



## **2026 HARVEST DINNER DANCE**

### **A LETTER OF SUPPORT & SPONSORSHIP**

October 2026

Dear Friends of Saint Sophia,

For generations, Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church in Albany, New York has been a spiritual and cultural home for families throughout Albany and the Capital Region. Rooted in our Orthodox Christian faith and Hellenic heritage, our parish brings people together through worship, fellowship, service, and traditions that connect one generation to the next.

One of those cherished traditions is our Harvest Dinner Dance. This longstanding parish celebration has brought family, friends, and neighbors together for many years. On Saturday, November 21, 2026, the tradition will continue. Guests will enjoy an evening of Greek food, fellowship, fundraising, dancing, and live Greek music.

This year, our celebration has a special purpose; All proceeds will support Saint Sophia's capital improvement campaign. These improvements, specifically to the gymnasium, parish hall, and outdoor courtyard are an important extension of parish life: they welcome our youth, host ministries/celebrations, bring families together, and allow us to share Saint Sophia's hospitality with the wider community.

Sponsorships, donation items and monetary contributions are a vital part for this project and its success. Your generosity will help strengthen the facilities that will pave the way to ensure a vibrant future for our generations to come.

Recognition and complimentary event tickets are available at designated levels, as outlined in the enclosed sponsorship information. Donations of any amount and in-kind contributions are also deeply appreciated. Please complete the enclosed donation and sponsorship form to indicate how you would like to participate. For sponsorship questions, please contact Maria Pidgeon at (518) 461-9829. Checks may be made payable to Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, with "Dinner Dance Sponsorship" in the memo line.

Thank you for your continued friendship, generosity, and commitment to Saint Sophia. We hope you will celebrate with us and help write the next chapter of our parish's story.

With gratitude and blessings,

**Mike Christakis**  
President, Parish Council

**Rev. Fr. Neofitos Sarigiannis | Proistamenos**  
Parish Priest