

**ST. SOPHIA'S  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK**



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**WEEKLY BULLETIN  
SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025  
THOMAS SUNDAY**

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METROPOLIS  
OF DETROIT

# **Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20**

**Prokeimenon. Mode 4  
Psalm 146.5;134.3**

**Great is our Lord, and great is his power.**

**Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.**

The reading is from  
Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

## Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 5:12-20

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος δ'  
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 146.5;134.3

Μέγας ὁ Κύριος ἡμῶν, καὶ μεγάλη ἡ ἰσχὺς αὐτοῦ.

Στίχ. Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον, ὅτι ἀγαθός.

Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 5:12-20 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, διὰ δὲ τῶν χειρῶν τῶν ἀποστόλων ἐγένετο σημεῖα καὶ τέρατα ἐν τῷ λαῷ πολλά· καὶ ἦσαν ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἅπαντες ἐν τῇ στοᾷ Σολομῶντος. Τῶν δὲ λοιπῶν οὐδεὶς ἐτόλμα κολλᾶσθαι αὐτοῖς, ἀλλ' ἐμεγάλυνεν αὐτοὺς ὁ λαός· μᾶλλον δὲ προσετίθεντο πιστεύοντες τῷ κυρίῳ, πλήθη ἀνδρῶν τε καὶ γυναικῶν· ὥστε κατὰ τὰς πλατείας ἐκφέρειν τοὺς ἀσθενεῖς, καὶ τιθέναι ἐπὶ κλινῶν καὶ κραββάτων, ἵνα ἐρχομένου Πέτρου κἂν ἡ σκιά ἐπισκιάσῃ τινὶ αὐτῶν. Συνήρχετο δὲ καὶ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν πέριξ πόλεων εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ, φέροντες ἀσθενεῖς καὶ ὀχλουμένους ὑπὸ πνευμάτων ἀκαθάρτων, οἵτινες ἐθεραπεύοντο ἅπαντες. Ἀναστὰς δὲ ὁ ἀρχιερεὺς καὶ πάντες οἱ σὺν αὐτῷ - ἡ οὐσα αἵρεσις τῶν Σαδδουκαίων - ἐπλήσθησαν ζήλου, καὶ ἐπέβαλον τὰς χεῖρας αὐτῶν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀποστόλους, καὶ ἔθεντο αὐτοὺς ἐν τηρήσει δημοσίᾳ. Ἄγγελος δὲ κυρίου διὰ τῆς νυκτὸς ἤνοιξεν τὰς θύρας τῆς φυλακῆς, ἐξαγαγὼν τε αὐτοὺς εἶπεν, Πορεύεσθε, καὶ σταθέντες λαλεῖτε ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ τῷ λαῷ πάντα τὰ ῥήματα τῆς ζωῆς ταύτης.

## **The Gospel According to John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and My God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have life in His name.

## Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 20:19-31 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Οὔσης ὀψίας τῆ ἡμέρα ἐκείνη τῆ μιᾶ τῶν σαββάτων, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων ὅπου ἦσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ συνηγμένοι διὰ τὸν φόβον τῶν Ἰουδαίων, ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. Καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἔδειξεν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας καὶ τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ· ἐχάρησαν οὖν οἱ μαθηταὶ ἰδόντες τὸν Κύριον. Εἶπεν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς πάλιν· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν, καθὼς ἀπέσταλκέ με ὁ πατήρ, καὶ γὰρ πέμπω ὑμᾶς. Καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἐνεφύσησε καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· Λάβετε Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον. Ἄν τινων ἀφήτε τὰς ἁμαρτίας, ἀφιένται αὐτοῖς, ἂν τινων κρατῆτε, κεκράτηνται. Θωμᾶς δέ, εἷς ἐκ τῶν δώδεκα, ὁ λεγόμενος Δίδυμος, οὐκ ἦν μετ' αὐτῶν ὅτε ἦλθεν Ἰησοῦς· ἔλεγον οὖν αὐτῷ οἱ ἄλλοι μαθηταί· Ἐωράκαμεν τὸν Κύριον. Ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Ἐὰν μὴ ἴδω ἐν ταῖς χερσὶν αὐτοῦ τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλω τὸν δάκτυλόν μου εἰς τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλω τὴν χεῖρά μου εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ, οὐ μὴ πιστεύσω. Καὶ μεθ' ἡμέρας ὀκτὼ πάλιν ἦσαν ἔσω οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ Θωμᾶς μετ' αὐτῶν. Ἔρχεται ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον καὶ εἶπεν· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. Εἶτα λέγει τῷ Θωμᾶ· φέρε τὸν δάκτυλόν σου ἔδε, καὶ ἴδε τὰς χεῖράς μου. καὶ φέρε τὴν χεῖρά σου καὶ βάλε εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν μου, καὶ μὴ γίνου ἄπιστος ἀλλὰ πιστός. Καὶ ἀπεκρίθη ὁ Θωμᾶς, καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ὁ Κύριός μου καὶ ὁ Θεός μου. Λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Ὅτι ἐώρακάς με πεπίστευκας, μακάριοι οἱ μὴ ἰδόντες, καὶ πιστεύσαντες. Πολλὰ μὲν οὖν καὶ ἄλλα σημεῖα ἐποίησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐνώπιον τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, ἃ οὐκ ἔστιν γεγραμμένα ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ τούτῳ· ταῦτα δὲ γέγραπται ἵνα πιστεύσητε ὅτι ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐστὶν ὁ Χριστὸς ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ ἵνα πιστεύοντες, ζωὴν ἔχητε ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ.

## HYMNS OF THE DAY

### Apolytikion. Grave Mode.

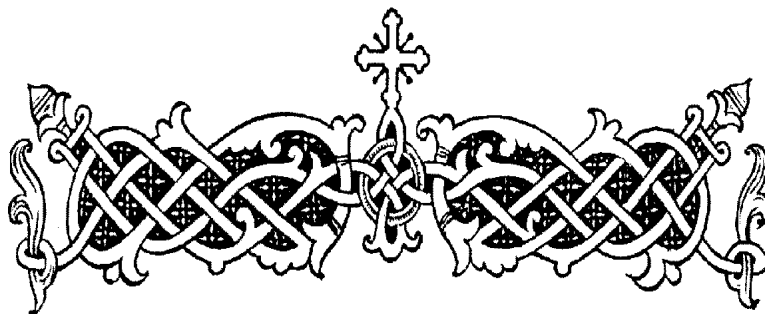
The tomb being sealed, You rose from the sepulcher, O Christ God, the Life. And the doors being shut, You came to the disciples, O resurrection of all. Through them You renew a right spirit within us, according to Your great mercy.

Ἐσφραγισμένου τοῦ μνήματος, ἡ ζωὴ ἐκ τάφου ἀνέτειλας Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός· καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, τοῖς Μαθηταῖς ἐπέστης, ἡ πάντων ἀνάστασις· Πνεῦμα εὐθὲς δι' αὐτῶν ἐγκαινίζων ἡμῖν, κατὰ τὸ μέγα σου ἔλεος.

### Kontakion of Pascha. Mode pl. 4.

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out “Rejoice” to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ᾄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναῖξι Μυροφόροις φθεγζάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.



*April 27, 2025*

***THOMAS SUNDAY***



***Memorials & Trisagions  
not allowed***

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

***Today ~ Thomas Sunday***

***8:45 am Orthros***

***10:00 am Divine Liturgy***

***Father David is out of town***

***Monday ~ April 28, 2025***

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***Tuesday ~ April 29, 2025***

***10:00 am Bible Study***

***Thursday ~ May 1, 2025***

***6:00 pm Choir Practice***

***Saturday ~ May 3, 2025***

***11:00 am Philoptochos Meeting & Potluck***

***5:00 pm Great Vespers***

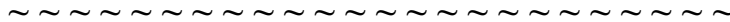
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***Today We Welcome  
Fr. Peter Irfan***





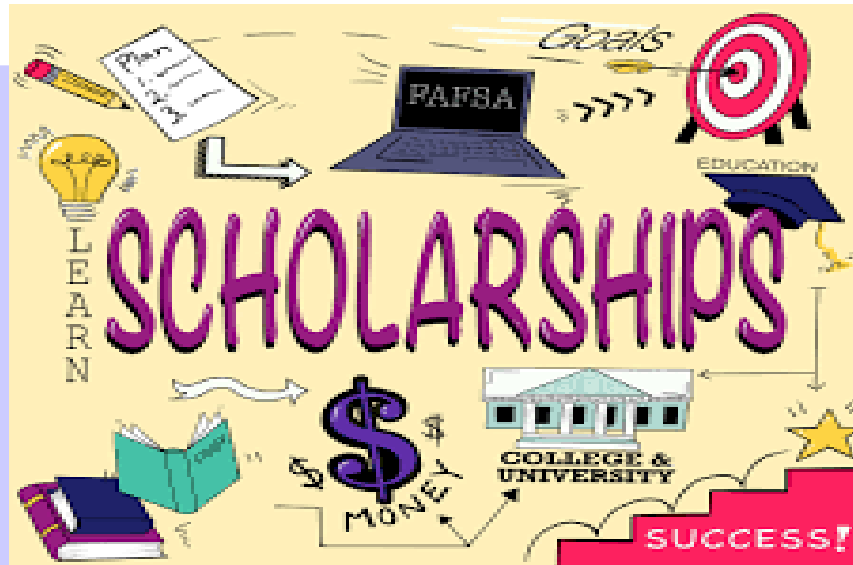
***JOIN US TODAY  
FOR COFFEE HOUR***



*A special thank you to the following members  
of our community who have volunteered  
to donate their time today to serve coffee:*

*Artemis Voudouris & Effie Weismore*





***ATTENTION  
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS***

***NOW AVAILABLE***

***Applications for  
Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church,  
Philotochos & AHEPA  
2025 Scholarships***

***Scholarship applicants  
to complete **ONLY ONE** application form  
for 2025 scholarships awarded to  
Graduating High School students***

***Find your application on the church website  
or pick up a copy from the Church Office/Copier Room***

***Acceptable submission of applications  
and all requirements must be received  
by noon on April 30, 2025***



## **AHEPA SYRACUSE CHAPTER NO. 37 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION Year 2025**

**ELIGIBILITY** The applicant is the son or daughter [or grandson or grand-daughter] of a Chapter member of AHEPA Chapter No. 37 in good standing at least two years prior to the application date of May 1, 2025

**AND** The applicant **MUST ATTEND** full time, an accredited college or university during the calendar year 2025 - 2026. (minimum 12 college credits) **AND** The applicant must reside within the domain of Syracuse Chapter No. 37.

**AND** All recipients must provide proof by September 2025 that they are a full time college student (Bursar's receipt) or a College transcript with a school seal.

***FILING*** Please use our application. If additional applications forms are needed, please feel free to make copies. The applicant is responsible for the submission of all documents and completion of all sections of the application and package by no later than May 1, 2025.

***Applications are available in the church copy machine room, church lobby and at the candle stand.***

# **The Greek Dance Season is upon us!**

**PRACTICES HAVE BEGUN !!!**

**Your 2025 Dance Crew:**

**Dancers in Training: Pre-K-1st Grade**

**Instructor: Andriana Cannon**

**Parent Volunteer: Crystal Swanson**

**Sundays: 11:45-12:15 (lower level)**

**Elementary Group: 2nd-4th Grade**

**Instructor: Stavros Vigliotti**

**Parent Volunteer: Anastasia Stark**

**Sundays: 11:45-12:30 (lower level)**

**Wednesdays: 6:00-7:00**

**Middle School Group: 5th-8th Grade**

**Instructor: Tina Carkey**

**Parent Volunteer: Marianna Politis**

**Sundays: 12:00-12:30 (third floor)**

**Wednesdays: 6:30-7:15**

**High School Group: 9th-12th Grade**

**Clemente Vigliotti, Stavros Vigliotti & Chryssa Tzetzis**

**Sundays: 12:00-12:30 (lower level)**

**Wednesdays: 7-8:30**

**We look forward to the 2025 dance season!**

**We will be utilizing the Remind App**

**and please mark your calendars**

**the Greek Cultural Festival is June 5-8th.**

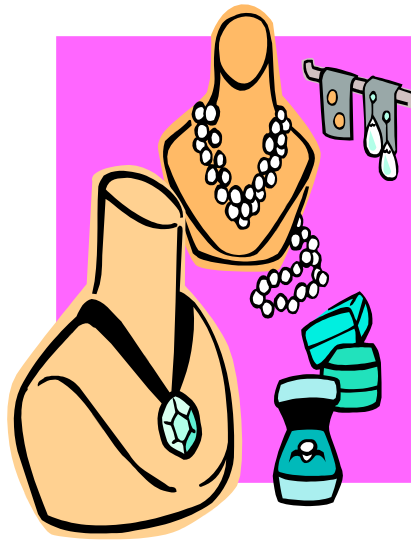
**Elementary and Middle School Groups**

**will also be participating**

**at the Baldwinsville Cultural Fair**

**on Wednesday, May 7th @ 6pm.**

# **PHILOPTOCHOS** **COSTUME JEWELRY DRIVE**



Attention ladies!...We are still at it!...  
Collecting costume jewelry for our ever popular  
upcoming costume jewelry sales!

St. Sophia's annual festival is fast approaching! Last year we did great business at the Philoptochos table selling the donated jewelry. We did so well that we have very little left for this year. So we want everyone to rummage through their jewelry boxes and gather all the items you no longer want or wear. Bring them into the church office and we will prepare them for sale this year. So do your best and donate all you can. Philoptochos funds great causes with this money! Costume jewelry donations are accepted year round to the Church office, attention Philoptochos.



# COSMIC BINGO NIGHT AT HARVEY'S GARDEN!

Calling All St. Sophia's  
Young Adults  
(21+ years old)

COME JOIN IN ON A  
NIGHT OF FUN AND  
FELLOWSHIP!

DATE: MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>

TIME: 7:45 PM



LOCATION: HARVEY'S GARDEN

Questions, contact Chryssa Tzetzis at 315 (200)-3207



**CULTURE  
FESTIVAL**

**May 7 6pm-8pm**

**A FUN AND FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE OF  
FOOD, DANCING, MUSIC AND DISPLAYS  
THAT EVERYONE CAN ENJOY!**

**BAKER HS, CAFE**  
Enter Main Doors.

**Please come support  
the Elementary and Middle School Groups  
at Baldwinsville High School**