

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: November 26

Stylianos the Monk of Paphlagonia

St. Stylianos was from Paphlagonia living in the latter 6th century and early 7th century. He loved the Lord Jesus Christ with his whole heart and lived in strict asceticism. When he fell asleep in the Lord, his face shone like the sun and an angel appeared to take his soul to Glory. His prayers have worked many miracles, both during his earthly life and since. He is of special help to children who are ill and to childless couples. He is known as a protector of orphans.

Two-Year Memorial for the late† Mary Lorraine Milham

Six-Year Memorial for the late† Dolores I. Docous

Thirteen-Year Memorial for the late† Delia Milham

Sixteen-Year Memorial for the late† Thomas N. Docous

Eighteen-Year Memorial for the late † Marianthi Docous

Thirty-two Year Memorial for the late† Fred Milham

Fifty-one Year Memorial for the late† Nicholas Docous

Coffee Fellowship Sponsored in their Memory

May their Memory be Eternal!

13th Sunday of Luke

November 26, 2017 – December 2, 2017

26 Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Liturgy
27 Monday	11:00 am	Senior Exercise
	4:00 pm	Greek School
	6:30 pm	Basketball

28 Tuesday	11:00 am	Chair Yoga
	12:30 pm	Senior Program
	4:30 pm	Greek School
29 Wednesday	11:00 am	Senior Exercise
	12:30 pm	Knitters
	4:30 pm	Greek School
30 Thursday	12:30 pm	Seniors
	5:30 pm	Adult Greek School
1 Friday	11:30 am	Senior Exercise
	5:00 pm	Greek School
	7:00 pm	JOY “Movie Nite”
2 Saturday	4:00 pm	Senior Holiday Dinner

News & Events

- ▶ It’s December this week and time for the **Senior Holiday Dinner**. Our GOYA youth will be serving up fresh roasted turkey with homemade stuffing and gravy, and dessert, of course. All seniors are invited to attend and to bring a guest as well. Please call the church office to RSVP. The event is free and begins at 4 pm.
- ▶ Although there are only six candidates for six positions, there will still be elections for the parish council next Sunday as required by the Archdiocese. In order to vote, your 2017 Stewardship Commitment must be paid in full.
- ▶ Fun and games for the kids next Sunday as Philoptochos will host their annual St. Barbara’s Day Party. Starting right after church services, there will be crafts, cookie decorating, a visit from Santa and pizza.
- ▶ Not the nuns of New Skete – it’s the nuns of Holy Protection Monastery in Pennsylvania baking up hundreds of delicious New Year’s Vasilopitas. Each Vasilopita is a decorated two-pound loaf (with a coin), wrapped in plastic and packed in a cake box for freshness. The Daughters are taking orders through December 10 with pick up here on December 17. You can place your order today during the fellowship hour. The cost is \$18 per loaf.
- ▶ Please note that the 2018 Stewardship Commitment cards and offering envelopes are now available. This year they are color-coded green.
- ▶ 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). Also, year-round floral arrangements and placements are available.
- ▶ Next Sunday there will be a 40-day memorial for the late Garifalia Miller.

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon. Plagal Fourth Mode. 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.

Gospel Reading

13th Sunday of Luke

The Reading is from 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."

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

From on high didst Thou descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days hast Thou submitted that Thou mightest free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to Thee.

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.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Third Mode

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.