The Children's and Youth choir «Sophia» from Krasnoyarsk was founded in 1991 under the patronage of Antony, Archbishop of Krasnoyarsk and Yenisey. The choir's aim is to teach Russian Orthodox traditions of morality to children, as well as to open the beauty of religious music to the world, the music that reflects the real values: God, Conscience, Mercy, Compassion.

In 1994 the choir received the status of a municipal cultural organization. There are about 100 children and young people in the choir, ages 7 through 22. The choir members study Church Slavonic language, the basics of the Liturgy, elements of music, vocal skills, and folk music.

The choir has demonstrated its mastership in many Russian towns and cities, has participated many times at the International Festival of Orthodox Music in Moscow, has given concerts in the Great Concert Hall of the Moscow Conservatory, Kolonnyj Zal, and Tchaikovsky Hall. Its songs have resounded throughout Russia: St Petersburg, Pskov, Vladimir, Suzdal, Yalta, Vladivostok, and Norilsk. The choir has presented Russian culture in European countries such as Switzerland, Italy, France, Germany, Spain, and in the USA. In 1996 the choir was the prizewinner at the International Choir Competition in Riva del Garda (Italy), and in 2001 it became laureate at the International Brahms Choir Competition (Germany). In 2004 the choir won First Prize at the All-Russian Children's Choir Competition in Moscow. The choir has initiated two festivals which have now become famous: the Pokrov Gatherings and the Easter Festival of Philanthropy and the Arts.

The choir has made several CDs, one of which was produced by the well-known Swiss company Claves. Now the songs of these young Siberian singers resound in all the countries of the world, telling people about God, the Orthodox church, our country, and its culture.

Olga Rusakova, the artistic leader and its choir conductor is a graduate of the conservatories of Almaty and Novosibirsk.

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   V. Sariev: Rejoice, Virgin Mother of God
3. В. Пономарев: Преподобный Отче Серафиме
   V. Ponomarev: O most venerable Father Seraphim
4. В. Речкунов: (в реставрации В. Пономарева)
   V. Rechkunov: Let my prayer be lifted up
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   P. Tchaikovsky: The angel proclaimed
6. И. Анисимов: Милость мира
   I. Anisimov: Mercy of peace
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   A. Lvov: On the evening of Thy Mystic Supper
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   A. Kastalsky: The Good Thief
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    P. Chesnokov: The Cherubic hymn
11. Стихира «Земле русская»
    Stikharion: O Russian land!
12. Д. Бортнянский: Хвалите Господа с небес
    D. Bortnyansky: Praise the Lord from the heavens
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   Bylina: The book of the dove.
3. Рождественская колядка «По всему світу»
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4. У Иванова двора
   At Ivan’s place
5. Хороводная песня
   Choral melody: Let us go to the meadows
6. Овсень
   Ovsen’
7. Обжиночная песня
   Harvest song
8. Ты река -- реченька (свадебная песня)
   Wedding song: River, river.
9. Щедрый вечер
   Ukrainian song: A prosperous evening
10. Добрый вечер
    Good evening
11. Щедрик
    Shchedrik
12. Подай Боже ключик
    O God, give us the key.
13. Где Христос родился
    Where Christ was born.