

SAINT SOPHIA

*Axiologa*

*"worth mentioning"*



**AUGUST 15, 2021**

*The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady  
the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary*

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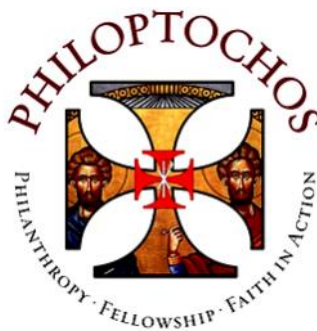
*When you write your will or update it, won't you please remember Saint Sophia Cathedral? Such a gift will live forever as our church ministers to our spiritual needs. It's an investment in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

## **PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**

**DEBUTANTE BALL 2021:** The Debutante Ball will take place on Friday, September 3, 2021 at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Chairman Patricia Mentas and her committee have been working hard on this wonderful event where eighteen lovely, accomplished young women will be presented. If you haven't purchased your tickets or contributed to the program book yet, and would like to, there is very little time left. The deadline for the program book is August 3, and the deadline for tickets is August 20.

**SAVE THE DATE – GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** The new ecclesiastical year is just around the corner, and so is the new term of Philoptochos meetings. We have reserved Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 12:30 PM for our first on-person General Assembly of the new term. We will send out an email reminder and instructions to reserve your seat for lunch. **RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR AN ACCURATE LUNCH COUNT.** As always, we will be watchful of any changes to local Covid mandates for meeting in person and adjust accordingly.

In Christ's service,  
Dina Demetrius, President



## DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE AND AHEPA

The AHEPA families are sending emergency funds to Greece to help of the fires. The Ahepa and Daughters of Penelope, have opened an Emergency Relief Fund in order to send assistance to Greece. All chapters have been asked to send a donation to help with this emergency. Ahepa has coordinated efforts to get food, blankets and medical care to those who have been affected by these fires.

Our chapter will be making a donation to help with this humanitarian cause. If you would like to donate to the Daughters of Penelope Wildfire Fund, make your checks out to Alkandre Chapter 43. Please mail your donation to: Mary Kezios 10409 Casanes Ave., Downey CA 90241

We thank you for your donations to this cause. Keep Greece in your prayers.

Virginia Noyes

President

Alkandre Daughters of Penelope

*Daughters of Penelope*



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO

# YAL Conference



September 2-6, 2021

JW Marriott Desert Ridge  
Resort & Spa | Phoenix, AZ

**Don't miss out!**

Enjoy a weekend of  
Fellowship, Service,  
Witness and Worship!

**EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 30**

[www.sanfran.goarch.org/YAL](http://www.sanfran.goarch.org/YAL)

**Ready. Set. EXCLAIM!**

Are you ready to Exclaim your faith? Then the Young Adult League (YAL) Conference over Labor Day Weekend 2021 in Phoenix, AZ is where you need to be! Conference attendees will enjoy a weekend of events, workshops, worship and relaxation from September 2 – 6, 2021 at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort and Spa in Phoenix, AZ. Highlights of the weekend include engaging workshops, daily worship, dances, a Grand Banquet, and a special western-themed event “YeeHaw YAL”. [Online registration for the conference is now open!](#) **Take advantage of the discounted rate from now through June 30.** This is your chance to reunite in person with young adults from across the country.

Visit [www.sanfran.goarch.org/YAL](http://www.sanfran.goarch.org/YAL) for more registration and hotel details.

# Μιλάτε ελληνικά;

Join the new Modern Greek Language Meetup Group

All levels welcome, from  
complete beginner to native speaker.

To join the group and RSVP for the first event  
Saturday, August 14  
visit [Meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) and search for "Greek Language"

Or scan the QR code:



Καλώς ήρθατε!



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

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God willing, Father John plans to return to Israel.

**TEL AVIV | NAZARETH | BETHLEHEM | JERUSALEM**

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.

Reserve Your Spot by September 1st, \$500  
Final Payment by October 22nd, \$3895

**Payments can be made through Saint Sophia's website**

Go to "Make a Donation." Go to "Contribution."

Go to "General Donation."

Enter amount. Click the "Make a Donation" button\*.

\*There is an area that says "Order Description." You can note "Holy Land Trip."

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Tourists who are fully vaccinated with vaccines approved by the USA or European Union (Pfizer, Moderna, Astra Zeneca, Johnson and Johnson) which includes around 45 countries including USA, UK, Canada, Germany, France, Italy, etc **will be able to enter Israel with a negative PCR corona test taken before the flight, a vaccination certificate, and a PCR test on arrival to Ben Gurion Airport** (there is no requirement for a serology test). **Before leaving Israel a PCR test is required.**










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

**AUGUST 2021**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 1 <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew</b> 9:00 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Paraklesis	† 2 7pm Paraklesis	† 3 7pm Paraklesis	† 4 7pm Paraklesis	† 5	 6 <b>Transfiguration of our Lord</b> 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy	 7
 8 <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew</b> 9:00 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Paraklesis	† 9 7pm Paraklesis	† 10 7pm Paraklesis	† 11 7pm Paraklesis	† 12 7pm Paraklesis	† 13 7pm Paraklesis	 14 Vespers for Panagia at Assumption Church in Long Beach
15 <b>The Dormition of the Theotokos</b> 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	16	17	† 18	19	† 20	21
22 <b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew</b> 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine	23	24	† 25	26	† 27	28
 29 <b>Beheading of the Forerunner</b> 9:00 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	30	31				
		Strict Fast †	Fish Allowed 	Wine and Oil Allowed 	Dairy, Eggs, and Fish Allowed 	Fast Free