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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 23:** V.I.P.'s Prizes and Surprises
2. **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 12:30 pm in the Chapel.

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.

In addition our Tuesday Bible Studies class will start on January 21 at 11:00 am. Please join us and bring a friend.

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.



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Instead of a “General Assembly” meeting in January we will have our **Membership Tea!** Please see the flyer in the bulletins! It’s going to be a great deal of fun and we want to meet you - and for you to meet us! Save **January 26** for this event. Chairmen Maria Toczek, Allison Stavaridis and Heidi Sandstrom are working to put together a lovely day for everyone. We hope to see you there!

If you aren’t able to join us at the tea, please remember that this is Membership Month! Letters and forms have already been sent in the mail and you need to fill out the form and send it back in the enclosed envelope with your dues. Be sure to write your address and email on the membership form so we can add you to our mailing list and our email notices! If you did not receive a membership packet please stop by the Philoptochos table in the Maniatakos Hall on Sunday after church to pick one up. We can always use new members and volunteers so consider coming to the Tea and meeting us!

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.”

Our philanthropic work for those who need us never ends.

With love in Christ’s service,
Virginia Noyes and the Philoptochos Board of Director

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.

The Board has already met and made plans for the first part of this year. Please mark theses 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.

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.

Mary Morrison, President

TURKEY 2020
WITH FATHER JOHN
LEAVE LA, MAY 23RD —RETURN LA, JUNE 2ND



Trip Land Cost \$2865 pp/double occupancy
Reserve Spot \$200 refundable deposit
Single Supplement Available Upon Request

Payments can be made through Saint Sophia's website

Go to "Make a Donation." Go to "Contribution."

Go to "General Donation."

Enter amount. Click the "Make a Donation" button*.

*There is an area that says "Order Description."

You can note Holy Land Trip if you want.

Questions: secretary@saintsophia.org
or call Jessica at 323-737-2424 ext. 103

This is an all-inclusive trip to Turkey, except for airfare. Accommodations, breakfast and dinner, all transfers, expertly guided sightseeing tours, entry fees will be covered. We will advise and help book flights. *More details to come.*

- Day 1 ARRIVAL IN ISTANBUL**
- Day 2 FULL DAY PRIVATE TOUR OF ISTANBUL**
- Day 3 ISTANBUL / IZNIK / BURSA**
- Day 4 BURSA / PERGAMON / IZMIR**
- Day 5 IZMIR / EPHESUS / KUSADASI**
- Day 6 KUSADASI / SAMOS / KUSADASI**
- Day 7 KUSADASI / PAMUKKALE**
- Day 8 PAMUKKALE / KONYA / CAPPADOCIA**
- Day 9 CAPPADOCIA**
- Day 10 DEPARTURE FROM CAPPADOCIA**



Saint Sophia Philoptochos Membership 2020

The Philoptochos Society of Saint Sophia Cathedral invites you to become a member of a dynamic community that is the philanthropic arm of the Greek Orthodox Church! Come shape our future!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, ZIP, CODE: _____

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**Philoptochos Membership: \$50.00 as
distributed below:**

NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS: \$15 METROPOLIS PHILOPTOCHOS: \$15

SAINT SOPHIA PHILOPTOCHOS: \$20

Additional donations greatly appreciated

Please make checks PAYABLE TO:

“Greek Orthodox Philoptochos Society”

Membership Dues \$ _____

Additional Donation to Saint Sophia Philoptochos \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please Mail this form with your check to:

**Maria T. Toczek
204 West Kenneth Road
Glendale, CA 91202**

No goods or services were provided in exchange for your membership dues. Greek Orthodox Philoptochos Society of Saint Sophia Cathedral is classified as a 501(c)(3) organization and contributions are tax deductible. EIN 95-6050720

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 Maniatkos 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

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.

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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, a one-woman show, 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. After the invasion of Cyprus in 1974, Achladioti became a hero and folk legend for her persistence in raising the Greek flag on the island, marking the rocky soil with the potent symbol of Hellenic sovereignty. Told in mesmerizing prose, compassion and humor to spare, and infused with Fotini Baxevani's striking acting, *The Lady of Ro* is a transcendent performance that evokes a specific time and place, yet movingly describes the universal human condition. This performance marks the North American premiere of this powerful work, which has received critical acclaim in Greece, Cyprus and Australia. The play is performed in Greek with English supertitles.

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

For tickets:
https://cap.ucla.edu/calendar/details/the_lady_of_ro2



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Five Qualities of Saint Joseph

by Sam Guzman

Part 2



St. Joseph loved Jesus

Joseph was entrusted with the care of Jesus, the Son of God. While this is an awe-inspiring thought, his encounters with Jesus were those of a normal father. He held Jesus lovingly in the stable at Bethlehem. He helped him learn to walk. When Jesus hurt himself (as all little boys do), he comforted him. They prayed together, they talked together, they spent many long hours in the shop together working with their hands.

In short, St. Joseph had the deep love of a father for Jesus. If you've ever had children, you know the kind of love I'm talking about. And guess what? Jesus loved St. Joseph, and he loves you and I with all the fiery intensity of Divine Love. We can imitate St. Joseph by loving Jesus fervently and by giving our lives to him.

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

JANUARY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
 5 Sunday before Epiphany 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 12:30 pm Bible Studies	6 Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy	7 Synaxis of John the Holy Glorious Propher, Baptist, and Forerunner 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy	 8	9	 10	11
12 Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 12:30 pm Bible Studies	13	14 Leavetaking of the Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy	 15	16	 17 Saint Anthony Feast day at Saint Anthony Church in Pasadena 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	18
19 12 th Sunday of St. Luke 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 12:30 pm Bible Studies	20	21 Bible Studies Class 11 am	 22	23	 24	25
26 15 th Sunday of St. Luke 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 12:30 pm Bible Studies	27	 28 Bible Studies Class 11 am	29	 30 Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy	31	
		Strict Fast 	Fish Allowed 	Wine and Oil Allowed 	Dairy, Eggs, and Fish Allowed 	Fast Free