

SAINT SOPHIA

*Axiologa*

*"worth mentioning"*



**NOVEMBER 24, 2019**

*13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke*

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*When you write your will or update it, won't you please remember Saint Sophia Cathedral? Such a gift will live forever as our church ministers to our spiritual needs. It's an investment in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

## MINISTRY NEWS

1. **Today:** Festival Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and Jimmy Karatsikis's acknowledgement.
2. **Today:** Angel Tree
3. **December 1:** Parish Council General Assembly
4. **December 8:** Saint Nicholas Ranch Retreat

## BIBLE FAITH STUDIES

Fr. John Bakas and Fr. Christopher Kolentsas will conduct community Bible & Faith Studies every Sunday after Divine Liturgy. We will meet immediately at 12 pm in the Chapel. For those who are planning to attend, coffee will be available outside the chapel for you to enjoy during bible studies.

It is imperative that we all grow in the Faith. All are welcome. Bring your Bible and be prepared to study Sunday's Epistle Reading. Remember that Faith comes through understanding.

## FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Please join us, during our LA Greek Fest Volunteer Luncheon, **today**, when we give thanks to the many volunteers who worked to make our festival a success. We will also give a special thanks to Jimmy Karatsikis for his many years of exceptional service as Sexton of Saint Sophia Cathedral. If you did not volunteer but would like to join, lunch will be \$15 at the entrance.





## **Saint Sophia Cathedral Stewardship Drive**

Goal:

**\$750,000**

Pledged and Paid:

**\$438, 000**

Percentage of goal to date:

**58.4%**

**We Cordially Invite the Parish Families to  
fill up a Stewardship Card**

It is important to plan your donation to help in the parish ministries. The donations made to the parish are tax deductible and is useful for your yearly tax returns. Also, sometimes there is a need of a letter for legal matters and if you are not a steward in good standing there are no informational facts available. For more information please visit the parish office or talk to a parish council member during coffee hour.

## **PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

We will be having our General Assembly on December 1, 2019 after Divine Liturgy. Pledged members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Thank you,  
Parish Council

## **2019 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Dear Saint Sophia Parishoners,

Giving back to our community can be very rewarding. If you would like to serve our community by joining the Parish Council, please submit your name, email and phone number to Jack Stumpus at [jwstumpus@aol.com](mailto:jwstumpus@aol.com).

You must be a member in good standing and let us know by Sunday, December 1st.

Elections will take place **Sunday, December 8th. Thank you.**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE BOOKSTORE**

Our fabulous Saint Sophia Bookstore is in need of volunteers who are enthusiastically passionate about books. If you're willing to offer your support and assistance please contact Bill Striglos or Dean Peratsakis via email at [wstriglos@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wstriglos@sbcglobal.net) or [dotos@msn.com](mailto:dotos@msn.com) or call (213) 804-1283. Thank you.



*Sunday, December 15*



## **ST. SOPHIA CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**

Baklava, Melomakarona,  
Kourambiedes, and more!



**Pre-Order Available!**

Must be made by 12/8/19

Contact Anna Aronis **323-450-6980**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ST. SOPHIA DANCE PROGRAM

SAINT SOPHIA WINTER CAMP 2019

# Saint Sophia Winter Camp 2019

## Calling all Campers !!

### Apply online now !!

**One week only**  
Sunday, December 29 -  
Wednesday, January 1, 2020

**Thousand Pines Camp**  
359 Thousand Pines Road  
Crestline, CA 92325  
thousandpines.com



Southern California's Favorite Camp !!  
and first choice for fun !!



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[SaintSophiaCamp.org](http://SaintSophiaCamp.org)

**SAINT SOPHIA SUNDAY SCHOOL  
AND PHILOPTOCHOS JOINT PROJECT**

Join the Saint Sophia Craft Group to make Christmas Decorations.

If you love to make things, we are the group for you! Projects span all crafting media, such as knitting, crocheting, sewing, beading, embroidery, paper craft and much more.

We meet after church at 12:30pm on select Sundays. Our focus is on Christmas Ornaments and Decorations for your home or to give as gifts. All skill levels are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Eleni Yokas at [stsophiasundayschool@gmail.com](mailto:stsophiasundayschool@gmail.com).

Upcoming dates and projects:

**Today** Christmas Ornaments/Decorations

December 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Ornaments/Decorations

***No Classes December 8<sup>th</sup> – January 5<sup>th</sup>***

Stay tuned for additional dates and craft projects!



## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

**THANK YOU** everyone who attended our Thanksgiving luncheon! We had a wonderful time honoring our veterans and visiting with family and friends. My deepest thanks to Nick and Tammy Begakis for the amazing meal once again! Thank you as well to Loula Moschonas-Edgerton and all the ladies who helped her at the luncheon: Mary-Kay Demetriou, Alexia Haidos, Katrina Beers and Jayne Poulos. Hope I'm not forgetting anyone but thank you if I did. It was a great afternoon.

We will be in the hall for the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and to give our love to Jimmy Karatsikis on his retirement. No one can imagine all of the work that Jimmy has done at this Cathedral over the years! He never missed a thing, knew all of the Holy days, holidays, what needed to be purchased, setup, cleaned - you name it and he had it covered. We love you Jimmy!

**PROJECT CHRISTMAS CHEER:** We are spreading Christmas cheer to those who are not able to participate in church this holiday season. Please send us your loved ones name and address where they are, on or before December 15th. The Sunshine Committee will be delivering holiday plants to those who are at home, in hospitals and senior living facilities. We want each of our loved ones to know how much we miss them, we need them and we love them! Volunteers are welcome to help with the distribution of these beautiful holiday plants. We will have a table set up in the Maniatakos Fellowship Hall /foyer after church on December 15th for pick-up and delivery. Please feel free to contact Elaine Bissias by email at [Naeisekala@hotmail.com](mailto:Naeisekala@hotmail.com) or text her at (818) 434-6047. As we bless others our prayers will be answered.

## **PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**

**ANGEL TREE:** Our Angel Tree is up today in the coffee hour. We are collecting gift cards and NEW toys for families that need some happiness for Christmas and the holiday season. Please take a look at the tree and see if there is something you would like to donate. You select the item - purchase it - and return it to Philoptochos. If it's a gift card - please place it in an envelope and label it. If it is a new toy or book, just bring it as is - and do not wrap it. Instructions will be with the 'tree'. If you have any questions chairman Christina Peratsakis will be happy to talk with you. We need the presents **no later than December 12th** to distribute at a holiday Christmas party.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Our wonderful Saint Sophia Choir will be performing their yearly Christmas Concert under the direction of our wonderful Jim Kollias and Chris Yokas. So it's time again that the Cathedral is asking for donations of cookies! You may bake - or buy - Christmas cookies. Cookies with frosting, sprinkles, M&M's, sugar cookies or chocolate chip....any donation will be welcome. For the sake of setup at the church before the concert, PLEASE bring your cookies to the church, labeled "Christmas Concert" on Sunday BEFORE 4:00 p.m. It takes time to make up the platters and everyone wants to finish up and get into church for the concert at 7:00 p.m. It's such a beautiful start to the holiday season. I hope everyone makes an effort to attend and hear the angelic sounds of our choir!

**VASILOPITA** Sunday will be on January 5, 2020! Please plan to stay after church, come into the hall and let's all join together for the beginning of the New Year. Committee chairmen Diane and Elaine Bissias and Katrina Beers are planning a lovely time for all of us.

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## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

As these first few months have flown by, it is hard to believe that 2020 is almost here. I want to thank everyone for their love and support. Thank you to our wonderful Jessica and the custodians for all the help they have given to me and to Philoptochos! I could never do all of this without John Kopatsis who is always ready to help me when I ask. If I say “Philoptochos needs....” John says “alright, whatever you need, just tell me”. My appreciation to Dean Peratsakis and the entire Parish Council for their support of our projects and work. To our spiritual leaders, Father John and Father Chris, I thank them for their support and love. They are the guiding lights of our community.

True happiness is found in doing things for others. This holiday season, perhaps you'd like to do something for someone else. Make a donation to a children's hospital, one of the missions down on Skid Row, or some other agency where you live. We know we cannot solve all of the problems in society but at least we can make a small 'dent' and have the true spirit of Christmas in our hearts.

Do what you can with what you have, where you are. The beauty of life does not depend on how happy you are but how happy others can be because of you. “What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others remains forever.”

I'm looking forward to the New Year and the work ahead of us. Our philanthropic work for those who need us never ends. May you all have a blessed Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year!

With love in Christ's service,  
Virginia Noyes



Twenty-second

Annual

Christmas Musicfest

under the Byzantine Dome

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral

7:00 p.m.

Reception immediately following concert

## **DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE**

During the month of December, the Daughters of Penelope offers help to combat domestic violence and abuse. To help with our donations, we will be selling SEE'S CANDY at the coffee hour! We have a wonderful selection of chocolates for you to choose from: nuts and chews, assorted chocolates and small mini boxes that will be a great addition to your holiday gifts! We donate to women and children's shelter where these families receive the help they need to get back on their feet and get away from the abuse they have suffered. Please help us by purchasing some candy! We will keep selling until we sell out. There's always room for SEE'S!



## **SAINT NICHOLAS RANCH RETREAT**

There are a few spots left to join Father John on a very special Retreat to St. Nicholas Ranch in Dunlap, CA. We will depart from Saint Sophia on Friday, Dec 6 after the Liturgy and return on Sunday, December 8, in time for our concert. If you are interested in going, please contact Tonifaye for details at: [t.chassman@verizon.net](mailto:t.chassman@verizon.net).

## **PHILOPTOCHOS VIP NEWS**

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Our last event of the year is The Famous VIP Christmas Luncheon on Thursday December 12, 2019 at 11:30 am. Donation \$30.00

This years event chair is Jayne Poulos, co-chair is Karla Gregg. We are having two people for Reservations to accommodate you. You may contact Karla Gregg at 253-224-3705 and Mersy Loukaris at 323-661-1592, cell 213-500-5193.

Please mark your calendar to attend. As you know we always have a famous person from the North coming to visit.

In His service,  
Angela Ananias, VIP president



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

Students are dismissed at Holy Communion each Sunday to attend their classes. Classes are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Huffington Center. It is never too late, so please register or re-register your student during or after classes in the meeting room near the Sunday School office. Calendars are available to pick-up if you have not received them by email. If you are not receiving emails from the Sunday School program, please send an email to [stsophiasundayschool@gmail.com](mailto:stsophiasundayschool@gmail.com). If you have any questions about the Sunday School program, please see Eleni Yokas.

SAINT SOPHIA PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

*“Mother of the Year”*

Nomination Form

The Mother of the Year is selected by the Saint Sophia Philoptochos Society Board of Directors and honored at the Mother’s Day Luncheon and Fashion Show in May. Nominations are accepted until December 31st.

Nomination Requirements and Selection Criteria Listed by Priority:

1. Must be a member of Saint Sophia Philoptochos Society.
2. Must be a member of Saint Sophia Cathedral in good standing.
3. A devoted volunteer to philanthropy within Philoptochos, who exemplifies and personifies its ideals and purposes.
4. A devoted volunteer and a dedicated supporter of our Church and our Community.

NOMINEE’S NAME:

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Volunteer Service within Philoptochos:

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Volunteer Service to Church and Community:

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(You may use an additional separate sheet to describe your reasons for this nomination, if necessary)

Name of person submitting nomination:

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*Please return this form in a sealed envelope to:*

Saint Sophia Philoptochos Society

1324 South Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90006

**Deadline: DECEMBER 31, 2019**

# The Mission of Saint Sophia Cathedral

1. *Proclaim and teach the Gospel according to the Orthodox Christian Faith*
2. *Sanctify and enhance the spiritual life of the faithful through Orthodox Christian worship.*
3. *Receive persons into the Church through instruction, baptism and/or chrismation.*

## Orthodox Calendar

### NOVEMBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Cosmas and Damian the Holy Unmercenaries of Asia, and their mother Theodota 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine	2
3 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 Divine Liturgy 12:30 Bible Faith Studies	4	5 Bible Studies Class 11 am	6	7	8 Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine	9 St. Nectarios in Covina
10 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 Divine Liturgy 12:30 Bible Faith	11 Veteran Holiday Campus Closed	12 Bible Studies Class 11 am	13 John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	14	15	16
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		Strict Fast 	Fish Allowed 	Wine and Oil Allowed 	Dairy, Eggs, and Fish Allowed 	Fast Free