

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΗ KOINOTHTA ΤΩΝ ΤΑΞΙΑΡΧΩΝ Taxiarchae/Archangels Greek Orthodox Church

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Epistle Reading St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4.



Memorial 40 day - *Victoria Michaelidis* 1 year – *Maria Markakis*

Trisagion 48 year - *Demetrios Magos*

May their memory be eternal. At $\omega v i \alpha \eta M v \eta \mu \eta$!

WEEKDAY SERVICES - Καθημερινές Λειτουργίες:

Paraklesis to the Panagia Gorgoipikoos - Every Thurs.,6PM.

Presanctified Liturgy - Wed., March 20, 27, April 3, 10, and 17, from 6:00 - 7:30PM. followed by a Family Potluck Dinner.

1st Salutation to the Theotokos - Friday, 3/22, at 7:00PM.

Saturday of Souls - March 23, Orthros 8:30/Liturgy 9 AM.



HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

O Merciful One, You came from on high, and condescended to Your three day burial to save us from suffering. You are our Life and our Resurrection. Glory to You.

Έξ ὕψους κατῆλθες ὁ εὔσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν καταδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Second Mode

O Master, Prudence, Guide of Wisdom, Instruction to the foolish and Defender of the poor, strengthen my heart and grant it discernment. Give me words, Word of the Father, for behold, I shall not keep my lips from crying out to You, "O Merciful One, have mercy on me who has fallen."

Τῆς σοφίας ὁδηγέ, φρονήσεως χορηγέ, τῶν ἀφρόνων παιδευτά, καὶ πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστἀ, στήριξον, συνέτισον τὴν καρδίαν μου Δέσποτα. Σὺ δίδου μοι λόγον, ὁ τοῦ Πατρός Λόγος· ἰδοὺ γὰρ τὰ χείλη μου, οὐ μὴ κωλύσω ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι· Ἑλεῆμον, ἐλέησόν με τὸν παραπεσόντα.

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. Plagal Fourth Mode. Psalm 75.11,1.

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them. Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4.

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

Epistle Reading

Προκείμενον. Plagal Fourth Mode. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 75.11,1. Εὔξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίω τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν. Στίχ. Γνωστὸς ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαία ὁ Θεὀς, ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ μέγα τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.

τὸ Ἀνἀγνωσμα Πρὸς ἘΡωμαίους 13:11-14, 14:1-4.

Άδελφοί, νῦν ἐγγὑτερον ἡμῶν ἡ σωτηρία ἢ ὅτε ἐπιστεὑσαμεν. Ἡ νὺξ προἑκοψεν, ἡ δὲ ἡμἑρα ἤγγικεν· ἀποθώμεθα οὖν τὰ ἔργα τοῦ σκότους, καὶ ἐνδυσώμεθα τὰ ὅπλα τοῦ φωτός. Ώς ἐν ἡμἑρα, εὐσχημόνως περιπατήσωμεν, μὴ κώμοις καὶ μἑθαις, μὴ κοίταις καὶ ἀσελγείαις, μὴ ἔριδι καὶ ζήλῳ. Ἀλλ' ἐνδὑσασθε τὸν κὑριον Ἱησοῦν Χριστόν, καὶ τῆς σαρκὸς πρόνοιαν μὴ ποιεῖσθε, εἰς ἑπιθυμίας. Τὸν δὲ ἀσθενοῦντα τῆ πίστει προσλαμβἀνεσθε, μὴ εἰς διακρίσεις διαλογισμῶν. Ὁς μὲν πιστεὑει φαγεῖν πἀντα, ὁ δὲ ἀσθενῶν λἁχανα ἐσθίει. Ὁ ἐσθίων τὸν μὴ ἐσθίοντα μὴ ἐξουθενείτω, καὶ ὁ μὴ ἐσθίων τὸν ἐσθίοντα μὴ κρινἑτω· ὁ θεὸς γὰρ ἀὐτὸν προσελάβετο. Σὺ τἰς εἰ ὁ κρίνων ἀλλότριον οἰκἑτην; Τῷ ἰδίῳ κυρίῳ στἡκει ἢ πίπτει. Σταθήσεται δἑ· δυνατὸς γὰρ ἐστιν ὁ θεὸς στῆσαι αὐτὸν.

GOSPEL

The Reading is from Matthew 6:14-21

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

GOSPEL

Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 6:14-21

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος: 'Eàv γàp ἀφῆτε τοῖς ἀνθρώποις τὰ παραπτώματα αὐτῶν, ἀφήσει καὶ ὑμῖν ὁ naτὴp ὑμῶν ὁ οὐpάνιος: ἐὰν δὲ μὴ ἀφῆτε τοῖς ἀνθρώποις τὰ παραπτώματα αὐτῶν, οὐδὲ ὁ naτὴp ὑμῶν ἀφήσει τὰ παραπτώματα ὑμῶν. Όταν δὲ νηστεύητε, μὴ γίνεσθε ὥσπεp οἱ ὑποκριταὶ σκυθρωποί: ἀφανίζουσι γὰp τὰ πρόσωπα αὐτῶν ὅπως φανῶσι τοῖς ἀνθρώποις νηστεύοντες: ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι ἀπέχουσι τὸν μισθὸν αὐτῶν. σὺ δὲ νηστεύων ἄλειψαί σου τὴν κεφαλὴν καὶ τὸ πρόσωπόν σου νίψαι,ὅπως μὴ φανῆς τοῖς ἀνθρώποις νηστεύοντες: ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι ἀπέχουσι τὸν μισθὸν αὐτῶν. σὺ δὲ νηστεύων ἄλειψαί σου τὴν κεφαλὴν καὶ τὸ πρόσωπόν σου νίψαι,ὅπως μὴ φανῆς τοῖς ἀνθρώποις νηστεύων, ἀλλὰ τῷ πατρί σου τῷ ἐν τῷ κρυπτῷ, καὶ ὁ naτήρ σου ὁ βλέπων ἐν τῷ κρυπτῷ ἀποδώσει σοι ἐν τῷ φανερῷ. Μὴ θησαυρίζετε ὑμῖν θησαυροὺς ἐnὶ τῆς γῆς, ὅπου σὴς καὶ βρῶσις ἀφανίζει, καὶ ὅπου κλέπται διορύσσουσι καὶ κλέπτουσι. θησαυρίζετε δὲ ὑμῖν θησαυροὺς ἐν οὐρανῷ, ὅπου σὴς ἐστιν ὁ θησαυρὸς ὑμῶν, ἐκεῖ ἔσται καὶ ἡ καρδία ὑμῶν.

Saints and Feasts



March 17 Forgiveness Sunday

The Holy Fathers have appointed the commemoration of Adam's exile from the Paradise of delight here, on the eve of the holy Forty-day Fast, demonstrating to us not by simple words, but by actual deeds, how

demonstrating to us not by simple words, but by actual deeds, how beneficial fasting is for man, and how harmful and destructive are insatiety and the transgressing of the divine commandments. For the first commandment that God gave to man was that of fasting, which the first-fashioned received but did not keep; and not only did they not become gods, as they had imagined, but they lost even that blessed life which they had, and they fell into corruption and death, and transmitted these and innumerable other evils to all of mankind. The God-bearing Fathers set these things before us today, that by bringing to mind what we have fallen from, and what we have suffered because of the insatiety and disobedience of the first-fashioned, we might be diligent to return again to that ancient bliss and glory by means of fasting and obedience to all the divine commands. Taking occasion from today's Gospel (Matt. 6:14-21) to begin the Fast unencumbered by enmity, we also ask forgiveness this day, first from God, then from one another and all creation.



March 17 Patrick the Enlightener of Ireland

Saint Patrick, the Apostle of the Irish, was seized from his native Britain by Irish marauders when he was sixteen years old. Though the son of a deacon and a grandson of a priest, it was not until his captivity that he sought out the Lord with his whole heart. In his Confession, the testament he wrote towards the end of his life, he says, "After I came to

Ireland - every day I had to tend sheep, and many times a day I prayed - the love of God and His fear came to me more and more, and my faith was strengthened. And my spirit was so moved that in a single day I would say as many as a hundred prayers, and almost as many at night, and this even when I was staying in the woods and on the mountain; and I would rise for prayer before daylight, through snow, through frost, through rain, and I felt no harm." After six years of slavery in Ireland, he was guided by God to make his escape, and afterwards struggled in the monastic life at Auxerre in Gaul, under the guidance of the holy Bishop Germanus. Many years later he was ordained bishop and sent to Ireland once again, about the year 432, to convert the Irish to Christ. His arduous labours bore so much fruit that within seven years, three bishops were sent from Gaul to help him shepherd his flock, "my brethren and sons whom I have baptized in the Lord - so many thousands of people," he says in his Confession. His apostolic work was not accomplished without much "weariness and painfulness," long journeys through difficult country, and many perils; he says his very life was in danger twelve times. When he came to Ireland as its enlightener, it was a pagan country; when he ended his earthly life some thirty years later, about 461, the Faith of Christ was established in every corner.

Sermon

FOR-GIVING WITH GOD THE BROTHERS ALSO

"Strange things! A man abhors his brother, while the Lord forgives us for everything, He forgives us everything. Unfortunately now, people strayed from the right path and people became uncompassionate. Their hearts hardened and love froze, and thus they do not feel God's love and lose their faith as well" (Saint Silouan). This saying of Saint Silouan the Athonite is directly connected with the Gospel passage of Cheesefare Sunday, which exhorts us to forgive our fellow human beings, if we want God to forgive us. The experience of forgiveness, which God offers to man, creates in us the self-evident obligation for us to treat our fellow man with the same lenience.

The Love of God

This reality, which the Gospel calls us to experience, we live every day in the Divine Liturgy. In the Divine Eucharist, we remember what we must forget, by forgiving everything that keeps one away from the other with hatred. In the ancient text of the Apostolic Commands, when the Deacon calls for the embrace of love, in the Divine Liturgy, with his exclamation he poses three conditions, with which the embrace must take place. Which are these? Let there not be in our hearts: a) malice, b) hypocrisy, c) slyness.

All this is not easy. Therefore, only the God of forgiveness can make us more and more stable in our disposition and in our decision to forgive, remit and forgive. To give us His peace, to remove enmity and to lead us to divine and infinite affection.

Do We Love Christ?

However, things do not always work to their full potential. Most of us feel like leftovers, like "one unable to love". There are times when we hold a grudge and even want to take revenge. "Let him find it from someone else", "may God forgive him". At other times, we forgive, we don't hold it. "However, let's not hang out though, and not have too many dealings". And yet we come to the Divine Liturgy, we chant the "Let us love one another, so that in one mind we may confess", we eat at the same spiritual table, we both say that we love Christ, but we feel like strangers, like enemies, we try to avoid each other. Upon finishing the Divine Liturgy and leaving the church, let us essentially make a beginning to love one another, to forgive one another, to understand one another and not forget that the way to the Kingdom of God passes through the life of our neighbor.

Our Entry Into the Arena of Virtues

With the Vespers of Forgiveness on Cheesefare Sunday, the Church of Christ opens for us the arena of the virtues of Great Lent. This computcionate period of repentance is offered as a way of life.

Let's forgive each other. Forgiveness begins at the moment when we take on our shoulders "one another's burdens" and the first and heaviest burden is the personality of the other, what he is, and not only what he does or doesn't do. If necessary, let us carry the other in the way that Christ carried his Cross, as a type of torture and pain and death, however, let us in no way leave the other behind, without our forgiveness.

We Welcome all who worship with us today.

Memorials

40 day - Victoria Michaelidis 1 year – Maria Markakis

Trisagion

48 year - *Demetrios Magos*

May their memory be eternal. Αιωνία η Μνήμη!

Coffee Fellowship is sponsored by the Makakis family in memory of their loved one.

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

Announcements

Philotimo Chat - will be meeting on Thursday, March 21st.

The National Hellenic Society's Heritage Greece Program is a complementary, 2-week cultural immersion odyssey for accomplished Greek American college students who share their experiences with a peer group of exceptional students from the American College of Greece (ACG) in Athens, Greece or the American College of Thessaloniki (ACT) in Thessaloniki, Greece. The Heritage Greece Program® goal is to connect the participants with their faith, heritage, roots, and Greek identity. For more information visit: *National Hellenic Society* | *Heritage Greece*

Criteria for Eligibility:

- Enrolled college/university students aged 18-26 (undergraduate/graduate)
- Hellenic descent
- Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0
- · Preference for 1st time visitors to Greece (non-mandatory criteria)



Church Capital Improvement Campaign update. To date we have raised \$43,000 of the \$150,000 we need to raise for much needed improvements to our Church. We used approved monies from the operations account for the parking lot improvement but need to repay the operations account once we have raised the money. Thank you to those that have donated! If you would like to donate please visit the Church website, click on Donate, then Capital Improvement Campaign.





Save The Date: Monday, May 13, 2024



Taxiarchae Oratorical Date: April 21, at the conclusion of the Liturgy

Parish Chairperson: Costas Karageorgis

Contact Information: Ckarageorgis@goarchangel.com

Please contact Costas or Fr. Nenes if interested.



2024 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

Junior Division (Grades 7-9) | Senior Division (Grades 10-12)

AWARDS

National finalists are eligible to receive the following St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Scholarship: \$500 to \$2000 FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism: to be announced

SCHOLARSHIPS

Finalists at any level are eligible to receive the following Chrysostom Scholarship to Hellenic College: \$2,500 up to \$30,000 per year

LOCAL INFORMATION

Parish Festival Date & Time:

Parish Chairperson:

Contact Information:

Find topics, tips, manual, & award info at www.religioused.goarch.org Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Department of Religious Education (DRE)







YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Ministries are collecting "Gently Used" Prom Dresses for the Belle Ball program! Donate Prom Dresses to Local Students in Need.

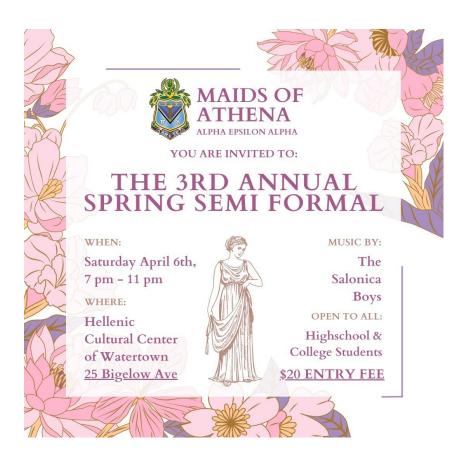
Deadline for donations - Thursday, March 28th.

Please leave your donations on the COAT RACK in the LOBBY.

Thank you.

Collecting Prom Dresses ONLY!







"Save the Day"

AHEPA Day Luncheon

Sunday, May 19th

Immediately following the Liturgy in Metaxas Hall.

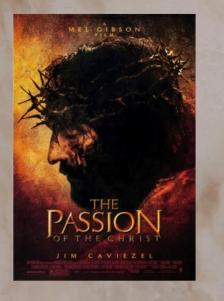
Food, Music, & Prize. More info to come.

Please join us for the viewing of the 2004 film

The Passion of the Christ

Thursday, April 18th 7:00pm in Metaxas Hall

We will be serving coffee and light Lenten refreshments





Holy Week Flowers



Icon for Palm Sunday flowers \$125.00 Palms \$500.00

Palm Sunday Evening Nymphios Icon Flowers - \$125 Altar Table flowers - \$75

Holy Thursday

Icon of the Crucifixion flowers - \$125

Wreath for the Cross (Estavromenos) - \$175

(2 sm.) Wreaths for the Cross \$100 each



Holy Friday

(All) Epitaphio flowers - \$1,000.00

Holy Saturday & Pascha

(10) Easter Lilies - \$25 each

(2) Holy Gates - \$100 each

(2) Resurrection Icon - \$125 each

Lavro Flowers - \$200

Altar Table flowers - \$75

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FRIDAY

Tam-Tipm Greek Music All Day Featuring Orfeas Band, 7-11pm Bar 5-11pm

SATURDAY

I 2 pm- I I pm Greek Music All Day Featuring Enosis Band, 7-11pm Dance Performance, 8pm by Sons and Daughters of Alexander the Great Bar Noon-11pm

3 DAYS OF FOOD AND FUN! RAIN OR SHINE!

Greek Cuisine Greek Pastries Loukoumades Gvros Church Tours Bookstore Souvenirs Kafenio



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.



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Taxiarchae Hellenic Cultural Center

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