

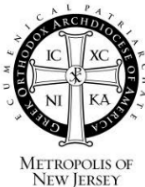
OLD ADVICE FOR A NEW GENERATION

"I'm glad my children have grown up. I'd hate to be raising them in today's world." How often we hear that sentiment expressed in our material, immoral society! Trying to instill spiritual values in a new generation of young people is seemingly an insurmountable challenge. Where do we turn for guidance as we attempt to keep our children on a proper path -- a path that will enable them to establish a foundation in their lives which is firmly planted on knowing right from wrong?

There are no new answers to that question; no new approaches to take. Indeed, to deal with the problems of the present, we must look back at the solutions the Church offered in the past. Moral truth can never change, no matter what may be going on in the world around us. The enduring teachings of the Church Fathers still must be our *"resource manual"* for correctly raising our children. Here are a few wise thoughts that have been passed down to us:

- *"If from the beginning we fix good rules for our children, good habits will be formed. Let us not allow them to do what may be agreeable, but hurtful to them. We may need to admonish them and warn them. Remember: we are charged to keep our children free from evil."* — St. John Chrysostom
- *"Rear your children in the Lord. Teach them from their infancy the Word of God. Discipline them when needed, and render them respectful to authority."* — The Apostolic Constitutions
- *"Teach your children this lesson: the rewards of evil are temporary. The rewards of Godliness are eternal."* — St. Cyprian

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*The Blessed Virgin Mary
with her parents Joachim and Anna*

November 24, 2024

13th Sunday of Luke

Our Holy Father Clement, Pope of Rome

Peter, Archbishop of Alexandria ❖ Hermogenes, the Martyr



ENTRANCE HYMNS

Apolytikion for Post-Presentation of the Theotokos – Simeron tis evdhokias (“Today is the prelude”)

Today is the prelude of God's good pleasure, and the proclamation of humanity's salvation. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and in herself she announces Christ to all. Let us, then, with a great voice cry aloud to her: "Rejoice, you are the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

Resurrectional Apolytikion – Ton Sinanarchon Logon (“The Word Who Always Was”)

O, The Word Who always was with the Father and Spirit, who for us and our salvation was born of a Virgin let us faithful believers praise and adore, For it did please Him to ascend the Cross in the flesh and Death to endure. And to raise up the dead with Him through His own glorious Resurrection.

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, δι' α γώνων εὐαγῶν, Ἀγάπην τε καί Ἐλπίδα σὺν τῇ θεόφρονι Πίστει, μεθῶν δυσώπει υπέρ 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 nidynos 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.

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

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Jeffersonville, PA 19403

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 6:11-18

*You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.
Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.*

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

Ἀνάγνωσις ἐπιστολῆς Πρὸς Γαλάτας 6:11-18 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

*Σὺ Κύριε, φυλάξαις ἡμᾶς καὶ διατηρήσαις ἡμᾶς.
Στίχ. Σῶσον με, Κύριε, ὅτι ἐκκέλοιπεν ὄσιος.*

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

GOSPEL READING
The Gospel According to Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 18:18-27 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄρχων λέγων· διδάσκαλε ἀγαθέ, τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσω; εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· τί με λέγεις ἀγαθόν; οὐδεὶς ἀγαθὸς εἰ μὴ εἷς ὁ Θεός. τὰς ἐντολὰς οἶδας· μὴ μοιχεύσης, μὴ φονεύσης, μὴ κλέψης, μὴ ψευδομαρτυρήσης, τίμα τὸν πατέρα σου καὶ τὴν μητέρα σου. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· ταῦτα πάντα ἐφυλαξάμην ἐκ νεότητός μου. ἀκούσας δὲ ταῦτα ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἔτι ἔν σοι λείπει· πάντα ὅσα ἔχεις πώλησον καὶ διάδος πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἔξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολούθει μοι. ὁ δὲ ἀκούσας ταῦτα περίλυπος ἐγένετο· ἦν γὰρ πλούσιος σφόδρα. ἰδὼν δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς περίλυτον γενόμενον εἶπε· πῶς δυσκόλως οἱ τὰ χρήματα ἔχοντες εἰσελεύσονται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ! εὐκοπώτερον γὰρ ἐστὶ κάμηλον διὰ τρυμαλιᾶς ῥαφίδος εἰσελθεῖν ἢ πλούσιον εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσελθεῖν. εἶπον δὲ οἱ ἀκούσαντες· καὶ τίς δύναται σωθῆναι; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· τὰ ἀδύνατα παρὰ ἀνθρώποις δυνατὰ παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ ἐστίν.

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!



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CHRISTMAS
Lunch
December 8th at 1:30pm

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RSVP by Sunday, December 1st
Georgiana Kane (610)608-7974 or gbkane119@gmail.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." Philippians 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.



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
ἀγιασθήτω 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 Kerxhali,
orthodoxtoday.wordpress.com



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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 YAL (Young Adult League) ministry welcomes all young adults between the ages of 18-35. YAL has national and regional conferences and local activities for growing in faith, community, and service.

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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13th Sunday of Luke

Our Holy Father Clement, Pope of Rome

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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.

Special Collection: Today's collection will benefit the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation.

Youth Ministries Bake Sale: St. Sophia's Youth Ministries are having their annual bake sale today, the proceeds from which will help support the various Sunday school, Greek school, and children's programs of our parish.

Reminder: There will be no Adult Greek school or Sunday school classes next Sunday, December 1st.

Adult Catechism: Fr. Symeon will be holding adult catechism classes on **Saturdays at 5:00 pm** in the church hall. The next class is scheduled for **Saturday, November 30th**. **ALL** are invited and encouraged to attend!

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.

LAST CALL! 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) **TODAY.** 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 24; December 8, 15. For more information, see Dr. Marianne Nikas, Mrs. Cathy Cox or Ms. Carla Johnson.



Parish Council Elections: This year's Parish Council Elections will take place on **Sunday, December 8th**. We have an **uncontested** election; meaning, we have the same number of candidates for the same number of available positions. There are 5 incumbent candidates and 2 new candidates running for 7 positions. The candidates are George Coutavas, Thomas J. Cox, Carla Johnson, Coleen Moses, Alexander A. Nikas, Maria Richie, and Alex Tsioulfaidis.

Stewardship: Please note that to vote in the Parish Council Elections, you must have returned a 2024 Stewardship Commitment Form and be current in your commitment. Stewardship Commitment Forms can be found at the Pangari or on the table outside of the Parish office. In addition, when paying by check, it is imperative that you indicate **"Stewardship 2024"** on the memo line so that your account is properly credited. Also, if you make cash donations, please be sure to include your name either on the outside of the envelope or on a slip of paper attached to the cash. Should you have any questions, please see Tom Cox, our stewardship chairperson, or contact the Parish office.

Coming soon...the 2024 Election Guide! It contains a brief profile for each candidate and is a great way to "put a face with a name" if you are not familiar with the candidates.



BAKE SALE

Who: ST. SOPHIA YOUTH MINISTRY
When: TODAY!
(following Divine Liturgy)

*Breads, cakes, cookies, pies,
 holiday goodies, YUM!!*

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sat. Nov. 23 rd	5:00 pm	Adult Catechism (led by Fr. Symeon) – in the church hall
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
Mon. Nov. 25 th	12:15 pm 8:45 am	Greek school (adults) Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy St. Katherine the Great Martyr
Tues. Nov. 26 th	7:00 pm	St. Sophia Young Adult Friendsgiving Potluck in the church hall
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
Sat. Nov. 30 th	5:00 pm	Adult Catechism (led by Fr. Symeon) – in the church hall
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
Sat. Dec. 7 th	5:00 pm	Adult Catechism (led by Fr. Symeon) – in the church hall
Sun. Dec. 8 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 10 th Sunday of Luke Parish Council Elections after Divine Liturgy
Wed. Dec. 11 th	12:15 pm 5:30 pm	Greek school (adults) JOY/HOPE Meeting
Thurs. Dec. 12 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy St. Spyridon the Wonderworker
Sat. Dec. 14 th	4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Greek school (children) Adult Catechism (led by Fr. Symeon) – in the church hall
Sun. Dec. 15 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 11 th Sunday of Luke
Thurs. Dec. 19 th	12:15 pm 4:30 pm	Greek school (adults) Greek school (children)
Sat. Dec. 21 st	5:00 pm	Adult Catechism (led by Fr. Symeon) – in the church hall

SAVE THE DATE **TRIVIA**

FEBRUARY 8, 2025 **NITE**

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Thanksgiving

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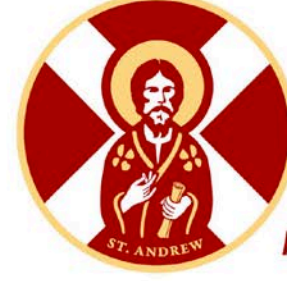
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Juice, Peanut Butter, Beans, Lentils, Nuts,
Canned Meat, Stews, Vegetables & Fruit,
Tomato Paste/Sauce, Soup, Rice, Pasta,
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Crackers, Breakfast Foods and Personal
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