

THE ARCHANGEL'S CALL

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TAXIARCHAE/ARCHANGELS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
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THE NATIVITY SERMON OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM



Behold a new and wonderful mystery. My ears resound to the Shepherd's song, piping no soft melody, but chanting full forth a heavenly hymn. The Angels sing. The Archangels blend their voice in harmony. The Cherubim hymn their joyful praise. The Seraphim exalt His glory. All join to praise this holy feast, beholding the Godhead here on earth, and man in heaven. He Who is above, now for our redemption dwells here below; and he that was lowly is by divine mercy raised.

Bethlehem this day resembles heaven; hearing from the stars the singing of angelic voices; and in place of the sun, enfolds within itself on every side, the Sun of justice. And ask not how: for where God wills, the order of nature yields. For He willed; He had the power; He descended; He redeemed; all things yielded in obedience to God. This day He Who is, is Born; and He Who is, becomes what He was not. For when He was God, He became man; yet not departing from the Godhead that is His. Nor yet by any loss of divinity became He man, nor through increase became He God from man; but being the Word He became flesh, His nature, because of impassability, remaining unchanged.

And so the kings have come, and they have seen the heavenly King that has come upon the earth, not bringing with Him Angels, nor Archangels, nor Thrones, nor Dominations, nor Powers, nor Principalities, but, treading a new and solitary path, He has come forth from a spotless womb.

Since this heavenly birth cannot be described, neither does His coming amongst us in these days permit of too curious scrutiny. Though I know that a Virgin this day gave birth, and I believe that God was begotten before all time, yet the manner of this generation I have learned to venerate in silence and I accept that this is not to be probed too curiously with wordy speech.



For with God we look not for the order of nature, but rest our faith in the power of Him who works.

What shall I say to you; what shall I tell you? I behold a Mother who has brought forth; I see a Child come to this light by birth. The manner of His conception I cannot comprehend.

Nature here rested, while the Will of God labored. O ineffable grace! The Only Begotten, Who is before all ages, Who cannot be touched or be perceived, Who is simple, without body, has now put on my body, that is visible and liable to corruption. For what reason? That coming amongst us he may teach us, and teaching, lead us by the hand to the things that men cannot see. For since men believe that the eyes are more trustworthy than the ears, they doubt of that which they do not see, and so He has deigned to show Himself in bodily presence, that He may remove all doubt.

Christ, finding the holy body and soul of the Virgin, builds for Himself a living temple, and as He had willed, formed there a man from the Virgin; and, putting Him on, this day came forth; unashamed of the lowliness of our nature.

For it was to Him no lowering to put on what He Himself had made. Let that handiwork be forever glorified, which became the cloak of its own Creator. For as in the first creation of flesh, man could not be made before the clay had come into His hand, so neither could this corruptible body be glorified, until it had first become the garment of its Maker.

What shall I say? And how shall I describe this Birth to you? For this wonder fills me with astonishment. The Ancient of days has become an infant. He Who sits upon the sublime and heavenly Throne, now lies in a manger. And He Who cannot be touched, Who is simple, without complexity, and incorporeal, now lies

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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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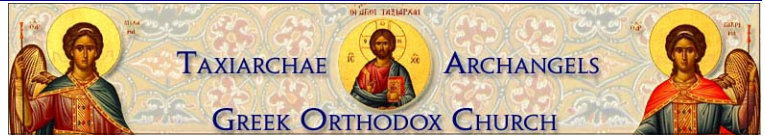
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Sunday, December 8, 2019
4:00 PM

Let Christmas Begin
 A Christmas Concert
 Presented by
**The Taxiarchae/Archangels
 Greek Orthodox Church
 CHOIR and Friends**

Cynthia Mitaras Alex Steven Karidojanis
 Director Guest Director

Sophia Argeros, Accompanist

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subject to the hands of men. He Who has broken the bonds of sinners, is now bound by an infants bands. But He has decreed that ignominy shall become honor, infamy be clothed with glory, and total humiliation the measure of His Goodness.

For this He assumed my body, that I may become capable of His Word; taking my flesh, He gives me His spirit; and so He bestowing and I receiving, He prepares for me the treasure of Life. He takes my flesh, to sanctify me; He gives me His Spirit that He may save me.

Come, then, let us observe the Feast. Truly wonderous is the whole chronicle of the Nativity. For this day the ancient slavery is ended, the devil confounded, the demons take to flight, the power of death is broken, paradise is unlocked, the curse is taken away, sin is removed from us, error driven out, truth has been brought back, the speech of kindness diffused, and spreads on every side, a heavenly

way of life has been in planted on the earth, angels communicate with men without fear, and men now hold speech with angels.

Why is this? Because God is now on earth, and man in heaven; on every side all things co-mingle. He became Flesh. He did not become God. He was God. Wherefore He became flesh, so that He Whom heaven did not contain, a manger would this day receive. He was placed in a manger, so that He, by whom all things are nourished, may receive an infants food from His Virgin Mother. So, the Father of all ages, as an infant at the breast, nestles in the virginal arms, that the Magi may more easily see Him. Since this day the Magi too have come, and made a beginning of withstanding tyranny; and the heavens give glory, as the Lord is revealed by a star.

To Him, then, Who out of confusion has wrought a clear path, to Christ, to the Father, and to the Holy Spirit, we offer all praise, now and forever. Amen.



SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY

DECEMBER 22, 2019

HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN METHODIOS
WILL PRESIDE AT THE DIVINE LITURGY AT THE TAXIARCHAE
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, WATERTOWN, MA



ΑΡΧΙΕΡΑΤΙΚΗ ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ

Την Κυριακή, 22 Δεκεμβρίου ο Σεβασμιώτατος Μητροπολίτης μας κ.κ. Μεθόδιος θα Χοροστατήσει και Ιερουργήσει στις ακολουθίες του Όρθρου και της Θείας Λειτουργίας.



Schedule of Services

Christmas through Epiphany 2019-2020

- Sunday, Dec. 8:** Choir Christmas Concert, 4 PM
Sunday, Dec. 22: Children's Christmas Pageant
His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios presiding.
Tuesday, Dec. 24: CHRISTMAS EVE
Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil, 6:30 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 25: THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 8:30 AM
Wednesday, Jan. 1: ST. BASIL, CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD
Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 8:30 AM
Sunday, Jan. 5: EVE OF EPIPHANY
Orthros and Divine Liturgy
Great Blessing of the Waters
Monday, Jan. 6: EPIPHANY
Orthros, Divine Liturgy of St. Basil; Agiasmos



Πρόγραμμα Εορτών Χριστουγέννων και Νέου Έτους 2019—2020

- Κυριακή, 8 Δεκ.** Χριστουγεννιάτικη
 Συναυλία της Χορωδίας 4 μ.μ.
Κυριακή, 22 Δεκ. Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία, 9.30 π.μ.
 Χοροστατούντος του Σεβασμιωτάτου Μητροπολίτου
 κ.κ. Μεθοδίου
 Χριστουγεννιάτικο Πρόγραμμα των παιδιών
Τρίτη, 24 Δεκ. ΠΑΡΑΜΟΝΗ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΩΝ
 Εσπερινή Θεία Λειτουργία, 6.30 μ.μ.
Τετάρτη, 25 Δεκ. ΗΜΕΡΑ ΤΩΝ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΩΝ
 Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία, 8.30 π.μ.
Τετάρτη, 1 Ιαν. ΤΟΥ ΑΓ. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΥ
 Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία, 8.30 π.μ.
Κυριακή, 5 Ιαν. ΠΑΡΑΜΟΝΗ ΤΩΝ ΦΩΤΩΝ
 Θεία Λειτουργία, ΜΕΓΑΣ ΑΓΙΑΣΜΟΣ
Δευτέρα, 6 Ιαν. ΤΑ ΑΓΙΑ ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΑ
 Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία, ΜΕΓΑΣ ΑΓΙΑΣΜΟΣ, 8.30 π.μ.



« και επι Γης Ειρήνη...»

“and on earth Peace...”

Αδέλφια μου!

Την περίοδο των Χριστουγέννων οπωσδήποτε έρχεται μπροστά μας αυτός ο ύμνος των αγγέλων, που έψαλλαν πριν 2000 και πλέον χρόνια, όταν κάποια νύχτα του χειμώνα ο Θεός έγινε για μας άνθρωπος. Το Ευαγγέλιο λέει ότι «πλήθος στρατιάς ουρανού έψαλλε και υμνούσε τον Θεό και έλεγε: «**Δόξα εν υψίστοις Θεώ και επί γης ειρήνη εν ανθρώποις ευδοκία**».

Έψαλλαν οι άγγελοι και δοξολογούσαν τον Θεό και ανάγγελλαν στους ανθρώπους ότι έρχεται η ειρήνη στη γη. Όμως πολλοί άνθρωποι διερωτώνται, η ειρήνη για την οποία έψαλλαν οι άγγελοι και ανήγγειλαν πού βρίσκεται, αφού τόσες εκατοντάδες χρόνια από την ημέρα εκείνη η ειρήνη δεν υπάρχει στον κόσμο; Ποιάν ειρήνη εννοούσαν οι άγγελοι; Μήπως μας απάτησαν και μας είπαν ψέματα; Μία πιο προσεχτική γνώση της Εκκλησίας και του Ευαγγελίου θα μας διδάξει ότι η ειρήνη η οποία υμνείτο και αναγγέλλετο από τους άγιους αγγέλους δεν ήταν η ειρήνη η εξωτερική τόσο, ότι δηλαδή ερχόμενος ο Χριστός στον κόσμο θα σταματούσε τους πολέμους, τις επαναστάσεις και τις ακαταστασίες του κόσμου τούτου. Η ειρήνη ήταν κάτι άλλο. Μέσα στην Εκκλησία δεν έχουμε ιδέες, άρα ούτε και την ιδέα της ειρήνης ή της ελευθερίας ή της δικαιοσύνης. Στην Έκκλησία έχουμε ένα συγκεκριμένο πρόσωπο. Όπως λέει ο Απόστολος Παύλος: «**Χριστός εστί η ειρήνη ημών**». Άρα αυτό το οποίο ανάγγελλαν οι άγγελοι εκείνη τη σημαντική νύχτα, κατά την οποία ο Θεός εισερχόταν πλέον μέσα στην ιστορία του ανθρώπου, ήταν ο ίδιος ο Χριστός, ο οποίος έγινε για μας άνθρωπος. Το πρόβλημα των ανθρώπων από το οποίο πηγάζουν όλα τα υπόλοιπα προβλήματα, είναι η διακοπή της σχέσης του ανθρώπου που έχει με τον Θεό. Το γεγονός της πτώσεως του ανθρώπου και της αποστασίας το οποίο διέστρεψε την ανθρώπινη φύση και το οποίο έγινε ικανό να μεταδώσει μολυσματικά την ασθένεια πλέον της ανθρώπινης φύσης σ' όλους τους απογόνους του Αδάμ, ήταν αυτό το οποίο έκανε τον άνθρωπο εχθρό του Θεού. Έτσι ο Χριστός γενόμενος άνθρωπος έλυσε τον φραγμό της έχθρας και έγινε για μας ειρήνη. Και να λοιπόν και εφέτος εορτάζοντας την εορτή των Χριστουγέννων, μας δίνεται η ευκαιρία να ξεκινήσουμε και πάλι να αποκαταστήσουμε αυτήν την σχέση μας με τον Κύριο Ιησού Χριστό να μας αισθανθούμε αυτήν την όντως Ειρήνη στις καρδιές μας. Να κάνουμε την καρδιά μας και πάλι φάτνη και να τοποθετήσουμε εκεί τον σπαργανωμένο Κύριό μας που είναι η πραγματική Ειρήνη, η οποία γίνεται για εμάς μια βιωματική εμπειρία στη ζωή μας, όταν εμείς κατευθύνουμε την πορεία της ζωής

μας έχοντας τον Χριστό ως ποδηγέτη αυτής της ζωής μας. Ελάτε και εφέτος αδέλφια μου να βιώσουμε αυτήν την πραγματική Ειρήνη, τον σπαργανωμένο μας Χριστό στην Χριστουγεννιάτικη Θεία Λειτουργία! Καλά Χριστούγεννα σε όλους σας!

Ο εφημέριός σας, Π. Αθανάσιος Νένης

My beloved!

As we enter the Christmas season, we hear this hymn of angels, which was chanted 2000 years ago, on a winter night, when God became for us man. The gospel says that: "And suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "**Glorify to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men!**"

The angels were chanting and praising God, announcing that Peace comes to Earth. But many people ask, where is that peace that the hosts of angels announced, since so many hundreds of years from that day, peace does not exist in the world? Whose peace did the Angels mean? Did they cheat us and lie to us? A more careful knowledge of the church and the Gospel will teach us that the Peace which was praised and announced by the Holy Angels was not the outer peace. The coming of Christ in the world would not stop wars, revolutions and the disarray of this world. Peace was something else. As the Apostle Paul says: "**Christ is our peace.**" What the Angels did announce on that important night, during which God was now entering into the history of humanity, was Christ himself, who became for us man. The foundation of all the problems that humans have been dealing with for centuries is the interruption of the relationship and the communion between man and God. The fall of man and the apostasy which turned human nature to deceit and which is inherited by all descendants of Adam, is what made man feel God as his enemy and developed the gap between him and God. Therefore, Christ the Born Man solved the barrier of hatred and became for us Peace. And so, this year, as we celebrate the feast of Christmas, we are given the opportunity to restore this relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. We must make our heart a manger and place therein our newborn Lord Who is the true Peace, and becomes a reality in our lives when we leave our trust to Him, our Lord Jesus. Let us come again this year to the Christmas Services, to experience this Real Peace, our newborn Lord Jesus Christ! Merry and blessed Christmas to you all!

**Your parish priest,
Fr. Athansios Nenes**



THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST



President's Note

Dear Parish Family,



As we come to the end of another blessed year, I would like to thank you for your loving support to our church. Special thanks to my fellow Parish Council members, as well as the many dedicated people of our ministries, for all their hard work for our church.

As you can see our building renovations are progressing! Please remember that your donations are greatly needed in order for us to move forward.

Parish Council elections will be held on Sunday, December 8. All parishioners in good standing are eligible to vote. Individuals nominated to serve on the Parish Council for the three-year term January 2020 through December 2022 are shared below for your review and consideration.

On behalf of the Parish Council, and the entire community, of the Taxiarchae Church, I wish to thank Charles Kalivas and Costas Zahos for their years of dedicated service to our parish. **George Faggas, Parish Council President**

Nominees for the Parish Council Three-year Term 2020-2022



Frank Catrickes grew up in the Philadelphia area, attending St. Luke in Broomall, Pennsylvania, where he served as an altar boy and was active in GOYA, Greek dancing, and basketball.

He attended the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated Cum Laude in 1998. After college,

Frank moved to Boston and joined Wellington Management, one of the world's largest investment management firms with over \$1 trillion assets under management. There he works as an equity analyst and equity portfolio manager, and was elected Partner in 2006.

Since moving to Boston after college in 1998, he has been a part of the Taxiarchae community for 21 years. His wife Anastasia, whom he married in 2006, grew up in Eagle River, Alaska. She attended Holy Transfiguration in Anchorage, where her father served as the psalti. Here at Taxiarchae, Anastasia has led numerous youth and family community events. They have an 8 year-old daughter Christiana and an 11 year-old son Demetri, who serves in the Altar.

Frank serves on the Board of OCMC (Orthodox Christian Mission Center), the world's only pan-Orthodox mission organization. He and his wife are members of Leadership 100. Frank is also an Eagle Scout. He is a founder and Cub master of Pack 74 and Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 74, both in Beacon Hill/Back Bay, which have grown under his leadership from zero to 65 boys over the past 6 years.

If elected, Frank would focus on growing participation and engagement in our Taxiarchae community, by emphasizing youth ministries as well as community events for all ages such as outreach and missions. In addition, he possesses expertise in investments, finance, and endowments that would be helpful for our church's budgeting, fundraising, and endowment.



Peter Karalis has been a member of the Taxiarchae parish for 14 years. He is married to Argyo Nikoletos, who has been one of our Greek school teachers here at Taxiarchae for many years. They have an 11 year old son, Nikolas, and an 8 year old daughter, Christina, who both participate in numerous church ministries. Peter is a Software engineer working for Oracle Corp. in the Health

Sciences division. He has been an active participant at the church festival for years and enjoys helping the church in any capacity that he can.

George Faggas, our current President (pictured above) is a life-long member of the Taxiarchae Parish. He has served on the Parish Council for the past years as Vice President and President. George is the president of the Faggas Funeral Home in Watertown. Together with his family, George has served the Greek Community in Boston and beyond for over 35 years.



Nicholas Papakyrikos was born in Lesvos, Greece, the son of Stratis and Ariadni Papakyrikos. He grew up in Watertown and is a graduate of Watertown High School, Wentworth Institute and Northeastern University. He is married to Tamara Papakyrikos; they have four children and live in Needham. He has worked in high tech manufacturing for over thirty years, and currently

owns and operates ASP Enterprises Inc. dba Signs By Tomorrow, a sign and graphics business located in Newton. Nick has been attending the Taxiarchae Parish since 1973. He is a past member of the Parish Council, having served as Assistant Treasurer and has been an active participant of the annual church festival and other parish activities.

Nico Skiadas - Please check the weekly bulletin for bio and photo of Mr. Skiadas.

Father Athanasi, Father Phillip, George Faggas, and the members of the Parish Council wish to all a blessed Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year!

Οι Ιερείς σας, ο Πρόεδρος και τα μέλη του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου έχουνται εις όλα τα μέλη της Κοινότητός μας Χρόνια Πολλά, Καλά Χριστούγεννα και το Νέο Έτος χαρούμενο και ευτυχισμένο!





Χρόνια Πολλά και Καλές Γιορτές από το Ελληνικό Σχολείο

Τη Πέμπτη 19 Δεκεμβρίου θα έχουμε την Χριστουγεννιάτικη γιορτή για τα παιδιά μας. Την Κυριακή 22 Δεκεμβρίου μετά το πέρας της Θείας Λειτουργίας μαθητές και μαθήτριες του Ελληνικού Σχολείου θα λάβουν μέρος στη Χριστουγεννιάτικη γιορτή που οργανώνει το Κατηχητικό Σχολείο. Δευτέρα 23 Δεκεμβρίου μέχρι 1 Ιανουαρίου δεν έχουμε σχολείο. Τα μαθήματα θα συνεχίσουν Πέμπτη 2 Ιανουαρίου. Ευχόμεθα σε όλους Χρόνια Πολλά, Καλές Γιορτές και Ευτυχισμένος ο Καινούριος Χρόνος.

Βούλα Πολυχρονοπούλου, Διευθύντρια

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



November 3
Annalise Lazarides Zwirmer
Parents: Torbert and Katherine
Godfather: Evan McDonald

November 9
Demitra Maria Boretos
Parents: Peter and Christina
Godmother: Urania Mary Michael

**Να σας ζήσουν
τα νεοφώτιστα!**



**OXI Day
Sunday, October 28**



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from the Greek School**

On Thursday, December 19 we will have our annual Christmas Party for the children. On Sunday, December 22 the children will take part in the Christmas Pageant presented by the Sunday School.

There will be no Greek School from Saturday, December 23 through January 1. Classes will resume on Thursday, January 2.



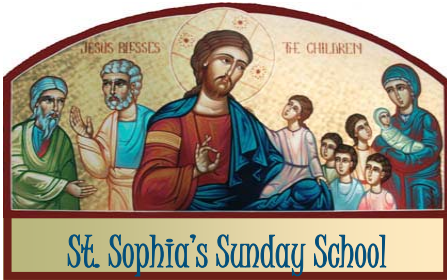
The AHEPA "Harris J. Booras" Chapter #406 of Watertown greets all in our Taxiarchae Community!
Happy Name Day to all who celebrate in December!
Nicholas, Barbara, Spyridon, Eleutherios, Anastasia, Eugenia, Christos, Stephan, Theodore and many others.

We thank everyone who participated in our **Fall Fundraiser Drive** of AHEPA HQ and Bay State District-8 MA Lodge and other MA Chapters, to provide **"PTSD-trained Dogs for our Wounded Warriors."** Thanks also go to the many local and greater Boston businesses who sponsored us and donated very generously! We will continue to support this worthy cause and hold this event again in 2020, to ensure we raise the \$15,000 to award our own Chapter A406 and Taxiarchae community PTSD Dog, perhaps named Taxiarchos (Brigadier General of Angels) Michael or Gabriel!

Join us at the Senior Citizens' Luncheon on December 15, which we are co-hosting with the Taxiarchae Philoptochos. Please see the flier on page 8.



Please let us know if a brother is sick or in need.	
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Demetri Tsatsarones	781.893.5988/781.266.8001
George Loridas	617.926.8674/617.775.4574



Thanks to everyone who helped make our Thanksgiving food collections a success. This month, we will also put on display "The

Giving Tree" in the main lobby of the Cultural Center. Please select a paper ornament or two from the tree. Place the wrapped gifts with the ornament attached under the tree by Sunday, December 15. These gifts will be delivered to the Dimock Center in Boston and other nearby organizations.

Please support our Christmas Pageant which will be on December 22 and sign up your children (Grades 1-5) to participate, if you haven't done so already. Thank you for your help and God Bless you!

Upcoming Important Dates through December 2019:

- December 8 & 15: Christmas Pageant rehearsal
Grades 1-5 after class in Church
- Up to December 15: Giving Tree Collections
- December 22: Christmas Pageant right after Liturgy
- December 29: Vacation Week—No Sunday School

Taxiarchae Family Night

Make your own Gingerbread House!!



**Friday, December 6
6:30—8:30 PM
Bring your entire family!**

Pre-assembled houses, ready to decorate, may be ordered at \$15 per house. Or, if you prefer, you may bring your own house.

Make your reservations/payments online ONLY! Please go to our website to place your order and pay: www.goarchangels.com



YOUTH BASKETBALL

Interested in playing,
sign up at:

<http://boston.goarch.org/ministries/sports>

THE GIVING TREE

The Christmas season is almost here,
Time for Taxiarchae to spread some cheer.
The tree in the hall is decked with gifts,
Not to receive but for you to give.
Each ornament represents a special life,
For whom we will make Christmas day bright.
An age, a name and wish are provided,
May a Christmas spirit help you be guided.



A wish could be clothing, a game,
book or toy,
But what's most important is the joy.
It might be a warm scarf
and some gloves,
Remember, in giving there is
always love.
When you pick an ornament off
of the tree,
You'll be delighted by what you see.
Feel free to take an ornament or two,
You may even want to take a few.
The gifts will be given to people
in need,
I think you'll agree, it's a good idea
indeed!

The Christmas Giving Tree

is located in the lobby of the Cultural Center. Please select a paper ornament or two, from the tree. Place the wrapped gifts with the paper ornament attached under the tree **by Sunday, December 15**. These gifts will be delivered to the Dimock Center in Boston to help less fortunate children. Thank you for your help!



DECEMBER YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, IMMEDIATELY AFTER LITURGY,
MOMMY & ME

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 6:30 PM — **GINGERBREAD HOUSES**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 7-8:30 PM— **YOUTH BIBLE STUDY**
GRADES 6-12 ARE WELCOME.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15—IMMEDIATELY AFTER LITURGY—
ACOLYTE SUNDAY

FOR ALL ALTAR SERVERS TO PREPARE FOR HIS EMINENCE THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY, AS WELL AS LEDARNING THE INS AND OUTS OF SERVICES! GIRLS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND, TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DIVINE LITURGY.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 6 TO 9 PM
INTER-GOYA CHRISTMAS PARTY



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

I wish to thank all our wonderful ladies who baked for the Feast Day of our beloved Church! You always come through whenever you are asked. Thank you!

As usual, December is a busy month. Please look at the dates below. We hope to see you at these events so that we may celebrate the Christmas season together as a family.

On Sunday, December 15, we will be co-hosting with the AHEPA our Senior Christmas Luncheon. We are so happy to work together with the Ahepans for this celebration. Please make your reservations with the church office.

Everyone is welcome to join Philoptochos. Please consider becoming a member of Philoptochos. We will be planning events. Looking forward to working with all of you to further the mission of Philoptochos.

As we prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior, please remember all the blessings that have been given to you and please remember that each and every one of you is a blessing to this parish. Let us put our differences aside and remember that in this crazy society we need each other. Let us help those who are less fortunate than us. Let us pray for peace in the world that we live in.

On behalf of the Philoptochos, I pray that the birth of our Lord will fill your lives and homes with faith, hope, joy and love. Wishing all of you a blessed Christmas shared with family and friends and a happy, healthy, peaceful, and joyous New Year filled with health, happiness, respect and love for one another.

Καλά Χριστούγεννα και ευτυχισμένος ο καινούργιος χρόνος!

With sisterly love,
Frances Levas, President

Important dates to remember:

- December 8 - Choir's Christmas Concert
- December 15 - Christmas Luncheon cohosted with AHEPA
- January 8, 2020
 New Year's Celebration Dinner and Fellowship at Donahue's
- January 12, 2020 Vasilopita Sunday



*Join us for a night of fellowship
 as we bring in the New Year!*
PHILOPTOCHOS NEW YEAR DINNER
 January 8, 2020 at 6 PM
 Donohue's
 87 Bigelow Avenue, Watertown

Reservations and advanced payment required.
 \$35 per person includes buffet dinner.

Please send your check and reservations information to the church office marked "Attention: Philoptochos".
 Reservation deadline: January 2, 2020

Decorate our Church for Christmas

Help us decorate our church for the Christmas Season. Below is a list of the seasonal wreaths and plants we still need. Please call the church office if you would like to donate. Thank you so much!

- 4 20" Wreaths \$75 each
- 8 Small Wreaths \$25 each
- 4 Kissing Balls \$75 each
- Large Poinsettias \$30 each
- Approximately 100 feet of Garland \$300





Christmas

Senior Citizen Luncheon

Open to all Senior Citizens
 of the Taxiarchae Family!

Sunday, December 15, 2019
 immediately following
 the Divine Liturgy

RSVP to the church office by
 Saturday, December 7 617.924.8182

Hosted by the Taxiarchae
 Philoptochos Society
 and the



PHILOTIMO CHAT GROUP

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

THIRD THURSDAY
December 19
10 AM to Noon

Join a friendly group!

Linger over coffee!

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

Remember in your prayers our brothers and sister who passed from this life

...on November 13, Pagona F. Krouskas
...on November 15, Theodoros P. Kasseris
...on November 20, Zoe Chiochios

May their memory be eternal.
Αιωνία η μνήμη



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.



Planning a reception? Our beautiful function rooms are available for all your event needs. Whether you're planning receptions for a Wedding, Christening, Birthday or Anniversary, a Holiday/Corporate Party or Private Memorial for up to 500 people. We can accommodate them all.



For more information, please call Irene Apostolou Cobb at the Church Office at 617-924-8182 or email: functionmanager@goarchangels.com



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# pledges	Amount Range	2019 Stewardship Summary as of <u>November 20, 2019</u>	
2	\$10,000	Total pledges received:	\$198,956
3	\$5,000	Total offerings received:	\$183,562
4	\$2,000-\$3,999	Due towards pledge:	\$15,394
42	\$1,000-\$1,999	Number of Stewards:	356
93	\$500-\$999	Largest pledge thus far:	\$10,000
98	\$300-\$499		
114	Less than \$300		

Thank you to those who have sent in their 2019 pledges. Our goal is to have 500 Stewards in 2019. As of **November 20**, we have 356 Stewards reflecting 71% of our goal.

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 σ' αυτόν τον κατάλογο, παρακαλούμε αμέσως όπως αποτανηθήτε στο γραφείο της εκκλησίας και θα κάνουμε τις διορθώσεις στο επόμενο τεύχος.

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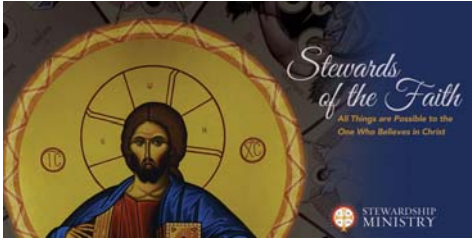
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In sharing our time, talent and treasures, it not only feels good personally, but it shows God that we belong in his grace by doing his work. God bless you.

*With love and appreciation,
 Nancy Sarris, Stewardship Chair*

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1 14 Sunday of Luke Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22 Gospel: Luke 18:35-43 •Mommy & Me p.7	2	3 Greek School	4 St. Barbara Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8.30 AM	5 Greek School Paraklesis 6 PM	6 St. Nicholas Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8.30 AM Gingerbread Houses p.7	7 Greek School
8 10th Sunday of Luke Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-7 Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 •Children's Pageant Rehearsal •Choir Christmas Concert p.2	9	10 Greek School 	11	12 St. Spyridon Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8.30 AM Greek School Paraklesis 6 PM	13 Youth Bible Study 7 PM p.7	14 Greek School
15 11th Sunday of Luke Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:8-18 Gospel: Luke 14:16-24 •Children's Pageant Rehearsal •Acolyte Sunday p.7 •Seniors Luncheon p.8	16	17 Greek School	18 	19 Philototimo Chat p.9 Greek School Christmas Party p.6 Paraklesis 6 PM	20 GOYA Christmas Party 6 PM p.7	21 Greek School
22 Sunday before Nativity His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios Presiding p.3 Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10; 32-40 Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25 Children's Christmas Pageant p.7	23	24 No Greek School Christmas Eve Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil 6.30 pm	25 HOLY NATIVITY Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8.30 AM	26 NO Greek School	27 	29 NO Greek School
29 Sunday after Nativity Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23 NO Sunday School	30	31 NO Greek School	JANUARY 1 St. Basil Circumcision of our Lord Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8.30 am	2 Greek School Resumes	3	4 Greek School
5 Sunday before Epiphany Agiasma—Holy Water Service to follow the Divine Liturgy Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8 Gospel: Mark 1:1-8	6 EPIPHANY Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8.45 AM	Sunday Schedule: Orthros: 8:45, Doxology, Divine Liturgy:9:45AM Weekday Liturgies: 8:30 AM Paraklesis to the Theotokos Gorgoepikoos: Thursdays, 6 PM Greek School: Tues & Thur, 4-6 PM; Sat 10 AM—1 PM Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays at 7 PM (call Director, Cynthia Alex for info)				