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DECEMBER 5, 2021

10th Sunday of St. Luke

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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,

Sophoula Dages (10 years)

Jose Palomares (31 years)

Demetrios Palomares

(27 years)

Demetrios

Ekatarini

Fani

Demetrios

Despina

Maria

Stravoula

Kostas

Manuela

Nikos

James S. Drulias (55 years)

Penelope Caiopoulos

Batanides (9 years)

Andrew Kyriaco (12 years)

Theodora Naoumovitch

(4 years)

John Leousis (40 days)

George Varentges

Barbara

Vasili Leousis

Demetra Leousis

Eleni Leousis

Kalliope Kokkins

Leonidas Kokkins

George Leousis

ALTAR CANDLES

Offered in loving memory of John Leousis and George Varentges by the Varentges family.

ALTAR TABLE CANDLES

Offered in loving memory of Theodora Naoumovitch by her loving children and grandchildren.

COFFEE HOUR

Offered in loving memory Sophoula Dages, Jose Palomares, Demetrios Palomares, Demetrios, Ekatarini, Fani, Demetrios, Despina, Maria, Stravoula, Kostas, Manuela, and Nikos by the Palomares Chassman Family.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

SEE'S CANDY SALE

This winter we will once again be raising funds to help the Penelope Centers for Domestic Violence and the Penelopean Day Care Center in Athens, Greece.

It's that time of year when the world falls in love....time to be thankful for all we have and getting ready for the Christmas Season. The Daughters of Penelope will be selling See's Candy in the hall foyer after church during coffee hour. We will have the small Merry Boxes for \$7.00 each, and one pound boxes of Nuts and Chews or Assorted Chocolates for \$24.00 each. They make wonderful gifts or just something yummy to keep in your house! Please stop by the table and pick up your favorite chocolates. We can accept cash or checks (no credit cards). Sale started November 21. We will sell each week until all the candy is gone. Thank you!



Sunday, December 12



St. Sophia Christmas Bake Sale

Baklava, Melomakarona,
Kourambiedes, Koulourakia,
Galaktoboureko and more!



Pre-Order Available!
Must be made by 12/07/21
Contact Eleni **310-420-8374**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ST. SOPHIA DANCE PROGRAM

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

LIVESTREAMING DIVINE LITURGY ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Realizing that a number of our beloved parishioners cannot attend the Divine Liturgy on feast days and on Sunday, we have again decided to broadcast the services on the internet via Facebook and YouTube. Pray along with fellow congregants, of course the fellowship experienced with our brothers and sisters in church is the ideal, nevertheless in this case social media can be valuable. When participating in this manner, please be reverend, not eating breakfast and attending in a dignified way. The Divine Liturgy is our Holy way of offering our triune God worship, praise and thanksgiving for every breath we take and for life itself.

ST. MODESTOS BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Following the Divine Liturgy at 12:30pm on Sunday, December 19th, the clergy will offer a service of the Blessing of the Pets with the Prayer of St. Modestos of Jerusalem in the courtyard of the Saint Sophia Cathedral. Please ensure that the pets will remain on leashes for this service.

Community Night at Saint Sophia Cathedral

Seeking God first, all else will be provided

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

5:30- 8:30 PM

We welcome our entire community!

Parents, Married Couples, Single and Young Adults, and Children

Our once-a-month program seeks to bring our community together, as we connect back to our faith in a tangible way.

Our goal is for us all to come together and pray as one, alongside creating solutions for our daily lives. We look forward to the nurturing, healing, and joy that will come to all of us as a community, alongside our participation in the Sunday Liturgy.

Plan

Vespers at 5:30 - 6 pm

Join us to dine together from 6:00 - 6:30pm

Or... if in traffic or running behind

We will provide a meal

Activities

Will begin ~6:30 pm

Father Talks.....

This month, the Fathers will be speaking on the Jesus Prayer and its application to daily life. Parents, married couples, and all adults are invited for our mid-week sustenance + Q&A.

High School and Young Adult will meet to discuss the Challenges of Daily Life + an Activity

Children - Lesson and an Activity Games.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

CANNED FOOD DRIVE – Philoptochos is sponsoring a Christmas canned food drive in partnership with St. Thomas’s parish next door, to support the families of our Byzantine-Latino community. Please bring canned or boxed food of all types to Saint Sophia to be collected on Sunday, December 19th. We will have collection boxes and areas for bags in entry area of the Huffington Center. Keep an eye on the weekly bulletin for updates and information. Please bring whatever you can to help those experiencing food insecurity in our greater community!

POINSETTIA DELIVERY FOR SHUT-INS - On Sunday, December 19th, we will deliver a Christmas poinsettia to our community members who are not able to leave their homes and/or come to church. If you know someone (elderly or ill) who is at home and needs some Christmas cheer this season, please give us their name at: ssphiloptochos@gmail.com or call (323) 737-2424 x204

BIBLE STUDIES

We hope to have indoor bible studies when permitted but for the time being please join our 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. Join us every Tuesday morning (11am) for online Bible studies. Please use the same login information below to join the class. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87688782858?pwd=ZytCdmJUZFBUBko1THhhMHE0all2UT09>

Meeting ID: 876 8878 2858 Passcode: 824350

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School classes meet every week unless otherwise noted. Regular Schedule classes start upon dismissal during Holy Communion until 12:00 noon. Please check the Essentials and Herald for schedule changes.

Upcoming dates:

Sunday 12/5/21 Regular Schedule - Pageant rehearsal immediately following class in the Cathedral

Sunday 12/12/21 No Class - Annual Christmas Pageant in church following the Divine Liturgy

Sunday 12/19/21 Regular Schedule

Sunday 12/26/21 No classes - Enjoy the holiday break

Sunday 1/2/2022 No classes - Enjoy the holiday break

Following the holidays, Sunday School classroom instruction will resume on January 9, 2022. If you have any questions about the Sunday School program or are interested in volunteering, please email Eleni Yokasa at stsophiasundayschool@gmail.com.

BIOS – SAINT SOPHIA PARISH COUNCIL
ELECTIONS 2021

Dr. Stephen J Yallourakis has been a member of the Saint Sophia Community for the past 12 years. During these years he has been a leading supporter of Saint Sophia and the San Francisco Metropolis. He is in continuous communication with Metropolis representatives to further orthodox projects. Dr. Yallourakis is an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and was named Archon Aktouarios in 2005. He has held a position on the Archon National Council since 2006. Dr. Yallourakis' mission through the Archons is to strengthen the unity of the orthodox faithful both locally and nationally. He is the founder and supporter of the publication *First Among Equals: The Ecumenical Patriarch*. This publication describes the history of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the current work of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. The publication has been circulated nationwide and is currently a part of the Sunday School Program under the GO Archdiocese where students will encounter topics such as Church Leadership and Global Orthodoxy. Dr. Yallourakis has also been a member of Leadership 100 since 2000.

He welcomes the opportunity to serve his local parish and the community of Saint Sophia.

Michael Yallourakis has been a member and steward of Saint Sophia Cathedral for over 10 years.

Michael taught Sunday School, grades 5-6, from 2013-15 and has been co-heading the high school Sunday School class since the start of the 2020 academic year. He has been involved in numerous Saint Sophia community projects and events throughout the years, including gathering donations for the annual Lenten food drive, volunteering and donating to the Greek Festival, participating in and judging the annual Oratorical Festival, reading throughout the Lenten and Holy Week services, and teaching the high school grades at the recent Family Night.

Michael is also an accomplished actor and director. He starred on the Freeform drama “Secret Life of the American Teenager” for several seasons and has since appeared in numerous TV series and feature films, including Brooklyn Nine-Nine, Crazy Ex-Girlfriend, and Criminal Minds. Michael won a Young Artist Award for his role in “Where Hope Grows” (Lionsgate/Roadside Attractions) for Best Leading Actor in a Feature Film.

He also directed a two-part documentary in Kolkata, India for Fili-Inc. The documentary, entitled “Ekota,” follows the life and plight of a Greek-Orthodox nun, fighting human trafficking one child at a time. The documentary was a great success and was screened at the 2019 San Francisco Metropolis Sunday of Orthodoxy, Pan-Orthodox Fundraising event for the Theotokos Girls’ and Boys’ Orphanage in Kolkata, India.

Michael recently completed a degree in Financial Economics at Columbia University in New York City and looks forward to continuing his faithful service to the Saint Sophia parish back home in Los Angeles.

Hello. My name is **Christos Klapsis**, and I am running for Parish Council. It would be my honor to serve our community as a member of the Council. My passion in life is our children and the preservation of our beautiful culture. I strongly believe passing down our religion, traditions, and culture to our children, is to secure the promise of our future as a community. I would relish the opportunity to lead and mentor them while building a thriving future for them in our church. I am a first-generation Greek American. My parents immigrated to the US in their late teens and have achieved the American Dream, by successfully raising two children in our faith and retiring back on the island they're from Lipsi, Greece. I was baptized in the same church our angelic daughter Irini was in Fairview, New Jersey, which is also where I was raised. Ever since she was born, I have been driven to pass on our beautiful religion, traditions, and culture to her and have found a home in our beloved Saint Sophia. I have been a member of Saint Sophia since moving to California in 2003. In fact, the church was the first place I visited when I moved here, and it is also where my beautiful wife Anastacia was baptized upon converting to Greek Orthodox prior to our marriage. As well, our daughter is a member of the dance program here representing St. Sophia at the annual FDF. Since moving to California, I have lived in Santa Monica with my beautiful family and own a General Contracting firm where we work with national institutions in development oversight. I've had a strong connection to the church and God all my life and as I grow older, I am facing a deep calling to be a part of our community to lead our children through the church youth programs. I believe mentoring our children with the values and principals of our religion is an investment in our future and it would give me a deep sense of gratitude for our church to do so. In humility, faith, and strength, I thank you for your consideration and welcome the opportunity to join our Parish Council.

Thank you,

Christos Nikitas Klapsis

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

DECEMBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			✝ 1	🐟 2	✝ 3	🐟 4
		Bible Study via Zoom 11 am				
🐟 5 10 th Sunday of St. Luke 9:00 am Orthros 9:45am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	🐟 6 Saint Nicholas 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	🐟 7 Bible Study via Zoom 11 am	✝ 8 Community Night w/ Vespers at 5:30 pm	🐟 9 Conception of Theotokos 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	✝ 10	🐟 11
🍇 12 11 th Sunday of St. Luke 9:00 am Orthros 9:45am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	✝ 13	✝ 14 Bible Study via Zoom 11 am	🍇 15	✝ 16	🍇 17	🍇 18
🍇 19 Sunday before Nativity 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Blessing of the Pets Service	🍇 20	✝ 21 Bible Study via Zoom 11 am	✝ 22	✝ 23	✝ 24 Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil 6 pm Christmas Eve	25 Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine
26 Sunday after Nativity 9:00 am Orthros 9:45am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	
		Strict Fast ✝	Fish Allowed 🐟	Wine and Oil Allowed 🍇	Dairy, Eggs, and Fish Allowed 🥚	Fast Free