

## 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: Joannicius the Great

Saint Joannicius was born in Bithynia about the year 740. His father was named Myritrikes and his mother Anastaso. When he had reached maturity, he excelled in soldiery and was counted worthy of royal honours for his bravery. He had been brought up an iconoclast, but while yet a soldier, he was converted to Orthodoxy by a certain holy elder. He later forsook all things and departed for Mount Olympus, where he spent the remainder of his life in asceticism. Becoming great in virtue, he reposed in the Lord in the year 834, having lived some ninety-four years. To this Saint is ascribed the brief prayer, "My hope is the Father . . . ."

Ten-year Memorial for the late John Gallast † Thirty-year Memorial for the late Helen Stolis Gallast †

12-year for George Stolist † 18-year for John Konti † 23-year for Stavroula Kirkilis Galanopoulou †

23-year for Marina Stolist † 23-year for Anastasia Konti † 46-year for George Galanopoulou †

17-year for George L. Karlaftist †

Coffee Fellowship Sponsored in their Memory

May their Memory be Eternal!

Philoptochos Artoclalsia in Honor of Sts. Cosmas and Damian

Second Tray for the Patriarchate

### Fifth Sunday of Luke

November 4, 2018 – November 10, 2018

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| 4 Sunday    | 9:30 am Divine Liturgy                                     |
| 5 Monday    | 11:00 am Senior Exercise                                   |
|             | 6:30 pm Basketball                                         |
| 6 Tuesday   | 6:00 am <i>Election Day Polling Site–Voting in the Gym</i> |
|             | 11:00 am Chair Yoga                                        |
|             | 12:30 pm Senior Program                                    |
|             | 4:00 pm Greek School                                       |
| 7 Wednesday | 11:30 am Senior Exercise                                   |

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|             | 12:30 pm Knitters                         |
|             | 4:00 pm Greek School                      |
| 8 Thursday  | 9:30 am <b>Liturgy–Archangels</b>         |
|             | 11:00 am Chi-Gong for Seniors             |
|             | 12:30 pm Seniors                          |
|             | 4:00 pm Greek School                      |
|             | 5:30 pm Adult Greek School                |
| 9 Friday    | 9:30 am <b>Liturgy–St. Nektarios</b>      |
|             | 11:00 am Annual Antique Show & Greek Café |
| 10 Saturday | 10:00 am Greek School                     |
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### News & Events

- ▶ Back by popular demand. Once again the Daughters of Penelope will be taking orders for that delicious Vasilopita from the Agia Skepi Monastery in Pennsylvania. The cost is \$20 for each decorated two-pound loaf (with a coin) specially wrapped and packed to preserve freshness. See Maria Hazapis during the fellowship hour or call the church office to place your order(s). The deadline for orders is December 9 with pick up on Sunday, December 23.
- ▶ All candidates for the Parish Council are required to attend an Archdiocesan Parish Council Seminar. This year’s seminar will be held this Tuesday at 6 p.m. Note: Nominations for the Parish Council are open through Sunday, November 11.
- ▶ Remembering loved ones! Graceland Cemetery is offering Christmas wreaths for graveside placement. (Cemetery staff will do the placements). Order forms are available on the information table by the church office.
- ▶ St. Sophia will be hosting a week of the Family Promise program here starting next Sunday, November 11. If you would like to volunteer to cook a meal, host an evening, or spend a “sleep over”, please see Peter Melas or Georgia Fishburn.
- ▶ Yummy! The Schenectady Philoptochos will be holding their annual “*Spaghetti and Meatballs Dinner and Auction*” today following Divine Liturgy at St. George. Donation is \$8 for adults; \$5 for children under age 12.
- ▶ For yourself or as a special gift, find something unique at the “*Annual Antique Show*”. Over 35 antique dealers will be displaying their wares. Come with a friend and enjoy the shopping and lunch or supper at the DOP Greek Café.
- ▶ Sign up for the Philoptochos “*Community Christmas Card*” is now under way.
- ▶ GOYA is collecting socks for Grassroots Givers. The “sock collection box” is next to the Food Pantry Collection Box near the coatroom.
- ▶ FYI. In addition to Religious Study on the third Tuesday of the month, there is now a Religious Education class for newcomers to Orthodoxy. This class will be held on the third Friday of the month. Everyone is welcome to attend either or both classes. See Father Pat for information.

## Epistle Reading

***Prokeimenon. Plagal Second Mode. Psalm 27.9,1.***

*O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.*

*Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.*

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10.**

Brethren, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## 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 Second Mode

Angelic powers were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. O Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

## Apolytikion for Joannicius the Great in the Plagal Fourth Mode

With the streams of thy tears, thou didst cultivate the barrenness of the desert; and by thy sighings from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundredfold in labours; and thou becamest a luminary, shining with miracles upon the world, O Joannicius our righteous Father. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

## 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.