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January 28, 2024

15th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 8:45/Liturgy 9:30 AM.

Epistle Reading

Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from Luke 19:1-10

Memorial

40 day - *George Emanuel*

40 day - *Mary Ravanis*

Trisagion

6 month - *Maria Papakyrikos*

May their memory be eternal. Αιωνία η Μνήμη!

WEEKDAY SERVICES - Καθημερινές Λειτουργίες:

The Three Hierarchs - Tues., Jan. 30th 8:30 Orthros/Liturgy 9 AM.

Paraklesis to the Panagia Gorgoipikoos - Every Thursday at 6 PM.



HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the First Mode

Although the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose on the third day, O Savior, giving life to the world. For this reason, the heavenly powers cried out to you, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your dispensation, only Lover of Mankind!

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Apolytikion for Ephraim the Syrian in the Plagal Fourth Mode

With the rivers of your tears, you have made the barren desert fertile. Through sighs of sorrow from deep within you, your labors have borne fruit a hundred-fold. By your miracles you have become a light, shining upon the world. O Ephraim, our Holy Father, pray to Christ our God, to save our souls.

Ταῖς τῶν δακρύων σου ροαῖς, τῆς ἐρήμου τὸ ἀγονον ἐγεώργησας, καὶ τοῖς ἐκ βάθους στεναγμοῖς, εἰς ἑκατὸν τοὺς πόνους ἐκαρποφόρησας, καὶ γέγονας φωστήρ, τῇ οἰκουμένῃ λάμπων τοῖς θαύμασι, Εφραὶμ Πατὴρ ἡμῶν, Ὅσιε, Πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Seasonal Kontakion in the First Mode

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγίασας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεῶν εὐλόγησας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.

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.

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon. First Mode. Psalm 32.22,1.

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15.

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Epistle Reading

Προκείμενον. First Mode. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 32.22,1.

Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. Ἀγαλλιᾶσθε δίκαιοι ἐν Κυρίῳ

τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πρὸς Τιμόθεον α' 4:9-15.

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος. Εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ καὶ κοπιῶμεν καὶ ὀνειδιζόμεθα, ὅτι ἠλπικαμεν ἐπὶ θεῷ ζῶντι, ὃς ἐστὶν σωτὴρ πάντων ἀνθρώπων, μάλιστα πιστῶν. Παράγγελλε ταῦτα καὶ δίδασκε. Μηδεὶς σου τῆς νεότητος καταφρονεῖτω, ἀλλὰ τύπος γίνου τῶν πιστῶν ἐν λόγῳ, ἐν ἀναστροφῇ, ἐν ἀγάπῃ, ἐν πνεύματι, ἐν πίστει, ἐν ἀγνείᾳ. Ἔως ἔρχομαι, πρόσεχε τῇ ἀναγνώσει, τῇ παρακλήσει, τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ. Μὴ ἀμέλει τοῦ ἐν σοὶ χαρίσματος, ὃ ἐδόθη σοὶ διὰ προφητείας μετὰ ἐπιθέσεως τῶν χειρῶν τοῦ πρεσβυτερίου. Ταῦτα μελέτα, ἐν τούτοις ἴσθι, ἵνα σου ἡ προκοπὴ φανερά ᾖ ἐν πάνσιν.

GOSPEL

The Reading is from Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

GOSPEL

Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 19:1-10

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, διήρχετο τὴν Ἱεριχῶ· καὶ ἰδοὺ ἀνὴρ ὀνόματι καλούμενος Ζακχαῖος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν ἀρχιτελώνης, καὶ οὗτος ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐζήτει ἰδεῖν τὸν Ἰησοῦν τις ἐστί, καὶ οὐκ ἠδύνατο ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄχλου, ὅτι τῇ ἡλικίᾳ μικρὸς ἦν. καὶ προδραμῶν ἔμπροσθεν ἀνέβη ἐπὶ συκομορέαν, ἵνα ἴδῃ αὐτόν, ὅτι ἐκείνης ἡμέλλε διέρχεσθαι. καὶ ὡς ἦλθεν ἐπὶ τὸν τόπον, ἀναβλέψας ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδεν αὐτόν καὶ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν· Ζακχαῖε, σπεύσας κατέβηθι· σήμερον γὰρ ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ σου δεῖ με μείναι. καὶ σπεύσας κατέβη, καὶ ὑπεδέξατο αὐτόν χαίρων. καὶ ἰδόντες πάντες διεγόγγυζον λέγοντες ὅτι παρὰ ἀμαρτωλῶν ἀνδρὶ εἰσῆλθε καταλυῖσαι. σταθεὶς δὲ Ζακχαῖος εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Κύριον· ἰδοὺ τὰ ἡμίση τῶν ὑπαρχόντων μου, Κύριε, δίδωμι τοῖς πτωχοῖς, καὶ εἰ τινὸς τι ἐσυκοφάντησα, ἀποδίδωμι τετραπλοῦν. εἶπε δὲ πρὸς αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι σήμερον σωτηρία τῷ οἴκῳ τούτῳ ἐγένετο, καθότι καὶ αὐτὸς υἱὸς Ἀβραάμ ἐστιν. ἦλθε γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ζητῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι τὸ ἀπολωλός.



January 30

Synaxis of The Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian & John Chrysostom

This common feast of these three teachers was instituted a little before the year 1100, during the reign of the Emperor Alexis I Comnenus, because of a dispute and strife that arose among the notable and virtuous men of that time. Some of them preferred Basil, while others preferred Gregory, and yet others preferred John Chrysostom, quarreling among themselves over which of the three was the greatest. Furthermore, each party, in order to distinguish itself from the others, assumed the name of its preferred Saint; hence, they called themselves Basilians, Gregorians, or Johannites. Desiring to bring an end to the contention, the three Saints appeared together to the saintly John Mavropous, a monk who had been ordained Bishop of Euchaita, a city of Asia Minor, they revealed to him that the glory they have at the throne of God is equal, and told him to compose a common service for the three of them, which he did with great skill and beauty. Saint John of Euchaita (celebrated Oct. 5) is also the composer of the Canon to the Guardian Angel, the Protector of a Man's Life. In his old age, he retired from his episcopal see and again took up the monastic life in a monastery in Constantinople. He reposed during the reign of the aforementioned Emperor Alexis Comnenus (1081-1118).

Saints and Feasts



January 28

Ephraim the Syrian

Saint Ephraim was born in Nisibis of Mesopotamia some time about the year 306, and in his youth was the disciple of Saint James, Bishop of Nisibis, one of the 318 Fathers at the First Ecumenical Council. Ephraim lived in Nisibis, practicing a severe ascetical life and increasing in holiness, until 363, the year in which Julian the Apostate was slain in his war against the Persians, and his successor Jovian surrendered Nisibis to them. Ephraim then made his dwelling in Edessa, where he found many heresies to do battle with. He waged an especial war against Bardaisan; this gnostic had written many hymns propagating his errors, which by their sweet melodies became popular and enticed souls away from the truth. Saint Ephraim, having received from God a singular gift of eloquence, turned Bardaisan's own weapon against him, and wrote a multitude of hymns to be chanted by choirs of women, which set forth the true doctrines, refuted heretical error, and praised the contests of the Martyrs.

Of the multitude of sermons, commentaries, and hymns that Saint Ephraim wrote, many were translated into Greek in his own lifetime. Sozomen says that Ephraim "Surpassed the most approved writers of Greece," observing that the Greek writings, when translated into other tongues, lose most of their original beauty, but Ephraim's works "are no less admired when read in Greek than when read in Syriac" (Eccl. Hist., Book 111, 16). Saint Ephraim was ordained deacon, some say by Saint Basil the Great, whom Sozomen said "was a great admirer of Ephraim, and was astonished at his erudition." Saint Ephraim was the first to make the poetic expression of hymnody and song a vehicle of Orthodox theological teachings, constituting it an integral part of the Church's worship; he may rightly be called the first and greatest hymnographer of the Church, who set the pattern for these who followed him, especially Saint Romanos the Melodist. Because of this he is called the "Harp of the Holy Spirit." Jerome says that his writings were read in some churches after the reading of the Scriptures, and adds that once he read a Greek translation of one of Ephraim's works, "and recognized, even in translation, the incisive power of his lofty genius" (De vir. ill., ch. CXV). Shortly before the end of his life, a famine broke out in Edessa, and Saint Ephraim left his cell to rebuke the rich for not sharing their goods with the poor. The rich answered that they knew no one to whom they could entrust their goods. Ephraim asked them, "What do you think of me?" When they confessed their reverence for him, he offered to distribute their alms, to which they agreed. He himself cared with his own hands for many of the sick from the famine, and so crowned his life with mercy and love for neighbor. Saint Ephraim reposed in peace, according to some in the year 373, according to others, 379.

Sermon

OUR MEETING WITH CHRIST

We could say that today's Gospel passage is an acquired hope and joy for us, because the love of God, if we would wish, will save each of us, no matter how sinful we may be. Until the end of our lives, Christ will be trying to meet us many times. If we accept Him once personally, He will change our lives and will lead us to salvation. Let us follow Zacchaeus in the search for Christ.

Jesus and Zacchaeus

Zacchaeus was a tax collector, a person hated in society, since his profession was intertwined with theft, fraud and lying. There was no respect, no appreciation for his person from anyone. People hated him and he lived and coexisted with the passion of avarice.

But he learned that Christ came to Jericho. He was sure that if he would meet Him, he could change his passionate life. It seems that his greed, but also his isolation from society had tired him out. Riches and material pleasures did not give him the happiness he was waiting for. So, he heard that Christ embraces and speaks with the just and the unjust, with the healthy and the sick, with Jews and foreigners. Perhaps he recognized his apostasy from God, and he found the opportunity to change his life.

He didn't care what people would say, nor what he had done in the past. He just wanted to meet Christ. Because he was short, he climbed a tree, a sycamore, to call out to Christ, for Him to see him. Immediately Christ's gaze falls on Zacchaeus, whom He calls by his name. This personal call shows that Zacchaeus had repented and wanted to be saved. He publicly confesses, he corrects his mistakes, returning the money fourfold. Practical repentance leads to salvation and invites Christ into our lives.

Meeting Christ

In order to meet Christ, we must also follow the tactics of Zacchaeus. First, we must hear the voice of our conscience, which urges us to find Christ. Secondly, we must decide to leave our own tax office, which we feed with our egotism mainly, and to put Christ in the center of our life, instead of ourselves. Third, we should not count the opinion of people when it is opposed to the word of Christ. We should not be interested in people's opinion, but in the example of Christ, the Virgin Mary, and the Saints. When we meet Christ, then our rebirth will come about. When Zacchaeus met Christ, he became made charitable instead of avaricious, from a god-hater, i.e. a denier of God - a god-lover, and from being a sinner, a repentant image of God. Let us always remember the person of the sinful publican in our lives, because it will remind us that Christ is love, and wants every sinner to be saved, so long as we meet Him with a disposition to repent, in order to enjoy all that He has prepared in the Kingdom of Heaven for us sinners. May the person of the head publican Zacchaeus inspire us on our way, and let us have repentance as the purpose of our life so that we can meet Christ.

TRUE JOY

“Elder, sometimes I can't be happy, and then I think that maybe joy is not for me.”

“What do you say? Isn't joy for you? And who is it for? For the tangalaki (the little demon)? Have you lost it? Joy is for man. God did not give sadness; he only gave joy.

“But why, Elder, do I not always have joy within me?”

“When your mind is not on God, how can you feel the joy of God? You forget Christ and your mind keeps turning to the jobs and to the engines, and thus your spiritual engine stops. So, start the Jesus Prayer and soft chanting, and then you will run and turn like a top around Christ.

Only near Christ does one find real, genuine joy, because only Christ gives real joy and consolation. Where Christ, there is true joy and paradisaal rejoicing. Those who are far from Christ, have no real joy.

We Welcome all who worship with us today.

Memorial

40 day – George Emanuel

40 day – Mary Ravanis

Trisagion

6 month – *Maria Papakyrikos*

May their memory be eternal. Αιώνια η Μνήμη!

Coffee Fellowship is sponsored by the ***Emanuel family*** in memory of their loved one.

If you would like to sponsor a Coffee Fellowship, please contact the Office 617-924-8182.

Taxiarchae Hoops Update

The JOY basketball team won this past weekend, Jan 20th, against Sts. Constantine and Helen (Cambridge) and lost the previous week, Jan. 7th, against St. Demetrios (Weston). The kids are having a blast and have a collective record of 4 wins, 1 loss.

The GOYA high school basketball team won this past weekend, Jan 21th, against St. Catherines (Braintree) and lost the previous week, Jan. 8th, against St. George (Lynn). The GOYA team has a current record of 4 wins, 2 losses. They play this Sunday at Hellenic College at 6pm v. St. Vasilios (Peabody).

COME CHEER THEM ON!

2023-2024 Capital Improvement Campaign Fund

— \$150,000

— \$75,000

— \$0



Church Capital Improvement Campaign update. To date we have raised \$38,000 of the \$150,000 we need to raise for much needed improvements to our Church. We used approved monies from the operations account for the parking lot improvement but need to repay the operations account once we have raised the money. Thank you to those that have donated! If you would like to donate please visit the Church website, click on Donate, then Capital Improvement Campaign.

DONATE
TODAY!

Purchase Your Tickets on our Website.
Use the drop down "Menu", purchase in Taxiarchae Store.
DEADLINE FEBRUARY 24th!!!

The Taxiarchae Church
and St. Sava Cathedral invite
you to
an evening of
music, dance, food & fun



March 9, 2024 7 pm - 11 pm

Greek music by The Makredes Ensemble
Serbian music by - DJ
Enjoy Greek and Serbian Cuisine

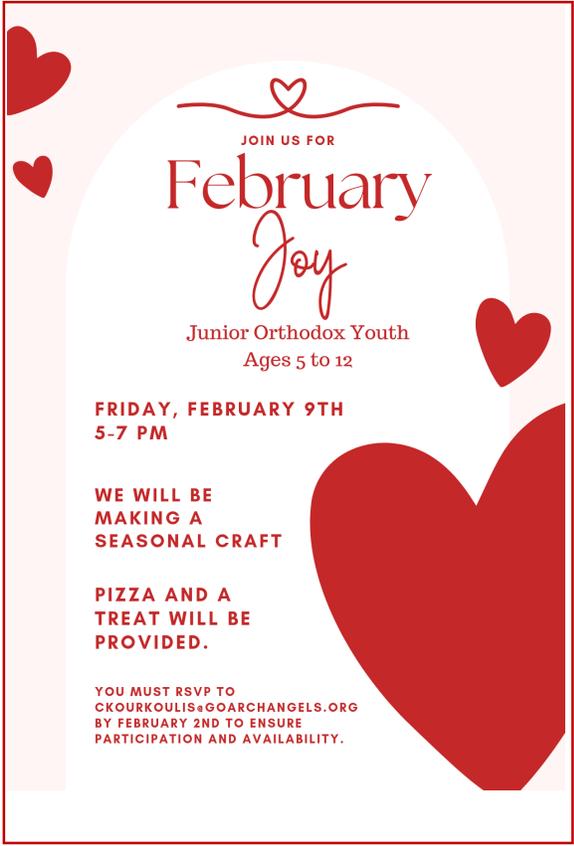
Admission: \$60

Kids 12 and under - free
MUST RSVP by February 24, 2024

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RESCHEDULED
FAMILY MINISTRIES
A FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT
SLIME PARTY
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH 6-8 PM
PIZZA AND A TREAT
WILL BE PROVIDED
YOU MUST RSVP TO
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JOIN US FOR
February
Joy
Junior Orthodox Youth
Ages 5 to 12
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
5-7 PM
WE WILL BE
MAKING A
SEASONAL CRAFT
PIZZA AND A
TREAT WILL BE
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HELLENIC BOSTON BUSINESSES UNITE

invites you to our first Annual

WINTER WHITE *Gala*

Saturday February 3, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Oakley Country Club
410 Belmont St. Watertown, MA

Silent Auction proceeds to benefit
Metropolis Camp of Boston & The Sotir Center Thessaloniki, GR

Dinner & Dancing
Music by Salonica Boys

RSVP by January 27, 2024
\$150.00 per person includes dinner, dancing and 2 hours open bar

To order tickets scan the QR code

Cocktail attire - Optional Black/Winter White





CROSSROAD

Are you a high school **junior** or **senior**?

Fill your

summer
with what **counts**

Join one of our
four sessions:

SESSION 1 | Boston June 8-18

SESSION 2 | Northern California June 18-28

SESSION 3 | Boston June 22-July 2

SESSION 4 | Chicago July 6-16

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Priority: January 16, 2024

Regular: February 20, 2024

Youth Ministry

Ongoing FOOD DRIVE - Collecting for the Watertown Food Pantry

Your donation of food items can be put on the table, located in the Lobby.

We will deliver them to the Watertown Food Pantry every Tuesday.

Thank you for helping your local community!

ESPECIALLY NEEDED - CANS OF TUNA & BREAKFAST CEREAL.

As always, the Food Pantry is still in need of school snacks.

LOVE DOES NOT HURT.

INCREASED STATISTICS ON INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE
[HTTPS://WWW.NEJM.ORG/DOI/FULL/10.1056/NEJMP2024046](https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMP2024046)

A pandemic within a pandemic: There are more cases of violence in the home than ever before. This means more families living in crisis.

We are collecting for monthly drop-offs each second Monday of the month, beginning with December 14th.

Items requested are:

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

With any questions, please contact [redacted] or
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PREVENT.**

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