

## 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: February 3**

### The Synaxis of the Holy and Righteous Symeon the God-Receiver and the Holy Prophetess Anna

Yesterday we celebrated the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple; today we honor the righteous Elder Symeon and Prophetess Anna, who prophesied concerning Him by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and were the first in Jerusalem to receive Him as the Messiah.

Philoptochos Second Tray to Benefit Autism Foundation

Coffee Fellowship Sponsored today in Memory of the late  
James Gallas  
May his Memory be Eternal!

### Sixteenth Sunday of Matthew

February 3, 2019 – February 9, 2019

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| 3 Sunday    | 9:30 am Divine Liturgy  |
| 4 Monday    | 11:00 am Senior Exercise<br>6:30 pm Basketball<br>7:00 pm Festival Meeting            |
| 5 Tuesday   | 11:00 am Chair Yoga<br>12:30 pm Senior Program<br>4:00 pm Greek School<br>6:30 pm DOP |
| 6 Wednesday | 11:00 am Senior Exercise<br>12:30 pm Knitters<br>4:00 pm Greek School                 |
| 7 Thursday  | 12:15 pm Seniors<br>4:00 pm Greek School  |

5:30 pm Adult Greek School

8 Friday 11:30 am Senior Exercise

9 Saturday 10:00 am Greek School

5:00 pm AHEPA Meeting

8:00 pm Sons & Maids Annual Valentine's Dance

### News & Events

- ▶ Hearts and flowers, music, food, and dancing! Celebrate this Saturday when the Sons and Maids host their annual Valentine's Dance. The event begins at 8 p.m. and the evening will include music provided by Zilos and a full buffet supper. Presale tickets are \$25; youth 6-13, \$15; and no charge for kids under five. Tickets are \$30 at the door. Get your tickets today during the fellowship hour. Or e-mail [albanyvdaydance@gmail.com](mailto:albanyvdaydance@gmail.com) or see Zoe Bousbouras or Michael Neal.
- ▶ There will be a Festival meeting tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. in the AHEPA room. Since this is the first meeting of the year, all chairs are requested to attend. New volunteers are always welcome.
- ▶ Following performances at the Kennedy Center in Washington, Magda Giannikou, Greek-born composer, orchestrator, singer and accordionist will be bringing her band “Banda Magda” to Proctors for an evening of great international music including samba, Greek folk tunes, Colombian cumbia and more. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online or directly at Proctors. To add to the evening's festivities, there will be a “Winter Greek Buffet” prior to the show from 6-7:30 p.m. catered by Reel Seafood. It will be held in the Atrium at Proctors. (See the full menu on the flyer on the bulletin board or online). The cost for the supper is \$30 per person. Sign up for the supper online or call (518) 346-6204. (Note: Following the show, complimentary coffee and baklava will be offered for everyone courtesy of the “*Passport Series*” sponsors, the Golub Foundation).
- ▶ Did you already make your 2019 Stewardship commitment or are you one of those individuals who forgets things from time to time? Then take care of one item today by filling out a stewardship commitment card for this year. Remember, you are the one who determines the amount of your financial commitment for each year. Some years you may be able to do more; some years may be financially difficult. Please note that the 2019 stewardship commitment cards are bright yellow this year and are located in the exonarthex of the church and on the information table by the office. And, if you are a new member or have a change of information, please fill out a “Family Profile Form”. Thank you for your support!
- ▶ There is an opening for an Assistant to the Executive Director of Housing at the senior apartments. Duties include leasing and occupancy, facility and tenant management, responding to tenant emergencies and needs. Must have a minimum of a two-year college degree or two or more years in the housing industry. Send resumes to St. Sophia Apartments, 426 Whitehall Road, Albany 12208.

## Epistle Reading

***Prokeimenon. Third Mode. Psalm 46.6,1.***

*Sing praises to our God, sing praises.*

*Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.*

**The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10.**

Brethren, working together with him, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

## Gospel Reading

**16th Sunday of Matthew**

**The reading is from Matthew 25:14-30**

The Lord said this parable: "A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'" As he said these things he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

## Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Third Mode

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm, He hath trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead hath He become. From the belly of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

## Apolytikion for Afterfeast of the Presentation in the First Mode

Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for from thee hath risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those in darkness. Rejoice, thou also, O righteous Elder, as thou receivest in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who also granteth unto us the Resurrection.

## 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 First Mode

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.