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December 10, 2023

10th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 8:45/Liturgy 9:30 AM.

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 6:10-17

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from Luke 13:10-17

Memorial

1 year – Angela Daskalos

Trisagion

1 year - Steven Vavoudes

Alexandra & George Psinakis

31 year - David Patterson



WEEKDAY SERVICES - Καθημερινές Λειτουργίες:

Paraklesis to the Panagia Gorgoipikoos - every Thurs. at 6PM

St. Spyridon - Tues., Dec. 12, Orthros 8:30/Liturgy 9:00 AM.

Christmas Eve - Sunday, Dec. 24, Divine Liturgy 6:30 PM.

Christmas Day - 9:00 AM. The Nativity of Our Lord Festal Matins (Only).

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Second Mode

When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, then, the light of Your divinity destroyed Hades. When You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out, "Glory to You our Christ, the Giver of Life."

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion for Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, Eucraphus in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Since they had slain through their abstinence and struggles the fiery ragings and fierce motions of the passions, the staunch Martyrs of Christ God laid hold on the graces to drive off the pains and illnesses of the sick and work wonders both while living and after death. Strange indeed is the miracle! That these bare bones should pour forth such overflowing streams of cures. Glory be to our only God.

Δι ἐγκρατείας, τῶν παθῶν τὰς πυριφλέκτους, ἀπονεκρώσαντες ὀρμᾶς καὶ τὰς κινήσεις, τοῦ Χριστοῦ οἱ Μάρτυρες, ἔλαβον τὴν χάριν, τὰς νόσους ἀποδιώκειν τῶν ἀσθενῶν, καὶ ζῶντες καὶ μετὰ τέλος θαυματουργεῖν, ὄντως θαῦμα παράδοξον! ὅτι Ὅστέα γυμνά, ἐκβλύζουσιν ἰάματα. Δόξα τῷ μόνῳ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

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, βουλευθέντα 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. Second Mode. Psalm 117.14,18.

The Lord is my strength and my song.
Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 6:10-17.

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Epistle Reading

Προκείμενον. Second Mode. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 117.14,18.

Ἰσχύς μου καὶ ὕμνησις μου ὁ Κύριος.
Στίχ. Παιδεύων ἐπαίδευσέ με ὁ Κύριος.

τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους 6:10-17.

Ἀδελφοί, ἐνδυναμοῦσθε ἐν κυρίῳ, καὶ ἐν τῷ κράτει τῆς ἰσχύος αὐτοῦ. Ἐνδύσασθε τὴν πανοπλίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, πρὸς τὸ δύνασθαι ὑμᾶς στήναι πρὸς τὰς μεθοδείας τοῦ διαβόλου. Ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν ἡμῖν ἡ πάλη πρὸς αἷμα καὶ σάρκα, ἀλλὰ πρὸς τὰς ἀρχάς, πρὸς τὰς ἐξουσίας, πρὸς τοὺς κοσμοκράτορας τοῦ σκότους τοῦ αἰῶνος τούτου, πρὸς τὰ πνευματικά τῆς πονηρίας ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις. Διὰ τοῦτο ἀναλάβετε τὴν πανοπλίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, ἵνα δυνηθῆτε ἀντιστῆναι ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τῇ πονηρᾷ, καὶ ἅπαντα κατεργασάμενοι στήναι. Στήτε οὖν περιζωσάμενοι τὴν ὀσφύν ὑμῶν ἐν ἀληθείᾳ, καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι τὸν θώρακα τῆς δικαιοσύνης, καὶ ὑποδησάμενοι τοὺς πόδας ἐν ἐτοιμασίᾳ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου τῆς εἰρήνης· ἐπὶ πᾶσιν ἀναλαμβάνοντες τὸν θυρεὸν τῆς πίστεως, ἐν ᾧ δυνησέσθε πάντα τὰ βέλη τοῦ πονηροῦ τὰ πεπυρωμένα σβέσαι. Καὶ τὴν περικεφαλαίαν τοῦ σωτηρίου δέξασθαι, καὶ τὴν μάχαιραν τοῦ πνεύματος, ὃ ἐστὶν ῥῆμα θεοῦ·

GOSPEL

The Reading is from Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

GOSPEL

Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 13:10-17

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, Ἦν δὲ διδάσκων ἐν μιᾷ τῶν συναγωγῶν ἐν τοῖς σάββασι. καὶ ἰδοὺ γυνὴ ἦν πνεῦμα ἔχουσα ἀσθενείας ἔτη δέκα καὶ ὀκτώ, καὶ ἦν συγκύπτουσα καὶ μὴ δυναμένη ἀνακύψαι εἰς τὸ παντελές. ἰδὼν δὲ αὐτὴν ὁ Ἰησοῦς προσεφώνησε καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῇ· γύναι, ἀπολύσουαι τῆς ἀσθενείας σου· καὶ ἐπέθηκεν αὐτῇ τὰς χεῖρας· καὶ παραχρῆμα ἀνωρθώθη καὶ ἐδόξαζε τὸν Θεόν. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ ἀρχισυνάγωγος, ἀγανακτῶν ὅτι τῷ σαββάτῳ ἐθεράπευσεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς, ἔλεγε τῷ ὄχλῳ· ἔξ ἡμέραι εἰσὶν ἐν αἷς δεῖ ἐργάζεσθαι· ἐν ταύταις οὖν ἐρχόμενοι θεραπεύεσθε, καὶ μὴ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τοῦ σαββάτου. ἀπεκρίθη οὖν αὐτῷ ὁ Κύριος καὶ εἶπεν· ὑποκριτά, ἕκαστος ὑμῶν τῷ σαββάτῳ οὐ λυεὶ τὸν βοῦν αὐτοῦ ἢ τὸν ὄνον ἀπὸ τῆς φάτνης καὶ ἀπαγαγὼν ποτίζει; ταύτην δὲ, θυγατέρα Ἀβραάμ οὐσαν, ἦν ἔδησεν ὁ σατανᾶς ἰδοὺ δέκα καὶ ὀκτώ ἔτη, οὐκ ἔδει λυθῆναι ἀπὸ τοῦ δεσμοῦ τούτου τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τοῦ σαββάτου; καὶ ταῦτα λέγοντος αὐτοῦ κατησχύνοντο πάντες οἱ ἀντικείμενοι αὐτῷ, καὶ πᾶς ὁ ὄχλος ἔχαιρεν ἐπὶ πᾶσι τοῖς ἐνδόξοις τοῖς γινομένοις ὑπ' αὐτοῦ.

Christmas through Epiphany Services

Christmas Eve - Sunday, Dec. 24, Divine Liturgy 6:30 PM.

Christmas Day - 9:00 AM. The Nativity of Our Lord Festal Matins (Only).

St. Basil - Mon., Jan. 1st, Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:30AM.

Eve of Epiphany - Fri., Jan. 5, Vespertal Liturgy, Blessing of the Waters 6PM.

Epiphany - Sat., Jan. 6, Orthros, Divine Liturgy of St Basil: Agiasmos 8:30AM.

Saints & Feast Days



December 10

Menas, Hermogenes & Eugraphos, Martyrs of Alexandria

Saint Menas, according to the Synaxaristes, had Athens as his homeland. He was a military officer, an educated man and skilled in speech, wherefore he was surnamed Kallikelados ("most eloquent"); Eugraphus was his scribe. Both had Christian parents. The Emperor Maximinus (he was the successor of Alexander Severus, and reigned from 235 to 238) sent Saint Menas to Alexandria to employ his eloquence to end a certain strife among the citizens. Saint Menas, having accomplished this, also employed his eloquence to strengthen the Christians in their faith, which when Maximinus heard, he sent Hermogenes, who was an eparch born to unbelievers to turn Menas away from Christ. But Hermogenes rather came to the Faith of Christ because of the miracles wrought by Saint Menas. Saints Menas, Eugraphus, and Hermogenes received the crown of martyrdom in the year 235.



December 12

Spyridon the Wonderworker of Trymithous

Spyridon, the God-bearing Father of the Church, the great defender of Corfu and the boast of all the Orthodox, had Cyprus as his homeland. He was simple in manner and humble of heart, and was a shepherd of sheep. When he was joined to a wife, he begat of her a daughter whom they named Irene. After his wife's departure from this life, he was appointed Bishop of Trimythus, and thus he became also a shepherd of rational sheep. When the First Ecumenical Council was assembled in Nicaea, he also was present, and by means of his most simple words stopped the mouths of the Arians who were wise in their own conceit. By the divine grace which dwelt in him, he wrought such great wonders that he received the surname "Wonderworker." So it is that, having tended his flock piously and in a manner pleasing to God, he reposed in the Lord about the year 350, leaving to his country his sacred relics as a consolation and source of healing for the faithful. About the middle of the seventh century, because of the incursions made by the barbarians at that time, his sacred relics were taken to Constantinople, where they remained, being honoured by the emperors themselves. But before the fall of Constantinople, which took place on May 29, 1453, a certain priest named George Kalokhairetes, the parish priest of the church where the Saint's sacred relics, as well as those of Saint Theodora the Empress, were kept, took them away on account of the impending peril. Travelling by way of Serbia, he came as far as Arta in Epirus, a region in Western Greece opposite to the isle of Corfu. From there, while the misfortunes of the Christian people were increasing with every day, he passed over to Corfu about the year 1460. The relics of Saint Theodora were given to the people of Corfu; but those of Saint Spyridon remain to this day, according to the rights of inheritance, the most precious treasure of the priest's own descendants, and they continue to be a staff for the faithful in Orthodoxy, and a supernatural wonder for those that behold him; for even after the passage of 1,500 years, they have remained incorrupt, and even the flexibility of his flesh has been preserved. Truly wondrous is God in His Saints! (Ps. 67:3 5)

SERMON

THE SPIRITUAL WEAPONS

The Apostle Paul, as always, so also with the present passage "speaks of edification and prayer and comfort" (1 Cor. 14:3). He addresses the pleroma of the Church of every era, with edifying, encouraging and consoling words. He calls the Ephesians, to whom his epistle is addressed, and every believer, to have the spiritual feeling that in their struggle to experience the Gospel of Christ as the highest criterion of their conscience, they are not alone. The almighty Lord is with them. That is why the Apostle points out that the faithful must draw strength from their union with the Lord and from His great power, since God is the source of strength; the only firm, invincible and almighty one. And this power is necessary, because the spiritual life of the conscientious Christian is a daily struggle not with people, but with principles and authorities, that is, with the rulers of this dark world, the wicked spirits that are between the earth and the sky.

Resist the Wiles of the Devil

Therefore, Paul exhorts the believers to clothe themselves with the armor that God gives, so that they can face the methods, the tricks of the devil. To resist, when the time of the satanic attack comes, so that they can remain until the end, firm in their positions. The armor of God is man's unity with God, which is offered to every believer who participates in the life of the Church, that is, in the life of Christ. It's the clothing of the corrupt and finite man with the incorruption and immortality of God, through faith, repentance, holy Baptism and the Divine Eucharist; through prayer and continual training in the struggle of knowledge of God; through striving for the holy evangelical virtues and commandments to be the rule and the measure of the spiritual life. However, man's archenemy, the devil, "like a roaring lion, walks about, seeking something to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). The demonic powers are divisive and disruptive. Out of envy and unimaginable evil, the tempter seeks the dissolution of man's communion with God and, by extension, with other people. In fact, breaking up the communion with God, means first and foremost, the alteration of true love and the entrapment of man in the absolute darkness of his own Ego, that is, in spiritual alienation and isolation.

The Alliance of God

The top interpreter of the Epistles of the Apostle Paul, the sacred Chrysostom, points out that God is an almighty ally in our struggle against evil, temptation, and the devil. God, as our loving father, does not allow us to be tested more than we are able (1 Cor. 10:13). "We have an invincible ally, the grace of the Holy Spirit" proclaims the golden-mouthed father, and he reminds us that our final and glorious victory will be accomplished and manifested in its fullness at the end times; "when we depart from here", when we leave this present life to meet with the Lord of Glory and King of all "face to face".

The Communion of Love in Christ

In the communion of love in Christ, as offered in the liturgical space of the Church with the Holy

Mysteries, and life according to Christ, man's egotism is transformed into an indivisible unity of persons; a unity which is inspired and realized by the presence, the visitation of Christ in our lives. The power of spirits of wickedness is found not in their wickedness itself, but in that they do everything possible to destroy the faith of people in the kindness and infinite love of God and, thus, to form the conviction that evil is stronger than goodness. God does not give us explanations for what reasons evil and the power of the devil seem to prevail and triumph, but He gives us strength to fight it and the strength, the armor, to overcome with the power of faith, prayer, hope, love, and communion with Christ. That is, just as Christ himself fought the devil's temptations on the Mountain, where he isolated himself for forty days after His baptism. The Apostle Paul, with much inspiration, uses in our passage, images from the military life of his time, to help us understand that our spiritual life is a constant struggle against our evil self, sin, and the devil. However, in this struggle, God is an invincible ally. For this reason, in the face of evil, adversities, sorrows, the temptation to weaken our hope, to shake our faith and to "cool" our love, let us trust God, as Christ trusted Him, even in the agony of Gethsemane, in the final trial of His death on the cross, and then all temptations will be crushed before His incomparable power and incomprehensible love.

We Welcome All Who Worship with Us Today!

Memorial

1 year – *Angela Daskalos*

Trisagion

1 year – *Steven Vavoudes*

Alexandra & George Psinakis

31 year – *David Patterson*

May their memory be eternal. Αιώνια η Μνήμη!

Coffee Fellowship is sponsored by the *Psinakis/Patterson 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 is on display in the Lobby. Please select a paper ornament (or two) from the tree. Place the wrapped gifts with the ornament attached to it under the tree by **Sunday, December 17th**. The gifts will be delivered to the Dimock Center in Boston & other nearby organizations.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals: for Grades K-5 after Sunday School class: Dec 10.

Christmas Pageant: December 17th

No Sunday School: December 24 and December 31.

Christmas Seniors Luncheon
Sunday, December 10, 2023
(Immediately following the Divine Liturgy)
Please RSVP to the Arch office
by December 3.

TODAY

Open to all Taxiarchae
Senior Citizens!

Jointly hosted by AHEPA and the
Taxiarchae Philoptochos Society

FAMILY MINISTRIES FUNDRAISER

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.

**You must Order & Pay
for your Gingerbread
House online.**

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

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 \$11,000, we will use approved monies from the operations account for needed improvements 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 COLECTING WINTER COATS
FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS**

DEADLINE - TODAY

PLEASE, PLACE THEM IN THE BOX LOCATED IN OUR LOBBY

WARM COATS ONLY

NOTHING ELSE CAN BE ACCEPTED

ALL SIZES WELCOMED.

LAST CHANCE TO DONATE



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.



DEADLINE EXTENDED TO TUESDAY, 12/12

**Watertown Food Pantry needs to service 60 families
and the toy donations have been slow!**

The deadline has been extended to 12/12/23.

**JOY/YOUTH MINISTRIES
CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE**

NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS!

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
TODAY - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th**



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 Hristouyenna!

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: \$ _____



TODAY

*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.



Decorate our Church for Christmas

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

A Note from the Parish Council President - I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Costas Karageorgis and Brian Marriott, who will be stepping down after many years of dedicated service.

Thank you Costas and Brian, we know you will always be there to support our parish.

George Faggas

TODAY

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS AFTER CHURCH SERVICES.

Please Note: The Archdiocese Parish Regulations stipulate that only "members in good standing" are permitted to vote.

The candidates that were nominated for re-election to another term are John Abate, Harry Berlis and Harry Chehames.

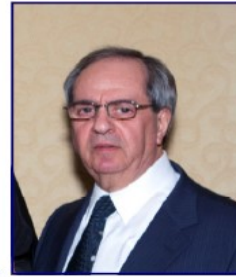
New candidates for the next term are Bill Alex and Frances Levas.

More on the following page.



Bill Alex grew up in Watertown and attended Sunday School and Greek School here at Taxiarchae. He is a retired Electrical Engineer and an active participant at the church festivals. He has served on the Parish Council in the past as an Assistant Treasurer. Bill would like to return to the board to more actively contribute his talents and treasures.

John A. Abate was born in Winthrop, Massachusetts and is married to Nickie Abate. They have two sons. John is an accountant and a realtor, working at his own firms (MASCO Consultant Services and Ink Realty). He has been a member of Taxiarchae Church since 1966. He served as Treasurer for 18 years, President for 6 years and has also served as Vice President. John has chaired and co-chaired numerous Greek Festivals and committees. He started the participation from our Church in Watertown Fair on the Square. *"I look forward to full participation from all generations in all Church activities"*.



Harry J. Berlis has been a member of the Taxiarchae Church since the late 1980's and on the church council for the past 6 years. He is married to Maria (Stamatopoulos) Berlis of Belmont where they live with their three children Demitri, Eva and Melina. He is a Geotechnical Engineer and works at McPhail Associates, LLC in Cambridge where he has over 25 years of experience in the design, construction and repair building foundations. Harry is currently on the committee that has overseen the renovation of Church's front entrance and the recent parking lot renovation. Harry's hobbies include golf and coaching his children in basketball and softball. Harry believes that a strong foundation is essential to achieving your goals.



Harry Chehames was born in Cambridge, MA, the son of the late Harry and Mary Chehames. He attended Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Cambridge until his early adult years. He is married to Fay (Vlahos) and resides in Carlisle. They have been members of the Taxiarchae/ Archangels Greek Orthodox Church for over 42 years. They have two sons, Steven and Nicholas. Harry is the owner of Cedar Builders for over three decades, focusing on residential as well as commercial construction. Harry is honored and privileged to have serve on the Taxiarchae Parish Council for the last twelve years. He also enjoys taking part in the church's largest fundraiser, the Annual Grecian Festival.

Frances Levas is a lifelong steward of our parish where she has served on the Parish Council as president for 5 years and overall, for 18 years while simultaneously being an active member of the Ladies Philoptochos for over 30 years. She has served on the Metropolis Philoptochos Board for the last 9 terms and is a member of Hellenic Women's Club. For the last 7 years, she serves as the Director of Development and Alumni Relations of Hellenic College Holy Cross. She is the proud mother of Kosta and his wife Donna and yiayia to her beautiful granddaughters, Fotini and Amalia. The Taxiarchae is her second home.





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



H.B.B.U.

TOY DROP OFF AT HELLENIC COLLEGE GYM
50 GODDARD AVE, BROOKLINE, MA 02445
DROP OFF TIMES: 12/10 & 12/17 2PM-5PM
ALTERNATE DROPOFF: TAXIARCHAE CHURCH, WATERTOWN

CELEBRATING
20+ YEARS OF THE
ANTHONY PITTS
TOY DRIVE!

SUPPORTING CHILDREN OF NECS - NEW ENGLAND COMMUNITY SERVICES
A TOY DRIVE BY ANTHONY PITTS, METROPOLIS OF BOSTON HEAD BASKETBALL REFEREE
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CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE



METROPOLIS of BOSTON CAMP

WINTER CAMP 2024

SO CHILL, WE NEEDED TWO
Grades 6-12 | Register on November 27th

Winter Camp Session 1 Winter Camp Session 2
 ARRIVE: Friday, January 19 ARRIVE: Saturday, February 17
 DEPART: Sunday, January 21 DEPART: Monday, February 19

**FALL CAMP SOLD OUT IN LESS THAN 60 SECONDS!
 DON'T DELAY IN REGISTERING!**



WINTER CAMP FIELD TRIP OPTIONS

TOUR DE TOOKY	PAT'S PEAK SKI MOUNTAIN
Maple Syrup Factory	Skiing
Cow Milking Farm	Snowboarding
Ice Skating / Ice Fishing	Tubing

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Are you a high school **junior** or **senior**?

Fill your
summer
 with what **counts**

Join one of our **four sessions:**

SESSION 1 | Boston June 8-18
SESSION 2 | Northern California June 18-28
SESSION 3 | Boston June 22-July 2
SESSION 4 | Chicago July 6-16

APPLICATION DEADLINES
 Priority: January 16, 2024
 Regular: February 20, 2024



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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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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EVERYTHING
YOU WISHED.

