



St. Sophia/SS. Faith, Hope & Agape
Greek Orthodox Church of Valley Forge

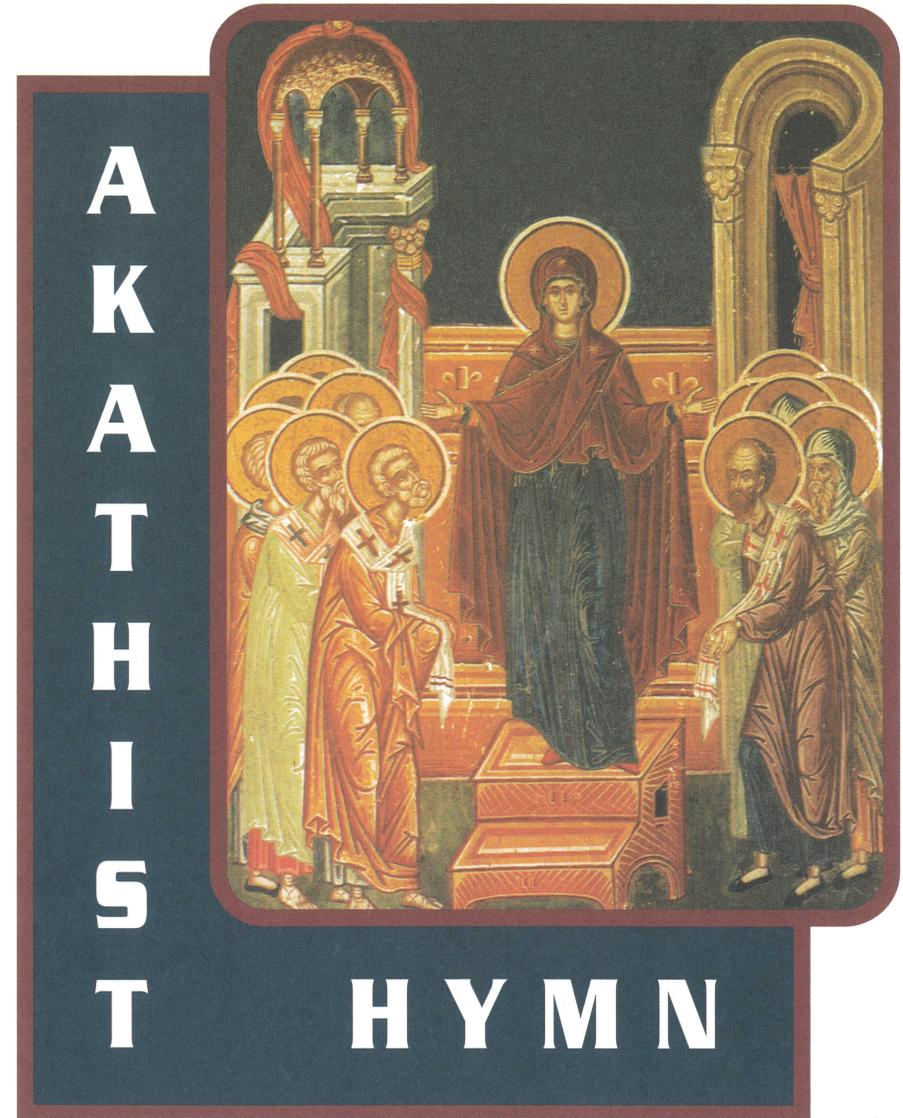
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Sunday Worship: 8:45 am - Orthros: 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Office Hours - 10 am to 4 pm

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Metropolis of New Jersey



April 3, 2022

Sunday of St. John Climacus

Nicetas, Abbot of the Monastery of Medicium

Joseph the Hymnographer ♦ Theodosia and Irene the Martyrs

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 John Climacus - Tes ton dhakion sou roes (“With the rivers of your tears”)

With the rivers of your tears, you have made the barren desert fertile. Through sighs of sorrow from deep within you, your labors have borne fruit a hundred-fold. By your miracles you have become a light, shining upon the world. O John, our Holy Father, pray to Christ our God, 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 Χριστῶ καρπὸν ἡ δύτατον, τοὺς τῆς νηδύος σου βλαστοὺς, διὰ γόνων εὐαγῶν, Ἀγάπην τε καὶ Ἐλπίδα σὺν τῇ θεόφρονι Πίστει, μεθῶν δυσώπει ὑπὲρ πάντων ἡμῶν.

English Phonetics for Greek

Os elea kata karpos anevlastisas, en tes avles tu Kyriou Sofia martyis 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 – Ti ipermacho (“O Champion General”)

*O Champion General, I your City now ascribe to you *triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, *being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. *Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, *from all kinds of perils free me so that unto you *I may cry aloud: *Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.*

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



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.

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.

Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Ἀνάγνωσις ἐπιστολῆς Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 6:13-20 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

Εὐξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

Στίχ. Γνωστὸς ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ὁ Θεός, ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ μέγα τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.

Ἀδελφοί, τῷ Ἀβραάμ ἐπαγγελιάμενος ὁ θεός, ἐπεὶ κατ' οὐδενὸς εἶχεν μείζονος ὁμόσαι, ὤμοσεν καθ' ἑαυτοῦ, λέγων, Ἥ μὴν εὐλογῶν εὐλογήσω σε, καὶ πληθύνων πληθυνῶ σε. Καὶ οὕτως μακροθυμήσας ἐπέτυχεν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας. Ἄνθρωποι μὲν γὰρ κατὰ τοῦ μείζονος ὁμνύουσιν, καὶ πάσης αὐτοῖς ἀντιλογίας πέρασ εἰς βεβαίωσιν ὁ ὄρκος. Ἐν ᾧ περισσότερον βουλόμενος ὁ θεὸς ἐπιδείξει τοῖς κληρονόμοις τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τὸ ἀμετάθετον τῆς βουλῆς αὐτοῦ, ἐμεσίτευσεν ὄρκῳ, ἵνα διὰ δύο πραγμάτων ἀμεταθέτων, ἐν οἷς ἀδύνατον ψεύσασθαι θεόν, ἰσχυρὰν παράκλησιν ἔχωμεν οἱ καταφυγόντες κρατῆσαι τῆς προκειμένης ἐλπίδος· ἦν ὡς ἄγκυραν ἔχομεν τῆς ψυχῆς ἀσφαλῆ τε καὶ βεβαίαν, καὶ εἰσερχομένην εἰς τὸ ἐσώτερον τοῦ καταπετάσματος· ὅπου πρόδρομος ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν εἰσήλθεν Ἰησοῦς, κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδὲκ ἀρχιερεὺς γενόμενος εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Mark 9:17-31

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μάρκον 9:17-31 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις προσήλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ λέγων, διδάσκαλε, ἤνεγκα τὸν υἱόν μου πρὸς σε, ἔχοντα πνεῦμα ἄλαον. καὶ ὅπου ἂν αὐτὸν καταλάβῃ, ῥήσσει αὐτόν, καὶ ἀφρίζει καὶ τρίζει τοὺς ὀδόντας αὐτοῦ, καὶ ξηραίνεται· καὶ εἶπον τοῖς μαθηταῖς σου ἵνα αὐτὸ ἐκβάλωσι, καὶ οὐκ ἴσχυσαν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς αὐτῷ λέγει· ὦ γενεὰ ἄπιστος, ἕως πότε πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἔσομαι; ἕως πότε ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετε αὐτὸν πρὸς με. καὶ ἤνεγκαν αὐτὸν πρὸς αὐτόν. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν εὐθέως τὸ πνεῦμα ἐσπάραξεν αὐτόν, καὶ πεσὼν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐκυλίετο ἀφρίζων. καὶ ἐπηρώτησε τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ· πόσος χρόνος ἐστὶν ὡς τοῦτο γέγονεν αὐτῷ; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· παιδιόθεν. καὶ πολλάκις αὐτὸν καὶ εἰς πῦρ ἔβαλε καὶ εἰς ὕδατα, ἵνα ἀπολέσῃ αὐτόν· ἀλλ' εἴ τι δύνασαι, βοήθησον ἡμῖν σπλαγχνισθεὶς ἐφ' ἡμᾶς. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ τὸ εἰ δύνασαι πιστεῦσαι, πάντα δυνατὰ τῷ πιστεύοντι. καὶ εὐθέως κράζας ὁ πατὴρ τοῦ παιδίου μετὰ δακρύων ἔλεγε· πιστεύω, κύριε· βοήθει μου τῇ ἀπιστίᾳ. ἰδὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι ἐπίσυντρέχει ὄχλος, ἐπέτιμησε τῷ πνεύματι τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ λέγων αὐτῷ· τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἄλαον καὶ κωφόν, ἐγὼ σοὶ ἐπιτάσσω, ἔξελθε ἐξ αὐτοῦ καὶ μηκέτι εἰσέλθῃς εἰς αὐτόν. καὶ κράζαν καὶ πολλὰ σπαράζαν αὐτὸν ἐξῆλθε, καὶ ἐγένετο ὡσεὶ νεκρός, ὥστε πολλοὺς λέγειν ὅτι ἀπέθανεν. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς κρατήσας αὐτὸν τῆς χειρὸς ἤγειρεν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀνέστη. Καὶ εἰσελθόντα αὐτὸν εἰς οἶκον οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτων αὐτὸν κατ' ἴδιαν, ὅτι ἡμεῖς οὐκ ἠδυνήθημεν ἐκβαλεῖν αὐτό. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τοῦτο τὸ γένος ἐν οὐδενὶ δύναται ἐξελεῖν εἰ μὴ ἐν προσευχῇ καὶ νηστείᾳ. Καὶ ἐκεῖθεν ἐξελθόντες παρεπορεύοντο διὰ τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν ἵνα τις γινῶ· ἐδίδασκε γὰρ τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς ὅτι ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδίδοται εἰς χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων, καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀποκτανθεὶς τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται.

ST. SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH/SS. FAITH, HOPE & AGAPE

SUNDAY - APRIL 24th

Easter

egg hunt



**12 NOON
- 1 PM**

**AFTER
AGAPE
SERVICE**



BRING YOUR FAVORITE BASKET & SNEAKERS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT-ST. JOHN OF THE KLIMAX (LADDER) (Mark 9:17-31)



This Sunday commemorates St. John of the Climax (6th century) who is the writer of the book called *The Ladder (climax)* of Paradise. This book contains 30 chapters, with each chapter as a step leading up to a faithful and pious life as the climax of a Christian life. The spirit of repentance and devotion to Christ dominates the essence of this book, along with the monastic virtues and vices. He was an ascetic and writer on the spiritual life as a monk-abbot of Sinai Monastery. These steps of the ladder as set forth by St. John are to be practiced by the Christian especially during this period of the Great Lent. Each step leading to the top step of the ladder, is the climactic essence of the true meaning of a Christian life.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE



Lenten Food Drive: In Christ's teaching, almsgiving goes together with fasting and prayer. During this Lenten period, bring in your non-perishable food items --collection bins will be in the lobby of our Cultural Center. This food drive will run through Palm Sunday.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Canned meat (tuna, chicken, beef stew, etc.)
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Juice & Juice boxes
- Canned Meals
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Breakfast foods (hot & cold cereals, bars & oatmeal)
- Canned or plastic jarred proteins like peanut butter, beans, canned stews, and chili
- Macaroni & cheese
- Pasta, rice & dry mixes
- Pasta sauce (cans)
- Crackers

Please **DO NOT** donate expired food, open packages, perishable food, or glass jars.

Communion Prayers

I believe and confess, Lord, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. I also believe that this is truly Your pure Body and that this is truly Your precious Blood. Therefore, I pray to You, have mercy upon me, and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed, in knowledge or in ignorance. And make me worthy, without condemnation, to partake of Your pure Mysteries for the remission of sins and for eternal life. Amen.

*Behold, I approach for Divine Communion.
O Maker, burn me not as I partake,
For You are fire consuming the unworthy.
But cleanse me from every stain.*

O Son of God, receive me today as a partaker of Your mystical supper. For I will not speak of the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss, as did Judas. But like the thief, I confess to You: Remember me, Lord, in Your Kingdom.

*Tremble, O man, as you behold the divine Blood.
It is a burning coal that sears the unworthy.
The Body of God both deifies and nourishes me:
It deifies the Spirit and wondrously nourishes the mind.*

You have smitten me with yearning, O Christ, and by Your divine eros You have changed me. But burn up with spiritual fire my sins, and grant me to be filled with delight in You, so that, leaping for joy, I may magnify, O Good One, Your two comings.

How shall I, who am unworthy, enter into the splendor of Your saints? If I should dare to enter into the bridal chamber, my vesture will condemn me, since it is not a wedding garment; and being bound up, I shall be cast out by the angels. Cleanse, O Lord, the filth of my soul, and save me, as You are the one Who loves mankind. In Your love, Lord, cleanse my soul, and save me.

Master Who loves mankind, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these Holy Gifts be to my judgment because I am unworthy, but rather for the purification and sanctification of both soul and body and the pledge of the life and Kingdom to come. It is good for me to cleave unto God and to place in Him the hope of my salvation.

O Son of God, receive me today as a partaker of Your mystical supper. For I will not speak of the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss, as did Judas. But like the thief, I confess to You: Remember me, Lord, in Your Kingdom.

April 3, 2022
Sunday of St. John Climacus
Nicetas, Abbot of the Monastery of Medicium
Joseph the Hymnographer ❖ Theodosia and Irene the Martyrs



Today we celebrate the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. The differences between this Liturgy and the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom are found in the priest's prayers of the Anaphora, between pages 55-63 of your Divine Liturgy books. The Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated on Christmas Eve, the feast of St. Basil, the Feast of Theophany, Holy Saturday morning, and the Sundays of Great Lent.

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.

Memorial Service: Today's memorial is being chanted for **Paris Dissis (40 days)**, beloved brother of Mary Moukoulis. Paris was born in Chios, Greece and was the youngest child of Iordana and George Dissis. A veteran of the fur industry, Paris passed away in Boca Raton, FL and was laid to rest with a Greek Orthodox funeral service in Flushing, NY. Paris is survived by his siblings Mary (Dissis) Moukoulis, Sozon Dissis (predeceased Anna) and Nick Dissis (Blanche) and was predeceased by his sister Irene (Dissis) Andreadis in 1967. He was also the beloved uncle to several nieces and nephews. May his memory be eternal.

Coffee Hour: Today's coffee hour is being offered by the Moukoulis/Bannon/Coutavas families in memory of their brother and uncle, Paris Dissis.

School Excuse Letters: Letters to excuse the children from school on Holy Wednesday and Good Friday have been prepared and are available at the Pangari.

Altar Servers: We will need your help for Holy Week. Families, if you have young men who serve in the Altar, please make it a priority for them to be here in church during Holy Week. We need their help. School excuse letters will be available at the Pangari if needed.

Readers for Agape Service: We are looking for readers for the Agape Service. As tradition, the Gospel is read in several languages. We have the Gospel available in Latin, French, German, Spanish and many, many more languages. If anyone would like to read in any other language, the specific Gospel reading is John 20:19-25. Please contact Fr. Peter if you are interested.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Fri. Apr. 1 st	7:00 pm – Salutations to the Theotokos
Sat. Apr. 2 nd	1:00 pm -- Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event (1-3pm) Sponsored by St. Luke's Ladies Philoptochos PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Sun. Apr. 3 rd	St. John of the Ladder 12:00 noon – Bible Bowl 2022 for JOY children -- to be held virtually via Zoom in classrooms
Mon. Apr. 4 th	6:00 pm – Great Compline
Wed. Apr. 6 th	6:00 pm – Presanctified Liturgy
Thurs. Apr. 7 th	10:00 am – Senior Parea
Fri. Apr. 8 th	4:45 pm – Little Angels 7:00 pm – The Akathist Hymn
Sat. Apr. 9 th	Sights & Sounds at St. Luke
Sun. Apr. 10 th	St. Mary of Egypt
Mon. Apr. 11 th	6:00 pm – Great Compline
Tues. Apr. 12 th	7:00 pm – Philoptochos Meeting via Zoom
Wed. Apr. 13 th	10:00 am – Presanctified Liturgy
Thurs. Apr. 14 th	10:00 am – Senior Parea
Fri. Apr. 15 th	4:45 pm – Little Angels
Sat. Apr. 16 th	10:00 am – Divine Liturgy – Saturday of Lazarus
Sun. Apr. 17 th	Palm Sunday Philoptochos Palm Sunday Luncheon after Divine Liturgy

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE – see separate schedule attached

Readers for Salutations to the Theotokos: The fifth Salutations to the Theotokos are on Friday evening, **April 8th**. We are looking for readers for the English for that Friday. **If you are interested in reading, please call Elaine in the Parish office to put your name on the list.**

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. **The next meeting of the Senior Parea will take place on Thursday, April 7, 2022.**

Pascha Eggs

THE RESURRECTION STORY
FOR ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHILDREN

Friday - April 22
12 - 2:45pm

OPEN TO AGES
Pre-K (age 4) - 12th grade

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
SERVED

SIGN UP DEADLINE
Friday-April 15

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
ON SIGN-UP GENIUS
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044DAEAC23A64-good1>

Good Friday Retreat

St. Sophia Give-a-Brick Program Update: The third phase of the brick program is under way. We thank all those who have taken 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.

Stewardship: Thank you to everyone who supported our 2021 Stewardship Program. **2022 Stewardship Commitment Forms are now available at the Pangari and on the table outside of the Parish office.** When paying by check, it is imperative that you indicate "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.

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.

THE PRAYER OF ST. EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN

Read each week-day during Great Lent

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth,
Despair, lust of power, and idle talk.
But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility,
Patience, and love to Thy servant.
Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions,
and not
To judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages.
Amen.

2022
HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 16th	8:45 AM 10:00 AM	Orthros Divine Liturgy	Saturday of Lazarus Palm Cross Folding by GOYAns after Liturgy
Sunday, April 17th	8:45 AM 10:00 AM	Orthros Divine Liturgy	Palm Sunday
	7:00 PM		Bridegroom Service
Monday, April 18th	10:00 AM 7:00 PM		Presanctified Divine Liturgy Bridegroom Service
Tuesday, April 19th	10:00 AM 7:00 PM		Presanctified Divine Liturgy Bridegroom Service
Wednesday, April 20th	10:00 AM		Presanctified Divine Liturgy
	3:00 PM		Sacrament of Holy Unction
	7:00 PM		Bridegroom Service Orthros for Holy Thursday (anointing will also be done at the end of this service)
Thursday, April 21st	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
	7:00 PM	Divine Liturgy (Holy Communion will be distributed at the proper place during the Liturgy)	Service of the Passion
Friday, April 22nd	9:00 AM		Great and Royal Hours
	12 Noon to 2:45 PM		Children's Retreat
	3:00 PM		Service of the Apokathelosis
	7:00 PM		Service of the Lamentations
Saturday, April 23rd	10:00 AM		Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
	11:00 PM		Easter Vigil/Resurrection Service
Sunday, April 24th	12 Noon		Pascha Vespers of Agape Easter Egg Hunt to follow

PALM
SUNDAY
LUNCHEON

APRIL 17, 2022

\$25 ADULTS
\$8 CHILDREN

RESERVATIONS | RSVP 4/10/2022
Lucy Kline 215.206.8180 | ladies@saintsophiachurch.org

\$17

**ORDER BY
APRIL 9th**

**PICKUP ON
APRIL 16th**

TSOUREKI ORDER FORM

For Orders

 Kathy (610) 539-5413

 ladies@saintsophiachurch.org

 www.saintsophiachurch.org/tsoureki-2022

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____ **PHONE:** _____

QTY: _____ **X \$17 =** _____ **TOTAL PAID:** _____

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) donations are designated for a local charity.

Donations made to the Philoptochos Poor Box for April benefits Better Days Ahead, a nonprofit that concentrates solely on providing food and survival gear to Norristown, Phoenixville, Pottstown and Philadelphia homeless individuals. Your donation will assist Philoptochos in providing these needed supplies in a forthcoming fill-the-backpack event.

You can learn more about Better Days Ahead at <https://bdaoutreach.org/>.

Please consider making a donation 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>



If you would like to donate Easter Lilies to help decorate the church at Easter, please complete the form below and send it to the Parish office.

Help the church decorate for Pascha by donating lilies for our church. Donate them in Honor or Memory of loved ones. The lilies are \$25.00 per plant. Please make your check out to: "Saint Sophia Church".

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Donor's name and address:

**Thank you for your support!
Please return this form to the church along with your check.**

Good Friday Luminarias: Once again our PTO is selling Good Friday Luminarias. During the Good Friday Retreat, our GOYAnS will prepare them and set them out around the church for the Good Friday Evening Service. The Luminarias will line the walkways around the church along the path of the Epitaphio. Each Luminaria can be personalized with the name(s) of loved ones who have fallen asleep in the Lord. You may donate as many as you like.

To participate, please send an email to Cathy Cox at catcox1@verizon.net by April 16th with the exact spelling of the names you would like on each Luminaria. Please consider making a \$5 candle donation to St. Sophia for each Luminaria using the donation options on our website (PayPal, Venmo or Zelle). If you do not have email, just write the names you would like on each Luminaria on a piece of paper and place it in the candle basket in the Narthex with your donation.



**2022
HOLY WEEK ITEMS FOR SPONSORSHIP**

The following items used during Holy Week still need sponsors. To sign up please speak to Elaine in the Parish office (610-650-8960) on weekdays.

*****PLEASE DO NOT SELECT YOUR ITEM OR SEND IN PAYMENT UNTIL SPEAKING WITH ELAINE IN THE PARISH OFFICE*****

In order to give many people the opportunity to sponsor an item, we request that each family sponsor only 1 item.

ITEM	COST
13. Flowers for the Crucifix at Service of the Passion	3 @ \$35 ea.
17. Olive oil for oil lamps (there is a perpetual need for this) Please bring directly to church or Parish office	Market Price

Thank you for your support of our Parish!