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Sunday before the Nativity of Christ

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December 24, 2017

ORTHROS 8:30AM

DIVINE LITURGY 9:45AM

Paraklesis - Every Thursday to the Panagia Gorgoipikoos 6PM

Christmas Eve - Sunday Dec. 24th Great Vespers 6:30PM

Christmas Day - Mon. Dec 25th Orthros at 8:30AM Liturgy 9:30

St Basil the Great - Mon. Jan. 1 Orthros 8:30AM Liturgy 9:30

Eve of Epiphany - Friday, Jan. 5th Vespereal Liturgy 6PM

Holy Epiphany - Sat. Jan 6th Agiasmos Orthros 8:30 Liturgy 9:30

HYMNS OF THE DAY

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

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

Apolytikion for Eve of Nativity in the Fourth Mode: As the fruit of David's seed, Mary was registered of old with the Elder Joseph in the little town of Bethlehem, when she conceived with a seedless and pure conception. Behold, the time was come that she should bear her Child, but no place was found within the inn for them; yet the cave proved a delightful palace for the pure Lady and Queen of all. For Christ is born now to raise the image that had fallen aforetime.

Ἀπεγράφετο ποτέ, σὺν τῷ πρεσβύτῃ Ἰωσήφ, ὡς ἐκ σπέρματος Δαυΐδ, ἐν Βηθλεὲμ ἡ Μαριάμ, κυοφοροῦσα τὴν ἄσπορον κυοφορίαν, Ἐπέστη δὲ καιρὸς ὁ τῆς Γεννήσεως, καὶ τόπος ἦν οὐδεὶς τῷ καταλύματι, ἀλλ' ὡς τερπνὸν παλάτιον τὸ Σπήλαιον, τῆ Βασιλίδι ἐδείκνυτο, Χριστὸς γεννᾶται τὴν πρὶν πεσοῦσαν, ἀναστήσων εἰκόνα.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Third Mode: On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν Προαίωνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

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.

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon. Fourth Mode. Daniel 3.26,27.

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:9-10; 32-40.

BRETHREN, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundation, whose builder and maker is God.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Προκείμενον. Fourth Mode. Δανιήλ 3.26-27.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν.

Στίχ. Ὅτι δίκαιος εἶ ἐπὶ πᾶσιν, οἷς ἐποίησας ἡμῖν.

τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 11:9-10, 32-40.

Ἀδελφοί, πίστει παρώκησεν Ἀβραάμ εἰς τὴν γῆν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας ὡς ἄλλοτριαν, ἐν σκηναῖς κατοικήσας μετὰ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ Ἰακώβ τῶν συγκληρονόμων τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τῆς αὐτῆς· ἐξεδέχετο γὰρ τὴν τοῦς θεμελίου ἐχουσαν πόλιν, ἧς τεχνίτης καὶ δημιουργὸς ὁ Θεός. Καὶ τί ἔτι λέγω; Ἐπιλείπει γάρ με διηγούμενον ὁ χρόνος περὶ Γεδεών, Βαράκ τε καὶ Σαμψών καὶ Ἰεφθάε, Δαυΐδ τε καὶ Σαμουὴλ καὶ τῶν προφητῶν, οἱ διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβησαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἔκλιναν ἄλλοτριῶν· ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοῦς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπρίσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον, περιῆλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι, ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος, ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσι καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὄπαϊς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως οὐκ ἐκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ Θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρεῖττόν τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσι.

GOSPEL

The Reading is from Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the Genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

GOSPEL

Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 1:1-25

Βίβλος γενέσεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, υἱοῦ Δαυῖδ υἱοῦ Ἀβραάμ. Ἀβραάμ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰσαάκ, Ἰσαάκ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰακώβ, Ἰακώβ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰούδαν καὶ τοὺς ἀδελφούς αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Φαρὲς καὶ τὸν Ζαρὰ ἐκ τῆς Θάμαρ, Φαρὲς δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἑσρῶμ, Ἑσρῶμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀράμ, Ἀράμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀμιναδάβ, Ἀμιναδάβ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ναασσών, Ναασσών δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Σαλμών, Σαλμών δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Βοὸζ ἐκ τῆς Ῥαχάβ, Βοὸζ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ὠβὴδ ἐκ τῆς Ῥούθ, Ὠβὴδ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰεσσαί, Ἰεσσαί δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Δαυῖδ τὸν βασιλέα. Δαυῖδ δὲ ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐγέννησε τὸν Σολομῶνα ἐκ τῆς τοῦ Οὐρίου, Σολομῶν δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ῥοβοάμ, Ῥοβοάμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀβιά, Ἀβιά δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀσά, Ἀσά δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωσαφάτ, Ἰωσαφάτ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωράμ, Ἰωράμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ὀζίαν, Ὀζίας δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωάθαμ, Ἰωάθαμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀχαζ, Ἀχαζ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐζεκιαν, Ἐζεκιᾶς δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Μανασσῆ, Μανασσῆς δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀμών, Ἀμών δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωσιαν, Ἰωσιᾶς δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰεχονίαν καὶ τοὺς ἀδελφούς αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος.

Μετὰ δὲ τὴν μετοικεσίαν Βαβυλῶνος Ἰεχονίας ἐγέννησε τὸν Σαλαθιήλ, Σαλαθιήλ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ζοροβάβελ, Ζοροβάβελ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀβιούδ, Ἀβιούδ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐλιακεῖμ, Ἐλιακεῖμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀζώρ, Ἀζώρ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Σαδῶκ, Σαδῶκ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀχείμ, Ἀχείμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐλιούδ, Ἐλιούδ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐλεάζαρ, Ἐλεάζαρ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ματθάν, Ματθάν δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰακώβ, Ἰακώβ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἄνδρα Μαρίας, ἐξ ἧς ἐγεννήθη Ἰησοῦς ὁ λεγόμενος Χριστός. Πᾶσαι οὖν αἱ γενεαὶ ἀπὸ Ἀβραάμ ἕως Δαυῖδ γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες, καὶ ἀπὸ Δαυῖδ ἕως τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες, καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος ἕως τοῦ Χριστοῦ γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες.

Τοῦ δὲ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἡ γέννησις οὕτως ἦν. μνηστευθείσης γὰρ τῆς μητρὸς αὐτοῦ Μαρίας τῷ Ἰωσήφ, πρὶν ἢ συνελθεῖν αὐτοὺς εὐρέθη ἐν γαστρὶ ἔχουσα ἐκ Πνεύματος Ἁγίου. Ἰωσήφ δὲ ὁ ἀνὴρ αὐτῆς, δίκαιος ὢν καὶ μὴ θέλων αὐτὴν παραδειγματίσαι, ἐβουλήθη λάθρα ἀπολῦσαι αὐτήν. ταῦτα δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐνθυμηθέντος ἰδοὺ ἄγγελος Κυρίου κατ' ὄναρ ἐφάνη αὐτῷ λέγων· Ἰωσήφ υἱὸς Δαυῖδ, μὴ φοβηθῆς παραλαβεῖν Μαριάμ τὴν γυναῖκά σου· τὸ γὰρ ἐν αὐτῇ γεννηθὲν ἐκ Πνεύματός ἐστιν Ἁγίου. τέξεται δὲ υἱὸν καὶ καλέσεις τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦν· αὐτὸς γὰρ σώσει τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν αὐτῶν. Τοῦτο δὲ ὅλον γέγονεν ἵνα πληρωθῆ τὸ ῥηθὲν ὑπὸ τοῦ Κυρίου διὰ τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος· ἰδοὺ ἡ παρθένος ἐν γαστρὶ ἔξει καὶ τέξεται υἱόν, καὶ καλέσουςι τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἐμμανουήλ, ὃ ἐστι μεθερμηνευόμενον μεθ' ἡμῶν ὁ Θεός. Διεγερθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰωσήφ ἀπὸ τοῦ ὕπνου ἐποίησεν ὡς προσέταξεν αὐτῷ ὁ ἄγγελος Κυρίου καὶ παρέλαβε τὴν γυναῖκα αὐτοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐγένωσεν αὐτὴν ἕως οὗ ἔτεκε τὸν υἱὸν αὐτῆς τὸν πρωτότοκον, καὶ ἐκάλεσε τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦν.

ΚΑΛΑ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΑ & *Welcome* to all who worship with us today.
Please join us for coffee fellowship immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

Would you like to sponsor a Coffee Fellowship? It could be for any occasion Birthday, Graduation, Name day, or Anniversary. Please contact the church office to schedule your Coffee Fellowship, or if you have any questions.

Christmas Eve Carols

The Choir will present a short program of Christmas hymns and carols at the conclusion of the Vespers Service on Christmas Eve. Everyone is invited to join us and sing along as we celebrate the birth of our Lord!

VASILOPITA SUNDAY

We will be cutting the Parish Vasilopita on Sunday, January 7th, 2018.



If you would like to help with the Vasilopitas please contact Philoptochos President Leah Alvanos at Lalvanos@comcast.net or 508.308.9439.

Watertown Savings Bank - It's that time of year to VOTE for our Church at the Watertown Savings Bank. Forms are available in the Narthex. Voting ends December 31st.



**Thank you to everyone who made the
Gingerbread Family night such a great event.
A fun time was had by all!**



**Thank you to all who donated and helped in decorating
our church for Christmas, it looks beautiful.**



“The Christmas Giving Tree”

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the Giving Tree program, and helped support local families.

Thank you & Merry Christmas!



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ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

“Those that Seek the Lord Shall Never be in Want of Any

Good Thing” *Psalm 34:10 from the Service of the Artoclasia*

Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the end of 2017, we lovingly remind you to send in your Stewardship offering to the Church for 2017, if you have not already done so.

Your Stewardship provides the foundation for our Parish Ministries and our efforts in meeting the challenge of spreading Christ’s Word and our Orthodox Faith. Stewardship is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves and to grow in grace. It allows us to participate in the work of God. Giving is not a substitute for commitment – it is an expression of your commitment. As St. John Chrysostom said, “A rich man is not one who has much but one who gives much. For what he gives away remains his forever.”

Please take time to make your Stewardship Commitment today and enable our Church to grow her ministries and carry on her mission.

May our Lord richly bless you and your family in all things.
Yours in Christ,



Fr. Athanasios Nenes



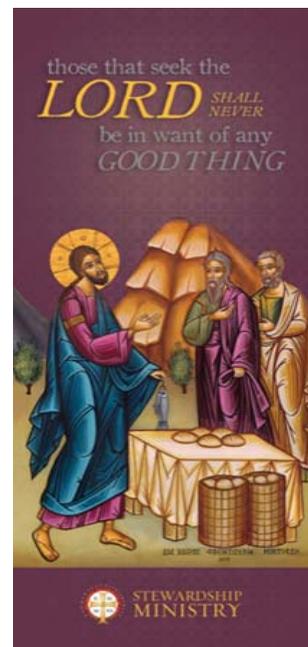
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Parish Council President



John Kopellas

Stewardship Chairperson



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Dependent Children's names and birthdates:

May we include your contact information in the parish directory?

yes no *if yes, please indicate any information you would like excluded:*

May we add you to our parish email list?

yes no



In the Gospel of Saint Matthew (6:19), Jesus instructs us, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal." Often in life, we pursue and collect those things that do not last. We must ask, "One hundred years from now, where will our possessions be?" Our greatest blessing is our family. As Orthodox Christians, we are called to be stewards of this great gift. If we are faithful to this calling, perhaps our Lord will say to us as he did to the faithful steward, "Well done good and faithful servant" (Mt. 25:23).

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In gratitude for God's blessings, I/We commit to Christ and His Church the following amount:

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\$ _____ annually

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Individual stewards should indicate areas of interest with a check (✓). Families should mark "H" for husband, "W" for wife or "C" for children.

EDUCATION	LITURGICAL
— Bible Study	— Sanctuary & Altar Call
— Adult Religious Education	— Altar Boys / Acolytes
— Introductory	— Blessing Fire
— Publications	— Choir
— Speakers	— Reader
— Bookstore	— Envoy/Minister
— Library	
YOUTH	MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS
— Church School Teacher	— Campus Ministry
— Church School Administration	— Vigilante Team
— Youth Leader	— New Member Events
— Vacation Bible School	— Outreach
— Camp Director	— Stewardship
	— Sunday Fellowship / Coffee
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	— Vacation — Hospital
— Garden & Landscaping	— Vacation — Studies
— Painting	— Food for the Hungry
— Electrical	— Civil Engagement (Group)
— Carpentry	— Disaster Relief Projects
— Interior Design	— Blood Drive
— Exterior Affairs	— Project Mexico
— Roofing	— Int'l. Christian Clergy
— Landmarks	— OCMC Museum Center
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ADMINISTRATION	— Couples Ministry
— Financial Record	— Singles Ministry
— Records	— Military Ministry
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— Office Help	COMMUNICATIONS
— Computer / Technical	— Website & E-mail
— Mail Tray	— Bulletin & Newsletter
	— Public Relations

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Credit Card (check one):

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American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association

“HARRIS J BOORAS” CHAPTER #406,

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

Come all to the Taxiarchae Christmas Eve Great Vesper on Sunday, Dec. 24 6:30 pm And to all events until Epiphany - and enjoy the beauty and spirit of our Church!

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 do so by this Sunday, to meet the 12-31-2017 deadline! 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

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Boogie Night

at the

Taxiarchae Hellenic Center

Saturday, February 3, 2018

Dancing with "Eddie

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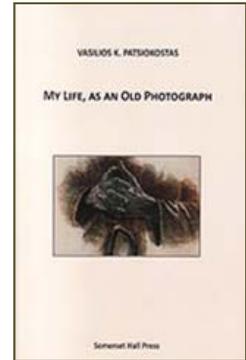
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