St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19

Prokeimenon. Mode 1
Psalm 32.22,1

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The reading is from
St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.
Πρὸς Εφεσίους 5:8-19

Προκείμενον. Ἡχος α'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 32.22,1

Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεος σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. Αγαλλιάσθε δίκαιοι ἐν Κυρίῳ

Πρὸς Εφεσίους 5:8-19 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Аδελφοί, ὡς τέκνα φωτὸς περιπατεῖτε - ὁ γὰρ καρπὸς τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν πάσῃ ἀγαθωσύνῃ καὶ δικαιοσύνῃ καὶ ἀληθείᾳ - δοκιμάζοντες τί ἔστιν εὐάρεστο τῷ κυρίῳ, καὶ μὴ συγκοινωνεῖτε τοῖς ἔργοις τοῖς ἀκάρποις τοῦ σκότους, μᾶλλον δὲ καὶ ἐλέγχετε· τὰ γὰρ κρυφὴ γινόμενα ὑπ' αὐτῶν αἰσχρόν ἐστιν καὶ λέγειν. Τὰ δὲ πάντα ἐλεγχόμενα ὑπὸ τοῦ φωτὸς φανεροῦται· πᾶν γὰρ τὸ φανεροὺμενον φῶς ἐστίν. Διὸ λέγει, Ἐγείρε ὁ καθεύδων καὶ ἀνάστα ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, καὶ ἐπιφαύσει σοι ὁ Χριστός. Βλέπετε οὖν πῶς ἀκριβῶς περιπατεῖτε, μὴ ὡς ἄσοφοι, ἀλλ' ὡς σοφοί, ἐξαγοραζόμενοι τὸν καιρὸν, ὅτι αἱ ἡμέραι πονηραί εἰσιν. Διὰ τοῦτο μὴ γίνεσθε ἄφρονες, ἀλλὰ συνιέντες τί τὸ θέλημα τοῦ κυρίου. Καὶ μὴ μεθύσκεσθε οἴνῳ, ἐν ᾧ ἐστὶν ἀσωτία, ἀλλὰ πληροῦσθε ἐν πνεύματι, λαλοῦντες ἑαυτοῖς ψαλμοῖς καὶ ύμνοις καὶ φῶδαῖς πνευματικαῖς, ἄδοντες καὶ ψάλλοντες ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ ύμῶν τῷ κυρίῳ.
The Gospel
According to Luke 18:35-43

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.
Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 18:35-43
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, Ἔγένετο δὲ ἐν τῷ ἐγγίζειν αὐτὸν εἰς ῾Ιεριχώ τυφλός τις ἑκάθητο παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν προσαιτῶν· ἀκούσας δὲ ὄχλου διαπορευομένου ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἶναι ταῦτα. Ἀπήγγειλαν δὲ αὐτῷ ὅτι ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὁ Ναζωραῖος παρέρχεται. καὶ ἔβοησε λέγων· ὃ ἦν εἰς Δαυὶδ, ἐλέησόν με· καὶ οἱ προάγοντες ἐπετίμων αὐτῷ ὅτι δὲ πολλῷ μᾶλλον ἐκραζότας· ὃ ἦν εἰς Δαυὶδ, ἐλέησόν με· σταθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκέλευσεν αὐτὸν ἀχθῆναι πρὸς αὐτόν. ἐγγίσαστας δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτὸν λέγων· τί σοι θέλεις ποιήσω; οὖ δὲ εἶπε· Κύριε, ἔρχεται ἀναβλέψω. καὶ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀνάβλεψον· ἢ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε. καὶ παραχρῆμα ἄνεβλεψε, καὶ ἠκολούθει αὐτῷ δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν· καὶ πᾶς ὁ λαὸς ἰδὼν ἔδωκεν
Hymns of the Day

Resurrection Apolytikion in the First Mode

The stone that had been sealed before Your tomb by the Jews, and the soldiers guarding did watch o'er Your pure and sacred body, O Savior, the third day You arose and unto all the world did You give life! Whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory unto our resurrected Christ, glory unto Your kingdom, glory to Your dispensation, O You Who alone loves all!

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωήν. Διὰ τούτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα. Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

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.

Advent Kontakion in the Third Mode

On this day the Virgin Maid goes to the grotto to give birth to the pre-eternal Word in an ineffable manner. Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds Him who willed that He appear as a newborn Child, the pre-eternal God.

· Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουσθεῖσα, δόξασον μετά Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθήναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.
Sunday—December 3, 2023

Trisagions
Olympia Constas (5 Years)
George Constas (5 Years)

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL

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:

Elizabeth Sakellariou & Vasiliki Mihou
Church Services & Events
for Today & the Upcoming Week

Today ~ 14th Sunday of Matthew
8:45 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Orchestra plays at Coffee Hour

Monday ~ December 4, 2023
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
St. Barbara
5:30 pm Jesus Prayer Group
6:30 pm Orthodoxy 101

Tuesday ~ December 5, 2023
10:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Colgate OCF

Wednesday ~ December 6, 2023
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Nicholas the Wonderworker
6:00 pm Nativity Akathist
7:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday ~ December 7, 2023
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Ambassadors’ Zoom Meeting

Saturday ~ December 9, 2023
10:00 am GOYA & JOY Christmas Decorating
5:00 pm Great Vespers
St. Sophia’s Annual Christmas Card

JOIN US AND BE PART OF SHARING HOLIDAY WISHES WITH ALL ST. SOPHIA PARISHIONERS!

PLACE YOUR ORDER:

- THROUGH THE ONLINE GIVING OPTION AT STSOPHIAS.ORG
- STOP BY THE SIGN-UP TABLE AFTER CHURCH ON SUNDAY’S, OR
- SEND YOUR DONATION TO ST SOPHIA’S CHURCH, 325 WARING ROAD, SYRACUSE, NY 13224. (BE SURE TO INCLUDE HOW YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR NAME LISTED.)

Minimum Donation: $25

Don’t miss out!
All orders must be in by TODAY !!!
Welcome to this year’s Christmas Pageant/Play. We’ve decided to change the format a bit, but still keep with tradition.

We wanted to assign roles to those in grades 4th to 8th and offer leadership opportunities to those in grades 9th to 12th.

Our littles will take on the roles of angels, shepherds and animals or anyone that would like to as well!

Please note attending play practices will ensure that the play will be successful.

Please look for more information in the bulletin or Remind App.

If you haven’t signed up yet please do!

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Christmas Pageant/Play Practice for all Sunday School Classes

Rehearsal Dates:

- TODAY—Sunday, December 3rd 11:00 am to 11:45 am
- Saturday, December 9th 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
- Sunday, December 10th 11:30 am to 12:00 pm
- Saturday, December 16th 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm (if needed)
- **Sunday, December 17th**

  *Performance*
  *Please be at church by 10:00 am*

Parents, Sunday School Teachers, Yiayias & Papous, we need your help! Please bring kids to the scheduled practices to make this year’s pageant/play one to remember!

Thank you in advance for your support!
Decorating Day
Saturday, December 9th
An event for all youth groups

Please join us for a day of decorating....We will be ringing up the lights and deck the halls of St. Sophia's

Lunch will be provided and Christmas play pageant practice to follow

Decorating- 10am-12pm
Lunch- 12pm-1pm
Play Practice- 1pm-2pm

If you can make it to all great!

GOYA ~ JR. GOYA ~ JOY ~ HOPE

St. Nicholas is coming to.....
St. Sophia's
On Sunday, December 10th

All youth are invited to the gym after Sunday School, where we will have hot cocoa and Santa available for pictures

- Christina Auer Photography
Honoring Past & Present Parish Council Presidents

50th Anniversary

St. Sophia’s Greek Orthodox Church

Consecration Dance

James Sakezles
Larry Tavlarides
Nick Dusckas
Dean Boucounis
Spiro Tzetzis
Dean Assimon
Andy Boucounis
Peter Lemoniades
Peter Manolakos

Greek Music from the Aegeans

Saturday, December 30th
6pm-11pm
325 Waring Road

Adult $30 Children under 13 Free
$40 after December 23rd

Serving heavy mezethes with a cash bar

Tickets online at st sophias.org or Eleni Kosmas 315-882-6507
Community Christmas Cookie Drive

We will be collecting cookies or monetary donations to purchase cookies for the annual Community Christmas Cookie Drive. The cookies will be given to those in need at the Soup Kitchen of the Samaritan Center and the Salvation Army Women’s and Children’s Center.

If you would like to bake or buy cookies, we will be collecting them TODAY to Sunday, December 17—delivering the cookies on Monday, December 18th. Please drop off your donations to the upper level Church kitchen and please clearly mark the donations “Donation to Cookie Drive”. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
AHEPA Chapter 37 is collecting Monetary Donations for

If you would like to make a cash or check contribution, please drop that off to the collection basket in the Narthex. Checks payable to “Toys For Tots”

For more information contact George Nardone (315) 430-8996
St. Sophia’s Youth Musicians

GOYA & JR. GOYA

Proudly present a
Holiday Music Performance
TODAY
during Coffee Hour

Conducted by Adam Carkey
Baldwinsville High School Orchestra Director
GOYA
Gift Basket Raffle
Raffle Tickets now available for purchase
Tickets are 1 for $1, 3 for $5, ArmLength for $10
Winners to be drawn December 24th
All proceeds go to our GOYANS!