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St. Sophia/Ss Faith, Hope & Agape
Greek Orthodox Church of Valley Forge
900 South Trooper Rd., Jeffersonville, PA 19403

**Rev. Fr. Konstantinos Loukas
Proistamenos**

December 21, 2025

8:45 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

 **Fast Day | Wine and oil are allowed.
Refrain from meat, fish, dairy, and eggs.**

Sunday before Nativity

Forefeast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Juliana of Nicomedia & her 630 Companion Martyrs

Themistocles the Martyr of Myra

Peter, Metropolitan of Moscow



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ENTRANCE HYMNS

Resurrectional Apolytikion – Efrenesthō 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 for the Forefeast – Etimazou, Vithle-em (“O Bethlehem, Prepare”)

*O Bethlehem, prepare, Eden is opened unto all. * And be ready, Ephrata, for the Tree of life * has in the grotto blossomed forth from the Virgin. * Indeed her womb is shown to be spiritually * a Paradise, in which is found the God-planted Tree. * And if we eat from it we shall live, and shall not die, as did Adam of old. * Christ is born, so that He might raise up * the formerly fallen image.*

Apolytikion for the Pre-Nativity–Meghala ta tis pisteos (“Magnificent are the accomplishments of faith”)

Magnificent are the accomplishments of faith! The holy Three Servants greatly rejoiced, as they stood in the fountain of fire, as if beside the still waters; and the Prophet Daniel appeared to be a shepherd of lions, as if they were sheep. At their entreaties, O Christ God, save our souls.

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

Greek

Ὁς ἐλαία κατὰ καρπὸς ἀνεβλάστησας, ἐν ταῖς ἀνταῖς τοῦ Κυρίου, Σοφία μάρτυς σεμνή, καὶ 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 martyrs 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 – I Parthenos simeron ton proeonion Loghon (“On this day the Virgin Maid”)

*On this day the Virgin Maid * goes to the grotto to give birth * to the pre-eternal Word * in an ineffable manner. * Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. * Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds * Him who willed that He appear as * a newborn Child, * the pre-eternal God.*



Facing the needs of our neighbors, together.

FOCUS North America exists to serve the poor by bringing together Orthodox Christian churches and community partners to provide Food, Occupation, Clothing, Understanding, Shelter, and other assistance to address the needs of local communities.

FOCUS Philadelphia – based out of Saint Sophia and led by John Pogas as Center Director – is committed to understanding and addressing the needs of our neighbors. As Christ said, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did for me” - Matthew 25:40

We serve hot meals in

- Norristown every Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM
- Philadelphia every Thursday evening at 8:00 PM

Discover how you can support this vital ministry either by volunteering, donating food, funding or simply spreading the word. Visit www.focusphiladelphia.org to learn more or use our SignUpGenius (link below).



Link to SignUpGenius

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.

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/LZAHY16LSZ> **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 Letter to the Hebrews 11:9-10; 32-40

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

BRETHREN, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundation, whose builder and maker is God.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Ἀνάγνωσις ἐπιστολῆς

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 11:9-10, 32-40 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

***Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν.
Στίχ. Ὅτι δίκαιος εἶ ἐπὶ πᾶσιν, οἷς ἐποίησας ἡμῖν.***

Ἀδελφοί, πίστει παρώκνησεν Ἀβραὰμ εἰς τὴν γῆν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας ὡς ἀλλοτρίαν, ἐν σκηναῖς κατοικήσας μετὰ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ Ἰακώβ τῶν συγκληρονόμων τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τῆς αὐτῆς· ἐξεδέχετο γὰρ τὴν τοῦ θεμελίου ἔχουσαν πόλιν, ἧς τεχνίτης καὶ δημιουργὸς ὁ Θεός. Καὶ τί ἐτι λέγω; Ἐπιλείπει γάρ με διηγούμενον ὁ χρόνος περὶ Γεδεὼν, Βαράκ τε καὶ Σαμψών καὶ Ἰεφθάε, Δαυῖδ τε καὶ Σαμουὴλ καὶ τῶν προφητῶν, οἱ διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἔκλιναν ἀλλοτρίων· ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοῦ νεκροῦ αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπίρσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον, περιήλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι, ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος, ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσι καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὁπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως οὐκ ἔκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ Θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσι.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the Genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

HOPE/JOY Parents: Do you have children in Kindergarten-6th grade? Do you want to get them more involved with our St. Sophia youth? Would you like to keep up to date on DVYC and other calendared HOPE/JOY events? Please join our BAND App for communications, events, calendar, and more...

St. Sophia HOPE/JOY BAND, please scan the QR code **to the right** to join:

ST. SOPHIA HOPE/JOY BAND



Sunday School K-12 Parents: Do you wonder which Sundays we do not have Sunday School over the holidays? When is Sunday School Graduation? Or maybe what is new in Sunday School? Sunday School families please join our BAND App for our communications, calendar, and more...

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HOPE/JOY Dance Parents: Do you have children in Kindergarten – 6th grade who would like to learn to dance Greek dances? Wondering when practice or performances take place? Please join our BAND App for communications, events, calendar, and more...

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December 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 to the Philoptochos Poor Box during the month of December will benefit the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry in Collegeville (www.dailybreadcommunityfoodpantry.org) Their mission is to eliminate hunger in the Perkiomen area by providing residents in need with programs that provide food, promote the value of nutrition, increase self-sufficiency, and instill hope.

Please consider donating to this worthwhile charity 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!

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 1:1-25 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Βίβλος γενέσεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, υἱοῦ Δαυὶδ υἱοῦ Ἀβραάμ. Ἀβραὰμ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰσαάκ, Ἰσαάκ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰακώβ, Ἰακώβ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰούδαν καὶ τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Φαρῆς καὶ τὸν Ζαρά ἐκ τῆς Θάμαρ, Φαρῆς δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἑσρῶμ, Ἑσρῶμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀράμ, Ἀράμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀμιναδάβ, Ἀμιναδάβ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ναασσών, Ναασσών δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Σαλμών, Σαλμών δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Βοὺζ ἐκ τῆς Ραχάβ, Βοὺζ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ὠβηδ ἐκ τῆς Ρούθ, Ὠβηδ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰεσσαί, Ἰεσσαί δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Δαυὶδ τὸν βασιλέα. Δαυὶδ δὲ ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐγέννησε τὸν Σολομῶνα ἐκ τῆς τοῦ Οὐρίου, Σολομῶν δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ροβοάμ, Ροβοάμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀβιά, Ἀβιά δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀσά, Ἀσά δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωσαφάτ, Ἰωσαφάτ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωράμ, Ἰωράμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ὀζιαν, Ὀζίας δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωάθαμ, Ἰωάθαμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀχαζ, Ἀχαζ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐζεκιαν, Ἐζεκιᾶς δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Μανασσῆ, Μανασσῆς δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀμῶν, Ἀμῶν δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωσίαν, Ἰωσίας δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰεχονίαν καὶ τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος.

Μετὰ δὲ τὴν μετοικεσίαν Βαβυλῶνος Ἰεχονίας ἐγέννησε τὸν Σαλαθιήλ, Σαλαθιήλ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ζοροβάβελ, Ζοροβάβελ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀβιουδ, Ἀβιουδ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐλιακείμ, Ἐλιακείμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀζώρ, Ἀζώρ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Σαδῶκ, Σαδῶκ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀχείμ, Ἀχείμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐλιουδ, Ἐλιουδ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐλεάζαρ, Ἐλεάζαρ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ματθάν, Ματθάν δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰακώβ, Ἰακώβ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἄνδρα Μαρίας, ἐξ ἧς ἐγεννήθη Ἰησοῦς ὁ λεγόμενος Χριστός. Πᾶσαι οὖν αἱ γενεαὶ ἀπὸ Ἀβραάμ ἕως Δαυὶδ γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες, καὶ ἀπὸ Δαυὶδ ἕως τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες, καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος ἕως τοῦ Χριστοῦ γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες.

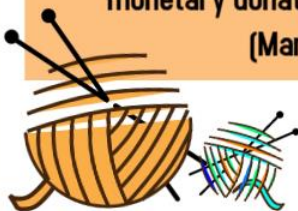
Τοῦ δὲ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἡ γέννησις οὕτως ἦν. μνηστευθείσης γὰρ τῆς μητρὸς αὐτοῦ Μαρίας τῷ Ἰωσήφ, πρὶν ἢ συνελθεῖν αὐτοὺς εὐρέθη ἐν γαστρὶ ἔχουσα ἐκ Πνεύματος Ἁγίου. Ἰωσήφ δὲ ὁ ἀνὴρ αὐτῆς, δίκαιος ὢν καὶ μὴ θέλων αὐτὴν παραδειγματίσαι, ἐβουλήθη λάθρα ἀπολῦσαι αὐτήν. ταῦτα δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐνθυμηθέντος ἰδοὺ ἄγγελος Κυρίου κατ' ὄναρ ἐφάνη αὐτῷ λέγων· Ἰωσήφ υἱὸς Δαυὶδ, μὴ φοβηθῆς παραλαβεῖν Μαρίαν τὴν γυναῖκά σου· τὸ γὰρ ἐν αὐτῇ γεννηθὲν ἐκ Πνεύματος Ἁγίου. τέξεται δὲ υἱὸν καὶ καλέσεις τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦν· αὐτὸς γὰρ σώσει τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν αὐτῶν. Τοῦτο δὲ ὄλον γέγονεν ἵνα πληρωθῆ τὸ ῥηθὲν ὑπὸ τοῦ Κυρίου διὰ τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος· ἰδοὺ ἡ παρθένος ἐν γαστρὶ ἔξει καὶ τέξεται υἱόν, καὶ καλέσουσι τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἐμμανουήλ, ὃ ἐστὶ μεθερμηνευόμενον μεθ' ἡμῶν ὁ Θεός. Διεγερθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰωσήφ ἀπὸ τοῦ ὕπνου ἐποίησεν ὡς προσέταξεν αὐτῷ ὁ ἄγγελος Κυρίου καὶ παρέλαβε τὴν γυναῖκα αὐτοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐγένωσκεν αὐτήν ἕως οὗ ἔτεκε τὸν υἱὸν αὐτῆς τὸν πρωτότοκον, καὶ ἐκάλεσε τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦν.

Saint Sophia Knitting Guild

UPDATE

We're excited to announce that we've launched three new projects and are looking for volunteers and sponsors! If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, please consider joining us. You can also sponsor a project with a yarn or monetary donation. Please email or text Maria Swope for details

(MariaSwope5@gmail.com/610.291.0895).



Our membership is open to those outside our parish as well. So feel free to share with anyone you know who may be interested in joining us.

Knitting faithfully with hope and love, serving our Philoptochos mission through the donation of handmade knitted and crocheted items



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

ST. SOPHIA PHILOPTOCHOS

VASILOPITA BREAKFAST

JANUARY 4, 2026



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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.

Coffee Hour Sponsors Needed: Thank you to everyone who has sponsored coffee hour recently. There are several upcoming Sundays available. 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. **The sponsor is responsible for bringing the food, but the church will supply the coffee, creamer, juice, and paper products to eliminate waste and clutter. We ask that the sponsors donate \$25 (made payable to St. Sophia Church) to offset these expenses.** Thank you!

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 2025/2026 application is now open and accepting applications! The application deadline is 1/31/2026.

<https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/105586-Pan-Hellenic-Scholarship-Foundation>





JOIN US!
Holy Theophany
Tuesday, January 6, 2026

8:45 am – Orthros
10:00 am – Divine Liturgy of
St. Basil the Great
and
Great Agiasmos
followed by
Blessing of the Schuylkill River
(at Betzwood Park),
weather permitting

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
μῆ 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.

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.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Services for Christmas

Christmas Eve Morning – Wednesday, 12/24/25

8:00 am Orthros; Great Hours

10:00 am Great Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Christmas Eve – Vigil for Christmas – Wednesday, 12/24/25

6:00 pm Orthros

7:00 pm Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
followed by the singing of Kalanda/Christmas Carols

Christmas Day, Thursday, 12/25/25

Merry Christmas! - Καλά Χριστούγεννα!

No Services Today

Sunday, 12/28/25

Sunday after Nativity

8:45 am Orthros; **10:00 am** Divine Liturgy

No Sunday school; No Greek school

Services for New Year's & Theophany

New Year's Day, Wednesday, 1/1/26

Happy New Year! - Καλή πρωτοχρονιά!

Feast of St. Basil the Great

8:45 am Orthros; **10:00 am** Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Sunday, 1/4/26

Sunday before Theophany

8:45 am Orthros; **10:00 am** Divine Liturgy

Monday, 1/5/26 – Eve of Theophany

8:00 am Orthros; Great Hours

10:00 am Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Great Agiasmos

Tuesday, 1/6/26 – Holy Theophany

8:45 am Orthros; **10:00 am** Divine Liturgy
Great Agiasmos

Blessing of the Schuylkill River
(at Betzwood Park), weather permitting

Wednesday, 1/7/26

Synaxis of St. John the Baptist

8:45 am Orthros; **10:00 am** Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

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 **beginning January 8th** to schedule a visitation.

St. Sophia Youth Ministries

NATIVITY FOOD DRIVE

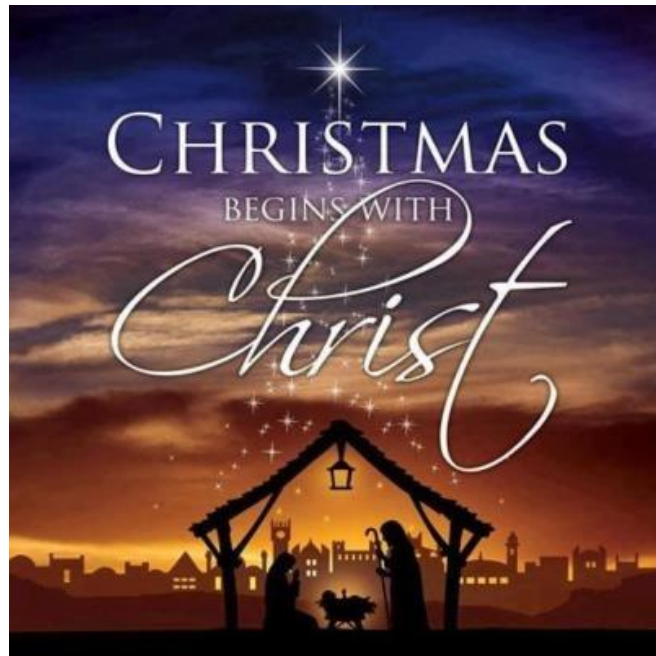
THE GIFT OF FOOD TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

To benefit The Daily Bread Community Food Pantry in Collegeville

NOV 15, 2025 - JAN 6, 2026



ACCEPTING UNEXPIRED CANNED AND NON-PERISHABLE FOODS OR
DONATE USING VENMO (ENTER "YM NATIVITY FOOD DRIVE" IN MEMO)
DONATION DROP-OFF IN LOBBY OF FR. JOHN A. LIMBERAKIS CULTURAL CENTER
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



December 21, 2025



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.

Standing versus kneeling on Sundays: Each Sunday is a joyful celebration of Pascha – of Christ's victory over death and sin. We experience the Resurrection from Pascha until Pentecost by standing in prayer during all liturgies and do not kneel; kneeling and prostrations are demonstrations of repentance. As every Sunday is a "little Pascha", we are reminded that the Church teaches us to remain standing on Sundays during the invocation (Ἡ Ἐπίκλησις) of the Holy Spirit (the Consecration of the Body and Blood of our Lord). In contrast, during weekday services throughout the year it is customary to kneel during the Consecration. *In lieu of kneeling on Sundays, please bow your heads reverently and pray along with the choir.*

Blessing of the Lap Blankets: St. Sophia's Knitting Guild has been working diligently since 2021, making handmade knitted and crocheted items. They have done several different projects since then. This morning, a collection of lap blankets will be blessed, after which they will be delivered to the King of Prussia Skilled Nursing Center.

Second tray today: A second tray will be passed today for the purpose of mortgage reduction. God bless you for your generosity and your support of our parish!

The Christmas Story Pageant & Parish Sing-along will take place in the church immediately following the Divine Liturgy today.

Parish Council Elections: Don't forget to go vote in the Cultural Center during coffee hour. Elections were postponed last week because of the snow.

Youth Ministries Christmas Party TODAY! Ho, Ho, Ho! St. Sophia's Youth Ministries is hosting its annual Christmas Party today immediately following the Divine Liturgy...and we will have a very special guest!

Spanakopita Take & Bake: We are selling frozen trays of spanakopites for your holiday entertaining! These are the large size (full tray) for \$90. If you are interested, please see Sofia Tatsis or John Papadimitriou.

Vasilopita Pickup: If you placed an order for a Vasilopita, don't forget to pick it up **TODAY** in the Cultural Center during coffee hour.



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS TODAY – DON'T FORGET TO VOTE! VOTING ENDS AT 1 PM

We have an uncontested election; meaning, we have the same number of candidates for the same number of available positions. There are 6 incumbent candidates running for 6 positions, and the candidates are: **Chris Altum, Lucy Pappas Kline, John Papadimitriou, John Pogas, David Poloway, and Nikolaos Tsouros**

The 2025 Election Guide is available at the Pangari. The Election Guide 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.

All stewards in good standing are invited to vote. Under the rules of the Uniform Parish Regulations, only stewards in good standing can participate in voting. You must be Orthodox Christian and in financial good standing with the Parish.

Stewardship: Please note that to vote in the Parish Council Elections, you must have returned a 2025 Stewardship Commitment Form and be current in your commitment. Stewardship Commitment Forms can be found at the Pangari or on the Parish website. In addition, by whatever method you pay, it is imperative that you indicate “**Stewardship 2025**” 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. Payments may also be made using PayPal, Venmo (www.venmo.com/SaintSophiaChurch), or Zelle (through your banking app). Should you have any questions, please call the Parish office, or see Tom Cox, our stewardship chairperson.

Mortgage Reduction Campaign: As of **December 1, 2025**, our mortgage balance is **\$238,775.46**. Thank you to our Stewards and friends who participated this month, and please help us continue to reduce the mortgage to \$0 in the near future.

Stewardship: Our fixed costs are ever present. Please remember to fulfill your pledges (or send in your pledge if you have not already done so) as we resume our ministries and activities this fall. If you have misplaced your form, just click on the following link [Commitment Form](#). **Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish!**

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sun. Dec. 21 st	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Sunday before Nativity Christmas Pageant & Sing-along followed by Youth Ministries Christmas Party
Sun. Dec. 21, 2025 through Sun. Jan. 4, 2026		No Greek School – Christmas/New Year’s Recess

Christmas, New Year’s and Theophany services are listed on the enclosed schedule

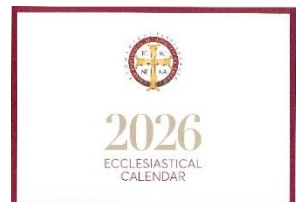
Sun. Dec. 28 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Sunday after Nativity No Sunday school
Thurs. Jan. 1 st	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great St. Basil the Great
Sun. Jan. 4 th	8:45 am	Sunday before Epiphany Sunday school resumes No Greek school

Theophany services are listed on the enclosed schedule

Mon, Jan. 5 th	4:45 pm	Little Angels
	6:00 pm	Greek School (Children)
Wed. Jan. 7 th	8:45 am	Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Synaxis of St. John the Baptist
Thurs. Jan. 8 th	6:00 pm	Greek School (Adults)
Sat. Jan. 10 th	5:00 pm	Vespers

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 **beginning January 8th** to schedule a visitation (office@saintsophiachurch.org or 610-650-8960.)

2026 Ecclesiastical Calendars: To save the Parish resources, 2026 Church calendars are available for pickup in the Narthex of the church and in the Cultural Center on the table right 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!





***Thank you to the following families who have donated poinsettia plants
in honor of or in memory of loved ones,
or just to beautify our church at Christmastime!***

Chris & Victoria Altum	In memory of Deacon Euripides and Mary Christulides
Angelo & Alexandra Ballas	In memory of Loula Giakoumatos
Matt, Joann, and Nick Bannon	In memory of Nick Moukoulis and Bill & Judi Bannon
Vinnie & Sophie Caliendo	
Jim & Mary Caravoulias	In memory of George & Minnie Alexiadis and Charlie & Connie Caravoulias
The Christou Family	
Marlena Crowley	In honor of my nouna, Linda Tripolitis
Vicki & Steve Dowzicky	In memory of Harry Papastrat & Dimos Miras
Eleni Evangelopoulos	In memory of Nicholas Papageorge
Art & Peggy Happas	In memory of Panagioti & Panagiota Kostomite
Vela Hatzipavlidis	In memory of Thomas & Maria Hatzipavlidis
Taylor & Carla Anastasia Johnson	In memory of Carl Augustine
Andrew & Georgiana Kane	In memory of our parents
Jeff & Lisa Kerns	In memory of Jesse & Lola Presutti
Evangelia A. Klapakis	In memory of our loved ones
The Klapakis Family	In memory of Michael, Eleni, and Chrysostomos
Lucy & Bart Kline	In memory of Solon Tsaoussis
Mr. & Mrs. Leonidas N. Koletas	In memory of Ernest, Nicholas, and Athanasia
Gilda Koutsouroumbas	
Dean Laskaris	In honor of Nina Laskaris
Effie R. Liacouras	In memory of George C. Liacouras
Alexis & Cary Limberakis	In memory of Fr. John & Presvytera Elizabeth Limberakis and Jack & Dolly Demetris
The Lowry Family	In memory of Mary & Thomas Stathopoulos
Ed & Mary McAdoo	In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Francis McAdoo, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Nichols, and In memory of Mr. & Mrs. George Englesson and Mr. & Mrs. Emanuel Englesson
Irene Malagari	In memory of my parents, John & Helen Christopher
Steven & Rachel Malagari	In memory of 1st Sgt. Corey Nawrocki, USMC Retired
Angelo & Gloria Metropoulos	In memory of Thomas, Christine, and Michael Demetris
The Nazzaro Family	In memory of Spiro & Stella Vanezalos
The Neatherly Family	
Bessie Neofotistos	In memory of my husband George and my son Steven, and in honor of my daughter Elaine and family

Alexander & Marianne Nikas

The Notaras Family

Katherine & Anthony Pantazopoulos

The Papadakes Family

The Papadimitriou Family

Dr. Peter & Phyllis Patukas

Chris & Angelina Pavlou and Family

The Peoples Family

Aram & Elaine Piligian

The Pogas Family

David & Flora Poloway

Jim Reynolds

Rami & Maria (Fafalios) Richie

Anne & Matt Sabia

The Samios Family

The Sprayberry Family

Matthew & Melissa Stolarczyk

Maria & Keith Swope

Vasilios & Sofia Tatsis

Alexandra & Lazarus Tavlarides

Linda Tripolitis

Shirley Tripolitis

Katherine H. Tsipras

Seraphim & Patricia Tsipras

Irene Tsokas

The Tsouros Family

Alexis & Roger Witt

Ita Zaferes and Family

Charles & Catherine Zarcone

In memory of Ruth Andrews Nikas, Bill & Carolyn Ruhl, Despina & Alexandros Tsinikas, **and**

In memory of Ralph & Alberta Andrews, Demetrios & Anna Manolis, Bruce Andrews and Scott Meacham, **and**

In honor of Nicholas & Elizabeth Nikas

In memory of our loved ones

In memory of James Stamas **and** in honor of Stephen Stamas

In memory of Pauline Papadakes

In memory of Nicholas Papadimitriou

In memory of our brother Tom and sister Theodora

In memory of Demetrios & Kyriaki Pavlou

In memory of Susan M. Peoples, Michael Peoples, and Larry Kontos, **and** in honor of Jim Concannon

In memory of George and Steven Neofotistos **and** in honor of Bessie Neofotistos

In memory of Sarah Beckstrom

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Aris Podotas and Mr. & Mrs. Michael Poloway

In memory of Gigi Reynolds and Nick & Tula Ganavazos

In memory of Anthony & Patricia Fafalios, Karissa Conner, and EJ Blaszcak **and**

In memory of Albert Richie, Hasna Saoud, and Sarah Assali **and**

In honor of Dr. Alexia Richie's 2025 Medical School Graduation and Neurology Residency

In memory of the Scandalios and Callipolites Families

In memory of our loved ones

In memory of James and Michael Farrell **and** in honor of Katina Athineos

In memory of Ernest & Marian Laskaris

In memory of Konstantinos, Eleni, and Dionysia Savas

In memory of our loved ones who we have lost

In memory of Smaragdi Carolas

In memory of George Tripolitis, beloved father **and**

In honor of Zoey Cosette Kreiser, beloved granddaughter **and**

in honor of the Tripolitis, Ruser, Kreiser, Crowley, and Klein Families

In memory of George Tripolitis

In memory of Speros & Olga Tsipras, Elias S. Tsipras I, and Maria Tsipras

In memory of Andreas, Ekaterini, and Demetrios A. Tsipras

In memory of my husband Chris and my sister Anthroniki

In memory of Isidoros N. & Markella C. Tsouros, Phokion C. Lacas, Father Stephen P. Theophilos **and**

In memory of Isidoros & Zoitsa Costalas, Michael C. Raptis and Constantinos I. Costalas

In memory of Alexander, Anna, John, and Peter Skylakon

In memory of James Zaferes

In memory of our parents



FINANCIAL DASHBOARD THROUGH NOVEMBER 2025

Our goal is to have Stewardship cover 100% of our operating expenses each year so we can dedicate fundraising to ministries of the Church. We have only made it 2/3 of the way in the last three years.

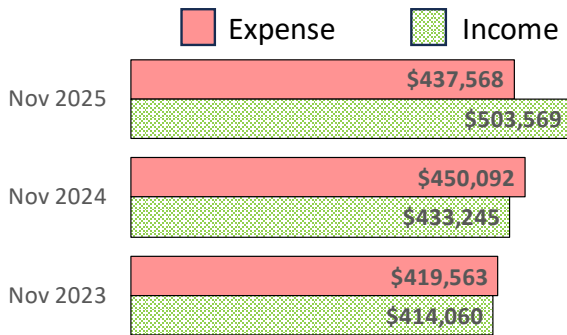
	Nov 2025	Nov 2024	Nov 2023
*Regular Operating Income	\$503,569	\$433,245	\$414,060
**Regular Operating Expenses	\$437,568	\$450,092	\$419,563
Net Regular Operating Income or (Loss)	\$66,001	(\$16,846)	(\$5,503)
*Non-Operating Income	\$212,630	\$298,477	\$685,450
**Non-Operating Expenses	\$45,536	\$218,605	\$521,396
Non-Operating Net Income or Loss	\$167,095	\$79,872	\$164,053
Stewardship Income	\$307,144	\$276,011	\$272,195
% of Regular Operating Expenses Covered by Stewardship	70%	61%	65%
Number of Stewarding Families	210	199	224
Median Stewardship Pledge	\$680	\$900	\$720

Total Expenses Invested in parish chosen charities and ministries	\$20,052	\$11,361	\$20,149
% of Regular Operating Expenses invested in parish chosen charities and ministries	5%	3%	5%

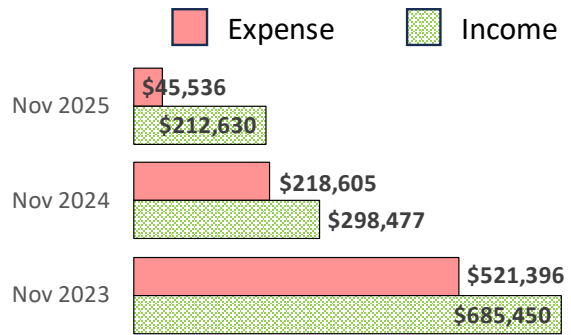
*Operating Income includes income from operating as a church throughout the year, such as Stewardship, Candles, Trays, Donations and Offerings, Greek School tuition and Hall Rentals. Non-operating income includes insurance payments, Festival and other fundraising events, church beautification and investment gains.

**Operating Expenses includes expenses we have to operate as a church throughout the year, such as Buildings & Grounds, National Ministries, Payroll, Insurance, Utilities, Administrative, and Ministry expenses. Non-operating expenses include Capital, beautification, and disaster recovery expenses and mortgage interest.

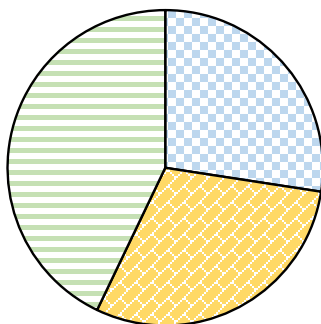
Regular Operating Income/Expenses



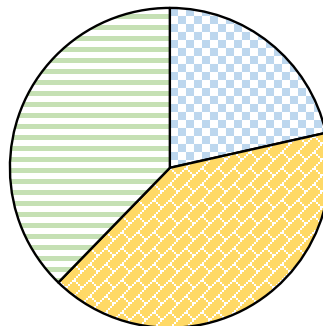
Non-Operating Income/Expenses



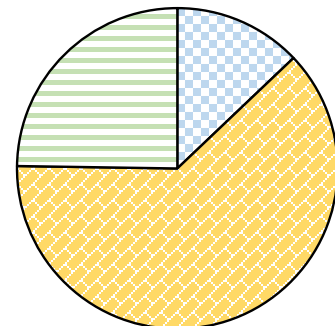
Nov 2025



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Nov 2023



Regular Income Less Stewardship
 *Non-Operating Income
 Stewardship Income



MORTGAGE REDUCTION CAMPAIGN

Following is the list of stewards and friends of St. Sophia who contributed to the Mortgage Reduction Campaign for November. **The total for November was \$10,323.**

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

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Altum

Mr. & Mrs. Matt Bannon

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Diccianni

Mrs. Evangelia A. Klapakis

Mr. & Mrs. Bart Kline

Mrs. Effie Liacouras

Mr. & Mrs. Edward McAdoo

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Moses

Mrs. Bessie Neofotistos

**Dr. Marianne & Mr. Alexander
Nikas**

Ms. Sophia Papadakes-Frangakis

Mr. & Mrs. John Papadimitriou

Dr. & Mrs. Peter Patukas

Mr. & Mrs. Aram Piligian

Mr. & Mrs. John Pogas

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Sabia

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Tavlarides

Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Thornberg

Ms. Katherine Tsipras

Mr. & Mrs. Socratis Tsipras

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Vail

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Zarcone

Dr. & Mrs. Peter Zavitsanos

Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Zavitsanos

Church Box -- 11/9/25

O Come All Ye Faithful

Accompanied by Eliana Black, Lily Gross

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels.
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Joy to the World

Accompanied by Eliana Black

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing.
And heaven and nature sing.
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
Joy to the world! The Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.
Repeat the sounding joy.
Repeat the sounding joy.
He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love.
And wonders of His love.
And wonders of His love.

Special Thanks

To God,
for His blessings – past,
present, and future.

To our parents,
for their love and support.

To our Sunday school teachers,
for nurturing our faith.

~ With gratitude,
The St. Sophia Youth



Merry Christmas!

Καλά Χριστούγεννα!



THE CHILDREN OF
ST. SOPHIA PRESENT

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

The Christmas Story Pageant
& Parish Sing-Along

Sunday, December 21, 2025

*W*elcome to our parish's Christmas pageant, a Journey to Bethlehem.

Through music, narration, and the involvement of our children, we celebrate the beauty and meaning of the Nativity. We encourage you to sing along with the carols and share in the joy of this special season.

Thank you for being part of this celebration.

MC and Narrator: *Nicholas Zarynow*

Reader: *Max Charalambides*

Mary: *Lily Gross*

Joseph: *Daniel Zarynow*

Wise Men: *Athan Charalambides*
Kosmas Fotiadis
Gregory Voutsinas

Shepherds: *Argiri Fafalios*
Jacob Giardina
Mark Giardina

Sheep: *Sotiri Kotopoulos*

Angel Gabriel: *Taylor Johnson*

Angels: *Nola Bohorquez,*
Anastasia Charalambides,
Sofie Gross, Lia Kotopoulos,
Eva Stratis, and Sophia Stratis

Instrumentalists:

Alto Sax *Zachary Christou*
Zachary Lafakis

Guitar *Eliana Black*
Lily Gross

Piano *Eliana Black*
Salome Black
Erietta Fotiadis

Trumpet *Adam Christou*

Violin *Elisabeth Voutsinas*

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Accompanied by Eliana Black, Salome Black

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie,
Above the deep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years,
Are met in thee tonight.

Silent Night

*Accompanied by Eliana Black, Salome Black,
Adam Christou, Zachary Christou, Zachary Lafakis*

Silent Night, Holy Night,
All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy infant so tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace!

The First Noel

Accompanied by Eliana Black, Elisabeth Voutsinas

The first Noel the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds
In fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel!

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Accompanied by Adam Christou, Erietta Fotiadis

Hark! The herald Angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald Angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Away in the Manger

Accompanied by Eliana Black

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay:
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

We Three Kings

*Accompanied by Zachary Christou, Erietta Fotiadis,
Zachary Lafakis*

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts, we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.