

## 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. For those with special mobility needs, there is a wheelchair and a walker available. 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. However, 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: Sergius & Bacchus the Great Martyrs of Syria

These holy Martyrs were Romans of high rank in the service of the Emperor Maximian, to whom it was reported that they did not take part in the festivals of the idols. When he called them into his presence, they confessed their Faith in the one God. He had them arrayed in women's clothes and paraded through the streets in mockery. They were afterwards scourged, from which Saint Bacchus died. This was about the year 296. Saint Sergius was then taken to Resapha in Syria, where he was tortured and beheaded. His tomb in Resapha became a very famous shrine, to which pilgrims came from as far away as Western Europe; Resapha was later renamed Sergiopolis in his honour.

Cancer Collection Tray

One-year Memorial for the late

George Dean Cholakis

Coffee Fellowship Sponsored in his Memory

May his Memory be Eternal!

### 3rd Sunday of Luke

October 7, 2018 – October 13, 2018

7 Sunday	9:30 am Divine Liturgy
8 Monday	<b>Holiday–Columbus Day</b>
9 Tuesday	11:00 am Chair Yoga 12:30 pm Senior Program 4:00 pm Greek School 7:00 pm Philoptochos
10 Wednesday	11:30 am Senior Exercise 12:30 pm Knitters 4:00 pm Greek School

11 Thursday	12:30 pm Seniors 4:00 pm Greek School 5:30 pm Adult Greek School
12 Friday	11:30 am Senior Exercise
13 Saturday	10:00 am Greek School–“ <i>Conversational Greek</i> ”

### News & Events

- ▶ Our Fall General Assembly will be held next Sunday immediately following church services. All general reports will be available at the meeting; however, the budget report is now available on the information table. Please remember that in order to be a member-in good-standing, you must have paid three-quarters of your 2018 Stewardship. Please make an effort to attend.
- ▶ The deadline is almost here. If you have not already made your reservations, plan to do so today. On Saturday, October 20, there will be an evening of celebration for the beginning of Father Pat’s 30th year of service to St. Sophia. Tickets for the dinner/dance are \$40 per person; \$20 for youth 6-12; and free for children under five. Tickets will be on sale during the fellowship hour. Also note that there are sponsorship opportunities which will be included in the Anniversary Program Book. ***Ticket sales end October 13.***
- ▶ Another special celebration will be held here on Thursday evening, October 18 to support the Family Promise of the Capital Region. “***Doors to the Future***” will feature gourmet food stations (see menu flyer on bulletin board), live jazz, a silent auction and a cash bar. Tickets are \$60. See Georgia Fishburn or mail a check to Family Promise, 738 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 12208. Proceeds will support the mission to assist homeless children and their families secure affordable housing and long-term independence. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.
- ▶ Cross one or more items off your holiday shopping list. Whether for your home or as a gift, select one or more beautiful, fresh Christmas wreaths and/or centerpieces for a fragrant and festive decor. DOP will be taking orders today through October 21. Delivery is expected before Thanksgiving. ***Correction to previous notice. There is a \$10 Fed Ex shipping charge to anywhere in the country. However, this includes the gift box with a greeting card and an EZ Hanger for wreaths.***
- ▶ Dance sign ups are now closed. E-mails will go out to parent/dancers with their designated group assignments. Rehearsals are scheduled to begin October 13 for the Senior group; October 14 for all other groups. We look forward to a great year.
- ▶ It will be a fun night with GOYA’s “***Family Feud***” on Friday, October 19. Admission is \$5 and refreshments will be served. For information e-mail [st.sophiagoya518@gmail.com](mailto:st.sophiagoya518@gmail.com). The Annual JOY Hayride has been rescheduled to October 26.
- ▶ Religious Education has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 25 at 6 p.m.

## Epistle Reading

***Prokeimenon. Second Mode. Psalm 117.14,18.***

*The Lord is my strength and my song.*

*Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.*

**The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9.**

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

## Gospel Reading

**3rd Sunday of Luke**

**The reading is from Luke 7:11-16**

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

## Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Second Mode

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

**Apolytikion for Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in the Fourth Mode**

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

**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.