

June 26, 2022

2nd Sunday of Matthew

David the Righteous of Thessalonika

Appearance of the Icon of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos of Tikhvin



## ENTRANCE HYMNS

### Resurrectional Apolytikion – Tou Lithou Sfragisthentos (“The Stone Had Been Sealed”)

*The Jews had sealed the stone that was set before Your Tomb and around Your Grave soldiers guarded Your Pure and Sacred Body, yet Savior You arose the third day and granted to the world Your gift of Life. For this do the powers of Heaven acclaim You the Life bestower. Glory to Your Resurrection and glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation, O only Friend of man.*

### 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 ἡ δύτατον, τοὺς τῆς νηδύος σου βλαστούς, δι’ α γώνων 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 martys semni, ke prosigages Christo karpon idytaton, tus tis nidyos su vlastus, di’ agonon evagon, Agapin te ke Elpida, syn ti theofroni Pisti; meth’ on dysopi yper pandon imon.*

#### English

*As an olive tree laden with fruit you sprouted forth, in the courtyards of the Lord, Sophia martyr dignified, and you brought to Christ a fruit most sweet, Namely your womb’s own sprouts, brought up by instructive deeds: your daughters Love and Hope, along with God-minded Faith; together intercede with God for us all.*

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

*O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty; but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith. Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.*

**The Ladies Philoptochos Society has a designated Poor Box in the Narthex to help fund its mission to aid those in need.**

Please consider supporting the philanthropic outreach of our church through the Philoptochos Poor Box located in the Pangari. Each month (unless otherwise noted) 100% of the donations are designated for a local charity.

Donations made to the Philoptochos Poor Box for the month of June benefit The Clinic in Phoenixville, which provides quality healthcare for the uninsured. You can learn more about The Clinic at <https://www.theclinicpa.org/>.

Please consider donating to this worthwhile charity at: <http://www.saintsophiachurch.org/poorboxdonations.html>, or submit a check payable to St. Sophia Philoptochos and indicate Poor Box on the memo line. Gift Cards are also a welcome addition!

God bless you and thank you for your support!

**Philoptochos Scholarships:** The Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos, with the blessings of His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia, and our Metropolis Chancellor, the Very Reverend Father Christoforos Oikonomidis, is embarking upon a new initiative. Each year we will be offering an opportunity to qualifying High School seniors, who are enrolled in an accredited University, College, or Trade School, to apply for a Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos merit based scholarship. There are five (5) scholarships for 2022, each in the amount of \$1,000.00 and they will be awarded to qualifying applicants. For more information and to download an application, go to: <https://www.saintsophiachurch.org/uploads/1/8/6/1/18610160/anastasiamichals.memorial.scholarship.final.app.pdf>

# TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME



## SATURDAY JULY 23, 2022 - 6:05PM

**\$35 PER TICKET - PAYMENT IN ADVANCE**  
**ONLY 30 TICKETS AVAILABLE**

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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 being chanted for **Nikolaos Mylonas** (6 months), beloved husband of Pelagia and father of Barbara (Christos) Karagiannopoulos and son, Charlie (Megan), and grandchildren, Melina, Natalia, Charles and Catherine. May his memory be eternal.

**40-Day Baby Blessing:** **Ari and Yasmine Sitaras** present their first child, a girl, for the traditional 40-day baby blessing. May God bless **Eva** and her parents!

**Coffee Sponsor:** Thank you to Lou and Donna Christou for hosting today's coffee hour.

**Coffee Hour Sponsors Needed:** If you are interested in hosting a coffee hour, don't forget to sign up on the Coffee Hour Sponsor Sheet on the door near the coffee/refreshments table.

**Festival Lawn Signs:** Please return any Festival Lawn Signs that you may have taken, as we recycle them. You may place them in the alcove outside of the Office Entrance.

**Pastoral Visits - A Request to All Parishioners:** If you desire a pastoral visit in case of a hospitalization, or for someone who is homebound, in a nursing facility, or in prison, please have an immediate family member notify the Parish office at 610-650-8960 so that a visit can be arranged.

**Bulletin Announcements:** Any church organization requesting that their announcement or flyer be placed in the bulletin must submit their material by 12 noon Wednesday for the upcoming Sunday's bulletin. Please e-mail information to [office@saintsophiachurch.org](mailto:office@saintsophiachurch.org).

**In Case of Emergency:** If you are having an **extreme medical emergency ONLY** and are in need of an Orthodox priest, please call the Parish office at 610-650-8960.

Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:10-16

*Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.  
Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Ἀνάγνωσις ἐπιστολῆς  
Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 2:10-16 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

*Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς.  
Στίχ. Ἀγαλλιᾶσθε δίκαιοι ἐν Κυρίῳ*

Ἀδελφοί, δόξα δὲ καὶ τιμὴ καὶ εἰρήνη παντὶ τῷ ἐργαζομένῳ τὸ ἀγαθόν, Ἰουδαίῳ τε πρῶτον καὶ Ἑλληνι· οὐ γὰρ ἐστὶν προσωποληψία παρὰ τῷ θεῷ. Ὅσοι γὰρ ἀνόμως ἤμαρτον, ἀνόμως καὶ ἀπολοῦνται· καὶ ὅσοι ἐν νόμῳ ἤμαρτον, διὰ νόμου κριθήσονται· οὐ γὰρ οἱ ἄκροαταὶ τοῦ νόμου δίκαιοι παρὰ τῷ θεῷ, ἀλλ' οἱ ποιηταὶ τοῦ νόμου δικαιωθήσονται. Ὅταν γὰρ ἔθνη τὰ μὴ νόμον ἔχοντα φύσει τὰ τοῦ νόμου ποιῇ, οὗτοι, νόμον μὴ ἔχοντες, ἑαυτοῖς εἰσὶν νόμος· οἵτινες ἐνδείκνυνται τὸ ἔργον τοῦ νόμου γραπτὸν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις αὐτῶν, συμμαρτυρούσης αὐτῶν τῆς συνειδήσεως, καὶ μεταξὺ ἀλλήλων τῶν λογισμῶν κατηγορούντων ἢ καὶ ἀπολογουμένων, ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ὅτε κρινεῖ ὁ θεὸς τὰ κρυπτὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, κατὰ τὸ εὐαγγέλιόν μου, διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.

**GOSPEL READING**  
**The Gospel According to Matthew 4:18-23**

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

**ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ**  
**Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 4:18-23 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, περιπατῶν δὲ παρὰ τὴν θάλασσαν τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶδε δύο ἀδελφούς, Σίμωνα τὸν λεγόμενον Πέτρον καὶ Ἀνδρέαν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, βάλλοντας ἀμφίβληστρον εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν· ἦσαν γὰρ ἀλιεῖς· καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· δεῦτε ὀπίσω μου καὶ ποιήσω ὑμᾶς ἀλιεῖς ἀνθρώπων. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὰ δίκτυα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ προβάς ἐκεῖθεν εἶδεν ἄλλους δύο ἀδελφούς, Ἰάκωβον τὸν τοῦ Ζεβεδαίου καὶ Ἰωάννην τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ μετὰ Ζεβεδαίου τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτῶν καταρτίζοντας τὰ δίκτυα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκάλεσεν αὐτούς. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὸ πλοῖον καὶ τὸν πατέρα αὐτῶν ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ περιῆγεν ὅλην τὴν Γαλιλαίαν ὃ Ἰησοῦς διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.

**Communion Prayers**

*I believe and confess, Lord, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. I also believe that this is truly Your pure Body and that this is truly Your precious Blood. Therefore, I pray to You, have mercy upon me, and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed, in knowledge or in ignorance. And make me worthy, without condemnation, to partake of Your pure Mysteries for the remission of sins and for eternal life. Amen.*

*Behold, I approach for Divine Communion.  
O Maker, burn me not as I partake,  
For You are fire consuming the unworthy.  
But cleanse me from every stain.*

*O Son of God, receive me today as a partaker of Your mystical supper. For I will not speak of the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss, as did Judas. But like the thief, I confess to You: Remember me, Lord, in Your Kingdom.*

*Tremble, O man, as you behold the divine Blood.  
It is a burning coal that sears the unworthy.  
The Body of God both deifies and nourishes me:  
It deifies the Spirit and wondrously nourishes the mind.*

*You have smitten me with yearning, O Christ, and by Your divine eros You have changed me. But burn up with spiritual fire my sins, and grant me to be filled with delight in You, so that, leaping for joy, I may magnify, O Good One, Your two comings.*

*How shall I, who am unworthy, enter into the splendor of Your saints? If I should dare to enter into the bridal chamber, my vesture will condemn me, since it is not a wedding garment; and being bound up, I shall be cast out by the angels. Cleanse, O Lord, the filth of my soul, and save me, as You are the one Who loves mankind. In Your love, Lord, cleanse my soul, and save me.*

*Master Who loves mankind, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these Holy Gifts be to my judgment because I am unworthy, but rather for the purification and sanctification of both soul and body and the pledge of the life and Kingdom to come. It is good for me to cleave unto God and to place in Him the hope of my salvation.*

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# Summer FULL OF LIFE

## Interfaith Blood Drive

to address the nation-wide blood shortage

Joint effort of congregations from:

*Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church*

*The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*

**Tuesday, June 28, 2022**

**2 pm – 7 pm**

**2530 Stinson Lane  
(Up the block from St. Sophia)  
Norristown, PA 19403**

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### SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Tues. June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Interfaith Blood Drive at Mormon Church up the block from St. Sophia (see flyer)
Wed. June 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am – Divine Liturgy – Holy Apostles Peter & Paul
Thurs. June 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am – Divine Liturgy – Synaxis of Holy Apostles
July 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Fr. Peter away -- 46th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress, New York City, NY

### **MORTGAGE REDUCTION CAMPAIGN**

We would like to thank the following stewards and friends of St. Sophia for contributing to May's Mortgage Reduction Campaign. **The total for May was \$12,535.00.**

Each month we will list the Mortgage Reduction collections for the previous month.

### **Great News!** Take Advantage of it!

Your contributions to our Mortgage Reduction Fund can now be doubled. Through the kindness and generosity of an anonymous donor who is willing to match our donations up to \$30,000, we can put a serious dent in our mortgage principal.

Anonymous	Mr. & Mrs. Dean Laskaris	Mr. & Mrs. John Pogas
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