

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΤΩΝ ΤΑΞΙΑΡΧΩΝ TAXIARCHAE/ARCHANGELS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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November 12, 2023

8th Sunday of Luke - Orthros 8:45/Liturgy 9:30 AM.
TODAY—His Eminence is visiting with us and will share his blessings

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 9:6-11.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from Luke 10:25-37.

Memorial

40 day - Anastasios Papathanasiou

4 year - Theodore Kasseris

Trisagion

John & Ephrosima Papagiannis 22 year — Barbara Dennison

Today Veteran's Day Commemoration for our Parishioners who gave their lives in service to our Country: George Andreoties, George Gaitanis, Minas Loisou, Louis Marchacos, Michael C. Pappas, Christopher Straggas.

WEEKDAY SERVICES - Καθημερινές Λειτουργίες:

Paraklesis to the Panagia Gorgoipikoos - every Thursday at 6 PM. Canceled on Nov. 16th, & 23rd.

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

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

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Second Mode

O Christ, the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the guards were as dead, and Mary stood by the sepulcher, seeking Your sacred body. You destroyed Hades yet remained untouched by it. You encountered the Virgin and through her, bestowed Life. Glory to You who has risen from the dead!

Άγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνῆμά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἵστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωήν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ των νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion for John the Merciful in the Plagal Fourth Mode

In patiently enduring, you obtained your reward, O venerable father. You persevered in your prayers without ceasing; and you loved the impoverished and you satisfied them. We entreat you, intercede with Christ God, O blessed John the Merciful, for the salvation of our souls.

Εν τή υπομονή σου εκτήσω τόν μισθόν σου Πάτερ, Όσιε, ταίς προσευχαίς αδιαλείπτως εγκαρτερήσας, τούς πτωχούς αγαπήσας, καί τούτοις επαρκέσας, Αλλά πρέσβευε Χριστώ τώ Θεώ, Ιωάννη Ελεήμον μακάριε, σωθήναι τάς ψυχάς ημών.

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 καί Παρθένος, τό Ιερόν θησαύρισμα τής δόξης τού Θεού, σήμερον εισάγεται, εν τώ οίκω Κυρίου, τήν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τήν εν Πνευματι θείω, ήν ανυμνούσιν Άγγελοι 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 115.5,3 (116.15,12).

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Verse: What shall I render to the Lord for all that he has given me?

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11. Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Epistle Reading

Προκείμενον. Grave Mode. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 115.5,3 (116.15,12).

Τίμιος ἐναντίον Κυρίου ὁ θάνατος τῶν ὁσίων αὐτοῦ. Στίχ. Τἱ ἀνταποδώσωμεν τῷ Κυρίῳ περὶ πάντων, ὧν ἀνταπέδωκεν ἡμῖν;

τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πρὸς Κορινθίους β' 9:6-11.

Άδελφοί, ὁ σπείρων φειδομένως, φειδομένως καὶ θερίσει· καὶ ὁ σπείρων ἐπ' εὐλογίαις, ἐπ' εὐλογίαις καὶ θερίσει. Έκαστος καθὼς προαιρεῖται τῆ καρδία· μὴ ἐκ λύπης ἢ ἐξ ἀνάγκης· ἰλαρὸν γὰρ δότην ἀγαπᾶ ὁ θεός. Δυνατὸς δὲ ὁ θεὸς πᾶσαν χάριν περισσεῦσαι εἰς ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἐν παντὶ πἀντοτε πᾶσαν αὐτάρκειαν ἔχοντες περισσεύητε εἰς πᾶν ἔργον ἀγαθὸν· καθὼς γέγραπται, Ἐσκόρπισεν, ἔδωκεν τοῖς πένησιν· ἡ δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. Ο δὲ ἐπιχορηγῶν σπέρμα τῷ σπεἰροντι, καὶ ἄρτον εἰς βρῶσιν χορηγήσαι, καὶ πληθύναι τὸν σπόρον ὑμῶν, καὶ αὐξήσαι τὰ γενήματα τῆς δικαιοσύνης ὑμῶν· ἐν παντὶ πλουτιζόμενοι εἰς πᾶσαν ἀπλότητα, ἥτις κατεργάζεται δι' ἡμῶν εὐχαριστίαν τῷ θεῶ.

GOSPEL

The Reading is from Luke 10:25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three,

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do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 10:25-37

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, νομικός τις ἀνέστη ἐκπειράζων αὐτὸν καὶ λέγων διδάσκαλε, τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσω; ὁ δὲ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν ἐν τῷ νόμῳ τί γέγραπται; πῶς ἀναγινώσκεις; ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπεν ἀγαπήσεις Κύριον τὸν Θεόν σου ἐξ ὅλης τῆς καρδίας σου καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ψυχῆς σου καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ἰσχύος σου καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς διανοίας σου, καὶ τὸν πλησίον σου ὡς σεαυτόν εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὀρθῶς ἀπεκρίθης τοῦτο ποίει καὶ ζήση. ὁ δὲ θέλων δικαιοῦν ἑαυτὸν εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ τίς ἐστί μου πλησίον; ὑπολαβὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν ἄνθρωπός τις κατέβαινεν ἀπὸ Ἱερουσαλήμ εἰς Ἱεριχώ, καὶ λησταῖς περιέπεσεν οἱ καὶ ἐκδύσαντες αὐτὸν καὶ πληγὰς ἐπιθέντες ἀπῆλθον ἀφέντες ἡμιθανῆ τυγχάνοντα. κατὰ συγκυρίαν δὲ ἱερεύς τις κατέβαινεν ἐν τῆ ὁδῷ ἐκείνη, καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν ἀντιπαρῆλθεν. ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ Λευίτης γενόμενος κατὰ τὸν τόπον, ἐλθὼν καὶ ἰδὼν ἀντιπαρῆλθεν. ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ Λευίτης γενόμενος κατὰ τὸν τόπον, ἐλθὼν καὶ ἰδὼν ἀντιπαρῆλθεν. ὁμοίως δὲ τις ὁδεύων ἦλθε κατ' αὐτόν, καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν ἐσπλαγχνίσθη, καὶ προσελθὼν κατέδησε τὰ τραύματα αὐτοῦ ἐπιχέων ἔλαιον καὶ οἶνον, ἐπιβιβάσας δὲ αὐτὸν ἐπὶ τὸ ἴδιον κτῆνος ἤγαγεν αὐτὸν εἰς πανδοχεῖον καὶ ἐπεμελήθη αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν αὔριον ἐξελθών, ἐκβαλὼν δύο δηνάρια ἔδωκε τῷ πανδοχεῖ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ἐπιμελήθητι αὐτοῦ, καὶ ὅ τι ἄν προσδαπανήσης, ἐγὼ ἐν τῷ ἐπανέρχεσθαί με ἀποδώσω σοι. τίς οὖν τούτων τῶν τριῶν πλησίον δοκεῖ σοι γεγονέναι τοῦ ἐμπεσόντος εἰς τοὺς λῃστάς; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν ὁ ποιήσας τὸ ἔλεος μετ' αὐτοῦ. εἶπεν οὖν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς πορεύου καὶ σὺ ποίει ὁμοίως.

Saints & Feast Days

November 12 John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria

Saint John was born in 555 on the island of Cyprus in the city of

Amathus; his father, Epiphanius, was a ruler of Cyprus. The Saint was consecrated Archbishop of Alexandria in 608. A man of exemplary uprightness, in his zeal for Orthodoxy he strove mightily to fight the many heresies among the Christians in Egypt; but above all, he was famous for his singular generosity, humility, and sympathy towards all, especially the poor. His mercy was so great that the report of it reached the Persian invaders of Jerusalem, who desired to see him because of it. Saint John reposed in 619, at the age of sixty-four.

> November 12 Martin, Bishop of Tours

Saint Martin, the great luminary of Gaul, was the son of pagan parents. When he was still quite young he became a catechumen; at the age of twenty-two he received Holy Baptism. Then he undertook the labours of a monk, and was afterwards consecrated Bishop of Tours, renowned as an ascetic and wonderworker, a faithful shepherd of Christ's flock. He converted many both from paganism and heresy, cast out demons and raised the dead, and while undertaking all the apostolic burdens of a bishop, he never ceased to be a simple monk and man of prayer. His monastery became a center of monasticism not only for Gaul, but for all of Western Europe. A widely celebrated incident of his life took place when he was still a catechumen, fulfilling his military service. Seeing an ill-clad beggar asking alms at the gate of the city of Amiens and being overlooked by passersby, Saint Martin, having nothing else to give, rent his military cloak in two with his sword and gave half to the beggar, so that he might cover himself in the cold. That night, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to him, clothed with the half of the cloak he had given to the beggar. Saint Martin's clock according to the half of the cloak he had given to the beggar. half of the cloak he had given to the beggar. Saint Martin's cloak - capella in Latin - was kept in a sanctuary which came to be called capella, from which the word "chapel" is derived; and they under whose care it was kept were called *cappellani*, from which "chaplain" is derived. Saint Martin reposed in peace in the year 397.

SERMON

THE WAY OF CHARITY

The present epistle passage refers to a very important theme of church life: to that of loving one's brothers, of loving one another, which is expressed as offering goods to those in need, as support and assistance to fellow human beings. The virtue of charity is extolled both in the Holy Scripture and in the writings of godbearing Fathers, since the person who shows mercy, resembles God, Who constantly has compassion, has mercy and loves.

An Offering From the Heart

The Apostle Paul points out that God loves the one who offers his poor brother, cheerfully, with pleasure. That is, granting any form of help, material or spiritual, must come from a person's heart, from the wealth of his spiritual and emotional world, without distress or coercion. Therefore, the Apostle does not fail to remind us that just as he who sows sparingly will reap a small harvest, while he who sows generously, will have an abundant harvest, in a similar manner way, the person, who imitates God's love and charity, will have rich spiritual fruition, sanctification and God's grace in his life, while the frugal one, will have spiritual poverty and fruitlessness. These apostolic instructions spring from the life itself and experience of the Church, since we believers participate in the life of Christ and we commune of His Holy Body and Blood, so that we may be filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit and the presence of God and Father of Lights. This feeling, that we are members of the same Body with Christ as the head, obliges us to bear with each other's burdens, if we want to fully apply the law of Christ, to bear with one another in love, to rejoice with those who are rejoicing, to share in our neighbor's sorrow and pain. Because in the Church, one should not live exclusively for himself, but to live together with Christ and his brothers "with all the saints" (Eph. 3:18) the life of Christ, Who, even though He was God he had all the wealth of His divinity, He became poor with His incarnation, so that we might become rich (2 Cor. 8:9).

Charity, A Means of Reference to God

By practicing the evangelical virtues, the believer becomes a colleague of God in the work of salvation, of redemption, of his union with God. Of course, here too, a certain danger lurks that threatens the spiritual life. When charity, piety, prayer, and fasting are seen as values in and of themselves, and not as means of referring to God, then these elements are easily objectified and create some sufficiency that often leads to hypocrisy and self-promotion. In other words, religious virtues are good and contain values, not when they are cultivated in and of themselves, but when they are placed in the perspective of man's reference to God.

That is why the Lord says that the beneficence, the charity we offer to our fellow human beings, in the end, are referred and offered to Him (Matthew 25:40). Moreover, he urges each believer to be vigilant, so that the virtue of charity, not be distorted because of egotism; "Be careful to not do your charity before people to be seen by them; otherwise, you have no wages from your Father in the heavens" (Matthew 6:1).

In conclusion, let us remind that as the sacred Chrysostom points out, charity is an art. An art, superior to all others, which has its workshop in heaven, and as its teacher does not have a human, but God himself, i.e. Love, Philanthropy, Truth.

We Welcome All Who Worship with Us Today!

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May their memory be eternal. Αιωνία η Μνήμη!

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

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

Sunday School Announcements

Important dates:

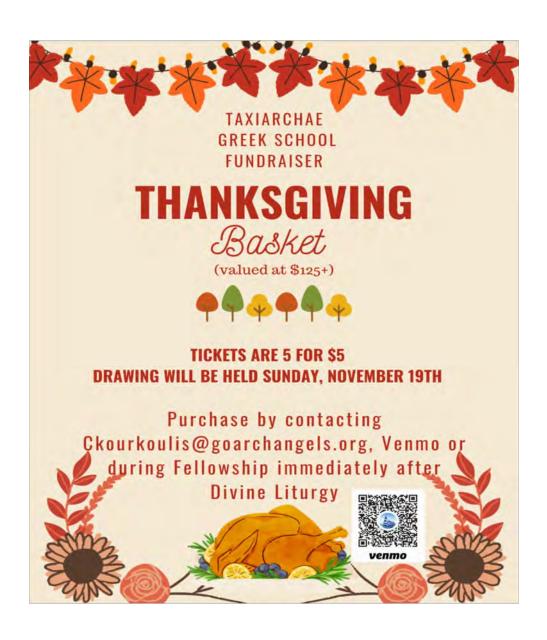
Giving Tree: November 26 through December 17

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





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!



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

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COATS ONLY!

ALL SIZES WELCOMED.









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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!



Christmas Wreath Decorating Evening

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

Name:
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12" Double-Faced Balsam Fir Wreath
Oty @ \$35 each

For more information, call
Frances Levas at 617.519,3422





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 Hristouyennal

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:

Send to:
Taxlarchae/Archangels
Attn: Philoptochos — Frances Levas
Greek Orthodox Church
25 Bigelow Avenue
Watertown, MA 02472

Deadline: Sunday, December 3, 2023

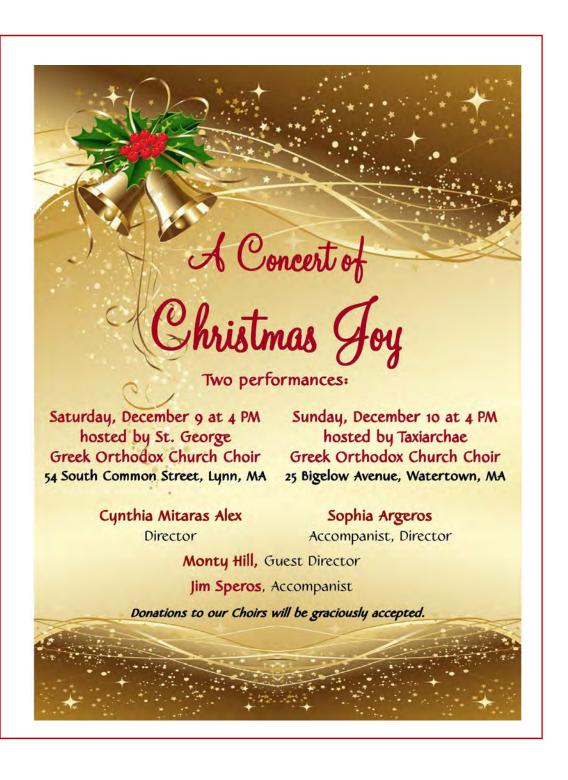
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Go ot our website, drop down menu Taxiarchae Store



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.

OVE DOES NOT HUR INCREASED STATISTICS ON INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE 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. FINEX HOUSE REPORT. PREVENT

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



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