

# THE EPISTLE

St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church

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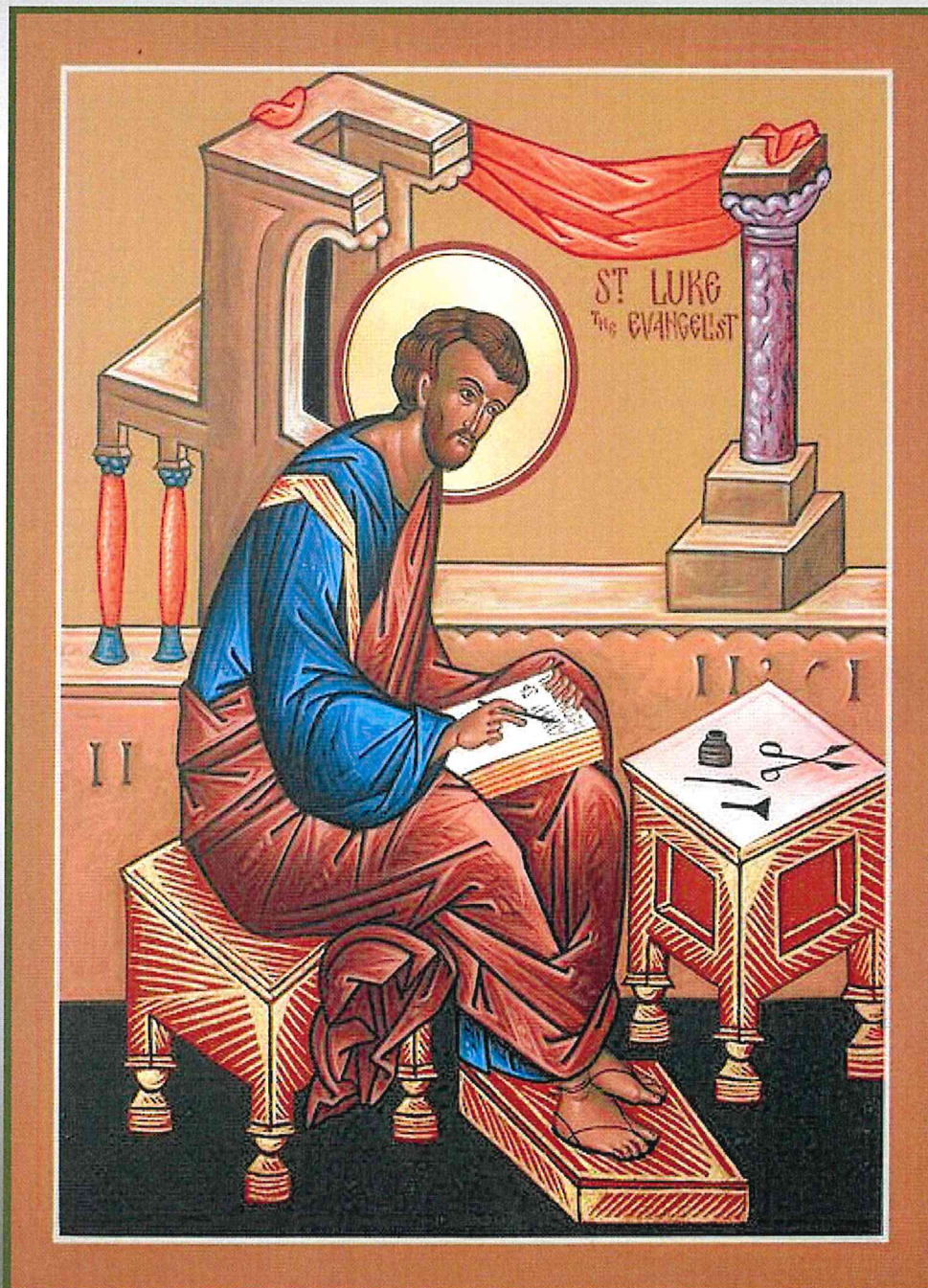
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DECEMBER 2025 / JANUARY 2026





# CHRISTMAS PASTORAL MESSAGE

**"Let us set aside all the cares of life that we may receive the King of all..."**

**Cherubic Hymn (The song of the angels)**

Friends,

The above hymn, sung so beautifully by our choir, refers to the coming and birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is sung at every Divine Liturgy, just before the Great Entrance, and it offers a reminder of how we are encouraged—at the very least—to approach the Advent season. The prayerful hope of the Church is that this hymn becomes ingrained not only in our hearts, but in our daily way of life.

**"Let us set aside all the cares of life that we may receive the King of all."**

When we pray and truly listen to this hymn, we realize that we must set aside the cares of life, and then, and only then, will we be able to receive our Lord this Christmas. Then, and only then, will the twinkling of Christmas lights represent the Star of Bethlehem; only then will the gifts beneath the Christmas tree remind us of the Gifts of the Magi and the great Gift of the Christ-Child; only then will the Advent Fast take on spiritual meaning, as we prepare to receive Him who is the Bread of Life and who offers water that causes us never to thirst again.

Make no mistake: the Church of Jesus Christ does not ask us to neglect our responsibilities; rather, it calls us to prioritize them, to place what is eternal above what is temporary.

I invite you to join your St. Luke family this Christmas by attending the worship services offered in celebration of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Whether it is the Christmas Eve morning service or the midnight Divine Liturgy, come and "set aside all the cares of life that we may receive the King of all." It is my prayer that the warmth and love that pour forth from the Manger fill your hearts and homes with peace, love, and blessings from above.

With brotherly love and pastoral blessings, I remain in anticipation of our Lord's Nativity,



Rev. Father Christ Kontos  
Protopresbyter

# PARISH LIFE

## Weddings

**Dale Lintner III & Jenna Fischer** were united in Holy Matrimony on November 1, 2025. **Steven Fischer** stood by their side as the sponsor and the witness was **Laura Boyden**.

**Christopher Kramedas & Vasiliki Papadopoulos** were united in Holy Matrimony on November 22, 2025. **Evangelia Papadopoulos** stood by their side as the sponsor and the witness was **Kondelia Papadopoulos**.

**Efstathios Pilidis & Alexandra Toboulidis** were united in Holy Matrimony on November 23, 2025. **Phillip Voutsakis** stood by their side as the sponsor and the witness was **Elena Voutsakis**.

## Forty-Day Blessing

On November 23, 2025, Father Christ offered the Forty Day Blessing for **Charles James Miller**. Congratulations to **Luke & Christina Miller** as we anticipate the Baptism!

## Baptisms

The son of **Matthew & Katina Palmer** was baptized on November 9, 2025. His sponsor, **Dionysia Sioutis**, baptized him with the name *Theodore*. May Our Lord continue to bless you, **Theodore James Palmer**.

The son of **Christos & Shilo Yiantsos** was baptized on November 9, 2025. His sponsors, **Evan Palmieri & Alexis Yazge**, baptized him with the name *Athanasios*. May Our Lord continue to bless you, **Athanasios Michael Yiantsos**.

The son of **Francis & Angeliki Lumpkin** was baptized on November 23, 2025. His sponsor, **Serafim & Mariam Canavos**, baptized him with the name *Gregory*. May Our Lord continue to bless you, **Gregory Brian Lumpkin**.

## Funerals

**Anna Constantinou** fell asleep in the Lord on November 3, 2025. Her funeral service was held on November 7, 2025.

**William Soufflas** fell asleep in the Lord on November 3, 2025. His funeral service was held on November 10, 2025.

**Demetrios Stavropoulos** fell asleep in the Lord on November 10, 2025. His funeral service was held on November 14, 2025.

**Katherine Geaneotes** fell asleep in the Lord on November 9, 2025. Her funeral service was held on November 17, 2025.

*We extend our condolences and prayers to their family. MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL.*

# DECEMBER 2025 ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDAR



**Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

St Barbara the Great Martyr

8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

Nicholas the Wonderworker; Nicholas the New Martyr

8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan; Athenodoros of Mesopotamia

8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Conception of the Theotokos

8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

Thursos, Leucius & Callinicos

8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Sunday Before Nativity**

Juliana & 630 Companions; Themistocles, Martyr of Myra

8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TO FOLLOW**

## Services for the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING**

10:00am Orthros, Great Hours

11:30am Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil

**CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT SERVICE**

***begins Wednesday evening into the midnight hour***

10:30pm Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy into Christmas morning

**Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday After Nativity**

20,000 Martyrs in Nicomedia; Martyr Glykerios

8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy



# DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Philoptochos – BGT set-up 7pm Parish Council Meeting</i>	2 <i>Philoptochos – BGT set-up 10am Senior Men 5pm Greek School 5pm Philoptochos Christmas Tree Decorating Social 5:30pm Elements of Theology</i>	3 <i>Philoptochos – BGT set-up 11am Bible Study</i>	4 <i>Philoptochos – BGT set-up 9am Playgroup 10am Senior Men 6pm JOY/HOPE Kalanta Practice 7pm Greek Dance Rehearsal</i>	5 <i>Philoptochos – BGT set-up 3pm GOYA Holiday Party and Gift Wrapping</i>	6 <i>Philoptochos Boutiques &amp; Greek Treats</i>
7 <i>Philoptochos Boutiques &amp; Greek Treats 10:30am Sunday School /SPARK 11am JOY/HOPE Kalanta Practice 12:00pm Christmas Pageant Practice</i>	8 <i>Philoptochos Boutiques &amp; Greek Treats (clean-up) Greek School set- up for program 4:30pm FTIN Cooking 7pm Book Club (zoom)</i>	9 10am Senior Men 5pm Greek School Christmas Program 5:30pm Elements of Theology	10 11am Bible Study 6pm Girls Basketball 7:30pm Boys Basketball	11 9am Playgroup 10am Senior Men 7pm Greek Dance Rehearsal 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	12 9:30am Philoptochos Vasilopita Baking 3pm GOYA – Christmas Party / Gift Wrapping 4pm JOY/HOPE Pre Kalanta 4:30pm JOY/HOPE Christmas Kalanta	13
14 10:30am Sunday School 12pm Christmas Pageant Practice 2:30pm Greek School – Singing Kalanta	15	16 10am Senior Men 5pm Greek School 5:30pm Elements of Theology 7:30pm Adult Volleyball	17 11am Bible Study 6pm Girls Basketball 7:15pm Boys Basketball	18 9am Playgroup 10am Senior Men 7pm Greek Dance Rehearsal 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	19	20
21 Christmas Pageant 	22 7pm Book Club (zoom)	23 10am Senior Men 5:30pm Elements of Theology 7:30pm Adult Volleyball	24 	25 	26	27
28 10:30am Sunday School	29	30 10am Senior Men 5:30pm Elements of Theology 7:30pm Adult Volleyball	31 			

# JANUARY 2026 ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDAR

**Wednesday Evening, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Circumcision of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ**

St. Basil the Great

5:00pm Divine Liturgy of St. Basil



**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday Before Epiphany**

Synaxis of the 70 Apostles; Theoctistos the Righteous

8:50am Orthros and 10:00 am Divine Liturgy, Great Blessing of the Waters

**Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Forefeast of Theophany/Epiphany**

8:50am Orthros, Great Hours, Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, & Great Agiasmos

**Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Holy Theophany/Epiphany**

8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy, Great Blessing of the Waters

**Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Synaxis of John the Baptist**

8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday After Epiphany**

Theodosios the Cenobiarch; Vitalis of Gaza

8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

Anthony the Great

8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

Athanasios & Cyril; Xenia the Martyr

8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

Gregory the Theologian; Archbishop of Constantinople

8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

**Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs

8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy



# JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 	2	3
4 <i>Vasilopita Sunday</i> 10:30am Sunday School	5 6:30pm Philoptochos Board Meeting 7pm Book Club 7pm Parish Council Meeting	6 10am Senior Men 5pm Greek School 5:30pm Elements of Theology 7:30pm Adult Volleyball	7 11am Bible Study 6pm Girls Basketball 7:30pm Boys Basketball	8 9am Playgroup 10am Senior Men 7pm Greek Dance Rehearsal 7pm Philoptochos Wrap-up Meeting 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	9	10
11 10:30am Sunday School 12pm Philoptochos Vasilopita and General Assembly	12	13 10am Senior Men 5pm Greek School 5:30pm Elements of Theology 7:30pm Adult Volleyball	14 11am Bible Study 6pm Girls Basketball 7:30pm Boys Basketball	15 9am Playgroup 10am Senior Men 7pm Greek Dance Rehearsal	16	17
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25 <i>Greek Letters Celebration</i> 10:30am Sunday School 12:15pm Choir Rehearsal	26	27 10am Senior Men 5pm Greek School 5:30pm Elements of Theology 7:30pm Adult Volleyball	28 11am Bible Study 6pm Girls Basketball 7:30pm Boys Basketball	29 9am Playgroup 10am Senior Men 7pm Greek Dance Rehearsal	30	31

## HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

are Father Christ's priority.

If a loved one or family member is hospitalized,  
please notify the Church Office at (610) 353-1592.

All hospitals do not notify parishes of hospitalized parishioners.



## St. Luke Prayer Group

There is nothing more powerful than the power of prayer. The Prayer Chain email list is up and running. This prayer chain allows us to communicate with anyone who wishes to be on it. Once a person in need comes to our attention, each member on that list will be contacted and asked to pray for the one in need.



Imagine someone suffering and 10, 50, 100, 200 or 500 people praying for them that same evening. Truly friends, there is nothing more powerful than prayer.

*How do I register?*

Email Presbyter Michele at [SaintLukePrayer@gmail.com](mailto:SaintLukePrayer@gmail.com)

## REGISTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Register your email address online at [st-luke.org/register-contact](http://st-luke.org/register-contact) to receive timely emails from Fr. Christ on Church and Parish Life. You can also use your QR/Barcode scanner from your mobile device by scanning the code below.







As we wrap up another year together, I can't help but feel grateful for all the ways St. Luke parishioners have shown up—giving, serving, cooking, organizing, praying, and caring for one another. Stewardship isn't just about what we give; it's about how we live out our faith every day, and you've done that beautifully this year.

This season is a time to slow down, count our blessings, and remember that everything we have—our time, talents, and resources—is a gift from God. Thank you for sharing those gifts so generously and helping our parish continue to grow and thrive.

Wishing you and your families a joyful Christmas filled with peace, love, and the simple moments that matter most. Here's to carrying that same spirit of gratitude and giving into the new year ahead!

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

Warm regards,  
Niki Thompson,  
Stewardship Chair

# St Luke Greek Orthodox Church

## Diakonia Schedule December 2025 – February 2026

Date	On Duty	On Duty
<b>December 7</b>	Alexis Limberakis Tom Trantas	Maria Scavitto Angelina Scavitto
<b>December 14</b>	Marta Laynas	Barbara Papageorge
<b>December 21</b>	Soula Arcidiacono Anna Trantas	Martha DiCamillo Linda Lempere
<b>December 28</b>	Gus Pappas	Sonya Pappas
<b>January 4</b>	GOYA Tom Trantas	GOYA
<b>January 11</b>	Stephanie Carroll	Vasie Marinakos
<b>January 18</b>	Anna Hadgis	Kathy Fisfis
<b>January 25</b>	Joyce Vlassopoulos	Helen Patten
<b>February 1</b>	Gus Pappas	Sonya Pappas
<b>February 8</b>	Maria Carafides	Diane Sioutis
<b>February 15</b>	Alexis Limberakis	Marta Laynas
<b>February 22</b>	Maria Scavitto Angelina Scavitto	Soula Arcidiacono Anna Trantas

Contact Tom Trantas at [tomisgreek@yahoo.com](mailto:tomisgreek@yahoo.com) or 610.203.1132

### Duties

- On Sundays, arrive by 9:45 am
- Greet parishioners as they arrive
- Respond to parishioners' questions
- Stock candles and red glass candles
- Pass out Sunday bulletins
- Extinguish burning candles that are low
- Pass trays (coordinate location with Parish Council)
- Diakonia duties are finished after trays are passed





<b>DEC</b>	<b>Chairs:</b>	<b>Diana Palumbo</b>	<b>Effie Guthrie</b>
<b>7-Dec</b>		<i>Boutiques &amp; Greek Treats</i>	
<b>14-Dec</b>	Katie Mackrides	Vicky Ntontos	Maria Botos
<b>21-Dec</b>	Christina Nikolos	<i>Christmas Pageant</i>	Toula Nikolos
<b>28-Dec</b>	Maria Vamvakidou	Alexandra Vamvakidou	Diana Palumbo
<b>JAN</b>	<b>Chairs:</b>	<b>Maria Carafides</b>	<b>Eugenia Gekas</b>
<b>4-Jan</b>	Aleka Agapitides	Maria Gumas	Angelique Demetris
<b>11-Jan</b>	Maria Armenti	Kristen Chryssikos	Anastasia Stoios
<b>18-Jan</b>	Katerina Brennan	Kia Blazakis	Maria Spyropoulos
<b>25-Jan</b>	Chris Katsanos	Caterina Carafides	Katrina Costas

Ladies - Please have a look at the schedule and make note on your calendar for your assigned Sunday. If you cannot make your assigned date, you are responsible for finding a replacement. Reminder emails will be sent the week that you are assigned, please reply with confirmation or you're the name of your replacement. If you do not see your name on this list and would like to help, please contact Diane, Effie or Betsy P. Please arrive at 9:45 AM for set up.

Coffee Hour Chairs:

Diana Palumbo lovetocook1219@aol.com

Effie Guthrie kotisa@netzero.net

Betsy Pappas vasilikipappas@yahoo.com

## ***For Those in Need... you may ask “What are we doing lately ... and more importantly, Why?”***

December, 2025 / January, 2026 *Epistle*

**“Knowing that, on any given day, a child (of God) ate because of us is powerful.”**

*Loree Jones Brown, CEO, Philabundance*

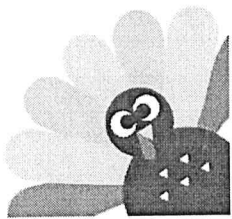
***For Those In Need (FTIN)*** helps in St. Luke's outreach to the community, offering basic necessities such as food, school supplies, clothing, shelter, etc. to those in our local area who lack them. FTIN also works with other parish groups to provide discretionary assistance to fellow parishioners in need.

**Year-end is FTIN's busiest time of year . . . because the Need is great, providing so many Opportunities for us to respond.**

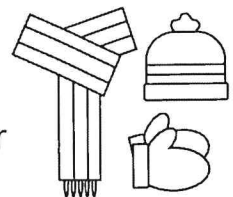
*Marian Wright Edelman, founder of the Children's Defense Fund*, once reflected that Service to others is the very purpose of life; it's who we are.

On Monday evening, **November 17<sup>th</sup>**, FTIN's **November Cook** prepared 265 Thanksgiving dinners for The Life Center (Upper Darby) & The Salvation Army (Chester), thanks to all those FTIN volunteer Chefs who turned out; and with a special thanks to Frank Pantazopoulos and Tiffany Bakery for their generous donation of pies, those dinners were complete with dessert to top off the meal. Our **December Cook** is scheduled for Monday, **DEC 8<sup>th</sup>** @ 4:30pm.

On behalf of St. Luke's, FTIN thanks all who supported our **Frozen Turkey Drive** for distribution by the Salvation Army (and possibly others) to families on its food pantry register for whom a special holiday meal would otherwise remain beyond their reach this year. Our collection ran from November 1<sup>st</sup> thru Thursday, **November 20<sup>th</sup>**. We'd like to acknowledge **Wegmans'** generosity for once again providing a **\$250 gift card** which assisted tremendously.



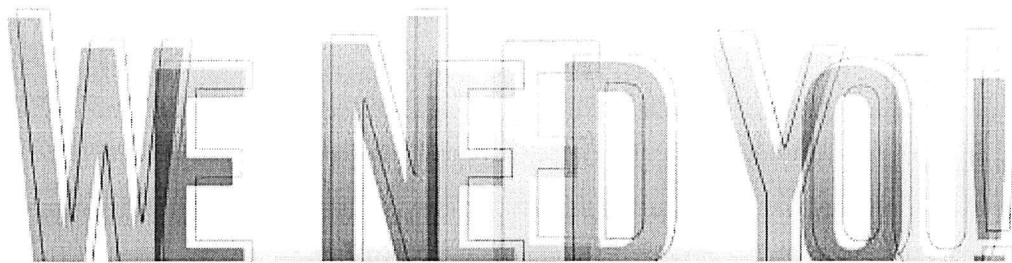
St. Luke's **Winter Warmth Project** collected hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, socks and other items of winter apparel in support of the *Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County* for survivors of domestic violence and abuse served by them, closing on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Once again, thank you!!



FTIN's annual **Christmas Gift Giving Shoppers** project is in full swing. This traditionally popular event is enthusiastically supported by our parish, spearheaded by members of FTIN.



Finally, FTIN continues to support the **Salvation Army's food pantry** with a particular emphasis on their **homeless & senior populations' needs**, with deliveries scheduled on a bi-monthly basis (DEC 2<sup>nd</sup> this month).



### Supporting FTIN – How can I help?

It is your support that is enabling FTIN to make a difference by expanding its outreach during these times of food insecurity and hunger affecting the lives of so many. **Thank you . . .** for your generosity which has continued uninterrupted now over so many years!

We welcome your Stewardship whether offered as helping hands or in financial support. No donation is too small, and your contributions to FTIN remain a meaningful gift “for those who have everything” or in memory of a beloved family member or friend. Checks (payable to “For Those In Need”) may be mailed to the parish office.

To learn more about FTIN, how you can volunteer or to make a donation, please contact: Alan Pcsolyar at: [apcsolyar@comcast.net](mailto:apcsolyar@comcast.net) or 610-457-6033

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## GOYA NEWS

### CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING

Friday December 5, 2025 6-10m (in the Social Hall)

Dinner will be provided + a pollyanna



### HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

Sunday December 21, 2025 after Divine Liturgy

Come for sweet treats during the holidays!!



## Join us at St. Luke's Little Angels Playgroup!

Looking for a fun, welcoming space for your little one to play and make new friends? Come along to *Little Angels*, our weekly playgroup held every **Thursday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM in Room 208**. It's the perfect place for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers to enjoy toys, songs, crafts, and friendly conversation in a relaxed environment. All are welcome – we'd love to see you there!

For more information, please contact [stlukeplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:stlukeplaygroup@gmail.com) or call/text Maria Bougiamas (717) 405-9854.

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE

# LITTLE ANGELS PLAYGROUP

At Saint Luke Greek Orthodox Church  
9am – 11am every Thursday  
(see church calendar)

YOU'LL FIND US IN  
THE EDUCATION  
BUILDING 2ND  
FLOOR, RM. 208



**THINGS TO NOTE:**  
It's all about friendship and community!  
Enjoy a range of toys, fun activities, and storytime.

Please BYO snacks

### WHY PLAY?

As a parent being a part of a community activity can help you feel less alone as you are amongst peers. Children will have fun, make friends and grow in their social skills.



## JOY/HOPE

Junior Orthodox Youth • Hellenic Orthodox Primary Education  
Kindergarten- 6th grade

Are you looking for a way to connect your children with their faith, make new friends, and grow in the love of Christ? We're excited for a new year of learning, laughter, and love in Christ- and we'd love for your family to be part of it!

### ***Save the following dates:***

**Christmas Kalanta:** Friday, December 12th (4:30-7pm)

**Friday with Father:** Friday, January 9th (5-6:30pm)

For more information, please contact Alexa Angelakos or Kally Sioutis at [stlukejoyhope@gmail.com](mailto:stlukejoyhope@gmail.com).

*"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven"*



# JOY/HOPE

## *Christmas Caroling*

Our Joy/Hope Group Christmas Carolers will be  
visiting homes in the area to spread holiday  
cheer!

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

5:00PM-7:00PM

Please call, email, or use the  
QR Code below to sign up. We  
look forward to bringing you  
some Christmas Spirit!



PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL US  
FOTINI KATHOPOULIS  
609-214-7922  
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# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

## DECEMBER

- December 7 Worship and Classes- Spark Sunday; Christmas Pageant Practice
- December 14 Worship and Classes- Christmas Pageant Practice
- December 21 No Classes, Christmas Pageant immediately following Divine Liturgy

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## JANUARY

- January 4 Worship and Classes
- January 11 Worship and Classes- Spark Sunday
- January 18 Worship and Classes
- January 25 Worship and Classes

January to March- Parish St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

✿ Important Dates Ahead

February 1st Sunday School readers for Commemoration of the Three Hierarchs

February 23rd: Clean Monday, the first day of Great Lent

February 27th: First Salutations, Flowers presented by Sunday School students

March 1st: Sunday of Orthodoxy & Picture Day

March 7th: Trip to see Kardiotissa Weeping Icon and visit to Holy Protection Monastery

**Annual Christmas Pageant-** Elsewhere in this Epistle, you will find a letter from our Christmas Pageant Director, Faithe Kalisperis. Letter contains information about registering your child for the pageant, rehearsals, and other pertinent information. This year, there are two mandatory practices: 12/7 and 12/14. The first rehearsal will take place on Sunday, December 7th after Sunday School and will last approximately an hour. Students will be fitted for their costumes at the first rehearsal.

Participation in the pageant is a true highlight of the year for our students and their families. We look forward to having as many students as possible join this wonderful St. Luke tradition on December 21st following the Divine Liturgy.

You can register for the Christmas Pageant by using QR Code.



**GOYA Retreat: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR-** On behalf of the Sunday School, we thank Danny Milinkovic, Sophia Milinkovic, and Evan Palmieri for planning an incredible retreat again this year for our GOYAN's. The retreat took place at Camp Innabah in Spring City from November 14th to November 16th, with over 80 campers attending. Additionally, we thank all of our former Sunday School students, and current Sunday School staff, who served as counselors at the retreat, including Evi Karros, Markos Karros, Savvina Karros,

Marianna Kevgas, Evan Palmieri, Nicolette Papadopoulos, Johnny Papadopoulos, Evie Touring, Arianna Berryman, Chris Palmieri, Elene Mironidis, Evanthia Greco, Chris Tsetsekos, Gia Kardon, Theodora Greco, and Tony Mironidis. Our campers found comfort in knowing so many of the retreat's counselors. Importantly, our GOYAN's witnessed the faith of their counselors and watched these young adults serve their Church, helping others find strength in their own faith. Nothing is more beautiful than seeing former students return and do good work for our Lord. We love you all and thank you for your tireless work at the retreat and for being such wonderful role models for our youth.

**Readers for Commemoration of the Three Hierarchs-** We are looking for 2-3 Sunday School students to read short biographies of the Three Holy Hierarch, St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian, and St. John Chrysostom, on Sunday, February 1, 2026 at the end of the Divine Liturgy. We will commemorate these giants of Orthodox Theology on the Sunday following their Feast Day. We will send the readings ahead of time so that the children may familiarize themselves with the material.

**2026 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival-** The 2026 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival manual of Topics, Tips, and Resources has been released. We have already given these materials to the teachers and to the families of 7th -9th graders (Junior Division), and 10th-12th graders (Senior Division). You may access this official Oratorical packet of information here: <https://www.goarch.org/documents>

Parents, please discuss this opportunity to delve deeper into our faith with your children by asking them to review the topics and by encouraging them to participate in the first step of the Oratorical Festival ladder, the St. Luke Parish Oratorical Festival. Further details will be forthcoming, but the parish festival is projected to take place in either February or March 2026. Questions, contact Art Karros [akarros@gmail.com](mailto:akarros@gmail.com).

#### Senior Division Topics (10th -12th Grade)

1. Pick a common icon type that is found in Orthodox churches (example: Christ Pantocrator, Virgin Hodegetria, the Resurrection icon) and explain its meaning and theological significance.
2. Why is the feast of Pentecost important and what does the story of Pentecost teach us about the Holy Spirit?
3. Saint John frequently contrasts light and darkness in his Gospel and letters. Choose one of his teachings about light (such as "God is light" or Christ as "the light of the world") and discuss how this imagery helps us understand our Christian calling and witness.
4. Throughout history, Orthodox Christians have faced persecution for their faith, from ancient martyrs to modern confessors. How does the witness of martyrs, both ancient and contemporary, strengthen and guide the Church today?
5. Orthodox funeral services speak of death as "falling asleep" and emphasize the hope of resurrection. How does Orthodox teaching about death and eternal life influence how we

live and how we care for the dying and grieving?

#### Junior Division Topics (7th-9th Grade)

1. Select a hymn that is chanted in the Divine Liturgy and explain its meaning and theological significance.
2. Choose a Saint who was a child or young person. How did their faith influence their life, and what can we learn from them?
3. Who is the Ecumenical Patriarch, and why is he significant in the Orthodox Church today?
4. Choose an Old Testament story (such as David and Goliath, Daniel in the lion's den, or Joseph and his brothers) and explain how it teaches us important lessons that apply to young people today.
5. Select a major Orthodox feast day and explain why we celebrate it and how participating in this celebration deepens our understanding of Christ and our faith.

#### Elementary Division Topics

1. Tell us about your favorite story from the Bible. What happens in the story and why do you like it? What does it teach us about God or how we should live?
2. Describe something you love about your Orthodox church. It could be an icon, a special service, the way it looks, or how it makes you feel. Why is this special to you?
3. Choose a saint you've learned about and tell us why you think they were special. What did they do that showed their love for God? How can we be like them?
4. Share an Orthodox tradition that your family celebrates, such as a special holiday, blessing, or custom. How does your family celebrate it and why it is important to you?
5. Choose an icon from your church and describe what you see in it. Who is shown in the icon and what story does it tell? What do you learn from looking at this icon?

**Readers for Divine Liturgy-** Please encourage your children to volunteer to read the Epistle or the Communion Prayer during Divine Liturgy. This is a great way for your child to become involved in the worship of our faith. We will send you the reading(s) ahead of time so that your child can practice and become comfortable with the texts beforehand.

*\*For more news, visit the Sunday School website, <https://www.ss.st-luke.org>; stop by the Sunday School office; or contact us at [stlukesundayschool@gmail.com](mailto:stlukesundayschool@gmail.com) (Jane Kelly, Panayota Kevgas, Sophia Milinkovic).*

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!  
Christ is Baptized! In the River Jordan!

We wish all our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

In Christ's Love, The Saint Luke Sunday School Team



11th Annual Holiday Market!

# BOUTIQUES & GREEK TREATS

DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 10-4

DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 12-4

St. Luke Philoptochos Society  
35 N. Malin Rd. Broomall, PA

610-353-1592

Flea Market

Greek  
Lunch

Raffles

Vendors

Pastries



Scan to Visit Boutiques & Greek Treats Online

# PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY NEWS

## SAVE THE DATE

**Christmas Tree Decorating Social - Tuesday, December 2, 2025**

**Eleventh Annual Boutiques and Greek Treats - Saturday, Dec. 6 & Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025**

**Fall Raffle-Cape May Escape**

Drawing during Boutiques & Greek Treats, Sunday, December 7, 2025

**Vasilopita Baking - Saturday, December 13, 2025**

**2025 Veteran's Holiday Giving Project**

Deadline for Drop Off in Ed Building Lobby, December 16, 2025

**St. Luke Christmas Poinsettia Offering - deadline: December 20, 2025**

**Vasilopita Social - January 11, 2026: After Liturgy in the Social Hall**

**Sip and Savor - Saturday, February 7, 2026**

**Philoptochos Ambassador Honoree-** This year's Philoptochos Ambassador, Maria Kalisperis, was born in Upper Darby and raised at St. Demetrios. She was married to Stavros for 50 years and is a proud Yiayia of six. She has served St. Luke's for 47 years—teaching Sunday School, advising JOY, directing the Christmas Pageant, baking for events, and actively supporting Philoptochos. Her deep commitment to Philoptochos includes organizing donation drives for the Veterans Hospital and leading fundraisers. Her proudest achievement is partnering with Ryan's Cases for Smiles, helping sew and donate over 10,000 pillowcases to children battling illness. She's also engaged youth in sewing events at St. Luke's and at the inaugural Metropolis of NJ Music and Dance Festival. Congratulations on all your achievements. AXIA!

**Philoptochos Stewardship Information-** January is Stewardship Month! We're collecting 2026 Chapter Stewardship—\$35 minimum, or any amount you choose. NEW: Auto-Renew Option. Select "Yes, do renew" at checkout to automatically renew each January—no need to remember each year. Your membership supports our mission and strengthens our ability to serve those in need. Every contribution makes a difference. Visit our table during coffee hour each Sunday in January to drop off a check or get help paying online. New members welcome! Any Questions? Contact Stewardship Chair Stacy Floratos at [membership@stlukephiloptochos.org](mailto:membership@stlukephiloptochos.org)

**Coffee Hour Volunteers-** Coffee Hour began on Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025. Schedules can be found on website Members Only tab. Please look for your name and, hopefully, you will be able to come and volunteer on the day that you are assigned. If you cannot make it for that day, find a replacement. Thank you all for your help. Effie Guthrie, Betsy Pappas and Diana Palumbo, Chairladies

**Christmas Tree Decorating Social-** Please join us on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm for the Christmas Tree Decorating Social to decorate the St. Luke Christmas trees in church and in the Social Hall. All are welcome! Snacks and wine will be provided for those who attend. BYOB. We will be putting up the Christmas trees on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> after church in preparation for the Social if you are able to assist. For further information, please contact Chairpersons Betsy Georgelos at [bggeorgelos@gmail.com](mailto:bggeorgelos@gmail.com) or Maria Scavitto at [msscavitto@comcast.net](mailto:msscavitto@comcast.net).



**Fall Raffle**-Our Fall Raffle will take you to Cape May! Purchase a chance to win a luxurious getaway in historic Cape May, including accommodations, gift cards to 2 highly rated restaurants, and more (valued at almost \$1,300)! \$20 per ticket! No date restrictions apply. Please visit [www.stlukephiloptochos.org](http://www.stlukephiloptochos.org) to purchase your tickets. Drawing to be held on Sunday, December 7, 2025, at Boutiques and Greek Treats in the St. Luke Community Center. The winner need not be present. Proceeds support the philanthropic efforts of our Ladies Philoptochos.

**11th Annual Boutiques & Greek Treats 2025**- Saturday, December 6th (10-4) & Sunday, December 7th, 2025 (noon-4). Join us for Holiday vendor shopping and find a treasure at Yiayia's Attic. Have some Greek lunch and take home some homemade pastries. Try your luck at our raffles and hourly door prizes. Pick out a wreath and decor for your home for the holidays. Please see our flyer elsewhere in this Epistle. Questions or to volunteer: [boutiquesgt@gmail.com](mailto:boutiquesgt@gmail.com). We thank you, as well as everyone who has been involved in Boutiques & Greek Treats this year: our volunteers, bakers, vendors, shoppers and donors all help our event be successful, as the proceeds help subsidize the charities that we support.

**2025 Veteran's Holiday Giving Project**- This season, the St. Luke Philoptochos is gathering gift bags filled with comforting "food basket" items for our low income/homebound veterans through the Coatesville VAMC. *Scan the QR code for details and to signup.* We are also collecting small good-condition luggage. Thank you for helping us bring a holiday joy to those who've given so much! Please deliver luggage and food items (in a reusable bag) to the Education Building Lobby by 12/16.



**Vasilopita Social**- The Vasilopita Social will take place on Sunday, January 11, 2026, in the St. Luke Social Hall immediately following the Divine Liturgy. For further information, please contact the co-chairs for this event, Elena Aughey, Maria Botos, and Katie Mackrides.

**Sip and Savor**- The St. Luke Philoptochos invites you to "Sip and Savor" to discover old world wines and experiencing wine pairing during a lovely night out. Join us on Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 6-8 pm in the Social Hall of the Education Building. The cost is \$40.00 (100% donation). For more information, please contact the event chair, Christina Thomas, at [thomascut@aol.com](mailto:thomascut@aol.com). To register, please use the QR code.



**Philoptochos Scholarship**- The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society of Saint Luke now offers a \$3,000 scholarship to one high school student who is a United States citizen and whose parents or legal guardian are stewards of Saint Luke Greek Orthodox Church of Broomall, Pennsylvania. All applications must be postmarked no later than Monday, April 24, 2026. Incomplete applications or those postmarked after this date will not be processed. All information received from applicants will be treated as confidential. The scholarship winner will be notified by May 30, 2026. For further information, contact Anna Hadgis, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, at [anna.hadgis@gmail.com](mailto:anna.hadgis@gmail.com).

**Philoptochos Charity Committee**- We continue our personal connections with our beloved ladies who reside in Pine View and Whitehorse Village and have included some members of Philoptochos who reside at home and look forward to more visits from us in the upcoming months. We will be joining Father on his visits to residents at Pine View and Whitehorse who prayerfully receive the Sacrament of Communion and his heartfelt blessings. Our committee members welcome any member of Philoptochos who is free to join us when we visit Whitehorse Village on December 11<sup>th</sup>



at 10:30 am. The residents appreciate having visitors sit and chat with them and they truly welcome our home-baked pastries. Please contact Anna Hadgis if you need a ride or would like to carpool with a member of our committee. [Anna.hadgis@gmail.com](mailto:Anna.hadgis@gmail.com)

In addition, a \$2,000 donation was made to Chester Charter Scholars Academy to strengthen the school's musical curriculum, supplying instruments and enriching arts education. These gifts not only nurture creativity and self-expression but also reinforce academic growth, as musical instruction helps build numeracy, memory, and fluency across all learning areas. Together, these contributions reflect a continued commitment to nurturing the whole child—mind, heart, and spirit—through both literacy and the arts.

On October 16th, 2025, a donation of \$670.88 was made to the CHOP Homeless Health Initiative – Art Program to support families experiencing housing insecurity. This contribution provided period products, Walmart gift cards for purchasing essential items like diapers and wipes, and Uber gift cards to help families travel to medical appointments, work, and shelters safely. By meeting these immediate, practical needs, the donation helped ease daily burdens for parents and children, ensuring they had access to basic necessities, creative enrichment through the art program, and reliable transportation during moments when stability matters most.

On October 30th and November 1st, 2025, a total of \$2,000 in Walmart gift cards—eighty cards valued at \$25 each, was donated to the Friends Association for Care and Protection of Children. These contributions were made to support families experiencing housing instability by giving them direct access to essential items such as food, toiletries, children's supplies, and household necessities. By providing flexible assistance that honors each family's unique needs, these donations strengthened the organization's mission to keep children safe and housed while helping caregivers maintain dignity and stability during difficult times.

On November 3rd, 2025, a donation of \$1,000 was made to Operation Classroom, supporting their partnership with the Chester County Food Bank and its vital weekend backpack program. This initiative provides bags of nutritious food to local school districts, ensuring that students facing food insecurity have reliable nourishment over the weekends when school meals are unavailable. This contribution helped sustain a program that directly supports children's well-being, strengthens their ability to learn, and brings comfort and stability to families who need it most.

On November 3rd, 2025, a donation of \$750 was made to the Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center to provide gift cards for veterans in honor of Veterans Day 2025. These gift cards were distributed directly to veterans receiving care through the VAMC, offering them meaningful support and flexibility to purchase personal necessities, meals, or items that bring comfort. This contribution served as a gesture of gratitude for their service and sacrifice, helping ensure the local veterans felt seen, appreciated, and supported during the holiday dedicated to honoring them.

**Sponsorship of Floral Décor-** Icon and Floral Sponsorship opportunities are available throughout the year for ecclesiastic feast days. Sponsorship can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one or for the well-being of your family. Our Ladies Philoptochos would like to thank the following sponsors for their donations: *Carnation Karros*, for her icon sponsorship of November 1, 2025, SS. Cosmas & Damianos, giving thanks and for the well-being of St. Luke's Ladies Philoptochos Members. *Anonymous*, for her sponsorship of November 9, 2025, St. Nektarios the Wonderworker. *Kathy Vasiliou*, for her sponsorship of November 25, 2025, St. Katherine the Great Martyr, for the well-being of the Vasiliou Family. *Katina Maltas*, for her sponsorship of December 6, 2025, St.

Nicholas the Wonderworker icon, for the well-being of the Maltas Family. *Kathy Fisfis*, for her sponsorship of December 6, 2025, St. Nicholas the Wonderworker icon, in loving memory of her husband Nick J. Fisfis, and in honor of her grandson Nicholas. *Our Ladies Philoptochos*, for their floral sponsorship on December 6, 2025, for St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, in honor of a very generous donor and the well-being of their family.

If you would like to sponsor an icon, you may pay online through the Philoptochos website; simply scan the QR code at right with your phone; or mail your payment to the church and include the words 'icon sponsorship' on your envelope. If you have any questions, you may contact Niki Tsetsekos at 610-500-3056 or [ntsetsekos@gmail.com](mailto:ntsetsekos@gmail.com).



**Philoptochos Christmas Store-** Are you looking for a unique gift this holiday season? Share the spirit of tradition and joy with thoughtful items from our collection: the Kali Orexi apron and cookbook for culinary inspiration, beautiful holiday ornaments, the Lucky Cake picture book for a heartwarming read, and Vasilopita coins to celebrate the New Year with meaning. Each gift supports our community and brings a touch of Greek heritage to your celebrations. Shipping is available for \$7.95. For more information, or to order, please contact Phyllis Roebas at [proebas@gmail.com](mailto:proebas@gmail.com), or Kathy Fisfis at [kfisfis@aol.com](mailto:kfisfis@aol.com).



**Poinsettia Offering-** It's that wonderful time of the year again, and we're thrilled to announce the Annual Poinsettia Offering. The Poinsettias, a symbol of holiday spirit, will grace our church, serving as a beautiful tribute to our loved ones or as a loving remembrance of those who are no longer with us. **Scan the QR code at right** or complete the form below to submit your order. We greatly appreciate your generosity this Christmas season.



### **POINSETTIA OFFERING**

Donation: \$10 (minimum)

DEADLINE: **December 20, 2025**

Print your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Poinsettia Offering**

**Donation \$** \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor of: (Print FIRST NAMES ONLY)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

[Christmas@stlukephiloptochos.org](mailto:Christmas@stlukephiloptochos.org)



St. Luke Ladies Philoptochos Presents

# *"Cape May Escape"* **Raffle** *Back By Popular Demand!*

**\$20.00**  
*per*  
*ticket*

Enjoy a  
2-night stay  
in historic  
& charming  
Cape May, NJ  
\$1250 value



*Drawing on*  
**Sunday afternoon, December 7, 2025**  
*at Boutiques and Greek Treats*  
*St. Luke's Community Center*

Includes: a \$1000 Gift Certificate for accommodations at a  
[Cape Collection Resort](http://thecapecollectioncapemay.com) ([thecapecollectioncapemay.com](http://thecapecollectioncapemay.com))

\$200 in Dining Gift Cards, and more!

NO date restrictions

Visit [stlukephiloptochos.org](http://stlukephiloptochos.org) to purchase your tickets

**Need not be present to win**





**No need to be present to win—just scan to enter!**

Purchase raffle tickets for your chance to win a wreath packed with hundreds of dollars in restaurant gift cards—perfect for savoring a variety of cuisines from beloved local favorites.

**Featured Restaurants Include:**

Estia Taverna • LaScala's Fire • First Watch Café • Burton's Grill & Bar •  
Maggiano's • White Dog Café • Carina Sorella • Alessandro's WoodFired  
Italian & Bar • Eddie V's Prime Seafood • Season's 52 • Turning Point of  
Bryn Mawr • Burrata Havertown...  
...and many more!

**Ticket Pricing:**

\$6 per entry — or grab 4 tickets for \$20, for even more chances to win!  
*From American comfort food to Greek, Italian, Asian, and Mexican  
delights, this wreath is your passport to delicious dining all year long.*



**Vasilopita Social**

Join us as we ring in the New Year together  
with old friends and new at our annual  
Vasilopita Cutting Social.

This promises to be a beautiful afternoon of tradition,  
fellowship, and fun, with all the holiday trimmings

**Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 12:30 pm**  
in the Social Hall.

Please kindly  
RSVP by January 4th

You're invited to bring a friend and a dessert.

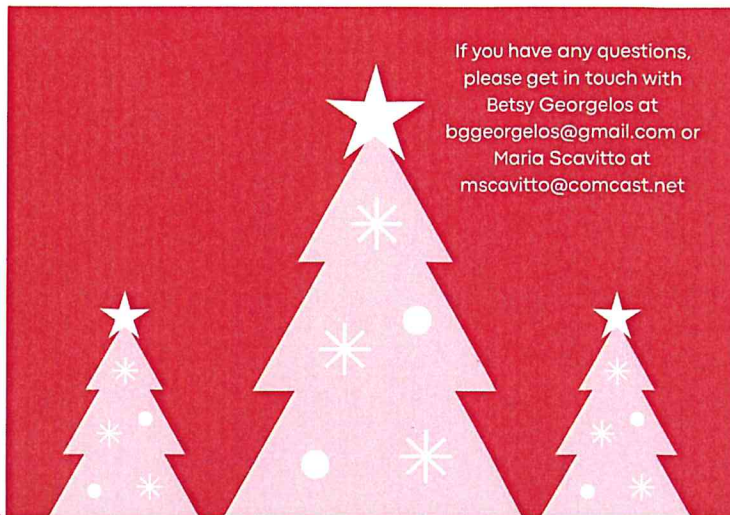
Members will have the opportunity  
♦ to pay their stewardship  
during the event.

For questions, contact  
Elena Aughey [aughey@gmail.com](mailto:aughey@gmail.com)



## Christmas Tree Decorating Social


Let's share holiday joy and decorate the St. Luke Christmas  
trees in the Church and Social Hall. All are welcome!



If you have any questions,  
please get in touch with  
Betsy Georgelos at  
[bggeorgelos@gmail.com](mailto:bggeorgelos@gmail.com) or  
Maria Scavitto at  
[mscavitto@comcast.net](mailto:mscavitto@comcast.net)

**Tuesday, December 2nd at 5:00pm**  
**in the Social Hall**

Hosted by the St. Luke Philoptochos



The St Luke Philoptochos Invites You To

## Sip and Savor

**Saturday, February 7th**  
**6pm – 8pm • In the Social Hall**

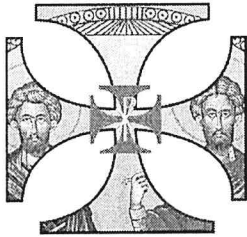
**Wine Pairing Included!**

Discover Old World Wines

**Cost \$40**  
**(100% Donation)**







**GREEK ORTHODOX  
LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY  
OF SAINT LUKE – CHAPTER 1082  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society of Saint Luke offers a **\$3,000 scholarship** to one high school student who is a United States citizen and whose parents or legal guardian are stewards of Saint Luke Greek Orthodox Church of Broomall, Pennsylvania. This is a competitive scholarship that is based on need and merit; financial consideration is only one factor in the evaluation process. The Scholarship Committee selects the award winner and its recommendation is made to Rev. Fr. Christ Kontos for approval. Applicants must be accepted into an accredited college or university or an accredited vocational program in the United States.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Male ( ) Female ( )

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Email and Telephone Number of Guidance Counselor/Advisor:

\_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT or ACT test scores: SAT: Math \_\_\_\_\_

Evidence Based Reading and Writing: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT: Composite Score \_\_\_\_\_

**List of Accomplishments and Awards:** (Attach a Resume or additional sheet if necessary)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**List of Community Activities and Groups:** Church Groups and Church Related Activities, Scouting, Missionary Work, Youth Clubs, Civic Groups, Volunteer Organizations. Include duties and number of months or years of service. (Attach a Resume or additional sheet if necessary)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**List of School Extracurricular Activities:** Band, Student Council, Sports, Yearbook, Clubs, National Honor Society, Drama, etc. (Attach a Resume or additional sheet if necessary)

Activity	Number of years	Special honors/Offices held
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Employment History:**

Name of employer

Dates of employment and duties

_____	_____
_____	_____

**Financial Need: (If applicable)**

Estimated total cost of school per year: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant has applied for financial aid assistance as follows:

1. Grant from college or vocational school: Yes ( ) No ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Grants from all other sources (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Statement:**

In a personal statement of 300 words or less, write a well-structured essay addressing your future goals and aspirations and how you plan to achieve them.

**Submission Instructions:**

In addition to this form, please supply the following information to the Scholarship Committee:

1. Copy of acceptance letter to an accredited college/university/technical or vocational school.
2. Personal statement of 300 words or less.
3. Two letters of reference: One from a teacher, principal or counselor who has known you for at least 2 years, and one personal reference from an adult connected to St. Luke who has known you for at least 2 years such as, a Youth Ministry Advisor, Sunday School or Greek School teacher, other than a family member. Letters should be sent directly to the address shown below or emailed to [anna.hadgis@gmail.com](mailto:anna.hadgis@gmail.com)
4. Copy of high school transcript.

**All applications must be postmarked no later than Monday, April 24, 2026. Incomplete applications or those postmarked after this date will not be processed.** All information received from applicants will be treated as confidential.

Scholarship winner will be notified by **May 30, 2026.**

Mail to: **Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society of St. Luke (Scholarship Applicant)**  
**St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church - 35 North Malin Road Broomall, PA 19008**

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# JOHN PAKURIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The John Pakuris Memorial Scholarship offers a \$2000 scholarship to one student who is a United States citizen and a parishioner whose family is in good standing with the St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church of Broomall, Pennsylvania. This is a competitive scholarship based on merit and need with the award winner to be selected upon recommendation by the Scholarship Committee to the parish priest. Applicants must be attending or accepted into an accredited undergraduate four-year college or university in the United States or in any other country. Any candidate who has been accepted into an Orthodox seminary and is pursuing a life in the ministry of our Greek Orthodox Church will be given first priority. Recipients may not re-apply in successive years for the scholarship.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or P.O. Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home/mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Male ( ) Female ( )

Name of most recent High School, College or University: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of School: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or P.O. Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Email address and telephone number of Guidance Counselor/Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Grade point average \_\_\_\_\_

Student Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ number of students

SAT or ACT test scores:

SAT: Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Evidence Based Reading and Writing: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT: Composite Score \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college or university for which aid is requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Post-Secondary School: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or P.O. Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Major Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

**List of Accomplishments and Awards:** (attach Resume or additional sheet if necessary) National Honor Society, National Merit Finalist, Class Officer, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**List of Church and Community Groups and Activities:** (attach Resume or additional sheet if necessary) Church Groups and church related activities, Missionary Work, Youth Clubs, Civic Groups, Scouting, Volunteer Organizations, etc.

Church and Community Service Organization

Months/Years Involved

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**List of School/Extracurricular Activities:** (attach Resume or additional sheet if necessary) Band, Student Council, Sports, Yearbook, Language Clubs, Key Club, Jazz Band, Chorus, Drama, Literary Club etc.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Number of years</u>	<u>Special honors/Offices held</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Employment history:**

Name of employer:

Dates of employment:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Financial Need:** (include the following)

Estimated total cost of school per year: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimate of parents' contribution toward yearly expenses: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimate of applicant's contribution towards yearly expenses: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant has applied for other financial aid assistance as follows:

1. Grant from college	Yes ( )	No ( )	Amount received _____
2. Grants from all other sources (specify):			Amount received _____

_____	_____
_____	_____

**Personal Statement:**

In a personal statement of 300 words or less write an essay titled "How Orthodoxy Guides My Life".

**Please supply the following information to the scholarship committee:**

1. Copy of high school transcript and/or transcript from your college or university
2. Copy of acceptance letter to accredited college or university
3. Personal Statement of 300 words or less
4. Three letters of reference: one from teacher, principal or counselor; the second from an employer, coach or activity supervisor; the third from a non-relative church member, Sunday school teacher or church activity supervisor who has known you for at least two years

**All applications must be postmarked no later than April 24, 2026.** Incomplete applications or those postmarked after this date will not be processed. All information received from applicants will be treated as confidential. A personal interview may be required of finalists. Notification will take place by May 22, 2026.

Visit our web site for information or applications: [www.St-Luke.org](http://www.St-Luke.org)

Mail completed application to:

**John Pakuris Memorial Scholarship**

**St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church**

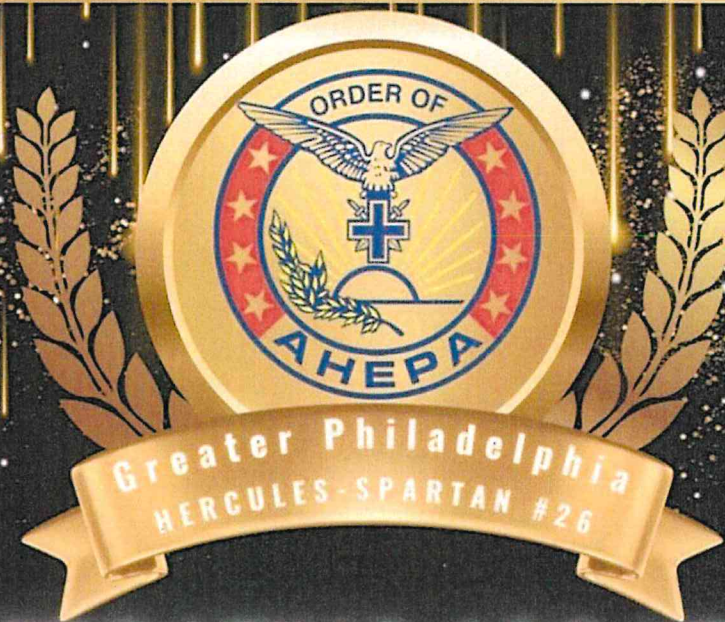
35 North Malin Road Broomall, PA 19008

Signature of Parent/Guardian (for student under 21) \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





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DONATION \$125PP

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**Order of AHEPA, Chapter #26**  
**PO Box 63658, Philadelphia, PA 19147**


**RSVP BY JANUARY 10, 2026**

No tickets at the door

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PAUL KOTROTSIOS | 610-202-3614 | PAULKOTROTSIOS@GMAIL.COM







# St. Luke

CELEBRATION

## Dinner Dance

THE IVY AT ELLIS PRESERVE

Sunday, February 1st 2026  
5-9PM

JOIN US FOR A TRULY SPECIAL OCCASION  
AS WE HONOR THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
REV. FR. CHRIST KONTOS' SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AND  
CELEBRATE OUR SAINT LUKE COMMUNITY.

This milestone marks 25 years of unwavering dedication, love,  
and service to our St. Luke community. Be apart of this  
meaningful celebration filled with fellowship and cherished  
memories. We look foward to celebrating with you!

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Adults \$125 • Teens (13 to 18) \$50 • Children 12 and under \$25

TO PURCHASE TICKETS SCAN THE QR CODE,  
CALL 484-576-3313, OR EMAIL [STLUKEGIVING@GMAIL.COM](mailto:STLUKEGIVING@GMAIL.COM)  
TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY JANUARY 18TH  
NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR





# GO GREEN?

For your convenience, our monthly bulletin,

*The Epistle* is now online and can be accessed by visiting the church website

**[www.st-luke.org](http://www.st-luke.org)**

Just click on "Monthly Epistle". If you would like to receive the Epistle in this digital format only and not by mail, please email our Office Manager:

**[stlukeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stlukeoffice@gmail.com) or call (610) 353-1592**

**Address service requested**

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**35 N. Malin Road**

**Broomall, PA 19008**

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