



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

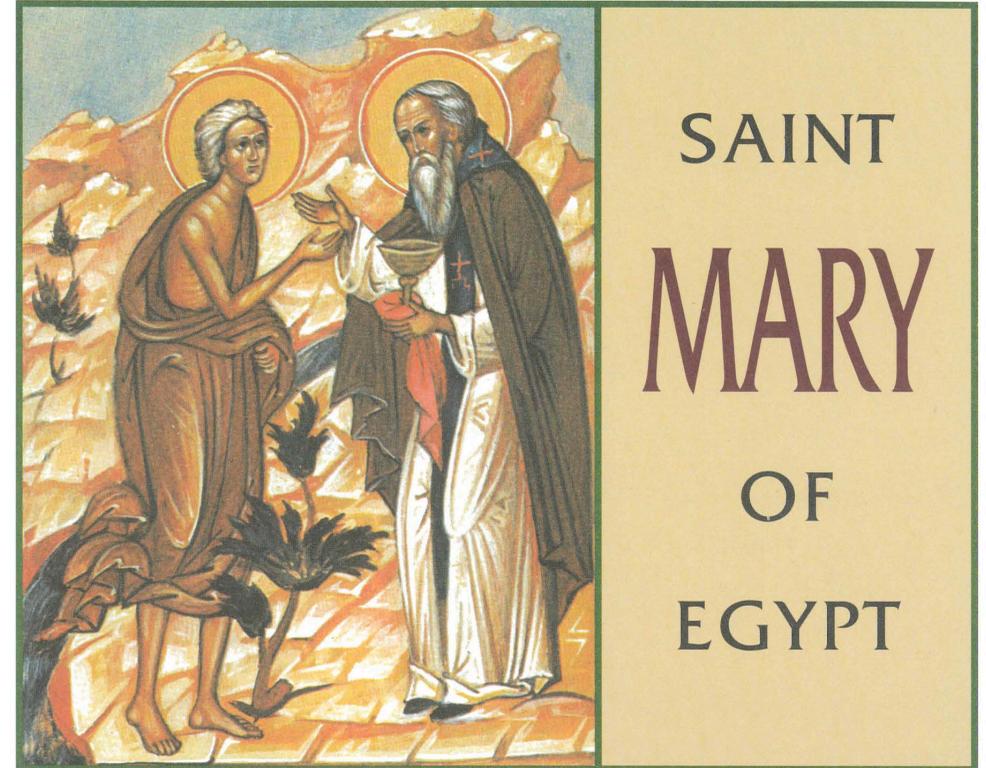
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Sunday Worship: 8:45 am - Orthros: 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Office Hours - 10 am to 4 pm

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A TREASURE HIDDEN IN THE WILDERNESS

It was the pious custom in one of the monasteries of the East in the 6th century to have the monks gather at the beginning of the Great Fast and then to disperse into the desert. The monk Zosimos went forth with the rest. There in the wilderness he came across a strange form. He then heard a voice: "I am an old and sinful woman."

April 10, 2022

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Terence and his Companions beheaded at Carthage

150 and more Righteous Martyr Fathers of the Sacred Monastery of Pantocrator Daou Pentelis
Gregory V, the Holy Martyr and Patriarch of Constantinople

ENTRANCE HYMNS

Resurrectional Apolytikion – Tou Lithou Sfraghisthendos (“The Stone Had Been Sealed”)

The Jews had sealed the stone that was set before Your Tomb and around Your Grave soldiers guarded Your Pure and Sacred Body, yet Savior You arose the third day and granted to the world Your gift of Life. For this do the powers of Heaven acclaim You the Life bestower. Glory to Your Resurrection and glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation, O only Friend of man.

Apolytikion for the Saint – En si, Miter, akrivos (“In you, O Mother”)

In you, O Mother, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Mary, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

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 – Prostasia ton Christianon (“O unfailing protection of Christians”)

O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty; but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith. Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

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 UPDATE

Our project Mexico team is set! On June 8th, our team will be traveling to Mexico to build, a home for a family that is currently without suitable shelter. We ask that you please pray for our team and for their safety. Our team member are Father Peter, Chris Altum, Matt Williams, John Pogas, Stephanie McLaughlin (nee Pogas), her husband Sam McLaughlin, Patty Cakridas and her son Peter Ryan.

Our team is in dire need of financial support to cover building materials, supplies and travel costs. We've collected over \$4,000 so far and are halfway to our goal of \$8,000. If you can, PLEASE consider donating to this important mission trip. You can either send a check to church, donate on the church website, or go to <https://pm.managedmissions.com/Donations/Donate/56142>



Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14

*Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Ἀνάγνωσις ἐπιστολῆς Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 9:11-14 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

*Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς.
Στίχ. Ἀγαλλιᾶσθε δίκαιοι ἐν Κυρίῳ*

Ἀδελφοί, Χριστὸς δὲ παραγενόμενος ἀρχιερεὺς τῶν μελλόντων ἀγαθῶν, διὰ τῆς μείζονος καὶ τελειότερας σκηנῆς, οὐ χειροποιήτου, τοῦτ' ἔστιν, οὐ ταύτης τῆς κτίσεως, οὐδὲ δι' αἵματος τράγων καὶ μόσχων, διὰ δὲ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος εἰσῆλθεν ἐφάπαξ εἰς τὰ ἅγια, αἰώνιαν λύτρωσιν εὐράμενος. Εἰ γὰρ τὸ αἷμα ταύρων καὶ τράγων, καὶ σποδὸς δαμάλεως ῥαντίζουσα τοὺς κεκοινωμένους, ἀγιάζει πρὸς τὴν τῆς σαρκὸς καθαρότητα, πόσω μᾶλλον τὸ αἷμα τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὃς διὰ πνεύματος αἰωνίου ἑαυτὸν προσήνεγκεν ἅμωμον τῷ θεῷ, καθαριεῖ τὴν συνείδησιν ὑμῶν ἀπὸ νεκρῶν ἔργων, εἰς τὸ λατρεύειν θεῷ ζῶντι;

GOSPEL READING The Gospel According to Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μάρκον 10:32-45 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παραλαβάνει ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς δώδεκα μαθητάς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἤρξατο αὐτοῖς λέγειν τὰ μέλλοντα αὐτῷ συμβαίνειν, ὅτι ἰδοὺ ἀναβαίνομεν εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδοθήσεται τοῖς ἀρχιερεῦσι καὶ γραμματεῦσι, καὶ κατακρινούσιν αὐτὸν θανάτῳ καὶ παραδώσουσιν αὐτὸν τοῖς ἔθνεσι, καὶ ἐμπαίζουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ μαστιγώσουσιν αὐτὸν καὶ ἐμπύσουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται. Καὶ προσπορεύονται αὐτῷ Ἰάκωβος καὶ Ἰωάννης υἱοὶ Ζεβεδαίου λέγοντες· διδάσκαλε, θέλομεν ἵνα ὁ ἐὰν αἰτήσωμεν ποιήσης ἡμῖν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τί θέλετε ποιήσαι με ὑμῖν; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δὸς ἡμῖν ἵνα εἷς ἐκ δεξιῶν σου καὶ εἷς ἐξ εὐωνύμων σου καθίσωμεν ἐν τῇ δόξῃ σου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· οὐκ οἶδατε τί αἰτεῖσθε. δύνασθε πιεῖν τὸ ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθῆναι; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δυνάμεθα. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τὸ μὲν ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω πίεσθε, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθήσεσθε· τὸ δὲ καθίσει ἐκ δεξιῶν μου καὶ ἐξ εὐωνύμων οὐκ ἔστιν ἐμὸν δοῦναι, ἀλλ' οἷς ἠτοίμασται. Καὶ ἀκούσαντες οἱ δέκα ἤρξαντο ἀγανακτεῖν περὶ Ἰακώβου καὶ Ἰωάννου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς προσκαλεσάμενος αὐτοὺς λέγει αὐτοῖς· οἶδατε ὅτι οἱ δοκοῦντες ἄρχειν τῶν ἐθνῶν κατακυριεύουσιν αὐτῶν καὶ οἱ μεγάλοι αὐτῶν κατεξουσιάζουσιν αὐτῶν· οὐχ οὕτω δὲ ἔσται ἐν ὑμῖν, ἀλλ' ὅς ἐὰν θέλη γενέσθαι μέγας ἐν ὑμῖν, ἔσται ὑμῶν διάκονος, καὶ ὅς ἐὰν θέλη ὑμῶν γενέσθαι πρῶτος, ἔσται πάντων δοῦλος· καὶ γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου οὐκ ἤλθε διακονηθῆναι, ἀλλὰ διακονῆσαι, καὶ δοῦναι τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ λύτρον ἀντὶ πολλῶν.



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PACS aspires to be the lead resource for food insecurity in the community.

March 28, 2022

St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church
900 S. Trooper Rd
Jeffersonville, PA 19403-5212

Dear St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church,

Thank you for your March 10, 2022 gift of 200lbs of pantry items to PACS. Since COVID-19 life has dramatically changed. Unemployment is rising and more people continue to need our services. While it is discouraging to know so many people in the Phoenixville area are struggling to meet life's basic needs and worry how they are going to put food on their tables, your charitableness helps insure that PACS will be here for them. Our dedication to not only help them through their crisis, but assist them in getting back on their feet is stronger than ever!

Your neighbors in need - and all of us at PACS - deeply appreciate your support which enables us to continue our mission of helping those facing food insecurity within our community. By reaching out to help, you truly are making a real difference in their lives.

Thank you for supporting our mission and sharing our commitment to positively affect our community, providing hope and building a brighter future for those in need. As the saying goes, sometimes we're tested not to show our weaknesses but to discover our strengths. We are incredibly grateful to be part of the Phoenixville community.

Warmest regards,

Mary Fuller
Executive Director

*Thank you for supporting our
pantry services! Your contribution
makes a big difference!*

PACS declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that there were no goods or services provided as part of this donation. Furthermore, as of the date of this receipt the above-mentioned organization is a current and valid 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in accordance with the standards and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The official registration and financial information of Phoenixville Area Community Services may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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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.



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.

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.

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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 **Helen "Eleni" Foster (nee Giannoumis) (1 year)**, 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.

Coffee Hour: Today's coffee hour is being offered by the Foster/Giannoumis families in memory of their beloved Helen (Eleni).

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.

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

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/30E0440AEAC23A64-good1>

Good Friday Retreat

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 14, 2022. There will be no meeting on Holy Thursday, April 21st.

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.

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.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

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

2022
HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

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

MORTGAGE REDUCTION CAMPAIGN

We would like to thank the following stewards and friends of St. Sophia for contributing to March’s Mortgage Reduction Campaign. The total for March was \$3,320.

Each month we will list the Mortgage Reduction collections for the previous month.

Great News! Take Advantage of it!

Your contributions to our Mortgage Reduction Fund can now be doubled. Through the kindness and generosity of an anonymous donor who is willing to match our donations up to \$30,000, we can put a serious dent in our mortgage principal.

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| Mr. Chris Altum | Mrs. Effie Liacouras | Mr. & Mrs. Constantine Samios |
| Mr. & Mrs. Matt Bannon | Mr. & Mrs. George Limberis | Mr. & Mrs. John Stratis |
| Mr. & Mrs. George Coutavas | Mr. & Mrs. Edward McAboo | Fr. Peter & Presv. Katherine Thornberg |
| Dr. & Mrs. Christopher Dankmyer | Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Magdalias | Mr. & Mrs. John Tripolites |
| Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dicciani | Mr. & Mrs. Kyriakos Mitseas | Mrs. Shirley Tripolites |
| Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Dowzicky | Dr. Marianne & Mr. Alexander Nikas | Mr. & Mrs. Alex Tsioulfaidis |
| Mr. & Mrs. George Evangelopoulos | Mr. & Mrs. Michael Nikolaou | Mr. & Mrs. Socrates Tsipras |
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| Mr. & Mrs. Chris Gross | Mr. & Mrs. John Papadimitriou | Ms. Helene Vellios |
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| Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Kamaratos | Dr. & Mrs. Peter Patukas | Mr. & Mrs. Robert Walsh |
| Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Kane | Mrs. Harriet Podotas | Mr. & Mrs. Robert Watts |
| Mr. & Mrs. Christos Karagiannopoulos | Mr. & Mrs. John Pogas | Mr. & Mrs. Roger Witt |
| Ms. Stephanie King | Mr. & Mrs. David Poloway | Mr. & Mrs. Robert Zacharatos |
| Mrs. Evangelia A. Klapakis | Mr. George Prieston | Mrs. Ita Zaferes |
| Mr. & Mrs. Bart Kline | Mr. & Mrs. George Reganis | Mr. Gregory Zarcone |
| Mrs. Peggy Kostomite | Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Ruser | Mr. & Mrs. Charles Zarcone |

His Grace, Bishop Apostolos of Medeia to Visit!



We are pleased to inform our community that His Grace, Bishop Apostolos of Medeia will be with us for the celebration of the Apokathelosis Service on Holy and Great Friday! Let us gather together on this most sacred of days as His Grace will lead us in this most sacred of services.

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!