

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



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**WEEKLY BULLETIN
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024
SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE**

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METROPOLIS
OF DETROIT

St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15

**Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 1
Psalm 11.7,1**

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The reading is from
St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον β' 3:10-15

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. α'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 11.7,1

Σὺ Κύριε,
φυλάξαις ἡμᾶς καὶ διατηρήσαις ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. Σῶσον με, Κύριε, ὅτι ἐκλέλοιπεν ὁσῖος.

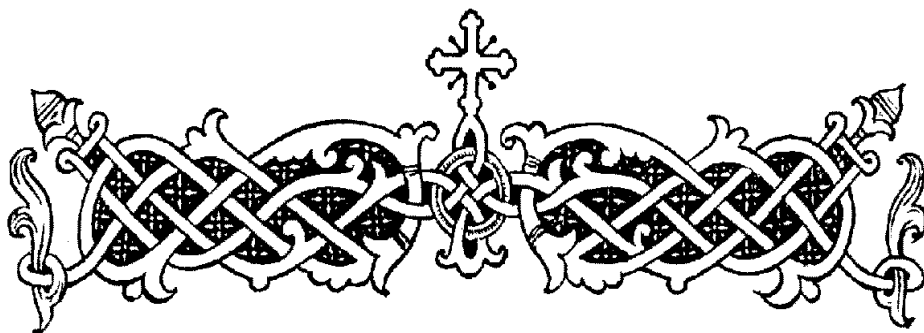
Πρὸς Τιμόθεον β' 3:10-15 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, παρηκολούθηκάς μου τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ, τῇ ἀγωγῇ, τῇ προθέσει, τῇ πίστει, τῇ μακροθυμίᾳ, τῇ ἀγάπῃ, τῇ ὑπομονῇ, τοῖς διωγμοῖς, τοῖς παθήμασιν, οἷά μοι ἐγένετο ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ, ἐν Ἰκονίῳ, ἐν Λύστροις, οἷους διωγμοὺς ὑπήνεγκα· καὶ ἐκ πάντων με ἐρρύσατο ὁ κύριος. Καὶ πάντες δὲ οἱ θέλοντες εὐσεβῶς ζῆν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διωχθήσονται. Πονηροὶ δὲ ἄνθρωποι καὶ γόητες προκόψουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ χεῖρον, πλανῶντες καὶ πλανώμενοι. Σὺ δὲ μένε ἐν οἷς ἔμαθες καὶ ἐπιστώθης, εἰδὼς παρὰ τίνος ἔμαθες, καὶ ὅτι ἀπὸ βρέφους τὰ ἱερὰ γράμματα οἶδας, τὰ δυνάμενά σε σοφίσαι εἰς σωτηρίαν διὰ πίστεως τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ.

The Gospel

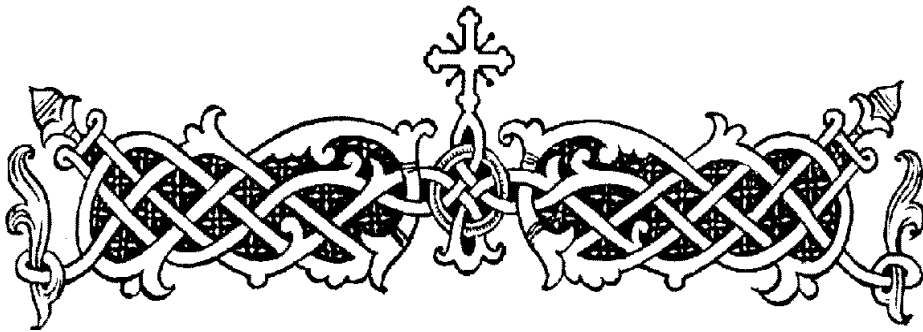
According to Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."



Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 18:10-14 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωποι δύο ἀνέβησαν εἰς τὸ ἱερὸν προσεύξασθαι, ὁ εἷς Φαρισαῖος καὶ ὁ ἕτερος τελώνης. ὁ Φαρισαῖος σταθεὶς πρὸς ἑαυτὸν ταῦτα προσηύχετο· ὁ Θεός, εὐχαριστῶ σοι ὅτι οὐκ εἰμὶ ὥσπερ οἱ λοιποὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἄρπαγες, ἄδικοι, μοιχοί, ἢ καὶ ὡς οὗτος ὁ τελώνης· νηστεύω δις τοῦ σαββάτου, ἀποδεκατῶ πάντα ὅσα κτῶμαι. καὶ ὁ τελώνης μακρόθεν ἐστὼς οὐκ ἠθέλεν οὐδὲ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐπᾶραι, ἀλλ' ἔτυπεν εἰς τὸ στήθος αὐτοῦ λέγων· ὁ Θεός, ἰλάσθητί μοι τῷ ἁμαρτωλῷ. λέγω ὑμῖν, κατέβη οὗτος δεδικαιωμένος εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ ἢ γὰρ ἐκεῖνος· ὅτι πᾶς ὁ ὑψῶν ἑαυτὸν ταπεινωθήσεται, ὁ δὲ ταπεινῶν ἑαυτὸν ὑψωθήσεται.



HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal First Mode

Eternal with Father and Spirit is the Word, Who of a virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful we praise and worship Him, for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the cross, and death did He endure, and He raised unto life the dead through His all glorious resurrection!

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠυδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

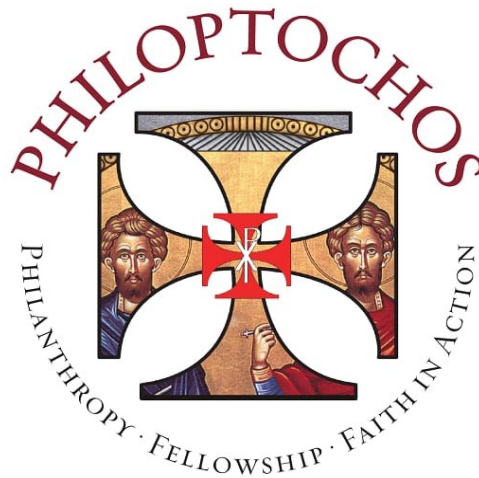
Apolytikion for the Church in the Plagal First Mode

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 in Mode 4

Let us flee the Pharisee's exalted parlance; let us learn the Publican's humble demeanor, and with sighs unto the Savior cry out and say: To us be gracious, O only forgiving Lord.

Φαρισαίου φύγωμεν ὑψηγορίαν, καὶ Τελώνου μάθωμεν, τὸ ταπεινὸν ἐν στεναγμοῖς, πρὸς τὸν Σωτῆρα κραυγάζοντες· Ἰλαθι μόνε ἡμῖν εὐδιάλλακτε.



JOIN US TODAY FOR COFFEE HOUR



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

Kathy Shiomos & Elizabeth Sakellariou

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

Today ~ Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee

8:45 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Monday ~ February 26, 2024

5:30 pm Jesus Prayer Group

6:30 pm Orthodoxy 101

Tuesday ~ February 27, 2024

Father David out of town

for Metropolis Clergy Meeting

4:30 pm Youth Committee Meeting

Wednesday ~ February 28, 2024

Father David out of town

for Metropolis Clergy Meeting

6:30 pm Dance Meeting

Thursday ~ February 29, 2024

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday ~ March 2, 2024

5:00 pm Great Vespers

St. Sophia Youth Groups



Calling all SU Fans !

The St. Sophia's youth groups will be attending a Women's SU Game TO-DAY. Parking is free at the Raynor Lot. Game starts at 2:00 pm. We have a limited amount of tickets so please reply if you and your family can attend. Please note the Dome is a cashless system, so plan accordingly. We ask that everyone meet at Gate B at 1:30 pm to enter as a group. Please let your youth advisors know.



Dear Parents and Sunday School Students,

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival will once again be held in our Church on Saturday, March 23rd for grades 7th through 12th Sunday School students. Students will be receiving a list of topics to choose from during Sunday School. Students who are interested can reach out to me or to their Sunday School teacher. Information will also be given through the Remind app with topic and registration information.

We feel that the Oratorical Festival is an important component of the religious education of each Orthodox Christian student. In the words of St. Theophan the Recluse, “Of all holy works, the education of children is the most holy.” There is “no finer way to embark on such a worthwhile ministry,” than to have our youth participate in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival.

Sincerely,

Shaden Sousou, Ph.D.
Oratorical Festival Chairperson
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Calling all parents of youth dancers

**HS Group 9th—12th
MS Group 5th—8th
Elem Group 2nd-4th
DIT PreK, K, 1**

There will be a parent meeting on Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30 pm to discuss the dance program and what the expectations will be, to be part of the dance groups. Please plan to join us in the lower level hall.

Kindly,
The Dance Committee

Syracuse AHEPA Chapter 37

~ ~ News ~ ~

- The Greek flag raising ceremony at the Syracuse City Hall will take place on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 11:30am. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE as it differs from previous years. A bus will once again be available for transportation to and from the ceremony, it will arrive at the church at 10:30 am and depart just after 11:00 am. Please contact Mike Labatos at (315) 427-7628 to reserve your seat as seating is limited.
- AHEPA Chapter 37 is looking to sponsor a team for the 2025 Hellenic Historic Tournament, a Jeopardy style competition sponsored by NY State District 6. AHEPA membership is not necessary for participation. The tournament is open to students in the 8th through 12th grades. Contact Jim Telonis if interested.
- AHEPA Scholarship applications are now available at the chapter, district and national levels. All eligible candidates should apply. Please contact any AHEPA officer for more information.

James Telonis, MD, President
Syracuse AHEPA Chapter #37



2024 GREEK FESTIVAL

**CALLING ALL
PITA DOUGH MAKERS !!!!!**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

PITA DOUGH WILL BE MADE ON :

SATURDAY—APRIL 6 AT 9:00 AM

SATURDAY—APRIL 13 AT 9:00 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

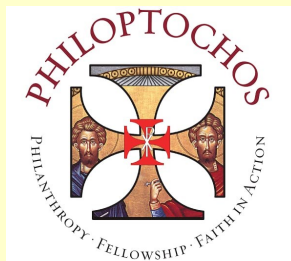
**BRING YOUR APRON,
PITA STICK &
HAT TO WEAR!**



**THIS IS A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY
TO LEARN TO MAKE PITA**

VOLUNTEERS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME

SEE YOU THEN!!!



*~ Philoptochos Sponsored Event ~
To Benefit OCMC "Support A Mission Priest" Program*

"Cheesefare Sunday" Luncheon

Sunday—March 17, 2024

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Dine In & Take Out

Walk-In is Welcome Based on Availability

Pre-Order by Phone or Text

Jeanette Vigliotti

Cell (315) 481-7816

\$10 Lunch Menu

Choice of Spanakopita (Spinach Pita) or Tiropita (Cheese Pita)

Homemade Mac & Cheese

Fasolatha (Fava Beans "Gigantes")

Greek Toss Salad with Bread & Butter

Dessert

Beverage

\$5 A La Carte Items

Choice of Spanakopita (Spinach Pita) or Tiropita (Cheese Pita)

Homemade Mac & Cheese

Fasolatha (Fava Beans "Gigantes")

Greek Toss Salad with Bread & Butter

Cake

καλή όρεξη (kali orexi) (Have a Good Meal)

σας ευχαριστώ (sas efcharisto) (I Thank You)



I would like to have St. Sophia's represented at a special fundraiser for In My Father's Kitchen, a unique ministry to the homeless in Syracuse. On Thursday, April 11 at the Palace Theatre, IMFK and its sister organization, House Calls for the Homeless, will be raising money to expand their outreach: a new van, new programs, and a dental outreach.

For the next few weeks, we'll have a basket in the Narthex for this worthy organization. Checks should be made out to St. Sophia's. All donations will be given as one amount from our parish.

Father David