

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: Galaktion & his wife Episteme, the Martyrs of Emesa

Saint Galaktion was from Emesa, the son of Cleitophon and Leucippe, pagans who had been instructed in piety by a certain Christian named Onuphrius and received holy Baptism. Saint Episteme, born of unbelieving parents, was baptized before she was wedded to Galaktion. After their marriage they remained in virginity and lived in separate monastic houses. Betrayed as Christians, they suffered martyrdom during the reign of Decius, about the year 250.

Philoptochos Artoclasia in Honor of Sts. Cosmas and Damian

Second Tray for the Patriarchate

5th Sunday of Luke

November 5, 2017 – November 11, 2017

5 Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Liturgy
6 Monday	11:00 am	Senior Exercise
	4:00 pm	Greek School
	6:30 pm	Basketball
7 Tuesday	6:00 am	Election Day Polling Site–Voting in the Gym
	11:00 am	Chair Yoga
	12:30 pm	Senior Program
	4:30 pm	Greek School
	6:00 pm	Parish Council Seminar
8 Wednesday	7:00 pm	DOP
	11:00 am	Senior Exercise
	12:30 pm	Knitters
9 Thursday	4:30 pm	Greek School
	12:30 pm	Seniors
10 Friday	5:30 pm	Adult Greek School
	11:00 am	<i>Annual Antique Show & Greek Café</i>

5:00 pm Greek School

11 Saturday 10:00 am *Annual Antique Show & Greek Café*

News & Events

- ▶ Attend church and live long! Today there will be a recognition fellowship for seniors who have reached the ninth decade of their lives. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration of their many years of commitment to the St. Sophia church and community.
- ▶ All candidates for the Parish Council are required to attend an Archdiocesan Parish Council Seminar. This year the seminar will be held this Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Cultural Room. Light refreshments will be served. (Note: Parish Council nominations are being accepted through next Sunday, November 12).
- ▶ For yourself or for a unique gift for that hard-to-shop-for person on your gift list, find something unique at the “*Annual Antique Show*” next weekend. Over 35 antique dealers will be displaying their wares. Come with a friend and enjoy the shopping and a lunch or supper at the Greek Café.
- ▶ Forget the ultra casual sweats and P.J.’s. This will be a fashion evening in celebration of style and class!!! But also it’s going to be a fun event with music, fabulous finger food, gorgeous gift baskets for auction, vendors and shopping, and a one-of-a-kind collection of men’s and women’s fashions. It’s the Philoptochos Fashion Show here on Saturday, November 18 to benefit the Vet House and our “Bagged Lunch Program” for the Homeless. Presale tickets are \$25; youth, \$15, or \$30 at the door. See Norma Damascos for tickets.
- ▶ Veteran’s Day is coming up and the AHEPA is looking to update the Veterans Honor Roll plaque. If you have an update, contact Mark Theophilis at mtheoph1@nycap.rr.com or call him at (518) 383-4391.
- ▶ The Sons of Pericles are still doing fall cleanup. Contact Alex Athanassiadis at 518.641.2811. Donations of \$100 will benefit St. Basil’s Academy.
- ▶ Sign up for the Philoptochos “Community Christmas Card” is now under way.
- ▶ Graceland Cemetery is offering Christmas wreaths for graveside placement. The placement will be done by cemetery staff. Order forms are available.
- ▶ The Family Promise Program is looking for a donation of a vehicle for a family. E-mail Mary Giordano at capitalregionfamilypromise@gmail.com.
- ▶ Next Sunday AHEPA will have a Veterans’ Day recognition and fellowship in appreciation of the veterans both past and present of St. Sophia.
- ▶ Next Sunday there will be a one-year memorial for the late Nicholas Vasilakos and a three-year memorial for the late Thomas Cossack.

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon. Plagal First Mode. Psalm 11.7,1.

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18.

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Gospel Reading

5th Sunday of Luke

The reading is from Luke 16:19-31

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal First Mode

Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

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 Second Mode

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.