THE TESTAMENT

SAINT SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH - ALBANY, NY

November / December 2026



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TEACHING DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, September 20 at 9:30 am – The Preparation

Sunday, November 8 at 9:30 am – Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, February 7 at 9:30 am - Liturgy of the Eucharist

"Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house. Glorify them in return by Your divine power, and forsake us not who set our hope in You"

From the Prayer Behind the Ambon, Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom



"COME AND SEE"

2026 # November CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy: 9:30 AM Stewardship Breakfast/General Assembly 12:00PM	2	3 Election Day Bible Study 6:30PM Chorus 7:00PM	4 Paraklesis 11:00AM Knitters 12:15PM OPA-cize 6:30PM	5 Senior Lunch 12:30PM Adult Greek School 6:00PM	6	7 Youth Greek School 9:00AM-1:00PM Hall Rental 5:00PM
8 Orthros: 8:30AM Teaching Liturgy: 9:30AM	9 St. Nektarios of Aegina Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:30AM	10 Bible Study 6:30PM Philoptochos 6:30PM Parish Council Seminar 7:00PM Chorus 7:00PM	11 Paraklesis 11:00AM Knitters 12:15PM OPA-cize 6:30 PM	12 Adult Greek School 6:00PM	13 St. John Chrysostom - Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:30AM	14 Youth Greek School 9:00AM-1:00PM Family Promise Luncheon 12:00PM Altar Boy Meeting 1:00PM
15 Orthros: 8:30AM Divine Liturgy: 9:30AM	16 St. Matthew the Evangelist - Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:30PM	17 Senior Exercise: 11:15AM Senior Program 12:00PM Chorus 7:00PM	18 Paraklesis 11:00AM Knitters 12:15PM OPA-cize 6:30PM	19 Senior Lunch 12:30PM Adult Greek School 6:00PM	20	21 Entrance of the Theotokos Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:30 AM Youth Greek School 9:00 AM-1:00PM Harvest Dinner Dance 5:00PM
22 Orthros: 8:30AM Teaching Divine Liturgy: 9:30AM	23	24 Senior Exercise: 11:15AM Senior Program 12:00PM Chorus 7:00PM	25 St. Catherine of Alexandria/St. Clement of Rome - Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:30PM	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 Orthros: 8:30AM Divine Liturgy: 9:30AM Sunday School	30 St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle - Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:30PM NNORC Book Club 1:00PM					

2026

December CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Bible Study 6:30PM Chorus 7:00PM	2 Paraklesis 11:00AM Knitters 12:15 PM	3 Senior Lunch 12:30PM Adult Greek School 6:00PM	4 St. Barbara the Great/St. John of Damascus: Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:30AM	5 St. Sabbas the Sanctified: Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8:30AM Community Senior Holiday Dinner 1:00PM
6 Orthros: 8:30AM Divine Liturgy: 9:30AM Sunday School Greek Dance 11:45AM Parish Council Elections St. Barbara's Day Party 12:00PM	7	8 Senior Exercise: 11:15AM Senior Program 12:00PM Combined DOP & Philoptochos Christmas Party	9 Conception of the Theotokos by St. Anna: Orthros & Devine Liturgy 8:30AM Knitters 12:15PM	10 Adult Greek School 6:00PM Chorus 7:00PM	11 Hall Rental 5:00PM	12 St. Spyridon the Wonderworker: Orthros & Devine Liturgy 8:30AM Youth Greek School 9:00AM-1:00PM Greek Dance 11:30AM Hall Rental 6:00PM
13 Orthros: 8:30AM Divine Liturgy: 9:30AM Greek Dance 11:45AM	14	15 St.Eleftherios: Orthros & Devine Liturgy 8:30AM Senior Exercise: 11:15AM Senior Program 12:00PM Bible Study 6:30PM	16 Paraklesis 11:00AM Knitters 12:15PM	17 Senior Lunch 12:30PM Adult Greek School 6:00PM Romanian Church Concert 7:00PM	18	19 Youth Greek School 9:00AM-1:00PM Greek Dance 11:30AM
20 Orthros: 8:30AM Divine Liturgy: 9:30AM Sunday School Christmas Pagent 11:30 AM AHEPA Christmas Party 12:00PM	21 NNORC Book Club 1:00PM	22 Senior Exercise: 11:15AM Senior Program 12:00PM Bible Study 6:30PM	23 Paraklesis 11:00AM	24 Royal Great Hours 8:00AM Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 9:30AM Orthros & Devine Liturgy 5:00PM	25 Christmas Day	26
27 Orthros: 8:30AM Divine Liturgy: 9:30AM		29 Gym: Chorus 7PM	30			

From the Desk of Fr. Neofitos

“What Shall I Render to the Lord…?”

A Christmas Message from Fr. Neofitos

First, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros for assigning me to serve as Proistamenos of St. Sophia. Since arriving on July 1, my family and I have felt genuinely welcomed and at home. The warmth and kindness we have received from our parishioners, ministry leaders, Parish Council members, and staff have been a true blessing and a joy.

As we approach the holy seasons of Christmas, the New Year, and Holy Epiphany, we look forward with great anticipation to celebrating these sacred days together for the first time as a parish family. We are grateful to be part of this community and look forward to growing together in faith, love, and service to our Lord.

At Christmas, we are reminded of the greatest gift ever given to humanity: our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In the humility of a manger in Bethlehem, God entered our world and took on our human nature so that we might share in His divine life. The Nativity is not simply a beautiful story we remember each December, it is the revelation of God's immeasurable love for us and an invitation to respond to that love with our entire lives.

The Psalmist asks a question that is especially meaningful as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ: “What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has done for me?” (Psalm 115:3–4.) When we pause to consider God's blessings—our families, our health, our faith, our daily provisions, and above all, the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ—we begin to understand that gratitude is more than a feeling. It is a way of life.

We cannot repay God for His goodness, nor does He ask us to. Instead, He invites us to respond with love, faith, and a willing heart. We offer ourselves to Him through prayer, participation in the Divine Liturgy, the reception of the Holy Mysteries, acts of kindness, and care for those in need. We offer our time, our talents, and our resources so that His Church may continue its mission in the world.

This is also the heart of Christian stewardship. As we look toward the new year and begin our 2027 Stewardship Drive, let us remember that stewardship is not simply about meeting a budget or maintaining a building. It is an expression of gratitude for everything God has entrusted to us. When we support St. Sophia, we help provide a spiritual home where our children can learn the faith, families can worship together, those who are struggling can find comfort, and people who have become disconnected from the Church can be welcomed home.

As I continue my ministry among you, one of my greatest hopes is that we will grow together in our relationship with Christ and strengthen our life as a parish family. We have much to be thankful for, and we also have opportunities before us. Let us reach out to those we have not seen in some time, encourage our young people, support our ministries, and make our church a place where every person feels welcomed and loved.

Perhaps this Christmas, the question of the Psalmist can become a personal prayer for each of us: What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has done for me? The answer begins not with what we must give, but with recognizing how much we have already received. Having received the gift of Christ, we are called to share His love with others.

May the light of the newborn Christ fill your hearts and homes with peace, strengthen your families, and renew our parish in faith, generosity, and love. And may we enter the new year with grateful hearts, asking not only what God can do for us, but what we can offer Him in return.

Wishing you and your families a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

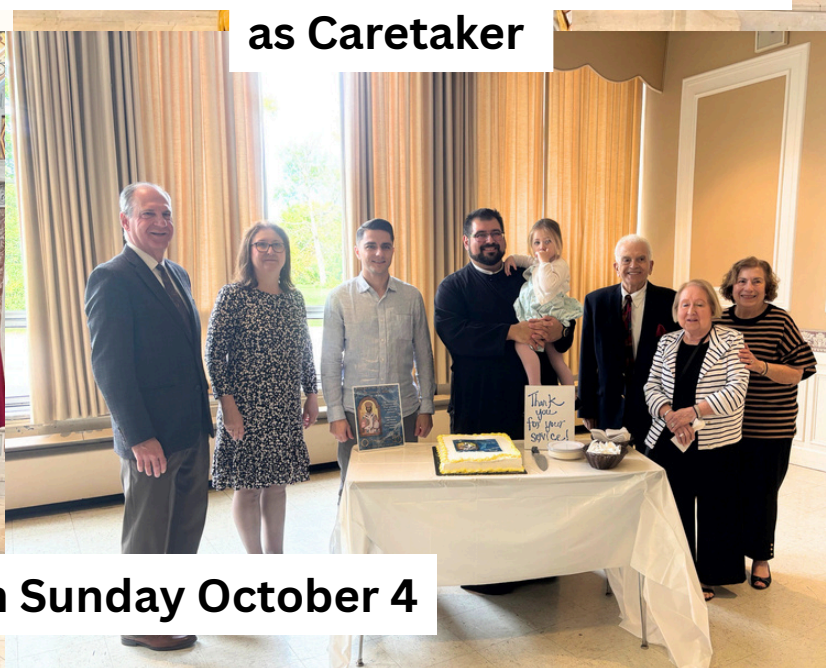
With love in Christ,

Presbyter Neofitos Sarigiannis
Proistamenos
St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church



Honoring Niko Vann for his service as Caretaker





Church Musician Sunday October 4

You are invited to the

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Christmas PARTY

DECEMBER 20

FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES

FOOD & DRINKS



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- $20 per loaf – 2lbs. each – Coin in every loaf
- Only 90 loaves available – order now!

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Marina Patelos District Advisor to the Maids of Athena



Lunch break with Panagia

PARAKLESIS

11 AM

ON WEDNESDAYS

Starting September 30

Come, pray, and share in the love of our Panagia.



From the Parish Council



A Parish Council Update

Dear St. Sophia Family,

As we approach the end of another calendar year, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who continues to contribute to the life of our parish. St. Sophia is a special community, and that is due in no small part to the many individuals and families who generously give their time, talents, and resources in service to our Church.

In his First Letter, St. Peter reminds us, “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another.” (1 Peter 4:10). As we look ahead to 2027, I encourage each of you to consider how you might become more involved at St. Sophia. Whether serving on the Parish Council, participating in a ministry, volunteering at an event, or helping in some other capacity, there are many ways to contribute. Our parish depends on people willing to step forward, get involved, and make a difference.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our November 1 General Assembly. I appreciate your engagement and continued interest in the work of our parish. These conversations are important as we consider our priorities and plan for the future.

Among those priorities is our shared commitment to maintaining and improving our Church facilities. We've made progress with outdoor landscaping, including lifting the tree canopy around the property so that our beautiful Church is more visible from the road. We're also continuing to address courtyard drainage and restoration, along with plans to replace aging carpeting throughout the community center. These are important investments in our facilities, and I appreciate everyone's patience and support as we work through them.

I also want to express my sincere gratitude to the members of the Parish Council. The work isn't always easy, and much of it happens behind the scenes, but I've appreciated their commitment, partnership, and willingness to do what's best for St. Sophia. It truly is a labor of love, and I'm deeply grateful to be able to serve alongside such dedicated individuals.

As we close out 2026, I hope we'll continue to build on the strong sense of community that makes St. Sophia so special, while recognizing that each of us has a role to play in its continued success.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas season and a happy, healthy New Year!

Michael N. Christakis
President, Parish Council
pcpresident@stsophiaalbany.org

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

COMMUNITY SENIOR

Holiday

DINNER

SATURDAY 5 **AT 1:00 PM**

DECEMBER

St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church
440 Whitehall Rd., Albany, NY 12208

RSVP online or to the church office at (518) 489-4442
by November 25

Stewardship



Dear St. Sophia Family,

As we approach the holiday season, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me in my role as Financial Secretary of St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church and share a little about what this church means to me, what stewardship makes possible, and why our continued support is so important to the future of our parish. For me, St. Sophia has never been just a church. It has been home for as long as I can remember.

Professionally, I serve as Vice President of Branch and Community Development Manager for Community Bank in East Greenbush. My career has reinforced the importance of building relationships, serving others, supporting our community, and being a responsible steward of the resources entrusted to us. I am grateful to bring those same values to my role at St. Sophia.

What Does Stewardship Mean for Our Church?

Stewardship is so much more than making a donation. It is an investment in our faith, our traditions, our ministries, and the future of St. Sophia. It is how we come together to care for the spiritual home that has given so much to so many of us.

Our stewardship contributions help support the everyday needs of our parish, including:

- Maintaining our church home: caring for and preserving our aging building so that it remains a welcoming and safe place for worship, fellowship, and for future generations.
- Supporting our worship and spiritual life: helping provide for the services, liturgical needs, and resources that keep our Orthodox faith at the center of our parish.
- Nurturing our children and families: supporting religious education, Sunday school, Greek school, and programs that teach our children the faith, language, history, and traditions that have been passed down through generations.
- Sustaining our ministries and community programs: helping fund the activities, outreach efforts, and fellowship opportunities that bring our parishioners together and strengthen our connection to one another.
- Preserving our Greek heritage: supporting the traditions, cultural activities, and community events that celebrate our roots and allow us to share our heritage with others.
- Covering the daily operating expenses of our parish: providing the resources necessary to keep our church running, from utilities and routine maintenance to the many other expenses that come with caring for our spiritual home.

We Have Been Through So Much Together

If there is one thing I have learned throughout my years at St. Sophia, it is that our parish is about much more than a building. It is about the people who fill it, the faith that brings us together, and the relationships that continue to grow through every season of life.

We have certainly been through a lot together. We weathered the challenges of COVID, faced uncertainty, and worked through difficult times that tested our community. Yet here we are, continuing to move forward. Today, it is exciting and heartwarming to see a renewed interest in our Orthodox faith, welcome new members into our parish family, and reconnect with the familiar faces of longtime parishioners.

It has truly been a wild ride! But through every challenge and every new beginning, the spirit of St. Sophia has endured. My hope is that we continue to build on the foundation established by those who came before us while creating a vibrant, welcoming parish for those who will follow.

As We Enter the Holiday Season

As we prepare to celebrate the holidays, I encourage each of us to reflect on just how blessed we are to be part of such a wonderful extended family. For many of us, St. Sophia holds a lifetime of memories. It is where we grew up, where our families gathered, where our children experienced our traditions, and where we have found comfort, friendship, and faith. For others, it is a place they are just beginning to call home.

No matter how long we have been part of this community, we all have a role in ensuring that St. Sophia continues to thrive. Our church has been here for us through life's joys and sorrows. With your continued kindness, generosity, participation, and stewardship, we can ensure that it will be here for generations to come.

As we look ahead, I warmly invite you to renew your stewardship commitment for the coming year, volunteer your time and talents, or reach out to the church if you would like more information about how you can become involved. Whether you contribute financially, lend a helping hand, participate in a ministry, or simply share your ideas, your involvement strengthens our parish and helps St. Sophia continue its mission.

Please contact the church office, speak with me personally or with any member of the Parish Council if you have questions about stewardship, volunteer opportunities, or ways to support our ministries. We would be grateful to hear from you and welcome your participation.

Thank you for everything you do for St. Sophia, whether through your financial support, your volunteer efforts, your participation in our services and programs, or simply by being part of our parish family. Every act of generosity and every effort to support our church matters, and I am deeply grateful for all that you contribute.

It is a privilege to serve alongside you, and I look forward to continuing this journey together.

Wishing you and your families a blessed holiday season filled with faith, good health, peace, and the warmth of family and friends.

Online Stewardship: https://onrealm.org/SaintSophiaGOC/-/form/pledge/stewardship26 or scan the QR code.

With gratitude and warmest regards,

Anastasia Vasilakos
Financial Secretary

Stewardship

2026 Stewardship Pledged Members as of October

Demetra & Thomas Alund
David & Eugenia Alven
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George Amanatides
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Danny & Panagiota Anagnost
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Anastassios Anastahas
Tommy & Helene Annas
Michael Anton
Nick & Joanne Antoniadis
Paul & Vera Apostol
Danny Bahlatzis
Nicholas & Effie Balahtsis
Glykeria Baltis
Peter & Kathy Baltis
Evelyn Baltis
Barbara Beckos McDonald & Arthur McDonald
Marie Beiniks
Robert Bladel & Niki Ziamandanis Bladel
Theodorian & Diana-Andra Borca-Tasciuc
Athena Bouloukos
Peter & Kathleen Bouloukos
Konstantinos & Christina Brotsis
Barbara Burke
Marietta Caladim
John & Penny Caracandas
George Chakmakas
John Chakmakas
Anastasia Cholakis
George & Maria Cholakis
Joanne Cholakis
Michael & Christa Christakis
Philip Christo
Euripides Christou & Lainie Damaskos-Christou
Jeffrey & Diane Cohen
Eugenia & Daniel Condon
Assemina & Timothy Conlin
Christine Costopoulos
George & Constantina Cotzas
John & Katerina Dallas
Norma Damascos
Theodora D'amico
Robert & Alexandra Davis
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Nikolaos & Kaila De Maria
Nicholas & Marianna Diamantatos
James & Chrisanthy Diamantopoulos
Stephani Dimopoulos & Anthony Divocco
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Gregory & Shalyn Docous
Nicholas & Fotini Docyk
Mick & Lea Doemel
Penelope & Ryan Doherty
Pauline Duke
Haralabos & Eleni Efstathiadis
Harry & Diane Ermides
Michael & Linda Ermides
Gari Fentekes
Donald & Dina Fisher
Gregory & Nina Floyd
Diane Forkeutis
Joanna Foti & Shawn Cobstill
Janet Gallas
Anthony & Amy George
Alexander Georgeadis
William & Jamie Georges
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Arthur & Christine Gianakos
Andrea Googas & Robert Hahn
James & Mary Googas
Jimmy Googas
John & Sia Googas
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Anastasia Gouvitsas
Elisavet & Victoria Guarneri
David Hadjichristodoulou
Charalambos & Anne Hadjioannou
Lukes Hadjioannou
Christine Harvey
Michael & Melissa Hatzistergos
Anthony & Despina Hazapis
Margaret Hazapis & James Poole
Maria Hazapis
Matthew & Chloe Hickey
John & Mary Hormovitis
Robert Hotaling
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Vasiliki Hrimatopoulos
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Constantine & Constance Karlaftis
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Thomas & Stella Koleci
Vasil Koleci
Theodore Kondoprias
Valerie Kontakos & Alexander Keefer
Constantine & Leanne Kontogiannis
Nickolas Koulos
Angeline Koutelis
Diane Koutelis
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Michael & Jewelie Koutelis
Nicholas Koutelis
Jeanne Koutoufaris
George & Paula Koutsakis
Michael & Karen Koutsourades
Helen Laines
Joanna Laines
Peter & Sula Landi
Spiros Lanides
Sofeya Lascaris
Steven & Christina Lasher
Michel-Gabrielle Legato
Fr. Patric & Pres. Evangeline Legato
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Sisay Lemma
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Konstantine & Holly Liapis
Maria Liapis
Andreas & Theodora Lois
Claudia Long
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Bessie Malamas
Freda Manuel
Peter & Tina Marathakis
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George & Lea Marinopoulos
Kristina Marinopoulos
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Peter & Georgia Melas
Anastasios Meletis
Maria Meletis
Jaimee & Matthew Meyer
Demetrios Michael
Roger Mike
Constantinos & Diane Minas
Casia Mirones
Nicholas & Diane Mitsios
Jordan Moisides
Panagiotis & Vasiliki Moisidis
Theodora Mokhiber
James Morrill & Michelle Su-Morrill
Christos Moutopoulos
John Moutopoulos
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Stewardship

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Fr. Dennis & Candice Nagi
Dhimo Nasi
Sokol & Fabjola Nasi
Mary Nicholaou
Jackie Orfanos, M.D.
Craig & Sophia Pallone
Violet & Dana Palombo
Marcella Panza
Katherine Papa
Keather Papa
James & Andrea Papandrea
Chris Pappas
Peter & Maria Pappas
Christopher Pappis
George Pappis
Mary Patelos
Tina Perlegis
Donald & Vanessa Perry
Paul Petalas
Michael & Thecla Philip
Mignonne & David Philips
Maria & Gregg Pidgeon
Anastasia Pilarinos
Haralambros Pilarinos
John Polydouris
Nikoleta & Andrea Prifti
Christine & Stephen Prudente
Alexandros Psomas
Besnik & Penellope Qaja
Demitrios & Cathy Rambidis
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Frank & Theodora Rantzaklis
Thomas Rantzaklis
Dennis & Irene Rassias
Mariam Rmeily
Terrell & Ann Roe
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Bogdan Sandu
Fr.Neofitos & Pres. Catherine Sarigiannis
Nikolaos Sarilakis
Charles Sarris
Dorothy & James Sausville
Legrande Serras
Michaela Serseludi
Skeva Shurdhi
Jason & Kaitlyn Sideris
John & Joanna Sideris
Christos & Erin Sikopoulos
Spyridon Skordas & Elaine Hasapis
Deanna Socaris
George & Debbie Socaris
Jon-Michael & Amanda Socaris
Arianna Sokaris
Elaine Sokaris
Gerasimos & Kathryn Sokaris
Gregory & Maria Sokaris
Gregory & Bessie Sokaris
Gregory J. Sokaris
Gregory C. Sokaris
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Mary Sokaris
Nora Sokaris
Spiro Sokaris
Stratton & Roxanne Sokaris
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Lea & Mark Stevens
James & Frosine Stolis
Cataldo & Cassandra Strippoli
Nicole Strippoli
Faith Takes & Joseph Moltzen
Anthony Thanopoulos
Anna & Pasquale Tirino
Amal Tlaige
Anthony Thanopoulos
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Dimitra Vasilakos
Helen Vasilakos
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New Caretakers

Dear Friends,

We wanted to welcome Thomas Martin and Sisoe Knapp to our Staff. Both Thomas and Sisoe and devout Orthodox Christians and exibit a fervor for serving our Lord at the Holy Altar. They have been my right and left hand since September. Their training is ongoing and they appreciate the parish's faith and confidence in them.

God Bless them in their new endeavor. Be sure to meet them!

Respectfully,
Fr. Neofitos











GOYA trip to Boston: Holy Cross Seminary, New England Aquarium, Port of Boston





AHEPA OXI Day Celebration on the USS Slater







Greek School







Philoptochos

Dear St. Sophia Community,

I hope everyone is settling into the fall season and that our children are enjoying being back in Sunday School. We also hope they are enjoying the fun and engaging field trips Fr. Neofitos has been organizing both within our church and out in the community!

Our Philoptochos ladies have been busy serving our parish and community through a variety of activities. We began the fall with a joint dinner meeting with our sister chapters from Schenectady and Troy, joined by all three of our priests. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together in fellowship and strengthen the bonds between our chapters.

We also held our annual Doll Show Café, and I am happy to share that it was yet another successful and profitable year! A very special thank-you to Shalyn Docus for all her hard work organizing the café, and to everyone who generously donated their time, talents, and money to make this fundraiser possible. The success of this event is a true reflection of the generosity and dedication of our community. All proceeds will help Philoptochos continue meeting its monthly obligations and supporting those in need.

The ladies of St. Sophia will be very busy over the next few months. First up is our Election Day Bake Sale, followed by our Day of Simple Giving. We will also continue our support of Maritime Ministries by preparing holiday gift boxes for the men serving at sea, bringing a little Christmas cheer to those who spend the holidays away from their families.

Christmas will be here before we know it! We will once again be offering our Community Christmas Card. Please keep an eye out for our table during coffee hour, where you can sign up to have your family included.

Last Christmas, with the generous support of our community, we were able to adopt four families and help make the holiday season brighter for them. It was a wonderful success, and we hope to do it again this year! Please look for our Giving Trees in late November and consider helping a family experience the joy of Christmas.

Philoptochos means friend of the poor, and our mission is rooted in serving others with compassion, love, and faith. Please remember that our organization is here to help anyone in need. If you or someone you know could use assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to serve our community with dignity, kindness, and without judgment.

We also warmly welcome anyone who has been thinking about joining Philoptochos to attend our next meeting on November 10th. You do not need to know anyone or have previous experiences, just a willingness to help and a desire to make a difference. There is always room for another helping hand and another caring heart!

As we enter this season of gratitude and giving, may we continue to come together as a community, sharing our blessings and extending Christ's love to those around us.

Wishing you and your families a blessed Thanksgiving and a joyful holiday season.

With love and gratitude,

Demetra Vann
President, Ladies of Philoptochos Society









2026 St Sophia
Annual Community Christmas Card
Sponsored by Philoptochos

Wish your family and friends at St. Sophia
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Cost $20 per line, 3 line maximum
Orders due by Dec. 6th, 2026

Please mail this form to the church office, attention:
"Community Christmas Card"
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "PHILOPTOCHOS"

Holiday Greeting:

_____

_____

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Purchased by: Total

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Archdiocesan District Philoptohchos &
The Albany Ladies Philoptochos Society

Dove Soap Bar Collection Drive

To benefit the women of the Bedford Hills and Taconic State Correctional Facilities.
A project of the Prison Ministry

Goal:
100 bars

During Coffee Hour Oct. 25 – Nov. 22



Collecting Dove soap bars during coffee hour or drop in this box

Sunday School

Hi Everyone,

Hope you are enjoying the fall weather. The holidays are quickly approaching, what a wonderful time of the year.

As you know, I'm Maria Sokaris and I'm the new Sunday school director. Theodosia and Michel Legato did an amazing job during their time as directors, and I appreciate how nicely everything was left for me to takeover.

This year the Archdiocese has a created a wonderful new curriculum that is engaging and interactive. Even in the few weeks that we have had Sunday school, the children seem to be enjoying the lessons and are actively participating.

This ministry would not be possible without my amazing volunteer teachers and substitutes. They provide a loving and safe learning environment. Please make sure you thank them for their commitment to our children and to the program,

If you have not signed your child up for Sunday school yet, please do so. It is never too late.

If you have any questions please find me during coffee hour or email me at sundayschool@stsophiaalbany.org.

Thank you and have a wonderful Holiday Season,
Maria Sokaris

To learn more about the new curriculum please visit:
https://www.goarch.org/sundayschool





Children's Sermon



SAINT SOPHIA Sunday School

2026–2027

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2026

- **9/20** Blessing of the School Year *After Divine Liturgy,* Ministry registrations & Church Picnic
- **9/27** First day of Sunday School

OCTOBER 2026

- **10/4** Classes in Session
- **10/11** Family Worship Sunday *No Classes*
- **10/18** Classes in Session
- **10/25** Classes in Session

NOVEMBER 2026

- **11/1** Classes in Session *Greek School OXI Day*
- **11/8** Classes in Session
- **11/15** Classes in Session
- **11/22** Classes in Session
- **11/29** Family Worship Sunday *No Classes*

DECEMBER 2026

- **12/6** Classes in Session
- **12/13** Classes in Session
- **12/20** Christmas Pageant
- **12/27** Family Worship Sunday *No Classes*

JANUARY 2027

- **1/3** Classes in Session
- **1/10** Classes in Session
- **1/17** Family Worship Sunday *No Classes*
- **1/24** Classes in Session
- **1/31** Classes in Session

FEBRUARY 2027

- **2/7** Classes in Session *Godparent Sunday*
- **2/14** Family Worship Sunday *No Classes*
- **2/21** Classes in Session
- **2/28** Classes in Session

MARCH 2027

- **3/7** Classes in Session
- **3/14** Classes in Session
- **3/21** Classes in Session *Sunday of Orthodoxy*
- **3/28** Classes in Session *Greek School March 25 Celebration*

APRIL 2027

- **4/4** Classes in Session *Sunday of the Holy Cross*
- **4/11** Classes in Session
- **4/18** Classes in Session
- **4/24** Saturday of Lazarus 9:30 AM *Youth Divine Liturgy, Palm Cross Making & Youth Sponsored Breakfast*
- **4/25** Palm Sunday *Family Worship Sunday – No Classes*

MAY 2027

- **5/2** Pascha *Family Worship Sunday – No Classes* 10:30 AM–12:00 PM *Agape Service & Easter Egg Hunt*
- **5/9** Classes in Session
- **5/16** Family Worship Sunday – *No Classes* *Greek Festival*
- **5/23** Last Day of Sunday School Classes
- **5/30** Family Worship Sunday – *No Classes* *Memorial Day Weekend*

JUNE 2027

- **6/6** Certificates at the end of Divine Liturgy – *Church Picnic*

"Let the little children come to Me,
and do not hinder them,
for to such belongs the Kingdom of Heaven."
Matthew 19:14



Holiday programs, baking, costumes, movies, arts and crafts.

March in Greek Independence Parade!



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CLASSES MEET ON SATURDAYS FROM 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM OR 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM DEPENDING ON AGE & LEVEL

About our school

We strive to provide a learning environment enriched by the teaching of the Greek Language, History, Culture, Faith where each student develops his or her own talents and potential to the fullest through speaking, reading, writing and listening in the target language. We create a school community with students, teachers and parents who value our Academy and value the importance of our educational goals.



OUR CURRICULUM:
Learning the Greek language through fun activities, projects, songs dances, puppets, games and interactions with children of all ages from Pre-K thru High School

JOIN US TODAY! TUITION ONLY $350 PER STUDENT ANNUALLY, INCLUDES ALL BOOKS AND ACTIVITY FEES - REGISTRATION AT ANYTIME ONLINE OR CALL CHURCH OFFICE

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Classes from Pre-school through High School

Greek School Academic Calendar 2026–2027

September
First Class
September 19th

Classes in Session
September 26th

October
Classes in Session
October 3rd
October 17th
October 24th

No classes on
October 10th

November
Classes in Session
November 7th
November 14th
November 21st

No classes on
November 28th

December
Classes in Session
December 5th
December 12th
December 19th

No classes on
December 26th

January
Classes in Session
January 9th
January 23rd
January 30th

No classes on
January 2nd
January 16th

February
Classes in Session
February 6th
February 20th
February 27th

No classes on
February 13th

March
Classes in Session
March 6th
March 13th
March 20th

No classes on
March 27th

April
Classes in Session
April 3rd
April 10th
April 17th

No Classes on
April 24th

May
Classes in Session
May 8th
May 22nd

No Classes on
May 1st
May 15th

Celebration
& Last Class for all students 11am to 1pm
May 29th

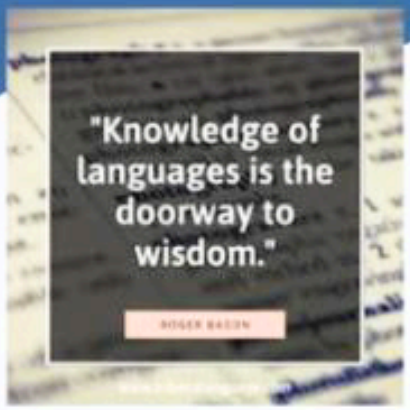
Special Events
OXI Day: November 1, 2026
after church services

Greek Independence Day Celebration in the church hall: March 21, 2027

St. Sophia Greek Language & Culture Academy
Classes held on Saturdays

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FOR THE
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2026-2027!!
NEW FORMAT, NEW APPROACH

MODERN GREEK 101 LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO ADULTS OF ALL AGES.

BEGINNING THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 6:00PM
FALL SEMESTER:
SEP. 24 - DEC. 17 2026
SPRING SEMESTER:
JAN. 14 - MAY 6 2027

15 TWO-HOUR IN PERSON ONLY CLASS SESSIONS FOR $350

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LEARN IN A FUN AND INNOVATIVE MODERN TEACHING APPROACH THAT INCLUDES:

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- THE HISTORY OF THE GREEK LANGUAGE
- THE HISTORY OF GREECE AND CYPRUS
- THE CULTURE OF GREEK FOOD, MUSIC AND DANCING.
- HOW TO DANCE SOME BASIC GREEK DANCES.



INSTRUCTOR:
Lainie (Eleni) Damaskos-Christou is a Master Teacher and National Board-Certified Teacher of Greek and Spanish. She has been a career high school teacher , Greek School teacher pre-k - high school and college professor of Greek and Spanish since 2000. She is an author of bilingual children's books and is passionate about world language education.



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CULTURE

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Community News

Baptisms

We congratulate Dmitri Kirioukhine and Julie Marin on the baptism of their daughter Rebecca. Na mas Zeisi!

We congratulate Justin and Claudia Long on the baptism of their son Enzo Jeffrey. God bless!

We congratulate Paul and Maria Melas Neaton on the baptism of their son Declan. God bless!

We congratulate Isaac and Stavroula Prentice on the baptism of their son William Joseph. God bless!

Forty-day Blessing

We congratulate Benjamin and Hannah Papa on the forty-day blessing of their son Angelo. God bless!

Weddings

We congratulate the servants of God Alexander Davison and Argyro Pagiavoas on the occasion of their Sacrament of Holy Marriage. God bless them always!

We congratulate the servants of God David Dean and Kalypso DeRito on the occasion of their Sacrament of Holy Marriage. God bless them always!

We congratulate the servants of God Connor Hautau and Arianna Sokaris on the occasion of their Sacrament of Holy Marriage. God bless them always!

Memory Eternal

Pauline Anton
September 21, 92 years old

Christine Shinas
August 28, 91 years old

Dolores Bachandouris
September 20, 86 years old

Dimitri Yavis
October 20, 59 years old

Angelo Lazarus Kontis
October 24, 2026, 91 years old



Liturgical Offerings



ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΙΑ = ΟΡΘΟΠΡΑΞΙΑ

Orthodoxy = Orthopraxy

(Right Faith = Right Action)

"What shall I render to the Lord for all His gifts He has given to me?"

"τί ἀνταποδώσω τῷ Κυρίῳ περὶ πάντων, ὧν ἀνταπέδωκέ μοι;"

Our faith is lived through action. Orthodoxy is not only belief—it is a life of offering.

We can give back to God through prayer, time, fasting, service, sacraments, and by offering:

Prosforo – Bread offered for Holy Communion	Donation: $20
Communion Wine – Sweet Greek wine	Donation: $20
Vigil Lamp Oil – Extra Virgin Olive Oil for the altar lamps	Donation: $20 (or bring Extra Virgin Olive Oil)
Incense – A symbol of prayer rising to Heaven	Donation: $20 – $50
Koliva – Wheat offered for memorials	Contact the Office
Artoklasia – Five loaves offered for the living or Saints	Contact the Office

Every offering is blessed by God and returned to us for our spiritual growth.

Let us live our faith through these sacred actions of love and thanksgiving.

Liturgical Offerings Order Form

To place an order and make your donation, please fill out the form below.

Item	Donation
Prosforo (Bread)	$20
Communion Wine	$20
Vigil Lamp Oil (or bring Extra Virgin Olive Oil)	$20

Item	Donation
Incense	$20 – $50
Koliva (Wheat)	Contact the Office
Artoklasia (Five Loaves)	Contact the Office

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

In Memory of: _____ In Honor of / For Health of: _____

Thank you for your generous offerings and faithful support!

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Library and Archives Center

Dear Community of Saint Sophia,

My name is Francis Kneussle and I am very excited for this opportunity to introduce myself to you all. I am the new librarian and archivist here at the Saint Sophia Library and Archives Center.

A bit about me. Ever since I was little, my Papou and Yiayia instilled in me a deep love for culture, language and history. As such, when I went off to SUNY Geneseo for my undergraduate studies, I decided to double major in history and French, and minor in anthropology. Following that, I came to UAlbany and received a Masters in history, with a focus in Byzantine literature. At the same time, I began working at the New York State Archives. After two years there, I began a new job at the USS Slater, giving tours and studying their collection of Greek documents from the ship's 40 year tenure in the Hellenic Navy. Several months ago, word got around that there was an archivist with a background in Byzantine studies living in the area and I was emailed about the possibility of helping out here at Saint Sophia. I jumped at the opportunity to combine my passion for Greek history and literature with the archival skills that I acquired at the State Archives.

For those of you who don't know. Ariadne-Yolanda Kendris and Christopher Kendris created the Library and Archives Center back in the 1970s and operated it for around four decades. However, following their passing, the magnificent collection of books, photos, videos, and documents, which they compiled has been left largely disorganized and unused. This is a tremendous resource that catalogues a century of this community's history, and I feel honored to be given the opportunity to help preserve it. It is meticulous work, cataloguing the hundreds of items in our collection, but I hope that in the following months, the Center will be back to being operational and open to the public.

If you wish to help in the preservation of this community's history, we would be greatly appreciative of any donations of old photographs or articles concerning the early days of the church.

I am very excited to work on this project and I hope to do everything in my power to make the Center as great as possible.

BEYOND THE TOMB

Bible Study: Orthodox Customs, Holidays, and the Resurrection Accounts Depicted in Our Church

Select Tuesdays at 6:30 PM



Fr. Neofitos Sarigiannis

All Are Welcome!

11/3/26 11/17/26

11/24/26 12/1/26 12/15/26

We will be off on: 11/10, and 12/8

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ΚΑΛΕΣ ΓΙΟΡΤΕΣ ΣΕ ΟΛΟΥΣ!
HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

We welcome new students to our program at anytime during the year. All classes from pre-school to early high school are on Saturdays simultaneously from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in 2 hour sessions depending on level. Learning a new world language and culture is an amazing experience at any age, especially the youngest ones! Contact us at greeklanguageacademy@stsophiaalbany.org

ΤΑ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ
CHRISTMAS



ΗΜΕΡΑ ΤΩΝ ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΙΩΝ.
THANKSGIVING



Την τελευταία Πέμπτη του Νοεμβρίου κάθε χρόνο γιορτάζουμε στις Ενωμένες Πολιτείες την Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών.. Μαζευόμαστε στα σπίτια με συγγενείς και με φίλους να ευχαριστήσουμε τον Θεό για όλα τα καλά που μας δίνει.

Class sessions for November & December 2026:

Nov. 7, 14, 21 = classes are in session

Nov 28- no class for Thanksgiving weekend

Dec, 5, 12, and 19= classes are in session

Dec 26 and Jan 2 = no classes for Christmas holiday

ALBANY AHEPA FAMILY

Holiday gift

GIVING COLLECTION

December 1, 2026 - January 3, 2027

We accept unwrapped toys, games, books, toiletries, gift cards and other appropriate gifts that are new and unused for children & teenagers.

The AHEPA Family will deliver your donations to children & teenagers currently being treated and cared for at the Bernard & Millie Duker Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center.

Please leave gifts beneath the Christmas tree located inside the church.

Bernard & Millie Duker Children's Hospital
ALBANY MED Health System

MAIDS OF ATHENA

Empowering Young Women Since 1930



The Maids of Athena is a Greek-American youth organization for young women that promotes sisterhood, Greek heritage, leadership, and philanthropy. It is part of the AHEPA family of organizations and is the sister organization of the Sons of Pericles. The purpose isn't just to organize dances or social events. Those are ways to bring members together. The bigger goal is to help young women grow as leaders, serve their communities, and keep Greek-American traditions alive. For the Albany chapter, that means bringing girls together, supporting charitable causes in the Capital Region, and building a sisterhood that continues for future generations.



ALBANY SONS & MAIDS

Annual Valentine's Dance

FEBRUARY | 6 | 7 PM

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Early Bird – $25
Presale – $35
Door – $40

Ticket includes full buffet dinner, entertainment & more

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Did you know?

Do We Pay for the Sacraments?

No. It is a common misconception that parishioners are asked to pay for the Holy Sacraments. At St. Sophia, our Stewards will never be charged a price for receiving the Holy Sacraments. The grace of God is not for sale.

It is customary for families to offer a voluntary honorarium to the priest and a donation to the Church on the occasion of a sacrament. These offerings are appreciated, customary, but entirely voluntary.

There are, however, two new standard fees associated with these services:

- Caretaker: $125
- Chanter: $125

These fees compensate the caretaker and chanter for their time and service, as they must make themselves available for these private occasions. Their presence also helps ensure that the service is conducted with the beauty, dignity, and reverence befitting our Orthodox worship.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, please speak with Fr. Neofitos. No one should feel that financial difficulties prevent them from approaching the Church to receive the Holy Sacraments.

Our purpose is to accompany you and your family through life's most sacred moments with prayer, love, and pastoral care.

Why Do We Fast Before Christmas?

The Orthodox Church observes a 40-day Nativity Fast in preparation for Christmas, beginning on November 15. Just as we prepare our homes for a special guest, we prepare our hearts to receive Christ. Through prayer, fasting, repentance, and acts of charity, we make room for God in our lives. The goal is not simply to change what we eat, but to prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Why Is Christ Born in a Cave?

According to Orthodox Christian tradition, Jesus was born in a humble cave used as a shelter for animals. The Creator of the universe entered the world not in a palace, but in humility and simplicity. The cave reminds us that Christ comes to meet us wherever we are, even in the most humble circumstances of our lives. God's glory is revealed not through earthly power, but through His extraordinary love for humanity.

What Is the Greatest Christmas Gift?

In the Orthodox Church, Christmas is known as the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We exchange gifts during this season, but the greatest gift is God's gift of His Son to the world. The Nativity reveals God's desire to unite Himself to humanity so that we might share in His divine life. One of the best ways to respond to this gift is to offer our own gifts of love, forgiveness, generosity, and service to others.





2026- 2027 Christmas / Theophany Ornamentation Donations

Please contact Margaret at the church office to donate:
E-mail: **parishoffice@stsophiaalbany.org**
Phone Number: **(518) 489-4442**

Christmas

Altar screen
(*4 Flower shelves 4x $150 each)*
Shelf for Jesus $150
Shelf for Virgin Mary $150
Shelf for St John $150
Shelf for Holy Trinity $150

Nativity Icon Flower Frame $100

Pews
10 lanterns with Sprays and ribbons $50 each

Courtyard decorations
10 pencil trees $150
snow lights and set up $200.

Theophany

Theophany Flower Frame $100

Christmas and Theophany Service Schedule 2026-27

Christmas Services

Thursday, December 24

8:00 am Great and Royal Hours of the Nativity and Vesperal Liturgy
5:00 pm Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ Orthros & Divine Liturgy & Carols & Reception

Thursday, December 31

6:00 pm St. Basil's Feast Day – Troy, NY
Orthros and Divine Liturgy



Theophany Services

Tuesday, January 5

7:30 am Great and Royal Hours of Epiphany Vesperal Liturgy and Great Blessing of the Waters

Wednesday, January 6

Holy Theophany
8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy and Great Blessing of the Waters

Thursday, January 7

Synaxis of St. John the Baptist
8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Our Sunday service hours are:

Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

House and Business Blessings

On January 6, 2026 Father Neofitos will begin blessing homes and businesses.

Please fill out the card below and return it to the office for confirmation.

Name - _____

Address - _____

Cell/ Main # - _____

Preferred day and time - _____

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