

SAINT SOPHIA



# *Axiologa*

*"worth mentioning"*



**DECEMBER 18, 2022**

*Sunday before Nativity*

## **FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

Constantine M. Boukidis, President, Gig Kyriacou, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President; Jim Zaferis; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President; Diane Sakellaris Lapa, Secretary; Nicholas Manolelis, Treasurer

### **MEMBERS**

V. Rev. Fr. John S. Bakas, Tina Callas, Timi Loomos Freshman, Steve Hanna, Tony Natsis, Melanie O'Regan, John Peterson, Anna Yallourakis, Jean Paul Wardy, George E. Preonas, Jack Stumpus

### **PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES**

Andrew J. Demetriou, General Counsel, Mary Kay Demetriou, Daniel J. Kirages, Sam Konugres, Dinah Wellington

### **TRUSTEES EMERITUS**

Andrew Evangelatos, Alek Haidos, John T. Pappas

## **PARISH COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

Anna Yallourakis, President; Daniel Settlemyer, Vice President; Bill Striglos, Treasurer; Kathleen Kyriacou, Asst. Treasurer; Tonifaye Palomares, Recording Secretary

### **MEMBERS**

Bertha Angels, Greg Beers, Vickie Deryiades, Christos Klapsis, Loula Moschonas, Vasilis Tomaras, Andrew Powell, Julian Rebiga, Michael Yallourakis, Dr. Stephen Yallourakis

### **BOARD OF AUDITORS:**

Jim Boltinghouse, Nicholas Manolelis, Michele Panagiota Olivar

Saint Sophia Cathedral  
1324 S. Normandie Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90006

Office: 323.737.2424  
[www.saintsophia.org/bulletin](http://www.saintsophia.org/bulletin)

*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,

*Lucas Loukaris*

*Louis Loukaris*

*(23 years)*

*Efstratios*

*Despina*

*Stavros*

*Hariklia*

*Efstratios*

*Myrsini*

*Fotios*

*Hariklia*

*Myltiadis*

*Marika*

*Gina*

*Litsa*

*Rocco*

*Olga*

*Raymond*

*Elena Dascalu*

*(1 year)*

*George (5 years)*

*Arpad (1 year)*

*Denisa (8 years)*

*Constantin*

*Georgia Korbakis*

*Panayiotis Korbakis*

*Eleni Phinos*

*Andreas Phinos*

*William Michel*

*Vasiliki Michel*

*Foti Fotiades*

*Zina Fotiades*

*Nicholas Fordes*

*Aphrodite Fordes*

*Procope Costas*

*Mary Costas*

*George Michel*

*Helen Michel*

*Alfred Michel*

*Anne Michel*

*Theodora Naoumovitch*

*(5 years)*

*Peter Boukidis*

*(25 years)*

*Caleroi Boukidis (28 years)*

**ALTAR CANDLES**

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

**ALTAR TABLE CANDLES**

Offered in loving memory of my dear son Lucas Loukaris and husband Louis Loukaris by Mersy Loukaris.

**SOLEA CANDLES**

Offered in loving memory of William and Vasiliki Michel and Foti and Zina Fotiades by William N. and Taryn Fordes.

Offered in loving memory of Nicholas and Aphrodite Fordes and Procope and Mary Costas by William N. and Taryn Fordes.

**PERPETUAL CANDLES**

Offered in loving memory of Elena Dascalu by her niece and nephew Florina and Gabriel Szekely.

Offered in loving memory of Theodora Naoumovitch by her family.

Offered in loving memory of Peter and Caleroi Boukidis by the Papoutsis and Nichols Families.

**COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR**

Offered in loving memory of Elena Dascalu by her niece and nephew Florina and Gabriel Szekely.

Offered in loving memory of Harry Siafaris by Voula Siafaris and family.

.....

Last Sunday, we memorialized the family of  
Mary Tassop:

**Pauline, John, Ernie, Nicholas, Lola and George.**

As well as **Maria Woloschinowisch (40 days)** memorial





*Saint Sophia Parish Council  
and  
Saint Sophia Philoptochos  
Cordially invite you  
to join us for our  
Very Reverend John S. Bakas,  
Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Throne  
Retirement Luncheon*

*January 22, 2023  
Immediately following the Divine Liturgy  
Maniatakos Fellowship Hall  
No Reservations, First Come, First Serve  
Buffet Luncheon*



KINDLY JOIN US FOR A

## *Tribute Gala*

HONORING OUR BELOVED

*Very Reverend Father John S. Bakas*

ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM SAINT SOPHIA CATHEDRAL

JANUARY 14, 2023

SAINT SOPHIA HUFFINGTON CENTER

RESERVATION INFORMATION - JEANNE BOUKIDIS

818-389-7661 JBOUKIDIS.STSOPHIA@GMAIL.COM

PAYMENTS AND FORMS MAY BE COMPLETED AT [WWW.SAINTSOPHIA.ORG/TRIBUTE-GALA](http://WWW.SAINTSOPHIA.ORG/TRIBUTE-GALA)

## *Final Liturgy and Farewell Luncheon*

JANUARY 22, 2023 COMPLIMENTARY

HOSTED WITH LOVE BY THE SAINT SOPHIA PARISH COUNCIL AND PHILOPTOCHOS. FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.

.....

### **BIBLE STUDIES**

Last day of class will be December 20<sup>th</sup> and resume January 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Join Zoom Meeting:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87688782858?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87688782858?pwd=ZytCdmJUZFBUbko1THhhMHE0all2UT09)

[pwd=ZytCdmJUZFBUbko1THhhMHE0all2UT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87688782858?pwd=ZytCdmJUZFBUbko1THhhMHE0all2UT09)

Meeting ID: 876 8878 2858

Passcode: 824350



## **PHILOPTOCHOS**

### **ANGEL TREE**

As the holiday season brings many of us an abundance of blessings to celebrate, we are also reminded that many in our greater Los Angeles community are in need. The East Los Angeles Women's Center has identified three families who would love to have some much-needed Christmas gifts. Starting **December 4<sup>th</sup>**, please come by the *Angel Tree* during coffee hour to pick up an ornament or two which will have on it one gift on these wish lists. All wrapped gifts are due back to Philoptochos on **Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please be as generous as you can!

### **POINSETTIAS FOR THE HOUSEBOUND**

On *Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>*, Philoptochos members will deliver holiday poinsettias to those in our community who are housebound. If you know of someone from Saint Sophia who is in this situation, please let one of our Board members know, or email us at: [ssphiloptochos@gmail.com](mailto:ssphiloptochos@gmail.com).

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Thanks to regular contributions of grocery cards by a generous Philoptochos member, we have a number of cards for those who need some assistance with groceries. If you know of someone in our community in need, let us know. Please contact Vice President of Outreach Elaine Bissias via email or phone: [ssphiloptochos@gmail.com](mailto:ssphiloptochos@gmail.com) or (323) 737-2424 x204.

*CONTINUED*

## **PHILOPTOCHOS**

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

**Vasilopita Cutting** – welcome the New Year with the Saint Sophia community at our annual Vasilopita Cutting event sponsored by Philoptochos on ***Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>*** after church in the Huffington Center.

**Membership Tea** – join us for our annual Membership Tea where we welcome new members and celebrate those who have been the backbone of Philoptochos for many years, on ***Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>*** in the Huffington Center after church. Bring your friends to join in fellowship and learn about the important charitable work we carry out every year!

### **MEMBERSHIP**

If you're a member and haven't completed your dues payment for 2022, please do so by seeing Judie Christopoulos, Vice President of Membership, or paying online at: <https://www.stsophiaphiloptochos.org/join-donate>

***Wishing you a Merry Christmas and blessed, happy, and healthy New Year from everyone at Saint Sophia Philoptochos!!***





# GLENDI 2023

Saturday February 4th, 2023

Join us in celebrating  
Father Gary Kyriacou's  
return home



Featuring: **Synthesi**

playing traditional music  
from all over Greece.

**Reservations:**

[St.sophia.folkdance@gmail.com](mailto:St.sophia.folkdance@gmail.com)

**Cocktails/Appetizers: 5:00pm**

Price: \$75 - Adult | \$40 - Kids under 12 | \$25 - Dancers

Silent Auction with great items to help support the dance program  
St.Sophia Maniatakos Hall | 1324 S Normandie Ave.

## CALLING ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND YOUTH OF SAINT SOPHIA!

SAINT SOPHIA YOUTH CHOIRS are joining to offer singers from ages 5-19 years old to participate in several exciting opportunities!! Mia Foni (FDF Youth Choir) and the Saint Sophia Youth Choir are excited to collaborate for music and fellowship! YOU CAN BE IN THE YOUTH CHOIR ONLY OR MIA FONI ONLY OR BOTH!

**Saint Sophia Youth Choir** is a renewed ensemble, Directed by Dr Michele Patzakis. Practices will be incorporated into Sunday School class sessions, with a few supplemental dress rehearsals, TBD, prior to performances. Members are encouraged to participate in weekly Mia Foni rehearsals at 12:00pm-12:45pm on Sunday following Sunday School. Michèle Patzakis is a Teaching Artist with the Los Angeles Opera, voice faculty at Azusa Pacific University and SongFest, the SF director of the Metropolitan Opera Laffont Competition, and an active performer in concert and opera.

**MIA FONI** is a youth choir that performs traditional Greek Folk music, liturgical byzantine song and selected other choral repertoire. Practices are Sundays, and started October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Practice is only 45min long, from 12:00pm-12:45pm upstairs in the choir room (same location where the Sunday school meets, just go all the way to the back). Mia Foni welcomes seasoned veterans and new recruits. Educator, vocalist, choreographer, and creator Maria Vasiliou is the director of the FDF (Folk Dance Festival) award-winning choir, Mia Foni (One Voice). She started the program in 2018.

MIA FONI and Saint Sophia Youth Choir participants need to know that:

- There are weekly practices (same place, same time) unless otherwise stated,
- Practice begins promptly at 12:00pm

*continued*

- Food is NOT allowed in the choir room, however, water bottles are highly recommended,
- Anyone who wants to sing, can join!
- The Director will always aim to teach and direct to each child's specific needs.
- Learning is aided by audio files, lyric sheets and videos for home practice,
- We will sing mostly in Greek. No need to worry if your child doesn't speak the language...You'll be surprised what a little practice and repetition can accomplish.
- The first practice was really informal and more of a meet and greet and all are welcome to join for rehearsal on Oct 9<sup>th</sup>!

Saint Sophia Youth Choir and Mia Foni Performance Opportunities:

- Sunday School Christmas Pageant
- Greek Folk Dance Festival
- and more!

More information to come!! Very exciting! We look forward to working with our kids! To a great season!

You may contact the office for more information at 323-737-2424.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

|             |                            |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| December 18 | Regular Schedule           |
| December 25 | No Classes - Holiday Break |
| January 1   | No Classes - Holiday Break |
| January 8   | Regular Schedule           |

Hope to see you all these coming weeks!



---

## CHANGES TO OUR BULLETIN AND HERALD

To help eliminate phishing and scam activity, going forward all event advertisement requested to be in the bulletin or herald should not include personal names, phone numbers or emails. Please only include to contact the office for more information at (323) 737-2424 or [office@saintsophia.org](mailto:office@saintsophia.org).

The office will then direct callers and emails to the appropriate coordinators in charge of any event.



## SAINT SOPHIA RESIDENCES FOR LEASE

Lovely and spacious

2 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-\$1500

Please call the office for further questions at

323-737-2424



| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|---|---|--|-----------|----------|--|--|
| <p><i>"In all things, we should teach children to seek the help of God...Tell them, 'My child, the gifts that you have, God gave to you. Pray that God gives you His grace.' This is the perfect way."</i></p> <p>—St. Porphyrius of Kavsokalyvia, December 2</p> |   |  |           | 1        | 2  | 3<br>Vespers, 6pm  |
| 4<br>Orthros, 9am<br>Memorials, 9:45am<br>Divine Liturgy, 10am  | 5   | 6 <i>Saint Nicholas</i><br>Orthros, 9am<br>Divine Liturgy, 10am<br>Bible Study, 11am | 7         | 8        | 9 <i>Conception of Theotokos</i><br>Orthros, 9am<br>Divine Liturgy, 10am | 10<br>Vespers, 6pm   |
| 11<br>Orthros, 9am<br>Memorials, 9:45am<br>Divine Liturgy, 10am   | 12  | 13<br>Bible Study, 11am  | 14        | 15       | 16   | 17<br>Vespers, 6pm   |
| 18<br>Orthros, 9am<br>Memorials, 9:45am<br>Divine Liturgy, 10am   | 19 <i>Entrance of the Theotokos</i><br>Orthros, 9am<br>Divine Liturgy, 10am | 20<br>Bible Study, 11am  | 21        | 22       | 23 <i>Pre-Nativity</i><br>9am Great Hours                                | 24 <i>Pre-Nativity</i><br>Orthros, 9am<br>Divine Liturgy, 10am<br>Great Vespers, 6pm |
| 25 <i>Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas)</i><br>Orthros, 9am<br>Divine Liturgy, 10am  | 26<br>Offices Closed  | 27   | 28        | 29       | 30   | 31<br>Vespers, 6pm   |

**SAINT SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL**

1324 S. NORMANDIE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90006

Visit us on the web: <https://saintsophia.org> • (323) 737-2424

