

St. Sophia/SS. Faith, Hope & Agape Greek Orthodox Church
October 13, 2024



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

900 South Trooper Road
Jeffersonville, PA, 19403

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

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Metropolis of New Jersey



October 13, 2024

Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Carpus, Papyrus, Agathodorus, & Agathonica, the Martyrs of Pergamus

Benjamin the Deacon

Chryssi the New Martyr of Greece



ENTRANCE HYMNS

Resurrectional Apolytikion – Katelisas to Stavro (“By Thy Cross Destroyed”)

O Death didst Thou destroy by Thy Cross. Thou opened Paradise to the Thief and the laments of the myrrhbearers didst Thou change and to Thine own Apostles command them to announce that Thou had risen O Christ our God, Who gives to the World Thy Great Mercy.

Apolytikion for the Holy Fathers – Iperdhedhoxasmenos I, Christe (“Supremely glorified are You, O Christ”)

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

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

Greek

Ὁς ελαία κατὰ καρπὸς ἀνεβλάστησας, ἐν ταῖς ἀνταῖς τοῦ Κυρίου, Σοφία μάρτυς σεμνή, καὶ προσήγαγες Χριστῷ καρπὸν ἢ δύατον, τοὺς τῆς νηδύος σου βλαστούς, δι’ ἀγωνῶν 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 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.

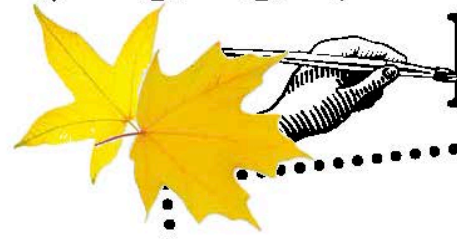
Seasonal Kontakion – Prostasia ton Christianon (“O unfailing protection of Christians”)

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.

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St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, 900 South Trooper Road, Jeffersonville PA 19403

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

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 tcox@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.

Food & Craft Fair: Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen and restaurant during the upcoming Food & Craft Fair on Friday, November 8th through Sunday, November 10th. IN ADDITION, we can also use help on Saturday afternoon, November 2nd, from Noon – 4pm and **IF NECESSARY**, Monday evening, November 4th, from 6pm to 8pm, to set up the hall. Please take a moment to sign up using the Signup Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054CACAF2CA3F58-52236492-stsophia>

We ask that ALL our volunteers use the SignupGenius so that we know in advance which areas have sufficient help and which do not. If you are planning to help but cannot use the SignupGenius, please let us know so that we can put you on the schedule.

Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Ανάγνωση ἐπιστολῆς Πρὸς Τίτον 3:8-15 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

*Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν.
Στίχ. Ὅτι δίκαιος εἶ ἐπὶ πᾶσιν, οἷς ἐποίησας ἡμῖν.*

Τέκνον Τίτε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαί σε διαβεβαιουῦσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσιν καλῶν ἔργων προϊῆσθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες θεῷ. ταῦτά ἐστιν καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις· μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔριν καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιίστασο, εἰσὶν γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι. αἰρετικὸν ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νοθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἀμαρτάνει, ὡν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμψω Ἄρτεμᾶν πρὸς σὲ ἢ Τυχικόν, σπουδάσον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν, ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι. Ζηνᾶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπη. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προϊῆσθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ὦσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες. Ἄσπασαι τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν.

GOSPEL READING The Gospel According to Luke 8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 8:5-15 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἐξῆλθεν ὁ σπείρων τοῦ σπείραι τὸν σπόρον αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἐν τῷ σπείρειν αὐτὸν ὁ μὲν ἔπεσε παρὰ τὴν ὁδόν, καὶ κατεπατήθη, καὶ τὰ πτερινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατέφαγεν αὐτό· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ τὴν πέτραν, καὶ φυὲν ἐξηράνθη διὰ τὸ μὴ ἔχειν ἰκμάδα· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐν μέσῳ τῶν ἀκανθῶν, καὶ συμφύεται αἱ ἄκανθαι ἀπέπνιξαν αὐτό. καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν εἰς τὴν γῆν τὴν ἀγαθὴν, καὶ φυὲν ἐποίησε καρπὸν κατονταπλασίονα. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· ὁ ἔχων ὦτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω. Ἐπηρώτων δὲ αὐτὸν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· τίς εἶη ἡ παραβολὴ αὕτη; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· ὑμῖν δέδοται γινῶναι τὰ μυστήρια τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ, τοῖς δὲ λοιποῖς ἐν παραβολαῖς, ἵνα βλέποντες μὴ βλέπωσι καὶ ἀκούοντες μὴ συνιῶσιν. ἔστι δὲ αὕτη ἡ παραβολὴ· ὁ σπόρος ἐστὶν ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ· οἱ δὲ παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν εἰσὶν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, εἴτα ἔρχεται ὁ διάβολος καὶ αἶρει τὸν λόγον ἀπὸ τῆς καρδίας αὐτῶν, ἵνα μὴ πιστεύσαντες σωθῶσιν. οἱ δὲ ἐπὶ τῆς πέτρας οἱ ὅταν ἀκούσωσι, μετὰ χαρᾶς δέχονται τὸν λόγον, καὶ οὗτοι ῥίζαν οὐκ ἔχουσιν, οἱ πρὸς καιρὸν πιστεύουσι καὶ ἐν καιρῷ πειρασμοῦ ἀφίστανται. τὸ δὲ εἰς τὰς ἀκάνθας πεσόν, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, καὶ ὑπὸ μεριμνῶν καὶ πλοῦτου καὶ ἡδονῶν τοῦ βίου πορευόμενοι συμπνίγονται καὶ οὐ τελεσφοροῦσι. τὸ δὲ ἐν τῇ καλῇ γῇ, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἵτινες ἐν καρδίᾳ καλῇ καὶ ἀγαθῇ ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον κατέχουσι καὶ καρποφοροῦσιν ἐν ὑπομονῇ. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· ὁ ἔχων ὦτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω.

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.

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!

St. Sophia Philoptochos
PRESENTS
Dinner & a Movie

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

**FALL THEMED DINNER: 5 PM
SHOWTIME: 6 PM**

DINNER DONATION - \$10

**FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR FAVORITE
SNACK OR BEVERAGE**

**FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT KATHY TSIPRAS 610-539-5413 OR
EMAIL LADIES@SAINTSOPHIACHURCH.ORG BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22nd**

Fr. John A. Limberakis Cultural Center
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with the
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The Greater Philadelphia Committee of IOCC invites you to the
13TH ANNUAL BANQUET TO BENEFIT IOCC
Sunday, October 27, 2024

3:30pm Hors d'Oeuvres & Silent Auction • 5:00pm Dinner & Program

Come and learn about IOCC's programs around the world and how your support makes a difference in places like Ethiopia, Greece, the Holy Land, Ukraine, and the US.

Adelphia Restaurant, Pan Athenian Grand Ballroom
1750 Clements Bridge Rd., Deptford, NJ 08096

To reserve your place and for **sponsorships**, see your parish rep or visit

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Or make checks out to IOCC and mail to
IOCC, 110 West Rd, Baltimore, MD 21204

Tickets: \$85 per person

Questions? E-mail Corina Mararu at CMararu@iocc.org



The following sponsorship opportunities are available:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grand Benefactor (\$5,000+) – includes 12 guests | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor (\$500) – includes 4 guests |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Benefactor (\$2,000) – includes 8 guests | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend (\$250) – includes 2 guests |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor (\$1,000) – includes 6 guests | |

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

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

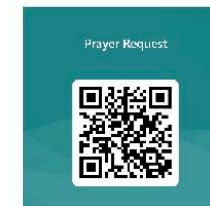
"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing you will receive." Matthew 21:22

"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/r/kMx49JdptM> **OR**
4. Use the QR form below (also found on the box in the narthex) which takes you to the anonymous form.



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 εἰσενέγκης ἡμᾶς εἰς
πειρασμόν, ἀλλά ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπό
τοῦ πονηροῦ.

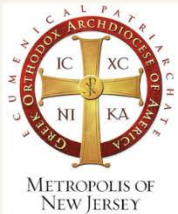
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



2024 KIDMISSON



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR SAINTS"



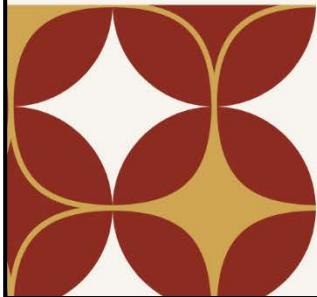
SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 16TH, 2024
10:00 AM- 2:00 PM

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MEDIA, PA 19063

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PRESENTATIONS
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
LUNCH & SERVICE PROJECT/ACTIVITIES
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.

Memorial: Today's memorial is chanted for the soul of **Anna Skylakon (1 year)**, beloved mother of Alexis (Roger) Witt. She was a loving grandmother to Melissa, Christopher, the late Alexandra, Nicole, Chloe, Melanie, and Stephen. She was also blessed with four great-grandchildren, Harper, Liam, Cole, and Alexa. Anna was preceded in death by her husband Alexander and sons John and Peter Skylakon. May her memory be eternal.

Coffee Hour: Today's coffee hour is offered by Roger and Alexis Witt in loving memory of Anna Skylakon.


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.

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

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Fri. Oct. 11 th	6:30 pm	GOYA – Dinner & Haunted Hayride (8:00 pm) –See Flyer
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	Greek school (children)
	6:30 pm	Great Vespers for St. Luke the Evangelist AT St. Luke G.O. Church, Broomall
Fri. Oct. 18 th	9:00 am	Orthros; 10:00 Divine Liturgy AT St. Luke G. O. Church, Broomall – Luncheon to follow
Sat. Oct. 19 th	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Trunk or Treat  (See Flyer)
Sun. Oct. 20 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 6 th Sunday of Luke
	12:15 pm	Greek school (adults)
Tues. Oct. 22 nd	7:00 pm	DVYC Meeting at St. Sophia
Thurs. Oct. 24 th	4:30 pm	Greek school (children)
Fri. Oct. 25 th	6:00 pm	Great Vespers for St. Demetrios the Myrrhstreamer AT St. Demetrios Church, Upper Darby
Sat. Oct. 26 th	9:00 am	Orthros & Divine Liturgy AT St. Demetrios, Upper Darby Luncheon to follow
	5:00 pm	Dinner & A Movie at St. Sophia -- sponsored by Ladies Philoptochos 5:00 pm Fall Themed Dinner; 6:00 pm Showtime (see bulletin ad)
Sun. Oct. 27 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 7 th Sunday of Luke
	12:15 pm	Greek school (adults)
	3:30 pm	IOCC Banquet at Adelpia Restaurant, Deptford, NJ
Mon. Oct. 28 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy The Holy Protection of the Theotokos
Wed. Oct. 30 th	5:30 pm	JOY/HOPE lesson with Fr. Symeon (church & hall)
Thurs. Oct. 31 st	4:30 pm	Greek school (children)
Sun. Nov. 3 rd	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 5 th Sunday of Luke
	12:15 pm	Greek school (adults) General Assembly meeting (during coffee hour)
	4:30 pm	Greek school (children)
Fri. – Sun. 11/8 – 11/10		St. Sophia Food & Craft Fair
Fri. – Sun. 11/8 – 11/10		DVYC Fall GOYA Retreat at Camp Innabah
Thurs. Nov. 14 th	4:30 pm	Greek school (children)
Sat. Nov. 16 th	10:00 am	Joy/Hope Kidmission at St. George G. O. Church, Media, PA

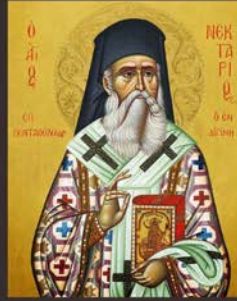


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How God calls us all to sainthood!



Join us for this year's

DVYC FALL GOYA RETREAT



NOVEMBER 8TH- 10TH, 2024



INNABAH CAMP & RETREAT CENTER



REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCT 27TH



\$235/GOYAN, \$215/ADD. SIBLING



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St. Sophia Youth Ministries

Thanksgiving

FOOD DRIVE

Helping Families in Need in Our Community

OCT 1 - NOV 24

1,000 LB CHALLENGE

GIFT CARDS ALSO ACCEPTED

**DROP OFF LOCATION:
CULTURAL CENTER LOBBY**

WHAT WE NEED:

- Juice, Peanut Butter, Beans, Lentils, Nuts,
- Canned Meat, Stews, Vegetables & Fruit,
- Tomato Paste/Sauce, Soup, Rice, Pasta,
- Instant Potatoes, Macaroni & Cheese,
- Crackers, Breakfast Foods and Personal
- Care Items (Diapers, Soap, Laundry
- Detergent & Feminine Hygiene Products)

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

ST. SOPHIA JOY/HOPE

TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
1:00 - 3:00 PM
 (NO RAIN DATE)



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 A TERRIFIC TRUNK FOR ALL TO ENJOY!
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NOVEMBER 8 - 10

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Contact Flora or Alex Poloway for more information:
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Save the Date

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey



Music & Dance Festival
Philadelphia: February 14-16, 2025

*President's Day Weekend (February 14 – 16, 2025) at the
Sheraton Hotel - Downtown Philadelphia.*

Categories include:

*- Greek Folk Dancing
(JOY, GOYA and Young Adult Groups)*

&

- Parish Youth and Young Adult Liturgical Choirs

Registration Packets will be coming shortly

Ladies Philoptochos of St. Sophia

Tradition of the *New Year*

VASILOPITA
St. Basil's Bread

Pick up
Sunday
December 15

Must Pre-order
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St. Basil the Great,
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Philanthropy

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Blessings for the
new year to those
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Complete the form and return with check payment to: St. Sophia Philoptochos, 900 S. Trooper Road, Jeffersonville, PA 19403.
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NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

QUANTITY _____ @ \$20 each TOTAL PAID: \$ _____