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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
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**WEEKLY BULLETIN
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025
12TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

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METROPOLIS
OF DETROIT

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews

9:1-7

Prokeimenon. Mode 3
Luke 1: 46-48

**My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

Verse: For he has regarded the humility of his servant.

The reading is from
St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7

BRETHREN, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 9:1-7

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος γ'
Λουκάν 1:46-48

**Μεγαλύνει ἡ ψυχὴ μου τὸν Κύριον, καὶ γαλλίασε
τὸ πνεῦμά μου ἐπὶ τῷ Θεῷ τῷ σωτῆρί μου.**

**Στίχ. Ὅτι ἐπέβλεψεν ἐπὶ τὴν ταπείνωσιν
τῆς δούλης αὐτοῦ.**

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 9:1-7 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, εἶχεν ἡ πρώτη σκηνὴ δικαιώματα λατρείας, τό τε ἅγιον κοσμικόν. Σκηνὴ γὰρ κατεσκευάσθη ἡ πρώτη, ἐν ἣ ἡ τε λυχνία καὶ ἡ τράπεζα καὶ ἡ πρόθεσις τῶν ἄρτων, ἣτις λέγεται ἅγια. Μετὰ δὲ τὸ δεύτερον καταπέτασμα σκηνὴ ἡ λεγομένη ἅγια ἁγίων, χρυσοῦν ἔχουσα θυμιατήριον, καὶ τὴν κιβωτὸν τῆς διαθήκης περικεκαλυμμένην πάντοθεν χρυσίῳ, ἐν ἣ στάμνος χρυσῇ ἔχουσα τὸ μάννα, καὶ ἡ ῥάβδος Ἀαρὼν ἡ βλαστήσασα, καὶ αἱ πλάκες τῆς διαθήκης· ὑπεράνω δὲ αὐτῆς Χερουβὶμ δόξης κατασκιάζοντα τὸ ἱλαστήριον· περὶ ὧν οὐκ ἔστιν νῦν λέγειν κατὰ μέρος. Τούτων δὲ οὕτως κατεσκευασμένων, εἰς μὲν τὴν πρώτην σκηνὴν διὰ παντὸς εἰσίσιν οἱ ἱερεῖς, τὰς λατρείας ἐπιτελοῦντες· εἰς δὲ τὴν δευτέραν ἅπαξ τοῦ ἐνιαυτοῦ μόνος ὁ ἀρχιερεὺς, οὐ χωρὶς αἵματος, ὃ προσφέρει ὑπὲρ ἑαυτοῦ καὶ τῶν τοῦ λαοῦ ἁγνοημάτων·

The Gospel

According to Matthew

19:16-26

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 19:16-26 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, νεανίσκος τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ, γονυπετῶν αὐτόν, καὶ λέγων· Διδάσκαλε ἀγαθέ, τί ἀγαθὸν ποιήσω ἵνα ἔχω ζωὴν αἰώνιον; Ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· τί με λέγεις ἀγαθόν; οὐδεὶς ἀγαθὸς εἰ μὴ εἷς ὁ Θεός. εἰ δὲ θέλεις εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὴν ζωὴν, τήρησον τὰς ἐντολάς. λέγει αὐτῷ· ποίας; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπε· τὸ οὐ φονεύσεις, οὐ μοιχεύσεις, οὐ κλέψεις, οὐ ψευδομαρτυρήσεις, τίμα τὸν πατέρα καὶ τὴν μητέρα, καὶ ἀγαπήσεις τὸν πλησίον σου ὡς σεαυτόν. λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ νεανίσκος· πάντα ταῦτα ἐφυλαξάμην ἐκ νεότητός μου· τί ἔτι ὑστερῶ; ἔφη αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· εἰ θέλεις τέλειος εἶναι, ὑπάγε πώλησόν σου τὰ ὑπάρχοντα καὶ δὸς πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἔξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολούθει μοι. ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ νεανίσκος τὸν λόγον ἀπῆλθε λυπούμενος· ἦν γὰρ ἔχων κτήματα πολλά. Ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπε τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι δυσκόλως πλούσιος εἰσελεύσεται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τῶν οὐρανῶν. πάλιν δὲ λέγω ὑμῖν, εὐκοπώτερόν ἐστι κάμηλον διὰ τρυπήματος ραφίδος διελθεῖν ἢ πλούσιον εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσελθεῖν. ἀκούσαντες δὲ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἐξεπλήσσοντο σφόδρα λέγοντες· τίς ἄρα δύναται σωθῆναι; ἐμβλέψας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· παρὰ ἀνθρώποις τοῦτο ἀδύνατόν ἐστι, παρὰ δὲ Θεῷ πάντα δυνατά ἐστι.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrection Apolytikion in the Third Tone

Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death, and first-born of the dead has He become. From the womb of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy!

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ᾗδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

For the Theotokos

Ever-virgin Theotokos, the shelter of mankind, you have given to your City as a protective wall the clothing and garment that you wore on your immaculate body. By your seedless childbirth, they have remained incorrupt. For in you both nature and time are made novel. Therefore we implore you, grant peace to your commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls.

Θεοτόκε ἀειπάρθενε, τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἡ σκέπη, Ἐσθῆτα καὶ Ζώνην τοῦ ἀχράντου σου σώματος, κραταιὰν τῇ πόλει σου περιβολὴν ἐδωρήσω, τῷ ἀσπόρῳ τόκῳ σου ἄφθαρτα διαμείναντα· ἐπὶ σοὶ γὰρ καὶ φύσις καινοτομεῖται καὶ χρόνος· διὸ δυσωποῦμέν σε, εἰρήνην τῇ οἰκουμένη δωρήσασθαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion for the Church in the Plagal First Tone

Like a most fruitful olive tree you did blossom forth in the folds of the Lord, Sophia, martyr most pious! And to Christ you did bring sweetest fruit: the tender sprouts of your womb through divine martyrdom, Agape, along with Hope and Faith, the God-minded with whom do you pray to God for all of us.

Kontakion for the Theotokos

The precious garment that you wore about your body that hosted God, O all-blessed Theotokos, truly is power unassailable for your City and a treasure whose blessings are perpetual, O only Ever-virgin who bore a child.

Τὴν θεοδόχον γαστέρα σου Θεοτόκε, περιλαβοῦσα ἡ Ζώνη σου ἡ τιμία, κράτος τῇ πόλει σου ἀπροσμάχητον, καὶ θησαυρὸς ὑπάρχει, τῶν ἀγαθῶν ἀνέκλειπτος, ἡ μόνη τεκοῦσα ἀειπάρθενος.

Sunday—August 31, 2025



*Memorial
Paul Panos (1 Year)*

MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL

*Coffee Hour Today
In Memory of
Paul Panos
Given by the Family*



***Church Services & Events
for Today & the Upcoming Week***

Today ~ 12th Sunday of Matthew

8:45 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Monday ~ September 1, 2025

INDICTION—Ecclesiastical New Year



Tuesday ~ September 2, 2025

10:00 am Bible Study

Wednesday ~ September 3, 2025

5:00 pm Paraklesis

6:00 pm St. Paisius: From Farasa to Heaven

Thursday ~ September 4, 2025

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday ~ September 6, 2025

10:00 am Romanian Liturgy

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR YOUTH DANCE PROGRAM

The dance program is looking to update and replace the more than a decade old costume sets. We are excited to announce and hope you'll consider the many different fundraising ideas we have in place to help support the mission. Please keep a lookout in the bulletin and social media for more information.

Order Now until September 14th

Mum Sale

Details in this bulletin!

Any questions please reach out
to Marianna Politis

A huge shout out to
both Philoptochos & AHEPA
for kick starting us off!



St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church Youth Dance Program Fall Garden Mum Sale

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Quantity

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For more information contact Marianna Politis (315) 256-8002

Orders must be turned in by September 14th

Pick up Mums on Sunday, September 27th



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of Food, Music, &
Dancing!

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SEPTEMBER 13TH**
OUTSIDE ON THE CHURCH
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**5 PM
-
8 PM**

- GREEK-STYLE CHICKEN
- POTATOES, SALAD, GYRO,
- MEZETHES, DESSERTS, &
MORE!

Minimum Donation \$10

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ANNUAL MEET & GREET

Sunday, September 21st

Please join us in the gymnasium after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 21st for the Annual Meet & Greet. Each Church organization will have a table set up with information available. Please visit the many tables and join the many organizations that St. Sophia's has to offer for all age groups.

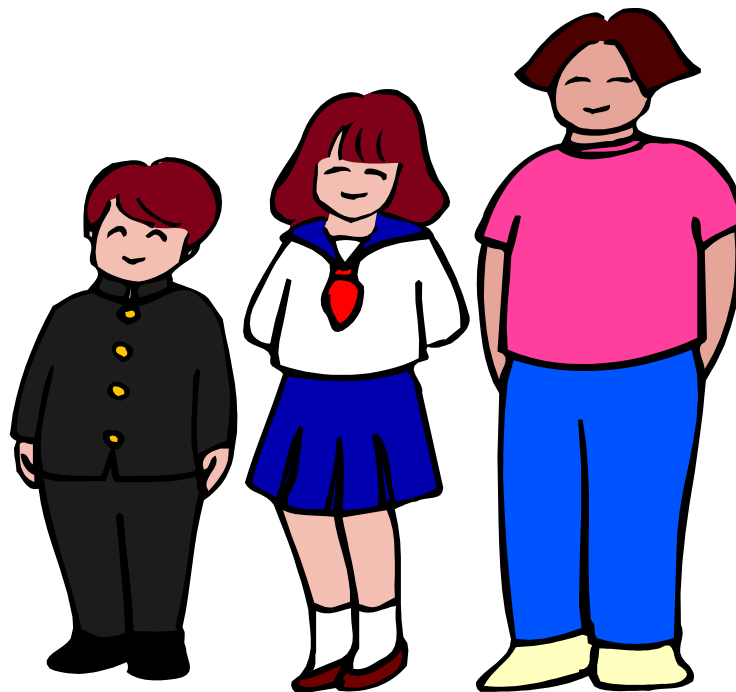
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will be starting Sunday School
for the Year 2024-2025
on Sunday, September 14.

Parents may register children online or
at the September 21st Meet & Greet

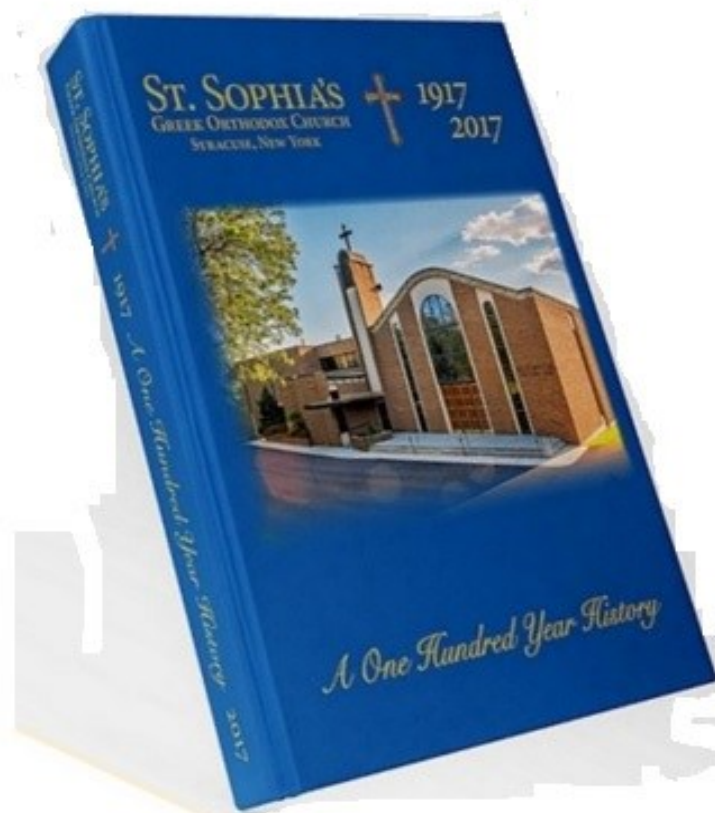


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at the Meet and Greet
The One Hundred Year History of
St. Sophia's Church**

200 pages of history and pictures!

**Includes 50 pages devoted to the
2017 Centennial Celebration**

Discounted price of \$30



Monday, September 1

**Labor Day is the day set aside
to pay tribute to
working men and women**

**It has been celebrated
as a national holiday
in the United States since 1894**

