DISCOVERING TREASURES THRU TROUBLES

As Orthodox Christians, we are different. Once we were lost, but now we are found. Once we were bound for hell, but now we are bound for heaven. We are believers in God, merely travelling thru this world towards our ultimate destination . . . PARADISE. But what makes us react differently? We have discovered answers and found a new reason for living.

We recognize that our TREASURES are ETERNAL. God has a plan for us and nothing is a surprise to Him. We have been set apart by the Holy Spirit. We found peace, having been cleansed by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We have been provided with a living hope. We know our eternal inheritance awaits us in heaven.

We realize that our TROUBLES are TEMPORARY. We have cause to rejoice. Our sins have been forgiven. Although we are not immune to trouble, we are confident that it will not last. Discouragement is short-term; joy in Christ is permanent. Know that God will wipe away all the tears from your eyes.

Our TRIALS are filled with PURPOSE. Life is full of troubles which test our will power. Remain strong in your faith and these passing problems will ultimately seem small when we dwell with Christ.

The News is good! We repentant sinners can come to Christ and receive comfort and eternal life. This is the promise of our loving God.
ENTRANCE HYMNS

Resurrectional Apolytikion – To Fedhron Tis Anastaseos (“The Joyful News of Your Resurrection”)
The joyful news of your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with his great mercy.

Apolytikion of St. Sophia/Ss. Faith, Hope & Agape

Greek
Ος ελαία κατά καρπος ανεβλάστησας, ἐν ταῖς ανλαίς του Κυρίου, Σοφία μάρτυς σεμνή, καὶ προσήγαγες Χριστῷ καρπόν ἐν δύτατον, τούς τής νηδύου σου βλαστούς, δι’ αἱ γώνων εὐαγων, Ἀγάπην τε καὶ Ἑλπίδα σὺν τῇ θεόφρονι Πίστει, μεθ’ ὑπέρ πάντων ἡμῶν. 

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.

English Phonetics for Greek
Os elai’ kαt’’ 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.

Seasonal Kontakion – Prostasis 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.
**Epistle Reading**

O Lord, how manifold are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

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

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.
At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

GOSPEL READING

Τῷ καιρῷ ἔκεινῳ, ἐξελβάνει ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἀνεχόμενην εἰς τὰ μέρη Τύρου καὶ Σιδώνος, καὶ ἵδιος γυνὴ Χαναάναία ἀπὸ τῶν ὅριων ἔκεινων ἐξελθοῦσα ἔκραυγαξεν αὐτῷ λέγουσαν· ἐλέησόν με, Κύριε, ὡς δὲ ἡ δαμασκηνική ἡ γυναίκα μου ὑποπνοεῖται, ὃ δὲ οὐκ ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῇ λόγον. καὶ προσελθόντες οἱ μαθηται αὐτοῦ ἡμῶν αὐτῶν λέγοντες· ἀπόλυσον αὐτήν, ὅτι κράζει διπλαίτης ἡμῶν. ὃ δὲ ἀποκρίθης εἶπεν· οὖς ἀπαστάλην εἰ μὴ εἰς τὰ πρόβατα τὰ ἀπολωλότα ὁκου Ἰσραηλ. ἡ δὲ ἐλθοῦσα προσεκύνησεν αὐτῷ λέγουσα· Κύριε, βοήθει μοι. ὃ δὲ ἀποκρίθης εἶπεν· οὐκ ἠστί καλὸν λαβεῖν τὸν ἄρτον τῶν τέκνων καὶ βαλέιν τοῖς κυναιρίοις. ὃ δὲ εἶπεν· ναί, Κύριε· καὶ γὰρ τὰ κυνάρια ἐσθίει ἀπὸ τῶν ψυχῶν τῶν πιπτόντων ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης τῶν κυρίων αὐτῶν. τὸτε ἀποκρίθης ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῇ· ὦ γυναι, μεγάλη σου ἡ πίστις! γενηθήσῃ σοι ὡς θέλεις. καὶ ἴδοι ὡς θυγάτηρ αὐτῆς ἀπὸ τῆς ὑρας ἐκείνης.
February Poor Box Donations
Thank you for considering a gift!

Please consider supporting the philanthropic outreach of our Church through the Philoptochos Poor Box located in the Pangari. Each month 100% of the donations are designated for a local charity.

Donations made to the Philoptochos Poor Box for February benefit Meals on Wheels of Chester County, which provides nutritious meals and personal interaction to homebound adults to help them live independently in their own homes. You can learn more about this worthwhile nonprofit at https://mowcc.org. Please pray for the elderly and their families who are helped by Meals and Wheels as well as those who work on their behalf.

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. God bless you!

HELP WANTED!
We are looking for friendly, welcoming faces to be part of our Pangari Team. You do NOT need to be a member of the Parish Council to serve Pangari duty. What you do need to do is welcome fellow parishioners, make change when they purchase candles, help with passing the collection tray, etc. It's a great way to serve the Parish and to learn more about how the Parish operates as you'll be serving next to existing Parish Council members. If you are interested, then please reach out to either Elaine Piligian (Parish secretary) or John Pogas.

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) or email him at tcox@myisolutions.com. Thank you!

The Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia – Scholarships: HUC is now accepting applications for the 2024-25 Scholarships for graduating high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate students of Greek descent. Eligibility requirements, and details of the applications can be found at https://lnkd.in/dnHEH_vS. Deadline April 1, 2024. For any information, please send email to: hucscholarships@gmail.com.

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
### THE LORD’S PRAYER


Tón ár-ton i-môn ton e-pí-óu-si-on dos i-mín si-me-ron ke á-fes i-mín ta o-fe-li-ma-ta i-món, os ke i-mís a-fi-e-men tís o-fi-lé-tes i-món ke mi i-se-nég-ki-s i-más is pi-ras-món, al-la ri-se i-más a-pó tou po-ní-roi.

### ENGLISH PHONETICS

Phonetics by Dr. Christine Kerdelhui, orthodoxtoday.wordpress.com

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**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.

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**GREEK**

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς ἅγιος θεός τὸ ἱερόν σου, ἔλθητι ἡ βασιλεία σου, γενηθήτω τὸ βλέμα σου, ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς.

Τῶν ἁρτον ἡμῶν τῶν ἐποίησαν δός ἡμῖν σίμηρον καὶ ἄρειμα ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν, ὡς καὶ ἡμῖς ἁρτεμιν τῶν ὀφειλήτοις ἡμῶν καὶ μη εἰσενέγκητι ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμόν, ἀλλὰ δίναι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ.
February 18, 2024
Sunday of the Canaanite
Leo the Great, Pope of Rome
Agapetus the Confessor, Bishop of Sinai
Flavian the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople

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 Panagia – 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 the souls of:

Presvytera Elizabeth (Constantine) Limberakis (1 year), devoted wife to Father John A. Limberakis, of blessed memory, she was the mother of four children: Evangelyn, who predeceased her, Cary (Alexis), Anthony (Maria) and Catherine (James); grandmother to Alyssa, Jaclyn, Jonathan and Kyra Limberakis; John, Anthony and Elizabeth Limberakis; and Andrea, John and Peter Tsatalis, as well as great-grandmother to Peter, Alexia and Jack, Dakota and Anthony, Evangeline and Anthony. May her memory be eternal.

AND

Doris Papaioannou (1 year), beloved mother of Kristin (Eron) Ahmeti and Demetrios (Penny) Papaioannou. She was a loving grandmother to Tina, Angelica, Nick, Demetrios, and Arianna, great-grandmother of Athan, Ariana, Maria, Jimmy, Penelope, George, and Orion. May her memory be eternal.

Coffee Hour: Thank you to the Limberakis and Ahmeti families for offering today’s luncheon in memory of their loved ones.

Help Wanted: Our good friends at the Collegeville Diner are looking to hire much-needed staff! They are looking to hire a host/hostess to work Mon-Sat, 8am -3pm. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Dimitri (Jim) Voutsinas at jim.voutsinas@gmail.com or at 215-989-1950.
The next series of Adult Education classes will begin on Wednesday, February 21st at 7:00 pm, in the nave of the church:

**Saint Polycarp: Bishop, Martyr, and Teacher of Apostolic Tradition**

- **Wednesday, February 21st, 7-8 pm** - St. Polycarp of Smyrna: The Man and His Epistle
- **Wednesday, February 28th, 7-8 pm** - The Epistle to the Philippians: Exhortations unto Righteousness
- **Wednesday, March 6th, 7-8 pm** - The Martyrdom of St. Polycarp: The Text, Its Contents, Theology and Literary Format

**SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS**

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"Lift up and stretch out your hands, not to heaven but to the poor; for if you stretch out your hands to the poor, you have reached the summit of heaven, but if you lift up your hands in prayer without sharing with the poor, it is worth nothing." — St. John Chrysostom

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