



ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΤΩΝ ΤΑΞΙΑΡΧΩΝ
TAXIARCHAE/ARCHANGELS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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October 8, 2023

3rd Sunday of Luke

Orthros 8:45/Liturgy 9:30 AM.

Epistle Reading

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

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from Luke 7:11-16.

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WEEKDAY SERVICES - Καθημερινές Λειτουργίες:

Paraklesis to the Panagia Gorgoipikoos - every Thurs., at 6pm.

Feast of St. Demetrios - Thurs., 10/26, Orthros 8:30/Liturgy 9AM.



HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the First Mode

Although the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose on the third day, O Savior, giving life to the world. For this reason, the heavenly powers cried out to you, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your dispensation, only Lover of Mankind!

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Apolytikion for Righteous Pelagia in the Plagal Fourth Mode

The image of God, was faithfully preserved in you, O Mother. 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 Pelagia, your soul rejoices with the angels.

Ἐν σοὶ Μήτηρ ἀκριβῶς διεσώθη τὸ κατ' εἰκόνα, λαβοῦσα γὰρ τὸν Σταυρόν, ἠκολούθησας τῷ Χριστῷ, καὶ πράπτουσα ἐδίδασκες ὑπερορᾶν μὲν σαρκὸς παρέρχεται γὰρ, ἐπιμελεῖσθαι δὲ ψυχῆς, πράγματος ἀθανάτου· διὸ καὶ μετὰ Ἀγγέλων συναγάλλεται Ὅσια Πελαγία 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.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγάζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ 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. First Mode. Psalm 32.22,1.

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

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. First Mode. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 32.22,1.

Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. Ἀγαλλιᾶσθε δίκαιοι ἐν Κυρίῳ

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

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ σπείρων φειδομένως, φειδομένως καὶ θερίσει· καὶ ὁ σπείρων ἐπ' εὐλογίαις, ἐπ' εὐλογίαις καὶ θερίσει. Ἐκαστος καθὼς προαιρεῖται τῇ καρδίᾳ· μὴ ἐκ λύπης ἢ ἐξ ἀνάγκης· ἰλαρὸν γὰρ δότην ἀγαπᾷ ὁ θεός. Δυνατὸς δὲ ὁ θεὸς πᾶσαν χάριν περισσεύσαι εἰς ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἐν παντὶ πάντοτε πᾶσαν αὐτάρκειαν ἔχοντες περισσεύητε εἰς πᾶν ἔργον ἀγαθόν· καθὼς γέγραπται, Ἐσκόρπισεν, ἔδωκεν τοῖς πένησιν· ἡ δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. Ὁ δὲ ἐπιχορηγῶν σπέρμα τῷ σπείροντι, καὶ ἄρτον εἰς βρώσιν χορηγήσει, καὶ πληθύνει τὸν σπόρον ὑμῶν, καὶ αὐξήσει τὰ γενήματα τῆς δικαιοσύνης ὑμῶν· ἐν παντὶ πλουτιζόμενοι εἰς πᾶσαν ἀπλότητα, ἥτις κατεργάζεται δι' ἡμῶν εὐχαριστίαν τῷ θεῷ.

GOSPEL

The Reading is from Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

GOSPEL

Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 7:11-16

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐπορεύετο εἰς πόλιν καλουμένην Ναΐν· καὶ συνεπορεύοντο αὐτῷ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἱκανοὶ καὶ ὄχλος πολὺς. ὡς δὲ ἤγγισε τῇ πύλῃ τῆς πόλεως, καὶ ἰδοὺ ἐξεκομίζετο τεθνηκῶς υἱὸς μονογενῆς τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ αὕτη ἦν χήρα, καὶ ὄχλος τῆς πόλεως ἱκανὸς ἦν σὺν αὐτῇ. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὴν ὁ Κύριος ἐσπλαγχνίσθη ἐπὶ αὐτῇ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῇ· μὴ κλαῖε· καὶ προσελθὼν ἤψατο τῆς σοροῦ, οἱ δὲ βαστάζοντες ἔστησαν, καὶ εἶπε· νεανίσκε, σοὶ λέγω, ἐγέρθητι. καὶ ἀνεκάθισεν ὁ νεκρὸς καὶ ἤρξατο λαλεῖν, καὶ ἔδωκεν αὐτὸν τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ. ἔλαβε δὲ φόβος πάντας καὶ ἐδόξαζον τὸν Θεόν, λέγοντες ὅτι προφήτης μέγας ἐγήγερται ἐν ἡμῖν, καὶ ὅτι ἐπεσκέψατο ὁ Θεὸς τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ.

Saints & Feast Days

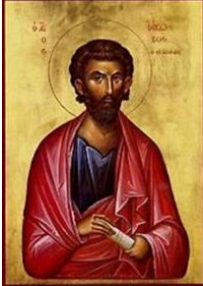


October 08

Pelagia the Righteous

This Saint was a prominent actress of the city of Antioch, and a pagan, who lived a life of unrestrained prodigality and led many to perdition. Instructed and baptized by a certain bishop named Nonnus (Saint Nonnus is commemorated Nov. 10), she departed for the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem, where she lived as a recluse, feigning to be a eunuch called Pelagia. She lived in such holiness and repentance that within three or four years she was deemed worthy to repose in an odour of sanctity, in the middle of the fifth century. Her tomb on the Mount of Olives has been a place of pilgrimage ever since.

Saints & Feast Days



October 09

James the Apostle, son of Alphaeus

The holy Apostle James was one of the Twelve, and preached Christ to many nations, and finally suffered death by crucifixion.

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Coffee Fellowship is sponsored by the ***Karageorgos & Casakos family*** in memory of their loved one.

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

SERMON

LOVE IN THE BODY OF THE CHURCH

With today's Epistle passage, the Apostle Paul gives the guidelines for the believer to appropriate the communion of the love of Christ and thus contribute to its uninterrupted circulation in the Body of the Church, in every person, in the whole creation. Because, when man understands that God's love is vast and that while we were spiritually dead because of our transgressions, God gave us life again together with Christ (Eph. 2:5), then he undergoes the "good change". He recognizes that the entire creation and human beings are a gift, a gift of God's love and that man does not belong to himself, but to God. And acceptance of this truth signals a new ethos, a new attitude of life on the part of the believer, so that not only himself, but also nothing of what he has, does he consider exclusively his.

Thus, he feels that dependence on God becomes the reason for experiencing freedom in Christ as a communion of love and offering, as independence from self-centeredness, rationalism, and selfishness.

The Historical Context

In the Second Letter to the Corinthians, from which our passage comes, Paul speaks at length about the generous offering of the Churches of Macedonia to the Christians of Jerusalem.

He informs the Corinthians that the Macedonians offered more than what they were able to offer, and even asked as a favor to be allowed to participate in this ministry of love. Thus, the Apostle expresses the certainty that the Corinthians will also not fall behind in this work; he urges them to show the genuineness of their own love for the indigent people of Jerusalem. As a model of love, he projects the Lord himself, who, as he writes, "being rich, became poor for you, so that you may become rich by his poverty" (2 Cor. 8:9). Poverty is the condescension, the incarnation of the Lord, through which man became rich with the godhead of Christ.

Paul is not asking them to be deprived so that others will be relieved, but that there should be equality for all. And he very aptly underlines that in the present case, their own surplus will be added to the deprivation of the poor Christians of Jerusalem, so that at another time, in the case of an upcoming need, for the opposite to happen.

"God Loves the Cheerful Giver."

When the Apostle Paul writes how God loves the "cheerful giver", i.e. the one who gives with pleasure, with a good mood, he wants to emphasize that whoever loves God and recognizes that he belongs to Him, feels the presence of Christ in his being. Precisely this Presence gives him the fullness of joy (John 16:24), which in the end, gives him the joyfulness of offering to his fellow man. On the contrary, there is also the "he who sows sparingly", that is, he who accepts God's love, keeps it for himself and thus, on account of the clash of love with his egotistical desires, he becomes fainthearted. He demands to receive from the others but refuses to offer.

Offering as a Liturgical Act

The person who shares God's love with the poor brothers, includes in him the whole of humanity, for whom he also prays like Christ at Gethsemane. This is how he emerges as a true person, a true hypostasis, as Saint Sophrony of Essex wrote. Therefore, his are done without selfishness. His offering does not become a value in and of itself, but a means of referring to God. And then, he himself becomes a handy vessel for channeling the gifts and benefactions of God.

This way of liturgizing existence shows that love, philanthropy, almsgiving, fraternity, and ministry are liturgical actions, with which the people's connection in Christ is sacredly performed. Since the love that

is poured into the Body of the Church starts from God, passes through the hearts of people and ascends to the supercelestial altar, that is to the Lord Jesus Christ, Who accepts it as a blameless sacrifice and fragrant incense. Since from Him "every perfect gift" comes (James 1:17) and in Him it concludes as a gift of praise, as an offering of gratitude, thanksgiving and love.

Here at Taxiarchae!

The OCMC Missions Dinner

Sunday, October 29, 2023, 5:30 - 7:30 PM.

Complimentary Dinner & Program

RSVP is a MUST for dinner.

To RSVP email Frank Catrickes at: fdcatrickes@gmail.com

RSVP Deadline: October 20th, 2023

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**OCMC BOSTON
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**Taxiarchae/Archangels
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**Complimentary Dinner
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Registration is online at:
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The deadline to register is **Friday, Oct. 20.**

For questions, contact Elaine Drikakis at elained@ocmc.org or Frank Catrickes at fdcatrickes@gmail.com

Donations can be mailed (payable to OCMC with a note) to:
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Keynote Speaker:
Nathan Hoppe
OCMC Missionary serving in Albania

Opening Remarks by
Dan Christopoulos
OCMC Development Director &
OCMC's First Missionary



**SCAN TO
REGISTER TODAY**

TO REGISTER OR DONATE, SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE EVENT WEBSITE.

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

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!



2023-2024



**REGISTRATION OPENS
SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2023**

**Join the Metropolis Youth Basketball League
boston.goarch.org/myblregister**

GAMES RUN FROM NOVEMBER - MARCH

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22nd
Noon - 3:00 PM.

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**Need more info, contact: John Abate 617.797.9499, or
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The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society of Watertown
The Good Samaritan Chapter



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

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

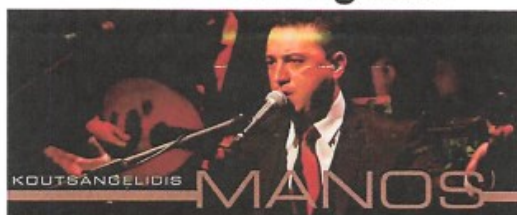
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Special Appearance by:
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Join us

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

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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

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Taxiarchae Hellenic Cultural Center

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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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