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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.

LIGHT A CANDLE

Although we cannot be together side by side, we will be together in spirit by participating in prayer and worship during Sunday's livestreamed service on Facebook.

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

Our beloved Fr. John and Fr. Chris will light a candle and say a prayer for your loved ones who are living and for those who have departed from this life.

Please stay tuned on our Facebook page after the Divine Liturgy as Fr. John and Father Chris read your names from the Solea. Follow the instructions below.

1. Make a Candle Donation of any amount with a Credit Card online <https://saintsophia.org/donatepayment/>. Please select "general donation" under category. You may also mail the names and a check to the church.
2. Email the names to be read to any recipient:
Fr. Chris Kolentsas at frkolentsas@saintsophia.org
Dean Peratsakis at dotos@msn.com
John Kopatsis at kopatsis@gmail.com



SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

We pray this finds you safe and well. We hope you had a blessed Easter at home.

In the interests of the health and well-being of our members and community we have made the difficult decision to cancel the Mother's Day Luncheon due to the COVID-19 outbreak. We will celebrate our beloved honoree, Judie Christopoulos, as Mother of the Year on May 8, 2021.

Even though we cannot be together to celebrate, we would still appreciate receiving your support. Our annual Mother's Day Luncheon is a major fundraiser. The revenue it generates is vital to perform our mission, to be there for those individuals and families in need – today and tomorrow -- as we always are and always have been. As the Novel Coronavirus spreads, we anticipate the needs of our community members will increase and we want to be there to care and comfort them. If you were considering attending the Mother's Day Luncheon or purchasing an ad in the program book, and are still in a position to give, we ask that you please make a donation, instead. May the Lord continue to watch over you and your family and especially now in these challenging times.

To make a donation:

Via our website:

stsophiaphiloptochos.org

- Select the JOIN/DONATE tab at the top right hand side of the page

- Scroll to the bottom of the page to the "Donate" section and click on the DONATE button

- From there you will be taken to PayPal and can enter donation amount and credit card information*.

By Mail:

- Kindly make your check payable to the Greek Orthodox

Philoptochos Society and send to:
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*Credit card payments are subject to a 4% transaction fee.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

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





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.