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TAXIARCHAE/ARCHANGELS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**October 1, 2023**

**2nd Sunday of Luke**

**Orthros 8:45/Liturgy 9:30 AM.**

**Epistle Reading**

**St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1.**

**Gospel Reading**

**The Reading is from Luke 6:31-36.**

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**TODAY**—Feast Day of the Panagia Gorgoipikoos we will celebrate during the Liturgy and an Artoklasia.

**WEEKDAY SERVICES** - Καθημερινές Λειτουργίες:

**Paraklesis to the Panagia Gorgoipikoos** - Thurs., Oct. 5th at 6pm



## 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.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν καταδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

### ***Apolytikion for Ananias of the 70 in the Third Mode***

O Holy Apostle Ananias, intercede to our merciful God, that He may grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Ἀπόστολε Ἅγιε Ἀνανία, πρέσβευε τῷ ελεήμονι Θεῷ ἵνα πταισμάτων ἄφεσιν, παράσχη ταῖς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

### ***Apolytikion for Romanos the Melodist in the Plagal Fourth Mode***

The image of God, was faithfully preserved in you, O Father. For you took up the Cross and followed Christ. By Your actions you taught us to look beyond the flesh for it passes, rather to be concerned about the soul which is immortal. Wherefore, O Holy Romanos, your soul rejoices with the angels.

Ἐν σοὶ Πάτερ ακριβῶς διεσώθη τὸ κατ' εἰκόνα, λαβὼν γὰρ τὸν σταυρὸν, ἠκολούθησας τῷ Χριστῷ καὶ πράττων ἐδίδασκες, υπερорάν μὲν σαρκός, παρέρχεται γὰρ, ἐπιμελίσθαι δὲ ψυχῆς πράγματος ἀθανάτου. Διὸ καὶ μετὰ Ἀγγέλων συναγάλλεται, Ὅσιε Ῥωμανέ τὸ πνεῦμά σου.

### ***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.

**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 Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1.**

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."  
Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

## Epistle Reading

### **Προκείμενον. Πλαγάλ Τέταρτος Μόδος. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 75.11,1.**

Εὐξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.  
Στίχ. Γνωστὸς ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ὁ Θεός, ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ μέγα τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.

**τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πρὸς Κορινθίους β' 6:16-18, 7:1.**

Ἀδελφοί, ὑμεῖς ἐστε ναὸς Θεοῦ ζῶντος, καθὼς εἶπεν ὁ θεὸς ὅτι Ἐνοικήσω ἐν αὐτοῖς, καὶ ἐμπεριπατήσω· καὶ ἔσομαι αὐτῶν θεός, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔσονται μοι λαός. Διὸ, Ἐξέλθετε ἐκ μέσου αὐτῶν καὶ ἀφορίσθητε, λέγει κύριος, καὶ ἀκαθάρτου μὴ ἄπτεσθε· καγὼ εἰσδέξομαι ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἔσομαι ὑμῖν εἰς πατέρα, καὶ ὑμεῖς ἔσεσθέ μοι εἰς υἱοὺς καὶ θυγατέρας, λέγει κύριος παντοκράτωρ. Ταύτας οὖν ἔχοντες τὰς ἐπαγγελίας, ἀγαπητοί, καθαρῶς ἐλευθερώμεθα ἑαυτοὺς ἀπὸ παντὸς μολυσμοῦ σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος, ἐπιτελοῦντες ἀγιωσύνην ἐν φόβῳ θεοῦ.

## ***GOSPEL***

### **The Reading is from Luke 6:31-36**

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

## ***GOSPEL***

### **Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 6:31-36**

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· καθὼς θέλετε ἵνα ποιῶσιν ὑμῖν οἱ ἄνθρωποι, ποιεῖτε αὐτοῖς ὁμοίως. καὶ εἰ ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας αὐτοὺς ἀγαπῶσι. καὶ ἐὰν ἀγαθοποιῆτε τοὺς ἀγαθοποιοῦντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ποιοῦσι. καὶ ἐὰν δανείζητε παρ' ὧν ἐλπίζετε ἀπολαβεῖν, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἁμαρτωλοῖς δανείζουσιν ἵνα ἀπολάβωσι τὰ ἴσα. πλὴν ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἐχθροὺς ὑμῶν καὶ ἀγαθοποιεῖτε καὶ δανείζετε μηδὲν ἀπελπίζοντες, καὶ ἔσται ὁ μισθὸς ὑμῶν πολὺς, καὶ ἔσεσθε υἱοὶ ὑψίστου, ὅτι αὐτὸς χρηστὸς ἐστὶν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀχαρίστους καὶ πονηροὺς. Γίνεσθε οὖν οἰκτίρμονες, καθὼς καὶ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν οἰκτίρμων ἐστί

## **Saints & Feast Days**

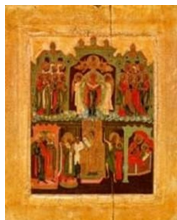


***October 01***

***Romanos the Melodist***

Saint Romanos flourished during the reign of Anastasius (491-518). He was from Emesa of Syria, and apparently was born of Jewish parents, for a hymn written in his honour in Greek says he was "of Hebrew stock," and it has furthermore been noted that he uses many Semitic idioms in his writings. He was baptized an Orthodox Christian, and at some time became a deacon in the Church of Beirut. He was the first composer of the kontakia, the foremost of which is that of the feast of Christ's Nativity, On this day the Virgin .... In composing many of his kontakia. Saint Romanos was inspired by the hymns of Saint Ephraim of Syria.

## **Saints & Feast Days**



***October 01***

### ***The Holy Protection of the Theotokos***

The Feast of the Protection commemorates the appearance of the most holy Theotokos in the Church of Blachernae in Constantinople in the tenth century, as recorded in the life of Saint Andrew the Fool for Christ's sake. While the multitudes of the faithful were gathered in church, Epiphanius, the friend of Saint Andrew, through the Saint's prayers, beheld the Virgin Mary above the faithful and spreading out her veil over them, signifying her unceasing protection of all Christians. Because of this we keep a yearly feast of gratitude, imploring our Lady never to cease sheltering us in her mighty prayers.

*The Feast is celebrated on October 1. In the 1950s, the Church of Greece began to observe the Feast on October 28.*

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

#### **Memorial**

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**Coffee Fellowship is sponsored by the *Boretos, Karafotias, Vouloukos family* in memory of their loved one.**

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

## **SERMON**

### **MAN, TEMPLE OF GOD**

With the present Epistle passage, which comes from Paul's 2nd Epistle to the Corinthians, the Apostle teaches us the great theological truth that man is the temple of the living God. But what does he mean by this teaching? Let's try to approach it interpretively.

#### **God is Living and True**

First of all, Paul calls God living, and true. And this, because God is life itself, in its fullness and greatness. He is the creator and granter of the gift of life to man. He is the Land of the living. And all who believe in Him do not perish but have eternal life. Life that starts from the short-term present and extends to the eternity of God. And what does life mean for the believer? Life is above all, as the sacred Chrysostom says, that we hymn, and glorify God and proclaim the wonderful works of God to every man by works and words. The works of Christ's crucifactory love, of His light-bearing Resurrection, of His extreme Humility, through which God does not cease to work out our salvation, that is, "to be with Him, forever well." When you hymn and glorify God, it means that you accept that life is His gift; and you thank Him, because He brought you from non-existence into being; and from existence to co-existence. Because no one exists on his own. Existence is determined by the relationship with God and one's fellow man.

#### **The Handmade Temple**

The existence of the Christian Church constantly reminds us that the Man is par excellence a temple of God. With architectural shapes, paintings, symbols and images, the Temple signifies the entire Church. It refers to the place and the way of manifestation of the Church as a communion of theosis. That's why the temple is also called a Church, that is, an invitation to every person to share in the crucified and resurrected life of Christ, which alone defeats death. The central liturgical act of the Church is the Divine Eucharist. Thus, the life of the believer revolves around the Holy Altar Table, which is the heart of the Church, through which the Blood of Christ circulates in the members of His Body, in all believers.

At the holy Altar Table, we deposit our life and our hope, our repentance for our sins and failures and from there, we wait for the grace and the cheerful Light that illuminates our inner darkness. The temple it is the "upper room", where Christ delivered the divine mystery of the Divine Eucharist. Every Holy Altar Table, the sacred Chrysostom points out, is the Table of the Mystical Supper "and has nothing (less) smaller. For it is not Christ who created that, while man creates this; He also creates this one. This is that upper room, wherein they were then; from here they went out to the Mount of Olives".

#### **The believer, God's Altar**

Every believer who lives according to God is a temple and altar of God. This temple is located in the heart of man, that is, in the spiritual space of being, where God meets man. Certainly, Paul's teaching that man is God's temple, does not mean that this is achieved in a mechanistic way, i.e., without human cooperation. A basic condition for the promotion of the believer into a temple of God is the continuous cultivation of faith and the activation and utilization of the other gifts we receive in the Church, such as of baptism, with which we are reborn in Christ and the Divine Eucharist, with which we become one body and one blood with Christ. Thus, we invite God to build His altar within us.

With repentance, prayer, love, forgiveness and, in general, with the struggle to keep the gospel commandments, we open the door of our soul to the Lord, who stands there, and kindly awaits our response. That is why Christ promised that He would make His and His Father's abode, the one who will love Him and keep His word, His commandments, which is life and revelation, the manifestation of God.

Therefore, in the temple of our being, let us offer our whole selves to God, as the Apostle writes in another of his epistles: "I am asking you to offer to God your whole self as a living, holy and acceptable sacrifice. Because this is the real spiritual worship" (Rom. 12,1).



*Thank You*

**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](#)



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**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**

## **Bible Study Group Begins on Monday, October 2nd**

**You are warmly invited to join the Bible Study Group which meets via Zoom every week on Monday evenings at 8 PM. With the participation of Fr. Nenes, and facilitated by Dr. Nicholas S. Racheotes, we engage in lively, thoughtful, and uplifting discussions of Holy Scripture in what always proves to be a fast-moving hour. Our focus to begin this liturgical year is an exploration of the Gospel readings from Pentecost to the Adoration of the Holy Cross. At the request of one of our members, we undertake this review in recognition of the fact that our participation in Sunday services is a bit irregular during the summer months.**

**The pillars of our faith are the presence of God, the teachings of Christ as expressed in the Holy Scriptures, the wisdom of the Holy Fathers, the examples of the saints, female and male, our sacramental lives, and the zeal of Christian community. With biblical texts as its focus, the Bible Study Group celebrates these fundamentals of Orthodoxy.**

**To become part of this welcoming group, you need only to contact:**

**Frank Catricketes - [fdcatricketes@gmail.com](mailto:fdcatricketes@gmail.com)**



## 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 store on our website and click the Capital Improvement Fund button or mail a check to the Church office. We appreciate your support!

**DONATE  
TODAY!**

**2023-2024**



**REGISTRATION OPENS  
SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2023**

**Join the Metropolis Youth Basketball League  
[boston.goarch.org/myblregister](https://boston.goarch.org/myblregister)**

**GAMES RUN FROM NOVEMBER - MARCH**

**JOY LEAGUE**

Saturdays  
November - March  
St. Demetrios, Weston

**GOYA BOYS**

Sundays  
November - March  
Hellenic College

**GOYA GIRLS**

Sundays  
November - March  
Hellenic College



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Metropolis of Boston Youth Basketball League

**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.**

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society of Watertown  
The Good Samaritan Chapter



*Join Us!*

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MEMBERSHIP FORM  
2024

Please fill out the information requested below and return it to the church office.

SEND TO: Taxiarchae/Archangels Greek Orthodox Church  
Attn: Philoptochos Membership  
25 Bigelow Avenue, Watertown, MA 02472

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

Please accept my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to assist the outreach and philanthropic efforts of our Philoptochos Society (\$15 of which goes to the National Philoptochos Society and \$10 to the Metropolis of Boston as obligations).

Suggested Donation Amounts: \_\_\_\_\_\$35 \_\_\_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_\_\_Other

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The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society is one of the largest and oldest philanthropic women's organizations in this country. The word "philoptochos" translated means "friend of the poor". Officially, Philoptochos helps those in need and promotes the philanthropic endeavors of the Archdiocese. Unofficially, Philoptochos is the "heart" of every Greek Orthodox Church community. Comprised of women in all stages of life, the Taxiarchae Philoptochos supports our seniors, our youth, is an invaluable partner during the parish's annual fundraising festival, and can always be called upon when someone is sick or needs a helping hand.

We invite you to join our ministry. Just take a moment to reflect on how a strong church community enriches your life and your family's. An active Philoptochos goes hand in hand with a strong church community. We all lead busy lives as we strive to fulfill our roles as mothers, daughters, spouses and working professionals, but we need YOUR help to help others. Please take that first step to join us and remember your commitment level is totally up to you.

Becoming a member is easy. Simply fill out the form above and forward it with a membership donation to Philoptochos via the church office. Please keep in mind that our local chapter of Philoptochos is required to forward \$25 of every offering, as an obligation, to the National and Metropolis Philoptochos so only the amount over our obligation stays with us.

Artemis Tingos  
Membership Chairperson

**Taxiarchae Ladies Philoptochos  
The Good Samaritan**

Welcome Back Dinner and Meeting

Join us as we begin the new year!

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

6:00 pm

Grassfield's Food and Spirit

878 Lexington Street

Waltham

\$50 per person

*Please make reservations by 10.8.23*

*For information or questions call Frances Levas 617-519-3422*



**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](mailto:ckourkoulis@goarchangels.org)  
to ensure participation and  
availability.



COME AND JOIN FAMILY  
MINISTRIES FOR A FUN AND  
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# FALL FESTA

Friday, October 20th, 6-8pm

You must  
RSVP by October 13th to  
[Ckourkoulis@goarchangels.org](mailto: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

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

**RECOGNIZE.  
REPORT.  
PREVENT.**

## FINEX HOUSE

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<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.

