

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



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**WEEKLY BULLETIN
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025
8TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

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METROPOLIS
OF DETROIT

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-17

**Prokeimenon. Grave Mode
Psalm 28.11,1**

The Lord will give strength to his people.

**Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God,
bring to the Lord honor and glory.**

The reading is from
St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-17

Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 1:10-17

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος βαρύς
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 28.11,1

Κύριος ἰσχὺν τῷ λαῷ αὐτοῦ δώσει.

**Στίχ. Ἐνέγκατε τῷ Κυρίῳ υἱοὶ Θεοῦ, ἐνέγκατε τῷ
Κυρίῳ δόξαν καὶ τιμὴν.**

Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 1:10-17 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ δὲ ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, διὰ τοῦ ὀνόματος τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἵνα τὸ αὐτὸ λέγητε πάντες, καὶ μὴ ᾗ ἐν ὑμῖν σχίσματα, ἥτε δὲ κατηρτισμένοι ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ νοῷ καὶ ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ γνώμῃ. Ἐδηλώθη γάρ μοι περὶ ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί μου, ὑπὸ τῶν Χλόης, ὅτι ἔριδες ἐν ὑμῖν εἰσιν. Λέγω δὲ τοῦτο, ὅτι ἕκαστος ὑμῶν λέγει, Ἐγὼ μὲν εἰμι Παύλου, Ἐγὼ δὲ Ἀπολλῶ, Ἐγὼ δὲ Κηφᾶ, Ἐγὼ δὲ Χριστοῦ. Μεμέρισται ὁ Χριστός; Μὴ Παῦλος ἐσταυρώθη ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν, ἢ εἰς τὸ ὄνομα Παύλου ἐβαπτίσθητε; Εὐχαριστῶ τῷ θεῷ ὅτι οὐδένα ὑμῶν ἐβάπτισα, εἰ μὴ Κρίσπον καὶ Γάϊον· ἵνα μὴ τις εἴπῃ ὅτι εἰς τὸ ἐμὸν ὄνομα ἐβάπτισα. Ἐβάπτισα δὲ καὶ τὸν Στεφανᾶ οἶκον· λοιπὸν οὐκ οἶδα εἴ τινα ἄλλον ἐβάπτισα. Οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλέν με Χριστὸς βαπτίζειν, ἀλλ' εὐαγγελίζεσθαι· οὐκ ἐν σοφίᾳ λόγου, ἵνα μὴ κενωθῇ ὁ σταυρὸς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

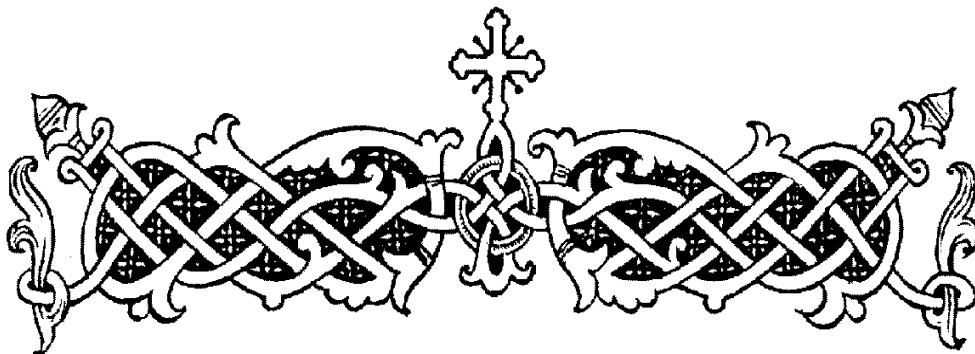


The Gospel

According to Matthew

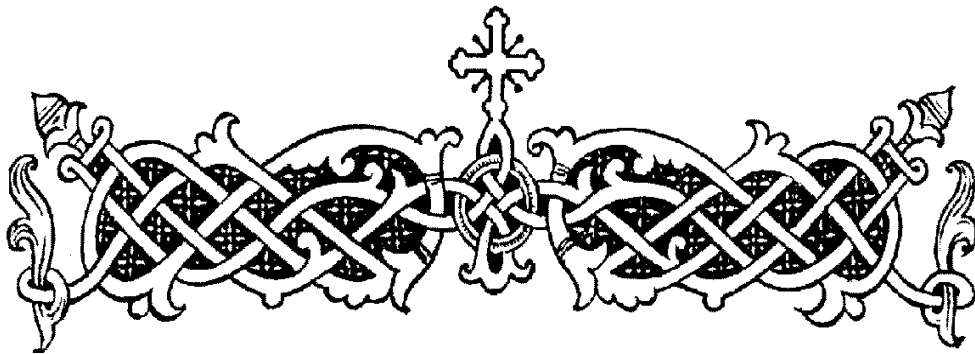
14:14-22

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.



Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 14:14-22 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐξελθὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδε πολὺν ὄχλον, καὶ ἐσπλαγχνίσθη ἐπ' αὐτοῖς καὶ ἐθεράπευσε τοὺς ἀρρώστους αὐτῶν. ὁψίας δὲ γενομένης προσῆλθον αὐτῷ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· ἔρημός ἐστιν ὁ τόπος καὶ ἡ ὥρα ἤδη παρῆλθεν· ἀπόλυσον τοὺς ὄχλους, ἵνα ἀπελθόντες εἰς τὰς κώμας ἀγοράσωσιν ἑαυτοῖς βρώματα. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· οὐ χρειάν ἔχουσιν ἀπελθεῖν· δότε αὐτοῖς ὑμεῖς φαγεῖν. οἱ δὲ λέγουσιν αὐτῷ· οὐκ ἔχομεν ὧδε εἰ μὴ πέντε ἄρτους καὶ δύο ἰχθύας. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· φέρετέ μοι αὐτοὺς ὧδε. καὶ κελεύσας τοὺς ὄχλους ἀνακλιθῆναι ἐπὶ τοὺς χόρτους, λαβὼν τοὺς πέντε ἄρτους καὶ τοὺς δύο ἰχθύας, ἀναβλέψας εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εὐλόγησε, καὶ κλάσας ἔδωκε τοῖς μαθηταῖς τοὺς ἄρτους, οἱ δὲ μαθηταὶ τοῖς ὄχλοις. καὶ ἔφαγον πάντες καὶ ἐχορτάσθησαν, καὶ ἦσαν τὸ περισσεῦον τῶν κλασμάτων δώδεκα κοφίνους πλήρεις. οἱ δὲ ἐσθίοντες ἦσαν ἄνδρες ὥσεί πεντακισχίλιοι χωρὶς γυναικῶν καὶ παιδίων. Καὶ εὐθέως ἠνάγκασεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ ἐμβῆναι εἰς τὸ πλοῖον καὶ προάγειν αὐτὸν εἰς τὸ πέραν, ἕως οὗ ἀπολύσῃ τοὺς ὄχλους.



HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Grave Mode

O Lord, by Your sacred cross You abolished death, and granted unto the thief blessed paradise. The myrrhbearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy, the apostles did preach the good news at Your command that You had risen from the dead, O Christ our God, bestowing Your mercy upon the world evermore!

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον· ἠνέωξας τῷ ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον· τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion for the Church in the Plagal First Tone

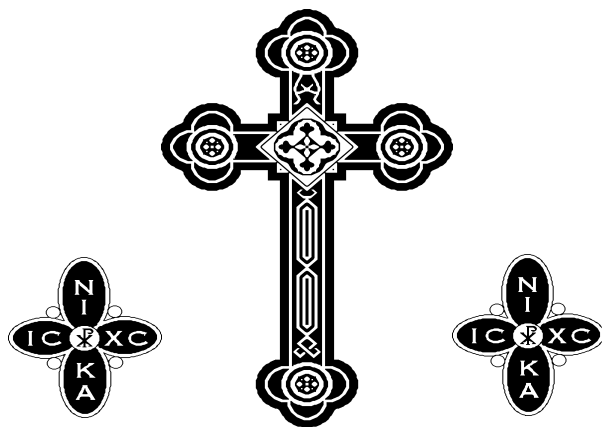
Like a most fruitful olive tree you did blossom forth in the folds of the Lord, Sophia, martyr most pious! And to Christ you did bring sweetest fruit: the tender sprouts of your womb through divine martyrdom, Agape, along with Hope and Faith, the God-minded with whom do you pray to God for all of us.

Kontakion for the Transfiguration

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

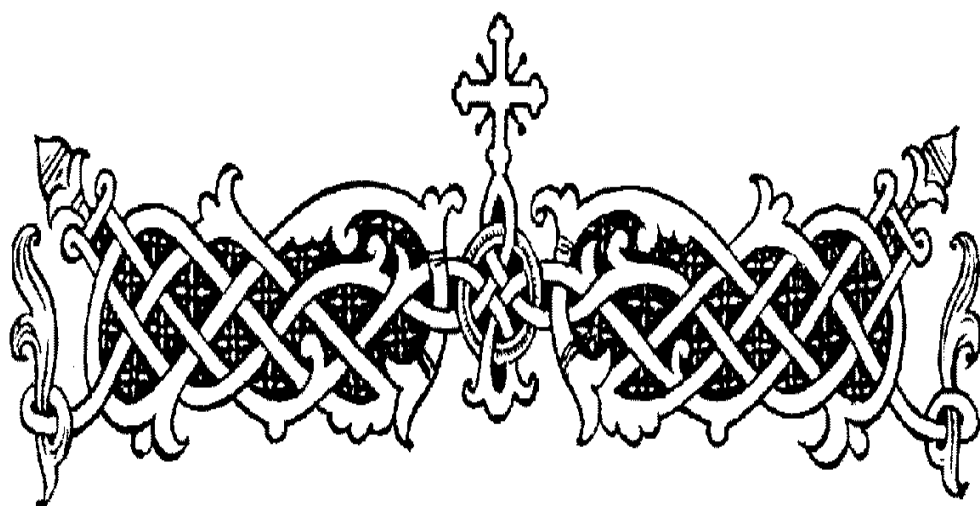
Ἐπὶ τοῦ ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ὡς ἐχώρουν οἱ Μαθηταί σου τὴν δόξαν σου, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἐθεάσαντο, ἵνα ὅταν σε ἴδωσι σταυρούμενον, τὸ μὲν πάθος νοήσωσιν ἐκούσιον, τῷ δὲ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ὅτι σὺ ὑπάρχεις ἀληθῶς, τοῦ Πατρὸς τὸ ἀπαύγασμα.

Sunday—August 3, 2025



*Memorial
Angelo Vastakis (40 Days)*

MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL



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

Today ~ 8th Sunday of Matthew

8:45 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Monday ~ August 4, 2025

6:00 pm Paraklesis

Tuesday ~ August 5, 2025

10:00 am Bible Study

Wednesday ~ August 6, 2025

9:00 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Transfiguration of Jesus Christ



Thursday ~ August 7, 2025

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday ~ August 9, 2025

10:00 am Romanian Liturgy

5:00 pm Great Vespers

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.

August 8th

Syracuse Mets Game

We receive \$5 from each ticket sold

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/StSophiasYouthDance>

August 24th to September 16th

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!**





Greek Night @ Syracuse Mets

Please join us for a Greek night at the ballpark on Friday, August 8th! Game time 6:35pm.

Use the link below to purchase your tickets. This is open to all, not just to St. Sophia's. Please share the link with friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues. No limit! For each ticket sold, the youth dance program will receive \$5. This will assist us in fundraising for new costumes.



<https://www.gofevo.com/event/StSophiasYouthDance>

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

ORDER FORM

NAME: _____

MUMS \$ 12 ea. 3 for \$30

Color Choice

Quantity

Red - Maroon	
Yellow	
Bronze - Orange	
Pink - Purple	
White	
Total this order	

Big & Beautiful 9" Pots

Please indicate your color choice and quantity

**Submit this form along with your check
payable to
St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church**



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

Orders must be turned in by September 14th

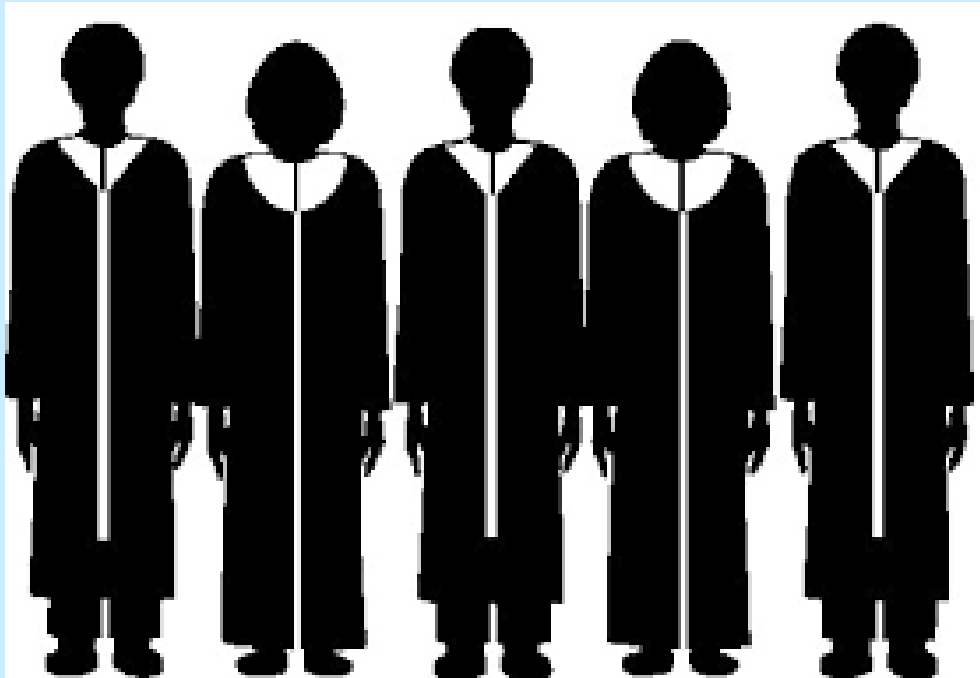
Pick up Mums on Sunday, September 27th



CHOIR

*We welcome everyone
to join our Choir*

*Check the Church Calendar
for upcoming Choir Practices*





ST. SOPHIA'S 5th ANNUAL PANIGIRI

Saturday, September 13th ~ Church Grounds

FOOD ~ MUSIC ~ FUN ~ DANCE

This Event is for St. Sophia's Parishioners and Guests
Not Open to the Public

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

The parish council is planning to have a Panagiri on September 13. This will be our 5th Annual Panagiri and anyone who would like to help getting that together please let Katina know and she will pass your interest on to the parish council. We greatly welcome the help of volunteers.

ANNUAL FATHER HARMAND GOLF CLASSIC
Saturday—August 23, 2025



POMPEY HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

7200 Hamilton Road, Pompey, NY 13138
Telephone (315) 677-9079

The Annual Father Harmand Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2025 at the Pompey Hills Country Club, 7200 Hamilton Road, Pompey, NY 13138. To get there from the Church, take Jamesville Road to Rt. 173. Take a left and then a quick right onto Rt. 91 S. The Pompey Golf Club is located six miles on the right. Golf will be followed by a steak cookout in the clubhouse. There will also be a lunch served at the Snack Shack of hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks. The emphasis for the day will be fun and fellowship.



Lunch: 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM
Golf: 1:00 PM Shotgun Start, Scramble Format
Entry Fee: \$125.00 Per Golfer
Dinner: 6:00 PM in the Clubhouse

If you would like to join us for this annual fun-filled event, please text or call JR by Friday, August 15, 2025. You can pay in advance (checks payable to St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church) or at the event. If you do not have a foursome, we will be happy to team you up with someone. Non-golfing guests are invited to join us for the Steak Cookout in the Clubhouse at 6:00 PM. The cost per person for dinner is \$42.00.

YOU CAN RSVP BY TELEPHONING
JR ANTHIS (315) 727-3646



Wednesday ~ August 6, 2025

9:00 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Transfiguration of Jesus Christ

***The Feast of the Transfiguration
of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ
is celebrated each year on August 6***

***The feast commemorates
the transfiguration or metamorphosis
of Christ on Mount Tabor,
when our Lord appeared in His divine glory
before the Apostles Peter, James, and John***