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ΤΑΧΙΑΡΧΑΕ/ARCHANGELS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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November 26, 2023

13th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 8:45/Liturgy 9:30 AM.

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:1-7.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from Luke 18:18-27.

Memorial

Xaralambos and Angeliki

Trisagion

9 year - **Charles Alex**



WEEKDAY SERVICES - Καθημερινές Λειτουργίες:

Paraklesis to the Panagia Gorgoipikoos - every Thurs. at 6PM
Canceled on Nov. 23rd.

St. Andrew - Thurs. Nov 30th, begins at 9:00 AM. His Eminence
will be in attendance.

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, ταφὴν καταδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Third Mode

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν Προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

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 Ephesians 4:1-7.

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

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 Ἐφεσίους 4:1-7.

Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς ἐγώ, ὁ δέσμιος ἐν κυρίῳ, ἀξίως περιπατῆσαι τῆς κλήσεως ἧς ἐκλήθητε, μετὰ πάσης ταπεινοφροσύνης καὶ πραότητος, μετὰ μακροθυμίας, ἀνεχόμενοι ἀλλήλων ἐν ἀγάπῃ, σπουδαζόντες τηρεῖν τὴν ἐνότητα τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν τῷ συνδέσμῳ τῆς εἰρήνης. Ἐν σώμα καὶ ἐν πνεῦμα, καθὼς καὶ ἐκλήθητε ἐν μιᾷ ἐλπίδι τῆς κλήσεως ὑμῶν· εἷς κύριος, μία πίστις, ἐν βάπτισμα, εἷς θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ πάντων, ὁ ἐπὶ πάντων, καὶ διὰ πάντων, καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν ἡμῖν. Ἐνὶ δὲ ἐκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

GOSPEL

The Reading is from Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

GOSPEL

Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 18:18-27

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄρχων λέγων· διδάσκαλε ἀγαθέ, τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσω; εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· τί με λέγεις ἀγαθόν; οὐδεὶς ἀγαθός εἰ μὴ εἰς ὁ Θεός. τὰς ἐντολάς οἶδας· μὴ μοιχεύσης, μὴ φονεύσης, μὴ κλέψης, μὴ ψευδομαρτυρήσης, τίμα τὸν πατέρα σου καὶ τὴν μητέρα σου. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· ταῦτα πάντα ἐφυλαξάμην ἐκ νεότητός μου. ἀκούσας δὲ ταῦτα ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἔτι ἓν σοι λείπει· πάντα ὅσα ἔχεις πώλησον καὶ διάδος πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἕξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολούθει μοι. ὁ δὲ ἀκούσας ταῦτα περίλυπος ἐγένετο· ἦν γὰρ πλούσιος σφόδρα. ἰδὼν δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς περίλυπον γενόμενον εἶπε· πῶς δυσκόλως οἱ τὰ χρήματα ἔχοντες εἰσελεύσονται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ! εὐκοπώτερον γὰρ ἐστὶ κάμηλον διὰ τρυμαλιᾶς ραφίδος εἰσελθεῖν ἢ πλούσιον εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσελθεῖν. εἶπον δὲ οἱ ἀκούσαντες· καὶ τίς δύναται σωθῆναι; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· τὰ ἀδύνατα παρὰ ἀνθρώποις δυνατὰ παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ ἐστίν.

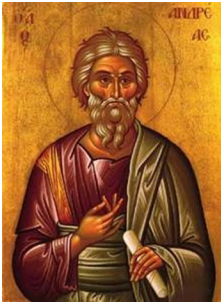
Saints & Feast Days



November 26

Stylianos the Monk of Paphlagonia

St. Stylianos was from Paphlagonia living in the latter 6th century and early 7th century. He loved the Lord Jesus Christ with his whole heart and lived in strict asceticism. When he fell asleep in the Lord, his face shone like the sun and an angel appeared to take his soul to Glory. His prayers have worked many miracles, both during his earthly life and since. He is of special help to children who are ill and to childless couples. He is known as a protector of orphans.



November 30

Andrew the First-Called Apostle

This Saint was from Bethsaida of Galilee; he was the son of Jonas and the brother of Peter, the chief of the Apostles. He had first been a disciple of John the Baptist; afterwards, on hearing the Baptist's witness concerning Jesus, when he pointed Him out with his finger and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, Which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1.29,36), he straightway followed Christ, and became His first disciple; wherefore he is called the First-called of the Apostles. After the Ascension of the Saviour, he preached in various lands; and having suffered many things for His Name's sake, he died in Patras of Achaia, where he was crucified on a cross in the shape of an "X," the first letter of "Christ" in Greek; this cross is also the symbol of Saint Andrew.

SERMON

“WALK WORTHILY OF THE CALLING”

The Apostle Paul in today's reading, calls every person to "walk worthily of the calling to which he has been called"; that is, to define his earthly course according to God's will, which is salvation in Christ, as a sharing in God's Kingdom of love.

In fact, this exhortation of Paul acquires special weight, if we consider that he wrote his letter to the Ephesians, from which our passage comes from, while he was imprisoned, bound in Rome, for the name of Jesus Christ. It's shocking that he does not ask the Christians of Ephesus to become interested in freeing him from the shackles of prison, to strive for him to be acquitted or to send him some help to relieve him of his hardships and the deprivations of prison. He begs them, however, to live in a way worthy of the One who called them to the new life, that is, into the communion of Christ's love. And this way does not refer to the conventional improvement of their personal, social or professional life, but in the manifestation of their acceptance of Christ's presence. In this way, man's existence is recognized and his relationship with God and fellow man is established in the level of evangelical love.

Man's Response to God's Calling

As long as man accepts God's call, then his existence must be in a state of unceasing vigilance and readiness, as there is a risk to reject the calling because of sin. Therefore, the believer must take care of those elements that define his spiritual life and course in Christ. The Apostle speaks about them, recommending that we live with humble mindedness, meekness and long-suffering. In extreme brevity, we emphasize that humble mindedness is the transcendence and transformation of egocentrism, which causes countless obstacles and impasses in human existence, while it is also the root of all sin.

The Lord asks us to learn from the example of His own meekness and humility (Matthew 11:29), because God is supremely humble; as the Most High and Almighty, He offers His crucified love indiscriminately to all. The person who apprentices in the humility of Christ, manifests, through his existence, the radiant appearance of the Lord. So, with humility and meekness he offers his fellow man spaciousness and warmth of soul. With the power of these virtues the other's egotism becomes useless, who, not infrequently, himself chooses to follow the path of divine humble mindedness and not that of Luciferian egoism, which leads to perdition, disharmony and the breakup of the soul's balance.

With longsuffering (tolerance, patience), man continues to be lenient and forgiving, even in cases where others disturb his state of soul. That is why the sacred Chrysostom characteristically underlines: "If you don't forbear your neighbor, how will God forbear you? If you cannot suffer your fellow servant, how will God forbear you? However, where there is love, everything is bearable".

The Responsibility of Our Calling

Man's meeting and communion with God, who is constantly inviting everyone, takes place with the influence of the Holy Spirit in the area of the Church as the Body of Christ and a communion of unbreakable unity. Thus, the believers have the greatest responsibility to bear one another with love, and to try to preserve, with the peace that binds them together, the unity that the Holy Spirit of God gives. That is why Paul points out that those who believe in Christ are one body and one spirit; one is the hope for which God called us. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism. One God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and dwells

in all.

Since the Holy Spirit constitutes the unity of the Church and calls every believer to agreement and unanimity of mind, then the unity of believers among themselves and with the Church is an indication of the presence or of the absence of the Holy Spirit from their lives. The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives is a fundamental condition for our salvation. That is why the Apostle also teaches that Christ is not our individual savior, as the heretics say, but the Savior of His body, that is, of the Church (Eph. 5:23). And we believers are saved to the extent that we are united with the Body of Christ. And herein lies the extraordinary privilege and ultimate responsibility of all of us who profess faith in Christ

We Welcome All Who Worship with Us Today!

Memorial

Xaralambos and Angeliki

Trisagion

9 year - *Charles Alex*

May their memory be eternal. Αιώνια η Μνήμη!

Coffee Fellowship is sponsored by the **Alex family** in memory of their loved ones.

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.

Donations are being accepted for decorating our church for the Christmas Season. Donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Christmas Seniors Luncheon
Sunday, December 10, 2023

(Immediately following the Divine Liturgy)

Please RSVP to the church office
617.924.8182
by Saturday, December 3.

Open to all Taxiarchae
Senior Citizens!

Jointly hosted by AHEPA and the
Taxiarchae Philoptochos Society

Christmas Wreath Decorating Evening



Wednesday,
November 29, 2023
7 PM

An evening of fun, friends,
Fellowship, decorating,
and light refreshments

Reserve your spot and your wreath **TODAY!**

Christmas Wreath Decorating!

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

Name: _____

Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

12" Double-Faced Balsam Fir Wreath
Qty _____ @ \$35 each _____

For more information, call
Frances Levas at 617.519.3422

You may Order & Pay
for your
Wreath online.

Go to our website,
drop down menu, then
Taxiarchae Store.

A flyer for a gingerbread house decorating event. The background is a light tan color with several gingerbread cookies scattered around. The cookies include a snowman, a Christmas tree, and a holly leaf. The text is centered and reads: "Family Ministries Gingerbread House Decorating Friday, December 15th, 6-8 pm Small bites will be served Houses are \$35 each. You MUST pre-purchase by December 8th. Contact the office with and questions. We will have a limited quantity of houses. You are also welcome to bring your own house to decorate."

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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!

DONATE TODAY!

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

PLEASE, PLACE THEM IN THE BOX LOCATED IN OUR LOBBY

COATS ONLY!

ALL SIZES WELCOMED.



Coats only, please. All sizes welcome!

antons.com/cfk

Donated coats are professionally cleaned by Anton's and distributed to families in need through a network of local social service agencies.



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!*

JOY IS PARTNERING WITH THE
WATERTOWN FOOD PANTRY FOR A

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Please drop off NEW,
unwrapped, toys by December 5th

DROP OFF AT
THE BOX IN THE HALL AT
TAXIARCHAE CHURCH



CONTACT CKOURKOULIS@ARCHANGELS.ORG
WITH ANY QUESTIONS

**CHRISTMAS CARD PARTICIPIATION DEADLINE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD**




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

Deadline:
Sunday, December 3, 2023

Make checks payable to:
Taxiarchae Ladies Philoptochos

Clearly print the name(s) you wish to appear on the card. 

Name(s): _____ Telephone: _____

_____ Your Donation: \$ _____



A Concert of Christmas Joy

Two performances:

Saturday, December 9 at 4 PM
hosted by St. George
Greek Orthodox Church Choir
54 South Common Street, Lynn, MA

Sunday, December 10 at 4 PM
hosted by Taxiarchae
Greek Orthodox Church Choir
25 Bigelow Avenue, Watertown, MA

Cynthia Mitaras Alex
Director

Sophia Argeros
Accompanist, Director

Monty Hill, Guest Director

Jim Speros, Accompanist

Donations to our Choirs will be graciously accepted.



Taxiarchae Greek School Bake Sale

Sunday, December 17th
following the Liturgy

Celebrate the festive season
with cookies and pastries
and help us support the school!

If you wish to bake something
please email me:
athurner@goarchangels.com

Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church
70 Montvale Ave, Woburn, MA

Ladies Philoptochos "Patris"
presents



St. Nicholas Faire

*Saturday, December 2nd
9:00AM to 3:00PM*

*Come enjoy a day of food, fun
and
Holiday shopping!*

**Delicious Holiday Pastry, Breakfast, &
Traditional Foods at our "Greek Kouzina"!**

**Raffles, Yiayia's Attic, Greek Bookstore,
Jewelry, Thirty-one, Tupperware,
Pampered Chef, Scentsy, LuLaRoe,
and more...**

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

**RECOGNIZE.
REPORT.
PREVENT.**

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Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
<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



DREAM IT AND IT
CAN COME TRUE!
YOUR EVENT CAN BE
EVERYTHING
YOU WISHED.

