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APRIL 25, 2021

Palm Sunday

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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.

LENTED SCHEDULE 2021

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| Presanctified Liturgy | Friday, April 23 | 9:00am |
| Saturday of Lazarus | Saturday, April 24 | 9:00am Orthros; 10:00am Divine Liturgy |
| Palm Sunday | Sunday, April 25 | 9:00am Orthros; 10:00am Divine Liturgy |

Note: Due to the necessity of a flexible schedule at this time, any special participatory events related to Holy Week (not in the schedule) will be announced separately.

Lazarus Saturday, April 24 (Christ Resurrects Lazarus After 4 Days Dead)

9:00 AM.....Orthros
10:00 AM.....*Divine Liturgy*

Palm Sunday, April 25 (Christ's Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem)

9:00 AM.....Studies In The Faith
10:00 AM.....*Divine Liturgy w/Blessing & Distribution of Palms*
7:00 PM.....1st Service of the Bridegroom / Nymphios
(This beautiful service helps prepare us to receive the Christ our Lord as the Bridegroom of the Church. It happens 3 nights in a row.)

Holy Monday, April 26

9:00 AM.....*Presanctified Liturgy*
7:00 PM.....2nd Service of the Bridegroom / Nymphios

Holy Tuesday, April 27

7:00 PM.....3rd Service of the Bridegroom / Nymphios

Holy Wednesday, April 28

9:00 AM.....*Presanctified Liturgy (Last one of the Lenten Season)*
3:00 PM.....(Early Choice) Sacrament of Holy Unction
7:00 PM.....(Later Choice) Sacrament of Holy Unction

Holy Thursday, April 29

9:00 AM.....*Saint Basil Morning Vespertal Liturgy*
6:00 PM.....Reading of the 12 Gospels
(About the dramatic Passion & Crucifixion of our Lord)

Holy Friday, April 30

9:00 AM.....Reading of the Royal Hours
(Hymns, Psalms, and Readings from the Old and New Testaments, all prophetically and practically related to the Person of Jesus Christ.)
3:00 PM.....Vespers of the Descent from the Cross (The Un-nailing)
7:00 PM.....Lamentation Service (Funeral procession of our Lord)

Holy Saturday, May 1

9:00 AM.....*Saint Basil Morning Vespertal Liturgy (Arise O God!)*
11:00 PM.....The Canon (Anticipating the coming Resurrection)
12:00 AM.....Resurrection / Anastasi Service
12:30 AM.....*Resurrectional Divine Liturgy*

Holy Pascha / Easter Sunday, May 2

11:00 AM.....Agape Service – Vespers of Love
(The Good News of Jesus Christ joyously declared in Different Languages)

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

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.

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



Scholarship News

Saint Sophia Parish Council Father John S. Bakas Scholarships

The Saint Sophia Parish Council is pleased to announce two scholarships for \$2,500 each in honor of Fr. John and his 25 years of service to our Saint Sophia Community. Applicants can be graduating high school, college or post graduate students. Only one application is needed for the six \$2,500 Foundation and Parish Council Scholarships and the Scholarship Committee will determine the awards.

Saint Sophia Foundation Scholarships

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

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

The Saint Sophia Board of Trustees is accepting applications to award four \$2,500 scholarships for eligible students within our community. These scholarships are offered to graduating high school and college or post graduate students. These scholarships are in honor of two great leaders of our community from the San Julian church, to the founding of our Saint Sophia community up through the building of the Community Center. John and Angelo were true visionaries and stalwart servants on behalf of Saint Sophia Cathedral and its community.

John Sakellaris served his Greek Orthodox Church and community for over 80 years. He was an Altar Boy, member of the Choir, Treasurer of the first Parish Council at the Church of the Annunciation on San Julian Street, member and first Treasurer of the Saint Sophia Cathedral Parish Council. In 1952, John was appointed by Mr. Charles P. Skouras as Comptroller of the newly organized Saint Sophia Foundation. He was elected a member of the Board of Trustees in 1960 and Treasurer in 1964. In 1987, he was elected President of the Board of Trustees of the Saint Sophia Foundation and continued to serve in that capacity until his death in 2010.

Under John's administration, the Trustees have been responsible for the building of the Saint Sophia residence, the expansion of parking facilities, the construction of the Walk of the Blessing Hand and Wall of Honor, and the restoration, beautification and improvement of the Cathedral itself and its property. He played a significant leadership role in the Faith, Vision and Community Campaign for Building Expansion here at St. Sophia Cathedral.

In addition to being a Life Member, John was the donor of the Blessed Hand and two of the mosaic Icons in the Dome of St. Sophia Cathedral. In 1992, John was recognized for his dedication and earned the designation of Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. In 2010, John received the Blessing Hand Award from the Foundation. John was a sustaining donor to the Patriarch Athenagoras Institute of Orthodoxy, Holy Cross Seminary, Hellenic College, St. Basil's Academy, local and national Philoptotos Societies, and the Order of Ahepa, the Building for Excellence Campaign at USC's Keck School of Medicine and numerous other charities.

Angelo Pappas ("Angie") was a Saint Sophia Steward since 1952, when he made his first generous contribution to the Cathedral prior to its completion. His devotion to our church has been demonstrated through his stewardship giving of time, talent and treasure for the past 58 years. He was appointed to the National Archdiocesan Council by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos in 1973 and served in the Axios Foundation for Worthiness from 1982 to 1984. Angelo was honored an Archon for his outstanding service to the Greek Orthodox Church in 1994 and he received the Blessing Hand Award.

Angie was elected a member of the Board of Trustees in 1972, Vice President in 1986 and President in 2010, following John's passing. In 1979, Angie initiated the Cadillac for Christmas annual fundraiser – later named Cash for Christmas – and served as a chairman until 2009. He was instrumental in acquiring properties for the Cathedral Foundation, and led the construction of enclosures to secure the church grounds.

Angie worked hand-in-hand with John and the Foundation in leading the construction of the Saint Sophia residence, the expansion of parking facilities, the Walk of the Blessing Hand, the restoration of the Cathedral grounds and our beautiful Huffington Center.

To receive an application please contact

Tina Callas at calset@aol.com or 818-388-7818 or Gig Kyriacou gigk@mediate.com or 818-613-4412

To be eligible, applicant or his/her parents must be stewards in good standing in the current year.

Recipients of the \$2,500 Scholarships from 2020 may not apply, but may apply again in 2022.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 1, 2021

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

As the end of the Philoptochos 2019-2021 Board nears, I want to let you know how our funds were spent this past year. We donated \$11,360 to our National Philoptochos Commitments and paid \$3150 in per capita dues. An additional \$2500 was donated to the Children's Medical Fund Luncheon which is a biennial National event held in November. Our Kids 'n Cancer Donation this year is \$7500 plus additional funds will be sent after our Mother's Day event in July.

Commitments to the Metropolis totaled \$3200 plus \$3150 in per capita dues. This includes \$1500 for the Bishop Anthony Student Aid Endowment Fund. We've donated \$2000 to Saint Nicholas Ranch for maintenance and upkeep that is so necessary. The work that was being started before the pandemic had to stop and is just now getting underway again. The Ranch has so many spiritual retreats and events plus camps for children that they need to continue with their construction updates before reopening.

We donated \$2000 to the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank and additional funds to the Union Rescue Mission to help them during this crisis.

Our ladies have worked hard during this past "pandemic" year to keep up with the work of Philoptochos. I wish to thank all of them for their support and efforts during a most difficult time. The light is nearing the end of the tunnel as people receive their Covid vaccines and we look forward to good times ahead.

With love in Christ's service,
Virginia Noyes
President

THE HOLY LAND 2021
WITH VERY REVEREND JOHN S. BAKAS
DECEMBER 2ND – DECEMBER 11TH



God willing, Father John plans to return to Israel.

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This trip is all-inclusive.

Accommodations, breakfast and dinner, transfers,
all entry fees, expertly guided tours.

Trip Cost \$4395 pp/double occupancy

Single Supplement Available Upon Request.

Airfare and gratuity not included. We can advise on flights.

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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

APRIL 2021

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | | † 1 | † 2 Presanctified Liturgy 9:00 am 3 rd Salutations of the Theotokos 7:00 pm |  3 |
|  4 Sunday of the Holy Cross 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy | † 5 | † 6 Bible Studies Class 11 am | † 7 Presanctified Liturgy 7 pm | † 8 | † 9 Presanctified Liturgy 9:00 am 4 th Salutations of the Theotokos 7:00 pm |  10 |
|  11 Sunday of St. John Climacus 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy | † 12 | † 13 Bible Studies Class 11 am | † 14 Presanctified Liturgy 7 pm | † 15 | † 16 Presanctified Liturgy 9:00 am Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos 7 pm |  17 |
|  18 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy | † 19 | † 20 Bible Studies Class 11 am | † 21 Presanctified Liturgy 7 pm | † 22 | † 23 Presanctified Liturgy 9 am |  24 Saturday of Lazarus 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy |
|  25 Palm Sunday 8:30 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Studies | † 26 Holy Week | † 27 Bible Studies Class 11 am | † 28 | † 29 | † 30 Good Friday Office Closed | |
| | | Strict Fast † | Fish Allowed  | Wine and Oil Allowed  | Dairy, Eggs, and Fish Allowed  | Fast Free |