

THE ARCHANGEL'S CALL

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THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST: A REVERED ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE ON EASTER *Rev. Fr. Athanasios Nenes*

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ stands at the heart of Orthodox Christian faith, underscoring the triumph of life over death and the promise of salvation for humanity. Easter, the holiest of Christian celebrations, commemorates this pivotal event in the life of Christ and carries a rich spiritual significance for believers worldwide. Drawing from the teachings of the Holy Fathers of the Orthodox Church, let us delve into the profound meaning of the Lord's Resurrection and the enduring message of Easter.



The Resurrection of Christ: Triumph over Death

The Orthodox Christian faith views the Resurrection of Christ as a transformative and redemptive act that symbolizes victory over sin, death, and the powers of darkness. The resurrection of Jesus embodies the ultimate manifestation of God's love and mercy towards humanity, offering the promise of eternal life and divine grace to all who believe in Him. In the words of St. John Chrysostom, one of the revered Holy Fathers of the Church, *"O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown!"*

The Resurrection of Christ also serves as a powerful testament to the truth of His teachings and the fulfillment of divine prophecy. Through His victory over death, Christ demonstrated His authority over the forces of evil and established Himself as the true Son of God, the Savior of the world. St. Gregory of Nyssa eloquently captures this profound reality, stating, *"He has shattered the gates of brass, and broken the iron bars. He has brought up souls out of the graves; He has risen, having trampled down death by death."*

In conclusion, the Resurrection of Christ and the message of Easter hold profound spiritual significance for Orthodox Christians, encapsulating the promise of salvation, the triumph of life over death, and the renewal of hope and joy. As we reflect on the teachings of the Holy Fathers and the timeless truths of our faith, may we be inspired to embrace the transformative power of Christ's Resurrection and to live out its message of love, grace, and redemption in all aspects of our lives. Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen!

Easter:

A Message of Hope and Renewal

Easter, the celebration of Christ's Resurrection, carries a message of hope, joy, and renewal for Christians everywhere. It serves as a reminder of God's unfailing love and His promise of new life and redemption for all who believe in Him. The Holy Fathers of the Church emphasize the transformative power of Easter in the life of believers, urging them to embrace the grace and mercy of the risen Christ.

As St. Athanasius proclaims, *"He became what we are, so that we might become what He is."* Easter invites believers to partake in the divine life of Christ, to be united with Him in His death and resurrection, and to experience the fullness of salvation and eternal fellowship with God. Through the celebration of Easter, Orthodox Christians are called to reaffirm their faith in the Resurrected Lord and to live out the principles of love, forgiveness, and redemption in their daily lives.

*«Χριστός ανέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν,
θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας
καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι
ζωὴν χαρισάμενος»*

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The Mission of the Taxiarchae/Archangels Greek Orthodox Church is to proclaim the Gospel of Salvation through the Orthodox Christian Faith for the glory of our Triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We are a community of believers who journey towards our Lord Jesus Christ and one another through our WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, SPIRITUAL GROWTH, WITNESS, and SERVICE. We invite all people to join us on this journey toward the Kingdom of Heaven.

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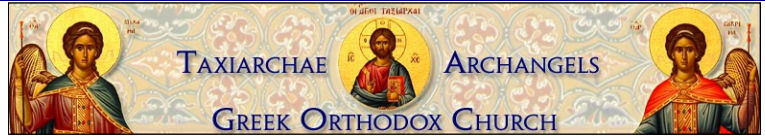
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www.goarchangels.com

Our site is updated every week!



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3 Days of Fun

2024 WATERTOWN

June 21, 22, 23

Greek cuisine, pastries, gifts, games,
music and dancing!

Save the date!

**Join us for a
fabulous,
fun-filled
weekend!**





ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ CHRIST IS RISEN

Αδέλφια μου!

«Χριστός Ανέστη! Χαρά μου!».

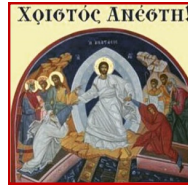
Με αυτόν τον χαιρετισμό αδέλφια μου, ο Άγιος Σεραφεΐμ του Σάρωφ χαιρετούσε τον κόσμο που τον επισκέπτονταν, όποια εποχή και να ήταν! Βίωνε και μας έντονα μέσα στα τρίσβαθα μας ψυχής του αυτή την ανεξάντλητη Χαρά μας Αναστάσεως του Κυρίου μας, μας και όλοι οι Άγιοι μας πίστεως μας! Αυτή η Χαρά ήταν αποτέλεσμα μας βαθιάς του πίστης και αγάπης στον τριαδικό μας Θεό που ενισχύονταν μέσα από την άσκηση του στην προσευχή, στην μετάνοια αλλά πάνω από όλα στην ταπεινώση που τον διακατείχε. Μας τοποθετήσουμε βαθιά στην καρδιά μας τον Αναστάντα Κύριο μας Ιησού Χριστό και η Χαρά και η Ειρήνη που είναι τα μηνύματα Μας Αναστάσεως του Κυρίου μας, να πηγάζουν και να κατευθύνουν την ζωή μας!

Χριστός Ανέστη!
Ο εφημέριός σας
π. Αθανάσιος Νένης

My beloved!

“Christ is Risen! My Joy!”

St. Seraphim of Sarov greeted whoever visited him with this expression, whatever time of the year it was! From the depth of his heart, he experienced this Joy of the Resurrection of our Lord, as many of our Saints did as well! This true Joy came as a result of his deep faith and love to our Triune God, which were developed by practicing askesis in praying and repentance, but mostly being very humble. So let us also place our Resurrected Lord, Jesus Christ deep into our hearts and from there His Joy and Peace may govern and guide our lives!



Christ is Risen- Truly He is Risen!
Your parish priest
Fr. Athanasios Nenes



Memorial Day Commemoration

Sunday, May 26, 2024

On Sunday May 26, 2024, there will be a Memorial Day Remembrance Program in honor of all Veterans who gave their lives while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces from WWI to the present. Following the Divine Liturgy, the Taxiarchae will hold a memorial service for the six parishioners who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Representatives from the Civil Air Patrol, Hanscom Air Force Base Color Guard and the American Legion George K. Menichios Post 324 will participate in the proceedings. Following the solemn service, a tribute will be made to the many sacrifices and heroic bravery of the Veterans in defense of our freedom. We will conclude with a procession to the Place of Honor where a wreath presentation will be made at the monument listing the names of the 6 parishioners killed in action: **George Andreoties, George Gaitanis, Minas Loisou, Louis Marchacos, Michael C. Pappas, Christopher Straggas.** *May their memory be eternal.*

After the ceremony, there will be a reception/coffee hour in the Cultural Center, sponsored by the American Legion George K. Menichios Post #324.

All are cordially invited to attend what is expected to be a memorable event and an annual tradition,

Memorial Day Cemetery Visitations

Fr. Athanasi will visit the cemeteries according to the schedule shown here. For other cemeteries and other days, please call Fr. Athanasi for an appointment.

Monday, May 27

Δευτέρα, 27 Μαΐου

- Mt. Auburn, Cambridge: 9 AM
- Belmont Cemetery: 10 AM
- Watertown Cemetery: 11 AM
- Waltham Cemetery: 1 PM

Το πρόγραμμα για τις επισκέψεις στα διάφορα νεκροταφεία της περιφέρειας μας είναι ως κατωτέρω. Για άλλα νεκροταφεία και άλλες ημέρες τηλεφωνήσετε στο ιερέα για ιδιαίτερη συνέντευξη.

PLEASE NOTE: As in past years, we will meet at the main flag pole/gathering area at the times noted for each cemetery. We will offer a group memorial service for our beloved departed. Please prepare a note with the list of names that you wish us to pray for.





PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen!

Truly He is risen! From all of us in the Parish Council, we hope that you had a blessed Pascha shared with family and friends.

We have begun preparing for the festival which will take place on June 21, 22 and 23. We NEED everyone's help. Please take the time to participate to the best of your ability with your TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURE. We need parishioners of all ages to volunteer during the three days so that it will be successful. Please see the times needed below.

We also ask that you consider becoming a sponsor of our 2024 Festival Program Book. There are many expenses involved in setting up our festival, and the Program Book sponsors are very much appreciated. Please see page 6 for more information.

On page 13 you will see a list of donations needed to provide all the food and other necessities for our food sales. Please be as generous as you can.

The help that you provide will have a direct impact on the success of our Festival. Thank you in advance for all of your time, love, and support of our church. *God Bless You! George Faggas*



The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who supported the Greek-Serbian Dance on March 9th, offered jointly by our Taxiarchae Church and St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church of Cambridge, MA. It was an amazing experience with both Greek and Serbian food, music and a special presentation by the St. Sava Youth Dance Troupe! It is events like this that bring communities together! The event was a huge success, bringing in approximately \$18,000 in ticket sales! After the expenses, we had a net profit of \$10,000 which was split with St. Sava. We look forward to many more events like this in the future!

Thank you for your continued support!

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!!! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

Our 2024 Grecian Festival will be held on Friday, June 21 through Sunday, June 23.
Festival Hours: Friday 11 AM to 11 PM • Saturday 12 PM to 11 PM • Sunday 12 PM to 8 PM

WE NEED YOUR HELP! WE WELCOME YOUR TIME AND ASSISTANCE!

SIGN UP ONLINE AT WWW.GOARCHANGELS.ORG

or contact Chris Salamanis-Rivera at 617.610.6103 or email csalamanis@goarchangels.org

I can help with set up, skewering meat, salad prep. and whatever else is needed on Thursday, June 20. (All day prep).

I can help clean up after the festival on Sunday, June 23.

I am willing to work anywhere assigned.

Day(s) I can work:

- Thursday, June 20 All Day Prep
- Friday, June 21 Morning/Afternoon/Evening (please specify)
- Saturday, June 22 Morning/Afternoon/Evening (please specify)
- Sunday, June 23 Morning/Afternoon/Evening (please specify)

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO ARE ALREADY HARD AT WORK PREPARING FOR THIS EVENT!

**GRECIAN
FESTIVAL
2024**

WATERTOWN

50
CELEBRATING
FIFTY YEARS

JUNE 21, 22, 23

Taxiarchae-Archangels
Greek Orthodox Church

25 Bigelow Ave | Watertown, MA

FRIDAY

11am-11pm

Greek Music All Day
Featuring Orfeas Band, 7-11pm
Bar 5-11pm

SATURDAY

12pm-11pm

Greek Music All Day
Featuring Enosis Band, 7-11pm
Dance Performance, 8pm
by Sons and Daughters of
Alexander the Great
Bar Noon-11pm

SUNDAY

12pm-8pm

Greek Music All Day
Featuring Orfeas Band, 4-8pm |
Bar Noon-8pm

**3 DAYS OF FOOD AND FUN!
RAIN OR SHINE!**



Greek Cuisine

Greek Pastries

Loukoumades

Gyros

Church Tours

Bookstore

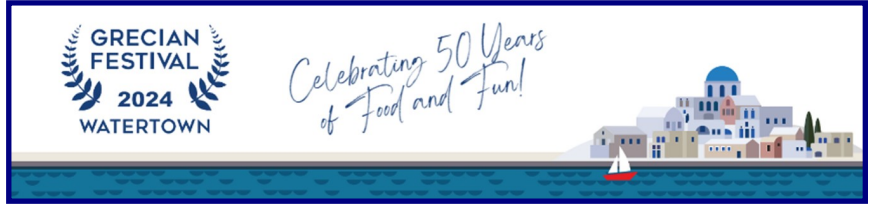
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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

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



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

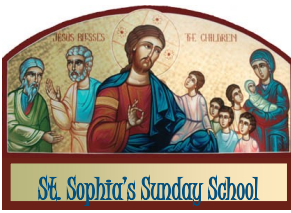
 Listing - \$100

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**



Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen! The Sunday School students and staff would like to thank everyone who supported our Holy Friday Retreat this year with students participating in various events throughout the day. There are only a few more weeks of Sunday School

Classes left before graduation Sunday on June 2. Please try and have your children attend as many classes as possible.

Thank you for all your help with our Sunday School program this year.

Costas Karageorgis, Sunday School Director



Lazarus Saturday Making Palm Crosses



JOY Basketball Trophy Winners!



SCHOLARSHIPS CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS & UNDERGRADS 2024 - 2025 TAXIARCHAE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applications for the 2024-25 Academic Year are now available online at the Taxiarchae website: www.goarchangels.com
Deadline for applications is May 31, 2024



Greek School

There was a good turnout at the Greek parade last month. We are so proud of our students who made it all the way to the finish despite the cold weather.

May is the last month of our 2023-2024 school year. There is still lots to learn as the children gear up to finish their grade books to be ready for next year. They will also be rehearsing for the end of the year celebration and graduation. This year we have three graduates. The teachers and children have discussed the life of Saint Lazarus leading to Palm Sunday and Holy Week to Pascha. Together they went over the religious significance of Pascha and the cultural traditions associated with this most important feast of our faith.

Mrs. Stamos, Mrs. Apodiakou, Mrs. Nikoletos, Mrs. Kourkoulis, Mrs. Hadjipolydorou and I wish you all a blessed Pascha.



*Πάσχα το τερπνόν. Πάσχα, Κυρίον Πάσχα
Πάσχα πανσεβάσμιων ημίν ανέτειλε.
Πάσχα εν χαρά αλλήλους περιπτωζόμεθα.
Ω Πάσχα, λύτρον λύτης!*



*A Pascha of delight, the Lord's Pascha;
An all-venerable Pascha dawned for us;
A Pascha on which, let us embrace on another with joy.
Oh! Pascha, redemption from sorrow.*

Agni Charalambous Thurner, Director
Email: athurner@goarchangels.com



*Blessed is the way
wherein you walk
today;
for there is prepared
for you a place of rest.*

**Remember in your prayers our brother and sister
who passed from this life
...on April 13, Paraskevi "Peggy" Primpas
...on April 29, James Berlis
May their memory be eternal.
Αιωνία η μνήμη.**

BIBLE STUDY
Come Join Us

After our next two meetings on May 13 and 20, the Bible Study group will regather in the fall. To join, please contact Frank Catrickes at fdcatrickes@gmail.com. Sincere thanks to those who participated with such enthusiasm and inspiration. We look forward to welcoming all who will join in September.

Warmly, Nick Racheotes



PHILOPTOCHOS Chapter of the Good Samaritan Member of the National Ladies Philoptochos Society

Χριστός Ανέστη!! Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!

From the entire Philoptochos Board, we hope that you had a blessed Easter shared with family and friends.

Our annual Bake sale was a success! I wish to thank the wonderful baking crews with their time and talent; baking all those delicious pastries! A very special thank you to Cynthia Alex, Stephanie George and Valerie Caramanis for dying the eggs needed for the tsourekia and the orders, as well as for the Anastasi Service. A special thank you to Anastasia Stamos for making the Baklava. The Tsourekia crew was busy this year. Thank you to all who baked and to all who supported us. It proves once again, that we can do anything as a TEAM. Together we can make a difference to those less fortunate.

We would also like to thank all who contributed to the Easter Egg Giving Tree for the purchases of Gift cards to our local supermarkets. A very special thank you to board member Anne Baras for coming up with this idea. We collected 50 gift cards to assist Fr. Thanasi in helping our people in need. We raised over \$1,800 in funds and still awaiting more. Thank you for your generosity.

Please mark your calendars for the annual Festival, June 21, 22 and 23rd. It is so wonderful to welcome all the guests to our parish. Please consider volunteering to work at the Pastry table. You will meet many people and renew old friendships. Remember that we are all one family working together for the betterment of our parish. Please check your schedules and see if you can sign up for a few hours during the weekend. Many hands make light work. Please consider coming and helping to prepare all the delicacies that our guests love to taste!

Our membership drive continues; please send in your membership dues. If you are not a member, kindly consider becoming one. Together we accomplish so much!

May the Φως from the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior guide every one of us and fill our lives with Faith, Hope, Patience, Understanding, Respect, Strength, Harmony and most of all, good health and love.

God bless you, Fotoula Kopellas



PHILOTIMO CHAT GROUP

Men and women are welcome! Get creative, make connections!

3rd Thursday of the month Thursday, May 16 10 AM to Noon



Linger over coffee and Linda's donuts

Join a friendly group!

TOPIC: SHARE YOUR LIFE-TIME STORIES Please join us—men and women. Bring a friend! Our group is growing! We hope to see you!



Prepping for the Palm Sunday Bake Sale!



Taxiarchae/Archangels Greek Orthodox Church



Parish trip to
**St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and
 September-11 Memorial and Museum**

Sponsored by
American Legion George K. Menichios Post #324

Saturday, June 1, 2024

Departing from Church parking lot
 25 Bigelow Avenue, Watertown

7:30 AM - Boarding bus
 8:00 AM Departure

COST: \$75.00 Veterans - FREE

Fee Includes: • Round Trip in Luxury Motor Coach (56 Pax) • Tour of St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
 • Self guided visit of Sept 11 Memorial • Lunch @ Pi Bakery 35 Cedar Street

Upon arrival we will be visiting St Nicholas Church. Afterwards there will be time to have lunch at the "Pi Bakery" (within 3 blocks) tour the Memorial grounds and/or visit the museum.

Remember to wear comfortable shoes. Departure time will be dependent on museum visits. We will stop enroute home for dinner.

Any Questions? Contact Peter Vergados at 617-964-0077
 or Jet33pilot@aol.com

**Museum Visit is Optional
 Admission — \$21-\$33**

Tickets must be purchased ahead of time up to six months in advance.

To Purchase Tickets for the Museum:
www.911memorial.org



American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association
 "HARRIS J BOORAS" CHAPTER #406, ORDER OF AHEPA

**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 entrée of Lamb Yiouvetsi and Shrimp and Rice

Followed by Greek Music and Dancing **\$25 per person**
 Plus: Giveaways!

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.

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Secretary: Charles Pentikis	781.893.1264
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Treasurer: Demetri Tsekrekas	617.257.7474
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Welcome Back Kali Parea!

Join us on Wednesday, June 12 at



SHOWTIME at 2:00 PM

followed by dinner at



Reservations and payment must be made in advance.

Please call Cynthia Alex for reservations at home: 781.862.8434 cell: 781.686.6764 or Email: cindialex1@gmail.com

Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 2:00 PM Showtime
Fee: \$79 per person (includes Theater Tickets and round trip bus transportation) Dinner is "on your own".
Depart: Taxiarchae at 12:30 (Coffee and muffins at 11:30 AM)
Return: Taxiarchae at approximately 7 PM



Choir Notes

Our Choir will chant through the month of May, and our final choir Sunday will be June 2. We will then break for the summer season, returning on Sunday, June 23 for the Feast of Pentecost and also on Wednesday evening, August 14, for the Lamentations of Panagia's Epitaphio.

Choir had a very busy year, beginning with many of our members attending the Choir Federation Conference in October, our Christmas Concert in December, and recently our Federation's Church Music Institute (CMI) in March. I am proud to say that our Choir's attendance at all of these events is always outstanding. Our choir is a group of very dedicated individuals who take their role as church musicians seriously and work hard to offer their very best efforts. To my dear choir, I thank you all for your dedication and service to our church.

Cynthia Mitaras Alex, Choir Director
E-mail: cindialex1@gmail.com



I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

Psalm 104:33 magnifythelordwithme.com



Sunday morning Call Time: 9:15 AM

Welcome to the newest member of our church family!



April 16—Maximos Judson Miller
Parents: Lyle & Katerina
Godfather: Alexander Stavrianidis

*Bright Week
Family Night*

Join us for a great night of food,
music and kids activities!

Food by Redbones BBQ

Music by Dilina

Adults - \$20
RSVP

Postponed until the Fall - Date TBA

April 21, 2023
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Taxiarchae Greek Orthodox Church
25 Bigelow Ave Watertown, MA 02472
P.617-924-8182

Purchase tickets online at www.goarchangels.org/store



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.



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.



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.



- Flour • Sugar • Brown Sugar
- Condiments • Cooking Oil
- Vanilla Extract
- Pasta • Rice • Instant Mashed Potato
- Box Mac & Cheese
- Cereal/Cold cereal • Oatmeal
- Kids' School Snacks
- Canned Goods: Vegetables • Fruits
- Tuna • Chickpeas • Beans • Soups • Spam
- Tomato Sauce • Paste • Whole tomatoes

This month, the Food Pantry is especially in need of **CANNED TOMATOES AND TUNA FISH.** Please try to help!

- Peanut Butter • Jam/Jelly
- Coffee • Tea • Hot Chocolate Mix
- Desserts: Pie crusts (not the refrigerated kind) • Pie fillings
- Pudding mixes • Marshmallows
- Ensure Nutrition Drinks
- Cleaning Products
- Personal Hygiene Products
- Shampoo and conditioner

FINEX HOUSE DONATIONS THANK YOU

Items requested are:

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

2024 GREEK FESTIVAL DONATION FORM

The annual Taxiarchae Festival will be held on Friday, June 21, Saturday, June 22, and Sunday, June 23.
We need the entire Community to help make this year's festival a huge success.

*Please consider making a donation from the wish list below. Product prices have greatly increased.
Please take this into consideration when determining your donation.*

Foods	Beverages	Miscellaneous
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Tenders — 650 lbs. <input type="checkbox"/> Steak Tips — 600 lbs. <input type="checkbox"/> Hamburger — 250 lbs. <input type="checkbox"/> Lamb Shanks — 300 lbs. <input type="checkbox"/> Fish — 200 lbs. <input type="checkbox"/> Spinach — 10 cases <input type="checkbox"/> Eggplant — 25 cases <input type="checkbox"/> Lettuce — 25 cases <input type="checkbox"/> Cucumbers — 10 cases <input type="checkbox"/> Peppers — 10 cases <input type="checkbox"/> Tomatoes — 15 cases <input type="checkbox"/> Red Cabbage — 3 cases <input type="checkbox"/> Red Onions — Four 50 lb. bags <input type="checkbox"/> White Onions — Ten 50 lb. bags <input type="checkbox"/> Feta Cheese — 4 buckets <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Virgin Olive Oil — 2 cases <input type="checkbox"/> Rice — 5 cases	<input type="checkbox"/> Coffee — 2 cases <input type="checkbox"/> Milk — 35 gallons <input type="checkbox"/> Beer — 75 cases <input type="checkbox"/> Wine — 55 cases <input type="checkbox"/> Variety of Liquor <input type="checkbox"/> Soda — 100 cases <input type="checkbox"/> Water — 120 cases <div style="text-align: center; background-color: #ffffcc; padding: 2px;">Pastry</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Flour — Seventy-five 5-lb bags <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar — Six 25-lb bags <input type="checkbox"/> Filo — 8 cases <input type="checkbox"/> Eggs — 7 cases <input type="checkbox"/> Walnuts — 3 cases <input type="checkbox"/> Butter — 4 cases <input type="checkbox"/> Confectioners Sugar — 1 case <input type="checkbox"/> Mazola Oil — 1 case <input type="checkbox"/> Canola Oil — Ten 5 gallon jugs	<input type="checkbox"/> Tents, Tables, Chairs <input type="checkbox"/> Banners <input type="checkbox"/> Propane Tanks <div style="text-align: center; background-color: #ffffcc; padding: 2px;">Paper Goods</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Table Cloths <input type="checkbox"/> Foam Bowls <input type="checkbox"/> Plates <input type="checkbox"/> Foil <input type="checkbox"/> Foil Sheets <input type="checkbox"/> Wax paper sheets <input type="checkbox"/> Napkins <input type="checkbox"/> Tumblers <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Knives <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Forks <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Spoons <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Cups <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Pans <input type="checkbox"/> To-Go Containers

Please call the church office at 617.924.8182.

Tell us what you would like to donate to our Festival! Thank you for your support!

I/We would like to donate: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Enclosed is a donation of \$ _____ towards the items checked above. Thank you.

Please return this entire form, along with your donation, to:

2024 Taxiarchae Greek Festival
 25 Bigelow Avenue
 Watertown, MA 02472

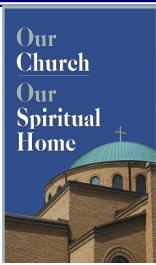
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FESTIVAL FOOD PREP SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 23 at 9:30 AM	Spanakopita
Wednesday, May 29 at 9:30 AM	Moussaka
Thursday, May 30 at 9:30 AM	Pastitsio

Food Prep dates in June
will be listed in next
month's issue.



We ask you to share your talents with our parish. Please contact Father Athanasios Nenes (anenes@goarchangels.com) or any other members of the Parish Council. If you have already paid or committed this year's Stewardship, we sincerely appreciate your generosity. If you have not yet made your contribution or commitment, we humbly ask for your Stewardship gift this year. For your convenience you can make your donation via the link to PayPal found on the parish's website, or by mailing a regular check. May the grace of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you and your loved ones.

Rev. Fr. Athanasios Nenes, Parish Priest
Evelyn Haralampu, Stewardship Chair

2024 STEWARDSHIP (as of April 22) 217 Stewards

If any names have been mistakenly omitted from this list, please notify the church office and we will make corrections in our next bulletin.

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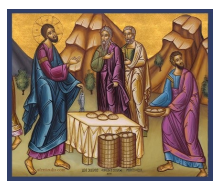
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Schedule: Orthros: 8:30, Doxology, Divine Liturgy: 9:30 AM Weekday Liturgies: 8:30 AM Paraklesis to the Theotokos Gorgoepikoos: Thursdays at 6 PM (ending for the season on May 23) Adult Bible Study: Mondays, 8 PM via Zoom Greek School: Thu 4:30-6:30 PM; Sat 10 AM-12 PM			1 Holy Wednesday	2 Holy Thursday No Greek School	3 Holy Friday Youth Retreat	4 Holy Saturday NO Greek School Resurrection Vigil Divine Liturgy Pascal Celebration
5 HOLY PASCHA <i>Epistle: Acts 1:1-8</i> <i>Gospel: John 1:1-17</i> Vespers of Love 11 AM	6 No Bible Study	7	8	9 No Paraklesis	10	11
BRIGHT WEEK—NO FASTING ALL WEEK!						
12 Thomas Sunday <i>Epistle: Acts 5:12-20</i> <i>Gospel: John 20:19-31</i>	13 Bible Study p.8	14	15 	16 Greek School Philotimo Chat p.9 Paraklesis 6 PM	17	18 Greek School
19 Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women <i>Epistle: Acts 6:1-7</i> <i>Gospel: Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8</i>	20 Bible Study p.8	21 Sts. Constantine & Helen <i>Epistle:</i> <i>Acts 26:1, 12-20</i> <i>Gospel: John 10:1-9</i>	22	23 Festival Food Prep Spanakopita p.13 Greek School Paraklesis 6 PM <i>This will be the last</i> <i>Paraklesis of the season</i>	24	25 Greek School
26 Sunday of the Paralytic <i>Epistle: Acts 9:32-42</i> <i>Gospel: John 5:1-15</i> Memorial Day Commemoration p.3	27 Memorial Day Cemetery Visitations p.3	28 	29 Festival Food Prep Moussaka p.13	30 Festival Food Prep Pastitso p.13 Greek School	31	June 1 Parish Trip to St. Nicholas Church and September 11 Memorial in New York