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.
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
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

The Archangel’s Call - April 2024
Page 3
Heretismoi
Salutations to the Theotokos
Friday evenings during Lent at 7 PM
April 5 and 11
The Akathist Hymn on April 19

Presanctified Liturgies
For the month of April will take place on Wednesdays, April 5, 12, and 19 from 6-7:30 PM Followed by family potluck dinner and discussion

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.

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.

NOTE: There will be no Bible Study on the evenings of Holy Monday (April 29) and Monday of Bright Week (May 6).

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—Heretismoi/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

Let my prayer rise as incense before You...
And the lifting up of my hands, as an evening sacrifice.”

Our Choir during Lent and Holy Week

The Passion of the Christ
Thursday, April 18th
7:00 pm
in Metaxas Hall

We will be serving coffee and light Lenten refreshments

Sunday morning Call Time: 9:15 AM
### 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**  
Vesperal 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**  
Vesperal 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

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**MEΓΑΛΗΣ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΑΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΑΣΧΑ 2024**

27 Απριλίου—Σάββατο του Λαζάρου  
Ορθρος, Θ.Λειτουργία, 8.30 π.μ./9.00 π.μ.  
Θα σχεδιάσουν σταυρούς απο τα βαϊά μετά τη Λειτουργία

28 Απριλίου—Κυριακή των Βαϊών  
Ορθρος, Θ.Λειτουργία, 8.30 π.μ./9.30 π.μ.  
Μετά τη θεία Λειτουργία θα δοθούν τα βαϊά.  
Ακολουθία Νυμφίου, 7 μμ.

29 Απριλίου—Μεγάλη Λευτέρα  
Ακολουθία Νυμφίου, 7 μμ.

30 Απριλίου—Μεγάλη Τρίτη  
Ακολουθία Νυμφίου (Τροπάριον της Κασσιανής), 7 μμ.

1 Μαΐου—Μεγάλη Τετάρτη  
Προηγματεύη Θεία Λειτουργία, 8.30 π.μ.  
Αγιον Ευχέλαιον, (για μεγάλους και παιδιά) 3 μμ.  
Αγιον Ευχέλαιον (για μεγάλους) 7 μμ.

2 Μαΐου—Μεγάλη Πέμπτη  
Θεία Λειτουργία, 6 π.μ.  
Τα Άγιο Πάθη, Τα 12 Ευαγγέλια, 7 μμ.

3 Μαΐου—Μεγάλη Παρασκευή  
Ακολουθία των Βασιλικών Ώρων, 9 π.μ.  
Αποκαθήλωση, 3 μμ.  
Τρισάγιον, 6.15 μμ.  
Επιτάφιος Θρήνος, Τα Εγκώμια, 7 μμ.

4 Μαΐου—Μέγα Σάββατο  
Θεία Λειτουργία, 7 π.μ.  
Ακολουθία προ της Αναστάσεως, 11 μμ.

5 Μαΐου—ΠΑΣΧΑ  
Πασχαλινή Θ. Λειτουργία, 12 μμ.  
Θα ακολουθήσει το Κήρυγμα του Αγίου Ιωάννου του Χρυσόστομου. Μετά την Λειτουργία θα δοθούν τα Πασχαλινά Κόκκινα Αυγά.
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 28th. 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 10th 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

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 Aleopede

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

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

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**Taxiarchae Philoptochos**

**Palm Sunday Bake Sale**

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

Homemade tsoureki, 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

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**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.
Our Oratorical Festival will be coming up on April 21st. Please encourage your children to participate. Anyone interested in participating should contact Costas Karageorgis at ckarageorgis@goarchangels.com or Fr. Athanasi.

Our Holy Friday retreat will be held on May 3rd 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 27th: Lazarus Saturday, Breakfast, Palm Crosses
April 28th: Palm Sunday – Palm Procession
May 3rd: Holy Friday Retreat
May 5th: Pascha

Costas Karageorgis, Sunday School Director

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

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.

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

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
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.

Τα παιδιά έμαθαν για το έθιμο της Κυρίας Σαρακοστής, ένα από τα παλιότερα έθιμα που σχετίζονται με τη γιορτή του Πάσχα, σήμερα όμως λίγο ξεχασμένο. Χρησίμευε 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, σταυρωμένα χέρια γιατί προσευχάται, ένα σταυρό γιατί πήγαινε στην εκκλησία και χωρίς στόμα γιατί νηστεύει. Στο τέλος κάθε εβδομάδας, ένα σταυρό μετά την Καθαρά Δευτέρα, της έκοβαν ένα πόδι. Το τελευταίο το έκοβαν το Μεγάλο Σάββατο. Το πέμπτο το τοποθετούσαν μετά στο φυσικό της Ανάστασης και όποιος το έβρισκε το έφερνε γούρι. Σε άλλες περιοχές της Ελλάδας, η κυρά-Σαρακοστή φτιάχνεται από ζυμάρι με απλά υλικά και, κυρίως, άλα, για να μη χαλάσει.

ΚΑΛΟ ΠΑΣΧΑ σε όλες τις οικογένειες

HAPPY EASTER
to all the families

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

COMMEMORATING MARCH 25, 1821
28th Annual
GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE of BOSTON

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

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
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

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

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.

Wyndeham

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

Items requested are:

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

*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 messianarts.org/yardart

FINEX HOUSE DONATIONS

THANK YOU

Items requested are:

- Sanitary napkins
- Shampoo
- Cocoa butter
- Deodorant
- Baby shampoo
- Toothbrushes
- Vaseline
- Baby lotion
- Tooth paste
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 Yiovetsi 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.

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

American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association
“HARRIS J. BOORAS” CHAPTER #406, ORDER OF AHEPA

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!
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 21st through Sunday, June 23rd 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 or (617) 519-3422. Thank you in advance for your support.

With our sincere appreciation,

2024 Festival Sponsorship Committee

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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
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: __________________________________________
Contact Person: __________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________
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
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 or by calling 617-653-2461.

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

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- **Orthros:** 8:30
- **Doxology, Divine Liturgy:** 9:30 AM
- **Presanctified Liturgies:** Wednesdays, 6 PM
- **Heretismoi/Salutations:** Fridays 7 PM
- **Greek School:** Thu 4:30-6:30 PM; Sat 10 AM-12 PM

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