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*Axiologa*

*"worth mentioning"*



**MARCH 22, 2020**

*Sunday of the Holy Cross*

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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.*

Dear Saint Sophia Community,

As of now, most Lenten Services have been canceled until further notice. The services that will take place this month are listed below. These services will NOT be open for our community of faithful to attend in person. The only persons permitted in the Cathedral during service will be our clergy, chanter and a select few who are needed to assist with the service.

These services will be live stream broadcast (audio and video) on our Saint Sophia Facebook page. The link is below:

**<https://www.facebook.com/StSophiaLA/>**

**March 22, 2020**

Sunday of the Holy Cross

9:00 am Orthros

9:45 am Memorials

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Followed by Bible Studies w/  
Fr. John

**March 29, 2020**

Sunday of John Climacus

9:00 am Orthros

9:45 am Memorials

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Followed by Bible Studies w/  
Fr. John

**March 25, 2020**

Feast of the Annunciation

9:00 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Please be sure to prayerfully follow along with your family at that time.

For now, our Saint Sophia staff will be in the office during the week with regular hours and of course Father John and Father Christopher will be available to our community, as usual. Cathedral visiting hours will also remain the same.

Thank you and God Bless,

Rev. Father John S. Bakas, Dean

Dean Peratsakis, Parish Council President

# Memorials

*May their memory be eternal...*

*Among the spirits of the righteous perfected in faith, give rest, O Savior to the souls of your servants...*

*Francie Doumakes Scofield (5 years)*

*Effie Doumakes (7 years)*

*Katherine Drulias Roumeliotis (13 years)*

*Dean Roumeliotis (21 years)*

*John Doumakes (28 years)*

*Alex Nickols (10 years)*

*Harry Stamatis (2 years)*



## **PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**

**MARCH GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** Our meeting has been cancelled. Hopefully we will see you in May or June.

**EASTER PICNIC:** As you may know by now, the Easter picnic has been cancelled.

We wish you a Blessed Lent and Kali Anastasi.

**MOTHER'S DAY:** At this time our plans for Mother's Day are unknown. We are not sure if restrictions will be lifted in time for the event or not. We will stay on top of the situation and let you know how things proceed.

Saint Sophia Philoptochos Debutante Presentation Ball, to be held on Sunday, January 17, 2021 at the Four Seasons Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Interested young ladies who will be high school juniors (aged 16 and older) should contact the Ball Chair, Patricia Mentas, at: [saintsophiadebball@gmail.com](mailto:saintsophiadebball@gmail.com). An informational meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Everyone should take precautions during this time to try and stay well. There's no reason to panic. Get plenty of sleep, take your vitamins and wash your hands often! We have gone through many other viruses in years before. So let's just try to relax and get through this together. Be patient.

If you know someone who needs the help of Philoptochos during this time, please contact us so we may be of assistance.

With love in Christ's service,

Virginia Noyes  
President

Love  
ONE  
ANOTHER  
AS I HAVE  
LOVED YOU  
JOHN 13 VS 34

# PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

2020

## *Mother's Day Luncheon*

I would like to be included in the program book in the following category:

- Diamond \$1,500
- Emerald \$1,000
- Ruby \$500
- Sapphire \$250
- Pearl \$150
- Jade \$100
- Topaz \$50

YOUR NAME AND MESSAGE WILL APPEAR IN THE PROGRAM BOOK AS FOLLOWS:

Print your name \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: "IN MEMORY OF" or "IN HONOR OF"

Print the name of person(s) you are honoring or you may write a personal message:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to **Saint Sophia Philoptochos Society**.  
For information, contact Mary-Kay Demetriou (310) 625-0412 or [ssphilmcprogrambk@gmail.com](mailto:ssphilmcprogrambk@gmail.com)  
Printer's Deadline is **April 22, 2020**

# PHILOPTOCHOS VIP NEWS

**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020:** Senior Citizen of the Year.  
Honoring Dr. Michael and Mrs. Susan Patzakis. Donation is \$30.  
It will be at 11:30 am following Liturgy.

Mary Morrison, President

# INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANNUAL GREEK EASTER PICNIC BROOKSIDE PARK, PASADENA

The World Health Organization has officially declared the Corona Virus (CoV19) a pandemic. In the interest of mitigating a risk to our health and the health of the 1,800 guests who attend the Easter Picnic each year, the Easter Picnic committee, in conjunction with the Saint Sophia Foundation, has decided to make the difficult decision to **CANCEL** the 2020 Easter Picnic that was to be held at Brookside Park in Pasadena on April 19th.

We put the health and safety of our guests first and do not want to increase the risk of anyone becoming infected with the virus. We look forward to resuming our picnic next year on May 2, 2021, and we plan to make this great tradition a wonderful, joy-filled event! May everyone have a blessed Lent and a glorious Resurrection!!

Constantine M. Boukidis, Saint Sophia Foundation President



## Operation Christmas Child Donation Idea of the Month



Saint Sophia Sunday School, Saint Sophia Dance Program and the Saint Sophia Philoptochos Society are again collaborating in 2020 to assemble Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. Thank you to all who participated in 2019. We collected and assembled 134 boxes last year. 2019 was one of our most successful years to date. This year's goal is to fill 300 boxes. Every month, between January and October, all parishioners will have the opportunity to make donations to help us meet this goal.

Our March focus is on handmade items for boys and girls. If you have not yet checked out the Saint Sophia Craft group, this is a good time to stay after church and lend a hand. The group is looking to make the following:

- 100 coloring story books with stick/finger puppet sets for the 2-4 year-olds.**
- 300 crocheted/knitted/sewn stuffed dolls and puppets for all ages**
- 200 friendship bracelets for the 5-14 year-olds**
- 300 handmade jigsaw puzzles for all ages**

Donations of yarn, felt, embroidery floss, fiber-fill stuffing, google eyes, small Styrofoam balls, mounting cardboard, craft sticks, 8 ½" x 11" copier paper and 8-count crayon boxes would help the group complete enough projects for this year's boxes. Please email Eleni Yokas if you have questions or want to help at [stsophiasundayschool@gmail.com](mailto:stsophiasundayschool@gmail.com). On November 1, 2020, to celebrate the National Philoptochos Make A Difference Day, we will be hosting a "Pack-A-Box" luncheon for all parishioners to join us in completing this wonderful diakonia project. Admission will be your donation to this worthy project.

## Be Worthy

A certain man in the Gospels went to a marriage feast. He put on unbecoming clothes, came in, sat down, and ate-for the bridegroom allowed it. However, when he saw everyone dressed in white, he should have found the same kind of clothes for himself. While he ate food like them, he wasn't like them in his fashion and purpose. And although the bridegroom was generous, he wasn't stupid. As he went around to each of the guests and observed them, he didn't care about their eating, but about their refined behavior. He saw a stranger who wasn't wearing wedding clothes and said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here? With what conscience? It wasn't because the doorkeeper didn't stop you, but because of the host's generosity. Were you ignorant of what clothes to wear to the banquet? You came in and saw the glittering style of the guests-shouldn't you have learned by what was right before your eyes? Shouldn't you have tactfully excused yourself so that you could come again dressed appropriately?" So he commands the servants, "Bind his feet which have boldly intruded. Bind his hands which didn't know how to put on bright clothes. And cast him into the outer darkness, for he is unworthy of the wedding celebration." You see what happened to that man, so be worthy of the feast.

*And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest  
though in hither not having a wedding  
garment? And he was speechless.*

*Mathew 22:12*

