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September 24, 2023

1st Sunday of Luke

Orthros 8:45/Liturgy 9:30 AM.

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from Luke 5:1-11.

Memorial

40 day – Vasiliki Papathanasiou

5 year – Stephen Makredes

Trisagion

Maria Markakis

May their memory be eternal. Αιωνία η Μνήμη!

WEEKDAY SERVICES - Καθημερινές Λειτουργίες:

Paraklesis to the Panagia Gorgoipikoos - will resume in the fall.



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, ἠνέωξας 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.

Apolytikion for Theotokos Myrtidiotissis in the Fourth Mode

O come, all you people, and let us in faith clap our hands * and sing sacred songs to her who is the Mother of God, * and longingly cry aloud: * "Rejoice, O protection of all those who entreat you; * rejoice, the salvation of those who honor you with longing; * rejoice, O Lady who restored * the paralyzed man to health."

Λαοὶ νῦν κροτήσωμεν, δεῦτε τὰς χεῖρας πιστῶς καὶ ἄσωμεν ἄσμασι τῇ Θεομήτορι ἐν πόθῳ κραυγάζοντες· Χαίρε ἡ προστασία πάντων τῶν δεομένων· Χαίρε ἡ σωτηρία τῶν τιμώντων σε πόθῳ, Χαίρε ἡ τῷ παραλύτῳ τὴν ἴασιν βραβεύσασα

Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Mode

The protection of Christians unshameable, intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, do not turn from the prayerful cries of those who are in sin; instead, come to us, for you are good; your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercession and speed now to supplication as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγάζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα αἰεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

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. Fourth Mode. Psalm 67.35,26.

God is wonderful among his saints.
Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15.

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Epistle Reading

Προκείμενον. Fourth Mode. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 67.35,26.

Θαυμαστός ὁ Θεὸς ἐν τοῖς Ἁγίοις αὐτοῦ.
Στίχ. Ἐν Ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν.

τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πρὸς Τιμόθεον β' 3:10-15.

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, παρηκολούθηκάς μου τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ, τῇ ἀγωγῇ, τῇ προθέσει, τῇ πίστει, τῇ μακροθυμίᾳ, τῇ ἀγάπῃ, τῇ ὑπομονῇ, τοῖς διωγμοῖς, τοῖς παθήμασιν, οἷά μοι ἐγένετο ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ, ἐν Ἰκονίῳ, ἐν Λύστροις, οἷους διωγμοὺς ὑπήνεγκα· καὶ ἐκ πάντων με ἐρρύσατο ὁ κύριος. Καὶ πάντες δὲ οἱ θέλοντες εὐσεβῶς ζῆν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διωχθήσονται. Πονηροὶ δὲ ἄνθρωποι καὶ γόητες προκόψουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ χεῖρον, πλανῶντες καὶ πλανώμενοι. Σὺ δὲ μένε ἐν οἷς ἔμαθες καὶ ἐπιστάθης, εἰδὼς παρὰ τίνος ἔμαθες, καὶ ὅτι ἀπὸ βρέφους τὰ ἱερά γράμματα οἶδας, τὰ δυνάμενά σε σοφίσει εἰς σωτηρίαν διὰ πίστεως τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ.

GOSPEL

The Reading is from Luke 5:1-11

At that time, as Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

GOSPEL

Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 5:1-11

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐστὼς ὁ Ἰησοῦς παρὰ τὴν λίμνην Γεννησαρέτ, καὶ εἶδε δύο πλοῖα ἐστῶτα παρὰ τὴν λίμνην· οἱ δὲ ἅλγεῖς ἀποβάντες ἀπ' αὐτῶν ἀπέπλυναν τὰ δίκτυα. ἐμβὰς δὲ εἰς ἓν τῶν πλοίων, ὃ ἦν τοῦ Σίμωνος, ἠρώτησεν αὐτὸν ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς ἐπαναγαγεῖν ὀλίγον· καὶ καθίσας ἐδίδασκεν ἐκ τοῦ πλοίου τοὺς ὄχλους. ὡς δὲ ἐπαύσατο λαλῶν, εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Σίμωνα· ἐπανάγαγε εἰς τὸ βάθος καὶ χαλάσατε τὰ δίκτυα ὑμῶν εἰς ἄγραν. καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ Σίμων εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἐπιστάτα, δι' ὅλης τῆς νυκτὸς κοπιᾶσαντες οὐδὲν ἐλάβομεν· ἐπὶ δὲ τῷ ῥήματί σου χαλάσω τὸ δίκτυον. καὶ τοῦτο ποιήσαντες συνέκλεισαν πλῆθος ἰχθύων πολὺ· διερρήγνυτο δὲ τὸ δίκτυον αὐτῶν. καὶ κατένευσαν τοῖς μετόχοις τοῖς ἐν τῷ ἐτέρῳ πλοίῳ τοῦ ἐλθόντας συλλαβέσθαι αὐτοῖς· καὶ ἦλθον καὶ ἐπλησαν ἀμφοτέρω τὰ πλοῖα, ὥστε βυθίζεσθαι αὐτά. ἰδὼν δὲ Σίμων Πέτρος προσέπεσε τοῖς γόνασιν Ἰησοῦ λέγων· ἔξελθε ἀπ' ἐμοῦ, ὅτι ἀνὴρ ἁμαρτωλός εἰμι, Κύριε· θάμβος γὰρ περιέσχεν αὐτὸν καὶ πάντας τοὺς σὺν αὐτῷ ἐπὶ τῇ ἄγρα τῶν ἰχθύων ἢ συνέλαβον, ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ Ἰάκωβον καὶ Ἰωάννην, υἱοὺς Ζεβεδαίου, οἱ ἦσαν κοινῶνι τῷ Σίμωνι. καὶ εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Σίμωνα ὁ Ἰησοῦς· μὴ φοβοῦ· ἀπὸ τοῦ νῦν ἀνθρώπους ἔσῃ ζωγρῶν. καὶ καταγαγόντες τὰ πλοῖα ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν, ἀφέντες ἅπαντα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ.

Saints & Feast Days



September 24

Thecla the Protomartyr & Equal to the Apostles

This saint was from the city of Iconium. When she was eighteen years of age, she was instructed in the Faith of Christ and the hope of the resurrection by the Apostle Paul, whom also she followed, forsaking her betrothed and espousing a life of virginity for the sake of the Heavenly Bridegroom. Having preached Christ in various cities and suffered many things, she reposed in Seleucia of Cilicia at the age of 90.

We Welcome All Who Worship with Us Today!

Memorial

40 day – *Vasiliki Papathanasiou*

5 year – *Stephen Makredes*

Trisagion

Maria Markakis

May their memory be eternal. Αιωνία η Μνήμη!

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

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

SERMON

TRUE PIETY

The Apostle Paul in this Epistle passage, which comes from his 2nd Epistle to Timothy, helps us understand what the characteristics of true piety are. "While all those who want to live devoutly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted". Not only I, says the Apostle, but also all those who want to live with piety, according to the will of Jesus Christ, will face persecutions. Here Paul connects piety with life in Christ, that is, the love for God, the relationship, the communion with Him, the adherence to the observance of God's will, but also the persecutions...

In another epistle to him, he points out that "great is the mystery of piety; God was manifested in the flesh" (1 Tim. 3:16). Here we see that piety is called a "great mystery" and is connected with the incarnation of Christ, Who became our true life and shows us the path that leads to the Father.

The Spiritual Struggle of Man

Since knowledge and observance of God's will lead the believer to the knowledge of God, then, when this is considered the highest criterion of our conscience, we also live the evangelical virtues of love for God and man, piety, godliness, knowledge of God, as much as possible. Because awareness of God and piety does not come only from the human effort, but from the energy of the Triune God and the synergy of man. Certainly, the believer's spiritual struggle is beyond his strength, and its outcome is not an easy matter.

The Sorrows and the Persecutions

The person who wishes to live in true piety cannot avoid sorrows, pain, and persecutions. After all, the Lord himself was persecuted, reviled, and crucified. And the Apostles were aware that "through many tribulations must we enter into the Kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). In this sense, piety "in Christ" presupposes an internal and external struggle. The internal struggle is about confronting the various passions that nestle within the human heart. The root of the passions is egocentricity, and on it, all passions grow, such as selfishness, avarice, pleasure-loving, anger, envy, weak faith, malice.

The external struggle refers to the correct facing of the persecutions, the sorrows, the disappointments that come from other people. The faithful Christian passes over these with patience, discernment, prayer, hope in God, humble-mindedness, and love. In one sense it is natural for the world to react by persecuting the godly person.

When the egotist, the unjust, the unfaithful, the greedy person is censured by the selflessness, humility, faith, kindness of his pious fellow man, then he should stop this silent censuring by slandering, shaming, and exterminating him by all means. However, the faithful Christian is nourished by God's grace and thus accomplishes whatever God wants and carries, whatever God allows.

Because persecutions and sorrows help the believer to live not only with piety, virtue, and truth,

but also to experience the deepest meaning of humility in Christ. That is, the absolute trust and dedication of one's life to the Crucified and Resurrected Lord Jesus. It would be good not to forget that "not in our words, but in matters is piety", as Saint Gregory the Theologian says. That is, piety is not found in words, but in matters; in truth and the works of faith, in the way we assimilate and radiate it to others for the edification of the Body of Christ (Eph. 4:12).



Thank You

GREEK FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS!!

We really couldn't make it happen without you! Thank you for your time and dedication to this year's festival it was such a success.

Please join us for an appreciation reception on Sunday October 1st immediately after the liturgy.

Please click here to [RVSP](#)

You can also contact the Church Office to RSVP

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY!

All classes are held downstairs in the Sunday School area. We offer classes for Pre-K through High School!

The age requirements for our youngest students are:

Pre-Kindergarten: Ages 2.9–3.11 years old by Sept. 1st (Parents should accompany their child during class)

Pre-Kindergarten: Ages 4–4.11 years old by Sept. 1st

Kindergarten: Ages 5–6 years old by September 1st

Parents are requested to provide a healthy snack for the children twice a year.

**Registration for Sunday School is available online
www.goarchangels.org**



Taxiarchae Church
Sunday School
Online Registration

NOW OPEN!

Pre-K through
High School



**Friday, September 29th
6:30 pm**

GREEK MOVIE NIGHT

**POLITIKI KOUZINA/TOUCH OF SPICE
(with English subtitles)**

Light refreshments will be served

Free Will Donation

**Contact Ckourkoulis@goarchangels.org
with any questions**



2023-2024



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SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2023**

**Join the Metropolis Youth Basketball League
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GAMES RUN FROM NOVEMBER - MARCH

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Saturdays
November - March
St. Demetrios, Weston

GOYA BOYS

Sundays
November - March
Hellenic College

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Sundays
November - March
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Sign-Up at: <https://myblboston.leagueapps.com/leagues>



SAVE THE DATE!
GYRO DAY FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22nd
Noon - 3:00 PM.

Taxiarchae Creek Orthodox Church
Dine In or Take Out

An AHEPA CHAPTER 406 FUNDRAISER



Proceeds to benefit the Rev. Metaxas Scholarship Fund

**Need more info, contact: John Abate 617.797.9499, or
Charlie Pentikis 781.530.6672.**



Join us

Friday, October 13th

5-7 pm

JOY

Pizza and a treat will be provided.

We will also have a craft.

**You must RSVP by October 6th to
ckourkoulis@goarchangels.org
to ensure participation and
availability.**

COME AND JOIN FAMILY
MINISTRIES FOR A FUN AND
SPOOKY

FALL FESTA

Friday, October 20th, 6-8pm

You must
RSVP by October 13th to
Ckourkoulis@goarchangels.org to
ensure participation and availability

We will have pizza, candy,
activities and a costume contest
with prizes



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

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Taxiarchae Hellenic Cultural Center

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EVERYTHING
YOU WISHED.

