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Sunday Before Epiphany

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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.

Memorials

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

Pamela Edwards (40 days)

William Balamaci (1 year)

Lucio Jordan (12 days)

Serge Gayshun (1 year)

ALTAR TABLE CANDLES

In memory of Pamela Edwards from her family Virginia
and Brent Noyes, Alexis and Kellie.



OUTDOOR DIVINE LITURGY

The Los Angeles County Health Department has allowed houses of worship to offer faith-based services both indoors and outdoors with **mandatory physical distancing and face coverings over both the nose and mouth that must be worn at all times while on site both inside the Cathedral and outside in the parking lot.** Divine Liturgy will take place inside the church. Seats will be available inside and outside the cathedral. Only the number of Liturgy attendees that can be accommodated with proper distancing in the marked lines on the pews will be allowed inside the church. **MASKS ARE MANDATORY** inside and outside the parking lot. No one will be allowed on the Saint Sophia property without a mask. If anyone removes their mask outside of taking the Holy Communion, they will be requested to leave and escorted outside the premises.

Service Time Change

9:00 am Orthros

9:45 am Memorial

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

We will continue live-streaming services on Facebook. Join us, as once again we gather to worship, keeping of course social distancing of at least 6 ft apart. I look forward to seeing you.

The following guidelines and regulations, that we must comply with, are for the health and safety of all. Thank you.

- Upon arrival at Saint Sophia, everyone must check in by providing their name and phone number at a welcoming table.
- Face masks are required. (No masks for children under the age of 2 and parental supervision required for children 3-8)

- Anyone who is sick, has been sick or has been around someone who has been sick or who has traveled outside of the state during the past 2 weeks, as well as anyone who is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, or who have family members who are ill, should stay home.
- Congregants/visitors will be temperature screened, with non-contact (without touching) thermometers upon arrival as we are required to conduct these non-contact temperature checks by the Health Department.
- We must, respectfully, maintain physical, social, distancing of six feet or more between congregants/visitors from different households when standing or seated.
- Saint Sophia will have hand sanitizer available to use upon arrival and throughout your visit.

God Bless, V. Rev. Fr. John S. Bakas, Dean



BIBLE STUDIES W/ FR. JOHN

We hope to have indoor bible studies when permitted but for the time being please join Father John's Bible Study, which, will be conducted online via Zoom Video Conferencing every Tuesday. This, virtual, class will be interactive which allows for questions and answers during the study. A link to join the Zoom class will be emailed out prior to that date. Please share the link below to anyone who wishes to subscribe to our weekly emails. Thank you.

<https://stsophia.us4.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=05212a9d99d6591e24e582cff&id=1da80c474c>

SAINT SOPHIA CATHEDRAL SPEAKS: COME RECEIVE THE LIGHT

We can “elect” to join Fr. John Bakas for a 15-minute study of New Testament Scripture every Tuesday at 7 pm. Stay tune on Saint Sophia's Facebook and YouTube page.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StsophiaOrg>

LOOKING FOR A NANNY

A couple from Greece working in Finance that recently moved to Los Angeles is now looking for Greek nanny to help with their new born baby girl for 5-6 hours a day. They reside in West Hollywood, both speak Greek and would appreciate someone with personal experience with newborns. Both parents will be home and help as well.

You can reach out to us at tdikal@gmail.com or at 626-235-9418

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I wish you all a Happy New Year! We need to move on to a new year and pray that 2021 will be filled with happiness and good health.

EPICUREAN JOURNEY WITH FRIENDS Many thanks to chairman Dina Demetrius and her committee for the wonderful cooking classes and auction! We surpassed our expectations and hope that you had as much fun as we did. Thank you everyone for your support and generosity!

MEMBERSHIP 2021: Our membership drive is starting up! The mailings are out from our membership chairman Maria Toczek. Membership is important not only to our chapter but also to the Metropolis and National. We have many commitments to the National and Metropolis Philoptochos. Maybe you would like to join one of the committees for an upcoming event. PLEASE join us and have fun working on Philoptochos projects.

ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: This is an ELECTION year for the Board of Directors. Please see the notice in the bulletin should you wish to run! Elections will be held Sunday, May 16.

RALPHS REWARDS PROGRAM: if you have not enrolled in the Ralph's Rewards program for Philoptochos, please do so now in January. Just go to 'ralphs.com' find 'create an account' and click that link. Simply follow the next steps to create your account. You need your email name plus create a password - and at least one phone number to list in your account information. Once they send you a 'confirmation' to your email, you can login to your new account. On the left side of the website at the bottom you will see 'Community Rewards'. Click on that to then select Saint Sophia

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Philoptochos. If you are already a member, please sign into your account and make sure you still have our Philoptochos selected as your community reward. Thank you.

MOTHER'S DAY: Our Mother's Day plans are going to move to Saturday, June 19 - subject to change. We will be honoring JUDITH CHRISTOPOULOS, our Mother of the Year who did not get her event this past May. While we have not decided if the event will be held inside - or outside - plus Zoom - remains to be seen. The details have to be worked out. We are planning a lovely day and hope you will be with us. Hopefully by summer many people will have received a Covid vaccine and things should start to improve!

DEBUTANTE BALL 2021: The Debutante Ball has been rescheduled to Friday, September 3, 2021 at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Chairman Patricia Mentas has been working to plan the dates for next spring and summer. Patricia and her committee are working hard to make this a wonderful event. Save the date and please join us as we present these lovely young ladies.

Virginia Noyes and the Board of Directors



SAINT SOPHIA RESIDENCES

FOR LEASE

Lovely and spacious

2 bedroom/2 bath and 3 bedroom/2 bath

Apartments are now available at the beautifully maintained building located directly behind Saint Sophia Cathedral at

1425 South Mariposa Avenue

Los Angeles

If you are 55 or older and an Orthodox Christian, come check out these apartments while they are still available and join a friendly Orthodox community!

2 bedroom/2 bath-\$1400

3 bedroom/2 bath-\$1800

Please call Louis Pappas 310-902-0852

Mission Statement:

Keep, Practice and Proclaim the Orthodox Christian Faith

1. Sanctify and Enhance the Life of the Faithful
2. Proclaim and Teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ
3. Add to the Number of the Faithful through Outreach and Evangelism

Orthodox Calendar

JANUARY 2021

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | | |
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| | | | | | 1 Circumcision of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy | 2 | | |
|  3 Sunday before Epiphany 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy | 4 | + | 5 Bible Studies Class 11 am | 6 Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy | 7 | + | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy | 11 | 12 Bible Studies Class 11 am | + | 13 | 14 | + | 15 | 16 |
| 17 12 th Sunday of St. Luke 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy | 18 | 19 Bible Studies Class 11 am |  | 20 | 21 |  | 22 | 23 |
| 24 14th Sunday of St. Luke 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy | 25 | 26 Bible Studies Class 11 am | + | 27 | 28 | + | 29 | 30 |
| 31 15 th Sunday of St. Luke 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy | | Strict Fast + | Fish Allowed  | Wine and Oil Allowed  | Dairy, Eggs, and Fish Allowed  | Fast Free | | |