

THE GREAT CHURCH OF HOLY WISDOM

Between two seas and two continents stands the greatest monument of Eastern Christianity, the Great Church of old Constantinople, the **HAGIA SOPHIA**. While no longer a Christian edifice (it is a Turkish museum), it still houses some of the most remarkable mosaics ever produced by man. These are still being restored by modern-day artisans. The vivid colors gleam through the myriad pieces of tiny glass, creating flashes of light and shade in the cavernous vault of the cathedral.

Dedicated to Christ the Lord, as the embodiment of Holy Wisdom, this "*earthly throne of the glory of God,*" was founded by Constantine, renovated a number of times, and finally rebuilt in all its splendor by Emperor Justinian between the years 537 and 562. There are no side chapels or aisles, nothing but a huge expanse; and soaring 200 feet above is the magnificent dome, unequaled in all the architectural forms of the world.

Through the centuries, the walls and arches of this temple have been decorated by the most skilled of craftsmen. In the early 12th century, the mosaic of our bulletin was placed in the south gallery. It features an exquisite portrayal of Christ in the center, flanked by the Emperor Constantine IX and Empress Zoe. The emperor and empress were pious Christians who ruled from 1042 to 1050. They are depicted bringing their gifts to our enthroned Lord. Although it is many centuries old, this mosaic still has a fresh and striking quality.

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Hagia Sophia

A Landmark of Human Creation



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Seventh Sunday of Luke

St. Paul the Confessor

ARTOKLASIA – Offered by the Ladies Philoptochos in honor of their patron Saints Kosmas & Damianos

MEMORIAL – Kathy (Dukas) Campoli (40 days)

PROSFORO – Offered by Helen Frederick

COFFEE HOUR – Hosted by the Ladies Philoptochos

SPECIAL SERVICES

TUE. NOV. 8	– Synaxis of Holy Archangels	Orthros	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	10:00 AM
WED. NOV. 9	– Saint Nektarios of Aegina			Divine Liturgy	5:00 PM

No Paraclesis or Bible Study this Wednesday

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

TUE. NOV. 8	– Election Day Chicken Dinner	11:30 AM-7:00 PM
WED. NOV. 9	– Greek School	5:30 PM
	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 PM

FRI-SUN. NOV. 11-13 – Metropolis Folk Dance Festival, Holy Trinity Church, Camp Hill, PA

CONGRATULATIONS to Michael and Meredith Siget on the Baptism yesterday of their infant son, Mason Michael. Standing as Godparents were Reed Shaffer and Jennifer Bond. Na Mas Zisi!

A SPECIAL TRAY will be passed by the Ladies Philoptochos; proceeds will go to the National Philoptochos Society to be used for their philanthropic charities here in America and help around the world.

JOY YOUTH GROUP EVENT, grades 3-6, is taking place today at the home of Demetri and Sarah Hahn, 107 Ashley Ridge, Beaver, from 3:00 PM-5:00 PM. They are having a fall gathering and activities with church friends and Father Stelyios.

ELECTION DAY CHICKEN DINNER this Tuesday, November 8, from 11:30 AM – 7:00 PM in our Community Center; the center is a Voting Precinct for the neighbors in this area. A Bake Sale will also take place and Parish Council is asking parishioners to donate baked goods.

OUR HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS is introducing an outreach program. It is called HHH (Triple H), for Hellenic Holiday Helpers. They will be providing dinner for two families for Thanksgiving, as well as dinner and presents for two families for Christmas. They want to earn money to help pay for these four families so they have decided to help any member in the community to baby sit, rake leaves, move summer furniture, take Christmas decorations out of storage, basically any chore anyone may need help with. Donation amount is up to you, whatever you feel is worth the student's time. Please contact Angelique Avdellas at 412-953-3785 and she will co-ordinate with you.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS/HOSTESSES – Next Sunday, **November 13**, Flaskos family; Sunday, **November 20**, George & Kristine Avdellas, Joseph & Angela Espey and Maria Gregorakis; Sunday, **November 27**, Lynne, Tula & Margie Kakiou. The remaining Sundays in 2016 have been filled with Coffee Hour Volunteers; **THANK YOU** everyone that has volunteered!

LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY NEWS –

They are starting a drive to collect any Icons, paper or otherwise that our parishioners may have accumulated over the years in our homes and would like to donate. These icons will eventually be sent to the missions where they will be most welcomed. A storage bin is placed in the Narthex for the collection now through mid-December.

VASILOPITES – Senior Citizens are taking orders in the Community Center following Divine Liturgy; price is \$7.00/each and deadline for orders is this Wednesday, November 9. To place your orders, please see Marsha Georgakis or call her at 724-375-7984. Baking will take place on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, November 14, 15 & 16. Everyone's help, women and men, will be needed to help form and bake them.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD – Cost is \$10.00 and names are being taken by Tula Kakiou and Connie Czambel. Deadline for handing in the names is Sunday, December 4.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held at Shadow Lakes Country Club on Sunday, December 4; if interested in attending, please see Sophie Prigorac or call her at 724-728-8615.

G.A.P.A. CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on Saturday, December 10, 12:00 Noon at J.W. Hall's Private Dining Room in Hopewell Shopping Center. Choice of menu is Broiled Chicken Breast \$20.00; Lobster Kettle or Prime Rib each \$21.00. All meals include a tossed salad, potato, coffee & tea; price also includes tax & gratuity. If interested in attending, please contact Helen Valsamidis 724-378-0733 with your reservation and choice of meal no later than Monday, December 5.

THANK YOU to all those who have filled out their Stewardship Pledges for 2016. Your generosity is deeply appreciated as this is the single most important source of income for our Church. If you do not currently pledge, we encourage you to speak to Lynne Kakiou, our Financial Secretary. All pledges remain in strict confidence.

SEAFOOD EXTRAVAGANZA

*The Best of the Ocean:
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Friday, November 18 at 7 pm

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