

**St. Sophia/SS. Faith, Hope & Agape Greek Orthodox Church**  
**October 20, 2024**



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

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

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**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 [tcx@mysolutions.com](mailto: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: Nama Byzantino Sweet Red Wine OR St. John Commandaria (of Cyprus).

**Sponsor Coffee Hour:** 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!**



#### Peter & Alice Zavitsanos Scholarship 2024

St. Sophia is pleased once again to announce that thanks to a generous sponsorship, we are able to offer a \$4,000 scholarship to eligible college or university students. If you are interested, and/or if you have any questions, please contact the Parish office. Deadline for submissions is December 1, 2024.

#### 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 2024/2025 application is now open and accepting applications! Application deadline 1/31/2025. <https://www.panhellenicsf.org/apply>.

#### Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1

*Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.  
Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.*

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

#### Ἀνάγνωσις ἐπιστολῆς

Πρὸς Κορινθίους β' 6:16-18, 7:1 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

*Εὐξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.  
Στίχ. Γνωστὸς ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ὁ Θεός, ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ μέγα τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.*

Ἀδελφοί, ὑμεῖς ἐστε ναὸς Θεοῦ ζῶντος, καθὼς εἶπεν ὁ θεός ὅτι Ἐνοικήσω ἐν αὐτοῖς, καὶ ἐμπεριπατήσω· καὶ ἔσομαι αὐτῶν θεός, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔσονται μοι λαός. Διὸ, Ἐξέλθετε ἐκ μέσου αὐτῶν καὶ ἀφορίσθητε, λέγει κύριος, καὶ ἀκαθάρτου μὴ ἄπτεσθε· κἀγὼ εἰσδέξομαι ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἔσομαι ὑμῖν εἰς πατέρα, καὶ ὑμεῖς ἔσεσθέ μοι εἰς υἱοὺς καὶ θυγατέρας, λέγει κύριος παντοκράτωρ. Ταύτας οὖν ἔχοντες τὰς ἐπαγγελίας, ἀγαπητοί, καθαρῶς ἐαυτοὺς ἀπὸ παντὸς μολυσμοῦ σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος, ἐπιτελοῦντες ἀγιωσύνην ἐν φόβῳ θεοῦ.

## GOSPEL READING

### The Gospel According to Luke 8:26-39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

## ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

### Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 8:26-39 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐλθόντι τῷ Ἰησοῦ εἰς τὴν χώραν τῶν Γαδαρηνῶν, ἣτις ἐστὶν ἀντίπερα τῆς Γαλιλαίας. ἐξεληθόντι δὲ αὐτῷ ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν ὑπήνησεν αὐτῷ ἀνὴρ τις ἐκ τῆς πόλεως, ὃς εἶχε δαιμόνια ἐκ χρόνων ἱκανῶν, καὶ ἰμάτιον οὐκ ἐνεδιδύσκετο καὶ ἐν οἰκίᾳ οὐκ ἔμενεν, ἀλλ' ἐν τοῖς μνήμασιν. ἰδὼν δὲ τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ ἀνακράξας προσέπεσεν αὐτῷ καὶ φωνῆ μεγάλης εἶπε· τί μοι καὶ σοί, Ἰησοῦ, υἱὲ τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ὑψίστου; δέομαί σου, μὴ με βασανίσῃς. παρήγγειλε γὰρ τῷ πνεύματι τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ ἐξελεθεῖν ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου. πολλοῖς γὰρ χρόνοις συνηρπάκει αὐτόν, καὶ ἐδεσμεῖτο ἀλύσει καὶ πέδαις φυλασσόμενος, καὶ διαρρήσων τὰ δεσμὰ ἠλαύνετο ὑπὸ τοῦ δαίμονος εἰς τὰς ἐρήμους. ἐπηρώτησε δὲ αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· τί σοί ἐστιν ὄνομα; ὃ δὲ εἶπε· λεγεών· ὅτι δαιμόνια πολλὰ εἰσῆλθον εἰς αὐτόν· καὶ παρεκάλει αὐτόν ἵνα μὴ ἐπιτάξῃ αὐτοῖς εἰς τὴν ἄβυσσον ἀπελθεῖν. ἦν δὲ ἐκεῖ ἀγέλη χοίρων ἱκανῶν βοσκομένων ἐν τῷ ὄρει· καὶ παρεκάλουν αὐτόν ἵνα ἐπιτρέψῃ αὐτοῖς εἰς ἐκείνους εἰσελθεῖν· καὶ ἐπέτρεψεν αὐτοῖς. ἐξεληθόντα δὲ τὰ δαιμόνια ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου εἰσῆλθον εἰς τοὺς χοίρους, καὶ ὥρμησεν ἡ ἀγέλη κατὰ τοῦ κρημοῦ εἰς τὴν λίμνην καὶ ἀπεπνίγη. ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ βόσκοντες τὸ γεγενημένον ἔφυγον, καὶ ἀπήγγειλαν εἰς τὴν πόλιν καὶ εἰς τοὺς ἀγρούς. ἐξῆλθον δὲ ἰδεῖν τὸ γεγονός, καὶ ἦλθον πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ εὗρον καθήμενον τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ἀφ' οὗ τὰ δαιμόνια ἐξεληλύθει, ἰματισμένον καὶ σωφρονουῖντα παρὰ τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ, καὶ ἐφοβήθησαν. ἀπήγγειλαν δὲ αὐτοῖς οἱ ἰδόντες πῶς ἐσώθη ὁ δαιμονισθεὶς. καὶ ἠρώτησαν αὐτὸν ἅπαν τὸ πλῆθος τῆς περιχώρου τῶν Γαδαρηνῶν ἀπελθεῖν ἀπ' αὐτῶν, ὅτι φόβῳ μεγάλῳ συνείχοντο. αὐτὸς δὲ ἐμβὰς εἰς τὸ πλοῖον ὑπέστρεψεν. ἐδέετο δὲ αὐτοῦ ὁ ἀνὴρ, ἀφ' οὗ ἐξεληλύθει τὰ δαιμόνια, εἶναι σὺν αὐτῷ· ἀπέλυσε δὲ αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· ὑπόστρεφε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου καὶ διηγοῦ ὅσα ἐποίησέ σοι ὁ Θεός. καὶ ἀπήλθε καθ' ὅλην τὴν πόλιν κηρύσσων ὅσα ἐποίησεν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς.

## 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!

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  
900 S. Trooper Road, Jeffersonville, PA 19403





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**13TH ANNUAL BANQUET TO BENEFIT IOCC**  
Sunday, October 27, 2024

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

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**Adelphia Restaurant, Pan Athenian Grand Ballroom**  
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To reserve your place and for **sponsorships**, see your parish rep or visit

**[iocc.org/philadelphia](http://iocc.org/philadelphia)**

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](mailto: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

## 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-fi-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*

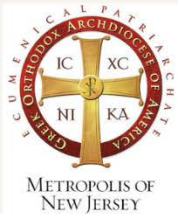
*"For with God, nothing will be impossible." Luke 1:37*

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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"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR SAINTS"



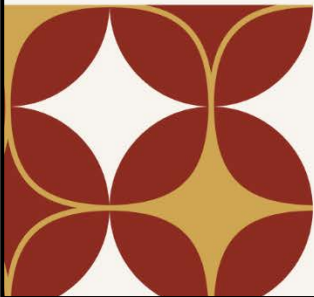
SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 16TH, 2024  
10:00 AM- 2:00 PM

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WE WILL BE COLLECTING MONETARY  
DONATIONS FOR THE IOCC



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OPENING PRAYER & BREAKFAST  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
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.*

*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.*

October 20, 2024  
6th Sunday of Luke  
Artemius the Great Martyr of Antioch  
Matrona the Righteous of Chios  
Gerasimus of Cephalonia



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

**Memorial Service:** Today's memorial is being chanted for the souls of:

- ✦ **Marcella Tsouros** (5 years) and **Constantinos I. Costalas** (20 years), beloved mother and uncle of Nikolaos I. Tsouros, Despina (Peter) Aftosmes, and Zoitsa (Jeffrey) Sturm. May their memory be eternal.
- ✦ **Ifigenia Koutouzis** (19 years) beloved grandmother of Eleftheria (Thomas) Dickson and loving great-grandmother to Thomas Michael and Ashley Nicole Dickson. May her memory be eternal.

**Coffee Hour:** Today's coffee hour is offered by Nikolaos Tsouros and family in loving memory of their mother Marcella Tsouros and Uncle Gus (Constantinos) I. Costalas. May their memory be eternal.

**Birthday wishes:** Be sure to wish our beloved **Effie Liacouras** a **Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday** when you see her today!

**AXIOS to our new Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Alexander A. Nikas!**  
Today, following the Divine Liturgy at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America will preside at the Investiture of twenty-eight new Archons in the Order of St. Andrew – Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate from throughout the United States. The Investiture will be the capstone event of the annual Archon Weekend in New York City. The new Archons, like their brethren, make a solemn commitment to dedicate themselves to the protection and defense of the Holy Mother Church of Constantinople. **Alexander A. Nikas** is among the twenty-eight new Archons. Last year **Thomas J. Cox** was invested. Alex and Tom are at the event today.



**St. Sophia Youth Ministries**  
**Thanksgiving**  
**FOOD DRIVE**  
Helping Families in Need in Our Community

**OCT 1 - NOV 24**

**WHAT WE NEED:**

**1,000 LB CHALLENGE**

**GIFT CARDS ALSO ACCEPTED**

**DROP OFF LOCATION:**  
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**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.**



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## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sat. Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Trunk or Treat (See Flyer) 
Sun. Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 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 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 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 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 The Holy Protection of the Theotokos
Wed. Oct. 30 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	JOY/HOPE lesson with Fr. Symeon (church & hall)
Thurs. Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup>	4:30 pm	Greek school (children)
Sun. Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke
	12:15 pm	Greek school (adults)
		General Assembly meeting (during coffee hour)
Thurs. Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 pm	Greek school (children)
Sat. Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Joy/Hope Kidmission at St. George G. O. Church, Media, PA

**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.

**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 27; November 3, 10, 17, 24; December 8, 15. For more information, see Dr. Marianne Nikas, Mrs. Cathy Cox or Ms. Carla Johnson.

**Food & Craft Fair:** Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen and restaurant during the upcoming Food & Craft Fair on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. IN ADDITION, we can also use help on Saturday afternoon, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, from Noon – 4pm and **IF NECESSARY**, Monday evening, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Fall General Assembly:** The Fall General Assembly meeting will take place on Sunday, November 3, 2024, *immediately following* Divine Liturgy. At the meeting we will review the current and future business of our parish, including review of the budget and nominations for seven candidates to serve on Parish Council for two-year terms beginning in January 2025. Elections for Parish Council will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024, following Divine Liturgy.

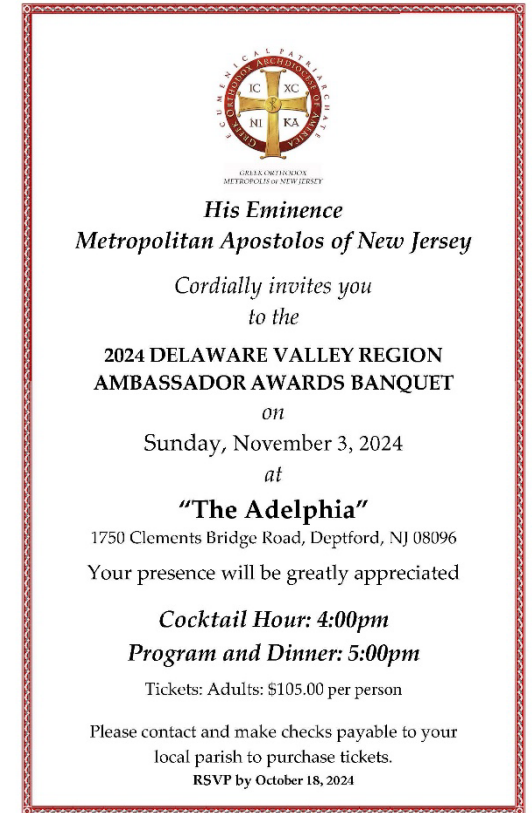
\*Please note that to vote in both the General Assembly and Parish Council Elections, you must have returned a 2024 Stewardship Commitment Form and be current in your commitment. If you have not yet done so, please complete a 2024 Stewardship Commitment Form. Pledge forms can be found at the Pangari and on our website. If you have any questions, contact the Parish office at 610-650-8960 or Tom Cox at 215-859-1009.

**Mortgage Reduction:** Our mortgage balance is down to \$530,000! To take full advantage of the \$100,000 match and reduce our mortgage balance below \$400,000, we only have two months left to collect the remaining \$44,000. Please consider a Mortgage Reduction contribution to help us meet the generous matching offer.

**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!

**We are pleased to announce  
the 2024 Ambassador Awards  
Recipients for our Parish of St.  
Sophia/Ss Faith, Hope &  
Agape!**

The 2024 Greek Orthodox  
Metropolis of New Jersey Delaware  
Valley Ambassador Awards Banquet  
will be held on Sunday, November 3,  
2024, at 4:00 pm, at "The Adelpia"  
in Deptford, NJ.



**Congratulations to our  
2024 Ambassador Awards Recipients! AXIOS!**

**Community Honoree – Eleni Evangelopoulos**

**Church Musician – Alexis Witt**

**Philoptochos – Georgiana Kane**

**Youth Worker – Dimitra Klapakis**

**Youth Ambassadors:**

**Ambassador of Faith – Alexandra Tsipras**

**Ambassador of Hope – Melina Karagiannopoulos**

**Ambassador of Love – Anastasia Williams**

**Ambassador of Peace – Victoria (Vasiliki) Peoples**

Ladies Philoptochos of St. Sophia

# Tradition of the *New Year*

**VASILOPITA**  
St. Basil's Bread

Pick up  
Sunday  
December 15  
Must Pre-order  
by: 12/8/24

*Giving*  
St. Basil the Great,  
the father of  
Philanthropy

*Luck*  
Blessings for the  
new year to those  
who find the coin

Complete the form and return with check payment to: St. Sophia Philoptochos, 900 S. Trooper Road, Jeffersonville, PA 19403.  
Contact Kathy Tsipras (610-539-5413) or ladies@saintsophiachurch with any questions.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 each TOTAL PAID: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



ST. SOPHIA CRAFT FAIR

## *Yiayia's Bakery*

Requesting donations of **homemade**  
cookies | loaves | cupcakes | other  
desserts

**NOVEMBER 8 - 10**

Please let us know what you will be donating  
by November 5th either:

in person  
via Email  
using the QR code



Contact Flora or Alex Poloway for more information:  
flora.poloway@gmail.com or ahpaloway@gmail.com

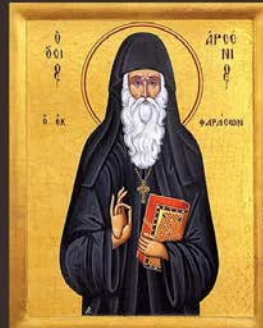
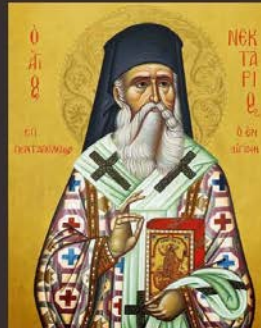


Metropolis of New Jersey



# YOU ARE THE SAINTS

*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



DVYOUTHCOMMISSION@GMAIL.COM

## *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*



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Rev. Fr. Symeon Williams, Proistamenos

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## Peter & Alice Zavitsanos Scholarship 2024

St. Sophia is pleased to announce that thanks to a generous sponsorship, we are able to offer a \$4,000 scholarship to eligible college or university students.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be registered in an accredited college or university in undergraduate, graduate, or professional programs
- Achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher
- Be a Steward in good standing of St. Sophia Church
- Submit an essay of 1000 words or less on “How the Greek Orthodox Faith has influenced my life and plans for the future.”
- Submit a resume outlining all church, community, service, and athletic activities
- Submit a statement of financial need if you wish that to be considered as part of the application
- Submit the name and mailing address of your university bursar

Application materials should be in MS Word format, labeled with name and contact information, and emailed to Fr. Symeon Williams at [frsymeon@saintsophiachurch.org](mailto:frsymeon@saintsophiachurch.org).

Deadline for submissions is December 1, 2024