

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES IN HALL – Please remember that there is a class held in the hall. We ask that you please be respectful of the teachers and their students. Unless necessary, we ask that no one be in the hall until dismissal. Thank you.

ORATORICAL FESTIVAL – We had our Parish Oratorical Festival last Sunday and we congratulate Zoe Speros who will advance to the District Level! Way to go Zoe!!!

NEW BOOK FOR THE BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB – Meetings on Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm. This will be done on a video conference over the internet. We will be reading the book “WAY OF THE PILGRIM”, and we will discuss/talk once a week. If you would like to join this ministry, please see or contact Alexa Vafiades at alexa.vafiades@gmail.com.

ST. IRENE’S PHILOPTOCHOS “WISH LIST” DRIVE FOR PHILOXENIA HOUSE See insert. Donations may be place on designated table in hall.

THE LEXINGTON INTERFAITH GARDEN will begin its ninth season this year! On Tuesday, March 27 – 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. the garden will be open to anyone who would like to help begin the season and learn about this great program in Lexington. If you have volunteered before or have never volunteered and are curious, this is a perfect time to see the work we do. Beautiful organic produce is grown and brought over to the Lexington Food Pantry every Saturday morning from Spring through Fall. It is a wonderful opportunity to garden with fellow parishioners, connect with people from all other faiths in the Lexington area, and ensure those visiting the food pantry are able to receive fresh, healthy vegetables. You will also pick up great gardening tips! For more information and to be on the St Nicholas volunteer list, please contact Helen Theodosiou at htheodosiou@rcn.com.

GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY MORNING: KOUVOUKLION DECORATION– Come and help beautify the tomb of our Lord with flowers. We welcome ALL AGES!!

READERS DURING GREAT & HOLY WEEK- We welcome those who would like to assist and help with the readings. Please come to the chanter stand before the service and talk to our chanter.

GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY RETREAT - Church school students from Kindergarten through High School are encouraged to attend our St. Nicholas Great and Holy Friday Retreat on April 6th starting at 11:30 am. Please register online. Scan the QR Code for the online registration. A letter for an excused absence will be available.



Hymns Chanted Following the Small Entrance

Anthem for Lazarus Saturday in the First Tone

Τὴν κοινὴν Ἀνάστασιν πρὸ τοῦ σοῦ Πάθους πιστούμενος, ἐκ νεκρῶν ἡγειρας τὸν Λάζαρον, Χριστὸ ἐ Θεός· ὅθεν καὶ ἡμεῖς ὡς οἱ Παῖδες, τὰ τῆς νίκης σύμβολα φέροντες, σοὶ τῷ Νικητῇ τοῦ θανάτου βοῶμεν· Ὡσαννὲ ἂν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ἐ ὀρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One, who comes in the name of the Lord."

Another For the Feast in the Fourth Tone

Συνταφέντες σοι διὰ τοῦ Βαπτίσματος, Χριστὸ ἐ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, τῆς ἀθανάτου ζωῆς ἠξιώθημεν τ'Α ἠηαστάσει σου, καὰ ἰνυμνοῦντες κρᾶζομεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ἐ ὀρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

We were buried with You through Baptism, O Christ our God, and thus by Your Resurrection we have been granted immortal life, and extolling You we cry aloud, "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One who comes in the name of the Lord."

Seasonal/Kontakion Hymn in the Second Tone

Τῷ θρόνῳ ἐν οὐρανῷ, τῷ πῶλε ὡπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἐποχοῦμενος Χριστὸ ἐ Θεός, τῶν Ἀγγέλων τὴν αἴνεσιν, καὶ τῶν Παίδων ἀνύμνησιν προσεδέξω βοῶντων σοι· Εὐλογημένος ἐὲ ὁ ἰρχόμενος, τὸν Ἀδὰμ ἀνακαλέσασθαι.

In heaven upon the throne, on earth upon the colt, * You were carried, O Christ our God; * and the praise of the Angels, and the hymns of the

children, You received as they cried to You, * "Blessed are You, the One, who is coming to call Adam back again."

Pan Mass Challenge (PMC)



This past summer I completed my third PMC, once again riding from Sturbridge to Provincetown, raising over \$10,000 thanks to the generosity of my friends and family. There were over 6,300 riders and supported by 4,500+ volunteers and \$51 million for Dana Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI) was raised. During the past 38 years, the PMC has contributed \$598 million to DFCI.

A friend recently asked me if I was riding the PMC again this year. My reply was "yes"! My friend then asked if I wouldn't mind riding a bit harder and shared with me their recent struggle with undergoing cancer treatment at Dana Farber. I was speechless. Cancer does not discriminate. We all know someone who is facing or has faced the challenge of fighting this dreaded disease. My friend's battle has only reinforced my commitment to the PMC and its hope of defeating cancer.

I realize there are endless charitable causes seeking our support. But each year I have been deeply humbled by the generous support of family and friends, for which I will always be grateful.

Donate at PMC.ORG using my PMC ID: **LS0274**

To sweeten the deal, any donation of \$250 or more **Scan To Donate** receives a tray of homemade baklava baked by my mom



If you prefer to write a check, please make it out to the "PMC", and mail it to me directly at.

**Lou Saledas
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Your donation is fully tax deductible and 100% will go to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

If your employer has a matching gift program, please ask your Human Resources department for a form, and follow the process for matches.

Giving Joyfully - 2 Corinthians 9:8

"And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others."

Lent is the season of giving back! Jesus paid the ultimate sacrifice for us on Good Friday, and we should give back to him out of gratitude, especially during this special time of reflection and prayer. Saint Irene's Philoptochos is offering a special way to give back this Lenten Season. The Philoxenia House established 25 years ago, is our Orthodox "home away from home". It continues to offer hospitality to fellow Christians from throughout Greece and the world, all of whom come to Boston for medical treatment.

The Home is currently in need of many items, to help make its residents stay a more comfortable one. Our Philoptochos will be collecting donated items, and will be delivering them to the Philoxenia House during our spring visit. Please refer to the flyer with the list of items needed. Please also note that ALL items must be NEW, and in its original packaging. Collections will begin now through April 16th. Drop-off in church hall. If you have any questions you may contact me, Anna Traviias at 617-680-7888 or annatraviias@yahoo.com. Thank you and Kali Sarakosti.

WISH LIST FOR THE PHOENIXIA HOUSE

All donated items must be new. No used items please.

1. PILLOWS **
2. MATTRESS PAD COVERS (FULL, QUEEN, KING) **
3. COMFORTERS (FULL, QUEEN, KING)
4. DUVET COVERS (FULL, QUEEN, KING)
4. SHEET SETS (FULL, QUEEN, KING)
5. TOWEL SETS (BATH, HAND, WASH CLOTH)

** Pillows and mattress pad covers are the most urgently needed items, as they are replaced for each new guest.

The home consists of:

- 8 twin size beds
- 7 full size beds
- 1 queen size bed
- 1 king size bed