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**Synaxis of John the Holy Glorious Prophet,
Baptist, & Forerunner**

January 7, 2018

ORTHROS 8:30AM - DIVINE LITURGY 9:30AM

Paraklesis - Every Thursday to the Panagia Gorgoipikoos 6PM

St. Anthony - Wed. Jan. 17th Orthros 8:30 Liturgy 9:30AM.

St. Athanasios - Thurs. 1/18th Orthros 8:30 Liturgy 9:30AM.

The Three Hierarchs Tues 1/30th Orthros 8:30 Liturgy 9:30AM

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Second Mode: O Christ, the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the guards were as dead, and Mary stood by the sepulcher, seeking Your sacred body. You destroyed Hades yet remained untouched by it. You encountered the Virgin and through her, bestowed Life. Glory to You who has risen from the dead!

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμᾳ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἀχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion for Afterfeast of the Theophany in the First Mode: Lord, when You were baptized in the Jordan, the veneration of the Trinity was revealed. For the voice of the Father gave witness to You, calling You Beloved, and the Spirit, in the guise of a dove, confirmed the certainty of His words. Glory to You, Christ our God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε, ἡ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις, τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοί, ἀγαπητὸν σὲ Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα, καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἴδει περιστεράς, ἐβεβαίου τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανεὶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοί.

Apolytikion for Synaxis of John the Forerunner in the Second Mode: The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner; for thou hast proved to be truly even more venerable than the Prophets, since thou was granted to baptize in the running waters Him Whom they proclaimed. Wherefore, having contested for the truth, thou didst rejoice to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades: that God hath appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world & granting us great mercy

Μνήμη δικαίου μέτ' ἐγκωμίων, σοὶ δὲ ἀρκέσει ἡ μαρτυρία τοῦ Κυρίου Πρόδρομε, ἀνεδείχθης γὰρ ὄντως καὶ Προφητῶν σεβασμιώτερος, ὅτι καὶ ἐν ρείθροις βαπτίσει κατηξιώθης τὸν κηρυττόμενον. Ὅθεν τῆς ἀληθείας ὑπεραθλήσας, χαίρων εὐηγγελίσω καὶ τοῖς ἐν ἅδῃ, Θεὸν φανερωθέντα ἐν σαρκί, τὸν αἴροντα τὴν ἀμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου, καὶ παρέχοντα ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Mode: You appeared to the world today, and Your light, O Lord, has left its mark upon us. With fuller understanding we sing to You: "You came, You were made manifest, the unapproachable light."

Ἐπεφάνης σήμερον τῇ οἴκουμένῃ, καὶ τὸ φῶς σου Κύριε, ἐσημειώθη ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, ἐν ἐπιγνώσει ὑμνούντάς σε. Ἦλθες ἐφάνης τὸ Φῶς τὸ ἀπρόσιτον.

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 63.11,1.

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.

Verse: Oh God, hear my cry.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8. In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the kingdom of God.

Προκείμενον. Grave Mode. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 63.11,1.

Εὐφρανθήσεται δίκαιος ἐν Κυρίῳ.

Στίχ. Εἰσάκουσον, ὁ Θεός, τῆς φωνῆς μου.

τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 19:1-8. Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, ἐγένετο δέ, ἐν τῷ τὸν Ἀπολλῶ εἶναι ἐν Κορίνθῳ, Παῦλον διελθόντα τὰ ἀνωτερικὰ μέρη ἐλθεῖν εἰς Ἔφεσον· καὶ εὐρών τινὰς μαθητὰς εἶπεν πρὸς αὐτούς, Εἰ πνεῦμα ἅγιον ἐλάβετε πιστεύσαντες; Οἱ δὲ εἶπον πρὸς αὐτόν, Ἄλλ' οὐδὲν εἰ πνεῦμα ἅγιόν ἐστιν, ἠκούσαμεν. Εἶπέν τε πρὸς αὐτούς, Εἰς τί οὖν ἐβαπτίσθητε; Οἱ δὲ εἶπον, Εἰς τὸ Ἰωάννου βάπτισμα. Εἶπεν δὲ Παῦλος, Ἰωάννης μὲν ἐβάπτισεν βάπτισμα μετανοίας, τῷ λαῷ λέγων εἰς τὸν ἐρχόμενον μετ' αὐτὸν ἵνα πιστεύσωσιν, τοῦτ' ἔστιν, εἰς τὸν Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν. Ἀκούσαντες δὲ ἐβαπτίσθησαν εἰς τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ. Καὶ ἐπιθέντος αὐτοῖς τοῦ Παύλου τὰς χεῖρας, ἦλθεν τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον ἐπ' αὐτούς, ἐλάλουν τε γλώσσαις καὶ προεφήτευσον. Ἦσαν δὲ οἱ πάντες ἄνδρες ὡσεὶ δεκαδύο. Εἰσελθὼν δὲ εἰς τὴν συναγωγὴν ἐπαρρησιάζετο, ἐπὶ μῆνας τρεῖς διαλεγόμενος καὶ πείθων τὰ περὶ τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ θεοῦ.

Receiving Holy Communion - We welcome to this celebration of the Divine Liturgy those Christians who are from other Christian Denominations and who are not fully united with us. Sadly, it is a consequence of the divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend to you an invitation to receive Holy Communion. Orthodox Christians believe that the Eucharist is the work or action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness of faith, life, and worship of the believing community. Reception of Holy Communion by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, and for which we must pray. **However, all present** are welcome to partake of the Antidoro (blessed bread) which is distributed at the end of the Liturgy Service.

GOSPEL

The Reading is from John 1:29-34

At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 1:29-34

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, βλέπει ὁ Ἰωάννης τὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ λέγει· ἴδε ὁ ἀμνὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ ὁ αἴρων τὴν ἁμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου. οὗτός ἐστι περὶ οὗ ἐγὼ εἶπον· ὀπίσω μου ἔρχεται ἀνὴρ ὃς ἔμπροσθέν μου γέγονεν, ὃτι πρῶτός μου ἦν. καὶ ἐγὼ οὐκ ἤδιδον αὐτόν, ἀλλ' ἵνα φανερωθῇ τῷ Ἰσραὴλ, διὰ τοῦτο ἦλθον ἐγὼ ἐν τῷ ὕδατι βαπτίζων. καὶ ἐμαρτύρησεν Ἰωάννης λέγων ὅτι τεθέαμαι τὸ Πνεῦμα καταβαῖνον ὡς περιστερὰν ἐξ οὐρανοῦ, καὶ ἔμεινεν ἐπ' αὐτόν. καὶ ἐγὼ οὐκ ἤδιδον αὐτόν, ἀλλ' ὁ πέμψας με βαπτίζειν ἐν ὕδατι, ἐκεῖνός μοι εἶπεν· ἐφ' ὃν ἂν ἴδῃς τὸ Πνεῦμα καταβαῖνον καὶ μένον ἐπ' αὐτόν, οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ βαπτίζων ἐν Πνεύματι Ἁγίῳ. καὶ ἐώρακα καὶ μεμαρτύρηκα ὅτι οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ.

Welcome to all who worship with us today. Please join us for coffee fellowship & the cutting of the Vasilopita immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

Memorials

1 year - Nicholas Christakis

3 year - Demetrios Karagiouvanis

May their memory be eternal. Αιώνία η Μνήμη!

Coffee Fellowship is sponsored by the **Christakis & Karagiouvanis families.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Vasilopita Sunday

Children's Greek Dancing - will start up again on Sunday, January 7, 2018

Youth Bible Study - Every Monday 6 - 7PM.

Greek School - Tues. 1/9 (4:00), Thurs. 1/11 (4:00), Sat. 1/13

Adult Bible Study - Every Thursday 7 - 8PM.

JOY - Every Friday 6 - 7PM.

GOYA - Every Friday's 6:30 - 8PM.

Blood Pressure Clinic - Friday 1/12/18. Every 2nd Friday of the month.

New Ministry: The Social Service Ministry - Costa Magimbi will help guide parishioners who are having problems with the Massachusetts Social Services system.

Godparent Sunday - February 4th: We ask your child(ren) to invite their Godparents to attend Godparent Sunday. They can sit together in Church and receive Holy Communion as a family. Following Holy Communion, Godparents are asked to attend and participate in their Godchild's Sunday School class. Each teacher has prepared a lesson that relates to Baptism, Orthodoxy and the role of a Godparent. Yiayiades, papoudes, aunts, uncles or parents are invited if a Godparent cannot attend.

Taxiarchae/Hellenic Cultural Center: Planning a reception? Our beautiful Halls are available for all your event needs. Whether you're planning receptions for a Wedding, Christening, Birthday, or Anniversary; a Holiday/Corporate Party or a Private Memorial we can accommodate them. For more information, please call Irene Apostolou Cobb at 617-924-8182, or email: functionmanager@goarchangels.com.



American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association
“HARRIS J BOORAS” CHAPTER #406, ORDER OF AHEPA
25 BIGELOW AVENUE, WATERTOWN, MA 02472

The AHEPA “Harris J. Booras” Chapter #406 of Watertown greets all in our Taxiarchae community: ! CRONIA POLLA ! We wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2018 ! Health, Joy, Peace, Hope, Faith, Love & Prosperity !

Our Thanks to all Bros. and all in our Taxiarchae Community who came to our very successful “Christmas Party” event of Sunday Dec. 10, 2017 following the Divine Liturgy. Thanks to all for your support & generous Donations for the benefit of our Scholarship Fund !

The New Year 2018, will be the 2nd year we will award the E. Metaxas, or the A. Vulgaropulos Scholarship award to both AHEPA and Taxiarchae members eligible College-bound and College attending students! For 2017 there were 2 very well-qualified and equally deserving applicants who won ! So, just on that thought, it makes sense to join AHEPA!

In our Dec. 14 meeting we initiated our Council Pres. Costa Karageorgis, our Stewardship Chairman John Kopellas, manager Peter Sarris of Sarris Auto, and Engineer Costas Tsatsarones. We congratulate and welcome all our new Bros. who joined our AHEPA fraternity! All in our community are welcomed to join AHEPA ! AHEPA is the official Representative of Greek Americans in the US Congress that promotes and lobbies for the survival of Greece and the Greek values and ideals ! Submit a Membership Application now! Now is the right time to join! For fast action /details call John Abate (617)-797-9499 / (617-484-5946) E-mail: John.Abate2 @verizon.net

Our next Chapter meeting will be on Jan. 11, 2017 7:00 pm, when we will cut first our AHEPA Vasilopita then we will follow the usual business agenda. We may also conduct additional Initiations - for a number of new members who wish to join us - who missed our Dec. meeting. We need new innovative ideas to sustain/expand our chapter to continue our work for the next 100 years !

Our Chapter sponsored one of the (2) 3-member teams assembled by Mrs. Lela Digenis (spouse of our AHEPA Br. Constantine Digenis) that competed on October 28, 2017 in the Hellenic History Tournament (HHT) in Orange, CT. The 2nd team, supported by “Athens” Ch. A24, won 2nd place! Thanks to all who sent their Membership Dues for the Year 2017 and to all who continue to send theirs! It is very critical for all who neglected to submit their dues to submit them even a bit late-better late than never! As we approach our Centennial in 2022 let us remind ourselves and all in the Taxiarchae Community to support the noble works of AHEPA!

On behalf of our President, Officers and all members of our Chapter,

Fraternally, Constantine B. Lagos, Secretary, Ch. #A406, Watertown, MA

Please let us know if a brother is sick or in need. Contact President John Abate or any Officer listed: John Abate, President: 617.797.9499/617.484.5946

Basil Patsios: 617.923.9209/857.928.1803

Demetri Tsatsarones 781.893.5988/781.266.8001

George Loridas: 617.926.8674/617.775.4574

Constantine B. Lagos: 617.935.1746



The Blessing of our Homes at Epiphany

As is customary, following the days of the Epiphany feast, the priest visits the homes of parishioners to perform the Agiasmo and to bless the family. If you wish to have your home blessed, please fill out the slip below and mail it to the church. Father Athanasios will call you to schedule his visit. We thank you and wish you a healthy and most prosperous New Year.

When Christ entered the Jordan River, he sanctified the waters and all of creation. An important sign of God's sanctification of all things through the feast of Theophany is the act of blessing the homes of faithful Christians. The priest visits the members of the church to pray with them in the place where they live, and to bless their surroundings with Holy Water. He asks God to have mercy on the house, to rid it of every evil and to fill it with every blessing.

To prepare for Father Athanasios' visit to bless your home:

- ✘ Make a list of the first names of those family members you wish to pray for when Father Athanasios arrives.
- ✘ On your dining room table or family altar, place a lighted candle, an incense burner (if available), a family icon, a wide bowl (to hold the holy water the priest will bring), and some vasiliko (fresh leaf basil). Be sure your prayer list is there, too!
- ✘ Turn off all TVs, stereos, and computers.
- ✘ Secure any pets that might "get underfoot."

When Fr. Athanasios arrives, everyone in the house should gather around the table/family altar and join in the singing of the litany responses and Troparion. The family will then lead Father throughout the house for the blessing.



Name: _____

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Preferred Dates and Times: (Please indicate three)

Please list the baptismal
names of the living you
would like commemorated:

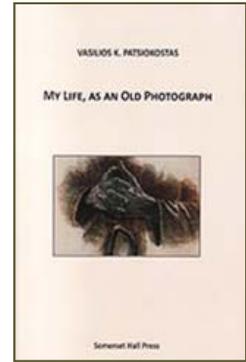
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Free-will donation. Proceeds from the book sales will support the Taxiarchae Church youth ministries. Thank you.



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of the month 10 - Noon

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MAKE CONNECTIONS LINGER OVER COFFEE

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