

# THE ARCHANGEL'S CALL

ΦΩΝΗ ΑΡΧΑΓΓΕΛΟΥ

TAXIARCHAE/ARCHANGELS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS [WWW.GOARCHANGELS.COM](http://WWW.GOARCHANGELS.COM)

## Α SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE: NAVIGATING THE GREAT LENTEN JOURNEY

*Rev. Fr. Athanasios Nenes*

In the Orthodox Christian tradition, the Great Lent is a sacred and transformative period that invites believers to embark on a spiritual journey of reflection, repentance, and renewal. Lasting for 40 days, it symbolizes Christ's own 40 days of fasting in the wilderness and culminates in the celebration of His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday. Each Sunday of Great Lent marks a milestone in this journey, shedding light on different aspects of our faith and revealing the richness of our tradition through the commemoration of significant feasts.

### The Journey of Great Lent

As we embark on the Great Lenten journey, we are called to examine our hearts, repent of our sins, and draw closer to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a time of introspection and spiritual discipline, a period of preparation for the joyous celebration of Pascha.

### The Sundays of Great Lent

**The Sunday of Orthodoxy:** On this first Sunday of Lent, we commemorate the restoration of the holy icons in the 9th century. It is a celebration of the victory of the true faith over iconoclasm and a reminder of the importance of sacred images in our worship.

### The Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

This second Sunday of Lent honors St. Gregory Palamas, a 14th-century theologian and mystic known for his teachings on prayer and the divine energies. His life and writings inspire us to seek the radiant light of God's presence in our own spiritual journey.

### The Sunday of the Cross

The third Sunday of Lent focuses on the veneration of the Holy Cross, reminding us of Christ's sacrifice and inviting us to take up our own crosses and follow Him. It is a day of reflection on the transformative power of the Cross in our lives.

### The Sunday of St. John Climacus

On the fourth Sunday of Lent, we commemorate St. John Climacus, whose spiritual classic, "The Ladder of Divine Ascent," is a spiritual masterpiece that outlines the steps of spiritual growth and challenges us to strive for holiness. It also offers us a roadmap for asceticism and inner purification. His teachings guide us in our ascent towards God.

### The Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

This fifth Sunday of Lent tells the remarkable story of St. Mary of Egypt, a repentant sinner who found redemption in the desert through her profound penitence and fervent prayers. Her life serves as a model of humility and perseverance for us all.

### Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday

The 40 days journey of Great Lent ends on the Friday before Lazarus Saturday. From Lazarus Saturday begins Holy week. These two days immediately precede Holy Week and prepare us for the celebration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Lazarus Saturday commemorates the raising of Lazarus from the dead by Jesus, while Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the Lord's Passion.

As we journey through Great Lent and contemplate the significance of each Sunday and feast, may we grow in faith, deepen our relationship with God, and emerge from this sacred season renewed and transformed. Let us embrace the spiritual disciplines of Lent with reverence and devotion, trusting in the grace of God to guide us on our pilgrimage towards Pascha, the feast of feasts.



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## The Archangel's Call

is the monthly newsletter of the  
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The Taxiarchae/Archangels Greek Orthodox Church is a parish under the spiritual and ecclesiastical shepherding of His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America under the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

The Mission of the Taxiarchae/Archangels Greek Orthodox Church is to proclaim the Gospel of Salvation through the Orthodox Christian Faith for the glory of our Triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We are a community of believers who journey towards our Lord Jesus Christ and one another through our WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, SPIRITUAL GROWTH, WITNESS, and SERVICE. We invite all people to join us on this journey toward the Kingdom of Heaven.

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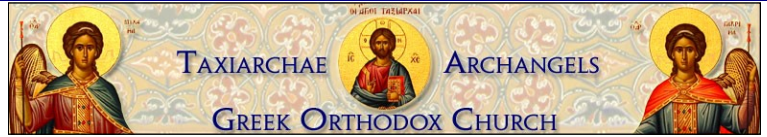
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*Our site is updated every week!*



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## PRESIDENT'S NOTES



### Dear Parish Family,

On Sunday, April 7, we will participate in the Greek Independence Day Parade (see page 9). Please make every effort to join us or be on Boylston Street to cheer us on. If you would like to march with us, please contact the church office.

On April 28, the annual Palm Sunday Luncheon will take place immediately after Liturgy. Please make your reservations, the form is on page 11. It is a beautiful time to share a delicious meal and spend time with other members and guests of our Church.

Don't forget to support our Philoptochos and purchase the great baked goods for your Easter table. We need to support our ladies, who work hard so that you can dress up your Easter table with their baked goods. See Page 7 for ordering information.

Everyone is welcome to be with us for a celebration after the Anastasi Service of Saturday midnight/Sunday early morning, May 4 and 5. Please plan to stay for the Liturgy, and join us after in the Metaxas Hall for mezethakia and more!

We have begun preparing for the FESTIVAL 2024, which will take place on June 21, 22 and 23. As you know, this is the largest fundraiser of the year. I am asking all of you to take the time to participate to the best of your ability with your TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURE. We need parishioners of all ages to commit to volunteer during the three days so that it will be successful.

We look forward to seeing our church family at the many Lenten and Holy Week services in the coming weeks. The Holy Week Schedule is on page 5.

Thank you all for your time, love and support of our church.

**George Faggas,  
Parish Council President**



*Καλή Ανάσταση!*



## «Δόξα τω Θεώ Πάντων Ένεκεν» GLORY TO GOD FOR ALL

**Αδέλφια μου!**

Στο μέσον της μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής, την 3<sup>η</sup> Κυριακή των νηστειών γνωστή και ως Σταυροπροσκυνήσεως, προβάλλει στο μέσον της εκκλησίας ο Τιμιος Σταυρός. Το παράδοξο είναι ότι ο σταυρός που ήταν σύμβολο θανάτου και σήψης, γίνεται δια του Κυρίου μας Ιησού Χριστού, σύμβολο Ζωής, Ελπίδας και Χαράς!

Μόνο στην θέα του στο μέσον της εκκλησίας, για μας τους χριστιανούς είναι πηγή ελπίδας και δύναμης και όταν θα φθάσουμε στο μέσον της Σαρακοστής θα αντλήσουμε δύναμη για την συνέχιση του πνευματικού μας αγώνα σε αυτήν την εκκλησιαστική περίοδο, πολύ δεν μάλλον είναι πηγή πνευματικής ανατάσεως και ελπίδας ιδίως σε αυτούς τους καιρούς που διανύουμε.

Εύχομαι το σύμβολο του Τιμίου Σταυρού να μας ενδυναμώνει όλους μας και με την Χάρη Του να μας δίνει ελπίδα και υπομονή στην ζωή μας!

**Ο εφημέριος σας  
π. Αθανάσιος Νένες**

**My beloved!**

On the 3rd Sunday of Lent, known as the Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross, the Holy Cross stands decorated in the center of the church. The sign of the cross was a symbol of death and deceit and through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died on the cross, became a symbol of Life, Hope and Joy!

As Christians in the midst of our Lenten journey, seeing the Cross in the center of the church on that Sunday, the Holy Cross becomes a source of hope. We gain power from the Cross to continue our spiritual journey of Lent.

Furthermore, the sign of the Cross, at these times that we all are experiencing, is truly a boost of hope and strength.

May the sign of Holy and venerable Cross empower us by His Grace and gain us hope and patience in our lives!

**Your parish priest  
Fr. Athanasios Nenes**

ένκενθε υπέρ αγγέλων (ιακ.ε' 16)

**ΟΝΟΜΑΤΑ ΖΩΝΤΩΝ  
NAMES OF THE LIVING  
TO BE READ AT THE  
PROTHESIS  
ON HOLY PASCHA**

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**Ιερών Ναών Ταξιάρχων  
Taxiarchae—Archangels Greek Orthodox Church,  
HOLY FRIDAY AND PASCHA  
Δίπτυχον Οικογένεια - FAMILY NAME**




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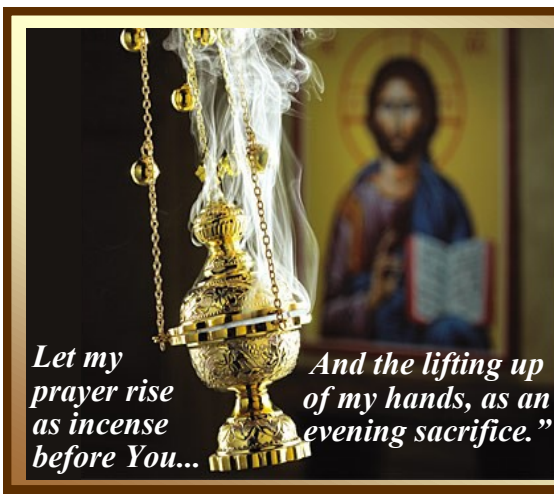
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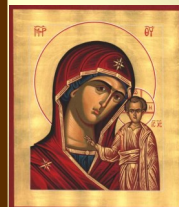
Ἐπί πᾶν ἀκράτητον μετρυβίον ἀνήκεαν ποιῆσθαι τῶν πιστῶς κοιμηθέντων. ( ι. Διαμαρ. )

**ΟΝΟΜΑΤΑ ΚΕΚΟΙΜΗΜΕΝΩΝ  
NAMES OF THE DECEASED  
TO BE READ AT THE EPITAPHIOS  
ON HOLY FRIDAY  
TRISAGION 6 PM**





**Presanctified Liturgies**  
 For the month of April will take place on Wednesdays, April 3, 10 and 17 from 6-7:30 PM Followed by family pot-luck dinner and discussion



**Heretismoï Salutations to the Theotokos**  
 Friday evenings during Lent at 7 PM  
 April 5 and 12  
 The Akathist Hymn on April 19



All are warmly invited to join the Bible Study Group which meets via zoom every week on **Monday evening at 8 PM.** With the participation of Father 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. The topics are selected by the group so as to be of general curiosity. Our current focus is deepening our devotion with subjects appropriate to the Lenten season, such as the worship services and their biblical elements.

To become part of our welcoming group, you need only contact Frank Catrickes at [fdcatrickes@gmail.com](mailto:fdcatrickes@gmail.com).  
 NOTE: There will be no Bible Study on the evenings of Holy Monday (April 29) and Monday of Bright Week (May 6).



**Choir Notes**

**OUR CHOIR DURING LENT AND HOLY WEEK**

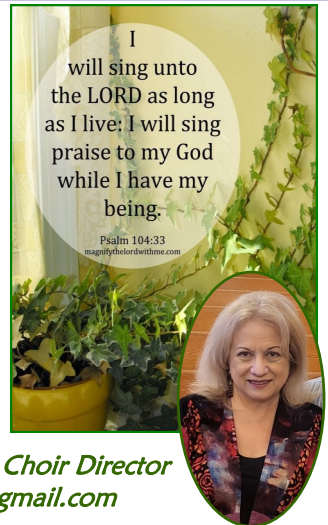
Our Choir will sing the beautiful hymns during selected services of Lent and Holy Week.

- Fridays, April 5 and April 12—Heretismoï/Salutations to the Theotokos
- Friday, April 19—The Akathist Hymn
- Sunday, April 28—Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy
- Tuesday, April 30—Nymphios Service—the Troparion of Kassiani
- Friday, May 3—Good Friday Lamentations
- Saturday/Sunday, May 4/5 Anastasi—Paschal Divine Liturgy

Please note that the Choir Loft will be available ONLY to choir members and visiting choir members who will chant with us at these services. If you would like to chant with the Choir during Holy Week, please contact me as soon as possible and arrange to attend our remaining rehearsals. All former choir members are welcome to Join us. Καλή Ανάσταση!

*Sunday morning Call Time: 9:15 AM*

*Cynthia Mitaras Alex, Choir Director  
 E-mail: [cindialex1@gmail.com](mailto:cindialex1@gmail.com)*



Please join us for the viewing of the 2004 film **The Passion of the Christ**

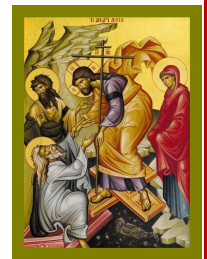
Thursday, April 18th  
 7:00pm  
 in Metaxas Hall

We will be serving coffee and light Lenten refreshments



**Costa Magimbi**, our chanter, is available to assist and guide parishioners who are having problems navigating the Massachusetts Social Services system. You can meet with Costa on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy to set up an appointment.



**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2024****April 27—Saturday of Lazarus**Orthros & Divine Liturgy, **8:30/9:00 AM***Weaving palm crosses***April 28—Palm Sunday**Orthros & Divine Liturgy, **8:30/9:30 AM***The blessing and distribution of the palms**Parish Family Luncheon to follow*Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service, **7 PM****April 29—Holy Monday**Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service, **7 PM****April 30—Holy Tuesday**Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service (*Hymn of Kassiani*), **7 PM****May 1—Holy Wednesday**Presanctified Liturgy, Holy Communion, **8.30 AM**Holy Unction Service (for children & parents) **3 PM**Holy Unction Service (*for adults*) **7 PM****May 2—Holy Thursday**Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil, **6 AM**Holy Passion, The 12 Gospels, **7 PM****May 3—Holy Friday**The Service of the Royal Hours—**9 AM***Youth Retreat—10:30 AM—2:30 PM**Pre-School and Kindergarten Retreat, 1-2:30 PM*The Unnailing (Apokathelosis) Service, **3 PM**Trisagion for the Departed, **6:15 PM**The Epitaphios—Lamentations, **7 PM****May 4—Holy Saturday**Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, **7 AM**Resurrection Vigil, **11 PM****May 5—PASCHA—EASTER SUNDAY**Paschal Orthros and Divine Liturgy—**12 midnight***The prayer of Saint John Chrysostom to follow.**Easter eggs will be distributed*Vespers of Love (*Agape Service*)—**11 AM****ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΑΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΑΣΧΑ 2024****27 Απριλίου—Σάββατο του Λαζάρου**Ορθρος, Θ.Λειτουργία, **8.30 π.μ./9.00 π.μ.***Θα σχεδιάσουν σταυρούς από τα βᾶϊα μετά τη Λειτουργία***28 Απριλίου—Κυριακή των Βαΐων**Ορθρος, Θ.Λειτουργία, **8.30 π.μ./9.30 π.μ.***Μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία θα δοθούν τα βᾶϊα.*Ακολουθία Νυμφίου, **7 μ.μ.****29 Απριλίου—Μεγάλη Δευτέρα**Ακολουθία Νυμφίου, **7 μ.μ.****30 Απριλίου—Μεγάλη Τρίτη**Ακολουθία Νυμφίου (*Τροπάριον της Κασσιανής*), **7 μ.μ.****1 Μαΐου —Μεγάλη Τετάρτη**Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία, **8.30 π.μ.**Άγιον Ευχέλαιον, (*για μεγάλους και παιδιά*) **3 μ.μ.**Άγιον Ευχέλαιον (*για μεγάλους*) **7 μ.μ.****2 Μαΐου —Μεγάλη Πέμπτη**Θεία Λειτουργία, **6 π.μ.**Τα Άγιο Πάθη, Τα 12 Ευαγγέλια, **7 μ.μ.****3 Μαΐου —Μεγάλη Παρασκευή**Ακολουθία των Βασιλικών Ωρων, **9 π.μ.**Αποκαθήλωση, **3 μ.μ.**Τρισάγιον, **6.15 μ.μ.**Επιτάφιος Θρήνος, Τα Εγκώμια, **7 μ.μ.****4 Μαΐου —Μέγα Σάββατο**Θεία Λειτουργία, **7 π.μ.**Ακολουθία προ της Αναστάσεως, **11 μ.μ.****5 Μαΐου —ΠΑΣΧΑ**Πασχαλινή Θ. Λειτουργία, **12****μεσάνυχτα***Θα ακολουθήσει το Κήρυγμα του**Άγιου Ιωάννου του Χρυσόστομου. Μετά την Λειτουργία θα δοθούν τα Πασχαλινά Κόκκινα Αυγά.*Εσπερινός της Αγάπης, **11 π.μ.****Καλό Πάσχα!**

Join us in the Community Center as we celebrate the Anastasi with mezethakia and red Easter eggs!  
Everyone is welcome after the Resurrection Service of Holy Saturday night (see page 5.)



**PHILOPTOCHOS**  
Chapter of the Good Samaritan  
Member of the National Ladies Philoptochos Society

*Dear Parish family,*

As we journey through Great Lent and Holy week to the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, May the light we receive light up all our hearts and lives.

Our Pre-order Palm Sunday (April 28) Bake Sale has begun. Kindly fill out the form on page 7 and return with payment to the church office or order online. We hope that you will support us and enjoy the delectable pastries baked with love by our Philoptochos ladies. I thank you all in advance for your support and of course to all the baking crews!!!

Every year our parishioners are generous with the parish Christmas Giving Tree and we are extremely grateful for your help. This Lenten season we will begin with an Easter Egg Tree. Philoptochos gives thousands of dollars to purchase Market Basket Gift Cards to be given to families in need within our parish. We ask that you help us make their Easter bright. There will be 50 egg ornaments on the tree with denominations (\$25, \$50 and \$75) for supermarkets (Market Basket, Stop & Shop and Shaw's) in the area. The deadline for the Gift Cards will be Palm Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please be as generous as possible as we continue to make a difference in the lives of people in need.

Join us on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> for Family Night BBQ. (Details on page 11) Let's all get together as a church family. Please buy your tickets in advance.

Our membership drive continues; please send in your membership dues. If you are not a member kindly consider becoming one. As a group, we can accomplish so much.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us continue to pray for each other. I thank you for your support and love for our beloved Church.



*With sisterly love,  
Fotoula Kopellas*



**PHILOPTIMO CHAT GROUP**

Men and women are welcome!  
Get creative, make connections!

*3rd Thursday of the month  
Thursday, April 18  
10 AM to Noon*



**TOPIC: SHARE YOUR LIFE-TIME STORIES**  
*Please join us—men and women.  
Bring a friend! Our group is growing!  
We hope to see you!*

**MAIDS OF ATHENA**  
ALPHA EPSILON ALPHA  
YOU ARE INVITED TO:  
**THE 3RD ANNUAL SPRING SEMI FORMAL**

WHEN: Saturday April 6th, 7 pm - 11 pm  
WHERE: Hellenic Cultural Center of Watertown 25 Bigelow Ave

MUSIC BY: The Salonica Boys  
OPEN TO ALL: Highschool & College Students  
**\$20 ENTRY FEE**

*Welcome to the newest members of our church family!*



March 17—Stefano Demetrios Giallousis  
Parents: Nicholas & Kristin  
Godmother: Nia (Divris) Bruno



March 10—Elias Meletidis  
Parents: Nikolaos & Canelina  
Godmothers: Caliroy & Rhodothea Alepede



March 16—Alexander Stephen Yatzus  
Fiancée: Eleni Dellas  
Godfather: James Dellas





*Ποιήτες ευχές για Καλή Ανάσταση  
& Καλό Πάσχα!*

**Taxiarchae Philoptochos  
Palm Sunday Bake Sale  
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024**

Homemade tsourekia, Greek desserts, decorated Easter candles, red eggs and much more!

Let us help with your Easter baking!

Order online at [www.goarchangels.org](http://www.goarchangels.org) or complete this form and send payment by April 23 to

**Taxiarchae Philoptochos  
25 Bigelow Avenue, Watertown, MA 02472**

NAME:				
EMAIL OR PHONE				
KOULOURAKIA	1 Dozen	\$10	Quantity:	Total: \$
RED EGGS	1 Dozen	\$15	Quantity:	Total: \$
KOURAMBIETHES	1/2 Dozen	\$10	Quantity:	Total: \$
	1 Dozen	\$20	Quantity:	
BAKLAVA	1/2 Dozen	\$10	Quantity:	Total: \$
	1 Dozen	\$20	Quantity:	
TSOUREKI	Regular (12 oz)	\$15	Quantity:	Total: \$
	Mini (5 oz)	\$3	Quantity:	
PIKILIA PLATTER 1 doz. Koulourakia, 4 Baklava, 4 Kourambiethes, 3 Red Eggs		\$35	Quantity:	Total: \$

All orders must be pre-paid. Items will be pre-packaged and ready for pick up April 28, 2024. Questions? Contact Frances Levas 617-519-3422



**The Easter Egg Giving Tree**

Similar to our Christmas Giving Tree, our Easter Egg Tree will be

decorated with Easter Eggs to represent supermarket gift cards that will be distributed by Fr. Athanasi to families in need. The tree will be in the Narthex until Palm Sunday, April 28. Please choose an egg and return the appropriate gift card to the church. We are asking for gift cards in \$25, \$50 or \$75 denominations to Market Basket, Stop & Shop or Shaw's.

If you are unable to purchase the gift cards, please make the appropriate donation to the Philoptochos, and we will purchase the gift card for you.



**Holy Week and Pascha Donations Needed**

If you would like to donate towards the beautification of our church during Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Pascha, the following is a list of items and floral arrangements that are needed. Please call the church office (617.924.8182) to reserve the items you would like to sponsor in your name or the name of a loved one.

**PALM SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY**

Icon for Palm Sunday flowers—\$175  
Palms—\$500

**PALM SUNDAY EVENING**

Altar Table flowers—\$100  
Icon Nymphios (Bridegroom) flowers—\$175

**HOLY THURSDAY**

2 Smaller Wreaths for the Cross—\$100 each  
Wreath for the Cross (Estavromenos)—\$175

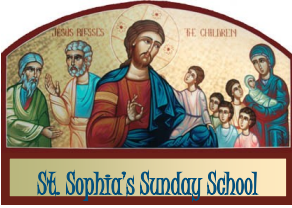
**HOLY FRIDAY**

All Epitaphio flowers—\$1,600

**HOLY SATURDAY/PASCHA**

Two Holy Gate —\$100 each  
Two Icons of the Resurrection—\$175 each  
Lavro flowers—\$200  
10 Easter Lilies—\$25 each  
Altar Table flowers—\$75





Our Oratorical Festival will be coming up on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Please encourage your children to participate. Anyone interested in participating should contact Costas Karageorgis at [ckarageorgis@goarchangels.com](mailto:ckarageorgis@goarchangels.com) or Fr. Athanasi.

Our Holy Friday retreat will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10AM to 2:30PM. All children from our parish are invited to participate in various lessons and activities prepared by our staff. Topics include Holy Week, Pascha and our Orthodox faith. Lunch will be served.

Please encourage your children to attend as many services and Sunday School classes as possible during the Lenten period leading up to Pascha.

Thank you for all your help to our Sunday School program this year.

Upcoming Important Dates through May 2024

April 27<sup>th</sup>: Lazarus Saturday, Breakfast, Palm Crosses

April 28<sup>th</sup>: Palm Sunday – Palm Procession

May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Holy Friday Retreat *Costas Karageorgis,*

May 5<sup>th</sup>: Pascha *Sunday School Director*



**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)

Elementary Division (Grades 4-6)  
Local Parish Level only

**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: April 21, 2024 at the end of Liturgy

Parish Chairperson: Costas Karageorgis

Contact Information: ckarageorgis@goarchangels.com



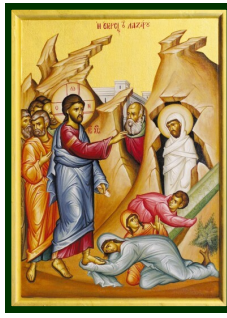
Sunday of Orthodoxy  
March 24

Sunday School and Greek School Students, JOY, GOYA, Young Adults, and the entire Taxiarchae Family are invited to join us on these days.

**HOLY FRIDAY YOUTH RETREAT**  
May 3  
For Grades 1—High School

9:00 AM *Service of the Royal Hours*  
10:00 AM *Registration*  
10:30 AM *Retreat Program (includes lunch)*  
3—4:30 PM *Apokathelosis Service*  
(The Pre-School/Kindergarten program will begin at 1 PM)

All students should be excused from school on Holy Friday to take part in the retreat for the day! For more information or if you need a letter for your school, please contact the church office at 617-924-8182.



**SATURDAY OF LAZARUS**  
April 27  
for the entire family

8:30 AM Orthros and Divine Liturgy followed by:

- *Light Refreshments*
- *Weaving Palm Crosses*
- *Preparing the Church*
- *Confession*



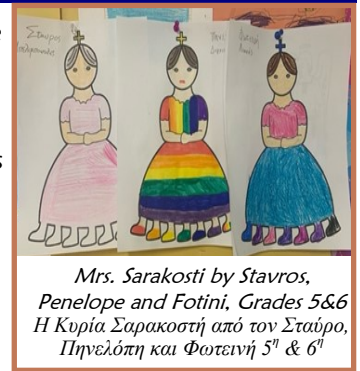
# Greek School

In March the Greek School celebrated the double feast of Greek Independence Day and Annunciation, with poems, songs, and sketches. They worked very hard to deliver a great program and everyone enjoyed them. We are so proud of their achievements. We thank the parents and teachers for all their help and dedication.

April is the month that will lead us to Holy Easter in early May. The teachers have already gone over Clean Monday, Sarakosti, and other traditions leading up to the Saturday of St. Lazarus, Palm Sunday, and Easter. Our students will be immersed in the meaning of Easter and be reminded of its significance in our spiritual lives as well as the customs, foods, and folklore that take place during Holy Pascha. The children will once again help to make the Palm crosses on April 27, the Saturday of St. Lazarus, and the day before Palm Sunday.

The children learned about the tradition of Mrs. Sarakosti, one of the oldest traditions related to Pascha that has been largely forgotten. It was originally used as a calendar to count the weeks leading up to Pascha starting on Clean Monday and lasting until Holy Week. In most regions of Greece Mrs. Sarakosti was depicted on paper as the drawing of a woman with 7 feet, her hands crossed in

prayer, and no mouth because she is fasting. A cross is added because she was going to church. Mrs. Sarakosti was often made of dough with lots of salt added so it would last the 7 weeks. At the end of each week, one foot was removed. The last foot was cut off on Holy Saturday and was added to the bread of the Resurrection. Whoever found it was considered lucky.



Mrs. Sarakosti by Stavros, Penelope and Fotini, Grades 5&6  
Η Κυρία Σαρακοστή από τον Σταύρο, Πηνελόπη και Φωτεινή 5<sup>η</sup> & 6<sup>η</sup>

Τα παιδιά έμαθαν για το έθιμο της Κυρίας Σαρακοστής, ένα από τα παλιότερα έθιμα που σχετίζονται με τη γιορτή του Πάσχα, σήμερα όμως λίγο πολύ ξεχασμένο. Χρησίμεινε πάντα ως ημερολόγιο για να μετράμε τις εβδομάδες από την Καθαρά Δευτέρα μέχρι τη Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα, καθώς η κυρά-Σαρακοστή έχει 7 πόδια, ένα για κάθε εβδομάδα της περιόδου της Σαρακοστής. Η κυρά-Σαρακοστή, στις περισσότερες περιοχές, ήταν μια χάρτινη ζωγραφιά, που απεικόνιζε μια γυναίκα, που έμοιαζε με καλόγρια, με 7 πόδια, σταυρωμένα χέρια γιατί προσεύχεται, ένα σταυρό γιατί πήγαινε στην εκκλησία και χωρίς στόμα γιατί νηστεύει. Στο τέλος κάθε εβδομάδας, αρχής γενομένης από το Σάββατο μετά την Καθαρά Δευτέρα, της έκοβαν ένα πόδι. Το τελευταίο το έκοβαν

το Μεγάλο Σάββατο. Το πόδι το τοποθετούσαν μες στο ψωμί της Ανάστασης και όποιος το έβρισκε του έφερνε γούρι. Σε άλλες περιοχές της Ελλάδας, η κυρά-Σαρακοστή φτιάχνεται από ζυμάρι με απλά υλικά και, κυρίως, πολύ αλάτι για να μη χαλάσει.

**ΚΑΛΟ ΠΑΣΧΑ**  
**σε όλες τις οικογένειες**  
**HAPPY EASTER**  
**to all the families**



Agni Charalambous Thurner, Director  
Phone: 617/610-9369  
Email: athurner@goarchangels.com



Join us at the Greek Independence Day Parade. Buses will leave the church right after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 7.

**Sunday, April 7**  
**1:00 PM**  
**Boylston Street to Charles Street**

CELEBRATION WITH GREEK MUSIC, DANCING AND FOOD AT THE BOSTON COMMON IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PARADE

Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> Dinner Gala: Reception 6:30 pm | Dinner 7:30 pm  
Ithaki Restaurant/Holiday Inn, 1A Newbury Street, Peabody, MA 01960



**SCHOLARSHIPS CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS & UNDERGRADS  
2024 - 2025 TAXIARCHAE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Applications for the 2023-24 Academic Year are now available online at the Taxiarchae website: [www.goarchangels.com](http://www.goarchangels.com)



**Our Children...Our JOY!**

**Designing T-Shirts and Watertown Yard Art**



For the months of April and May, JOY and Family Ministries will be combined events on Lazarus Saturday and the Good Friday Retreat. We're looking forward to seeing you there.



**Outreach Ministries**

Thank you all for your continued support of our Outreach programs. If you have questions about donating please contact me at

[ckourkoulis@goarchangels.org](mailto:ckourkoulis@goarchangels.org)

The needs of the Watertown Food Pantry continue. We are grateful for your generosity with the non-perishable food donations! Shown below is a Wish List for the food pantry and for FINEX House. This Wish List is just a guide. The Pantry will take all food, but **please be sure to check the expiration date.** The Health Dept. will not allow the food pantry to accept any expired items.

Remember to stop by and check out Family Ministries contribution to Watertown Yard Art for the month of April.

**ON DISPLAY THE ENTIRE MONTH OF APRIL**

**YARDART**

**WATERTOWN**

Get inspired and create something unique in your yard, porch, window or anywhere visible from the street or sidewalk!

(FREE & FUN FOR ALL AGES)  
Sign up and learn more at [mosesianarts.org/yardart](http://mosesianarts.org/yardart)



**This month, the Food Pantry is especially in need of paper goods and cleaning products. Please try to help!**

- Flour • Sugar • Brown Sugar
- Condiments • Cooking Oil
- Vanilla Extract
- Pasta • Rice • Instant Mashed Potato
- Box Mac & Cheese
- Cereal/Cold cereal • Oatmeal
- Kids' School Snacks
- Canned Goods: Vegetables • Fruits
- Tuna • Chickpeas • Beans • Soups • Spam
- Tomato Sauce • Paste • Whole tomatos

- Peanut Butter • Jam/Jelly
- Coffee • Tea • Hot Chocolate Mix
- Desserts: Pie crusts (not the refrigerated kind) • Pie fillings
- Pudding mixes • Marshmallows
- Ensure Nutrition Drinks
- Cleaning Products
- Personal Hygiene Products
- Shampoo and conditioner

**FINEX HOUSE DONATIONS THANK YOU**

Items requested are:

- Sanitary napkins
- Shampoo
- Vaseline
- Cocoa butter
- Baby shampoo
- Baby lotion
- Deodorant
- Tooth brushes
- Tooth paste





*Palm*  
**SUNDAY LUNCHEON**

**April 28, 2024**  
*immediately following  
the Divine Liturgy*



Order online or fill out order form and mail to the office with payment

**LIMITED SEATING  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY APRIL 21, 2024**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\$30 Baked Haddock (Includes potatoes, peas, salad, sweets and coffee) No. of Meals \_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_

\$11 Pasta (Children 12 and under) No. of Meals \_\_\_\_ x \$11 = \$ \_\_\_\_

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25 BIGELOW AVE. WATERTOWN MA 02472  
www.goarchangels.org 617-924-8182

**PASCHAL GLENDI !**

Join us in the Community Center as we celebrate the Anastasi with delicious mezethakia, Fr. Athanasi's delicious magiritsa, roast lamb, red Easter eggs and more! Everyone is welcome to be our guests after the Resurrection Service as we enjoy celebrating together with music and dancing!

**Καλό Πάσχα!**





**American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association**  
"HARRIS J BOORAS" CHAPTER #406, ORDER OF AHEPA

**SAVE THE DATE!!  
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024**

**63rd Annual AHEPA Day Celebration**  
*Immediately after the Divine Liturgy*

All AHEPANs and members of the Taxiarchae Community are invited to join us for Sunday dinner of appetizers and dinner entrée of Lamb Yiouvetsi and Shrimp and Rice

Followed by Greek Music and Dancing  
Plus: Giveaways!

\$25 per person

For reservations please call  
John Abate, 617.797.9499 or  
Demetrios Tsekrekas, 617.257-7474.




*Bright Week  
Family Night*

Join us for a great night of food and music!

Food by Redbones BBQ



Music by Dilina

Adults—\$35,  
Children under 12—\$10  
RSVP by May 6 recommended.  
You can purchase tickets online or by calling the church office.

**May 10, 2024  
6 PM — 10 PM**

Taxiarchae Greek Orthodox Church  
25 Bigelow Ave Watertown, MA 02472  
P.617-924-8182

Purchase tickets online at [www.goarchangels.org/store](http://www.goarchangels.org/store)

Please let us know if a brother is sick or in need.	
President: John Abate	617.797.9499/617.484.5946
Secretary: Charles Pentikis	781.893.1264
Treasurer: Demetri Tsekrekas	617.257.7474

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Watertown Grecian Festival committee invites you to support our upcoming 2024 Festival as we celebrate 50 years of food and fun!



This year's event will be held Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Hellenic Center and under the tent on the church grounds at 25 Bigelow Avenue. This very popular cultural immersion experience is for everyone. Our festival has been an integral part of the Watertown community and celebrates our Greek culture, traditions, heritage, and fun-loving spirit. Our event is attended by neighbors, local businesses and parishioners and the public who often come from miles away to enjoy themselves through our food, music, dancing, and socializing.

Kindly review the sponsorship options on the enclosed form. Please consider a Diamond or Platinum sponsorship which will help offset our ever-increasing festival expenses and offer you high visibility through social media, logo signage, and logo projection. The Festival earnings are vital to our church's financial security. The proceeds from the Festival help support the cultural, educational, and charitable activities of our church in addition to supporting our local community.

**Your donation ensures the continued success of this major fundraiser. Please be as generous as possible. Our program book contains all the key information pertaining to the Festival and will be distributed to every single attendee. Placing an ad or listing in the book is the perfect way to support our community while promoting your business.**

Every contribution truly makes a difference. We look forward to adding your name to the list of sponsors this year. If you need further information, please contact Frances Levas at [taxiarchae.festival.program@gmail.com](mailto:taxiarchae.festival.program@gmail.com) or (617) 519-3422. Thank you in advance for your support.

With our sincere appreciation,  
**2024 Festival Sponsorship Committee**



**2024 SPONSORSHIP FORM**

**YES!** Please include our name/business as a 2024 Grecian Festival Sponsor.

       **Diamond Sponsor - \$2,500**  
Customized two-page ad with premium placement in our program book; continuous, high-visibility logo projection; company logo on all Festival signage; exposure on Festival FB page, Instagram & Twitter.

       **Platinum Sponsor - \$1,500**  
Two-page ad in our program book; continuous high-visibility logo projection, company logo on Festival signage; Festival FB page, Instagram & Twitter.

       **Gold Sponsor - \$1,000**  
Includes two-page ad in our program book; company logo on Festival signage

       **Silver Sponsor - \$500**  
Features a full-page ad in our program book

       **Bronze Sponsor - \$250**  
Half-page ad in our program book

       **Friend - \$125**  
Quarter-page ad in our program book

       **Listing - \$100**

Forward a PDF or high-res. JPEG (300dpi+) of your advertisement or electronic copy of your company's business card to:  
[taxiarchae.festival.program@gmail.com](mailto:taxiarchae.festival.program@gmail.com)  
Call Frances Levas at 617-519-3422 with any questions. **Thank you for your support!**

Please print how you would like your company's name to appear on the acknowledgment:

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**City, State, Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form  
by May 15, 2024  
with your  
donation to  
Taxiarchae Church  
ATTN: Frances Levas  
25 Bigelow Ave.  
Watertown, MA 02472**



Peter J. Vergados, a member of the Taxiarchae Parish since 1962, has accepted the position of overseeing the Veteran's Ministry.



He is a retired Air Force Fighter Pilot with more than 3500 flying hours having flown 9 different aircraft during his 23 year service. Volunteering for Combat in Vietnam, He flew more than 375 combat missions, logging more than 800 flight hours as a Forward Air Controller (FAC). His military awards and decorations include the

Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 11 oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. He is currently the Commander of the American Legion George K. Menichios Post #324.

Formed in 1941, the Post is named after George K. Menichios, born in Megalopolis, Arcadia, Greece, April 14, 1890. He was inducted into the Army at twenty-seven years of age and was killed on Oct 4, 1918, in the Meuse-Argonne sector thirty-seven days before the war ended on November 11, 1918. George is buried at the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery, France, along with 14,246 other American servicemen. He was cited *for gallantry in action and special meritorious service.* The George K. Menichios



Square at the corner of Arlington and Boylston Streets, Boston, Massachusetts was dedicated in his name by the Boston, MA, City Council on September 16, 1921

Since its 1919 founding, The American Legion has been a staunch advocate for veterans, military members, their families and the communities in which they reside. It ushered in the modern VA, drafted and drove passage of the GI Bill and brought into existence dozens of health-care benefits for veterans, careers, education and more.

American Legion Posts provide expert assistance, free of charge, to veterans and their families in the areas of applying for VA disability benefits, information, referrals and resources on education, employment and business, death benefits and other important topics.

If you know a Veteran who needs help of any nature, please contact me at [Jet33pilot@aol.com](mailto:Jet33pilot@aol.com)

The Legion Post 324 is sponsoring a bus trip to Battleship Cove, Fall River, MA on Monday April 22 from the Taxiarchae Church. Departure time will be 9:30, boarding at 9:00 am. A bus trip to Saint Nicholas Shrine is also planned for Saturday, June 1. Any profit will be donated to the Taxiarchae Building Fund. If interested, please contact Peter J. Vergados at [Jet33pilot@aol.com](mailto:Jet33pilot@aol.com).



**Parish Trip to St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Manhattan, NY and the September 11 Memorial and Museum**

**Saturday, June 1, 2024**

**7:30 AM - boarding bus in Church Parking Lot  
8:00 AM departure**

*Return departure time will be determined based on Museum visitors.*

**COST: \$75.00—Includes**

- Round Trip in Luxury Motor Coach
- Tour of St Nicholas Church
- Self guided visit of Sept 11 Memorial
- Lunch @ Pi Bakery 35 Cedar Street



**Museum Visit is Optional—Admission \$21-\$33**

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

To purchase tickets for the Museum go to [www.911memorial.org](http://www.911memorial.org)

*Upon arrival we will be visiting St Nicholas Church. Afterwards there will be time to have lunch at the "Pi Bakery" (within 3 blocks), tour the Memorial grounds and/or visit the museum.*

**IMPORTANT: Remember to bring comfortable shoes**

**Event sponsored by  
American Legion George K. Menichios Post #324  
Questions? Call Peter Vergados at 617-964-0077**



*Blessed is the way wherein you walk today; for there is prepared for you a place of rest.*

**Remember in your prayers our brothers who passed from this life...**

**...on February 23  
Christopher G. Christopher**

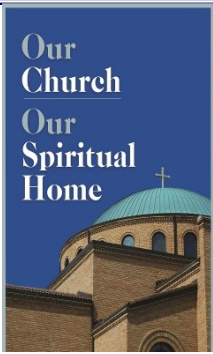
**...on March 15  
Peter James Psychoghios**

***May their memory be eternal.  
ΑΙΩΝΙΑ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ.***



**The HELPING HANDS MINISTRY'S** sole purpose is to make the lives of our Parishioners easier in view of the restrictions many are facing today. The services we offer are: **RX**

**pickup/drug store, Postal needs, Grocery shopping.** If you know someone from our church who may need these services, please contact Georgia (Jody) Bitsikas by email [gbitsikas@aol.com](mailto:gbitsikas@aol.com) or by calling 617-653-2461.



We ask you to share your talents with our parish. Please contact Father Athanasios Nenes ([anenes@goarchangels.com](mailto:anenes@goarchangels.com)) or any other members of the Parish Council. If you have already paid or committed this year's Stewardship, we sincerely appreciate your generosity. If you have not yet made your contribution or commitment, we humbly ask for your Stewardship gift this year. For your convenience you can make your donation via the link to PayPal found on the parish's website, or by mailing a regular check. May the grace of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you and your loved ones.

*Rev. Fr. Athanasios Nenes, Parish Priest  
Evelyn Haralampu, Stewardship Chair*

**2024 STEWARDSHIP (as of March 16) 162 Stewards**

If any names have been mistakenly omitted from this list, please notify the church office and we will make corrections in our next bulletin.


*Εάν έχει γίνει παράλειψις ονομάτων, παρακαλούμε αμέσως όπως αποτανηθήτε στο γραφείο της εκκλησίας να κάνουμε διορθώσεις στο επόμενο τεύχος.*

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Thank you!



<b>Information</b>		<b>TREASURE</b>		
Name _____		In gratitude for God's blessings, I/We commit to Christ and His Church		
Name of Spouse (if married) _____		\$ _____ each week/month/annually		
Street Address _____		<b>PLANNED GIVING</b>		
City/State/Zip _____		<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to speak with someone about how to remember the church in my will, trust, or estate plan.		
Home Phone _____		Dependent Children's Names and Birthdays _____		<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>
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**GRECIAN FESTIVAL**  
2024  
WATERTOWN

# 3 Days of Fun

Save the dates!

June 21, 22, 23



### Taxiarchae Hellenic Cultural Center Planning a party or reception?

Our beautiful function rooms are now updated and ready for any and all of your event needs, up to 500 people. For information and assistance in planning your future events, please call Irene Apostolou Cobb at the Church Office at 617-924-8182 or email: [functionmanager@goarchangels.com](mailto:functionmanager@goarchangels.com)



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**Sunday Schedule:** Orthros: 8:30, Doxology, Divine Liturgy: 9:30 AM  
**Paraklesis to the Theotokos Gorgoepikoos:** Thursdays at 6 PM  
**Adult Bible Study:** Mondays, 8 PM via Zoom  
**Weekday Liturgies:** 8:30 AM  
**Heretismoi/Salutations:** Fridays 7 PM  
**Greek School:** Thu 4:30-6:30 PM; Sat 10 AM-12 PM  
**Presanctified Liturgies:** Wednesdays, 6 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy p.4 pot-luck Lenten dinner	4 Greek School Paraklesis 6 M	5 Heretismoi Salutations to the Theotokos 7 PM p.4	6 Greek School
7 <b>The Holy Cross</b> Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6 Mark 8:34-38; 9:1 Procession of the Holy Cross Greek Independence Day Parade p.9	8 Bible Study 8 PM via zoom p.4	9	10 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy p.4 pot-luck Lenten dinner	11 Greek School Paraklesis 6 PM	12 Heretismoi Salutations to the Theotokos 7 PM p.4	13 Greek School
14 <b>St. John Climacus</b> Hebrews 6:13-20 Mark 9:17-31	14 Bible Study p.4 8 PM via zoom	16	17 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy p.4 pot-luck Lenten dinner 6 PM	18 Greek School Philotimo Chat p.6 Paraklesis 6 PM Movie Night: The Passion of Christ p.4	19 Akathyst Hymn to the Theotokos 7 PM p.4	20 Greek School
21 <b>St. Mary of Egypt</b> Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 10:32-45 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival	22 Bible Study p.4 8 PM via zoom Veterans Ministry Battleship Cove Bus Trip p.13	23	24	25 Greek School	26	27 <b>Lazarus Saturday</b> Orthros, Div. Litugy 8.30AM Family Day-Palm Crosses p.8
28 <b>Palm Sunday</b> Philippians 4:4-9 John 12:1-18 Philoptochos Bake Sale p.7 Palm Sunday Dinner p.11	29 <b>Holy Monday</b> No Bible Study	30 <b>Holy Tuesday</b>	May 1 <b>Holy Wednesday</b>	2 <b>Holy Thursday</b> No Greek School	3 <b>Holy Friday</b> Youth Retreat p.8	4 <b>Holy Saturday</b> NO Greek School <b>Resurrection Vigil</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> <b>Pascal Celebration p.11</b>
5 <b>HOLY PASCHA</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17 <b>Vespers of Love 11 AM</b>	6 No Bible Study	7	8	9 NO Greek School	10 Family Night BQ and Glendi P.11	11 No Greek School

For the schedule of Holy Week Services, please see page 5

**BRIGHT WEEK—NO FASTING ALL WEEK!**