

# *Saint Sophia Cathedral*

*Greek Orthodox Community*



*"God's people, serving God's people"*

*Weekly Bulletin*

*Saturday, 25 December 2010*

*The Nativity of Christ*

*Sunday, 26 December 2010*

*Sunday after the Nativity*

*Very Rev. Father John S. Bakas*

*Rev. Father Bill Tragus*

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

### Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Orthros .....	9:00am
Divine Liturgy .....	10:00am
Cash for Christmas Raffle .....	Noon

### Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

Orthros .....	8:00am
Studies in Faith .....	9:15am
Memorials .....	9:45am
Divine Liturgy .....	10:00am

### Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup> CLASS CANCELLED UNTIL 1/10/11

Bible Study with Fr. John:

Philoptohos Women's Bible Study .....

Men's Bible Study.....

***Saint Stephen, Archdeacon and First Christian Martyr***

Orthros .....

Divine Liturgy .....

### Tuesday, December 28<sup>st</sup> CLASS CANCELLED UNTIL 1/11/11

Adult Evening Bible Study with Fr. John:

Bible Studies in the Faith .....

### Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> CLASS CANCELLED UNTIL 1/12/11

Bible Study with Fr. Bill:

Dinner @ Papa Christos.....

Bible Study .....

### Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD/ST. BASIL

Orthros .....

Divine Liturgy .....

**COFFEE HOUR WILL BE HELD IN OUR FELLOWSHIP TENT**

**EPISTLE READER** (SUNDAY)

Dimitri Camperos

**USHERS** (SUNDAY)

Electra Koutsoukos

Gene Chronopoulos

## DAILY VITAMINS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Dec.

26

*Synaxis in Honor of the Theotokos. Commemoration of the Flight into Egypt. The Holy Martyr Euthymius.*

*Heb. 2:22-28; Matt. 2:5-22*



*The day after Christmas the Church offers praise to the Most Holy Mother of God, who is true Mother of Jesus and also Mother of God, since it was the Holy Spirit who created in her womb the human nature of Jesus and united it substantially with the divine nature of the Word. This was established by the Ecumenical Council of Ephesus in 431 which echoed the words of Luke 1:43, "And how have I deserved that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?"*

*The flight into Egypt to escape the wicked Herod is also commemorated on this day. In old Cairo today there is the cave where the Holy Family lived. When Herod had died, the angel of the Lord summoned the Holy Family back to Nazareth.*

*Euthymius was archbishop of Sardica who argued against the Iconoclasts at the Second Ecumenical Council in 787. He was martyred on Dec. 26, 824.*

### Moses Wished to See His Glory

St. Ephrem the Syrian wrote:

*He who measures the heavens with the span of His hand  
lies in a manger a span's breadth;  
He whose cupped hands contain the sea is born in a cave;  
His glory fills the heavens  
and the manger is filled with His splendor.  
Moses wished to see His glory  
but was unable to see Him as he wished;  
let us come and see Him  
today as he lies in the manger in swaddling clothes.  
Formerly there was none who dared to see God and still live,  
but today all who have seen Him  
are saved from the Second death.*

### Church Fathers Speak

He was laid in a manger, but He was glorified by angels and proclaimed by a star and worshipped by the Magi. — St. Gregory Nazianzen

## MEMORIALS



### FOR SUNDAY

Irini Popoff, Penelope Faklis, Maria Faklis, Kosta Koumbanios, Evdoxia Koumbanios, Mihalios Koumbanios, Irini Koumbanios, Basilis Fovos, Maria Fovos, Giannis Fovos, George Fovos, Mary Panos, Anastasios Panos, Stefanos Constant, Christine Alexakis, Helen Nicholas, Giannis Nicholas, Helen Sergios, Bessie Borninos (*9 months*), Stella Kontos, Jerry Dres, John Chilas, Nickolas Chilas, Jeff Ranchire, Penny Boukides, Theophanis Sirus, Anthoula Kalkias, Father Stefan, Father Paisie, Sireaev Family, Pavel Family, Daniel Tedfil, Marius, Maria, Antoanette, Nicolae, Rodica, Constantin

### ALTAR CANDLES

**Offered in loving memory** of Sireaev and Pavel Families, Father Stefan and Father Paisie by the Siraef Family

### CHANCEL CANDLES

**Offered in loving memory** of Daniel Tedfil, Marius, Maria, Antoanette, Nicolae, Rodica, Constantin by the Siraef Family

### PERPETUAL LIGHTS

**Offered in loving memory** of Penelope and Maria Faklis by the Zagonane Family

**Offered in loving memory** of Bessie Bornino by the Fovos Family

**Offered in loving memory** of the Fovos and Koubanios Families by the Zoi Fovos Family



# Υμνος

## Σάββατο

*Εἰς τὴν Χριστοῦ Γέννησιν.*

Ἐκ γαστρὸς πρὸ Ἐωσφόρου ἐγέννησά σε· ὤμοσε Κύριος καὶ οὐ μεταμεληθήσεται. Σὺ εἶ Ἱερεὺς εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα, κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς. Τίε Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθεὶς, ψάλλοντάς σοι· Ἀλληλουῖα.

## Κυριακή

Ἦχος δ´.

Ἡ γέννησίς σου Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ἀνέτειλε τῷ κόσμῳ, τὸ φῶς τὸ τῆς γνώσεως· ἐν αὐτῇ γὰρ οἱ τοῖς ἄστροις λατρεύοντες, ὑπὸ ἀστέρος ἐδιδάσκοντο, σὲ προσκυνεῖν, τὸν Ἥλιον τῆς δικαιοσύνης, καὶ σὲ γινώσκειν ἐξ ὕψους ἀνατολῆν. Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ἦχος β

Εὐαγγελίζου Ἰωσήφ, τῷ Δαυὶδ τὰ θαύματα τῷ Θεοπάτορι· Παρθένον εἶδες κυοφορήσασαν· μετὰ Μάγων προσεκύνησας· μετὰ Ποιμένων ἐδοξολόγησας· δι' Ἀγγέλου χρηματισθεὶς. Ἰκέτευε Χριστὸν τὸν Θεόν, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

*Ἦχος γ´. Αυτόμελον.*

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν ὑπερούσιον τίκτ σπῆλαιον, τῷ ἀπροσίτῳ προσάγει. Ἄγγελοι δοξολογοῦσι. Μάγοι δὲ, μετὰ ἀστέρος ὁδοίπυον ἐνενηθήθη. Παιδίον νέον, ὁ πρὸ αἰώνων Θε

**Τροπαριον του Ναου, Ἦχος πλ δ**

Ευλογητος ει Χριστε ο Θεος ημων, ο πανσοφους του αλιεις ανα-δειξας, καταπεμψας αυτοις το Πνευμα το Αγιον, και δι αυτωντην οικουμενην σαγηνευσας, φιλανθρωπε, δοξα σοι.

## HYMNS OF THE DAY

### SATURDAY

#### *Hymn for the Nativity of Christ*

Before the morning star, from the womb, I have begotten You. The Lord has sworn and will not repent. You are a Priest forever in the order of Melchisedec. Save us, O Son of God, Who was born of the Virgin, as we sing to You, Alleluia.

### SUNDAY

#### *Fourth Tone*

Your birth, O Christ our God, dawned the light of knowledge upon the earth. For by Your birth, those who adored stars were taught by a star to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You, Orient from on High. O Lord, glory to You.

#### *Second Tone*

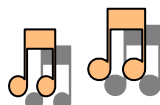
O Joseph, proclaim to David, the ancestor of God, the good news of the miracles you witnessed; you saw a virgin gave birth; you worshipped with the Magi; you gave glory with the shepherds; you conferred with an angel. Beseech Christ our God to save our souls.

#### *Third Tone*

Today, the Virgin bears Him Who is Transcendent, and the earth presents the cave to Him Who is beyond reach. Angels, along with shepherds glorify Him. The Magi make their way to Him by a star. For a new child has been born for us, the God before all ages.

#### *Troparion of St. Sophia (Holy Wisdom)*

Blessed are You, Christ our God, Who have filled the fishermen with wisdom by sending down the Holy Spirit upon them and Who, through them, have united the world. Glory to You, O Lover of Mankind.



## EPISTLE READING

### **The Reading is from Matthew 2:1-12** *(Saturday)*

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, 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." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

### **The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19** *(Sunday)*

BRETHREN, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

## GOSPEL READING

### **The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:4-7 (*Saturday*)**

BRETHREN, when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir of God through Christ.

### **The Reading is from Matthew 2:13-23 (*Sunday*)**

When the wise men departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaos reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."



MINISTRY NEWS

PHILANTHROPIA MINISTRY NEWS

**CANNED GOODS AND USED CLOTHING:** Please hold your clothing donations and canned goods for a week or two. We are in the process of looking for two adequate receptacles to accept your gifts. *Please be patient ...we will let you know as soon as we find them. Thank you for your patience.*

**CONFESSIONS:** During the Christmas advent season, **Father Peter** will be available for confessions. Please call the church office and leave a message for Father and he will return your call.

**A BLESSED CHRISTMAS:** I join with the PHILANTHROPIA team to wish you all a Blessed Christmas with your families and loved ones.

God Bless you !

*Father Peter*

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**The Hellenic Society of Constantinople** will celebrate their **44th Annual Vasilopita Dinner Dance on January 8, 2011** at the Wilshire Country Club, 301 No. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles

The evening will include music, dancing and the traditional cutting of Vasilopita with the gold coin, plus a 9-day trip for two to Germany. We'll be honoring Billy Zane, the actor who played in the movie the Titanic and who is of Greek descent..

Cocktails at 6:00 pm and Dinner at 7:00 pm

For more information, please call Mary Morrison at (818)500-0904 of Jeanette Owens Benedatos at (323)660-5707

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MINISTRY NEWS (continued)

GREEK FOLK DANCE NEWS

Saturday, January 22, 2011

14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL

G L E N D I

An Evening for Friends and Families

*HOSTED BY the St. Sophia Greek Folk Dance Program*

*Saint Steven's Serbian Orthodox Cathedral*

1621 West Garvey Avenue, Alhambra, CA

With Performances by Kyklonakia, Sinefakia, Keravnos,  
Kymata, & Fourtouna, and live Greek music

*Mezedes: 5:30 PM      Dinner: 6:30 PM*

Adults \$ 50.00      12 & under \$ 20      Dancers \$ 20

**Please RSVP by Thursday, January 20, 2011**

Barbara Kappos: (626) 358-7536 [st.sophia.folkdance@gmail.com](mailto:st.sophia.folkdance@gmail.com)

*Don't forget to place your tribute pages in our ad book this year*

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PHILOPTOHOS VIP NEWS

Seven Day Mexican Riviera Princess Cruise:

The VIP's of Philoptohos would like you to join them on a beautiful and fun-loving 7-day Princess Cruise sailing roundtrip, departing from San Pedro on **March 19, 2011**. We will be visiting Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, and Cabo San Lucas.

The following prices apply, PER PERSON, based on double occupancy and including port taxes and government fees, the fares are: Inside Cabin \$750.52, Ocean View \$800.52, Ocean View with balcony \$950.52, Mini-Suite with Balcony \$1150.52.

To make a deposit and reserve your space, please call **Catherine Erwin: 818-783-4811**.

## MINISTRY NEWS *(continued)*

### PHILOPTOHOS NEWS

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** Our first General Assembly meeting of the new year is set for **Sunday, January 23rd after church**. We hope everyone will join us, plan to become a MEMBER of Philoptohos and get involved!

**PHILOPTOHOS OUTREACH:** Philoptohos has been helping a very large number of people since January. Many people in our own community are struggling through the economic downturn and with personal issues. We have been helping those who are close to losing their homes, their apartments and their jobs. Meanwhile, families are struggling to put food on the table and buy clothes and school supplies, for their children. Additionally, Philoptohos continues to help those with medical bills, funeral expenses for the poor and still support our own church. The costs are tremendous every month.

We feel that many people in our community would like to help those in need, even though they may not be in Philoptohos. Therefore, we are giving you the opportunity to 'help others'.

We give families grocery cards, store cards for clothing and gasoline debit cards to help people get to the jobs they have. If you would like to donate toward the purchase of one or more cards, please mail your donation to the church office, with *PHILOPTOHOS OUTREACH* on the memo line. Please include how many cards of \$20 each, you would like us to purchase. We would be very grateful. If you prefer to purchase/donate the gift cards yourself, below is a list of stores with whom we are currently working:

**FOOD:** RALPHS/FOOD 4 LESS, VON'S, ALBERTSONS & TRADER JOES

**CLOTHING:** TARGET, WAL-MART, K-MART

**PHARMACIES:** CVS, WALGREENS

**GASOLINE STATIONS:** ANY COMPANY

A **minimum donation of \$20** would help people more than you can imagine. You may remain anonymous if you prefer. This is strictly voluntary on your behalf.

Philoptohos also keeps track of many elderly people who are alone and need a helping hand at this time of the year. Your donation could bring real happiness to someone right now.

**MINISTRY NEWS (continued)**

**PHILOPTOHOS NEWS (continued)**

Please send your monetary or gift card donation to the cathedral, attention: Philoptohos. Our deepest appreciation for any donation you can give.

Our sincere thank you to Virginia Noyes for organizing the gift card donations that were given out to the families in need.

There is no meeting in the month of December so that everyone may enjoy the holidays. Merry Christmas to all!

With love,  
*Dina Oldknow and the Philoptohos Board of Directors*

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**SAINT SOPHIA CHOIR NEWS**

**Join the Saint Sophia Cathedral Choir**

Do you find yourself singing liturgical music out loud for no reason? In the car? In the shower? Do you listen to the choir on Sundays and say to yourself "This year ***I'd*** like to be a part of that wonderful group? Or teens – do you sing in your high school choir? If you answered ***yes*** to any of those questions, it may be time for you to come and join the St. Sophia Choir. Don't wait for January to make that New Year's resolution! You don't read Greek? The first Sunday of each month is an all-English Liturgy and there is phonetics to help on the other Sundays each month. We are looking for 5 new members! Please contact director Jim Kollias: e-mail [jhkollias@gmail.com](mailto:jhkollias@gmail.com), call or text 714-337-7352.

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**Christ is in our Midst. He is and always shall be.**

*The spiritual embrace that all the worshippers give one another during the liturgy symbolizes in anticipation agreement, concord, unanimity in faith and love. It prefigures ineffable future blessings. By virtue of that embrace, that kiss, those who are worthy receive the gift of union with God and with the incarnate Word.*

*Saint Maximus the Confessor*

MINISTRY NEWS *(continued)*

*The Joy of Belonging  
through Christian Stewardship*

During this joyful Christmas Season, we are reminded of our blessings, and how truly thankful we are to you and your families for supporting the work of our Church. It is your Christian Stewardship that provides the foundation for our thirty ministries and enables our Church to continue enhancing our spiritual and cultural growth.

Stewardship is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values and to express our thankfulness. Please consider this friendly reminder during this season of joy and good will, by reviewing your 2010 stewardship commitment:

- If you have fulfilled your commitment, we are deeply grateful for your devotion.
- If you have not fulfilled your commitment or have not yet made a commitment, we ask you to please do so by the end of December, thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Pay online at [stsophia.org/stewardship](http://stsophia.org/stewardship), or contact our office [office@stsophia.org](mailto:office@stsophia.org) or 323-737-2424.

May the ***Joy of Christmas*** inspire you to invest your love in our community of faith and experience the

***Joy of Belonging!***



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **NEW COFFEE HOUR LOCATION..**

While we are in construction, our coffee hours will be located in our new Fellowship Tent. As you exit church through the Narthex, please exit left, towards 15<sup>th</sup> street.

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### **The Herald Newsletter**

#### **To All Stewards**

If your anniversary/birthday is **not** already listed in our monthly **Herald newsletter** and you wish for it to be listed in the appropriate issue for your month, please e-mail your information to: Stephanie Caiopoulos Lubian (secretary@stsophia.org). Thank you.

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### **Holy Communion – Thank You !**

Thank you to those who have donated wine for Holy Communion. We now have enough in our supply. May you enjoy God's many blessings for your generosity and love for your church.

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### **Caring Funeral Services**

In time of need, we suggest you call Terri Harmon from Caring Funeral Services. He is the owner of many funeral homes and can accommodate us from any location. He has taken time to know our Greek Orthodox traditions and has become a supporter of the Cathedral by sponsoring the yearly calendar, putting an ad in the Festival book and the monthly Herald. He keeps his prices affordable for families, is easy to work with and very respectful.

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### **Prosporo**

We are in need of Prosporo. We thank all those who take time to bake Prosporo and bring it to the Cathedral. If anyone would like to have a recipe, please see **Jimmy Karatsikis** at the Cathedral.



## COMMUNITY NEWS (continued)

### Church Parking Lot

As you all have noticed, the parking lot is covered with plywood to protect it. It is okay to park on the plywood, but the contractor requests that, for safety reasons, our parishioners use the center walkway instead of walking on the plywood. Therefore we kindly ask all parishioners who park on the plywood to use the Faith in Stone Walkway and NOT walk on the plywood. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this period of transition into our temporary facilities, and during construction.

Thank You.. Saint Sophia Foundation

### Saints of the Month

**December 27<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Saint Stephen the Protomartyr**

Saint Stephen was a Jew, by race, and, as some say, a disciple of Gamaliel, the teacher of the Law mentioned in Acts 5:34 and 22:3. He was the first of the seven deacons whom the Apostles established in Jerusalem to care for the poor, and to distribute alms to them. Being a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, he performed great signs and wonders among the people. While disputing with the Jews concerning Jesus, and wisely refuting their every contradiction, so that no one was able to withstand the wisdom and the spirit whereby he spake, he was slandered as a blasphemer and was dragged off to the Sanhedrin of the elders. There with boldness he proved from the divine Scriptures the coming of the Just One (Jesus), of Whom they had become the betrayers and murderers, and he reproved their faithless and hardheartedness. And finally, gazing into Heaven and beholding the divine glory, he said: "Lo, I see the Heavens opened and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God." But when they heard this, they stopped up their ears, and with anger cast him out of the city and stoned him, while he was calling out and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then, imitating the long-suffering of the Master, he bent his knees and prayed in a loud voice for them that were stoning him, and he said, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge," And saying this, he fell asleep (Acts 6, 7), thus becoming the first among the Martyrs of the Church of Christ.

31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL

**"CASH FOR CHRISTMAS 2010"**

*On Christmas Day  
Please join us in the fellowship tent  
for champagne & refreshments*

WINNERS WILL SHARE

**\$50,000  
IN CASH PRIZES**

**GRAND PRIZE WINNER . . . . \$25,000**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE WINNER . . . . \$10,000**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE WINNER . . . . \$5,000**

**8 WINNERS . . . . \$1,000.00 EACH**

**4 WINNERS . . . . \$500.00 EACH**

*Tickets are \$100.00 each*

TIMI LOOMOS FRESHMAN, CHAIRPERSON  
PANOS ANGELS\* NICK BISSIAS \* TINA CALLAS\*CHRIS  
DAGLAS\* JOHN DALIS\* JIM DEMETRIOU\*TONY DEMETRIOU  
\* IRENE FRANKOS\*ANDY GALLANIS\*ALEK HAIDOS\*CHRIS  
JULIAS\* JIM KARATSIKIS\* JOYCE KOKKINIDES\* GIG  
KYRIACOU\* ILCA MOSKOS\* BILL PAPALEXIS\* ANN PAPPAS  
\*JOHN T. PAPPAS \* SUSAN PATZAKIS\*CHRIS PELONIS \*  
GEORGE PREONAS\* HARRY SIAFARIS\*JOHN STAMATIADES\*  
HARRY VOURNAS \* THE PARISH COUNCIL\* THE CLERGY\*  
THE CHURCH OFFICE STAFF

**DON'T BE LEFT OUT! BUY YOUR TICKET FROM ANY OF THE  
ABOVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OR FROM YOUR FAVORITE  
SALES PERSON.**



**On Christmas Day** the Sermon will be a **special music sermon** sung by Korinna Kaplanis, the Saint Sophia Cathedral Choir, and Father John Bakas. We hope you will enjoy this special holiday gift to all who are attending today's Christmas Day Divine Liturgy celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As Antidoron is being distributed today, we ask that everyone present sing Christmas Carols along with the choir.

With blessings to all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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### **Mary Did You Know**

words and music by Mark Lowry & Korinna Kaplanis, soloist Buddy Greene

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day  
walk on water?

Did you know that your baby boy will save  
our sons and daughters?

Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you.

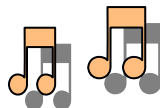
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight  
to a blind man?

Did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with His hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
And when you kiss your little boy you've kissed the face of God.

Mary, did you know? The blind will see, the deaf will hear,  
and the dead will live again, the lame will leap  
the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Did you know that your baby boy will one day rules the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?  
This sleeping child you're holding, is the Great I Am!

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Selections from the *Christmas Oratorio*  
**Cathedral Choir**

Camille Saint-Saëns  
1835 - 1921

Gloria Patri, Gloria Filio, Gloria Spiritui  
Sancto; sicut erat in principio, et nunc,  
et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum.  
Amen.

Glory to the Father, & to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in  
the beginning, is now and ever  
shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

Tollite hostias, et adora te  
Dominum in atrio sancto ejus.

Praise ye the Lord of hosts,  
sing his salvation, bless His  
name, show forth His praise in  
His holy house!

Lætentur cœli, et exultet terra  
a facie Domini, quoniam venit.  
Alleluia.

Rejoice, ye heavens and be  
joyful on earth, rejoice in the  
face of the Lord, for He  
cometh. Alleluia.

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## Christmas Carol Sing-Along

*All members of the congregation are invited to sing along with the choir*

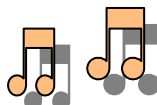
**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

John Francis Wade  
words by Frederick Oakley and John Reading

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold Him, born the King of angels: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above: Glory to God in the Highest; O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

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**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

music by Lewis H. Redner  
words by Phillips Brooks

O little town of Bethlehem! How still we see thee lie; Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gather'd all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

**Joy to the World**

music by George F. Handel (1685 - 1759)  
words by Isaac Watts

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

**Silent Night**

music by Franz Gruber and words by Joseph Mohr

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright. Round yon Virgin Mother and Child. Holy Infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia; Christ, the Saviour, is born! Christ, the Saviour, is born!

**The First Noel**

Traditional – c. 16<sup>th</sup> Century England  
published in 1833 by William B. Sandys

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a Star shining in the East, beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

# Orthodox Calendar

## DECEMBER 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
						Hellenic Academy 9am, 9:30 am, & 11:45am
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8am Orthros 9:15am StudiesFaith 9:45am Memorials 10am Divine Liturgy	St. Nicholas the Wonderworker 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy					Hellenic Academy 9am, 9:30 am, & 11:45am
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8am Orthros 9:15am StudiesFaith 9:45am Memorials 10am Divine Liturgy Sunday before the Nativity						9:00am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy  Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
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		STRICT FAST	FISH ALLOWED	WINE AND OIL ALLOWED	DAIRY, EGGS, AND FISH ALLOWED	FAST FREE
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