

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΤΩΝ ΤΑΞΙΑΡΧΩΝ TAXIARCHAE/ARCHANGELS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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March 10, 2024

Judgement Sunday (Meatfare Sunday) Orthros 8:45/Liturgy 9:30 AM.

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from Matthew 25:31-46.

Memorial

40 day - Steven Kourepenis 6 month – Demetrios Asimakopoulos

May their memory be eternal. Αιωνία η Μνήμη!



WEEKDAY SERVICES - Καθημερινές Λειτουργίες:

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

Saturday of Souls - 3/16 & 23, Orthros 8:30/Liturgy 9 AM.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Grave Mode

By Your Cross, O Christ our God, You destroyed death. You opened paradise to the thief. You transformed the lament of the Myrrh-bearing women, and You commanded the Apostles to proclaim You are risen, granting the world Your great mercy.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέῳξας τῷ Ληστῆ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Αποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Seasonal Kontakion in the First Mode

O God, when You come upon the earth in glory, the whole world will tremble. A river of fire will bring all before Your Judgment Seat and the books will be opened, and everything in secret will become public. At that time, deliver me from the fire which never dies, and enable me to stand by Your right hand, O Judge most just.

Όταν ἔλθης ὁ Θεός, ἐπὶ γῆς μετὰ δόξης, καὶ τρέμωσι τὰ σύμπαντα, ποταμὸς δὲ τοῦ πυρὸς πρὸ τοῦ Βήματος ἔλκη, καὶ βίβλοι ἀνοίγωνται, καὶ τὰ κρυπτὰ δημοσιεύωνται, τότε ῥῦσαί με, ἐκ τοῦ πυρὸς τοῦ ἀσβέστου, καὶ ἀξίωσον, ἐκ δεξιῶν σου μὲ στῆναι, Κριτὰ δικαιότατε.

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. Fourth Mode. Psalm 146.5;134.3.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power. Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2.

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Epistle Reading

Προκείμενον. Fourth Mode. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 146.5;134.3. Μέγας ὁ Κύριος ἡμῶν, καὶ μεγάλη ἡ ἰσχὺς ἀὐτοῦ. Στίχ. Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον, ὅτι ἀγαθός.

τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 8:8-13, 9:1-2.

Άδελφοί, βρῶμα ἡμᾶς οὐ παρίστησιν τῷ θεῷ· οὔτε γὰρ ἐὰν φάγωμεν περισσεὐομεν, οὔτε ἐὰν μὴ φάγωμεν ὑστεροὑμεθα. Βλέπετε δὲ μήπως ἡ ἐξουσία ὑμῶν αὔτη πρόσκομμα γένηται τοῖς ἀσθενοῦσιν. Ἐὰν γὰρ τις ἴδη σε τὸν ἔχοντα γνῶσιν ἐν εἰδωλείω κατακείμενον, οὐχὶ ἡ συνείδησις αὐτοῦ ἀσθενοῦς ὄντος οἰκοδομηθήσεται εἰς τὸ τὰ εἰδωλόθυτα ἐσθἰειν; Καὶ ἀπολεῖται ὁ ἀσθενῶν ἀδελφὸς ἐπὶ τῆ σῆ γνώσει, δι' ὁν Χριστὸς ἀπέθανεν; Οὕτως δὲ ἁμαρτάνοντες εἰς τοὺς ἀδελφούς, καὶ τὑπτοντες αὐτῶν τὴν συνείδησιν ἀσθενοῦσαν, εἰς Χριστὸν ἀμαρτάνετε. Διόπερ εἰ βρῶμα σκανδαλίζει τὸν ἀδελφόν μου, οὐ μὴ φάγω κρέα εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα, ἵνα μὴ τὸν ἀδελφόν μου σκανδαλίσω. Οὐκ εἰμὶ ἀπόστολος; Οὐκ εἰμὶ ἐλεύθερος; Οὐχὶ Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν τὸν κύριον ἡμῶν ἑώρακα; Οὐ τὸ ἔργον μου ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίω; Εἰ ἄλλοις οὐκ εἰμὶ ἀπόστολος, ἀλλά γε ὑμῖν εἰμι· ἡ γὰρ σφραγὶς τῆς ἐμῆς ἀποστολῆς ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίω.

GOSPEL

The Reading is from Matthew 25:31-46
The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you or or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

GOSPEL

Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 25:31-46

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος. Όταν δὲ ἔλθη ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐν τῆ δόξη αὐτοῦ καὶ πάντες οἱ ἄγιοι ἄγγελοι μετ' αὐτοῦ, τότε καθίσει ἐπὶ θρόνου δόξης αὐτοῦ, καὶ συναχθήσεται ἔμπροσθεν αὐτοῦ πάντα τὰ ἔθνη, καὶ ἀφοριεῖ αὐτοὺς ἀπ' ἀλλήλων ὥσπερ ὁ ποιμὴν ἀφορίζει τὰ πρόβατα ἀπὸ τῶν ἐρίφων, καὶ στήσει τὰ μὲν πρόβατα ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ, τὰ δὲ ἐρίφια ἐξ εὐωνύμων, τότε ἐρεῖ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῖς ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ· δεῦτε΄ οἱ εὐλογημένοι τοῦ πατρός μου, κληρονομήσατε τὴν ἡτοιμασμένην ὑμῖν βασιλείαν ἀπὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου. ἐπείνασα γάρ, καὶ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ἤμην, καὶ συνηγάγετέ συνηγάγομεν, ἢ γυμνὸν καὶ περιεβάλομεν; πότε δέ σε εἴδομεν ἀσθενῆ ἢ ἐν φυλακῆ, καὶ ήλθομεν πρός σε; καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐρεῖ αὐτοῖς ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφ' ὅσον ἐποιήσατε ὲνὶ τούτων τῶν ἀδελφῶν μου τῶν ἐλαχίστων, ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε. τότε ἐρεῖ καὶ τοῖς έξ εὐωνύμων, πορεύεσθε ἀπ' έμοῦ οἱ κατηραμένοι εἰς τὸ πῦρ τὸ αἰώνιον τὸ ἡτοιμασμένον τῷ διαβόλω καὶ τοῖς ἀγγέλοις αὐτοῦ. ἐπείνασα γάρ, καὶ οὐκ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ οὐκ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ἤμην, καὶ οὐ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνός, καὶ οὐ περιεβάλετέ με, ἀσθενὴς καὶ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ οὐκ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με. τότε ἀποκριθήσονται αὐτῷ καὶ αὐτοὶ λέγοντες· κύριε, πότε σε εἴδομεν πεινῶγτα ἢ διψῶντα ἢ ξένον, ἢ γυμνὸν ἢ ,ἀσθενῇ ἢ ἐγ φυλακῆ, καὶ οὐ διηκονήσαμέν σοι; τότε ἀποκριθήσεται αὐτοῖς λέγων ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφὸ όσον οὐκ ἐποιήσατε ἐνὶ τούτων τῶν ἐλαχίστων, οὐδὲ ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε καὶ ἀπελεύσονται οὖτοι εἰς κόλασιν αἰώνιον, οἱ δὲ δίκαιοι εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον.

Saints and Feasts

March 10

Judgement Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)

The foregoing two parables -- especially that of the Prodigal Son -- have presented to us God's extreme goodness and love for man. But lest certain persons, putting their confidence in this alone, live carelessly,

certain persons, putting their confidence in this alone, live carelessly, squandering upon sin the time given them to work out their salvation, and death suddenly snatch them away, the most divine Fathers have appointed this day's feast commemorating Christ's impartial Second Coming, through which we bring to mind that God is not only the Friend of man, but also the most righteous Judge, Who recompenses to each according to his deeds.

It is the aim of the holy Fathers, through bringing to mind that fearful day, to rouse us from the slumber of carelessness unto the work of virtue, and to move us to love and compassion for our brethren. Besides this, even as on the coming Sunday of Cheese-fare we commemorate Adam's exile from the Paradise of delight -- which exile is the beginning of life as we know it now -- it is clear that today's is reckoned the last of all feasts, because on the last day of judgment, truly, everything of this world will come to an end.

All foods, except meat and meat products, are allowed during the week that follows this Sunday.

Sermon

THE "MYSTERY OF THE BROTHER"

The Gospel passage of Meatfare Sunday refers more than any other, to an image of judgment. Despite all this, it tells us something substantial; not about death, damnation, or salvation, but about life. God does not ask either the sinners or the righteous anything about their convictions or their worship habits; what the Lord measures is the degree their humaneness; "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you quenched me, I was a stranger, and you gathered me up, naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison, and you came to me". The parable of the judgment makes it very clear that we will be judged for our "lifestyle", that is, how we lived among our brothers.

Who Is The Neighbor?

In the Gospel passage of the Gospel according to Matthew, the well-known New Testament social category of the neighbor is developed. Within the Church, this concept knows no barriers or limits. Each person is a neighbor. It expresses the universal fellowship in Christ. In our fellow man we distinguish Christ himself. In loving our neighbor, we love Christ, of Whom every person is an image. Inside the Church, the neighbor gives us the possibility to unfold ourselves and go out of ourselves, to be active in love and to overcome fear, which has hell within it, and then to pass into the realm of the paradisal society. In the person of the other, the Christian does not see evil and the demonic thing that turns life and the world into death, but in the person of the neighbor and indeed of the "least brother" he sees true life, Christ and the Resurrection.

Love

In this concept of neighbor, the deepest meaning of Christian love also lies. We don't love out of duty, as we usually say. Love is the breath of Christianity, the natural way of its existence. Love gives the true knowledge of God, it is the loving power of the soul, it is the main power for the knowledge of God. Love comes from God, "because God is love" (1 John. 4:8). God has no limits, that is why love is infinite and does not know a measure. Love is the fulfillment of all the law (St. Diadochos of Photike).

Love Today

The alienation that takes place today in all forms of life is indicative of the world to come. But also revealing of the identity of the man of tomorrow, who from today creates a self-awareness without God, without love and against every concept of community and the communion of persons.

The only way out is church life and action, the sacramental life of the Church of Christ. Because our life in the Orthodox area is an extension of worship. It is the "liturgy after the Liturgy". If our life is not directly and organically connected with worship, if it is not a thanksgiving and praise, it cannot be called an Orthodox life. Then it proves that our social life is nothing but an external convention, formal and meaningless, which leads "to shame and condemnation and not to salvation."

In an ancient ecclesiastical text, we read that "he who snatches a soul from need and suffering, deprivation and hardships, in which he is in, predestines great joy for himself. As also, on the

contrary, he who knows the calamity of a person who is in every kind of need, and does not snatch him away from this situation, commits a great sin and becomes guilty of his perdition. A denial or postponement of this attitude of ours, that is, in doing good to our brothers, results in us staying out of the Kingdom".

We Welcome all who worship with us today.

Memorials

40 day - Steven Kourepenis 6 month – Demetrios Asimakopoulos

May their memory be eternal. Αιωνία η Μνήμη!

Coffee Fellowship is sponsored by the Kourepenis family & the Asimakopoulos family in memory of their loved one.

If you would like to sponsor a Coffee Fellowship, please contact the Office.

Announcements

Next GOYA Meeting - Wednesday, March 13th.

The National Hellenic Society's Heritage Greece Program is a complementary, 2-week cultural immersion odyssey for accomplished Greek American college students who share their experiences with a peer group of exceptional students from the American College of Greece (ACG) in Athens, Greece or the American College of Thessaloniki (ACT) in Thessaloniki, Greece. The Heritage Greece Program® goal is to connect the participants with their faith, heritage, roots, and Greek identity. For more information visit: National Hellenic Society | Heritage Greece

Criteria for Eligibility:

- Enrolled college/university students aged 18-26 (undergraduate/graduate)
- · Hellenic descent
- · Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0
- · Preference for 1st time visitors to Greece (non-mandatory criteria)

2023-2024 Capital Improvement Campaign Fund

- \$150,000



- \$0

Church Capital Improvement Campaign update. To date we have raised \$43,000 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.













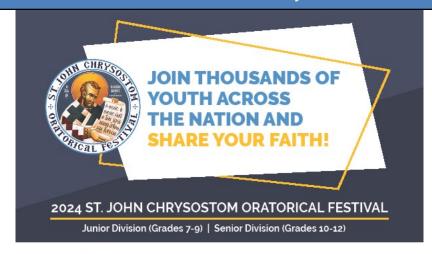


Taxiarchae Oratorical Date: April 21, at the conclusion of the Liturgy

Parish Chairperson: Costas Karageorgis

Contact Information: Ckarageorgis@goarchangel.com

Please contact Costas or Fr. Nenes if interested.



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:	
Parish Chairperson:	
Contact Information	





"Save the Day" AHEPA Day Luncheon Sunday, May 19th

Immediately following the Liturgy in Metaxas Hall. Food, Music,& Prize. More info to come.



YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Ministries are collecting "Gently Used" Prom Dresses for the Belle Ball program! Donate Prom Dresses to Local Students in Need.

Deadline for donations - Thursday, March 28th.

Please leave your donations on the COAT RACK in the LOBBY.

Thank you.

Collecting Prom Dresses ONLY!

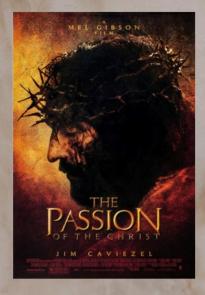


Please join us for the viewing of the 2004 film

The Passion of the Christ

Thursday, April 18th 7:00pm in Metaxas Hall

We will be serving coffee and light Lenten refreshments



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

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

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