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DECEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday before Nativity

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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,

*Georgia Korbakis
Panayiotis Korbakis
Andreas Phinos
Eleni Phinos*

ALTAR CANDLES

Offered in loving memory of Georgia Korbakis, Panayiotis Korbakis, Andreas Phinos and Eleni Phinos by Dr. John and Mrs. Niki Korbakis and family.



PARISH COUNCIL SWEARING-IN

Saint Sophia Cathedral congratulates Christos Klapsis, Greg Beer, Kathleen Kyriacou, Michael Yallourakis and Dr. Stephen J. Yallourakis on their recent election to the Parish Council. Swearing-in to be held on Sunday, January 2, 2022.



BIBLE STUDIES

There will be no bible studies next Tuesday. We will provide updates on when classes will resume. We hope you enjoy the holiday break with family and friends.

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!



PHILOPTOCHOS VIP BOARD

Dear VIP Members,

On behalf of the Philoptochos VIP Board, I would like to wish you a very Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year.

After a very long time, due to Covid-19, we were not able to meet and make any plans for the past two years. Last week the Board had the first meeting and made plans for the following events. Please mark these days on your calendar and check with the saint sophia cathedral weekly and Monthly Bulletins to determine if any changes are made.

FEBRUARY 1, 2022 TUESDAY PRIZES AND SURPRISES. It's that time of the year when we play our favorite game. Please join us at 11:00 AM for a delicious lunch. Complimentary Bingo - no charge - luncheon included. You are all invited. In order to accommodate the lunch, reservations are a **MUST**. Please call chairperson Karla Gregg at (253)224-3705 and co-chair Anne Dres at (323)469-1746 to reserve. Following lunch, you can enjoy an afternoon of prizes and surprises with your friends. We hope to see you all there, and bring your friends.

MARCH 5, 2022 MONDAY KATHARADEFTERA. Let us all together celebrate the first day of Lent with Church services at 10:00 AM followed by a delicious Lenten lunch which will be served by our lovely VIP chefs - yia sta heria sas! For reservations please call Vivi Demopoulos at (310) 645-2142.

In His Service,
Mary Morrison

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

Please join us for the

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, December 19, 2021 at Noon

(Immediately following the Divine Liturgy)

honoring
Saint Modestos

Bring your family's furry one(s)* to be blessed outside Saint Sophia Cathedral!

If small children don't have a pet, they may bring a favorite stuffed animal.

We will learn about Saint Modestos, how he loved animals and why we bless them!



Saint Modestos, Patron Saint of Animals

All dogs must be secured on leash (no flexi leads**) with a **secure** fitting collar/harness.*

If your dog tends to react (bark) to other people or dogs, please tie a red bandana around his/her neck so all will know to give your pet some space. Cats may be on a leash (if they can be safely secured) otherwise; cats along with other furry and feathery ones such as rabbits, hamsters, birds, etc. should be secured in carriers/crates.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

VASILOPITA CUTTING – Join Saint Sophia Philoptochos in ringing in a New Year with our Vasilopita cutting on Sunday, January 9, 2022 in the Huffington Center after church. Frs. John and Anthony will help us cut the Vasilopita, where we will also serve coffee and light appetizers.

We are also selling Vasilopitas to be picked up on January 9th. If you'd like to pre-order a Vasilopita for \$20 each, you may email or call Philoptochos with your name, contact information, and number of loaves. Supplies are limited, so get your order in early. Email: ssphiloptochos@gmail.com or call (323) 737-2424 x204.

MEMBERSHIP TEA – SAVE THE DATE! The Philoptochos Membership Tea party will take place in the Huffington Center on Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 12:30pm. We welcome prospective, new and current members to join us in fellowship and learning what Philoptochos is accomplishing in our chapter, and at the Metropolis and National levels. We look forward to seeing our membership all together!

EPICUREAN JOURNEY WITH FRIENDS – SAVE THE DATE! We're excited to be back in person for Saint Sophia Philoptochos' gala event featuring the culinary talents of Greek celebrity Chef Maria Loi! Be ready to join us on Saturday, February 26, 2022 in the Huffington Center. More information and how to reserve your tickets to come.

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy 2022!!

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:

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| 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.

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
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		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
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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
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