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ΤΑΧΙΑΡΧΑΕ/ARCHANGELS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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, ἠγέωξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστέ 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.

Ὁ καθαρῶτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτήρος, ἡ πολυτίμητος παστὰς καὶ Παρθένος, τὸ Ἱερὸν θησαύρισμα τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ, σήμερον εἰσάγεται, ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Κυρίου, τὴν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τὴν ἐν Πνεύματι θείῳ, ἣν ἀνυμνοῦσιν Ἄγγελοι Θεοῦ, Αὕτη ὑπάρχει σκηνὴ ἐπουράνιος.

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 ἰσχὺν τῷ λαῷ αὐτοῦ δώσει.

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

τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους 2:14-22.

Ἀδελφοί, Χριστός ἐστιν ἡ εἰρήνη ἡμῶν, ὃ ποιήσας τὰ ἀμφότερα ἓν, καὶ τὸ μεσότοιχον τοῦ φραγμοῦ λύσας, τὴν ἐχθρὰν ἐν τῇ σαρκὶ αὐτοῦ, τὸν νόμον τῶν ἐντολῶν ἐν δόγμασιν, καταργήσας· ἵνα τοὺς δύο κτίσῃ ἐν ἑαυτῷ εἰς ἓνα καινὸν ἄνθρωπον, ποιῶν εἰρήνην, καὶ ἀποκαλλάξῃ τοὺς ἀμφοτέρους ἐν ἐνὶ σώματι τῷ θεῷ διὰ τοῦ σταυροῦ, ἀποκτείνας τὴν ἐχθρὰν ἐν αὐτῷ· καὶ ἔλθων 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 ἐστὲ ξένοι καὶ πάροικοι, ἀλλὰ συμπολίται τῶν ἁγίων καὶ οἰκεῖοι τοῦ θεοῦ, ἐποικοδομηθέντες ἐπὶ τῷ θεμελίῳ τῶν ἀποστόλων καὶ προφητῶν, ὄντος ἀκρογωνιαίου αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἐν ᾧ πᾶσα οἰκοδομὴ συναρμολογουμένη αὕξει εἰς ναὸν ἅγιον 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· Ἄνθρωπου 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 ἀγαθὰ μου, καὶ ἐρῶ τῇ ψυχῇ μου· ψυχὴ, ἔχεις πολλὰ ἀγαθὰ κείμενα εἰς ἔτη πολλά· ἀναπαύου, φάγε, πίε, εὐφραίνου. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Θεός· ἄφρον, ταύτη τῇ νυκτὶ τὴν ψυχὴν σου ἀπαιτοῦσιν ἀπὸ σοῦ· ἃ δὲ ἠτοίμασας τίνι ἔσται; οὕτως 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 unflinching 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

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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!

TAXIARCHAE
GREEK SCHOOL
FUNDRAISER

THANKSGIVING

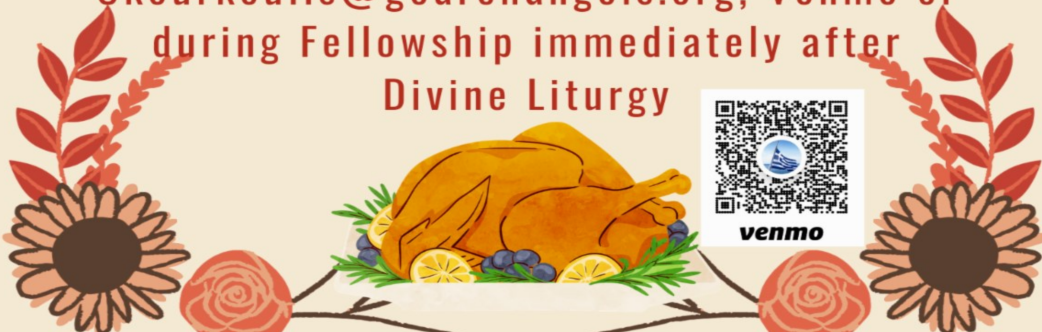
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(valued at \$125+)



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

Purchase by contacting
Ckourkoulis@goarchangels.org, Venmo or
during Fellowship immediately after
Divine Liturgy



Christmas Wreath Decorating Evening

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.**



2023-2024 Capital Improvement Campaign Fund

— \$150,000

— \$75,000

— \$0



We're reaching out to our Parishioners for help with some of the needed improvements to our Church infrastructure and we would be honored if you could contribute. Your donation, no matter how large or small, will help us reach our goal!

If you can donate, please visit the Church website click on the donate button then choose Capital Improvement Fund from the dropdown menu or mail a check to the Church office. We appreciate your support!

DONATE TODAY!

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 13th.

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

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
TAXIARCHAE CHURCH



CONTACT CKOURKOULIS@ARCHANGELS.ORG
WITH ANY QUESTIONS

The poster features a light orange background decorated with various gingerbread cookies. On the left, there is a snowman cookie and a Christmas tree cookie. On the right, there are snowflake cookies and another Christmas tree cookie. The text is centered and reads:

Family Ministries
Gingerbread House
Decorating
Friday, December 15th, 6-8 pm

Small bites will be served

Houses are \$35 each.
You MUST pre-purchase by
December 8th. Contact the
office with and questions.

We will have a limited quantity
of houses. You are also
welcome to bring your own
house to decorate.

**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 Χριστούγεννά! Kala Hristouyenna!

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@goarchangels.org

**RECOGNIZE.
REPORT.
PREVENT.**

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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



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

