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**November 19, 2023**  
**9th Sunday of Luke**  
**Orthros 8:45/Liturgy 9:30 AM.**

**Epistle Reading**

**St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22.**

**Gospel Reading**

**The Reading is from Luke 12:16-21**

**Memorial**

**40 day – Francine Kollias**

**9 month – John Lazarides**

**1 year – Gregory Lazarides**

**2 year – Peter Alexandrides**

**WEEKDAY SERVICES - Καθημερινές Λειτουργίες:**

**Paraklesis to the Panagia Gorgoipikoos - every Thurs. at 6PM**  
**Canceled on Nov. 23rd.**

**Entrance of Theotokos - Tues. Nov 21st, Orthros 8:30/Liturgy 9 AM.**

**St. Catherine - Sat. Nov. 25th, Orthros 8:30/Liturgy 9 AM.**

**St. Andrew - Thurs. 11/30, 9 AM. *His Eminence will be in attendance.***



## HYMNS OF THE DAY

### ***Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Grave Mode***

By Your Cross, O Christ our God, You destroyed death. You opened paradise to the thief. You transformed the lament of the Myrrh-bearing women, and You commanded the Apostles to proclaim You are risen, granting the world Your great mercy.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἡγέωξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοίς Αποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνεστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

### ***Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Mode***

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

Ο καθαρώτατος ναός τού Σωτήρος, η πολυτίμητος παστάς και Παρθένος, τό Ιερόν θησαύρισμα τής δόξης τού Θεού, σήμερον εισάγεται, εν τῷ οἰκώ Κυρίου, τήν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τήν εν Πνευματι θείω, ἡν ανυμνούσιν Ἅγγελοι Θεού, Αύτη υπάρχει σκηνή επουράνιος.

**Receiving Holy Communion** - We welcome to this celebration of the Divine Liturgy those Christians who are from other Christian Denominations and who are not fully united with us. Sadly, it is a consequence of the divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend to you an invitation to receive Holy Communion. Orthodox Christians believe that the Eucharist is the work or action of the celebrating Community signifying a oneness of faith, life, and worship of the believing Community. Reception of Holy Communion by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, and for which we must pray. **However, all present** are welcome to partake of the Antidoro (blessed bread) which is distributed at the end of the Liturgy.

## **Epistle Reading**

**Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 28.11,1.**

The Lord will give strength to his people.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22.**

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

## **Epistle Reading**

**Προκείμενον. Grave Mode. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 28.11,1.**

Κύριος ισχὺν τῷ λαῷ αὐτοῦ δώσει.

Στίχ. Ἐνέγκατε τῷ Κυρίῳ υἱοὶ Θεοῦ, ἐνέγκατε τῷ Κυρίῳ δόξαν καὶ τιμὴν.

**τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους 2:14-22.**

Ἄδελφοί, Χριστός ἔστιν ἡ εἰρήνη ἡμῶν, ὁ ποιήσας τὰ ἀμφότερα ἐν, καὶ τὸ μεσότοιχον τοῦ φραγμοῦ λύσας, τὴν ἔχθραν ἐν τῇ σαρκὶ αὐτοῦ, τὸν νόμον τῶν ἐντολῶν ἐν δόγμασιν, καταργήσας· ἵνα τοὺς δύο κτίσῃ ἐν ἑαυτῷ εἰς ἕνα καινὸν ἄνθρωπον, ποιῶν εἰρήνην, καὶ ἀποκαταλάξῃ τοὺς ἀμφοτέρους ἐν ἐνὶ σώματι τῷ θεῷ διὰ τοῦ σταυροῦ, ἀποκτείνας τὴν ἔχθραν ἐν αὐτῷ· καὶ ἐλθών εὐηγγελίσατο εἰρήνην ὑμῖν τοῖς μακρὰν καὶ τοῖς ἐγγύς· ὅτι δι' αὐτοῦ ἔχομεν τὴν προσαγωγὴν οἱ ἀμφότεροι ἐν ἐνὶ πνεύματι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα. Ἄρα οὖν οὐκέτι ἔστε ξένοι καὶ πάροικοι, ἀλλὰ συμπολῖται τῶν ἀγίων καὶ οἰκεῖοι τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἐποικοδομηθέντες ἐπὶ τῷ θεμελίῳ τῶν ἀποστόλων καὶ προφητῶν, ὅντος ἀκρογωνιάσιου αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἐν ὧ πᾶσα οἰκοδομὴ συναρμολογουμένη αὕξει εἰς ναὸν ἄγιον ἐν κυρίῳ, ἐν ᾧ καὶ ὑμεῖς συνοικοδομεῖσθε εἰς κατοικητήριον τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν πνεύματι.

## **GOSPEL**

### **The Reading is from Luke 12:16-21**

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

## **GOSPEL**

### **Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 12:16-21**

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἀνθρώπου τινὸς πλουσίου εὐφόρησεν ἡ χώρα· καὶ διελογίζετο ἐν ἑαυτῷ λέγων· τί ποιήσω, ὅτι οὐκ ἔχω ποῦ συνάξω τοὺς καρπούς, μου; καὶ εἶπε· τοῦτο ποιήσω· καθελῶ μου τὰς ἀποθήκας καὶ μείζονας οἰκοδομήσω, καὶ συνάξω ἐκεῖ πάντα τὰ γενήματά μου καὶ τὰ ἀγαθά μου, καὶ ἐρῶ τῇ ψυχῇ μου· ψυχή, ἔχεις πολλὰ ἀγαθά κείμενα εἰς ἔτη πολλά· ἀναπαύου, φάγε, πίε, εὐφραινου. εἴπε δὲ φύτῳ ὁ Θεός· ἄφρον, ταύτη τῇ νυκτὶ τὴν ψυχήν σου ἀπαιτοῦσιν ἀπό σοῦ· ἂ δὲ ήτοί μασας τίνι ἔσται; οὔτως ὁ Θησαυρίζων ἑαυτῷ, καὶ μὴ εἰς Θεὸν πλουτῶν.

## Saints & Feast Days



**November 19**

**Martyr Barlaam of Caesarea**

Saint Barlaam, who was from a certain village near Antioch in Syria, was advanced in years and a husbandman by occupation. Because of his confession of Christ, he was brought before the judge, who had him scourged with whips and then scraped with iron claws. Since this could not break his constancy, he was forcibly haled to the idols' temple, and live coals with incense were placed in his right hand. The judge thought that he would cast them down because of the pain, thus seeming to have offered a sacrifice of incense to the idols. But Saint Barlaam stood unmoving until his hand was thoroughly burned by the coals; he fell to the ground, and so gave up his soul into the hands of the Lord. He contested in martyrdom during the reign of Diocletian (284-305). Saint Basil the Great and Saint John Chrysostom both gave homilies in his honor.



**November 21**

**The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple**

According to the tradition of the Church, the Theotokos was brought to the Temple at three years of age, where she was consecrated to God and spent her days until she was fourteen or fifteen years old; and then, as a mature maiden, by the common counsel of the priests (since her parents had reposed some three years before), she was betrothed to Joseph.

## SERMON

### "CHRIST IS OUR PEACE"

The central point of today's Epistle reading is the peace, which Christ offers to the world. This peace is inconceivable to the human mind; "it surpasses all understanding" (Phil. 4:7), as Paul writes in another of his epistles. And this, because it is not simply about a peaceful framework for social living or about the demand for harmonious coexistence between peoples; nor about something that is founded on worldly regimes and human achievements. Christ himself is the personification of God's peace and of reconciliation, the One who wants to lead man to reconciliation with God, with himself, with his fellow man. As Saint Cyril of Alexandria says: "we are all one both in one another and in Christ; for Christ is the bond of unity".

#### Christ's Offer of Peace

Christ, says the Apostle, by His death on the cross tore down that which, like a wall, divided and caused enmity between two conflicting worlds, the Jews and the Gentiles; he united them in one body and reconciled them to God. This is the work of Christ in every age; since the motive which causes enmity, division, the feeling of superiority over others is egotism, the root of all sin and evil in people's lives. However, Christ with His humility and peace overturns the power of sin, that is, the heavy confusion within man himself and between men, which leads to violence and the conflicts. Since sin breaks up the harmonious function of existence and causes disharmony and opposition of the various powers between them. The transcendence of this situation is found in man's acceptance of Christ's love, which pacifies our inner world. Then the person ceases to oppose the other, in order to dominate and impose himself. He foretastes the abolition of corruption and death with the power of love and the peace of Christ.

#### Finding Peace

In the person of Christ, Who is perfect God and perfect Man, man finds true peace. The struggle to find it outside of God often disappoints man. Because world peace is limited and fragile and its preservation is faulty and conventional. It is wounded by egotism and selfishness by the prevailing of the law of the powerful one and the lack of freedom, justice, truth and love. Saint Gregory Palamas referring to the ways with which peace is realized in relation to God, ourselves and our fellow man urges us to make peace with God, doing what pleases Him. That is, living according to His holy will, with wisdom, love, repentance, and prayer. Subsequently, he recommends that we make peace with ourselves by subjecting the carnal train of thought and egotism to the Spirit and the Word of God, attending to our conscience and taking care of the purity of our calculations. And finally, he asks us to make peace with other people, as much as it depends on us, having true love for them, understanding, forgiveness, magnanimity, just as Christ has for everyone.

#### Striving To Acquire Peace

Peace is not simply the absence of clashes and conflict under their various forms but, primarily, it is a spiritual condition that consists in the presence of Christ in our lives. Certainly, peace as an unfailing condition exists only in the Kingdom of God. However, as the Kingdom of God begins

from the present life and is within us, thus also is the peace of God. In this way, the peace of God appears as given and as requested as present and as expected. May we, with the bond of peace, which is offered to us as a fruit of the evangelical life and as a gift of God, experience the reconciliation in Christ with everyone; may we foretaste from the present of history to the forever of Paradise.

## ***We Welcome All Who Worship with Us Today!***

### **Memorial**

**40 day – Francine Kollias**

**9 month – John Lazarides**

**1 year – Gregory Lazarides**

**2 year – Peter Alexandrides**

*May their memory be eternal. Αιωνία η Μνήμη!*

**Coffee Fellowship** is sponsored by the **Lazarides/Alexandrides and Kollias family** in memory of their loved ones.

*If you would like to sponsor a Coffee Fellowship, please contact the Office.*

### ***Sunday School Announcements***

#### **Important dates:**

**Giving Tree:** November 26 through December 17

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsals:** for Grades K-5 after Sunday School class: Dec 3 and 10.

**Christmas Pageant:** December 17th

**No Sunday School:** November 26, December 24 and December 31.

PLEASE SUPPORT  
OUR GREEK SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

THE DRAWING IS TODAY!

TAXIARCHEAE  
GREEK SCHOOL  
FUNDRAISER

# THANKSGIVING

*Basket*  
(valued at \$125+)

TICKETS ARE 5 FOR \$5  
DRAWING WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

Purchase by contacting  
[Ckourkoulis@gearchangels.org](mailto:Ckourkoulis@gearchangels.org), Venmo or  
during Fellowship immediately after  
Divine Liturgy

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## *Christmas Wreath Decorating Evening*



Wednesday,  
November 29, 2023  
7 PM

An evening of fun, friends,  
Fellowship, decorating,  
and light refreshments

Reserve your spot and your wreath **TODAY!**

### **Christmas Wreath Decorating!**

Please fill out and return no later than Tuesday,  
November 21 along with a check made out to:  
Taxiarchae Philoptochos Society.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

12" Double-Faced Balsam Fir Wreath

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35 each \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, call  
Frances Levas at 617.519.3422

**You may Order & Pay  
for your  
Wreath online.**

**Go to our website,  
drop down menu, then  
Taxiarchae Store.**

## *Christmas Seniors Luncheon*

### *Sunday, December 10, 2023*

*(Immediately following the Divine Liturgy)*

**Please RSVP to the church office  
617.924.8182  
by Saturday, December 3.**

***Open to all Taxiarchae  
Senior Citizens!***

***Jointly hosted by AHEPA and the  
Taxiarchae Philoptochos Society***



## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN

As part of the Church Capital Improvement Campaign the next item that will be completed is the parking lot starting on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

At the fall General Assembly meeting we discussed the Church Capital Improvement Campaign and the need to raise \$150,000. To date we have raised \$4000, we will use approved monies from the operations account for this much needed improvement but will need to repay the operations account once we have raised the money. Please visit the Church website, click on donate then choose Capital Improvement Campaign to help us meet our goal.

**JOY & YOUTH MINISTRIES  
ARE COLECTING WARM WINTER COATS  
FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS**

**NOV. 11 - DEC. 3**

**PLEASE, PLACE THEM IN THE BOX LOCATED IN OUR LOBBY  
COATS ONLY!**

**ALL SIZES WELCOMED.**



*Coats only, please. All sizes welcome!*

[antons.com/cfk](http://antons.com/cfk)

Donated coats are professionally cleaned by Anton's and distributed to families in need through a network of local social service agencies.



## **JOY/YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**We are helping the Watertown Food Pantry succeed in their mission of a one-day toy shopping opportunity for local families in need.**

**CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE**

**NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS!**

**Deadline: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5th.**

**Drop off your donation of NEW TOYS in the box located in our Lobby.**

**Help make this Christmas brighter *for local children!***

JOY IS PARTNERING WITH THE  
WATERTOWN FOOD PANTRY FOR A

# **CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE**

Please drop off NEW,  
unwrapped, toys by December 5th

DROP OFF AT  
THE BOX IN THE HALL AT  
TAXIARCHEA CHURCH



CONTACT CKOURKOULIS@ARCHANGELS.ORG  
WITH ANY QUESTIONS



You must Order & Pay for your Gingerbread House online.

Go to our website, drop down menu, then to Taxiarchae Store.

## CHRISTMAS CARD PARTICIPIATION DEADLINE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD



2023 Taxiarchae Community Christmas Card

It's that time of year again to send your Christmas greetings to our parish family! All Christmas card donations will go towards the Philoptochos Agape Fund which was established to assist those members in our community who are in need of a little extra help financially due to tragedy or illness.

Preparation of this project requires a great deal of planning, so please make your donation now before the busy holiday season approaches.

May God bless you as we joyfully celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Καλά Χριστούγεννα! Kala Hristouennai

Thank you for your support!

(Complete the form and return to the church office. Any questions, please call 617.924.8182.)

Community Christmas Card Order Form

Send to:

Taxiarchae/Archangels

Attn: Philoptochos — Frances Levas  
Greek Orthodox Church  
25 Bigelow Avenue  
Watertown, MA 02472

**Deadline:**

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Make checks payable to:

Taxiarchae Ladies Philoptochos

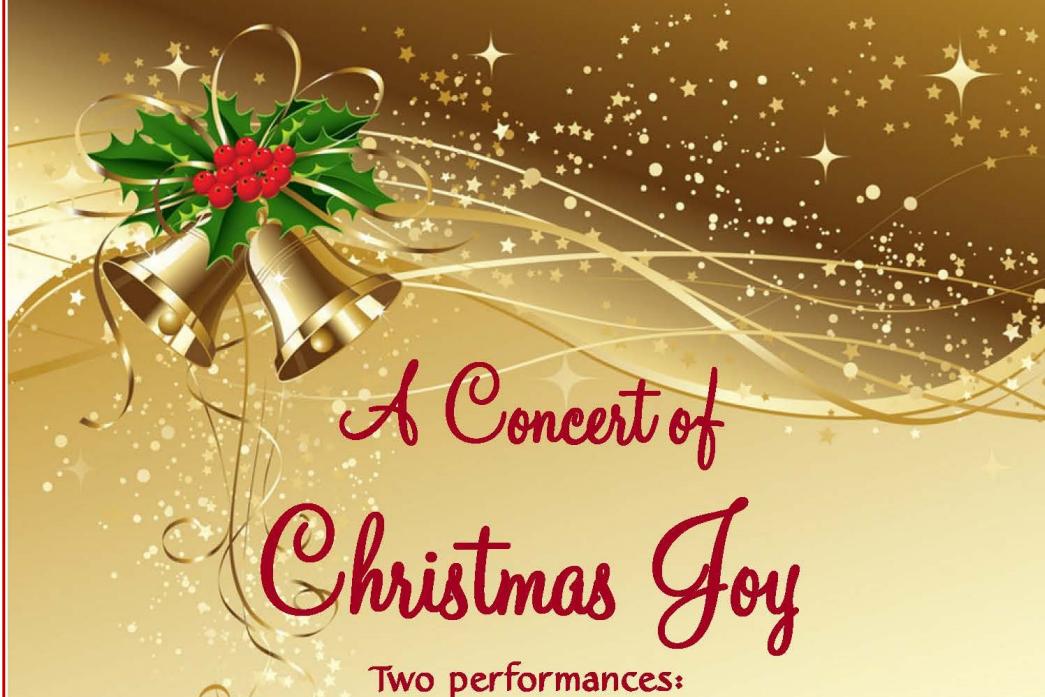


Clearly print the name(s) you wish to appear on the card.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# A Concert of Christmas Joy

Two performances:

Saturday, December 9 at 4 PM  
hosted by St. George  
Greek Orthodox Church Choir  
54 South Common Street, Lynn, MA

Sunday, December 10 at 4 PM  
hosted by Taxiarchae  
Greek Orthodox Church Choir  
25 Bigelow Avenue, Watertown, MA

**Cynthia Mitaras Alex**  
Director

**Sophia Argeros**  
Accompanist, Director

**Monty Hill**, Guest Director  
**Jim Speros**, Accompanist

*Donations to our Choirs will be graciously accepted.*

**Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church**  
70 Montvale Ave, Woburn, MA

*Ladies Philoptochos "Patris"*  
*presents*



# *St. Nicholas* *Faire*

*Saturday, December 2nd  
9:00AM to 3:00PM*

**Come enjoy a day of food, fun  
and  
Holiday shopping!**

**Delicious Holiday Pastry, Breakfast, &  
Traditional Foods at our "Greek Kouzina"!**

**Raffles, Yiayia's Attic, Greek Bookstore,  
Jewelry, Thirty-one, Tupperware,  
Pampered Chef, Scentsy, LuLaRoe,  
and more...**

## Youth Ministry

### Ongoing FOOD DRIVE - Collecting for the Watertown Food Pantry

Your donation of food items can be put on the table, located in the Lobby.

We will deliver them to the Watertown Food Pantry every Tuesday.

Thank you for helping your local community!

**ESPECIALLY NEEDED - CANS OF TUNA & BREAKFAST CEREAL.**  
**As always, the Food Pantry is still in need of school snacks.**

# LOVE DOES NOT HURT.

INCREASED STATISTICS ON INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE  
[HTTPS://WWW.NEJM.ORG/DOI/FULL/10.1056/NEJMP2024046](https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMP2024046)

A pandemic within a pandemic: There are more cases of violence in the home than ever before. This means more families living in crisis.

We are collecting for monthly drop-offs each second Monday of the month, beginning with December 14th.

#### Items requested are:

- Sanitary napkins
- Shampoo
- Vaseline
- Cocoa butter
- Baby shampoo
- Baby lotion
- Deodorant
- Tooth brushes
- Tooth paste

With any questions, please contact

Christina Kourkoulis at [CKourkoulis@gearchangels.org](mailto:CKourkoulis@gearchangels.org)

**RECOGNIZE.  
REPORT.  
PREVENT.**

## FINEX HOUSE

+Finex House  
PO Box 300670  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130  
<https://www.finexhouse.org>

## Taxiarchae Hellenic Cultural Center

**Planning a party or reception? Our beautiful venues are now updated and ready for any & all of your event needs, up to 500 people.**

**For information and assistance in planning your future event, please call Irene Apostolou Cobb at the Church Office at 617-924-8182 or email: [functionmanager@goarchangels.com](mailto:functionmanager@goarchangels.com)**



DREAM IT AND IT  
CAN COME TRUE!  
YOUR EVENT CAN BE  
EVERYTHING  
YOU WISHED.

