

APPLES FROM PARADISE

The path of righteousness that leads one to sainthood is varied. God accepts those who serve Him best, regardless of their background. One such example is a humble monk known throughout eternity as simply "EUPHROSYNOS THE COOK."

It seems that his parents were pious, but poor, and when they passed away, Euphrosynos sought refuge in a Mt. Athos monastery. He was of pure and simple spirit, enriched through devout prayers. Because of his lack of any formal education, he was put to work in the monastery kitchen. While others may have felt that such labor was menial and demeaning, Euphrosynos was grateful for this opportunity to be of faithful service to the monastic community.

One night the abbot of the monastery had a dream that placed him in Paradise. In this beautiful garden setting stood one lone monk: Euphrosynos the Cook! In the dream, he explained to the abbot about the Kingdom of Heaven, and he placed a branch with three apples on it in the abbot's hand. When he awoke from his dream, he found the apple-laden branch still in his hand! The astonished abbot rushed to the kitchen and asked Euphrosynos where he had been during the night. Mysteriously, he replied: "I was where you were, Father." The abbot shared his dream with the other monastics, who now had a new-found respect and admiration for the Cook. Their attention, however, caused Euphrosynos to feel uncomfortable and he retired into the desert, where he spent the rest of his life alone.

Through the example of St. Euphrosynos, may we learn that we are to live humbly, serving our brothers and sisters with joy and gladness until the day when we will achieve the reward of the "fruit" of our earthly labors.

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*While dispensing food for the BODY,
Euphrosynos found food for his SOUL*



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September 8, 2024
Sunday before Holy Cross
The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
Sophronios, Bishop of Iberia



ENTRANCE HYMNS

Apolytikion for the Birth of the Theotokos – I ghennisis sou, Theotoke (“Your birth, O Theotokos”)

Your Nativity, O Theotokos, imparted joy to the entire earth, for out of you has risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He nullified the curse and instead gave His blessing; and causing death to be neutralized, He granted us eternal life.

Resurrectional Apolytikion – Ote Katilthes (“When Thou Descended”)

When You descended to the Realm of Death, You, the Life that is deathless, then did You Hades lifeless rend with the Lightning of Divineness. And when You did raise up those dead from deep within the earth, Then did all the powers that are in the Heavens above cry out, O Lifegiving Christ, You Who are our God, Glory to You.

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

Greek

Ὡς ελαία κατά καρπος ανεβλάστησας, ἐν ταῖς ἀνλαῖς τοῦ Κυρίου, Σοφία μάρτυς σεμνή, καί προσήγαγες Χριστῷ καρπὸν ἡ δύτατον, τοὺς τῆς νηδύος σου βλαστούς, διὰ γόνων εὐάγων, 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 martyrs 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.

Kontakion for Joachim & Anna – Ioakim ke Anna (“Joachim & Anna”)

Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, “The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life.”

St. Sophia/Ss. Faith, Hope & Agape Greek Orthodox Church

2024-2025



REGISTRATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starts Sunday, September 15th

GREEK SCHOOL

START DATES

September 26th (children)

September 29th (adults)



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For complete list of Youth Ministries for **ALL AGES** and to Register

To Parents of Young Children: In case you are not aware, our church has a Cry/Bride Room in the Narthex. For those parents whose young children might understandably get fussy during a service, please feel free to take your youngster into that room for a short while. (There is a closed-circuit TV showing the service in the room as well as a bathroom/changing station). The intention is NOT to relegate you to another room; rather, this will enable you to attend to your child in a quiet environment before bringing him/her back into the church.

The Choir is Looking for New Members: Can you sing? Do you play piano? The choir is looking to expand our membership. All are welcome to sit in on our rehearsals and/or Liturgies to learn more about our music and to see if the choir is right for you. Please call Tom Cox with questions (215-859-1009) or email him at tcx@mysolutions.com. Thank you!



Communion wine as a church donation: Communion wine is always needed by the church. If you would like to donate wine, Fr. Symeon prefers the following wines: St. John Commandaria (of Cyprus), Nama Byzantino Sweet Red Wine, or Manischewitz Concord Grape.

Senior Citizen Ministry: St. Sophia's Senior Pareia is open to all senior citizens of the community. The meetings take place on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 12 noon.

September-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 September will be provided to the West Chester University Resource Pantry which assists students in minimizing food and basic need insecurity. You can learn more about this worthy organization here:
<https://www.wcupa.edu/services/civicEngagementSocialImpact/pantry/>.

We ask that you pray for those who benefit from their efforts, their families, as well as those who work on their behalf. Please consider donating to this worthwhile charity at <http://www.saintsophiachurch.org/poorboxdonations.html> or submit a check payable to St. Sophia Philoptochos adding "Poor Box" to the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

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

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Ἀνάγνωσις ἐπιστολῆς Πρὸς Γαλάτας 6:11-18 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

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

Ἀδελφοί, ἴδετε πηλίκους ὑμῖν γράμμασιν ἔγραψα τῇ ἐμῇ χειρὶ. Ὅσοι θέλουσιν εὐπροσωπῆσαι ἐν σαρκί, οὗτοι ἀναγκάζουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, μόνον ἵνα μὴ τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Χριστοῦ διώκωνται. Οὐδὲ γὰρ οἱ περιτετημημένοι αὐτοὶ νόμον φυλάσσουσιν, ἀλλὰ θέλουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, ἵνα ἐν τῇ ὑμετέρα σαρκὶ καυχῶσινται. Ἐμοὶ δὲ μὴ γένοιτο καυχᾶσθαι εἰ μὴ ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ· δι' οὗ ἐμοὶ κόσμος ἐσταύρωται, καὶ ἐγὼ τῷ κόσμῳ. Ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ οὔτε περιτομὴ τι ἰσχύει, οὔτε ἀκροβυστία, ἀλλὰ καινὴ κτίσις. Καὶ ὅσοι τῷ κανόνι τούτῳ στοιχήσουσιν, εἰρήνην ἐπ' αὐτούς, καὶ ἔλεος, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραὴλ τοῦ θεοῦ. Τοῦ λοιποῦ, κόπους μοι μηδεὶς παρεχέτω· ἐγὼ γὰρ τὰ στίγματα τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματί μου βαστάζω. Ἡ χάρις τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ μετὰ τοῦ πνεύματος ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί. Ἀμήν.

GOSPEL READING
The Gospel According to John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ
Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 3:13-17 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· καὶ οὐδεὶς ἀναβέβηκεν εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εἰ μὴ ὁ ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καταβάς, ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ὁ ὢν ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ. καὶ καθὼς Μωϋσῆς ὑψώσε τὸν ὄφιν ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ, οὕτως ὑψωθῆναι δεῖ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἔχη ζωὴν αἰώνιον. Οὕτω γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν κόσμον, ὥστε τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ τὸν μονογενῆ ἔδωκεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἔχη ζωὴν αἰώνιον. οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἵνα κρίνη τὸν κόσμον, ἀλλ' ἵνα σωθῆ ὁ κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ.

St. Sophia Vespers: We are pleased to announce that His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey will be joining us on **Monday, September 16th, at 6:30 pm** for Hierarchical Great Vespers & Artoklasia for the Feast of St. Sophia/Ss Faith Hope and Agape. Philoptochos will be hosting a dessert reception after the Vesper Service. We invite everyone to be with us to join us in celebration as welcome His Eminence to our community.

Vespers Reception: Philoptochos will be hosting a reception on the evening of **Monday, September 16th**, following Hierarchical Great Vespers for the Feast Day of St. Sophia. **We are asking for donations of small pastries for the evening.** Please bring your donation to the church kitchen prior to the start of the Vesper Service. Please bring only individual pastries that are easily handled without a fork! Kindly contact Lucy Kline if you have any questions (lucyluwho@verizon.net or 215-206-8180).



**Archpastoral Visit of His Eminence
Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey**

**Hierarchical Great Vespers
Monday, September 16, 2024
6:30 P.M.**

&

**Orthros, Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, September 17, 2024
9:00 A.M.**

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THE NICENE CREED (The Confession of Faith)

I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages;

Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not created, of one essence with the Father, through Whom all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried;

And He rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

And He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; His kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of Life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets.

In one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the age to come.

Amen

ENGLISH

Our Father, who art in heaven;
hallowed be Thy name, Thy
Kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as
we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from
evil.

GREEK

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς
ἁγιασθήτω τό ὄνομά σου,
ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου,
γενηθήτω τό θέλημά σου, ὡς
ἐν οὐρανῷ καί ἐπί τῆς γῆς.

Τόν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τόν
ἐπιούσιον δός ἡμῖν
σήμερον καί ἄφες ἡμῖν τά
ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν, ὡς καί ἡμεῖς
ἀφίεμεν τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν καί
μή εἰσενέγκῃς ἡμᾶς εἰς
πειρασμόν, ἀλλά ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπό
τοῦ πονηροῦ.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ENGLISH PHONETICS

Pá-ter i-món o en tis ou-ra-nís
a-gi-as-thí-to to o-no-má Sou,
el-thé-to I va-si-lí-a Sou,
ge-ni-thí-to to thé-li-má Sou, os
en ou-ra-nó ke e-pi tis ghis.

Ton ár-ton i-món ton
e-pi-ou-si-on dos i-mín
sí-me-ron ke á-fes i-mín ta
o-fe-lí-ma-ta i-món, os ke i-mís
a-fí-e-men tis o-fí-lé-tes i-món ke
mi i-se-nég-kis i-más is
pi-ras-món, al-la rí-se i-más a-pó
tou po-ni-roú.

Phonetics by Dr. Christine Kerxhalli,
orthodoxtoday.wordpress.com

PRAYER MINISTRY



"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philipians 4:6-7

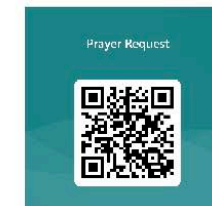
"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing you will receive." Matthew 21:22

"For with God, nothing will be impossible." Luke 1:37

Clearly, there is nothing more powerful than the power of prayer. Imagine someone struggling or suffering and then having multiple people praying for them daily! Our "Prayer Warriors" do just that. They will pray for individuals added to the list daily for a period of 6 months.

If you know of someone in need, you can add them to our prayer list using one of the following methods:

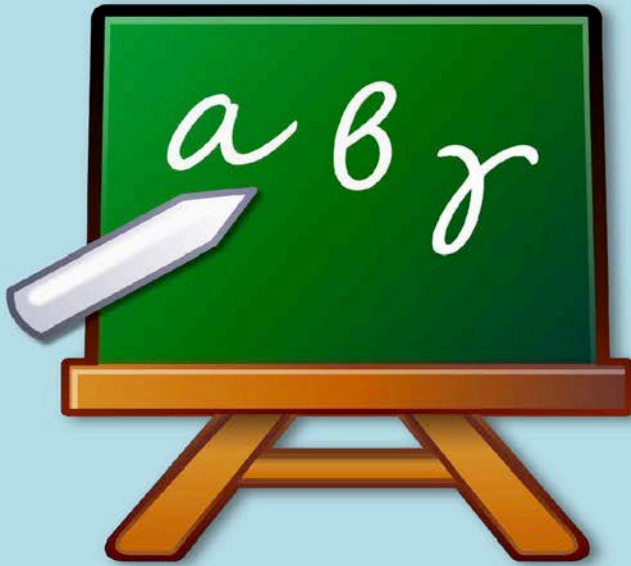
1. Fill out a request form at the box found in the church narthex **OR**
2. Send an email to Prayers@SaintSophiaChurch.org **OR**
3. Use the anonymous online form (the link is found under Prayer Ministry on our website), or you can use this link <https://forms.office.com/rkMx49JdptM> **OR**
4. Use the QR form below (also found on the box in the narthex) which takes you to the anonymous form.



Saint Sophia Greek School 2024-2025

Register Now!

Classes start September 26, 2024



For more information or to register,
please contact Dimitra Klapakis at [623-363-0980](tel:623-363-0980) or
dimitraklapakis19@gmail.com
Or visit www.saintsophiachurch.org/greeklanguageschool

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.

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 The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
 Sophronios, Bishop of Iberia



St. Sophia/Ss Faith, Hope & Agape Vigil Candle: If you are interested in sponsoring a vigil candle, please see a Parish Council member at the Pangari – no advance signup necessary and several individuals or families can sponsor each week. The proceeds of these donations will go to our Mortgage Reduction Fund. Each vigil candle lasts one week; the asking donation is \$10.

Coffee Hour: Thank you to the Ladies Philoptochos for offering today's coffee hour. **ALSO**, be sure to wish our beloved **Tom Novitski** a **Happy 97th Birthday** when you see him today!

Coffee Hour Sponsors Needed: Thank you to everyone who has sponsored coffee hour recently. There are still several upcoming Sundays available. If you are interested in sponsoring a coffee hour, please sign up on the Coffee Hour Sponsor Sheet on the window at the back of the hall near the coffee/refreshments table. **Please note that the church will supply coffee, creamer, juice, and paper products to eliminate waste and clutter. We ask that coffee hour sponsors donate \$25 (made payable to St. Sophia Church) to offset these expenses. Thank you!**

Ministries Sunday: Do you have questions on how to enroll your kids in GOYA, Hope/Joy, Sunday School, Greek School, or Greek Dance? Are there requirements? What exactly does AHEPA do? Or Parish Council? And what does the Ladies Philoptochos Society do for the Parish and our community? Well, we've got answers!

TODAY we are having a Ministries Fair in the hall during coffee hour. Think of a college fair but for the many ministries of our parish. Hope to see you there!

Register for Youth Ministries: It is very easy for you to register your child(ren) for any of the Youth Ministries using just one online registration form! Just click on the link that follows to register [REGISTER](#). You may also use your cell phone to register using the QR code located on the flyer on the last page of this bulletin.

Register for Greek Language Classes: Registration packets are available at the Greek school "booth" today in the hall, at the Pangari and on our website: <https://www.saintsophiachurch.org/greeklanguageschool>.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sun. Sept. 8 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Nativity of the Theotokos Ministries Sunday during Coffee Hour
Mon. Sept. 9 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Holy & Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim & Anna
Sat. Sept. 14 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross
Sun. Sept. 15 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Sunday after Holy Cross Sunday school classes begin
		Archpastoral Visit of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey for St. Sophia/Ss Faith, Hope & Agape Feast Day
Mon. Sept. 16 th	6:30 pm	Hierarchical Great Vespers & Artoklasia St. Sophia/Ss Faith, Hope & Agape Dessert reception to follow
Tues. Sept. 17 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy St. Sophia/Ss Faith, Hope & Agape Luncheon to follow
Sun. Sept. 22 nd	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 1 st Sunday of Luke
	Evening	Time TBD – GOYA Game Night (Details to Follow)
Thurs. Sept. 26 th	4:30 pm	Greek school classes begin (children)
Sun. Sept. 29 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 2 nd Sunday of Luke
	12:15 pm	Greek school classes begin (adults)
Wed. Oct. 2 nd	1:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Interfaith Blood Drive at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints., 2530 Stinson Lane (see flyer)
Thurs. Oct. 3 rd	9:00 am 4:30 pm	Bus Trip to Agia Skepi Monastery (see flyer) Greek school (children)
Sat. Oct. 5 th	6:30 pm	Great Vespers for Holy Apostle Thomas AT St. Thomas G.O. Church, Cherry Hill, NJ
Sun. Oct. 6 th	8:45 am	Orthros: 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 3 rd Sunday of Luke; Holy Apostle Thomas
	12:15 pm	Greek school (adults)
Thurs. Oct. 10 th	4:30 pm	Greek school (children)
Sun. Oct. 13 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Sunday of the 7 th Ecumenical Council
	12:15 pm	Greek school (adults)
Thurs. Oct. 17 th	4:30 pm 6:30 pm	Greek school (children) Great Vespers for Luke the Evangelist AT St. Luke G.O. Church, Broomall, PA
Fri. Oct. 18 th	9:00 am	Orthros; 10:00 Divine Liturgy AT St. Luke G. O. Church, Broomall, PA – Luncheon to follow
Sat. Oct. 19 th	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Trunk or Treat (Details to follow)

ST. SOPHIA LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

BUS TRIP



**THURSDAY
OCT 3, 2024**

**HOLY PROTECTION MONASTERY
OF THE THEOTOKOS**

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LIMITED SEATS - RSVP WITH PAYMENT BY SEP 24th

Regarding Red Votive Candles

Beloved Parish Family,

We ask that candles no longer be placed on the floor in front of the Iconostasis. Red votive candles should instead be placed in the candle stands in front of the first pews or in the Narthex. We understand that this change may be an inconvenience for some parishioners, but we are confident that everyone will appreciate our reasoning for this decision. This change is to ensure safety and reduce the risk of another fire, to comply with changes to our insurance policy, to prevent tripping when venerating icons on the Iconostasis, and to protect our beautiful Iconostasis from future soot damage as advised by the Iconographers. Any candles that are inadvertently placed in front of the Iconostasis will be promptly and respectfully moved to a candle stand by a Parish Council Member.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Fr. Symeon Williams and Parish Council

