



SAINT SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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† Rev. Father Patric Legato, Pastor

I welcome you all, on behalf of our staff to the 2017/2018 Church School year. I am pleased to announce Matthew Pappis as our Coordinator and Zoe Bousbouras as our Assistant Coordinator for the school year. I, as in every year, am asking for parent volunteers to fill many of our vacancies from last year. This has often been the most difficult task of any Director of the program, and I take this opportunity to personally reach out to you. I have re-instated our **Worship Sunday** from the past. I believe it important our youth in grades 5-graduation have a first-hand sense of the entire Divine Liturgy on specified Sunday's of the year. **This is not a day off**, and I fully expect co-operation from both the teacher(s) responsible for the class as well as the students. I will also request a number of our attendees on their particular Sunday to participate in the working aspects of the Service, whether it be to serve in the altar, hold a candle, pass a donation basket, or sing with the choir. Be not embarrassed. This is not only an education and **Commitment** Sunday, but an obligation as a day to learn the importance of witness to the Church. **Church Service** is expected of all who attend and not simply the few who have accepted responsibility. This is **OUR** Church and I fully expect everyone's cooperation and support. The first *Commitment Sunday* will be with Grades 7 & 8 on Sunday, September 17, 2017. This is **Not** a day off, but an enhanced devotion and commitment to the Church.

I would also like to thank our former Directors, Father Dennis Nagi and Maria Sokaris for their dedicated work these past several years. May God bless you always. I, as well, welcome our new Leaders and wish them the power of the Lord to lead the education of His Community in worship, prayer, and in service. Eis Anoterá!

Fr. Pat

SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017 - 2018

September	03	Church School Registration
	10	Church school begins – Agiasmos Service after Holy Communion
	17	Grades 7 & 8 in Church Commitment Worship1st two Pews behind the Choir
	24	
October	01	
	08	Columbus Day weekend.....No Church School
	15	
	22	Grades 5 & 6 Commitment Sunday
	29	

November	05 12 19 26	Thanksgiving Day weekend.....No Church School
December	03 10 17 24 31	St. Barbara's Day celebration after Services Grades 7 & 8 Commitment Sunday Christmas Pageant Christmas break.....No Church School New Year's break.....No Church School
January	07 14 21 28	2018 Church School worship in Church except for Pre-K and Kindergarten
February	04 11 18 25	Grades 5 & 6 Commitment Sunday Winter Break.....No Church School Procession of the Icons in Church
March	04 11 18 25 30-31	Grades 7 & 8 Commitment Sunday Feast of the Annunciation JOY/GOYA Retreat/Saturday of Lazarus Liturgy/Breakfast
April	01/08 15 22 29	Palm Sunday/Easter Sunday.....No Church School Grades 5 & 6 Commitment Sunday
May	06 13 20 27	Grades 3 & 4 Commitment Sunday Festival.....No Church School Memorial Day weekend.....No Church School
June	03, 2018	Graduation Sunday

May God Bless us for this season and our love of the Church. It is through our education we become the beacons of light which shall light our path to the future and to the reward of salvation.