

**St. Sophia/SS. Faith, Hope & Agape Greek Orthodox Church**  
**January 26, 2025**



**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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Metropolis of New Jersey



January 26, 2025  
15th Sunday of Luke  
Xenophon & his Companions  
Symeon the Elder of Mount Sinai

## ENTRANCE HYMNS

### Resurrectional Apolytikion – Angelike Dinamis (“Angelic Powers”)

*Angelic Powers were in Your Sepulchre and those who guarded You became as men long dead. And standing there was Mary by Your Tomb seeking Your pure and sacred Body, O You despoiled Hades yet tempted not by him were You. You did meet the Virgin O Life Bestower, O You Who rose from the dead, Glory to You O Lord.*

### Apolytikion 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 δύτατον, τοὺς τῆς νηδύος σου βλαστούς, δι’ α γώνων εὐαγῶν, Ἀγάπην τε καὶ 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 Christu 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 mitran parthenikin (“The womb of a virgin”)

*You sanctified the womb of the Virgin by Your birth, and by Your presentation You blessed the hands of Symeon, when You came, and You saved us, O Christ our God. Now we pray You give peace to Your world at war, and let love for Your people prevail in all, O only benevolent Lord.*



# ALTAR SERVER RETREAT

Led by His Eminence  
Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey

Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 2 P.M.

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

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## 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*

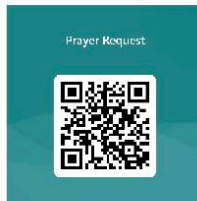
"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing you will receive." *Matthew 21:22*

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



### Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15

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

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

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

### Ἀνάγνωσις ἐπιστολῆς

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον α' 4:9-15 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

*Σῶσον, Κύριε τὸν λαὸν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.  
Στίχ. Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράξομαι ὁ Θεός μου.*

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος. Εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ καὶ κοπιῶμεν καὶ ὀνειδιζόμεθα, ὅτι ἠλπίκαμεν ἐπὶ θεῷ ζῶντι, ὃς ἐστὶν σωτὴρ πάντων ἀνθρώπων, μάλιστα πιστῶν. Παράγγελλε ταῦτα καὶ δίδασκε. Μηδεὶς σου τῆς νεότητος καταφρονεῖτω, ἀλλὰ τύπος γίνου τῶν πιστῶν ἐν λόγῳ, ἐν ἀναστροφῇ, ἐν ἀγάπῃ, ἐν πνεύματι, ἐν πίστει, ἐν ἀγνείᾳ. Ἔως ἔρχομαι, πρόσσεχε τῇ ἀναγνώσει, τῇ παρακλήσει, τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ. Μὴ ἀμέλει τοῦ ἐν σοὶ χαρίσματος, ὃ ἐδόθη σοὶ διὰ προφητείας μετὰ ἐπιθέσεως τῶν χειρῶν τοῦ πρεσβυτερίου. Ταῦτα μελέτα, ἐν τούτοις ἴσθι, ἵνα σου ἡ προκοπὴ φανερὰ ᾖ ἐν πᾶσιν.

**GOSPEL READING**  
**The Gospel According to Luke 19:1-10**

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

**ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ**  
**Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 19:1-10 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, διήρχετο τὴν Ἱεριχώ· καὶ ἰδοὺ ἀνὴρ ὀνόματι καλούμενος Ζακχαῖος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν ἀρχιτελώνης, καὶ οὗτος ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐζήτει ἰδεῖν τὸν Ἰησοῦν τίς ἐστι, καὶ οὐκ ἠδύνατο ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄχλου, ὅτι τῇ ἡλικίᾳ μικρὸς ἦν. καὶ προδραμῶν ἔμπροσθεν ἀνέβη ἐπὶ συκομορέαν, ἵνα ἴδῃ αὐτόν, ὅτι ἐκείνης ἡμέλλε διέρχεσθαι. καὶ ὡς ἦλθεν ἐπὶ τὸν τόπον, ἀναβλέψας ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδεν αὐτόν καὶ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν· Ζακχαῖε, σπεύσας κατάβηθι· σήμερον γὰρ ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ σου δεῖ με μείναι. καὶ σπεύσας κατέβη, καὶ ὑπεδέξατο αὐτόν χαίρων. καὶ ἰδόντες πάντες διεγόγγυζον λέγοντες ὅτι παρὰ ἀμαρτωλῶ ἀνδρὶ εἰσῆλθε καταῦσαι. σταθεὶς δὲ Ζακχαῖος εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Κύριον· ἰδοὺ τὰ ἡμίση τῶν ὑπαρχόντων μου, Κύριε, δίδωμι τοῖς πτωχοῖς, καὶ εἴ τινός τι ἐσυκοφάντησα, ἀποδίδωμι τετραπλοῦν. εἶπε δὲ πρὸς αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι σήμερον σωτηρία τῷ οἴκῳ τούτῳ ἐγένετο, καθότι καὶ αὐτὸς υἱὸς Ἀβραάμ ἐστιν. ἦλθε γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ζητῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι τὸ ἀπολλωλός.

**January 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 to a specific charitable organization selected by Philoptochos.

Donations made to the Philoptochos Poor Box in January will be provided to **Good Works, Inc.**, a Chester County nonprofit that repairs homes for low income families at no cost. You can learn more about this worthwhile organization at [www.goodworksinc.org](http://www.goodworksinc.org). Please remember In your prayers those who are in the care of and who work for Good Works, Inc.

Thank you for your generosity in support of St. Sophia Philoptochos's efforts in supporting organizations in our mission to "help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the church through fundraising efforts".



**LIVE YOUR FAITH. SERVE FOR A YEAR.**

Orthodox Volunteer Corps (OVC) is a yearlong domestic service program for Orthodox young adults and an official Agency of the Assembly of Bishops. We offer young adults from across the country an immersive year of service in Pittsburgh and Boston, working at homeless shelters, after-school programs, free medical clinics, and more. In addition, Corps Members receive weekly formation & training in Orthodoxy and community-based leadership development, live in community with other Orthodox young adults, and engage local parishes. Housing, transportation, and food are 100% covered.



To learn more, scan the QR code. Application deadline for Fall 2025 is February 20. Applicants must be 21-29 years old.

Nominate a young adult or apply yourself today!

[www.orthodoxvolunteercorps.org](http://www.orthodoxvolunteercorps.org)



**His Eminence  
Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey  
Cordially invites all the dedicated Faithful  
of the Delaware Valley Region to the Annual**

***Greek Letters Day Celebration***

*Honoring the Three Hierarchs of our Orthodox Church*



*St. John Chrysostom, St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory the Theologian*

**Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 4:00 pm**

**St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church**

**229 Powell Lane, Upper Darby, PA 19082**

**Please RSVP to the Parish Office at 610-352-7212  
by January 17, 2025**

**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  
μη 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](http://orthodoxtoday.wordpress.com)

## MORTGAGE REDUCTION CAMPAIGN

**We did it!** Our Mortgage Reduction Campaign raised \$133,712.11 in 2024, which secured us an anonymous matching gift of \$100,000. Along with our regular payments, our mortgage, which started in April 2012 at \$1,550,000, was reduced from \$654,115.57 on January 1, 2024 to **\$329,426.20 on January 1, 2025**. Thank you to our Stewards and friends who participated in 2024, and please help us continue to reduce the mortgage to \$0 in the near future.

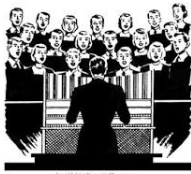
Following is the list of stewards and friends of St. Sophia who contributed to the Mortgage Reduction Campaign for December. **The total for December was \$151,437.00.**

We will continue to provide a monthly listing of Mortgage Reduction collections from the previous month.

Anonymous	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Lowry	Mr. & Mrs. John Samaras
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Altum	Mr. & Mrs. Edward McAdoo	Mr. & Mrs. Constantine Samios
Dr. & Mrs. Angelos C. Ballas	Mr. & Mrs. Shawn McElhinney	Mr. & Mrs. Saimir Sinoimeri
Mr. & Mrs. Matt Bannon	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Moses	Drs. Charalambos & Melpo
Mr. Roy Baulch	Dr. Marianne & Mr. Alexander	Christofidou Solomides
Dr. & Mrs. Christopher Dankmyer	Nikas	Mr. & Mrs. Georgios Spyropoulos
Mr. Gerry Dibona	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony	Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Stolarczyk
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Diccianni	Pantazopoulos	Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Sturm
Mrs. Irene Giardina	Ms. Sophia Papadakes	Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Tavlarides
Mr. & Mrs. William Good	Mr. & Mrs. John Papadimitriou	Mrs. Shirley Tripolitis
Mr. & Mrs. Art Happas	Dr. & Mrs. Peter Patukas	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Tsikalas
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Kane	Mr. John Peregrin	Ms. Katherine Tsipras
Mrs. Evangelia A. Klapakis	Ms. Kathryn Peregrin	Mr. & Mrs. Socratis Tsipras
Mr. & Mrs. George Klapakis	Mr. & Mrs. Aram Piligian	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Vail
Mr. & Mrs. Bart Kline	Ms. Christina Portias	Rev. Fr. Symeon Williams
Mr. & Mrs. Leonidas N. Koletas	Mr. & Mrs. Rami Richie	Mr. & Mrs. Roger Witt
Mr. Alexios Koutsoukas	Mr. John Rodakis	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Zarcone
Mrs. Effie Liacouras	Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Sabia	Mr. Theodore Zavitsanos
Mr. & Mrs. Alexandros Lousos		Special Collection 12/22/24

**2025 Ecclesiastical Calendars:** To save the Parish resources, 2025 Church calendars are available for pickup in the Narthex of the church and on the table outside of the Parish office. The calendars are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. **We respectfully request that each stewarding family take only 1 calendar per household.** 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).



**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@myisolutions.com](mailto:tcox@myisolutions.com). Thank you!

## Godparen<sup>ts</sup> Sunday February 2, 2025

Godparents and Godchildren are encouraged to come to church together to worship and receive Holy Communion



Plan to spend this day with your Godparents, Godchildren & Κουμπάρου, renewing your unity in Christ

Pick up an invitation from the Pangari or your child's classroom to invite their Godparent(s)

### 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.

**Memorial:** Today's memorial is chanted for **Kalliopi Kritikos (1 year)**, beloved mother of Dr. Konstantina (Dina) Karalis and loving Yiayia to Xena Karalis and George Karalis. May her memory be eternal.

**40-day Baby Blessing:** Mr. & Mrs. Matthew and Marika Vandegrift present their second child, a boy, for the traditional 40-day blessing. May God bless **Jack Matthew**, big sister Anastasia Francis and their parents!

**Coffee Hour:** Thank you to Dr. Dina Karalis (in conjunction with the Parish Council, who is offering the Stewardship Appreciation brunch) for offering today's coffee hour.

**Stewardship Appreciation Sunday:** In appreciation for the tremendous support of our stewards, the Parish Council invites you to a complimentary brunch **today**, immediately following Divine Liturgy. We hope you can join us in fellowship!

**AHEPA Meeting:** On **Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, there will be a meeting of AHEPA following Divine Liturgy.

**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.

**Girl Scout Cookies Have Arrived!** It's that wonderful time of year again for our local Girl Scout Troops to sell their delicious cookies! Please support our local Girl Scouts that belong to our parish. Don't delay... the cookies will only be here for a few weeks.

**SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS**

Fri. Jan 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 am 6:30 pm	National March for Life – depart St. Sophia at 7:30 am Adult Catechism (led by Fr. Symeon) – in the church hall
Sun. Jan. 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 am	<b>Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</b> Stewardship Appreciation Sunday
	12:15 pm 4:00 pm	Greek School (adults) Greek Letters Day Celebration at St. Demetrios, Upper Darby
Thurs. Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 am	<b>Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>Three Hierarchs</b>
	4:30 pm 6:30 pm	Greek School (children) Adult Catechism (led by Fr. Symeon) – in the church hall
Fri. Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>		DVYC Ski & Snow Tubing Trip
Sat. Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>		<b>Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple</b>
Sun. Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:45 am	Godparent Sunday AHEPA Meeting after Divine Liturgy
	12:15 pm 8:45 am	Greek School (Adults) <b>Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>Symeon the God-Receiver, Anna the Prophetess</b>
Mon. Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Greek School (children)
Thurs. Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 pm	Adult Catechism (led by Fr. Symeon) – in the church hall
Fri. Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Trivia Nite (doors open 5pm; Trivia begins 6pm)
Sat. Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	<b>Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins Today</b>
Sun. Feb. 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 am	Super Bowl Greek Food Fundraiser during coffee hour
	12:15 pm 4:30 pm	Greek School (Adults) Greek School (Children)
Thurs. Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup>		Music & Dance Festival, Sheraton Hotel Downtown Philadelphia
Fri-Sun, 2/14-16		<b>Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</b>
Sun. Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 am	Greek School (Adults)
	12:15 pm 4:30 pm	Greek School (Adults) Greek School (Children)
Thurs. Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>		Kolyva class (in the Parish kitchen)
Fri. Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Time TBD	<b>Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>Saturday of Souls</b>
Sat. Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:45 am	



Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey



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

### TRIVIA NITE BASKET RAFFLE HAS BEGUN

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE DURING COFFEE HOUR  
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY THROUGH 2/2/25

Tickets are available during coffee hour following  
Divine Liturgy through 2/2/2025.

We will also sell tickets the night of our Trivia Nite event on  
Saturday, February 8, 2025.



### Blessing of the Homes at Theophany

If you wish to have your homes and/or businesses blessed after the Feast of Theophany, please contact the Parish office to schedule a visitation ([office@saintsophiachurch.org](mailto:office@saintsophiachurch.org) or 610-650-8960.)

What do we do to prepare to have our home blessed?

1. Welcome the priest into your home.
2. Gather your family in the kitchen or dining room with an icon and a small bowl of water along with a list of the living family members to pray for.
3. Be attentive to the prayers and respond to the petitions with "Kyrie Eleison".
4. When it comes time to bless the home, lead the priest to the various rooms to be blessed.
5. The priest offers a concluding prayer and blesses each family member.
6. Spend some time getting to know one another.

**ST. SOPHIA  
SUPER BOWL  
GYRO LUNCH**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2025**

**Immediately following Divine Liturgy**

**See Super Bowl Catering Menu for Other Greek Favorites**

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# TRIVIA NITE

**FEBRUARY 8, 2025**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5PM - TRIVIA BEGINS AT 6PM**  
**REGISTRATION/PAYMENT DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 7th**

**\$25 Adults / \$20 Students**  
**Coffee & Dessert Included - BYOB**

ST. SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
 900 S TROOPER RD, JEFFERSONVILLE, PA 19403

**REGISTRATION DETAILS ON:**  
[www.saintsophiachurch.org/trivianite](http://www.saintsophiachurch.org/trivianite)

Please bring non-perishable food items for the Patrician Society  
 & receive a special raffle ticket

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**Super Bowl Food Fundraiser**  
**FEBRUARY 9, 2025**

**Order Trays of your Favorite Greek Food**

**Gyro - Pita Chips w/ Tzatziki - Dolmades**  
**Greek Salad - Spanakopita - Baklava**

Scan QR Code for Order Form

**Pickup between 11 AM - 2 PM**  
**Fr. John. A. Limberakis Cultural Center**

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