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*Axiologa*

*"worth mentioning"*



**JULY 31, 2022**

*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew*

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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,*

*Michael Boukidis (35 years)*

*Frances M. Boukidis*

*Evangelos Rodinos*

*Catherine Rodinos*

*Chris Stavaridis (1 year)*

*Ted Kiapos (6 years)*

*Aspasia Kiapos (6 years)*

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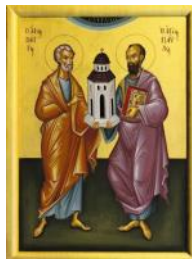
*Efstratios Fotinou*

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## **COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR**

Offered in loving in memory of Chris Stavaridis by  
Allison Stavaridis.





## Help Us Support the Magnolia Elementary School Pandas!



**WHAT:** Hamburger Luncheon

**WHERE:** Saint Sophia Cathedral Huffington Center

**WHEN:** Sunday, August 7 after the Divine Liturgy

**COST:** Your donation--school supplies or money is the cost of admission

As part of the national "Operation Classroom" initiative of Philoptochos, our Saint Sophia chapter is again supporting Magnolia Avenue Elementary School, which has been serving students in our Pico-Union neighborhood since 1904. Magnolia's Pandas are in need of these supplies:

- **Backpacks for girls and boys (MOST NEEDED)**
- **No. 2 pencils - regular or mechanical**
- **Erasers - pink or pencil top**
- **Kids scissors (blunt tip)**
- **Washable markers**
- **Notebooks - wide ruled**
- **Crayons**
- **Colored pencils**
- **Glue sticks**
- **Handwriting practice paper**

Please bring donated items to the luncheon on August 7 or to church any day before then.

We will accept monetary donations in lieu of school supplies.

Make checks payable to:

**"Greek Orthodox Philoptochos Society"**  
**(please write "Magnolia" in the memo)**

Mail to:

Saint Sophia Philoptochos

1324 S. Normandie Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90006

For more information contact Olga Jordan at  
(323) 244-1367 or [olgajordan1@gmail.com](mailto:olgajordan1@gmail.com)

Your generosity makes all the difference. Thank you!

## 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

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come check out these apartments while they are  
still available and join a friendly Orthodox  
community!

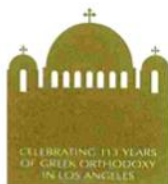
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His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos  
Metropolitan of San Francisco  
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Your Eminence;

As King Solomon is quoted in the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for everything, and a reason for every activity under the heavens." For me the time has arrived that I must retire as Dean of Saint Sophia Cathedral effective on January 23, 2023. My last formal celebration of the Divine Liturgy will be on my birthday, Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

I have served my beloved cathedral for over 27 years. Much has been accomplished in the name of our Lord. I have served our Holy Greek Orthodox Church as a Deacon and Priest for over 40 years. I expect no formal recognition of any good that I have done. I have served with my beloved Metropolitan Anthony of blessed memory from the time of my priestly ordination to the untimely death of His Eminence on Christmas day 2004.

It has been my honor pleasure and spiritual joy to serve under your enlightened leadership since January of 2005. Someone once said "old priests never retire, they just fade away." I don't plan to fade away. I will be available to you and the church in whatever capacity you feel appropriate.

Thank you for your love support and guidance since "day one" of 2005. My love and respect for you is never ending.

With gratitude and love in Jesus Christ,



Fr. John S. Bakas,  
Dean

CC: Anna Yallourakis – President Parish Council  
Constantine Boukidis – President Foundation  
Fr. Anthony Cornett – Assistant Priest

**THE HOLY LAND WITH FR. JOHN BAKAS  
DECEMBER 10TH – DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

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

**Trip Cost \$4225 pp/double occupancy  
Deposit \$420 per person**

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

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Go to "Make a Donation."  
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Enter amount. Click the "Make a Donation" button\*  
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## LA GREEK FEST 2022

We have tentatively scheduled the weekend of October 7-9 for our LA Greek Fest '22. The viability of the fest depends on the following factors.

1. Dependable volunteers (with job descriptions) to work in designed areas. Volunteers must be workers not indulging in free food and drink. The fest is a fundraising event for Saint Sophia Cathedral. In addition, it is also a way to highlight our Orthodox Faith and Greek Culture.
2. The Fest is not a personal party for volunteers. It is a dedicated service to our church. Expenses cannot supersede income.
3. When volunteers make a commitment to work, it is important for them to show up and honor their commitment.

The LA Greek Fest is a major church and city cultural event. Let's put our "best foot forward". Thank you so very much for caring and working the LA Greek Fest '22







# SAINT SOPHIA CAMP 2022

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Week 1: July 25th-July 29th at  
**Camp Cedar Lake** in Big Bear Lake, CA

Week 2: August 2nd-August 7th at at  
**Camp Saint Nicholas** in Frazier Park, CA

**Sign up at [www.saintsophiacamp.org](http://www.saintsophiacamp.org)**

Registration closes on June 15th at 11:59 pm. Any sign-ups  
after will be placed on a waitlist.



**For more information please contact:**

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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

**JULY 2022**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					 1	2
3 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew</b> 9:00 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	4 Campus Closed Independence Day	5	6 +	7	8 	9
10 <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew</b> 9:00 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	11	12 Saint Paisios 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	13 +	14	15 +	16
17 <b>Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council</b> 9:00 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine	18	19	20 	21	22 	23
24 <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew</b> 9:00 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	25 Dormition of St. Anna 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy	26	27 	28	29 +	30
31		Strict Fast  +	Fish Allowed  	Wine and Oil Allowed  	Dairy, Eggs, and Fish Allowed  	Fast Free