

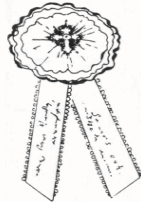
IN THE COMMUNITY



IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!
HOLY THURSDAY COMMUNION

By edict of the Archdiocese and according to canon law of the Church, Father Pat will not be able to dispense Holy Communion once the Liturgy has concluded. Please make every effort to attend the Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil the Great from 6:00 AM to 7:30 AM on Holy Thursday.

BAPTISMS



Matthew Christopher, son of Craig and Sophia Pallone. February 27
Eugenia Koutelis Condon, Godmother.

Robert Andre, son of Alexander and Diana Albu. February 27
Ovidiu and Cristina Nituica, Godparents.

DEATHS



Sydney Anton, age 78, February 16
John Petalas, age 78, March 3
Frank Evagelatos, age, 92, March 3
Theodore, Anton, age 75, March 4

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Let us cordially welcome the following new members to the St. Sophia community. Please do not hesitate to greet our new members and offer any assistance and/or information regarding the community and its organizations and programs:

Miltiadis and Jill Orietas

WISH LIST FOR ST. SOPHIA

Parishioners are donating towards our "Wish List". The generosity throughout the year of our parishioners has been exemplary and rewarding. The opportunity to donate beyond your stewardship obligation is always welcome and essential. Items donated:

STEWARDSHIP

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MINISTRY

Please note that under the Stewardship program **you must submit each and EVERY year a commitment card**. For your convenience we have included a card in this issue for your use. Nevertheless, St. Sophia cannot operate without the personal financial commitment that we must all make. It is our responsibility, as parishioners, to ensure the present and future of our Church. If St. Sophia didn't exist tomorrow, where would we go for our spiritual needs, our cultural needs, or a place to see many of our friends. Please take the time to submit your 2010 Stewardship Commitment Card so that S. Sophia can meet its yearly budget. St. Sophia relies on our Stewardship, as it should, to meet expenses.

GREEK FESTIVAL
MAY 14-16

The Greek Festival is next month. Everyone's participation is essential – submit the volunteer form enclosed in this issue. Also, in this issue you will find the volunteer form, baking schedule and a contract for a journal ad. Festival George needs to hear from you.

WHITEHALL MANAGEMENT

Senior housing is available at Holy Wisdom and St. Sophia Apartments next door. The apartments are not assisted living; they are one bedroom senior independent living apartments. The requirements for acceptance is that you must be at least 62 years old and your income cannot exceed \$25,950 for one person and \$29,650 for two people. If you have any questions you may call 459-4910.
...Christine Gianakos

ST. SOPHIA 2009 SCHOLARSHIP

Please note that the 2010 scholarship applications will soon be available in

the Church Office. All applications must be returned by June 30, 2010. An official transcript must also be received by the Scholarship Committee. The parents of each applicant must file a 2010 Stewardship Commitment Card and must be at least 50% paid by June 30, 2010. ...*John Karatzou, Chair*

KNITTING/CROCHETING

Our Knitting/Crocheting Group, who meet on Wednesdays from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM in the Ahepa Room, has proven to be quite successful. Not only are we making items for charity, but it also gives us time to chat and just have a good old-fashioned time. Nevertheless, if people aren't able to join our group on Wednesdays, why not knit at home and donate items to us for charity. Anyone interested can contact me for ideas, patterns, etc. ...*Jan Gallas*

THANK YOU

Thank you Father Pat, church auxiliaries, my pals, buddies and friends who expressed their best wishes during my hospital stay. ...*Ted Kondoprias*

My thanks to Father Pat, the choir, Philoptochos, JOY, and all my friends and acquaintances for your many prayers and get well wishes...*Dolores Docous*

WORD SCRAMBLE
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

By Christopher Pappis

1. BETSAK
2. UNNYB
3. NACYD
4. GEG
5. DER
6. NJLEBALYE
7. LCHEACTOO
8. CICKH
9. ADARPE
10. SAGRS

Answers to March's Scramble (St. Patrick's Day): 1/Clover; 2/Green; 3/Irish; 4/Leprechaun; 5/Luck; 6/March; 7/Potato; 8/Shamrock; 9/Tradition/ 10/Parade/



STEWARDSHIP PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Stewards are able to pay for their pledges in three ways.

- ◆ They may use the envelopes for their check and cash donations which are collected during the Sunday services. If you failed to indicate the number of envelopes you wanted, leave a note with your name and number of envelopes requested in the Financial Secretary's Office mailbox. These will be provided to you.
- ◆ Stewards may also come to the Church Office and **use a credit card to make pledge payments**. This has been an accepted practice and some parishioners did not know it was available.



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Please complete the 2010 Stewardship Commitment Card and return to the Church Office attention: Stewardship

SAINT SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

440 WHITEHALL ROAD, ALBANY, NEW YORK 12208 | TELEPHONE (518) 489-4442 | FAX (518) 489-0374
2010 CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD

Acct. No.

With thanks for God's blessings, I/we pledge to contribute for Orthodox Christianity at St. Sophia Church for 2010. Please enter the specific dollar amount you wish to contribute for the level you select:

Level 1 .. \$1 to \$299 \$ _____	Level 4 \$1,000 to \$1,499 \$ _____	Level 7 \$3,000 to \$3,999 \$ _____
Level 2 \$300 to \$499 \$ _____	Level 5 \$1,500 to \$1,999 \$ _____	Level 8 \$4,000 to \$4,999 \$ _____
Level 3 \$500 to \$999 \$ _____	Level 6 \$2,000 to \$2,999 \$ _____	Level 9 \$5,000 or Greater \$ _____

If you need envelopes, how many:

Name _____ Signature _____ Dated _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Winter Address _____ Winter City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Applicable Winter Dates: Beginning MM/DD/YY _____ Ending MM/DD/YY _____

[If you are a new member a "Family Profile" form must also be completed.]



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following parishioners good health and many years as they celebrate their birthdays

A P R I L

Bauer, Frederick	1	Georgeadis, Alexander	11	Roe, Ann A.	20
Diamond, Peter W.	1	Georgeadis, Alexis	11	Kananis, Antonia	21
Orietas, Hazel	1	Kalamaras, Isaiah Lebon	11	Mauro, Gary	21
Solomos, Nicole	1	Francis, Scott	12	Karayannides, Susan	22
Chrisikos, Eugenia	2	Karayannides, Christian E.	12	Philip, Christopher	22
Pappas, Marika	2	Michael, Demetrios	12	Diveris, Joan D.	23
Philip, Michael A.	2	Frick, Elizabeth Kalogridis	13	Ehrlich, Ethan X.	23
Diamantatos, Marianna	3	Rustin, Barbara	13	George, Helen D.	23
Glinos, Irene	3	Skordas, Demetrios	13	Socaris, Debbie	23
Pappas, Christopher	3	Stavis, Nafsika	13	Vasilakos, Theomistoklis	23
Esposito, Nicholas	4	Allen, John S.	14	Dyer, Stella	24
Prudente, Emily	4	Bahlatzis, Eve	14	Tsamis, Sandra J.	24
Sperry, Alexander	4	Baruli, Katina	14	Yantsides, Alexandra	24
Vriniotis, Mary	4	Pappas, Mary	14	Gezerlis, Maria	25
Anastasio, Constantino	5	Charlay, Peter A.	14	Papas, Yani	25
Cholakis, Catherine	5	Rambidis, Dimitra	14	Gumuka, Michael	26
Kendris, Christopher Dr.	5	Burke, Raena	15	Takes, Marie Delores	26
Knaust, Matthew	5	Chakmakas, Andrew	15	Dallas, Rosemary	27
Pappas, Athan Noah	5	Anastasio, Giavanna	16	Galeos, Constantina	27
Thanopoulos, Dolores	5	McCumber, Daniel E.	16	Koleci, Nicole	27
Deliganis, Jane	6	Thanopoulos, Nicholas	16	Neal, Michael Christian	27
Petromelis, Chris	6	Diveris, Hercules John	17	Prifti, Nikoletta	27
Albu, Daniel	7	Koutelis, Mareyellen	17	Quackenbush, Nicole	27
Conti, Adrianna	7	Lascaris, Georgia	17	Shinas, Terri Ann	27
Damascos, Norma	7	Roe, Luke Alexander	17	Diamantatos, Marcos	28
Fanos, Gregory A.	7	Lenares, George	17	Floyd, Callie	28
Fisher, Lukas Jacob	7	Kalamaras, Panagiota	18	Neal, Maria	28
Shinas, Athanasios	7	Kokkinides, Gloria Margaret	18	Sofologis, Katina	28
DeLeon, Katherine	8	Lois, Theodora	18	Anagnost, Panagiota	29
Bauer, Frederick	9	Yavis, Katherine	18	Danes, Stratton	29
Danes, Charlotte	9	Chrisikos, Drue	19	Gentile, Frank	29
Gleichsner, Jennifer	9	Georges, William P.	19	Nucci, Kathleen K.	29
Moutopoulos, Konstantinos	10	Paratore, Anna Marie	19	Ilyadis, Michael Phillip	30
Palas, Nicholas	10	Topaltzas, Michelle	19	Underwood, Terry	30
Ziamandanis, Michael	10	Bousbouras, Angelo	20	Vasilakis, Dimitri J.	30
Baltis, Glykeria	11	Kontakos, George	20		



IN THE COMING MONTHS

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
My 14-16	Greek Festival	George Sokaris
May 23	Pentecost	Father Pat
May 28-30	Archdiocesan District Junior Olympics	Father Pat
June 6	Church Picnic Sunday School/Greek School Graduation	Lainie Christou Kiki Maglaras
August 15	St. Sophia Scholarship Awards	John Karatzou
November 21	Commitment Sunday	Helen Sokaris

CALLING ALL ST. SOPHIA VETERANS

If you have honorably served in any branch of the US Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard) or are a Reservist who has served at least 90 consecutive days on federal active duty (other than for training), or are a National Guard member who was activated for federal service during a period of war or domestic emergency, we want to know.

On Sunday, May 30th, AHEPA Chapter #140 will be sponsoring a Memorial Day Veterans Recognition. As part of this recognition, AHEPA will be providing parishioners with an up-to-date list of St. Sophia's veterans.

If your name does not appear on the current St. Sophia Veterans List, please send us your Name, Service, and the Hostility (or war) during which you may have served, whether in a combat role or not, by May 1, 2010 (see SAMPLE INFORMATION below).

- Either e-mail it to Michael Christakis at mchristakis@gmail.com; or
- Hand print and submit it in an envelope addressed to AHEPA VETERANS COMMITTEE, St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, 440 Whitehall Road, Albany, NY 12208; or
- Drop the envelope off at the St. Sophia Church Office

SAMPLE INFORMATION

Name: Marakis C. Theophilis
Service: US Air Force
Hostility: Vietnam

Finally, if your name appears on the current St. Sophia Veteran's List but its spelling or other information is in error, also please let us know by May 1, 2010.

If you have any questions, contact Mark Theophilis at 383-4391, or send an email to mchristakis@gmail.com.

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01	Μεγ. Πέμπτη	6:00 ΠΜ 6:30 ΜΜ	Αγ. Βασιλείου Θ.Λ. (Κοινωνία μέχρι τέλος Θεία Λειτουργία) Σταύρωση Του Χριστού
02	Μεγ. Παρασκευή	9:00 ΠΜ 10:00 ΠΜ 3:00 ΜΜ 6:30 ΜΜ	Βασιλικές Ώρες Στολισμός του Επιταφίου Αποκαθήλωσης Ο Επιτάφιος Θρήνος
03	Μέγας Σάββατον	9:30 ΠΜ 11:30 ΜΜ	Θεία Λειτουργία του Αγίου Βασιλείου Θεία Λειτουργία Αναστάσεως
04	Πάσχα	11:00 ΠΜ	Εσπερινή Αγάπης Αποστ. Ιωαν. 1:1-17 Ευαγ. Πραξ 1:1-8
11	Κυριακή	8:30 ΠΜ 9:30 ΠΜ	Όρθρος – ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΘΩΜΑ Θεία Λειτουργία Αποστ Πραξ 5:12-20 Ευαγγ. Ιωαν. 20:19-31
18	Κυριακή	8:30 ΠΜ 9:30 ΠΜ	Όρθρος – ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΥΡΟΦΟΡΩΝ Θεία Λειτουργία Αποστ Πραξ 6:1-7 Ευαγγ. Μαρκ 15:43-47, 16:1-8
2ς	Παρασκευή	10:00 ΠΜ	Θεία Λειτουργία – ΑΓΙΟΣ ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ - Schenectady
25	Κυριακή	8:30 ΠΜ 9:30 ΠΜ	Όρθρος – ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΠΑΡΑΛΥΤΟΥ Θεία Λειτουργία Αποστ Πραξ 9:32-42 Ευαγγ. Ιωαν. 5:1-15

