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DECEMBER 29, 2019

Sunday after Nativity

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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. **January 5:** Vasilopita
2. **January 23:** V.I.P.'s Prizes and Surprises
3. **January 26:** Philoptochos Annual Friendship Tea

BIBLE FAITH STUDIES

Fr. John Bakas and Fr. Christopher Kolentsas will conduct community Bible & Faith Studies on Sunday's after the 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.

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 or dotos@msn.com or call (213) 804-1283. Thank you.

Bring your Bible and be prepared to study Sunday's Epistle Reading. Remember that Faith comes through understanding.





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.

GLENDI 2020

SUPPORT THE SAINT SOPHIA
DANCE PROGRAM

Saturday February 8th, 2020

RSVP by January 25th, 2020 to
st.sophia.folkdance@gmail.com

Featuring: **DIESI**

playing traditional music
from all over Greece.



Cocktails/Appetizers: 6:00pm

Price: \$65 - Adult | \$40 - Dancers & Kids under 12, \$20 after 9:00pm

Silent Auction with great items to help support the dance program

St sophia Maniatakos Hall 1324 S Normandie Ave.

PHILOPTOCHOS VIP

On behalf of the Philoptohos VIP Board, I would like to wish you all of you a very Happy, Healthy, Blessed and Beautiful New Year.

I am very pleased and honored to have been elected as President for the year 2020. The newly elected officers are Donna Mellos, Vivi Demopoulos, Ann Dres, Mary Kezios, Mersy Loukaris, and Jayne Poulos. Board members are Petsa Schwartz, Karla Gregg, Athena Lolonis, Irene Mitropetros, Vickie Deryiades and Voula Stavropoulos.

On December 12, 2019 we had our Annual Philoptohos VIP Christmas Party. We had a great program, with a lot of attendees, great food, and everybody participated in singing the Kalanda in Greek and English languages and a visit of Santa that entertained everybody.

The Board has already met and made plans for the first part of this year. Please mark these days on your calendar and check with the Saint Sophia Cathedral Weekly Bulletin and the Herald to determine if any changes are made.

JANUARY 23, 2020 THURSDAY:PRIZES AND SURPRISES. It's that time of the year when we play our favorite game. Please join us at 11:30am in our Fellowship Hall for a delicious lunch. Following lunch, you can enjoy an afternoon of "prizes and surprises" with your friends. Reservations are required. Chairperson is Mersy Loukaris and co-chair Voula Stavropoulos. For reservations please call Mersy Loukaris (323)661-1592 or Angela Ananias (562)695-7234. We hope to see you all there, and bring your friends.

FEBRUARY 2020, to be announced later.

PHILOPTOCHOS VIP

MARCH 2, 2020 MONDAY: KATHARA DEFTERA. Let us all together celebrate the first day of the Lent with church services at 10:00am followed by a delicious Lenten lunch which will be served by our lovely VIP chefs. Chaireperson is Mary Kezios and co-chair Irene Mitropetros.

In His Service,

Mary Morrison

President

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

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.

Don't forget nominations for Mother of the Year are due at the end of this month! Please be sure you have your letter to us by December 31 if you are making a nomination.

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.

With love in Christ's service, Virginia Noyes



Saint Sophia Philoptochos

Cordially Invites You To Be Our Guest

At Our Annual Friendship Tea



Sunday, January 26th, 2020 at 12:15 pm
Following the Dismissal
In the Maniatakos Ballroom
Celebrating the Commandment “Love thy
Neighbor”

Come learn about Philoptochos; our Outreach, our Commitments, our Activities, and the many ways we would love for you to be involved.

Join Us in Fellowship and Community.

Please RSVP to Maria Tozcek MD (818) 391-8218

Or Email: StSophia.Philoptochos.tea@gmail.com



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:

Volunteer Service within Philoptochos:

Volunteer Service to Church and Community:

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

Name of person submitting nomination:

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



Ariana Prappas will be featured in performance at “Feinstein’s at Vitello’s” with tenor Constantine Pappas on Sunday, Jan 5, 2020 at 8:00pm. Here is a link for tickets which includes their short biographies.

<https://feinsteinsatvitellos.ticketfly.com/>

Constantine and Ariana will perform favorite Broadway hits including songs from THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA, ANNIE GET YOUR GUN, WEST SIDE STORY, INTO THE WOODS, GYPSY and CINDERELLA. Rising talents Ariana Prappas and Constantine Pappas perform together in a special program of Broadway standards, joined by one of Los Angeles’ foremost musical directors- Gerald Sternbach.

Ariana is an award-winning singing-actress, distinguishing herself as a grand prize winner of the 2018 LA Music Center Spotlight Awards, as a lead actress nominee on the stage of the Pantages in the Jerry Herman Awards, and as a top 40 national finalist for Michael Feinstein’s *Songbook Academy*, winning the “musical theater award. She was honored most recently in featured roles at the Aspen Music Festival in A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC and SOUTH PACIFIC, performing alongside Broadway’s *Anastasia* star Christy Altomare and conducted by Andy Einhorn.

Constantine was featured in the national Broadway tour of “The Phantom of the Opera”, performing as Raoul. A versatile artist crossing over from baritone to tenor and opera to musical theater, he has performed Marius in Les Misérables and the iconic Figaro in an award-winning production of *Il barbiere di Siviglia*”. He is currently performing Cinderella’s Prince in “Into the Woods” with the Greenbrier Valley Theatre in West Virginia. A lead male vocalist on Viking Ocean Cruises, he captured a 2017 Cruiser’s Choice Award for Best Entertainment.

Tickets: \$80.00. Photo credit: Susan Sheridan

"A STIRRING, LYRICAL STORY
ABOUT THINGS THAT TOUCH
AND TEST OUR HUMAN CORE...
THE LADY OF RO WILL BREAK
AND MEND YOUR HEART."



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FOTINI BAXEVANI: THE LADY OF RO

WRITTEN BY GIANNI SKARAGAS
DIRECTED BY KATERINA BERDEKA

FRI-SAT, JAN 31-FEB 1, 2020 @ 8 PM
FREUD PLAYHOUSE, UCLA

The Lady of Ro is inspired by the life of Despina Achladioti, the Greek widow known as the Lady of Ro after the name of the deserted island where she took refuge during the two World Wars. When Greece and Turkey went to war over Cyprus in the mid-1970s, Achladioti became a hero and folk legend for her persistence in raising the Greek flag on the island. *The Lady of Ro* examines what happens to the dreams we hold close during war time, the ties that bind daughters and mothers, husbands and wives, folk legends and madwomen to one another and to the places they call home.

Funds provided by Tina and George Kolovas, Deborah Irmis, and Daphne Valentina

For tickets:

<https://oss.ticketmaster.com/aps/capucla/EN/link/promotion/home/b1f9176234e96cc3e680d3febde104783b396af7>


HELLENIC REPUBLIC
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR GREEKS ABROAD

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

DECEMBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 1	 2	 3	 4	 5	 6	 7
14 th Sunday of St. Luke 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 12:30 pm Bible Faith Studies		Bible Studies Class w/ Fr. John 11 am	Barbara the Great Martyr 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy		St. Nicholas the Wonderworker 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	
 8	 9	 10	 11	 12	 13	 14
10 th Sunday of St. Luke 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 12:30 pm Bible Faith Studies				Spyridon the Wonderworker 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy		
 15	 16	 17	 18	 19	 20	 21
11 th Sunday of St. Luke 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 Divine Liturgy Cancelled Bible Faith Studies						
 22	 23	 24	25	26	27	28
Sunday before Nativity 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 12:30 pm Bible Faith Studies		Office Closed Christmas Eve Vespers Liturgy 4 pm	Office Closed Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy		Stephen, Archdeacon and First Martyr 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	
29	30	31	January 1			
Sunday after Nativity 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 12:30 pm Bible Faith Studies		New Years Eve	Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy			
		Strict Fast 	Fish Allowed 	Wine and Oil Allowed 	Dairy, Eggs, and Fish Allowed 	Fast Free