



# SAINT SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL



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 Sunday Worship: Orthros 9:00 AM, Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM.



## Sunday, December 20, 2009

Before Nativity;

The Tone for this day is Three - The Morning Gospel of the Orthros is the Sixth (Luke 24:36-53)



**Epistle Reading:** St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:9-10; 32-40  
**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 1:1-25



**SERVICE: THURSDAY DECEMBER 24  
 (CHRISTMAS EVE)**

**The Christmas Day Celebration of the Nativity of our Lord  
 and Saviour Jesus Christ; Orthos at 6:00 P.M.**

**Divine Liturgy of Saint John the Chrysostom and Holy Communion at 7:00 P.M.**

### A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

During the reading of the Gospel and during the consecration of the Holy gifts (Se ymnoumen), movement within the Church should cease, even of the lighting of candles. These are especially holy moments and we should assume a more prayerful attitude.

#### Clergy

Rev. Dr. John T. Tavlarides  
 Dean  
 Rev. Dr. Steven P. Zorzos  
 Associate

#### Parish Council

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#### Office Administrator

Despina Tsamoudakis



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE

Visit the Cathedral Bookstore in the Auditorium after Liturgy today for a large selection of theological and liturgical books, icons, Byzantine music CDs, and tapes. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Anastasia Boudouvas about our Christmas Specials on books and CDs. Some items are also available online.



### GREEK LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

The Saint Sophia Greek Language School Christmas Program will take place for each school as follows:

- Frosene Center (Washington, DC)  
*Program Date: Saturday December 19, 2009; 9:30 P.M.*
- Saint Luke Episcopal Church (Bethesda, MD)  
*Program Date: Monday December 21, 2009; 4:00 P.M.*
- Antioch Christian Church (Vienna, MD)  
*Program Date: Tuesday December 22, 2009; 4:00 P.M.*

### BAKING COMMITTEE

**Annual Christmas Bake Sale is after Divine Liturgy today.**

The Baking Committee will sell breads, koulourakia, paximadia and pastries for the holidays. Just the way "Mamma usta make"



### WINTER RETREAT

Father John Tavlarides and Father Steve Zorzos will lead an open-to-all-Orthodox-Christians Winter Retreat, (January 31, 2010). This afternoon retreat will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the Atrium. All are welcome to attend all, or part of, the retreat, depending upon one's personal schedule. Pizza and other refreshments will be served. To help defray the cost of the food a \$5 donation will be requested.



### CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING 2009

This year the Philoptochos is supporting Our Military Kids, an organization devoted to helping children of currently deployed and severely injured National Guard and Military Reserve personnel. These children are helped through grants for enrichment activities and tutoring that nurture and sustain them during the time a parent is away in service to our country. For any questions, please see Angela Kolaras or call her at 703 847-9493.

The Philoptochos is also collecting donations for retired Greek Orthodox priests and widowed presvyteras (wives) who are not covered by any retirement pensions set up for clergy. In many cases, these priests or wives of deceased priests who served their congregations faithfully for many years have been left in extremely difficult circumstances. For any questions, please see Christina Kalavritinos or call her at 301 229-4842. Please see flyers in the auditorium for details and consider making a donation to either or both of these groups.

Note: Checks should be made payable to Philoptochos, with the organization listed on the memo line.

### INQUIRY INTO CHRISTIAN OTHODOXY

#### AN EXPOSITION OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX FAITH

For those who desire to know the teachings of the Greek Orthodox Church either with a view toward formal affiliation or simply to augment their knowledge about the Faith.

5 WEEKS – 10 SESSIONS  
 Mondays and Wednesdays  
 7:30 PM until 9:30 PM  
 in the Frosene Center.

Beginning Monday, February 1 and ending Wednesday, March 3, 2010; Instruction by the Rev. Dr. John T. Tavlarides, Dean.

To enroll please contact Pete at the Cathedral office 202-333-4730 or please e-mail us at [office@saintsophiawashington.org](mailto:office@saintsophiawashington.org)

#### Sunday School

Director  
 Rev. Dr. John T. Tavlarides  
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 Ann Backus & Vivian Kambani

#### Sunday School Little Angels

Advisors  
 Dina Margas  
 Kathy Harrison  
 Maria Spanos

#### Sunday School JOY

Advisors  
 Deborah Charles  
 Wendy Myseros  
 Angela Zambetis

#### Sunday School GOYA

Co-Presidents  
 Paul Balland  
 Despina Costalas

#### Sunday School GOYA Activities

Eleni Planzos, Coordinator

#### Sunday School Basketball

Boys Coaches  
 George C. Wallace  
 George Kambanis

#### Girls Coaches

Peter Wallace  
 Condylia Heliotis

#### GOYAL

President  
 Melissa Simones

#### Philoptochos Society

President  
 Patricia Gogos

#### Greek School - Children

Director  
 George Goudouvas

#### Greek School - Adults

Director  
 Alexandros Alexandrou

#### Bookstore

Anastasia Boudouvas  
 Arthur Lalos

#### Festival Committee

Chairman  
 James G. Charles

### POINSETTIAS DONATION FOR THE CHRISTMAS LITURGY

Christmas will find the Nave of Saint Sophia beautified with flowers to enhance the spirit of the holiday. You are invited to donate a poinsettia in the memory of deceased loved ones or for the health of the living. Names will be commemorated by the Clergy at the Proskomidi/preparation of the gifts, and during the Christmas Liturgy.



Please fill-out the form below and send it with your donation to the church office. Donations of \$50.00 or more need to be placed by Sunday, December 20th. This is a wonderful way to remember our loved ones during the Holiday celebrations.

#### LAST DAY TO ORDER

NAME OF DONOR: \_\_\_\_\_



I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A POINSETTIA FOR THE CHRISTMAS LITURGY TO COMMEMORATE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS.

NAME OF PERSON(S) TO COMMEMORATE	MEMORIAL	HEALTH
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(3) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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