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MARCH 29, 2020

Sunday of St. John Climacus

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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 Parishioners,

I ask you please! If you are sick with a cold or fever please stay home. Yes faith and reason coexist, so let's be reasonable. Please stay home and tune in. God Bless us all. Be safe. I love you.

This service will NOT be open for our community of faithful to attend in person. We encourage you to watch the services from your homes as it will be live stream broadcast (audio and video) on our Saint Sophia Facebook page. That link is below:

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

March 29, 2020

Sunday of St. John Climacus

9:00 am Orthros

9:45 am Memorials

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Followed by Bible Studies w/ Fr. John

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

Thank you and God Bless,

V. Rev. Father John S. Bakas, Dean



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...

Gus Pappas

Helen Pappas Lasswell

Tony Master

Diana Striglos (31 years)

Coralía Soylamar

ALTAR CANDLES

Offered in loving memory of Gus Pappas, Helen Pappas and Tony Master by their family.

ALTAR TABLE CANDLES

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PARISH COUNCIL AND FOUNDATION NEWS

Saint Sophia Scholarships

**John S. Sakellaris Foundation Scholarship -
(for College/Post-Graduate Students)**

**Angelo L. Pappas Foundation Scholarship -
(for Graduating High School Seniors)**

**Fr. John Bakas Parish Council Scholarship
(for either High School Seniors or College)**

The Saint Sophia Scholarship Committee is accepting applications to award four \$2,500 scholarships for eligible students within our community. These scholarships are offered to a graduating high school and college or post-graduate students.

**To receive an application please contact
Tina Callas at calset@aol.com or (818-388-7818) or
Gig Kyriacou at gigk@mediate.com or 818-613-4412.**

**To be eligible, applicant or his/her parents must be
stewards in good standing for in the current year.
Recipients of the \$2,500 scholarships from 2019 may
not apply, but may apply again in 2021.**

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 1, 2020

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY: 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. 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 ssphilmprogrambk@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. 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.