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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,

Micheal Christofi (6 years)

Lefkou Christofi (8 years)

John Dalis (1 year)

Mary Christine Houghton (5 years)

ALTAR CANDLES

Offered in loving memory of John Dalis by Don and Joanne Dalis.

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS

Offered in loving memory of our parents Michael and Lefkou Christofi by their children and their family.

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SAVE THE DATES

Tribute Gala and Farewell Luncheon

HONORING OUR BELOVED

Very Reverend Father John S. Bakas

ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM SAINT SOPHIA CATHEDRAL

TRIBUTE GALA

JANUARY 14, 2023

SAINT SOPHIA HUFFINGTON CENTER

FINAL LITURGY AND FAREWELL LUNCHEON

JANUARY 22, 2023

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DETAILS TO FOLLOW

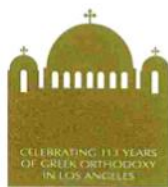
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His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos
Metropolitan of San Francisco
245 Valencia Street
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Your Eminence;

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 22nd.

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

AMERICAN HELLENIC COUNCIL

Under the auspices of the Consulates General of Greece & Cyprus in Los Angeles the American Hellenic Council invites the Greek Communities of Southern California (No rsvp required) to the 100th Commemoration of the Smyrna Catastrophe. We shall never forget the Genocide of the 350K Greeks (plus other Christian minorities of Asia Minor) that took place on Sep 23,1922. Proudly co-sponsored St. Sophia Cathedral of Los Angeles, the Hellenic Society of Constantinople, the UCLA Stavros Niarchos Center for Hellenic Studies, the Los Angeles Greek Film Festival, and the Order of AHEPA. This event will feature the screening of the film, "Smyrna, My Beloved" and will take place at St. Sophia Cathedral in L.A., starting with a 4pm reception with free appetizers and screening to follow. The community will be briefly addressed with an introduction by our President & Chairman, Dr. Jim Dimitriou, and by our 2 guest speakers, the Honorable Ioannis Stamatekos, newly appointed Consul General of Greece to L.A., as well as the Honorable Andreas Kyprianides, Honorary Consul General of Cyprus to L.A. A minimum donation of \$10/person is suggested to cover all expenses, and any net proceeds will go to the American Hellenic Council of California. We look forward to seeing you all there! Thank you & God Bless! Contact joanna@americanhellenic.org

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 2022

Jim Gianopoulos Family Theater at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral

4 pm Reception / Screening to follow

FREE Admission & Appetizers

* Suggested minimum donation: **\$10**

The Community will be addressed by the Honorable Ioannis Stamatekos, Consul General of Greece in L.A. and also by the Honorable Andreas Kyprianides, Honorary Consul General of Cyprus in L.A.

* Net proceeds from this event will go to the American Hellenic Council of California.

Event held under the auspices of the Consulates General of Greece & Cyprus in L.A.





Join us as
AHEPA Honors

Eleni Kounalakis

Lt. Governor of California

and

The Very Reverend

Father John S. Bakas

Dean of Saint Sophia Cathedral

SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

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A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

REGION 8 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

AHEPA invites all members and chapters in Region 8 to support the 100th Anniversary Banquet and Dance.

- **\$ 5,000** - Premium Table for 10, Listing in Program Book, Announcement of Support, Photo Op with Honorees
- **\$2,500** - Table of 10, Listing in Program Book
- **\$1,000** - Table of 10 - Discounted Price
- **\$ 150** - Individual Ticket

AHEPA Requests that all chapters purchase a sponsorship for this limited seating only event and consider purchasing more than one table.

Deadline for ticket purchase is SEPTEMBER 10, 2022.

Payment can be made to AHEPA District 20, please contact rosemar2@msn.com or ahepa@ahepa.org for more information.

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



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This trip includes:
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."
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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DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Hello everyone!

Welcome back to the beginning of the ecclesiastical year! We look forward to seeing you back in church.

Our first meeting will be September 11th after church. There's so much to do in the fall! At this meeting we will be making **20 Hygiene Relief Kits for IOCC**. These kits are being used for the wildfire victims in Northern California and for victims of the floods in Kentucky. Please come to the meeting if you can around noon so we can start promptly. We don't know yet if we will be upstairs but I'll try to let you know later.

Don't forget that in October we will be doing our **ANNUAL PUMPKIN SALE** for the Daughters **Project Limbitless!** The pumpkins are small but adorable!! They will be selling for \$5 a pumpkin again and we hope you'll support this worthwhile project. 'LIMBITLESS' makes artificial limbs for children and teens at no cost to the person or their family! You've been so generous the last few years we hope you will be once again. Look for us in the coffee hour starting October 16!

Fall is a busy time and shortly after the pumpkin sale we will be getting ready for our **SEE'S CANDY SALE!** This always begins around Thanksgiving and is a great fundraiser to help Penelope Centers for Domestic Violence and for the Penelopean Day Care Center in Athens, Greece. Yummy yummy candy!

Time is already moving quickly! Please watch for us in the coffee hour as we start the holiday fun!

Virginia Noyes
Alkandre Chapter
President, Daughters of Penelope

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

St, Sophia Philoptochos offers huge thanks to everyone in our community for their generous donations to Magnolia Avenue Elementary School at our annual Backpack Hamburger Luncheon in August! With your help, we donated hundreds of school supplies, many dozen backpacks, and more than \$2,100. It was a tremendous turn out and we thank you all for showing up for these neighborhood children and their families!

SAVE THE DATE – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Our next General Assembly will take place on Sunday, September 25th after church in the Maniatakos Room. If you haven't done so already, please pay for your 2022 membership by that meeting. We need to update our active membership list with all who attend. Lunch is \$10 and reservations are always greatly appreciated so we can have an accurate count for food. You can RSVP at ssphiloptochos@gmail.com or (323) 737-2424 x 204.



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
(Indiction/Ecclesiastical New Year)

Orthros, 9am
Divine Liturgy, 10am

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Vespers, 6pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Orthros, 9am
Memorials, 9:45am
Divine Liturgy, 10am

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
(Nativity of the Theotokos)

Orthros, 9am
Divine Liturgy, 10am

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Vespers, 6pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Orthros, 9am
Memorials, 9:45am
Divine Liturgy, 10am

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
(Elevation of the Precious Cross)

Orthros, 9am
Divine Liturgy, 10am

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Vespers, 6pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Orthros, 9am
Memorials, 9:45am
Divine Liturgy, 10am

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
(Conception of the Forerunner)

Orthros, 9am
Divine Liturgy, 10am

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Orthros, 9am
Memorials, 9:45am
Divine Liturgy, 10am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
(Saint John the Evangelist & Theologian)

Orthros, 9am
Divine Liturgy, 10am

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