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February 18, 2024

Sunday of the Canaanite

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 Matthew 15:21-28.



WEEKDAY SERVICES - Καθημερινές Λειτουργίες:

Paraklesis to the Panagia Gorgoipikoos - Every Thursday at 6 PM.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Mode

The women disciples of the Lord heard from the angel, the joyful news of the Resurrection and the repeal of the sentence imposed upon our forefathers. With pride they said to the Apostles, "Death is vanquished, Christ our God is risen bestowing upon the world His great mercy."

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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 ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, 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. Fourth Mode. Psalm 103.24,1.

O Lord, how manifold are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

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. Fourth Mode. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 103.24,1.

Ὡς ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου Κύριε, πάντα ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας.

Στίχ. Εὐλόγει ἡ ψυχὴ μου τὸν Κύριον.

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 υἱούς καὶ θυγατέρας, λέγει κύριος παντοκράτωρ. Ταῦτας οὖν ἔχοντες τὰς ἐπαγγελίας, ἀγαπητοί, καθαρίσωμεν ἑαυτοὺς ἀπὸ παντὸς μολυσμοῦ σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος, ἐπιτελοῦντες ἀγιωσύνην ἐν φόβῳ θεοῦ.

GOSPEL

The Reading is from Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

GOSPEL

Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 15:21-28

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐξελθὼν ἐκεῖθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἀνεχώρησεν εἰς τὰ μέρη Τύρου καὶ Σιδῶνος. καὶ ἰδοὺ γυνὴ Χανααῖα ἀπὸ τῶν ὀρίων ἐκείνων ἐξελθοῦσα ἐκραύγαζεν αὐτῷ λέγουσα· ἐλέησόν με, Κύριε, υἱὲ Δαυὶδ· ἡ θυγάτηρ μου κακῶς δαιμονίζεται. ὁ δὲ οὐκ ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῇ λόγον. καὶ προσελθόντες οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἠρώτων αὐτὸν λέγοντες· ἀπόλυσον αὐτήν, ὅτι κράζει ὀπισθεν ἡμῶν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπεν· οὐκ ἀπεστάλην εἰ μὴ εἰς τὰ πρόβατα τὰ ἀπολωλότα οἴκου Ἰσραὴλ. ἡ δὲ ἐλθοῦσα προσεκύνησεν αὐτῷ λέγουσα· Κύριε, βοήθει μοι. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπεν· οὐκ ἔστι καλὸν λαβεῖν τὸν ἄρτον τῶν τέκνων καὶ βαλεῖν τοῖς κυναρίοις. ἡ δὲ εἶπε· ναί, Κύριε· καὶ γὰρ τὰ κυνάρια ἐσθίει ἀπὸ τῶν ψυχίων τῶν πιπτόντων ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης τῶν κυρίων αὐτῶν. τότε ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῇ· ὦ γύναι, μεγάλη σου ἡ πίστις! γενηθήτω σοι ὡς θέλεις. καὶ ἴαθη ἡ θυγάτηρ αὐτῆς ἀπὸ τῆς ὥρας ἐκείνης.

Saints and Feasts



February 18

Leo the Great, Pope of Rome

According to some, this Saint was born in Rome, but according to others in Tyrrenia (Tuscany), and was consecrated to the archiepiscopal throne of Rome in 440. In 448, when Saint Flavian, Archbishop of Constantinople, summoned Eutyches, an archimandrite in Constantinople, to give account for his teaching that there was only one nature in Christ after the Incarnation, Eutyches appealed to Saint Leo in Rome. After Saint Leo had carefully examined Eutyches's teachings, he wrote an epistle to Saint Flavian, setting forth the Orthodox teaching of the person of Christ, and His two natures, and also counseling Flavian that, should Eutyches sincerely repent of his error, he should be received back with all good will. At the Council held in Ephesus in 449, which was presided over by Dioscorus, Patriarch of Alexandria (and which Saint Leo, in a letter to the holy Empress Pulcheria in 451, was the first to call "The Robber Council"), Dioscorus, having military might behind him, did not allow Saint Leo's epistle to Flavian to be read, although repeatedly asked to do so; even before the Robber Council was held, Dioscorus had uncanonically received the unrepentant Eutyches back into communion. Because Saint Leo had many cares in Rome owing to the wars of Attila the Hun and other barbarians, in 451 he sent four delegates to the Fourth Ecumenical Council, where 630 Fathers gathered in Chalcedon during the reign of Marcian, to condemn the teachings of Eutyches and those who supported him. Saint Leo's epistle to Flavian was read at the Fourth Council, and was confirmed by the Holy Fathers as the Orthodox teaching on the incarnate person of our Lord; it is also called the "Tome of Leo." The Saint wrote many works in Latin; he reposed in 461. See also Saint Anatolius, July 3.



February 19

Philothei the Righteous Martyr of Athens

Saint Philothei was born in Athens in 1522 to an illustrious family. Against her will, she was married to a man who proved to be most cruel. When he died three years later, the Saint took up the monastic life and established a convent, in which she became a true mother to her disciples. Many women enslaved and abused by the Moslem Turks also ran to her for refuge. Because of this, the Turkish rulers became enraged and came to her convent, dragged her by force out of the church, and beat her cruelly. After a few days, she reposed, giving thanks to God for all things. This came to pass in the year 1589. She was renowned for her almsgiving, and with Saints Hierotheus and Dionysius the Areopagite is considered a patron of the city of Athens.

Sermon

HAVE MERCY ON ME, LORD, SON OF DAVID!

Today's miracle of the gospel passage shows a "hard" Christ with a behavior, the like of which we have never seen before in the New Testament. On the contrary, the behavior of the Canaanite mother is impressive. The Canaanite woman, that is, an idolater, approaches Christ and loudly cries out to Him to heal her daughter from the demon that she has. In this particular passage, no scream is heard from the possessed girl, but rather, the mother's begging cry.

Knowledge Through Love

Christ does not pay attention to her, and treats her uncompassionately, with the aim of testing her faith. The idolatrous woman, as we heard in the Gospel dialogue, shows humility and sincerity and she courageously declares her faith in Christ's healing power. The result was, for what she asked with such strong faith, to happen. However, let's not focus on Christ's behavior or the faith of the Canaanite woman, but on the Lord's effort to avoid showing His power. It is hidden in the Old Testament, in Moses and in Isaiah. It is also hidden in the New Testament, as the evangelists John and Matthew tell us. It is hidden from the Pharisees and the priests of the temple and the scribes of Israel. But where does it manifest itself? The evangelist John gives us the answer. We can know Christ only through our fellow human beings. In other words, God transfers the possibility of knowing Him, in love, as the only feeling that has the ability to understand Him.

Meeting with Christ

There is a great difference between knowing God and loving Him. Whoever loves Him, will know Him. Whoever does not love Him, will never know Him, even if he wants to. God, therefore, hides Himself from everywhere, so that we can know Him within ourselves.

We may not meet Him in our big churches, in the majesty of nature, or the ballast of people. It is certainly there, but it is hidden. We cannot locate Him. The Canaanite woman shows us the place of meeting with Christ. It is in us when we are tested, when we cry, when we hurt, when we long. He waits, without answering, as Christ did today. He waits for us to seek Him and loudly call out His name to heal us with His presence.

And then Christ will shout: "Man, you have great faith. Let what you wish, be done to you." And what we want is to know Christ so that our life can gain meaning. The Canaanite woman shows us the way.

Ways of Encountering Christ

First, our faith must remain unaffected and unshaken by the silence of God in the requests and supplications of our prayers. We remain and insist on our request, and when God judges, then He answers in time, and in the way that is the most beneficial for our soul.

Second, God is drawn by our humility and brokenness, not only before His power, but mainly before

people. Sincere and constant humility. A modern wise saint said: "Humility is not trying to convince others that we are not something, but the effort to convince ourselves. And then we have the grace to see the world and people as God made them". Not as we made it end up. So, humility opens our spiritual eyes to meet Christ within ourselves.

We Welcome all who worship with us today.

Coffee Fellowship is open to be sponsored.

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

Announcements



PLEASE JOIN US
FESTIVAL MEETING
Wednesday, February 21, at 7 PM.
IT'S FESTIVAL TIME!

Taxiarchae/Archangels Grecian Festival
3 DAYS OF FOOD and FUN!

JUNE 21st - 23rd

2023-2024 Capital Improvement Campaign Fund

— \$150,000

— \$75,000

— \$0



Church Capital Improvement Campaign update. To date we have raised \$43,000 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 TO PURCHASE TICKETS - 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
Friday, March 15th, 6 - 8 PM.
 (A family friendly event)

We will be preparing for Watertown's Yard Art Event!

Please don't forget to bring the rock you want to paint for our display in Yard Art Watertown

To RSVP or any questions, please contact Christina at: ckourkoulis@goarchangels.org



What is YardArt Watertown?

YardArt is a community-wide celebration of creativity and fun in front yards, porches and windows all over Watertown.

All residents, families, organizations, clubs, classes, artists, and businesses are invited to create something to be viewed from the street or sidewalk. It can be an assemblage, a sculpture, an art project, a lighting arrangement—let your imagination run free! Installations will be on display the entire month of April.

IT'S EASY, FUN AND FREE TO GET INVOLVED

Get Inspired and Spread the Word

- Look at previous YardArt projects on our website, Facebook page or Instagram.
- Encourage your friends and neighbors to participate. Spread the news about this unique community event.
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram so we can expand our audience.

Start Planning (Registration begins in Feb)

- Figure out where your project will go. A porch, window or other outdoor space will all work as long as your project is visible from the street or sidewalk.
- Plan your design to withstand the weather.
- Sign up at moessianarts.org/yardart and send us a photo of your YardArt to be added to our map.

Create Something and Celebrate in April

- Make use of the the Watertown Free Public Library Hatch Makerspace.
- We'll let you know about any YardArt-related activities such as workshops, walks or bike rides
- Once you register, and then complete your project, email us a photo so we can add you to the map.

Celebrate YardArt Watertown: April 2024

We'll have a community map available on our website in April. Take a tour on foot, by bike or in your car to enjoy the display.



SIGN UP STARTS IN FEBRUARY
moessianarts.org/yardart

YardArt! Watertown is a project of the Watertown Cultural Council in collaboration with the Watertown Public Arts and Culture Committee, the Mosaic Center for the Arts, Hatch Makerspace, Live Well Watertown, Watertown Art Association, and Watertown Bike and Pedestrian Committee; supported by Watertown Community Foundation, Watertown Business Coalition, and Watertown Public Schools.

[f](https://www.facebook.com/watertownyardart) [i](https://www.instagram.com/watertownyardart) [t](https://www.tiktok.com/@watertownyardart) [y](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

Taxiarchae Oratorical Date: April 21, at the conclusion of the Liturgy

Parish Chairperson: Costas Karageorgis

Contact Information: Ckarageorgis@goarchangel.com

Please contact Costas or Fr. Nenes if interested.



**JOIN THOUSANDS OF
YOUTH ACROSS
THE NATION AND
SHARE YOUR FAITH!**

2024 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

Junior Division (Grades 7-9) | Senior Division (Grades 10-12)

AWARDS

National finalists are eligible to receive the following
St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Scholarship: \$500 to \$2000
FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism: to be announced

SCHOLARSHIPS

Finalists at any level are eligible to receive the following
Chrysostom Scholarship to Hellenic College: \$2,500 up to \$30,000 per year

LOCAL INFORMATION

Parish Festival Date & Time: _____

Parish Chairperson: _____

Contact Information: _____

Find topics, tips, manual, & award info at
www.religioused.goarch.org

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
Department of Religious Education (DRE)



Friday, March 1st
6:30 pm

GREEK MOVIE NIGHT

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3

Light refreshments will be served
before the film begins

Free Will Donation

Contact Ckourkoulis@goarchangels.org
to RSVP or with any questions

PLEASE SUPPORT
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50/50 RAFFLE

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PURCHASED DURING
FELLOWSHIP FROM
2/17 TO 3/24
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5 for \$5

Contact ckourkoulis@goarchangels.org
with any questions

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YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Ministries are collecting "Gently Used" Prom Dresses for the Belle Ball program! Donate Prom Dresses to Local Students in Need.

Deadline for donations - Thursday, March 28th.

Please leave your donations on the COAT RACK in the LOBBY.

Thank you.

Collecting Prom Dresses ONLY!



Belle
of the
Ball

**Donate Prom Dresses
To Local Students in Need**

Now through March 28th

*Please hang the Prom Dresses on
the Coat Rack located in the Lobby.
Thank you!*

Anton's CLEANERS **Enterprise** Bank **Jordan's** FURNITURE

Collected dresses are professionally cleaned by Anton's and displayed at an invitation-only event in Boston for qualifying students.

For more information about Belle of the Ball or to refer students in need, visit: antons.com/belle

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CONVENTION CENTER
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Watertown Savings Bank
Customer Choice Awards

Please vote Taxiarchae as your favorite
Local Non-profit!

With your help, we can receive \$

WSB is now doing all the voting online.
(No more paper ballots).

If you need help voting, please go to any
WSB Branch and they will guide you
through the process.

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25TH
Anniversary

Customer
Choice
Awards

\$100,000 FOR YOUR FAVORITE
LOCAL NON-PROFITS!

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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 [REDACTED] or
Christina Kourkoulis at CKourkoulis@goarchangels.org

**RECOGNIZE.
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PREVENT.**

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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



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

