

WELCOME TO ST. SOPHIA

Welcome to the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Please enter with reverence and thanksgiving and for worship in the “nave”, the church proper. The glass-enclosed narthex is designated for parents with infants and young children. However, adults are asked to remain in the narthex during the “*Small Entrance*,” “*Great Entrance*,” “*Epistles*,” and “*Gospel Readings*”. (Also, please turn off all cell phones and beepers during services.)

If you are a visitor or newcomer, we are pleased to have you with us. Please introduce yourself to a parish council member at the Pangari and also sign the guest book. (However, note that only those who are baptized or chrismated in the Eastern Orthodox faith may participate in the Holy Sacraments.) Following church services, we invite everyone to attend the fellowship hour in the parish hall.

Our website is <http://stsophia.net>

Today:

Timothy the Apostle of the 70

January 22

The Apostle Timothy, who was from Lystra of Lycaonia, was born of a Greek (that is, pagan) father and a Jewish mother. His mother's name was Eunice, and his grandmother's name was Lois (II Tim. 1:5). He became the disciple of the Apostle Paul when the latter first preached there, and he followed St. Paul during the whole period of the Apostle's preaching. Afterwards, Timothy was consecrated by him as first Bishop of the church in Ephesus. Under the supervision of John the Evangelist, who governed all the churches in Asia, he completed his life as a martyr in the year 97. He was stoned to death by the heathens, because, as some surmise, he opposed the festival held in honor of Artemis (Diana). The Apostle Paul's First and Second Epistles to Timothy were written to him.

Fifteenth Sunday of Luke January 22, 2012-January 28, 2012

22 Sunday	9:30 am Divine Liturgy
23 Monday	9:45 am Senior Tai Chi 5:30 pm Greek School 6:30 pm Basketball
24 Tuesday	11:00 am Senior Dance 12:30 pm Senior Program 3:00 pm NNORC–Supper & a Movie 4:00 pm Greek School
25 Wednesday	12:30 pm Knitting 4:00 pm Greek School 7:30 pm Bingo “C”
26 Thursday	11:00 am Senior Dance 12:30 pm Seniors 5:30 pm Adult Greek School
27 Friday	4:00 pm Greek School

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

- ▶ Next Sunday, January 29, there will be a Greek School program and breakfast to commemorate “The Three Hierarchs.” Tickets for the breakfast are \$10 for adults; \$7 for children age 6-18; and free admission for children 5 and under.
- ▶ It’s always a beautiful affair and a fun evening. The Sons and Maids will once again be sponsoring their Annual Valentine’s Dance on February 4 with live music from one of our favorite Greek bands, the Aegeans. Tickets are \$30 and are now available during the fellowship hour.
- ▶ Festival people, please mark your calendars for Sunday, February 5 for the first meeting of the year. All chairs from last year’s Festival are requested to attend. If you cannot attend or are not available for assignment this year, please see George Sokaris.
- ▶ Nominated for a Golden Globe Best Picture, the movie “Midnight in Paris” will be on our big screen this Tuesday at 3 p.m. Following the movie, Sam’s Italian Restaurant will be providing a choice of chicken parmigiana or pasta primavera. Salad, dessert, and beverage are included. The cost is \$10 for members; \$12 for non-members. To RSVP, call NNORC at 514-2023.
- ▶ The application deadline for the PanHellenic Scholarship is January 31, 2012. Applications are available online at www.panhellenicscholarships.org.
- ▶ Parishioners who can make additional prosforo for Sunday services should see Father Pat.
- ▶ Stop by the bookstore today for a nice selection of reading–Greek and English, travel and history, fiction and non-fiction–for both children and adults. Our bookstore staff can offer critiques and assistance in your selections.
- ▶ NNORC and AARP will once again be sponsoring a free income tax service for seniors beginning February 14. Call Deb Ritano at 505-7498 for an appointment.
- ▶ Please remember that there is a need for donations for the food pantry all year long. The donation box is located across from the coat room.
- ▶ Next Sunday there will be a three-year memorial for the late Peter Christo.

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15

TIMOTHY, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10

15th Sunday of Luke

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."