

## FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET

Perhaps some of you remember the old “Adventures of Superman” TV program. The show heralded the “Man of Steel” as being “faster than a speeding bullet.” As rapid as that may be, there is something that travels even faster: A LIE! Mark Twain once said that “A LIE CAN TRAVEL HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD WHILE THE TRUTH IS PUTTING ON ITS SHOES.” If this famous American author were somehow brought back to life to witness the pace of today’s world of modern technology, he just might say that a lie can travel ENTIRELY around the world before the truth even FINDS its shoes!

LIES and GOSSIP can ruin a person’s career and life in a twinkling of an eye. Sadly, while our justice system promises that we are “innocent until proven guilty” the “court of public opinion” puts an entirely opposite spin on that right that we are all guaranteed. Even the rich and powerful have been felled by a remark taken out of context that has been launched out into cyberspace through the internet almost as quickly as it has been uttered.

With this in mind, it is imperative that we choose our words carefully and that our actions are always above reproach. In other words, follow the teachings of Christ and His Church! In John 8:31-32, our Lord tells us: “If you abide in My words, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.” True followers of Christ are, indeed “followers of truth.” We must live our lives fully understanding that we are not immune to slanderous attacks against us. Yet if we abide in the words of our Lord, we can never really be harmed by false words of others - no matter how fast they may travel!

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

**October 6, 2024**





October 6, 2024  
3rd Sunday of Luke  
The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas  
Eroteis the Martyr of Cappadocia  
Makarios the Righteous of Chios

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 Holy Apostle Thomas – Apostole aghie Thoma (“Holy Apostle Thomas”)

*O holy Apostle Thomas, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.*

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 δῦτατον, 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 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.*

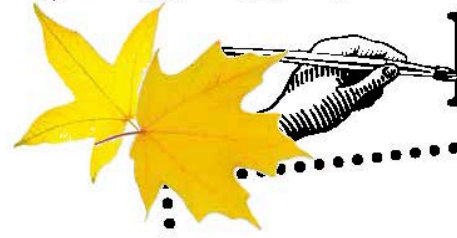
Seasonal Kontakion – Prostasia ton Christianon (“O unfailing protection of Christians”)

*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.*

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From Rte 202, 422W to Trooper Road Exit (Rte 363N), on Right Side before Walmart

**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](tel:215-859-1009)) or email him at [tcoc@mysolutions.com](mailto:tcoc@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: Nama Byzantino Sweet Red Wine OR St. John Commandaria (of Cyprus).

**Coffee Hour Sponsors Needed:** Thank you to everyone who has sponsored coffee hour recently. 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!**



**Stewardship:** Our fixed costs are ever present. Please remember to fulfill your pledges (or send in your pledge if you have not yet done so) as we resume our ministries and activities this fall. God bless you for your support of our parish!

**Mortgage Reduction Reminder:** Earlier this year we had a generous offer of a \$100,000 match on contributions to our Mortgage Reduction Program. We have received just over half of this amount through August, and like Stewardship, have seen a dropoff in Mortgage Reduction contributions over the summer. Please help us obtain the matching funds – which will reduce our mortgage by more than 1/3 by resuming your monthly Mortgage Reduction contributions.

## Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15

*O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.*

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

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

## Ἀνάγνωσις ἐπιστολῆς

Πρὸς Κορινθίους 4:6-15 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

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

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

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ θεὸς ὁ εἰπὼν ἐκ σκότους φῶς λάμψαι, ὃς ἔλαμψεν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ἡμῶν πρὸς φωτισμὸν τῆς γνώσεως τῆς δόξης τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν προσώπῳ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἐχομεν δὲ τὸν θησαυρὸν τοῦτον ἐν ὀστροκίνοις σκεύεσιν, ἵνα ἡ ὑπερβολὴ τῆς δυνάμεως ἢ τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ μὴ ἐξ ἡμῶν· ἐν παντὶ θλιβόμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐ στενοχωρούμενοι· ἀπορούμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐξαπορούμενοι· διωκόμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγκαταλειπόμενοι· καταβαλλόμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἀπολλύμενοι· πάντοτε τὴν νέκρωσιν τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματι περιφέροντες, ἵνα καὶ ἡ ζωὴ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματι ἡμῶν φανερωθῇ. Αἰεὶ γὰρ ἡμεῖς οἱ ζῶντες εἰς θάνατον παραδιδόμεθα διὰ Ἰησοῦν, ἵνα καὶ ἡ ζωὴ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ φανερωθῇ ἐν τῇ θνητῇ σαρκὶ ἡμῶν. Ὡστε ὁ μὲν θάνατος ἐν ἡμῖν ἐνεργεῖται, ἡ δὲ ζωὴ ἐν ὑμῖν. Ἐχοντες δὲ τὸ αὐτὸ πνεῦμα τῆς πίστεως, κατὰ τὸ γεγραμμένον, Ἐπίστευσα, διὸ ἐλάλησα, καὶ ἡμεῖς πιστεύομεν, διὸ καὶ λαλοῦμεν· εἰδότες ὅτι ὁ ἐγείρας τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν καὶ ἡμᾶς διὰ Ἰησοῦ ἐγερεῖ, καὶ παραστήσει σὺν ὑμῖν. Τὰ γὰρ πάντα δι' ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἡ χάρις πλεονάσασα διὰ τῶν πλειόνων τὴν εὐχαριστίαν περισσεύσῃ εἰς τὴν δόξαν τοῦ θεοῦ.

**GOSPEL READING**  
**The Gospel According to Luke 7:11-16**

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

**ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ**

**Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 7:11-16 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐπορεύετο εἰς πόλιν καλουμένην Ναΐν· καὶ συνεπορεύοντο αὐτῷ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἱκανοὶ καὶ ὄχλος πολὺς. ὡς δὲ ἤγγισε τῇ πύλῃ τῆς πόλεως, καὶ ἰδοὺ ἐξεκομίζετο τεθνηκῶς υἱὸς μονογενῆς τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ αὕτη ἦν χήρα, καὶ ὄχλος τῆς πόλεως ἱκανὸς ἦν σὺν αὐτῇ. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὴν ὁ Κύριος ἐσπλαγχνίσθη ἐπ' αὐτῇ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῇ· μὴ κλαῖε· καὶ προσελθὼν ἤψατο τῆς σοροῦ, οἱ δὲ βαστάζοντες ἔστησαν, καὶ εἶπε· νεανίσκε, σοὶ λέγω, ἐγέρθητι. καὶ ἀνεκάθισεν ὁ νεκρὸς καὶ ἤρξατο λαλεῖν, καὶ ἔδωκεν αὐτὸν τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ. ἔλαβε δὲ φόβος πάντας καὶ ἐδόξαζον τὸν Θεόν, λέγοντες ὅτι προφήτης μέγας ἐγήγερται ἐν ἡμῖν, καὶ ὅτι ἐπεσκέψατο ὁ Θεὸς τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ.

St. Sophia Philoptochos  
PRESENTS  
*Dinner & a Movie*  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024**  
FALL THEMED DINNER: 5 PM  
SHOWTIME: 6 PM  
**DINNER DONATION - \$10**  
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Fr. John A. Limberakis Cultural Center  
900 S. Trooper Road, Jeffersonville, PA 19403

**October 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 October will be provided to Holy Protection/Agia Skepi Monastery in White Haven, PA. You can learn more about this worthwhile organization at [www.holyprotectionmonastery.org](http://www.holyprotectionmonastery.org).

Please pray for the sisters at Agia Skepi. 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!





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*Sponsorships received by Oct. 18 will be recognized in the program.*

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*

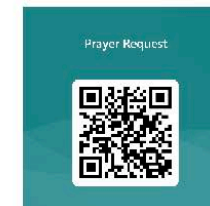
*"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing you will receive." Matthew 21:22*

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

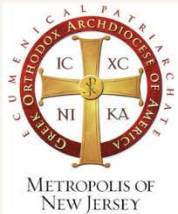
Clearly, there is nothing more powerful than the power of prayer. Imagine someone struggling or suffering and then having multiple people praying for them daily! Our "Prayer Warriors" do just that. They will pray for individuals added to the list daily for a period of 6 months.

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](mailto: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.







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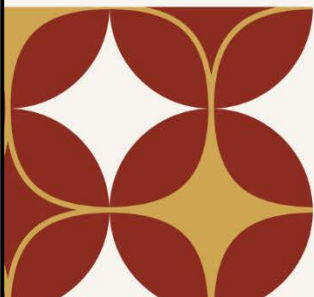
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NOVEMBER 16TH, 2024  
10:00 AM- 2:00 PM

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PRESENTATIONS  
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
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12:30 PM - 2PM



RSVP BY  
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1ST

### 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.

**Coffee Hour:** Thank you to Dan, Camelia and Julia Protopopescu for offering today's coffee hour in memory of their loved ones – Stelian, Aurel and Alexandrina.


**LAST CALL -- Register for Youth Ministries:** If you have not yet registered your child(ren) for our Youth Ministries, you can do so by using just one online registration form. Just click on the link that follows to register -- [YOUTH](#).

**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.

**Red Cross Blood Drive a Success!** We are pleased to announce that we had 21 people come to donate and we were able to collect 24 pints of blood. This blood will go on to help 72 hospital patients: it's absolutely lifesaving! Thank you to all who donated! The next blood drive will take place at St. Sophia Church on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

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**SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS**

|                              |                      |  |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Sat. Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup>    | 6:30 pm              | Great Vespers for Holy Apostle Thomas AT St. Thomas G.O. Church, Cherry Hill, NJ   |
| Sun. Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>    | 8:45 am              | Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>3rd Sunday of Luke; Holy Apostle Thomas  |
|                              | 12:15 pm             | Greek school (adults)  |
| Thurs. Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup> | 4:30 pm              | Greek school (children)  |
| Fri. Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 6:30 pm              | GOYA – Dinner & Haunted Hayride (8:00 pm) –See Flyer   |
| Sun. Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup>   | 8:45 am              | Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>Sunday of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council   |
|                              | 12:15 pm             | Greek school (adults)  |
| Thurs. Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup> | 4:30 pm              | Greek school (children)  |
|                              | 6:30 pm              | Great Vespers for St. Luke the Evangelist AT St. Luke G.O. Church, Broomall  |
| Fri. Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>   | 9:00 am              | Orthros; 10:00 Divine Liturgy AT St. Luke G. O. Church, Broomall – Luncheon to follow  |
| Sat. Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup>   | 1:00 pm -<br>3:00 pm | Trunk or Treat <br>(See Flyer)                    |
| Sun. Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>   | 8:45 am              | Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke   |
|                              | 12:15 pm             | Greek school (adults)  |
| Tues. Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | 7:00 pm              | DVYC Meeting at St. Sophia   |
| Thurs. Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup> | 4:30 pm              | Greek school (children)  |
| Fri. Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>   | 6:00 pm              | Great Vespers for St. Demetrios the Myrrhstreamer AT St. Demetrios Church, Upper Darby   |
| Sat. Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup>   | 9:00 am              | Orthros & Divine Liturgy AT St. Demetrios, Upper Darby<br>Luncheon to follow   |
|                              | 5:00 pm              | Dinner & A Movie at St. Sophia -- sponsored by Ladies Philoptochos<br>5:00 pm Fall Themed Dinner; 6:00 pm Showtime (see bulletin ad) |
| Sun. Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>   | 8:45 am              | Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke   |
|                              | 12:15 pm             | Greek school (adults)  |
|                              | 3:30 pm              | IOCC Banquet at Adelpia Restaurant, Deptford, NJ   |
| Mon. Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>   | 8:45 am              | Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>The Holy Protection of the Theotokos   |

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsals:** This year's Christmas pageant will take place on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Rehearsals will take place immediately following Holy Communion on the following dates: October 6, 13, 27; November 3, 10, 17, 24; December 8, 15. For more information, see Dr. Marianne Nikas, Mrs. Cathy Cox or Ms. Carla Johnson.





