

# Directions for Dance Group Sign Ups 2018-2019

(TESTAMENT, September 2018)

Dance group signups for the 2018-2019 season have started. In order to sign up your child/ren, please log onto the St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church website. Click on Organizations. Click on Dance Group. The directions for signing up, agreement and signup sheet are there for you to download and print. After you and your dancer/s have read the agreement, please fill out 1 signup sheet per family and submit the signup sheet only with the \$15 per child dues.

We are instituting a new policy this year which will include the mandatory participation and attendance to our Sunday School, or as altar attendants. This policy will be enforced through the cooperation of the Church School teachers, Fr. Pat and the dance instructors. It is most unfortunate that many have chosen to ignore the fact that Church attendance on Sunday is the most important facet of our religious welfare and life. We acknowledge and realize how hectic all our lives are during the week, and in an effort to allow for a positive Christian Orthodox education, we are asking for your child(ren) to enroll and become a part of this religious experience. Our goal is to not only embrace our culture, but our Christian faith as a Community.

We all need to remember that we dance and entertain under the guidance St. Sophia, and not vice-versa. Teaching our youth about Christian values and faith comes first in our church. Please take the time to have your child(ren) become part of the overall experience of Faith and Culture. Each Sunday, attendance in Sunday School will be taken and submitted to the dance instructors. If a child is not in attendance in Sunday School, they will not be allowed to attend dance that day. Dancers will not be allowed to skip Sunday School and just attend dance rehearsal.

There is a lot of information in the directions. Please be sure to read it thoroughly before completing the signup form. If you have any problems or questions with this process, please e-mail Diane Cohen at [stsophiadancers@gmail.com](mailto:stsophiadancers@gmail.com).

All signup sheets and cash or check (\$15 per dancer) payable to "St. Sophia Church" can be submitted by:

- Ø Handing to Diane Cohen or another dance teacher
- Ø Placing it in the "Dance Group" mailbox in the church office
- Ø Mailing it to Diane Cohen at 117 N. Springhurst Dr., East Greenbush, NY 12061

The deadline to sign up your kids for the St. Sophia Dance Group is September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Rehearsals begin October 13-14. We would like to extend a warm welcome back to two teachers this year: Stephanie Kontakos and Nicole Kordas. We are so excited to have them return and thank them for their dedication to the group.

We are looking forward to another fun and successful year in the dance group. Opa!

Fr. Pat, Diane Cohen & Teachers