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January 21, 2024

12th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 8:45/Liturgy 9:30 AM.

Epistle Reading

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from Luke 17:12-19.

Trisagion

10 year – *Eleanor Novitsky*

May her memory be eternal. Αιωνία η Μνήμη!

WEEKDAY SERVICES - Καθημερινές Λειτουργίες:

**Paraklesis to the Panagia Gorgoipikoos -Canceled for 1/25.
They will resume again on Thursday, Feb. 1st, at 6:00 PM.**

The Three Hierarchs -Tuesday, Jan. 30th 8:30 Orthros/Liturgy 9:00 AM.



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.

Apolytikion for Maximus the Confessor in the Plagal Fourth Mode

You are a guide of Orthodoxy, a teacher of piety and modesty, a luminary of the world, the God inspired pride of monastics. O wise Maximos, you have enlightened everyone by your teachings. You are the harp of the Spirit. Intercede to Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

Ορθοδοξίας Οδηγέ, ευσεβίας διδάσκαλε καὶ σεμνότητος, τῆς οἰκουμένης ο φωστήρ, ἀρχιερέων θεόπνευστον ἐγκαλλώπισμα, Μάξιμε σοφέ, ταῖς διδασκαίς σου πάντας ἐφώτισας, Λύρα τοῦ Πνεύματος, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Seasonal Kontakion in the First Mode

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγίας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόνητος.

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 Colossians 3:4-11.

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Epistle Reading

Προκείμενον. Plagal Fourth Mode. 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 Κολοσσαεῖς 3:4-11.

Ἀδελφοί, ὅταν ὁ Χριστὸς φανερωθῇ, ἡ ζωὴ ἡμῶν, τότε καὶ ὑμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ φανερωθήσεσθε ἐν δόξῃ. Νεκρώσατε οὖν τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, πορνείαν, ἀκαθαρσίαν, πάθος, ἐπιθυμίαν κακὴν, καὶ τὴν πλεονεξίαν, ἣτις ἐστὶν εἰδωλολατρεία, δι' ἣ ἔρχεται ἡ ὀργὴ τοῦ θεοῦ ἐπὶ τοὺς υἱοὺς τῆς ἀπειθείας· ἐν οἷς καὶ ὑμεῖς περιεπατήσατέ ποτε, ὅτε ἐζήτε ἐν αὐτοῖς. Νυνὶ δὲ ἀπόθεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς τὰ πάντα, ὀργὴν, θυμὸν, κακίαν, βλασφημίαν, αἰσχρολογίαν ἐκ τοῦ στόματος ὑμῶν· μὴ ψεύδεσθε εἰς ἀλλήλους, ἀπεκδυσάμενοι τὸν παλαιὸν ἄνθρωπον σὺν ταῖς πράξεσιν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι τὸν νέον, τὸν ἀνακαινούμενον εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν κατ' εἰκόνα τοῦ κτίσαντος αὐτὸν· ὅπου οὐκ ἔστι Ἕλληνας καὶ Ἰουδαῖος, περιτομὴ καὶ ἀκροβυστία, βάρβαρος, Σκύθης, δοῦλος, ἐλεύθερος· ἀλλὰ τὰ πάντα καὶ ἐν πάσιν Χριστός.

GOSPEL

The Reading is from Luke 17:12-19

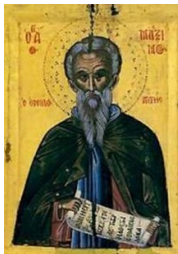
At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

GOSPEL

Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 17:12-19

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἰσερχομένου αὐτοῦ εἰς τινα κώμην ἀπήντησαν αὐτῷ δέκα λεπροὶ ἄνδρες, οἱ ἔστησαν πόρρωθεν, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἦσαν φωνὴν λέγοντες· Ἰησοῦ ἐπιστάτα, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. καὶ ἰδὼν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· πορευθέντες ἐπιδείξατε ἑαυτοὺς τοῖς ἱερεῦσι. καὶ ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ υπάγειν αὐτοὺς ἐκαθαρίσθησαν. εἷς δὲ ἐξ αὐτῶν, ἰδὼν ὅτι ἰάθη, υπέστρεψε μετὰ φωνῆς μεγάλης δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν, καὶ ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ πρόσωπον παρὰ τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ εὐχαριστῶν αὐτῷ· καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν Σαμαρεῖτης. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· οὐχὶ οἱ δέκα ἐκαθαρίσθησαν; οἱ δὲ ἑννέα ποῦ; οὐχὲν εὐρέθησαν ὑποστρέψαντες δοῦναι δόξαν τῷ Θεῷ εἰ μὴ ὁ ἄλλογενὴς οὗτος; καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀναστὰς πορεύου· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε.

Saints and Feasts



January 21

Maximus the Confessor

The divine Maximus, who was from Constantinople, sprang from an illustrious family. He was a lover of wisdom and an eminent theologian. At first, he was the chief private secretary of the Emperor Heraclius and his grandson Constans. When the Monothelite heresy became predominant in the royal court, out of hatred for this error the Saint departed for the Monastery at Chrysopolis (Scutari), of which he later became the abbot. When Constans tried to constrain him either to accept the Monothelite teaching, or to stop speaking and writing against it - neither of which the Saint accepted to do - his tongue was uprooted and his right hand was cut off, and he was sent into exile where he reposed in 662. At the time only he and his few disciples were Orthodox in the East (See also August 13).



January 21

Neophytos the Martyr of Nicaea

The Martyr Neophytos, who was from Nicaea in Bithynia, was the son of pious parents, Theodore and Florence. Led by grace from his childhood, he took up his dwelling in a cave upon Mount Olympus at the age of nine and lived there in asceticism and prayer. At the age of fifteen, during the reign of Diocletian about the year 290, he presented himself to the local Governor named Decius. Roused to fury by his unexpected boldness, Decius had him scourged, then laid out on a bed of fire. When he had been preserved by grace through these torments, he gave him up to wild beasts. But since the Saint remained unharmed, a certain pagan fell on him with a sword and slew him.

Sermon

LORD JESUS, HAVE MERCY ON US!

What a cruel sight to see ten sick lepers together? A body full of wounds, which smell and flow with fluids, something that led, at that time, to a tragic, painful and slow death. The Mosaic Law forbade lepers to come into contact with healthy people, because it considered them spiritually impure. They lived outside the cities and villages, forgotten and socially despised. Furthermore, in the book of Leviticus it is written that they had to wear torn clothes, have their heads uncovered and their mouths covered. They took off the cover only when a person approached them and they had to shout "unclean". They lived as if they were dead.

Christ Coming To Us

In today's gospel passage, Christ guides His steps close to them and gives them the unique opportunity to be healed. They had heard about Him and His healings, for this reason, and with all the strength they had, they were shouting to him: "Jesus overseer, have mercy on us". The "Overseer" is the one who supervises, who guides something, that is, more than a teacher. They did not call him "Lord", because they did not know the power and the authority that he had. However, they encountered it when they were far away and He told them to go to the priests and they will be healed. Christ could have with a simple word of his or even with a touch of his healed them. He didn't, and he had a reason for it.

He did not want to cancel what the Mosaic law said about lepers. According to the law, the priests were the ones who recognized the disease of leprosy and drove the patients to desert areas. Therefore, in this way, Christ sends the lepers, who are healed on the way, to the priests and they see their healing with their eyes, so that they could also believe in Christ. They see them clean of wounds and all of the priests testify to their healing. The lepers all return back to life healthy and happy.

Thankfulness and Gratitude to God

However, let us now see how they dealt with their benefactor. Only one turned to Christ to thank Him. The others, from the joy of their healing, forgot Him. One ran back, and not only thanked Him with his

Sermon continued

word, but fell at His feet and worshiped Him with a heart full of gratitude and joy.

Divine Providence

"We must entrust everything to divine providence, because only then are we saved both from anxiety and from distress and from all evils. Because, when one knows and believes that he has God who cares for him, for what reason should he get upset?"

However, in order to entrust everything to divine providence, one must first clean himself of every worldly care, and then wait for divine providence to act. Because, if someone e.g. strives to gain money, so that he has it for difficult times, or so that he does not lack anything, then he bases his hope in money and not on God. Therefore, he must first stop loving money and basing his hope on it, and then to base his hope on God; both together do not happen. I'm not saying that we not use money, but one should not put one's hope on it, and should not give his heart to it".

"Elder, what does God want from us?"

"God wants from us, our disposition, our good will, which will we demonstrate merely with our little honorable struggle, and the consciousness of our sinfulness. He gives everything else. Muscles are not necessary in the spiritual life. We should struggle humbly, be asking for God's mercy and be grateful to Him for everything. He who abandons himself into the hands of God, without any plan of his own plan, passes into God's plan. The more a person is hooked onto himself, he stays behind; he does not advance spiritually, because he hinders God's mercy. In order to succeed, he needs a lot of trust in God.

Clean of wounds and all of the priests testify to their healing. The lepers all return back to life healthy and happy. When our heart is full of gratitude to God, then our whole life changes and is filled with peace and joy. Ingratitude is a sin. It is the hardness of the heart that does not allow it to see the face of God and man.

Let us reflect on the attitude of the nine lepers. Let's learn to live from the gratitude of the one. Christ is the source of all of the goods in our life. He gave us talents, without us doing anything. That is why the Apostle Paul confesses: "I have nothing and I own everything." Each of us can be so rich even in absolute poverty. Rich in gratitude for the love, the power, and the glory that our Christ gives us. Let us reflect and offer to God our love and our desire to live with Him, out of gratitude that He brought us to life and was crucified for us.

We Welcome all who worship with us today.

Trisagion

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If you would like to sponsor a Coffee Fellowship, please contact the Office 617-924-8182.

GOYA Meeting on Wednesday, January 24th at 6:30 PM.

2023-2024 Capital Improvement Campaign Fund

— \$150,000

— \$75,000

— \$0



Church Capital Improvement Campaign update. To date we have raised \$29,000 of the \$150,000 we need to raise for much needed improvements to our Church. We used approved monies from the operations account for the parking lot improvement but need to repay the operations account once we have raised the money. Thank you to those that have donated! If you would like to donate please visit the Church website, click on Donate, then Capital Improvement Campaign.

DONATE TODAY!

Purchase Your Tickets on our Website.
Use the drop down "Menu", purchase in Taxiarchae Store.
DEADLINE FEBRUARY 24th!!!

The Taxiarchae Church
and St. Sava Cathedral invite
you to
an evening of
music, dance, food & fun



March 9, 2024 7 pm - 11 pm

Greek music by The Makredes Ensemble
Serbian music by - DJ
Enjoy Greek and Serbian Cuisine

Admission: \$60

Kids 12 and under - free
MUST RSVP by February 24, 2024

Taxiarchae 25 Bigelow Ave, Watertown, MA 02472



FAMILY MINISTRIES
A FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

SLIME PARTY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26TH 6-8 PM
PIZZA AND A TREAT
WILL BE PROVIDED

YOU MUST RSVP TO
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JANUARY 19TH TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION
AND AVAILABILITY



JOIN US FOR

February Joy

Junior Orthodox Youth
Ages 5 to 12

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
5-7 PM**

**WE WILL BE
MAKING A
SEASONAL CRAFT**

**PIZZA AND A
TREAT WILL BE
PROVIDED.**

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BY FEBRUARY 2ND TO ENSURE
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HELLENIC BOSTON BUSINESSES UNITE

invites you to our first Annual

WINTER WHITE *Gala*

Saturday February 3, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Oakley Country Club
410 Belmont St. Watertown, MA

Silent Auction proceeds to benefit
Metropolis Camp of Boston & The Sotir Center Thessaloniki, GR

Dinner & Dancing
Music by Salonica Boys

RSVP by January 27, 2024
\$150.00 per person includes dinner, dancing and 2 hours open bar

To order tickets scan the QR code

Cocktail attire - Optional Black/Winter White





Please Join Us for
Family Ministries
A Family Friendly Event

Tea Party

We will be serving small
bites, a treat and tea.

We will also have a craft.

Friday, February 16th
6-8 pm

Please RSVP to
ckourkoulis@goarchangels.org
by February 9th to ensure
availability and participation.



CROSSROAD

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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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



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YOUR EVENT CAN BE
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YOU WISHED.

