

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:

June 10

Alexander and Antonina the Martyrs

The holy Martyrs Alexander and Antonina were from the town of Cardamon (or Crodamon). Antonina was arrested by Festus the Governor and, because she refused to deny Christ, he had her placed in a brothel. But Alexander, sent by divine providence, came in unto her and gave her his cloak; with her head covered, she escaped without having been defiled. When Alexander was discovered, he was taken before Festus, and with Antonina was tortured and burned to death.

The Holy Martyrs of China

The Holy Martyrs of China were native Chinese Orthodox Christians brought up in piety at the Russian Orthodox Mission in Peking, which had been founded in 1685. During the Boxer Rebellion of 1900 against the foreign powers occupying China, native Chinese Christians were commanded by the Boxers to renounce Christianity or be tortured to death. Two hundred and twenty-two members of the Peking Mission, led by their priest Metrophanes Tsi-Chung and his family, refused to deny Christ, and were martyred.

One-year Memorial for the late
 Bernard Richardson
 Coffee Fellowship will be sponsored in his Memory

May his Memory be Eternal!

10 Sunday	9:30 am Divine Liturgy High School Recognition Program 11:45 am Festival Meeting
11 Monday	11:30 am Senior Exercise
12 Tuesday	11:00 am Chair Yoga 12:30 pm Senior Program 6:00 pm Philoptochos End-of-Year Dinner Meeting
13 Wednesday	11:30 am Senior Exercise 12:30 pm Knitters
14 Thursday	12:30 pm Seniors
15 Friday	11:30 am Senior Exercise

News & Events

- ▶ Today we honor our high school graduates. There will be a short program following church services. Students will be presented with a certificate and a small gift inscribed with words of “wisdom and guidance” to have with them during their future endeavors. A reception and cake-cutting will follow during the fellowship hour. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration.
- ▶ There will be a festival meeting today in the AHEPA room.
- ▶ Philoptochos will be holding its end-of-year dinner meeting this Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. Pellegrino’s will be catering the event. Please see Diane Tseckares today to RSVP if you have not already done so.
- ▶ Coming up soon. The deadline is June 30 for the 2018 St. Sophia Scholarship applications. There are two applications: one for graduating high school students; one for current college students/participants in institutions of higher education. Note: You **must** add your name and contact information to the sign-up sheet. Contact Frosine Stolis at (518) 527-9103 or frosnjim@aol.com with questions.
- ▶ It was a great success last year! And so the Schenectady AHEPA is once again sponsoring **Greek Night River Cruise 2018**. In addition to the Greek and American music, there will be mezethes, raffles and a cash bar. Pre-sale tickets are \$40. The event will be held on the Dutch Apple Cruises on Saturday, June 30. Boarding begins at 6:30 and sails at 7 p.m. For ticket reservations, e-mail AHEPA125@gmail.com. Or call Andrew Chakmakas at (518) 470-2745, Note: The Dutch Apple is located at 141 Broadway in Albany near the U.S.S. Slater.

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon. First Mode. Psalm 32.22,1.

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:10-16.

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

2nd Sunday of Matthew

The reading is from Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the First Mode

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate Body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life unto the world. Wherefore, the powers of the Heavens cried out to Thee, O Lifegiver: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Thy Kingdom. Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Friend of man.

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.