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The night sky has always intrigued man. From the very beginning of time, this mysterious umbrella of the night sky, dark, often misunderstood, and sometimes sinister, filled with points of twinkling lights, has challenged even the most complex thinker.
The Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans searched the heavens for answers to their everyday existence. Epic poems and stories were recited and then written about the images in the night sky. Mythology, astrology, astronomy, and religion were intertwined and coexisted for those early, star gazers, and the explanation of man's existence and daily life often found meaning in the celestial bodies. Galileo and his telescope, probably more than any other previous night explorer, sought answers and provided explanations of what he saw and what we now understand through his discoveries. Centuries later, Albert Einstein formulated theories based on the evening sky surrounding the earth. Truly, the mysteries of the heavens still consume us, scientists, today, have improved our ability to see the stars and beyond. The telescopic images, thanks to the Voyager I and II, Hubble and James Webb satellites, have transformed our thinking and brought the cosmos into our living rooms. There is still so much unknown, but the infinite is slowly becoming the finite. This is an exciting time.

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold three wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.'"

The time was over two thousand years ago, and the celestial event was seen throughout the world. There were no television reports or YouTube platforms. The internet was non-existent. There was no telephone service, or electronic surveillance equipment.

It was an intense Star in the sky unlike any other which dominated the heavens. It was something never seen before and it lit up the night sky. Yet, three men, called wise, because they knew this celestial sighting was special, followed its path across the sky. Imagine, without the use of a telescope, they knew, while the rest of the world pondered. This is the story of the announcement that the Messiah was to usher in a new era. History would be split into before and after. The birth of the Christ child was announced and took place. The entire cosmos was invited, but very few came. The star gazers did not understand the sign from God, and simply ignored the sighting. Certainly, some probably felt gloomy as if the Star was a portent of evil tidings, while others were probably too consumed with their own lives to pay any attention to the Star, yet there it was for all to see and witness.

How could anyone ignore this appearance in the night sky? The answer is simple. They were consumed with their own existence. They were too busy living and doing what they had been so accustomed to that they paid this Star no mind. The birth of our Savior took place with a humble assembly. Humanity was present. Nature was present. The cosmos was present.
Unfortunately, the world operated as, "business as usual." This small gathering of shepherds, livestock, and homage paying wise men was outnumbered by the heavenly host praising God and the Event. The rest of the world was oblivious. Foretold throughout the Jewish history, not one priestly order from the temple worship came. They too were too attentive to their comforts, that the birth of the Christ could not take place without a Davidic takeover.

Christmas is still the Event and the Star is still a central figure, but the Birth of the Christ-child is slowly devolving into a merchandising event rather than a saving event, unless one mistakes discounts for this saving. Look around. We are overwhelmed and overcome with shopping, decorating, and making sure Santa and his reindeer have cookies and carrots, rather than searching for what Jesus brings to the table. We go on spending sprees and frantically look to acquire parking spaces rather than attend the religious ceremony of his birth. This year, the Event, the Gathering for Christ, or simply Christmas will be celebrated with very little fanfare, unless we make a concerted effort to reprise the twenty-two hundred and twenty-two year anniversary of the appearance of the Star.

For me, there is no more exciting tune than, Jingle Bells, but there is not a better repertoire of music arrangements that makes my body break out in goose pimples than, Joy to the World, or H Gennisi Sou. Christmas is our time to celebrate and commemorate at the same time. Please, tell me who does not adore a birthday party for an infant? It is special, heartwarming, and unforgettable. So too should Christmas be. This is our time to remember and be thankful to a Child that transformed our eternal future and gives us hope. I always think about time travel and the, What if? factor. This 25th of December in the year of our Lord 2022, come back with me to a time without electronics, but a day of electricity beyond our wildest imagination. Come and witness Christmas as it is meant to be. And bring Him the greatest gift any of us can bring...ourselves.

...I am fascinated by the marvels of the James Webb telescope. Every night I look at the pictures from space. I hope, one day, to see the Star. I know it’s there. Join in the pleasure gaze and maybe we will catch a glimpse of what the Wise men saw not so long ago.

Merry Christmas.
Senior Citizen Holiday Dinner

SPONSORED BY THE GOYA & JOY

December 10th, 2022
3:00 PM

PLEASE RSVP TO CHURCH OFFICE
NO LATER THAN MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH
We are in my favorite time of the year—Autumn. The leaves are glowing with spectacular colors, forming a beautiful backdrop to our Centennial. As I write this, my final message as President, we just welcomed almost 400 people to the Albany Capital Center Celebrating the Centennial of St. Sophia. What a Celebration it was! Throughout the time that we prepared for the event, planned it’s every detail, and finally celebrated 100 years just steps from the original church on Lancaster St., I was never more surprised at the reality of what this community can look forward to as it faces the next 100 Years. Our Young Adults & Youth are more than plentiful, involved and stand ready to plan for the next 100 years of the St. Sophia Community of Albany.

There were many “moments”, throughout the evening, great food, wonderful music, and saying “hi” to friends that we haven’t seen in years. None however, brightened the evening more than when Fr. Pat, made some comments about the night, and then, invited anyone who attended the Pre-school at St. Sophia, when “Teacher Mary” (Mary Danes Sokaris) ran this extremely successful program. In that “Field of Dreams” moment, they came to the front, from every corner of the massive Capital Center dance floor, as shown in this picture. It is just a sample of our current and future community leaders who were present at this true Gala.

Our young and very young were there, as were many of the children whose parents grew up here and moved away, but returned home for this super event. The night was filled with smiling faces, almost endless camaraderie, and I’m sure very happy tears.
I want to thank our Centennial Committee for all of their efforts in making this event a success, after three years in the making: Michael Christakis, Anthony Hazapis, Maria Hazapis, Stefan Kalogridis, Ted Kondoprias, Dora Mokhiber, Maria Neal, and Fr. Pat. I would especially like to thank Michael Christakis for helping me plan throughout, whatever was needed, he was willing to help. He was Master of Ceremonies, at the gala, a job he handled extremely well.

I also want to thank all of our Sponsors, Parishioners and Donors who donated close to $160,000 for this event. We may yield $100,000, to benefit our Capital Campaign Fund, once all expenses are paid. There were also many volunteers who added their talents and expertise along the way during these last three years.

On Sunday, a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy was celebrated by His Grace Athenagoras of Nazianzos. His Grace was assisted by Fr. Pat, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Demetrios Tonias, and Fr. Theodore Toppes. While the Hierarchical Liturgy is inherently longer, it was beautiful, and His Grace, one of our younger Bishops, was excellent. Following the Liturgy, a wonderful banquet was served in our Parish Center. Maria Hazapis and Dora Mokhiber brought together all aspects of this well attended and successful event catered by 2Shea Catering.

I would be remiss if I did not mention Sofeya Lascaris, and Marcella Panza, for making sure that the decor both at the Albany Capital Center and the Luncheon at St. Sophia Parish Center were fitting of this once per 100 year event.

Now what? Well now the next election to be held in December, will elect 6 new candidates to fill the vacancies created by the expired terms of:


Just a reminder. St. Sophia has over $4 million in real estate between our church complex and Senior Apartments. We also have $1 million between investments and operations. Your representatives must be able to properly manage and care for these assets while securing and managing all programs to perpetuate our religion, culture, and the education of our youth along with Fr. Pat. Electing people just because they know how to make coffee, sell candles, cook, and make sure that the building is clean, misses, by a long shot, the purpose of the Parish Council and the type of people we need to nominate.

Everyone has something to offer. Churches(should you not be aware) are under fire from every outside influence. Children are being influenced more by outside activities than they ever were during the first 100 years of St.Sophia. All organized Religions are under fire from every corner of our youth’s sphere of influence. Recent Gallup and Pew Research polls report significant(>5-7%)drop in the importance of religions in the U.S. we cannot ignore these trends, for the sake of our children or future generations.

Please, make this year’s elections to the Parish Council a watershed event, especially now that the next 100 years are ahead of us.

Our young parents need to be more active in Church planning, activities, and everything that “they” experienced while growing up, to ensure that our faith and church prevail. I wish everyone the best for the Holidays and for a New Year filled with happiness and health.

Harry J. Ermides
Parish Council President
The Season of Giving

Pledge and Join the Saint Sophia Community Today!

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Hi Everyone,

I want to take the time to thank everyone involved with the 100th Anniversary Celebration for our church. It was a beautiful weekend and everyone enjoyed the events. Bishop Athenagoras spoke to the community several times on Sunday and the common theme of his message was “Philotimo” and how God is within us at all times.

With that in mind, the holiday season is near, and our community has always been generous to those less fortunate. Once again, Philoptochos will be placing the “Giving Tree” by the church entrance. Please consider supporting this effort in any way that you can.

Also, we are once again collecting for the church Christmas card, the cost per line has been increased to $20. Please see attached flyer. Sign up table will be in the hall during coffee hour.

This year Philoptochos is joining GOYA to collect Men’s white tube socks. 300 pairs of socks will be given to Grassroot Givers. Once we exceed this number, we will keep the rest to add to the bagged lunches that are prepared every other week by the youth. If you would like to donate towards the sock collection or bagged lunches, please see Maria Sokaris or Peter Landi.

If this sounds like an organization that you would like to be a part of, please see me or Father Pat.

I know we all have some “Philotimo” in us.

Enjoy the Holidays with your family and friends.

Maria Sokaris
Philoptochos President
2022 St. Sophia Annual Community Christmas Card
SPONSORED BY THE 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 December 3rd, 2022

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"Ένας ἀπὸ τοὺς τιμημένους ἁγίους τῆς Ἕκκλησίας μας καὶ μάλιστα ἀπό ἐκείνους ποὺ ἐτίμησαν τὸν ἀποστολικὸν θρόνον τῆς Κορίνθου, εἶναι ο σήμερον ἑορταζόμενος Ἀγίος Διονύσιος. Καμία σχέσις, βεβαία δεν ύπάρχει μεταξύ αυτοῦ καὶ τοῦ Ἅγιου Διονυσίου τῆς Ζακύνθου. Αλλως τε ὁ μεγάλος προστάτης τῆς Ζακύνθου εἶναι ἀπὸ τοὺς νεωτέρους ἁγίους τῆς Ἕκκλησίας μας, ἐνώ ὁ Ἅγιος Διονύσιος ὁ Ἐπίσκοπος τῆς Κορίνθου εἶναι ἀπὸ τοὺς παλαιότερους. "Ἡκμασε επί Μαρκου Αυρηλίου, δηλαδή στὰ μέσα του 2ου μ. Χ. αἰώνος καὶ, ελαμψεν με τὴν ζωήν καὶ τὰ εργά του.

Δεν γνωρίζουμε βεβαία πολλὲς λεπτομέρειες τῆς ιστορίας του. Οἱ εἴδησεις ὁμως τῶν ἀρχαίων ἱστορικῶν καὶ μάλιστα τοῦ Εὐσεβίου, τὸν παρουσιάζουν ἄξιον διάδοχον τοῦ Θείου Ὄποστολον Παύλου, ἑμπνευσμένον ἐπίσκοπον, ἀγωνιστὴν κατὰ τῶν ἀπιστῶν καὶ τῶν αἵρετικῶν, ψυχεῖν ἐργάτην τοῦ Εὐαγγέλιου. Ακριβώς για αὐτὸ οἱ διωκταὶ ἐστράφησαν ἐναντίον του καὶ με λυποσύδη μανίαν τὸν ἐθανάτωσαν μὲ ξίφος. Ετσι η μεγάλη αὐτὴ μορφή ἐσφράγισε μὲ τὸ μαρτύριον τὴν ζωήν του, μίαν ζωήν ἀγίαν καὶ ενδοξήν. Ἀλλα καὶ κάτι ἄλλο πρέπει να σημειώσουμε περί τοῦ σημερινοῦ ἁγίου ποὺ ὑπογραμμίζει τὴν προσωπικότητά του. Ὕπηρξε βαθυνούστατος καὶ σοφώτατος. Καὶ εἰχὲ τὸσο κυρὸς μεταξὺ τῶν χριστιανῶν τῆς ἐποχῆς του, ὥστε εἰδίνει πνευματικές κατευθύνσεις καὶ εἶλε σοβάρα προβλήματα που παρουσιάζονται σε διάφορες Ἕκκλησίες.

Διεσώθησαν ἀποσπάσματα ὁκτὼ ἐπιστολῶν του, ποὺ ἀπευθύνονται σε διάφορες Ἕκκλησίες ἡ καὶ σὲ próσωπα τῆς ἐποχῆς του, ἀπὸ τὰ ὅποια φαίνεται ὁ πνευματικός του καταρτισμός καὶ ἡ σοφία του, ἢ φωτισμένη ἀπὸ τὴν Χάρι τοῦ Θεοῦ. Καὶ ετսι εἶναι, ἀγαπητῷ ἀναγνωστεῖ, διὰ τὸν χριστιανόν καὶ μάλιστα ὁ πνευματικὸς ἠγέτης, εἶναι προϊκισμένος μὲ πιστὴ καὶ μὲ ἀρέτη, γίνεται ἄξιος τῆς ἀποστολῆς του καὶ γίνεται ψυχεῖν παράδειγμα καὶ γιὰ τὴν ἐποχή του καὶ γιὰ τὶς μετέπειτα γενεές. Η πίστη καὶ ἡ ἀρέτη αναδεικνύει τοὺς πραγματικά μεγάλους καὶ ἄξιους. Γι’ αὐτὸ ἀς παρακαλοῦμε τὸν Θεόν νὰ ἀναβιβάζῃ στὶς ψήλες θέσεις τῆς Ἕκκλησίας καὶ τῆς Πολιτείας, ἤγετες ἐναρέτους καὶ ἥβικοὺς.
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Seldom in the twenty centuries of Christianity has a woman been called upon to defend her honor as well as her faith in the Savior, but there was such a valiant woman of the third century who thwarted her enemies on both counts at the cost of her life. In a display of raw courage that places serious doubt as to which is the weaker sex, this daughter of Christendom glorified the name of Jesus Christ as well as the name of woman in a final hour of noble defiance of an ignoble foe.

The name of this sweet saint of Orthodoxy was Lucia who was born in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 235, the daughter of pagan parents who became Christian shortly after her mother became a widow. After the death of the father, Lucia came to know the light of the Savior but her mother withdrew into the darkness of paganism, responding to her daughter’s pleas for Jesus Christ with a skepticism that made her little better than an agnostic. How Lucia became so devout a Christian in an atmosphere less than conducive to recognition puzzled her mother, but it required more than the words of her pious daughter to win her over to Christianity.

Lucia’s mother who answered to the name of the Christian-sounding Eutychia, became seriously ill with a blood disease, perhaps a form of cancer, when she was taken to the shrine of St. Agathi in Catania, Sicily, where the daughter prayed for a cure, invoking over and over the name of St. Agathi who had lived in the previous century and who is commemorated on February 5. The ailing mother felt her daughter’s loving spirit and with it also felt refreshed an vigorous, walking away with her health restored and with an awareness that Christianity is the true religion.
In accordance with pagan custom Lucia had been committed in marriage as a child by her mother, who returned to Syracuse in total agreement with her daughter that this arrangement should now be formally dissolved. The dissolution of an engagement was not taken lightly in pagan circles, particularly when the intended from had every intention of marrying the girl. Despite both women were aware that the break would lead to serious consequences, the pagan family was apprised of the change of heart of the girl, particularly since she was a confirmed Christian, a confession of faith which only compounded the affront to the pagans.

With the pagan Emperor Diocletian in sympathy only with those who, like himself, had no sympathy for Christians, the full fury of the spurned suitor was turned on Lucia who was summoned before a tribunal to answer for her actions. St. Agathi had appeared in a vision to Lucia to forewarn her that she, too, would be martyred for Christ and the vision’s omen was now taking form. Nevertheless, Lucia made an eloquent plea in her defense, stating that it was not her intention to offend anyone, pagan or Christian, but that her religion precluded marriage to a pagan, stating further that she would be willing to marry a converted pagan to fulfill the promise in which she had no part but she would observe as a compromise to custom.

There was no compromising with Pashasion, the presiding, Roman judge, and when Lucia refused to resume the pagan ways of her betrothed and consent to marriage, she was condemned not to die but to suffer a degradation worse than death. The vindictive court sought to vilify her, as well as her Christian image, by forcing her to serve in a brothel for the amusement of a depraved Roman citizenry. Knowing this to be scarcely more than a prolonged agony to end in shame and death, Lucia refused to budge from the prisoner’s dock, but her furious resistance was no match for the burly guard who attempted to take her away.

An unseen power seemed to come to her assistance as guard after guard was repelled by the Christian girl who preferred death to dishonor, and it was then that she was looked upon as some sorceress who would make a bad bride anyway. She was then instructed to disavow the King of Kings of whom she spoke, but her defiance brought a platoon of guards lunging at her and a sword ended her life on 13 December 304. The western sector also commemorates St. Lucia, who was honored in the poetry and prose of bishop of Sherborne, England at the end of the seventh century. A stone is inscribed in her memory in the cemetery of St. John at Syracuse.
in the community.

Marriages
July 30, 2022
Nicholas Young & Alexis Cassidy
John Calakis, Koumbaros

Darren Jurewicz & Erika Koutelis
Alyssa Conlin Bloom, Koumbara

Baptisms
June 25, 2022
Theodoros Nicholas Docyk
Lazaros & Ioannis Kotsakis, Godfathers

July 28, 2022
Jack Giuseppe Trifiletti
Elena Vishniakova & Peter Calabrese, Godparents

September 3rd, 2022
Alana Maria LaPorte
Stephanie Mathew, Godmother

October 15, 2022
Ellie Marie Salsberg
Christina Rusu, Godmother

Fallen Asleep in the Lord
August 30, 2022
Athanasios Kontogiannis (95)

September 27, 2022
Alexandru Brumusescu (92)

October 12, 2022
Louise Mabin (74)
Family Promise

Thank you to the parishioners at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church and sister churches for their continued support of Family Promise of the Capital Region’s (FPCR’s) mission of helping local homeless families and those on the verge, or at risk, of homelessness! If you would like to help in other ways, we are in need of the following items:

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- Body wash
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Feminine hygiene products such as maxi pads
- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Shampoo
- Hair Conditioner
- Toilet Paper
- Dishwashing liquid
- Any non-perishable food (i.e. rice, beans, cereal)

Items may be dropped off at our Day Center located at 738 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208.

Other ways to help:
- Gift cards to Price Chopper, Shop Rite, Hannaford, Walmart. Monetary donations towards assisting families with medical needs, transportation, and education.

These may be mailed to our Day Center at the following address:

FPCR
738 New Scotland Avenue
Albany, NY 12208

Please contact Mary Giordano, Executive Director of FPCR, at info@familypromisecr.org or 518-650-8895, if there are any questions.

Thank you!

Mary Giordano, FPCR Staff, and FPCR Board of Directors
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No classes on Dec 24, 31
Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all!

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The last Friday of November, every year, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. May we remember the Hospitality of St. Sophia in a friendly way with our students, parents and teachers!

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Holiday Gift Giving Collection

December 4, 2022 - January 1, 2023

We accept unwrapped toys, games, books, toiletries, and other appropriate gifts that are new and unused for children & teenagers. The AHEPA Family will deliver your donations to children and 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.
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