

## ST. GREGORY: DEFENDER OF THE FAITH

When the “age of persecution” ended, the Church faced challenges to her very existence from an unlikely direction: from within! False teachings and misrepresentations of the theological truths that are now so dear to us threatened to divide and destroy the Christian Church long before its sacred mission could be fulfilled.

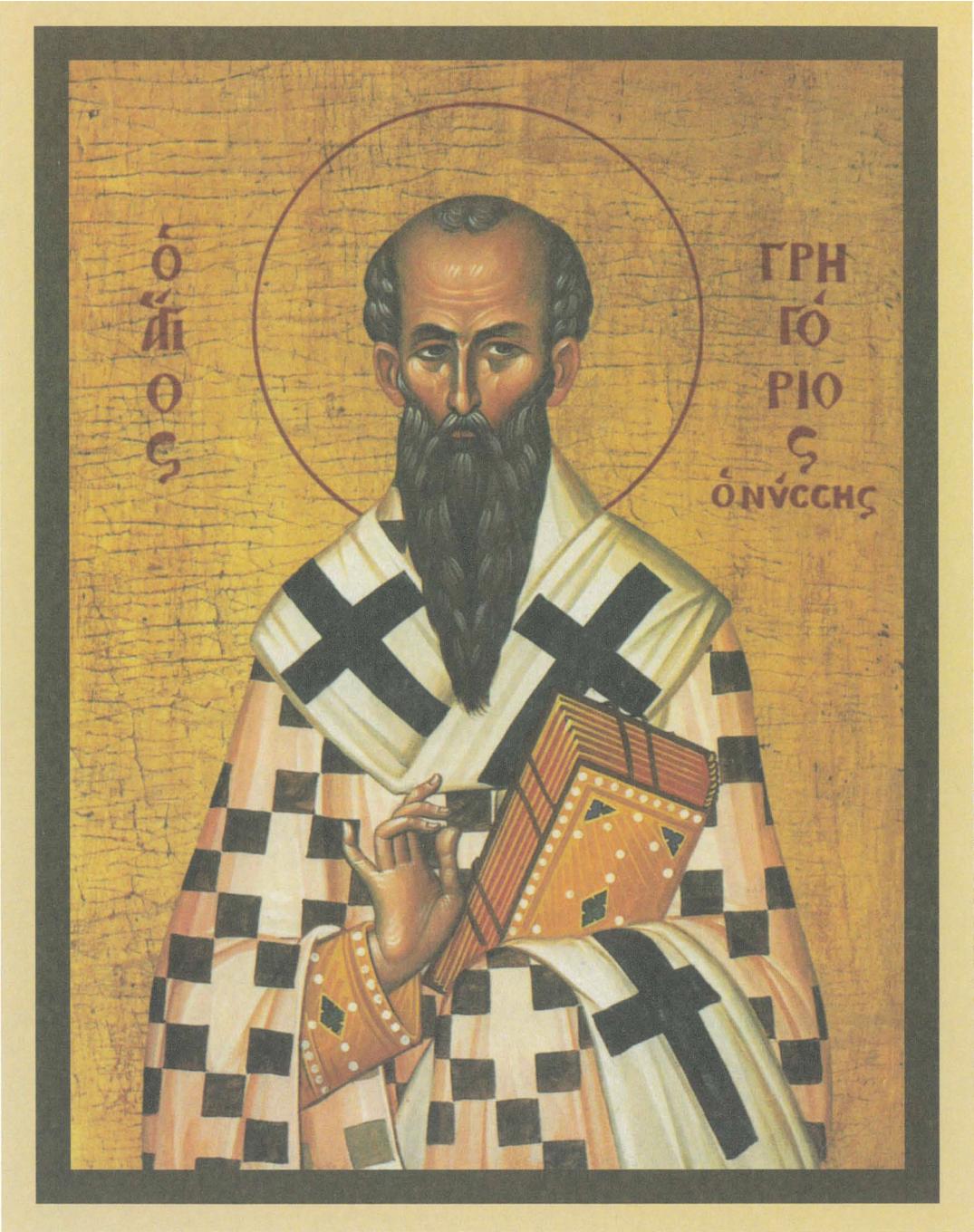
Fortunately, the Church was blessed with powerful and eloquent “voices of reason,” who were able to brilliantly speak out and defend the Faith against all forms of heresy. ST. GREGORY OF NYSSA was one of the strongest supporters of Holy Orthodoxy.

St. Gregory was the brother of St. Basil the Great, another well-known Church Father. As a clergyman, he distinguished himself as a preacher and a scholar. Upon the death of his wife, Gregory was consecrated as Bishop of Nyssa. During this time, the Church was shaken by the heretical movement of a priest from Alexandria named Arius, who claimed that Christ was CREATED by God the Father and, therefor NOT EQUAL to the Father, as our Lord Himself proclaimed. This was seen as undermining the important doctrines of the Holy Trinity and of salvation through Jesus Christ.

When the Emperor Valens, a follower of Arius, came into power in 374 A.D., he removed Gregory from his episcopal seat and banished him from the region. Upon the death of the Emperor, Gregory returned to his position in Nyssa and, along with his famous brother, Basil the Great, brought about the defeat of Arius and his false teachings once and for all. He was a vocal participant in the 2nd Ecumenical Council, which was held in Constantinople in 381 A.D. He will always be remembered for standing up for the Faith in a firm and unwavering manner.

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Sunday Worship: 8:45 am - Orthros: 10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
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January 15, 2023  
12th Sunday of Luke  
Paul of Thebes ❖ John the Hut-Dweller  
Pansophios the Martyr of Alexandria



## ENTRANCE HYMNS

### Resurrectional Apolytikion – Angelike Dinamis (“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 John the Hut-Dweller – Ek vrefous ton Kyrion (“Having desired the Lord from infancy”)

*From infancy fervently you loved and longed for the Lord; \* you therefore renounced the world and every worldly delight, \* and excelled in ascetic feats. \* You set the hut you dwell in before the gates of your parents. \* Therein, all-blessed struggler, you crushed the snares of the demons. \* And therefore, O John, Christ has glorified you worthily.*

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

#### Greek

*Ὁς ελαία κατά καρπος ανεβλάστησας, ἐν ταῖς ἀναλαῖς τοῦ Κυρίου, Σοφία μάρτυς σεμνή, καί προσήγαγες Χριστῷ καρπὸν ἢ δῦτατον, τοὺς τῆς νηδύος σου βλαστούς, δι’ ἀ γώνων 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 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.*

**Please pray for me....**

We hear this all the time and certainly offer prayers for those who ask. Liturgically, the Church offers a wonderful prayer service called the Paraklesis to the Theotokos.

For anyone who suffers from grief, depression, sorrow, or anxiety, the Paraklesis is a welcome salve to the soul. Although the gospel message of Jesus Christ is one of joy, the Paraklesis service recognizes that everyone, from time to time, experiences emotional and spiritual pain. Rather than isolating ourselves or feeling shame over our distress, the Paraklesis extends to us an invitation to share that pain with the Theotokos, asking for her prayers and comfort.

Did you know that our Paraklesis services are every Wednesday (they alternate morning and evening) and they last less than an hour?

One hour of prayers and petitions is better than any therapist and is truly the best medicine for all of us. Please join us for this beautiful service that is solely intended for our healing and asks the Mother of God for her intercessions.

**Most Holy Theotokos save us!**



During the service we honor the Theotokos and ask for her intercessions for those who are living.

If you would like to submit a list of names to be read, please list the **BAPTISMAL FIRST NAMES ONLY** of those living and give them to Fr. Peter when you come to church. Forms for this purpose are available at the Pangari.

It is **NOT** appropriate to just send the names in without attending the Paraklesis service. We are expected to be at the service to pray for our people.

## MORTGAGE REDUCTION CAMPAIGN

We would like to thank the following stewards and friends of St. Sophia for contributing to the Mortgage Reduction Campaign for November. **The total for December was \$13,685.**

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

Mr. Chris Altum	Mr. William Mackrides	Mr. George Prieston
Mr. & Mrs. Matt Bannon	Mr. & Mrs. Edward McAdoo	Mr. John Rodakis
Mr. & Mrs. George Coutavas	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Migdalias	Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Ruser
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	Mr. & Mrs. David Poloway	

## EPISTLE READING

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

*O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.  
Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.*

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

*Σῶσον, Κύριε τὸν λαὸν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.  
Στίχ. Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράξομαι ὁ Θεός μου.*

Ἀδελφοί, ὅταν ὁ Χριστὸς φανερωθῆ, ἡ ζωὴ ἡμῶν, τότε καὶ ὑμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ φανερωθήσεσθε ἐν δόξῃ. Νεκρώσατε οὖν τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, πορνείαν, ἀκαθαρσίαν, πάθος, ἐπιθυμίαν κακὴν, καὶ τὴν πλεονεξίαν, ἣτις ἐστὶν εἰδωλολατρεία, δι' ἧς 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 ἔστι Ἕλλην 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 ἀπήνησαν αὐτῷ δέκα λεπροὶ ἄνδρες, οἱ ἕστησαν πόρρωθεν, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἦσαν 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 ἰάθη, 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 ἑνὲα ποῦ; οὐχ εὐρέθησαν ὑποστρέψαντες δοῦναι δόξαν τῷ Θεῷ εἰ μὴ ὁ ἄλλογενὴς οὗτος; καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀναστὰς πορεύου· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε.

**January Poor Box Donations**  
**Thank you for considering a gift!**

Please consider supporting the philanthropic outreach of our Church through the Philoptochos Poor Box located in the Pangari. Each month 100% of the donations are designated for a local charity.

Donations made to the Philoptochos Poor Box for January benefit the Shane and Pepper Foundation in Lansdale, PA, which provides life and employment skills to disabled individuals. You can read more about them at <https://theshanepepperfoundation.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. God bless you!

Liturgical Services are streamed on Facebook each Sunday. Simply click on the link below. You do NOT need a Facebook account to access the online services.

[www.facebook.com/saintsophiachurch](http://www.facebook.com/saintsophiachurch)

PLEASE keep in mind that our fixed costs are still ever present.

We hope you can help us with an online donation. You can give by going to our website, [www.saintsophiachurch.org](http://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](http://www.venmo.com/SaintSophiaChurch)

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



**Pan-Hellenic Scholarship:** Calling all exceptional undergraduate students of Hellenic descent -- consider becoming a PanHellenic Scholar! Do you or an exceptional undergraduate student you know qualify to be a PanHellenic Scholar? The 2022/2023 application is now open and accepting applications! The application deadline is 1/31/2023. <https://www.panhellenicsf.org/apply>.

**2023 Ecclesiastical Calendars:** To save the Parish resources, 2023 Church calendars are available for pickup in the Narthex of the church and in the Cultural Center on the table next to the Parish Office. The calendars are available on a first- come, first-serve basis. **We respectfully request that each stewarding family take only 1 calendar per household.** Thank you

JANUARY 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4



**Are your Amazon purchases being counted toward your Amazon Smile donations to St. Sophia?** Chances are, if you use the regular Amazon App on your iPhone or other device, they are not.

To be sure, watch this 3 minute YouTube video that shows you how to set up Amazon Smile, **and how to enable it on your device apps** -- > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VyJ7HcreC7A> \*\* This connection has to be renewed twice a year to be retained.\*\*

If you haven't signed up for Amazon Smile yet, please do as soon as possible. Copy/paste this exact search to find our church:

**St. Sophia/Ss. Faith Hope & Agape Greek Orthodox Church of Valley Forge**

If you have issues or questions, be sure to speak with Cathy Cox. **Thank you in advance for supporting your church through Amazon Smile – one of the easiest ways you can help!**

### 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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**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:** Today's memorial is chanted for the soul of:

- ❖ **Nikolaos Mylonas (1 year)** – beloved husband of Pelagia and father of Barbara (Christos) Karagiannopoulos and son Charlie (Megan), and grandchildren Melina, Natalia, Charles and Catherine. May his memory be eternal.
- ❖ **Panagiotis Karagiannopoulos (1 year)** – beloved father of Christos (Barbara) Karagiannopoulos and Anna Voryas of Virginia. Panagiotis lived in Athens and was predeceased by his wife Paraskevi. He is survived also by his grandchildren Melina, Natalia, Elpida and Jason. May his memory be eternal.
- ❖ **Dr. Robert A. Moses (1 year)** – beloved father of Bob (Colleen) Moses and grandfather of Courtney and Jake Moses. May his memory be eternal.

**Coffee Hour:** Thank you to the Karagiannopoulos family for offering today's coffee hour in memory of Christos and Barbara's fathers.

**AHEPA Meeting:** Today after the Divine Liturgy we will be having a short meeting to discuss treasurer information, Super Bowl Fundraiser/Party, and Cheesesteak Sunday in February.

**Senior Parea:** The next meeting of the Senior Parea will take place on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12 noon. The seniors will be having a Post-Christmas/New Year's celebration that day and will be offering a luncheon to all their members.

**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.

## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sun. Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon – Adult Greek School resumes Joy/Hope Ski Trip following Divine Liturgy
Wed. Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm – Greek School & Little Angels
Fri. Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup>	March for Life – Washington, DC
Sun. Jan. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	12:00 pm – Adult Greek School
Wed. Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm – Greek School & Little Angels
Sun. Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Godparent Sunday & Luncheon 12:45 pm – Adult Greek School (delayed start)
Wed. Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>	5:00 pm – Greek School & Little Angels
Sat. Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Joy/Hope Bible Bowl – St. Thomas G.O.C., Cherry Hill
Sun. Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Stewardship Appreciation Sunday -- Breakfast 12:00 pm – Adult Greek School
<b>Wed. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	5:00 pm – Greek School & Little Angels <b>6:00 pm – Small Paraklesis to the Theotokos</b> 7:00 pm – Church cleanup
<b>Fri. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am – Divine Liturgy – St. Haralambos</b>
Sat. Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Altar Boy Retreat – St. Luke G.O.C., Broomall Trivia Nite
<b>Sun. Feb. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Parish visit by His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia;</b> Luncheon to follow – all parishioners invited 12:00 pm – Adult Greek School
Wed. Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm – Greek School & Little Angels
<b>Sat. Feb. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am – Divine Liturgy – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Souls</b>
<b>Sun. Feb. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Judgment (Meatfare) Sunday; AHEPA Cheesesteaks</b> 12:00 pm – Adult Greek School
Wed. Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00 pm – Greek School & Little Angels
<b>Sat. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am – Divine Liturgy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Souls</b>
<b>Sun. Feb. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Forgiveness (Cheesefare) Sunday; Philoptochos Tiropites</b> Parish Oratorical Festival 12:00 pm – Adult Greek School
Mon. Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Clean Monday – Great Lent Begins

### Blessing of the Homes at Theophany

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

#### Before the Priest Comes to Bless the House...

- 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.



Godparents' Sunday  
**BRUNCH**  
FOR THE WHOLE  
**BUNCH**  
JAN 29TH

The image features a vibrant background of pink and blue daisies with yellow centers. The text is overlaid in a clean, modern font. A blue rectangular box at the bottom right contains the date 'JAN 29TH' in white capital letters.



ST. SOPHIA PRESENTS  
**TRIVIA**  
**NITE**  
FEBRUARY 11, 2023  
DOORS OPEN AT 5PM - TRIVIA BEGINS AT 6PM  
REGISTRATION/PAYMENT DEADLINE - JANUARY 28th  
\$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/trivianite](http://www.saintsophiachurch.org/trivianite)  
Please bring non-perishable food items for the Patrician Society  
& receive a special raffle ticket

The poster has a green background with various educational icons like a pencil, ruler, calculator, and lightbulb. The title 'TRIVIA NITE' is written in large, colorful, block letters. The date 'FEBRUARY 11, 2023' is in a purple box. The event details are in black and blue text. A QR code with a 'P' logo is in the bottom left, with the text 'Scan to pay' below it.



**Friday, January 20th 2022**

Did you know?

- Even though Roe v Wade was overturned, the number of abortions annually is still well over 900,000 each year.
- We still live in a country that celebrates the wholesale slaughter of the unborn. We need to change the hearts and minds.
- 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 or beliefs.

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)**

This is a FREE event. Transportation has been paid for by anonymous donors.

We have a simple ask –

- 1) Please join us on January 20<sup>th</sup> for this very peaceful and spiritually moving event. 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.
- 2) If you cannot join us, please pray for the unborn as well as the salvation of the parents who are considering this unthinkable act.

SEATING IS LIMITED! Please contact John Pogas if you would like to participate in this important ministry.

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