded You became as men long dead. And standing there was Mary by Your Tomb seeking Your pure and sacred Body, O You despoiled Hades yet tempted not by him were You. You did meet the Virgin O Life Bestower, O You Who rose from the dead, Glory to You O Lord.

Apolytikion for Hieromartyr Clement – Klyma osiotitos (“As a vine branch of holiness”)

O Clement, according to your all-sacred name, you grew as a branch of holiness, a stem of martyrdom, a most sacred flower, and a luscious fruit given by God to the faithful. We pray you, who ran with Martyrs and shared the throne with hierarchs: intercede with Christ our God, entreating Him to save our souls.

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 δύατον, τοὺς τῆς νηδύος σου βλαστούς, δι’ ἀ γώνων εὐαγῶν, Ἀγάπην τε καὶ Ἐλπίδα σὺν τῇ θεόφρονι Πίστει, μεθῶν 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.

ST. SOPHIA PRESENTS

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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.

Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 1:15-17

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

Ἀνάγνωσις ἐπιστολῆς

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον α' 1:15-17 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Σῶσον, Κύριε τὸν λαὸν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.

Στίχ. Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράζομαι ὁ Θεός μου.

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος, ὅτι Χριστὸς Ἰησοῦς ἦλθεν εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἁμαρτωλοὺς σῶσαι, ὧν πρῶτός εἰμι ἐγώ· ἀλλὰ διὰ τοῦτο ἠλεήθην, ἵνα ἐν ἐμοὶ πρῶτω ἐνδείξηται Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς τὴν πᾶσαν μακροθυμίαν, πρὸς ὑποτύπωσιν τῶν μελλόντων πιστεύειν ἐπ' αὐτῷ εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον. Τῷ δὲ βασιλεῖ τῶν αἰώνων, ἀφθάρτῳ, ἀοράτῳ, μόνῳ σοφῷ θεῷ, τιμὴ καὶ δόξα εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

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/>

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Luke 18:35-43

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 18:35-43 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, Ἐγένετο δὲ ἐν τῷ ἐγγίξειν αὐτὸν εἰς Ἱεριχὼ τυφλὸς τις ἐκάθητο παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν προσαιτῶν· ἀκούσας δὲ ὄχλου διαπορευομένου ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἴη ταῦτα. ἀπήγγειλαν δὲ αὐτῷ ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ὁ Ναζωραῖος παρέρχεται. καὶ ἐβόησε λέγων· Ἰησοῦ υἱὲ Δαυὶδ, ἐλέησόν με· καὶ οἱ προάγοντες ἐπετίμων αὐτῷ ἵνα σιωπήσῃ· αὐτὸς δὲ πολλῶ μᾶλλον ἔκραζεν· υἱὲ Δαυὶδ, ἐλέησόν με. σταθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκέλευσεν αὐτὸν ἀχθῆναι πρὸς αὐτόν. ἐγγίσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτὸν λέγων· τί σοι θέλεις ποιήσω; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· Κύριε, ἵνα ἀναβλέψω. καὶ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀνάβλεψον· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε. καὶ παραχρῆμα ἀνέβλεψε, καὶ ἠκολούθει αὐτῷ δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν· καὶ πᾶς ὁ λαὸς ἰδὼν ἔδωκεν αἶνον τῷ Θεῷ.



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!

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.

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.

LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS OF ST SOPHIA

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JACKETS
PARKAS



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.

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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 sign-up 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.

Memorial Service: This morning's memorial is being chanted for:

Helen "Eleni" Foster (nee Giannoumis) (9 months), beloved wife of Brian and daughter of Dimitrios and Ekaterini (nee Mamounas) Giannoumis. In addition to her parents and husband, Helen is survived by her loving children, Jimmy and Melina, her sister Maria Mamounas (Stamatios) and her brother Elias "Lou" Giannoumis (Lisa), as well as many nieces and nephews. May her memory be eternal.

AND

Fotini Evangelopoulos (3 years), beloved mother of Eleni Evangelopoulos, Vasiliki Xidias (Mike), and George (Olympia) Evangelopoulos; grandmother of Maria Scavitto (Joseph), Anna Papageorge, Effie Mitsopoulos (Alexis), Manny Xidias (Samantha), Adriana Evangelopoulos; and great-grandmother of Angelina, Joey, Niko, Elias and Orpheas. She is also survived by a sister, Aglaia, brother Ioannis and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Andreas and grandson, Nick Papageorge. May her memory be eternal.

Coffee Hour: Thank you to the Evangelopoulos family for offering today's coffee hour in memory of their beloved mother Fotini.

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 normally take place on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 12 noon, **HOWEVER**, they are being **paused** due to the rise in COVID numbers. Hopefully the meetings will resume soon. Stay tuned for updates.

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!



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.

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.

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.**

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!

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Fri. Jan. 28 th	4:45 pm – Little Angels
Sun. Jan. 30 th	Stewardship Appreciation Sunday – Breakfast
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	Godparent Day Brunch sponsored by Philoptochos
Fri. Feb. 11 th	4:45 pm – Little Angels
Fri. Feb. 18 th	No Little Angels
Fri. Feb. 25 th	4:45 pm – Little Angels
Sat. Feb. 26 th	10:00 am – Divine Liturgy – 1 st Saturday of Souls
Sun. Feb. 27 th	Judgment (Meatfare) Sunday – AHEPA Cheesesteaks
Fri. Mar. 4 th	4:45 pm – Little Angels
Sat. Mar. 5 th	10:00 am – Divine Liturgy – 2 nd Saturday of Souls
Sun. Mar. 6 th	Forgiveness (Cheesefare) Sunday – Philoptochos Tiropites
Mon. Mar. 7 th	Clean Monday – Great Lent Begins
Fri. Mar. 11 th	4:45 pm – Little Angels 7:00 pm – Salutations to the Theotokos
Sat. Mar. 12 th	10:00 am – Divine Liturgy – 3 rd Saturday of Souls



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SAVE THE DATE!
January 30, 2022
Stewardship Appreciation Sunday

In appreciation for the tremendous support of our stewards, the Parish Council would like to invite you to a complimentary breakfast on Sunday, January 30, 2022, immediately following Divine liturgy.

We hope that you can join us in fellowship!

Souper Bowl of Caring: The IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) is sponsoring a Souper Bowl of Caring on **Sunday, February 13th** to help feed the needy in our community and around the world. Food is now being collected in the lobby of the Fr. John A. Limberakis Cultural Center. The food will be distributed to a local food pantry. Year round, St. Sophia supports local food pantries in the areas in which our stewards live -- Manna on Main Street (Lansdale), Our Daily Bread (Collegeville), and PACS (Phoenixville), to name a few.

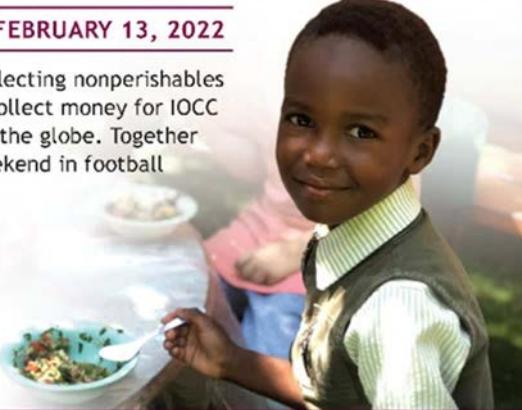
Together we can beat hunger.

SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Help feed the hungry by collecting nonperishables for a local food bank, and collect money for IOCC to support our work around the globe. Together we can turn the biggest weekend in football into a super day of giving!

Learn more at iocc.org/souperbowl



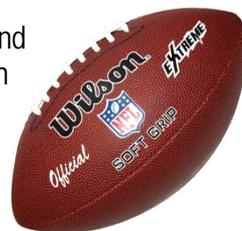


AHEPA Super Bowl Pool: The AHEPA VFC 432 will be sponsoring another online Super Bowl 2022 Block Pool -- <https://superbowlpoolsite.com/contest/102443?p=ahepavfc432>

With each block costing \$10, payments can be made via PayPal at <https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8GrWmm8JYH> or by contacting the AHEPA Chapter president via email below to make payment arrangements via check made payable to AHEPA VFC 432.

Winners will be announced at the conclusion of the Super Bowl event and proceeds will benefit AHEPA charities. For all questions about participating in this online block pool, please contact AHEPA VFC 432 President, Matt Stolarczyk, at mattstolarczyk@cs.com

The deadline for all submissions will be 12 Noon ET - Sunday, February 13th.



St. Sophia Philoptochos

Godparents' Day
"A Brunch to Remember"
February 6, 2022

Variety of Breakfast Sliders
 Tater Tot Casserole
 Corned Beef Hash Nests
 Greek Yogurt/Honey/Granola Cups

♥

Artisan Deli Sandwiches
 Grilled Vegetable Pasta Salad
 Mixed Greens Salad
 Lox on Bagels w/Cream Cheese

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Mini Charcuterie Cups
 Petite Pastries
 Assorted Breads & Bagels

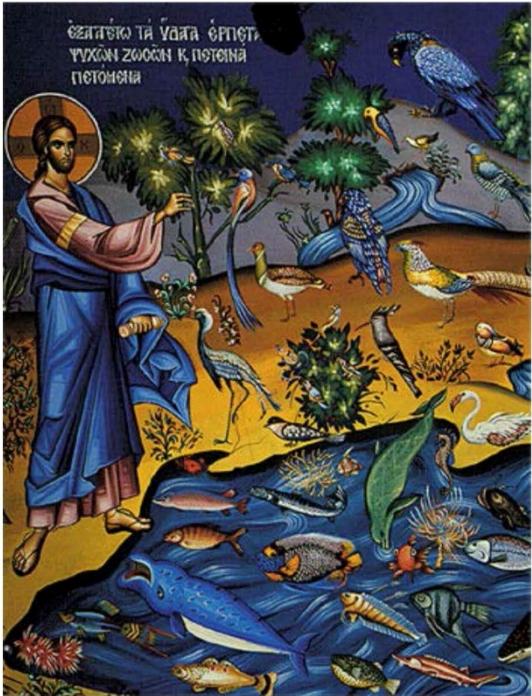
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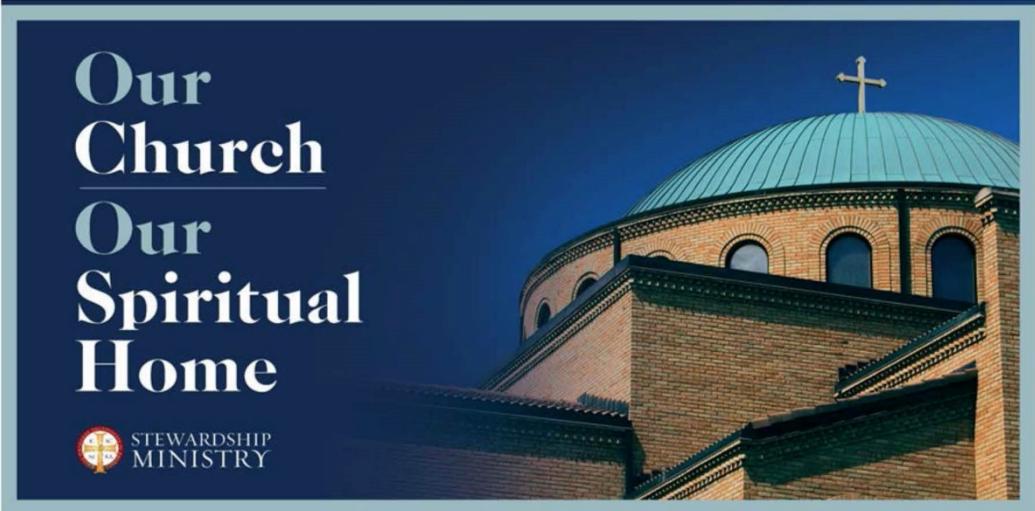
RESERVATIONS REQUESTED BY 1/29
 Contact Kathy 610-539-5413
 or ladies@saintsophiachurch.org

What is Christian Stewardship?



Christian Stewardship is about becoming good caretakers of all that God has given us. God has given each of us special and unique gifts. And through Holy Scripture He teaches us all that we have is a loan. He lends everything to us, and reminds us that

one day He will ask us to give a detailed accounting of what we have done with the gifts He has given us. Archbishop Anastasios of Albania has noted that “we find ourselves by offering ourselves.” Have we learned the blessedness of generously giving to others of all we have?



Christian Stewardship is...

...learning how to be a responsible and concerned caretaker of Christ’s Church; it is learning how to enjoy Church life and be happy in Church work., for in Her dwells the fullness of the Spirit of God.

...our active commitment to use all our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgment of Christ’s redeeming love.

...caring for the needs of others.

...offering one’s self to God as He offered Himself to us.

...what a person does after saying “I believe...”, as proof of that belief.

...devotion and service to God and His Church as persons, as families, as diocese/metropolis, as national Church and as Church universal.

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