

# ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΤΩΝ ΤΑΞΙΑΡΧΩΝ TAXIARCHAE/ARCHANGELS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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May 12, 2024

**Xristos Anesti!** 

Thomas Sunday
Orthros 8:45/Liturgy 9:30 AM.

**Epistle Reading** 

The Reading is from Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20.

**Gospel Reading** 

The Reading is from John 20:19-31.

WEEKDAY SERVICES - Καθημερινές Λειτουργίες:

Paraklesis to the Panagia Gorgoipikoos - Thursday at 6 pm.

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## **HYMNS OF THE DAY**

#### Apolytikion of Great and Holy Pascha in the Plagal First Mode

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Χριστός ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καί τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωήν χαρισάμενος.

#### Apolytikion for Thomas Sun. in the Grave Mode

Christ our God, You are the Life that dawned from the grave, though the tomb was sealed. Through closed doors You came to the Apostles. You are the Resurrection of all. And, You renewed us through them with an upright spirit, according to Your great mercy.

Έσφραγισμένου τοῦ μνήματος ἡ ζωὴ ἐκ τάφου ἀνέτειλας Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, τοῖς Μαθηταῖς ἐπέστης ἡ πάντων ἀνάστασις, πνεῦμα εὐθὲς δι' αὐτῶν ἐγκαινίζων ἡμῖν, κατὰ τὸ μέγα σου ἔλεος.

### Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατῆλθες ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ Ἅδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν, καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος. Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

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 Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20.

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

#### **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 Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 5:12-20.

Έν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, διὰ δὲ τῶν χειρῶν τῶν ἀποστόλων ἐγίνετο σημεῖα καὶ τέρατα ἐν τῷ λαῷ πολλά· καὶ ἦσαν ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἄπαντες ἐν τῇ στοᾳ Σολομῶντος. Τῶν δὲ λοιπῶν οὐδεὶς ἐτόλμα κολλᾶσθαι αὐτοῖς, ἀλλ' ἐμεγάλυνεν αὐτοὺς ὁ λαός· μᾶλλον δὲ προσετίθεντο πιστεύοντες τῷ κυρίῳ, πλήθη ἀνδρῶν τε καὶ γυναικῶν· ὥστε κατὰ τὰς πλατείας ἐκφέρειν τοὺς ἀσθενεῖς, καὶ τιθέναι ἐπὶ κλινῶν καὶ κραββάτων, ἴνα ἐρχομένου Πέτρου κἂν ἡ σκιὰ ἐπισκιάσῃ τινὶ αὐτῶν. Συνήρχετο δὲ καὶ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν πέριξ πόλεων εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ, φέροντες ἀσθενεῖς καὶ όχλουμένους ὑπὸ πνευμάτων ἀκαθάρτων, οἴτινες ἐθεραπεύοντο ἄπαντες. Ἀναστὰς δὲ ὁ ἀρχιερεὺς καὶ πάντες οἱ σὺν αὐτῷ - ἡ οὖσα αἴρεσις τῶν Σαδδουκαίων - ἐπλήσθησαν ζήλου, καὶ ἐπέβαλον τὰς χεῖρας αὐτῶν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀποστόλους, καὶ ἔθεντο αὐτοὺς ἐν τηρήσει δημοσίᾳ. Ἅγγελος δὲ κυρίου διὰ τῆς νυκτὸς ἤνοιξεν τὰς θύρας τῆς φυλακῆς, ἐξαγαγών τε αὐτοὺς εἶπεν, Πορεύεσθε, καὶ σταθέντες λαλεῖτε ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ τῷ λαῷ πάντα τὰ ῥήματα τῆς ζωῆς ταύτης.

#### **GOSPEL**

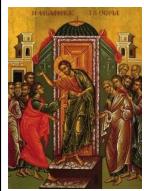
#### The Reading is from John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and My God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have life in His

## **GOSPEL** Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 20:19-31

Οὔσης ὀψίας τῆ ἡμέρα ἐκείνη τῆ μιᾶ τῶν σαββάτων, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων ὅπου ἡσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ συνηγμένοι διὰ τὸν φόβον τῶν Ἰουδαίων, ἡλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. Καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἔδειξεν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας καὶ τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ ἐχάρησαν οὐν οἱ μαθηταὶ ἰδόντες τὸν Κύριον. Εἰπεν οὐν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς πάλιν· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν, καθὼς ἀπέσταλκέ με ὁ πατήρ, κἀγὼ πέμπω ὑμᾶς. Καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἐνεφύσησε καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· Λάβετε Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον. Ἅν τινων ἀφῆτε τὰς ἀμαρτίας ἀφιένται αὐτοῖς, ἄν τινων κρατῆτε, κεκράτηνται. Θωμᾶς δέ, εἶς ἐκ τῶν δώδεκα, ὁ λεγόμενος Δίδυμος, οὐκ ἦν μετ΄ αὐτῶν, ὅτε ἡλθεν Ἰησοῦς; ἔλεγον οὖν αὐτῷ οἱ ἄλλοι μαθηταί· Ἐωράκαμεν τὸν Κύριον. Ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Ἐὰν μὴ ἴδω ἐν ταῖς χεροὶν αὐτοῦ τὸν τύπον τῶν ἡλων, καὶ βάλω τὸν δάκτυλόν μου εἰς τὸν τύπον τῶν ἡλων, καὶ βάλω τὴν χεῖρά μου εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ, οὑ μὴ πιστεύσω. Καὶ μεθ΄ ἡμέρας ὀκτὰ πάλιν ἡσαν ἔσω οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ Θωμᾶς μετ' αὐτῶν. Ἔρχεται ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον καὶ εἶπεν Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. Εἶτα λέγει τῷ Θωμᾶ· φέρε τὸν δάκτυλόν σου ὧδε, καὶ ἴδε τὰς χεῖράς μου. καὶ φέρε τὴν χεῖρά σου καὶ βάλε εἰς τὴν πλευράν μου, καὶ μὴ γίνου ἄπιστος ἀλλὰ πιστός. Καὶ ἀπεκρίθη ὁ Θωμᾶς, καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ Ὁ Κύριός μου καὶ ὁ Θεός μου. Λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· χοῖν καὶ ἄλλα σημεῖα ἐποίησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐνώπιον τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, ἃ οὐκ ἔστιν γεγραμμένα ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ τούτῳ· ταῦτα δὲ γέγραπται ἵνα πιστεύσητε ὅτι ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐστιν ὁ Χριστὸς ὁ υἰὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ ἵνα πιστεύοντες, ζωὴν ἔχητε ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ.

#### **Saints and Feasts**



### May 12

#### Thomas Sunday

Though the doors were shut at the dwelling where the disciples were gathered for fear of the Jews on the evening of the Sunday after the Passover, our Saviour wondrously entered and stood in their midst, and greeted them with His customary words, "Peace be unto you." Then He showed unto them His hands and feet and side; furthermore, in their presence, He took some fish and a honeycomb and ate before them, and thus assured them of His bodily Resurrection. But Thomas, who was not then present with

bodily Resurrection. But Thomas, who was not then present with the others, did not believe their testimony concerning Christ's Resurrection, but said in a decisive manner, "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." Wherefore after eight days, that is, on this day, when the disciples were again gathered together and Thomas was with them, the Lord Jesus came while the doors were shut, as He did formerly. Standing in their midst, He said, "Peace be unto you"; then He said to Thomas, "Bring hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and bring hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not unbelieving, but believing."

And Thomas, beholding and examining carefully the hands and side of the Master, cried out with faith, "My Lord and my God." Thus he clearly proclaimed the two natures - human and divine - of the God-man (Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-29).

This day is called Antipascha (meaning "in the stead of Pascha," not "in opposition to Pascha") because with this day, the first Sunday after Pascha, the Church consecrates every Sunday of the year to the commemoration of Pascha, that is, the Resurrection.

#### **SERMON**

#### "LIFE AND RESURRECTION"

On the blessed evening of the spring of life, the blessed Pascha, the "Voice of the Lord" addresses you all. The shepherds and those pastored, our priests and our Christians, you, our brethren. It addresses itself with simplicity to the heart of every well-intentioned person and especially to young people who freely seek the truth.

Holy Saturday, in the liturgical time of the Church, was the day of Great Silence. And this silence of the days that we experienced, cannot in any case be replaced by human verbalism and timely proclamations. Why? Because "life sleeps, life sleeps, and hades trembles". Because "Christ is risen and life reigns".

The Resurrection resurrects us! The Resurrection is the victory of death, of man's worst enemy. The Resurrection is our life and our expectation. The essence of our life and state.

The Resurrection is the confirmation of our hope, that we will enter the joy of our Lord, despite the abundance of words and images that are against the truth of the universality of the Church and they try to "convince" us of the love of Christ by submitting God to the logic of creation. However, God's ways are not those of men.

The Resurrection gives us the strength to preach that faith is not an ideology to which one subscribes, but a journey of transformation and holiness, which leads to our personal resurrection in the risen Christ. That is why the Church has members. Not fans.

The Resurrection gives us the strength to overcome fear and the trenches, the differences and divisions, the ephemeral things, and the phenomena. It gives us the strength to feel the sharing of the invincible weakness of God's love. To eucharistically open up together to the world and put ourselves at the service of man. We have been called to unfold the power of the Resurrection through history.

The light defeats the darkness! Nothing can scare us anymore! No one can take away the joy of God from our lives! On Resurrection night, at midnight, from the Holy of Holys to the tomb of the Lord, the unsetting light of the Risen Christ comes out and shines in our hearts and homes. "Light of light, true God of true God! This "light of Christ", which is "visible to all", we are all called to receive and become the light of Christ.

**CHRIST IS RISEN!** 

### Xristos Anesti!

We Welcome all who worship with us today.



"Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers and grandmothers we are honoring and celebrating today!"



# TAXIARCHAE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Calling all High School Seniors and Undergrads.

The 2024-25 Taxiarchae Scholarship application are available on our website: www.goarchangels.org

The deadline for applications is May 31, 2024.

FESTIVAL COOKING SCHEDULE - All Are Welcome To Come & Help!

Spanakopita - Thursday, May 23rd, 9:30 AM. Moussaka - Wednesday, May 29th, 9:30 AM. Pastitsio - Thursday, May 30th, 9:30 AM.



# **JUNE 21, 22, 23**

**CELEBRATING** 

Taxiarchae-Archangels Greek Orthodox Church 25 Bigelow Ave | Watertown, MA

#### **FRIDAY**

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

#### **SATURDAY**

Featuring Enosis Band, 7-11pm by Sons and Daughters of Alexander the Great Bar Noon-11pm

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

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#### **SUNDAY**

Featuring Orfeas Band, 4-8pm Bar Noon-8pm





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# 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 dinner entrée of Lamb Yiouvetsi and Shrimp and Rice

Followed by Greek Music and Dancing

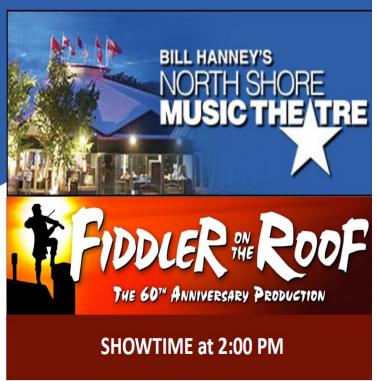
Plus: Giveaways!



\$25 per person
For reservations please call John Abate, 617.797.9499 or
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Join us on Wednesday, June 12 at

Welcome Back Kali Parea!



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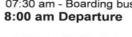


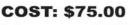
Parish trip to

St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church September-11 Memorial and Museum

Departing Church parking lot 25 Bigelow Avenue, Watertown, MA

> Saturday, June 1, 2024 07:30 am - Boarding bus





**Veterans - FREE** 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



Tickets must be purchased ahead of time

Museum Admission -- \$21-\$33

Tickets can be purchased up to six months in advance.

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

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 comfortable shoes Departure time dependent on museum visits - Stop enroute home for dinner

American Legion George K. Menichios Post #324 is sponsoring this event.

Any Questions? 617-964-0077 or Jet33pilot@aol.com



For payment information and any other questions, please call Peter at 617-964-0077.











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 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 this event helps 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 <a href="mailto:taxiarchae.festival.program@gmail.com">taxiarchae.festival.program@gmail.com</a> or (617) 519-3422.

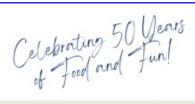
Thank you in advance for your support.

With our sincere appreciation,

2024 Festival Sponsorship Committee

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# 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Campaign Fund

**—** \$150,000

**—** \$75,000



**—** \$0

Church Capital Improvement Campaign update. To date we have raised \$45,000 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.







# **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

Christina Kourkoulis at CKourkoulis@goarchangels.org

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### **Taxiarchae Hellenic Cultural Center**

Planning a party or reception? Our beautiful venues are now updated and ready for any & all of your event needs, up to 500 people.

For information and assistance in planning your future event, please call Irene Apostolou Cobb at the Church Office at 617-924-8182 or email: functionmanager@goarchangels.com



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