

St. Sophia/SS. Faith, Hope & Agape Greek Orthodox Church
November 10, 2024



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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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Metropolis of New Jersey



November 10, 2024

8th Sunday of Luke

Erastus, Olympas, Rodion, Sosipater, Quartus, and Tertios, Apostles of the 70

Orestes the Martyr of Cappadocia

Holy Father Arsenius of Cappadocia



ENTRANCE HYMNS

Resurrectional Apolytikion – Effrenestho ta Ourania (“Let the Heavens Above Rejoice”)

Let the heavens above rejoice, and all those here on the earth, on the earth, be glad. A mighty feat of strength has been wrought by the arm of the Lord. O Death has he trampled down with his own death. First-born among the dead has He become, from the womb of Hades has He delivered us and has granted to the world His Great Mercy.

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 γῶνων εὐαγῶν, Ἀγάπην τε καὶ Ἐλπίδα σὺν τῇ θεόφρονι Πίστει, μεθῶν δυσώπει ὑπὲρ πάντων ἡμῶν.

English Phonetics for Greek

Os elea kata karpos anevlastisas, en tes avles tu Kyriou Sofia 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 – O katharotatos Naos (“The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple”)

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

Please complete this form and return it with your payment of \$30.00 to Saint Sophia Church by Sunday, November 24, 2024.

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900 South Trooper Road
Jeffersonville, PA 19403

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PLEASE LIST MY NAME AS FOLLOWS: _____

**PLEASE PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION AS REQUESTED
AND PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

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GIVE POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

These plants, at \$25.00 each, may be donated in memory of, or in honor of, your loved ones.

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Yes, I would like to donate _____ poinsettia plant(s) at \$25.00 each.

Please accept my gift:

in memory of _____

in honor of _____

donated by _____

If you participate in the Community Christmas Card AND give Poinsettias, you may pay for both with just 1 check or 1 electronic payment. When paying electronically, please note reason for payment.



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).

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 Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19

*Sing praises to our God, sing praises.
Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.*

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Ἀνάγνωσις ἐπιστολῆς Πρὸς Γαλάτας 1:11-19 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

*Ψάλατε τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν, ψάλατε.
Στίχ. Πάντα τὰ ἔθνη κροτήσατε χεῖρας.*

Ἀδελφοί, γνωρίζω δὲ ὑμῖν, ἀδελφοί, τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τὸ εὐαγγελισθὲν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ, ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν κατὰ ἄνθρωπον. Οὐδὲ γὰρ ἐγὼ παρὰ ἀνθρώπου παρέλαβον αὐτό, οὔτε ἐδιδάχθην, ἀλλὰ δι' ἀποκαλύψεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἦκούσατε γὰρ τὴν ἐμὴν ἀναστροφήν ποτε ἐν τῷ Ἰουδαϊσμῷ, ὅτι καθ' ὑπερβολὴν ἐδίωκον τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ ἐπόρθουν αὐτήν· καὶ προέκοπτον ἐν τῷ Ἰουδαϊσμῷ ὑπὲρ πολλοὺς συνηλικιώτας ἐν τῷ γένει μου, περισσοτέρως ζηλωτῆς ὑπάρχων τῶν πατρικῶν μου παραδόσεων. Ὅτε δὲ εὐδόκησεν ὁ θεὸς ὁ ἀφορίσας με ἐκ κοιλίας μητρός μου καὶ καλέσας διὰ τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ, ἀποκαλύψαι τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ ἐν ἐμοὶ ἵνα εὐαγγελίζωμαι αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν, εὐθέως οὐ προσανεθέμην σαρκὶ καὶ αἵματι· οὐδὲ ἀνήλθον εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα πρὸς τοὺς πρὸ ἐμοῦ ἀποστόλους, ἀλλὰ ἀπήλθον εἰς Ἀραβίαν, καὶ πάλιν ὑπέστρεψα εἰς Δαμασκόν. Ἐπειτα μετὰ ἔτη τρία ἀνήλθον εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα ἰστορήσαι Πέτρον, καὶ ἐπέμεινα πρὸς αὐτὸν ἡμέρας δεκαπέντε. Ἐτερον δὲ τῶν ἀποστόλων οὐκ εἶδον, εἰ μὴ Ἰάκωβον τὸν ἀδελφὸν τοῦ κυρίου.

GOSPEL READING
The Gospel According to Luke 10:25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 10:25-37 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, νομικός τις ἀνέστη ἐκπειράζων αὐτὸν καὶ λέγων· διδάσκαλε, τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσω; ὁ δὲ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν· ἐν τῷ νόμῳ τί γέγραπται; πῶς ἀναγινώσκεις; ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπεν· ἀγαπήσεις Κύριον τὸν Θεόν σου ἐξ ὅλης τῆς καρδίας σου καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ψυχῆς σου καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ἰσχύος σου καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς διανοίας σου, καὶ τὸν πλησίον σου ὡς σεαυτόν· εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ· ὀρθῶς ἀπεκρίθης· τοῦτο ποιεῖ καὶ ζῆσι. ὁ δὲ θέλων δικαιοῦν ἑαυτὸν εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν· καὶ τίς ἐστὶ μου πλησίον; ὑπολαβὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· ἄνθρωπός τις κατέβαινεν ἀπὸ Ἱερουσαλὴμ εἰς Ἱεριχῶν, καὶ λησταῖς περιέπεσεν· οἱ καὶ ἐκδύσαντες αὐτὸν καὶ πληγὰς ἐπιθέντες ἀπήλθον ἀφέντες ἡμιθανῆ τυγχάνοντα. κατὰ συγκυρίαν δὲ ἱερεὺς τις κατέβαινεν ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ ἐκείνῃ, καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν ἀντιπαρήλθεν. ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ Λευίτης γενόμενος κατὰ τὸν τόπον, ἐλθὼν καὶ ἰδὼν ἀντιπαρήλθε. Σαμαρεῖτης δὲ τις ὁδεύων ἦλθε κατ' αὐτόν, καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν ἐσπλαγγίσθη, καὶ προσελθὼν κατέδρασε τὰ τραύματα αὐτοῦ ἐπιχέων ἔλαιον καὶ οἶνον, ἐπιβιβάσας δὲ αὐτὸν ἐπὶ τὸ ἴδιον κτῆνος ἤγαγεν αὐτὸν εἰς πανδοχεῖον καὶ ἐπεμελήθη αὐτοῦ· καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν αὐριον ἐξελθὼν, ἐκβαλὼν δύο δηνάρια ἔδωκε τῷ πανδοχεῖ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἐπιμελήθητι αὐτοῦ, καὶ ὅ τι ἀν προσδαπανήσης, ἐγὼ ἐν τῷ ἐπανέρχεσθαί με ἀποδώσω σοι. τίς οὖν τούτων τῶν τριῶν πλησίον δοκεῖ σοι γεγονέναι τοῦ ἐμπεσόντος εἰς τοὺς ληστὰς; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· ὁ ποιήσας τὸ ἔλεος μετ' αὐτοῦ. εἶπεν οὖν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· πορεύου καὶ σὺ ποιεῖ ὁμοίως.

November 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 in November will be provided to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese National Hurricane Relief Fund, to assist the needs of those affected by recent hurricanes in the southeastern United States. You can learn more about this worthwhile endeavor at <https://www.goarch.org/donate/hurricane> and <https://www.goarch.org/-/sts-john-stefanos>.

Please consider donating 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!

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 \$40,000. 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!



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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.

Deadline for submissions is December 1, 2024

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 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-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

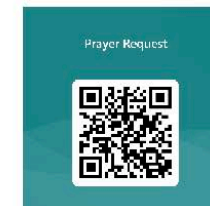
"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing you will receive." Matthew 21:22

"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 **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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Rev. John L. Johns, Presiding Priest



Annual Advent Retreat

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2024



Topic: The Nativity

Guest Speaker: Dr. BRUCE BECK, ThD
Associate Professor of New Testament
Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek
Orthodox School of Theology

9:00 a.m. Registration

9-9:30 a.m. Lenten Breakfast

9:45 a.m. Opening Prayer and Introduction

10 a.m. Session 1

11:30 a.m. Lunch Break

12:30 p.m. Session 2

2 p.m. Summary and Q & A

Free Will Donations Welcomed

Questions? Contact Barbara Louridas 215 429 9605, barbaralouridas@gmail.com

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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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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.

Veteran's Day Recognition: Thank you to all our veterans for your service to our country. Inside this bulletin is a listing of living and deceased veterans. If you are a veteran and your name is not on the list (or if you have a family member who is not on the list), please call or e-mail the Parish Office.

Adult Catechism: Fr. Symeon will be holding adult catechism classes on **Saturdays at 5:00 pm** in the church hall beginning **November 16th**. **ALL** are invited and encouraged to attend!

Craft Fair Help Needed! Today is the last day of the Craft Fair/Food Fest, and we need your help! Please consider helping on the food line, as a cashier, or even in the kitchen. If you can't help **during** the festival, consider coming at closing (6pm) to help with the clean-up.

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.

Community Christmas Card/Poinsettias: If you would like to be included in this year's Christmas card and/or if you would like to donate a poinsettia, please complete the attached form, and mail or bring it with payment to the Parish office. **PLEASE DO NOT CUT THE FORM IN HALF.** Forms must be returned to the office (with payment) by Sunday, November 24th. The form can also be downloaded from our website – just click on the following link: [Christmas Card/Poinsettia](#).



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



Maximizing Your Charitable Donations: Antaun Johnson (one of our parishioners) and Sarah Letizia, both students at the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law will be doing a presentation via **Zoom** on Thursday, November 21st, at 7:00 pm.

We warmly invite you to an enriching presentation that explores the essentials of charitable donations and their potential benefits for your tax filings. Our goal is to equip you with the knowledge needed to make meaningful contributions while potentially maximizing the impact on your financial situation. Your generosity creates a profound difference in the lives of those in need and may also provide tax advantages.

For more information, please contact Antaun at Antaun@outlook.com.

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SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Fri. – Sun. 11/8 – 11/10		St. Sophia Food & Craft Fair
Fri. – Sun. 11/8 – 11/10		DVYC Fall GOYA Retreat at Camp Innabah
Sun. Nov. 10 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 8 th Sunday of Luke
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
	5:00 pm	First Adult Catechism (led by Fr. Symeon) – in the church hall
Sun. Nov. 17 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 9 th Sunday of Luke
	12:15 pm	Greek school (adults)
Thurs. Nov. 21 st	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
	4:30 pm	Greek school (children)
Sun. Nov. 24 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 13 th Sunday of Luke Youth Ministry Bake Sale During Coffee Hour
	12:15 pm	Greek school (adults)
Mon. Nov. 25 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy St. Katherine the Great Martyr
Thurs. Nov. 28 th		HAPPY THANKSGIVING! The Parish Office is closed No Greek school (children) The Parish Office is closed
Fri. Nov. 29 th		The Parish Office is closed
Sun. Dec. 1 st	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 14 th Sunday of Luke No Sunday school or Greek school (adults)
Thurs. Dec. 5 th	4:30 pm	Greek school (children)
Fri. Dec. 6 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy St. Nicholas the Wonderworker
Sun. Dec. 8 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 10 th Sunday of Luke Parish Council Elections after Divine Liturgy
	12:15 pm	Greek school (adults)
Thurs. Dec. 12 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy St. Spyridon the Wonderworker
	4:30 pm	Greek school (children)



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 GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH**



FOOD & CRAFT FAIR

**OPEN
LUNCH THROUGH DINNER!!**

Hours:

Fri., Nov 8: 11AM – 8PM

Sat., Nov 9: 11AM – 8PM

Sun., Nov 10: Noon – 6PM



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

Ladies Philoptochos of St. Sophia

Tradition of the *New Year*

VASILOPITA
St. Basil's Bread

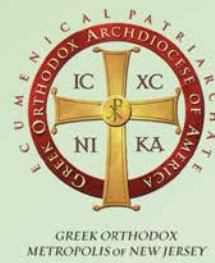
Pick up
Sunday
December 15
Must Pre-order
by: 12/8/24

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.
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SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2024 SAINT THOMAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY
at 9:00 a.m.

- 9-9:45am • Registration & Light Breakfast
- 9:45-10am • Welcome, Invocation & Introductions
- 10-11am • "Creation, Incarnation and Transfiguration: The Task of Theological Thinking in an Age of Ecological Crisis"
Jack Pappas, PhD, Fordham University
- 11:15-12:15pm • "Joining in the Praise of All Creatures: Orthodox Liturgy and the Earth"
Crina Gschwandtner, PhD, Fordham University
- 12:15-12:30pm • Response, His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey
- Luncheon following

RSVP: ArchonCJL@gmail.com
Please reply by 11/18/24



MANY THANKS TO OUR UNITED STATES VETERANS



Each year, Americans take a day to honor the brave and proud citizens that have served or are serving in some branch of the United States military. Veterans Day is our chance to extend our gratitude to those with the courage to protect this nation, knowing that it may mean laying down their lives.

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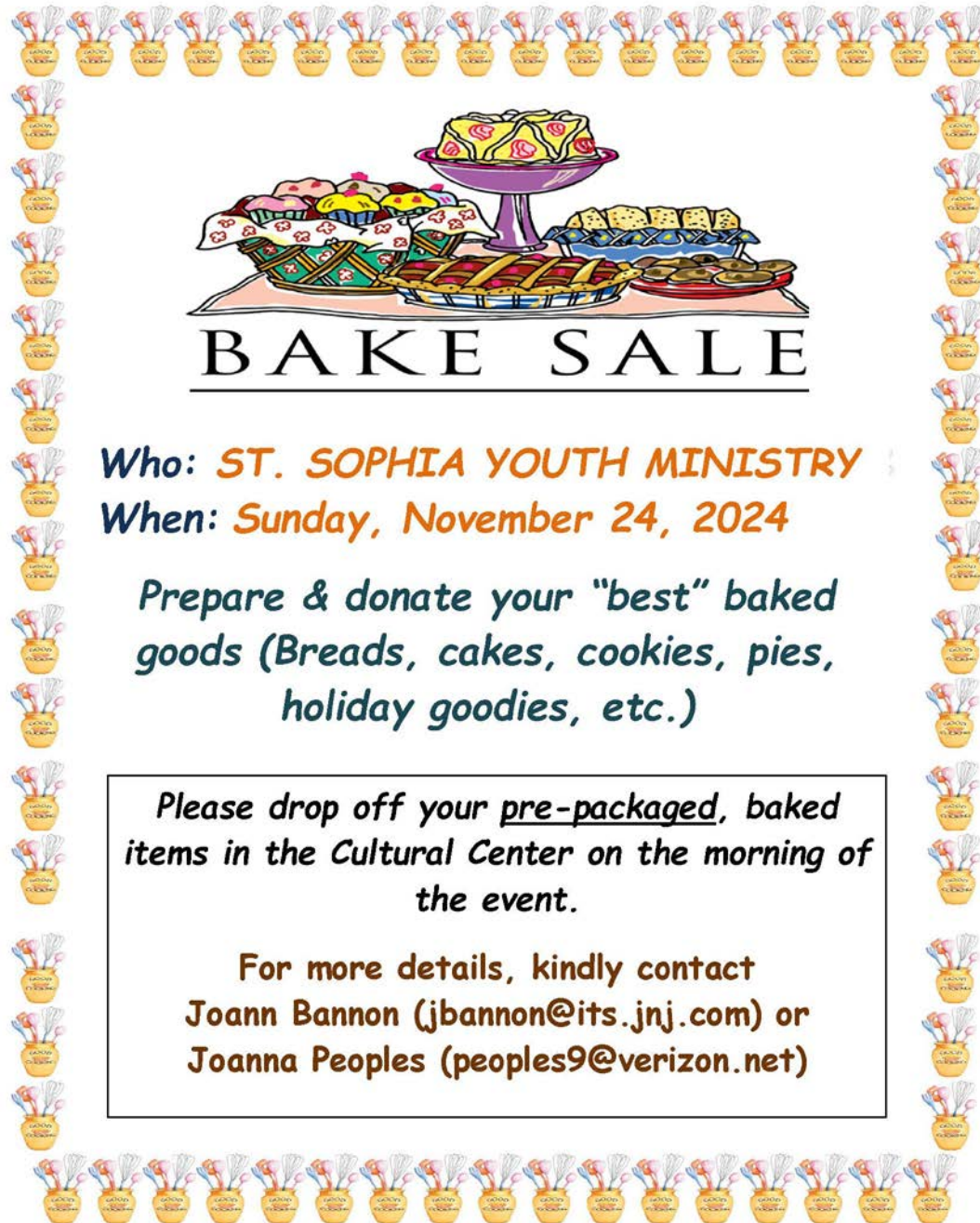
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Thomas Demetris – Army
Nicholas Ganavazos – Army
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BAKE SALE

Who: *ST. SOPHIA YOUTH MINISTRY*

When: *Sunday, November 24, 2024*

Prepare & donate your "best" baked goods (Breads, cakes, cookies, pies, holiday goodies, etc.)

Please drop off your pre-packaged, baked items in the Cultural Center on the morning of the event.

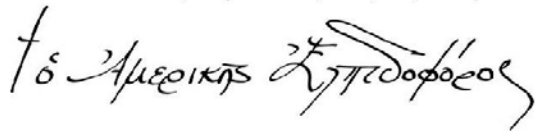
**For more details, kindly contact
Joann Bannon (jbannon@its.jnj.com) or
Joanna Peoples (peoples9@verizon.net)**

If you are a veteran and your name is not on the list
(or if you have a family member who is not on the list), please call or e-mail the Parish Office.

σπουδαία ἔργα ποὺ ἐπιτελοῦνται στὸν οἶκο εὐγηρίας «Ἅγιος Μιχαήλ», τὸ ἴδρυμα τῆς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς μας γιὰ τὴ φροντίδα τῶν ἡλικιωμένων. Ὁ ἀρχάγγελος Μιχαήλ θεωρεῖται ὁ κραταῖος προστάτης καὶ φύλακας ἐκείνων ποὺ διαμένουν στὸ ἴδρυμά μας αὐτὸ καὶ συμπαρίσταται σὲ αὐτοὺς τόσο σὲ αὐτὴ ὅσο καὶ στὴν ἄλλη ζωὴ.

Αὐτὴ τὴ χρονιά, ἄς σκεφτοῦμε ὅλοι νὰ κάνουμε μίᾳ δωρεά, ὁποιοῦδήποτε ὕψους, πρὸς τὸν οἶκο εὐγηρίας «Ἅγιος Μιχαήλ», προκειμένου νὰ στηρίξουμε τὶς γενεές ποὺ προηγήθηκαν πρὶν ἀπὸ ἐμᾶς. Ἡ Ἁγία Γραφή ἀναφέρει τὸ περιστάτικό, ὅπου ὁ ἀρχάγγελος Μιχαήλ στάθηκε ὡς ὁ μοναδικὸς ὑπερασπιστής. Ὅμως τὸ μήνυμα εἶναι ξεκάθαρο, διότι ὅλοι μας μπορούμε νὰ πάρουμε θέση ὑπεράσπισης μαζί με τὸν ἅγιο ἀρχάγγελο, καὶ νὰ γίνουμε ἓνα ἀδιαπέραστο τεῖχος προστασίας, στήριξης καὶ προσευχῆς γιὰ τοὺς ἡλικιωμένους μας. Μὲ αὐτὸ τὸν τρόπο, θὰ συμβάλουμε γιὰ τὴν κατασκευὴ τῶν νέων δομῶν ποὺ θὰ στεγάσουν καὶ θὰ προστεύσουν τοὺς ἡλικιωμένους μας στὸ καινούργιο κτίριο τοῦ «Ἁγίου Μιχαήλ».

Μετὰ πατρικῆς ἐν Χριστῷ ἀγάπης,



† ὁ Ἀμερικῆς Ἐλπιδοφόρος



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
ARCHEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL

Prot. No. 371/2024

**Archepiscopal Encyclical for the Feast of the Archangels
Feast of the Synaxis of the Holy Archangels**

November 10, 2024

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christ-named Plenitude of the Holy Archdiocese of America:

And there was no one who stood with me against them, except Michael, your prince.
(Daniel 10:21)

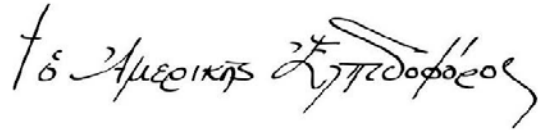
Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

In the visions of the Prophet Daniel, Archangel Michael is revealed as a powerful force for good and protection against every possible evil. If you look through the Holy Scriptures, you will read of Angels appearing in all manner of places — sometimes in numbers that even defy the imagination. But we should always bear in mind that “Angel” means “messenger,” someone who is delivering to us an important communication from the Heavenly Realm.

Every year, on November 8, we celebrate the Synaxis of the Holy Angels — all Nine Ranks of them, who are led by their Chief Commanders, Michael and Gabriel. At the same time, we take time to remember Saint Michael’s Home, our Archdiocesan Institution that cares for the elderly. Archangel Michael is considered the residents’ special protector and guardian, who stands with them in this life and the next.

This year, let us all consider a donation — of any size — to Saint Michael’s Home in order to support the generation that came before us. Holy Scripture speaks of a moment when Archangel Michael was the only one to take a stand and make a defense. But the message is clear, all of us can take our place with the Holy Archangel to become an impenetrable wall of support and prayer for our aged. And in doing so, we will contribute to the construction of the new walls that will house and protect our elderly at the new Saint Michael’s Home.

With paternal love in Christ,



† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America



ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ
ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΙΚΗ ΕΓΚΥΚΛΙΟΣ

Αριθμ. Πρωτ.: 371/2024

Αρχιεπισκοπική Έγκύκλιος για την έορτή των παμμεγίστων Ταξιαρχών.

10 Νοεμβρίου 2024

Πρός τους Σεβασμιωτάτους και Θεοφιλεστάτους Αρχιερείς, τους Εύλαβεστάτους Ίερείς και Διακόνους, τις Πρεσβύτερες και τις Διακόνισσες, τους Μοναχούς και τις Μοναχές, τους Προέδρους και τὰ Μέλη τῶν Κοινοτικῶν Συμβουλίων, τους Ἐντιμολογιωτάτους Ἄρχοντες τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου, τὰ μέλη τῆς Ἡγεσίας τῶν 100, τὰ Ἡμερήσια καὶ Ἀπογευματινὰ Σχολεῖα, τὶς Φιλοπτώχους Ἀδελφότητες, τὴ Νεολαία, τὶς Ἑλληνορθόδοξες Ὄργανώσεις καὶ ὁλόκληρο τὸ Χριστεπώνυμο πλήρωμα τῆς Ἱερᾶς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς Ἀμερικῆς.

«Καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν εἷς ἀντεχόμενος μετ’ ἐμοῦ περὶ τούτων, ἀλλ’ ἡ Μιχαὴλ ὁ ἄρχων ὑμῶν.»
(Δανιὴλ 10:21).

Προσφιλεῖς ἀδελφοὶ καὶ ἀδελφές ἐν Χριστῷ,

Στὸ ὄραμα τοῦ προφήτου Δανιὴλ, ὁ ἀρχάγγελος Μιχαὴλ ἀποκαλύπτεται ὡς ἰσχυρὸς παράγων ὑπὲρ τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ καὶ ὑπερασπιστὴς ἐναντίον παντὸς κακοῦ. Ανατρέχοντας τὴν Ἁγία Γραφή διαβάζουμε ὅτι οἱ ἄγγελοι ἐμφανίζονται σὲ ποικίλα μέρη καὶ σὲ ἀριθμούς, πού πολλές φορές ξεπερνοῦν τὴ φαντασία μας. Ὅμως ὀφείλουμε πάντοτε νὰ ἔχουμε κατὰ νοῦ ὅτι «ἄγγελος» σημαίνει «ἀγγελιοφόρος», κάποιος δηλαδή πού μᾶς φέρνει ἕνα σπουδαῖο μήνυμα ἀπὸ τὴ Βασιλεία τῶν Οὐρανῶν.

Κάθε ἔτος ἐορτάζουμε τὴ Σύναξη τῶν παμμεγίστων Ταξιαρχῶν με τὰ ἑννέα τάγματα τους, στὰ ὁποῖα ἐπικεφαλεῖς εἶναι οἱ ἀρχιστράτηγοι Μιχαὴλ καὶ Γαβριὴλ. Σὲ μιὰ τέτοια ἡμέρα, ἂς ἀφιερῶσουμε λίγο ἀπὸ τὸ χρόνο μας γιὰ νὰ θυμηθοῦμε τὰ