

## WELCOME TO ST. SOPHIA

440 Whitehall Rd., Albany, New York

Welcome to the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. The glass-enclosed narthex is designated for parents with infants and young children. Everyone is asked to remain in the narthex during the “Small Entrance,” “Great Entrance,” “Epistles,” and “Gospel Readings”. Also, please remember to turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Also know that there is a wheelchair and a walker available to those who have mobility needs. Please ask a Parish Council member at the Pangari.

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. Remember that only those who are baptized or chrismated in the Eastern Orthodox faith may participate in the Holy Sacraments including Holy Communion. Following church services, everyone is invited to attend the fellowship hour in the parish hall. Our website is <http://stsophia.net>

**Today: Martin, Bishop of Tours**

Saint Martin, the great luminary of Gaul, was the son of pagan parents. When he was still quite young he became a catechumen; at the age of twenty-two he received Holy Baptism. Then he undertook the labours of a monk, and was afterwards consecrated Bishop of Tours, renowned as an ascetic and wonderworker, a faithful shepherd of Christ's flock. He converted many both from paganism and heresy, cast out demons and raised the dead, and while undertaking all the apostolic burdens of a bishop, he never ceased to be a simple monk and man of prayer. His monastery became a center of monasticism not only for Gaul, but for all of Western Europe. A widely celebrated incident of his life took place when he was still a catechumen, fulfilling his military service. Seeing an ill-clad beggar asking alms at the gate of the city of Amiens and being overlooked by passersby, Saint Martin, having nothing else to give, rent his military cloak in two with his sword and gave half to the beggar, so that he might cover himself in the cold. That night, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to him, clothed with the half of the cloak he had given to the beggar. Saint Martin's cloak - *capella* in Latin - was kept in a sanctuary which came to be called *capella*, from which the word "chapel" is derived; and they under whose care it was kept were called *cappellani*, from which "chaplain" is derived. Saint Martin reposed in peace in the year 397.

Second Tray to Benefit Veterans

Fellowships Sponsored by AHEPA in Recognition of Veterans' Day

One-Year Memorial for the late†

Nicholas Vasilakos

Coffee Fellowship Sponsored in his Memory

Three-Year Memorial for the late†

Thomas F. Cossack (Kaz)

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May their Memory be Eternal!

## 8th Sunday of Luke

November 12, 2017 – November 18, 2017

12 Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Liturgy
13 Monday	11:00 am	Senior Exercise
	4:00 pm	Greek School
	6:00 pm	AHEPA
	6:30 pm	Basketball
14 Tuesday	11:00 am	Chair Yoga
	12:30 pm	Senior Program
	4:30 pm	Greek School
	7:00 pm	Philoptochos
15 Wednesday	11:00 am	Senior Exercise
	12:30 pm	Knitters
	4:30 pm	Greek School
16 Thursday	12:30 pm	Seniors
	5:30 pm	Adult Greek School
17 Friday	5:00 pm	Greek School
18 Saturday	4:00 pm	<b>Philoptochos Fashion Show</b>

### News & Events

- ▶ A show in the “style” of the New York fashion shows. The models will be close up and personal as they stroll through the aisles featuring one-of-a-kind designer clothes for both men and women. But this show is also going to be a fun event!!! There will be fabulous finger food, music, gorgeous gift baskets for auction, a cash bar, vendors and shopping. It’s the Philoptochos Fashion Show here this coming Saturday, November 18. The show will benefit the Veterans House and our “Bagged Lunch Program” for the Homeless. Presale tickets are \$25; youth, \$15, or \$30 at the door. Plan to come with friends and have a great time. Get your tickets today during the fellowship hour.
- ▶ Sign up for the Philoptochos “Community Christmas Card” is now under way.
- ▶ Graceland Cemetery is offering Christmas wreaths for graveside placement. Order forms are available on the information table. (Note: The placement will be done by cemetery staff).
- ▶ The Family Promise Program is looking for a donation of a vehicle for a family. E-mail Mary Giordano at [capitalregionfamilypromise@gmail.com](mailto:capitalregionfamilypromise@gmail.com).
- ▶ Next Sunday there will be a forty-day memorial for the late George Dean Cholakis.

## Epistle Reading

***Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 115.15,12.***

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.*

*Verse: What shall I render to the Lord for all that he has given me?*

**The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11.**

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

## Gospel Reading

**8th Sunday of Luke**

**The reading is from Luke 10:25-37**

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

## Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Mode

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

## Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Second Mode

Angelic powers were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. O Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

## Apolytikion for John the Merciful in the Plagal Fourth Mode

In thy patience thou hast won thy reward, O righteous Father. Thou didst persevere unceasingly in prayer; thou didst love the poor, and didst provide for them in all things. Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God, O blessed John the Almsgiver, that our souls be saved.

## Apolytikion (Hymn) for the Church in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast made manifest the fishermen as most wise, By sending down upon them the Holy Ghost, And by them hast drawn the world into Thy net. O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee.