

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



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**WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024**  
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METROPOLIS  
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# **St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15**

**Prokeimenon. Mode 4  
Daniel 3.26,27**

**Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.**

**Verse: For you are just in all you have done.**

The reading is from  
St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

## Πρὸς Τίτον 3:8-15

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος δ'  
Δανιήλ 3.26-27

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν.

Στίχ. Ὅτι δίκαιος εἶ ἐπὶ πᾶσιν, οἷς ἐποίησας ἡμῖν.

Πρὸς Τίτον 3:8-15 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τίτε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαί σε διαβεβαιοῦσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσιν καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες θεῷ. ταῦτά ἐστιν καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις · μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔριν καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιίστασο, εἰσὶν γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι. αἰρέτικὸν ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νοουθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἁμαρτάνει, ὢν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμψω Ἀρτεμᾶν πρὸς σὲ ἢ Τυχικόν, σπούδασον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν, ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι. Ζηνᾶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπη. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ὦσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες. Ἀσπασαί τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν.

## **The Gospel According to Luke 8:5-15**

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

## **Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 8:5-15 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα**

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἐξῆλθεν ὁ σπείρων τοῦ σπεῖραι τὸν σπόρον αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἐν τῷ σπεῖρειν αὐτὸν ὁ μὲν ἔπεσε παρὰ τὴν ὁδόν, καὶ κατεπατήθη, καὶ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατέφαγεν αὐτό· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ τὴν πέτραν, καὶ φυὲν ἐξηράνθη διὰ τὸ μὴ ἔχειν ἱκμάδα· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐν μέσῳ τῶν ἀκανθῶν, καὶ συμφυεῖσαι αἱ ἄκανθαι ἀπέπνιξαν αὐτό. καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν εἰς τὴν γῆν τὴν ἀγαθὴν, καὶ φυὲν ἐποίησε καρπὸν κατονταπλασίονα. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· ὁ ἔχων ὦτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω. Ἐπηρώτων δὲ αὐτὸν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· τίς εἷη ἡ παραβολὴ αὕτη; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· ὑμῖν δέδοται γνῶναι τὰ μυστήρια τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ, τοῖς δὲ λοιποῖς ἐν παραβολαῖς, ἵνα βλέποντες μὴ βλέπωσι καὶ ἀκούοντες μὴ συνιῶσιν. ἔστι δὲ αὕτη ἡ παραβολή· ὁ σπόρος ἐστὶν ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ· οἱ δὲ παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, εἶτα ἔρχεται ὁ διάβολος καὶ αἶρει τὸν λόγον ἀπὸ τῆς καρδίας αὐτῶν, ἵνα μὴ πιστεύσαντες σωθῶσιν. οἱ δὲ ἐπὶ τῆς πέτρας οἱ ὅταν ἀκούσωσι, μετὰ χαρᾶς δέχονται τὸν λόγον, καὶ οὗτοι ρίζαν οὐκ ἔχουσιν, οἱ πρὸς καιρὸν πιστεύουσι καὶ ἐν καιρῷ πειρασμοῦ ἀφίστανται. τὸ δὲ εἰς τὰς ἀκάνθας πεσόν, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, καὶ ὑπὸ μεριμνῶν καὶ πλούτου καὶ ἡδονῶν τοῦ βίου πορευόμενοι συμπνίγονται καὶ οὐ τελεσφοροῦσι. τὸ δὲ ἐν τῇ καλῇ γῇ, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἵτινες ἐν καρδίᾳ καλῇ καὶ ἀγαθῇ ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον κατέχουσι καὶ καρποφοροῦσιν ἐν ὑπομονῇ. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· ὁ ἔχων ὦτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω.



# 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· ἠνέφξας τῷ ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον· τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## For the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

Ὑπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὁδηγήσας· πολυεύσπλαγχνε, δόξα σοι.

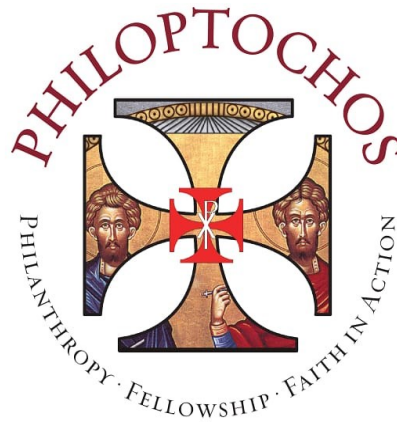
## Apolytikion for the Church in the Plagal First Mode

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 for the Theotokos in the Second Mode

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant! O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee! Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee!

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.



***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:***

***Zafiria Kozanitis & Diane Peters***



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

### ***Today ~ Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council***

***8:45 am Orthros***

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

### ***Tuesday ~ October 15, 2024***

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

***6:00 pm AHEPA Meeting***

### ***Wednesday ~ October 16, 2024***

***5:00 pm Orthodoxy 101***

***6:00 pm Paraklesis***

***7:00 pm Bible Study***

### ***Thursday ~ October 17, 2024***

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

### ***Saturday ~ October 19, 2024***

***10:00 am Romanian Liturgy***

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





YOU'RE INVITED TO THE  
*Syracuse AHEPA Chapter 37*  
*Centennial Gala*

**GALA**

*Saturday*

OCTOBER 26, 2024

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Celebrations*

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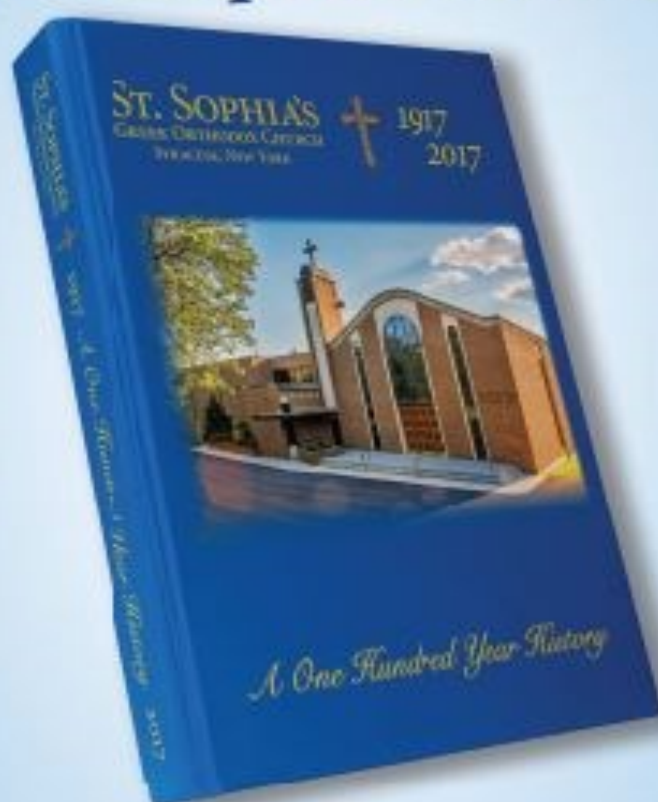
*Saturday, November 9, 2024  
Annunciation Church—Buffalo, New York*

*For more information,  
please contact the host parish*

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# **Now Available in the Book Store!**

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# **A STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY!**

## **Run for a position on St Sophia's Parish Council!**

The Election Committee is seeking candidates to fill four (4) church board positions, expiring at the end of 2024. An official notification will be sent out by the Election Committee dated September 27<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to contact one of the Election Committee members if you are interested in or would like to recommend someone to serve a three year term on the Parish Council.

Eligible candidates should be a member in good standing in St. Sophia Parish and a member for a minimum of one year. A candidate in good standing is any person who:

- Was baptized according the rites of the Church, or was received into the Church through chrismation.
- Who lives according to the faith and canons of the Church
- Has met their Stewardship obligation (completed 2023 obligations and has paid  $\frac{3}{4}$  of their 2023 Stewardship by October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024),
- Abides by the by-laws of the Parish.

Candidate filing: Interested candidates will file a simple petition for candidacy, complete a short resume form, and provide a picture.

**Filing deadline is:**

**Sunday, October 20, 2024**

**Election Day is November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

Our committee looks forward to speaking with all interested parties. Contact information for the Election Committee is as follows:

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|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sophia Meskos      | 315-559-5555                         | sophiameskos@yahoo.com    |
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| Ellen Tartakoff    | 315-447-4799 (C)                     | eltartakoff@gmail.com     |
| Sophia Wales       | 315-897-7998                         | sophiawales12@gmail.com   |





# **Calling all St. Sophia's Youth Musicians!**

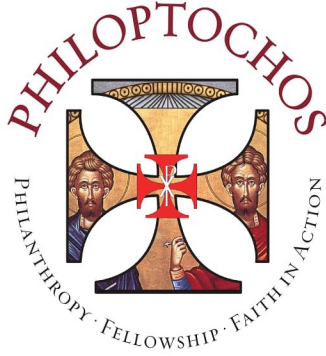
We are looking for band & orchestra students, grades 4-12,  
with at least 1 full year of playing experience in school to  
put on a mini-Holiday Performance  
on December 22nd, 2024 during Coffee Hour!

If interested, please register using the QR code below.  
There will be 1 rehearsal after church on December 1st.  
Once sign-ups are complete, music will be emailed.

\*Registration closes on 10/27/24







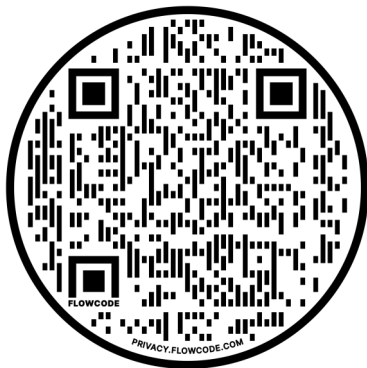
***PHILOPTOCHOS***  
***St. Sophia's Farm to Table***  
***PASTA LUNCHEON***  
***SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd***  
***After Church Services***

***Proceeds to Benefit***  
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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Sunday, Oct 27, 2024**

***General Assembly Meeting***

*We will have our fall General Assembly Meeting on Sunday, October 27th.*

*Remember, to be able to vote at the meeting, you must have fully paid your 2023 Stewardship Pledge and have filled out a Pledge card for 2024.*

*New members, pursuant to the parish by-laws, are considered members in good standing if they have submitted a signed pledge card at least three months prior to the meeting.*

*The list of members in good standing will be posted on the gym door and will be updated every week. If you believe your name should be on the list and it is not, please call the office so we can review the discrepancy.*

