

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



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**WEEKLY BULLETIN
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023
13TH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

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METROPOLIS
OF DETROIT

St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:1-7

**Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4
Psalm 75.11,1**

**Make your vows to the Lord our God
and perform them.**

**Verse: God is known in Judah;
his name is great in Israel.**

The reading is from
St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:1-7

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους 4:1-7

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. δ'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 75.11,1

Εὕξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ
τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

Στίχ. Γνωστὸς ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ὁ Θεός,
ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ μέγα τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.

Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους 4:1-7 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς ἐγώ, ὁ δέσμιος ἐν κυρίῳ, ἀξίως περιπατῆσαι τῆς κλήσεως ἧς ἐκλήθητε, μετὰ πάσης ταπεινοφροσύνης καὶ πραότητος, μετὰ μακροθυμίας, ἀνεχόμενοι ἀλλήλων ἐν ἀγάπῃ, σπουδάζοντες τηρεῖν τὴν ἐνότητα τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν τῷ συνδέσμῳ τῆς εἰρήνης. Ἐν σῶμα καὶ ἐν πνεῦμα, καθὼς καὶ ἐκλήθητε ἐν μιᾷ ἐλπίδι τῆς κλήσεως ὑμῶν· εἰς κύριος, μία πίστις, ἐν βάπτισμα, εἰς θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ πάντων, ὁ ἐπὶ πάντων, καὶ διὰ πάντων, καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν ἡμῖν. Ἐνὶ δὲ ἐκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

The Gospel According to Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 18:18-27 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄρχων λέγων· διδάσκαλε ἀγαθέ, τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσω; εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· τί με λέγεις ἀγαθόν; οὐδεὶς ἀγαθὸς εἰ μὴ εἷς ὁ Θεός. τὰς ἐντολὰς οἶδας· μὴ μοιχεύσης, μὴ φονεύσης, μὴ κλέψης, μὴ ψευδομαρτυρήσης, τίμα τὸν πατέρα σου καὶ τὴν μητέρα σου. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· ταῦτα πάντα ἐφυλαξάμην ἐκ νεότητός μου. ἀκούσας δὲ ταῦτα ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἔτι ἓν σοι λείπει· πάντα ὅσα ἔχεις πώλησον καὶ διάδος πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἕξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολούθει μοι. ὁ δὲ ἀκούσας ταῦτα περίλυπος ἐγένετο· ἦν γὰρ πλούσιος σφόδρα. ἰδὼν δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς περίλυπον γενόμενον εἶπε· πῶς δυσκόλως οἱ τὰ χρήματα ἔχοντες εἰσελεύσονται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ! εὐκοπώτερον γὰρ ἐστὶ κάμηλον διὰ τρυμαλιᾶς ῥαφίδος εἰσελθεῖν ἢ πλούσιον εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσελθεῖν. εἶπον δὲ οἱ ἀκούσαντες· καὶ τίς δύναται σωθῆναι; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· τὰ ἀδύνατα παρὰ ἀνθρώποις δυνατὰ παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ ἐστίν.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

From on high did You descend, O merciful Lord! For us did you endure three days in the tomb, that we may be released from passions in this world, You who are our resurrection and our life! Glory unto You, O Lord!

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ Εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε 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.

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 ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

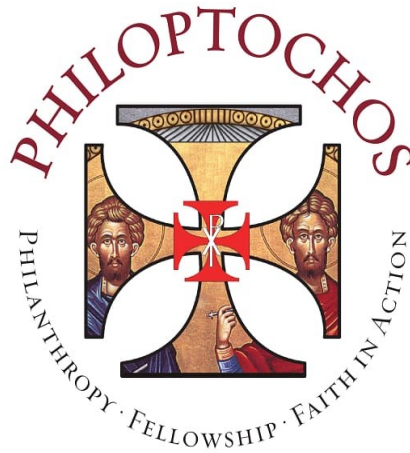
At St. Sophia's, we sing after the Divine Liturgy:

Σὲ ὕμνοῦ, σὲ ὕμνοῦμεν, σὲ εὐλογοῦ, εὐλογοῦμεν, σοὶ
εὐχαριστοῦμεν, Κύριε, καὶ δεόμεθά σου, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν

(Se im-nu, se im-numen, se evlogu, evlogumen, see
evharistoumen, Kyrie! Keh deometha sou, O Theos
eemon!)

*(We hymn you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, Lord, and
we pray to you, O our God!)*





***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:***

Freida Meskos & Patricia Meskos

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

Today ~ 13th Sunday of Luke

8:45 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Monday ~ November 27, 2023

5:30 pm Jesus Prayer Group

Tuesday ~ November 28, 2023

10:00 am Bible Study

Wednesday ~ November 29, 2023

6:00 pm Nativity Akathist

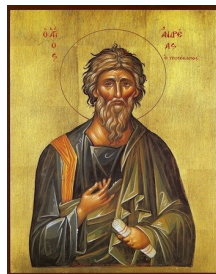
7:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday ~ November 30, 2023

9:00 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

St. Andrew



6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday ~ December 2, 2023

5:00 pm Great Vespers

Welcome everyone to our

YOUTH MINISTRY GROUPS

Our focus this year will be to incorporate faith, service and fun

We will be using the app Remind
to communicate special announcements and messages

HOPE

Geared for Pre-k & Kindergarten
Co- advisors Chrissy & Dimitrios Giaprakis
(look for information in the bulletin)

JOY

1st-4th Grades
Co-advisors Elanie Imbesi & Crystal Swanson
Remind: Enter Number 81010
Text this message 3kch9d

Jr. GOYA

5th- 8th Grades
Co-advisors Dina Ioannidis & Marianna Politis-Tacea
Remind: Enter Number 81010
Text this message @jrgoyay

GOYA

9th-12th Grades
Advisor- MariaSophia Vigliotti
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Each group will have more information to come
Please take a moment to sign up your child in the appropriate group



St. Sophia's Youth Musicians

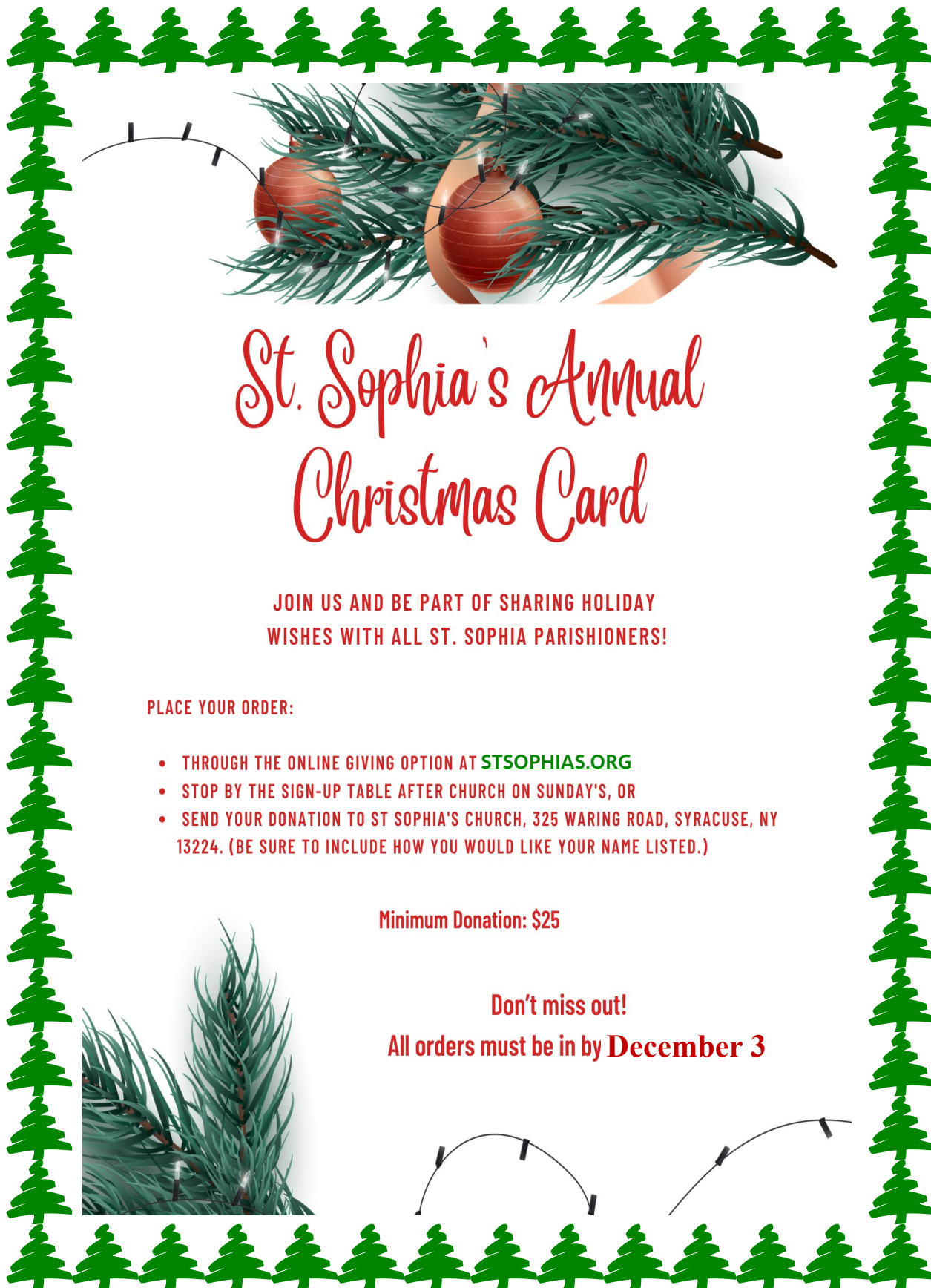


GOYA & JR. GOYA

*Proudly present a
Holiday Music Performance
during Coffee Hour
Sunday, December 3rd*

*Conducted by Adam Carkey
Baldwinsville High School Orchestra Director*





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](https://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 **December 3**

Philo-Sophia Bookstore

*Shop the Philo-Sophia Bookstore
for your holiday gift giving*



*We regularly offer for purchase
an assortment of
Icons, Books & Religious Items*

*Featured new items are:
Small Icons
Daily Lives of Saints 2024 Calendar,
Christmas Cards
Holiday Ornaments*

Now open on Sundays after Church !



Carrie Manolakos

**Saturday, December 2, 2023
7:00-9:00pm**

**Hosmer Auditorium, Everson Museum of Art
401 Harrison Street—Syracuse, NY 13202
Phone (315) 474-6064**

**Purchase
Tickets: \$40**

The Everson Museum of Art is proud to present singer, actress, songwriter, voice coach—and Syracuse native—Carrie Manolakos, for a one-night-only performance on December 2, 2023 at the Everson Museum of Art.

Carrie is a graduate of NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, who spent most of her life and career in New York City, and now resides in Nashville, Tennessee.

Carrie starred as Sophie in *Mamma Mia!* on Broadway, and as Elphaba in the second national tour of *Wicked*. Film and soundtrack credits include *The Greatest Showman*, *Incredibles 2*, *Dear Evan Hansen*, *Croods: A New Age*, and more.

Carrie has sung on many renown stages and in February 2020, made her Carnegie Hall debut with the New York Pops, receiving a standing ovation mid-act singing her original song, *The Nothing*, with a full symphony orchestra.

In August 2023, Carrie performed at Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, singing with her favorite band, *The Swell Season* (Glen Hansard and Marketa Irglova), widely known and celebrated as the writers of *ONCE*. Other stages and performances include Madison Square Garden (with Phish) and The Metropolitan Opera House (with Hugh Jackman).

Christmas Pageant/Play



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:

- 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 decking 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!**

**Lunch Menu as follows:**

- \*Sub sandwiches**  
(ham or turkey with cheese)
- \*Chips**
- \*Cookies**
- \*Veggie or Fruit**
- \*Juice boxes & water**

**GOYA ~ JR. GOYA ~ JOY ~ HOPE**





Honoring Past & Present  
Parish Council Presidents

# **50th** St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church **Consecration Dance** ANNIVERSARY

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 [stsophias.org](https://stsophias.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 on Sunday, December 3 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.

