

ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH WEEKLY ONLINE BULLETIN

*We are a Christ-centered community that welcomes all to worship, to pray,
to serve others and to learn our Orthodox faith*

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April 12th

Great and
Holy Pascha

APRIL 11 @11 PM:
PASCHAL VIGIL,
RESURRECTION
LITURGY

APRIL 12 @1PM:
AGAPE VESPERS



Click the icon to read about the Saint(s).

ATTENDANCE

April 5th: 202 people
2024 Average: 140 people
[Full Attendance Report](#)

Digital Chant Stand Services Online

*click on calendar date
for reading of service*

ALSO ONLINE



Narthex Servers:

PARISH COUNCIL

Chanters:

**CHARLIE MARGE
TERI STEVENS**



DIAKONIA

A National Ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

REFLECTIONS FROM TODAY'S READING - *John 1:1-17*

“The Word Became Flesh...”

Fr. George Parsenios



As we celebrate Christ's Resurrection, today's Gospel reading reminds us of his birth when it says, "The Word became flesh" (John 1:14). Easter and Christmas are the two great poles of the liturgical year. Most of the Autumn season leads to Christmas, and the entire Spring leads up to Easter. And, just like the separate poles of the globe, Christmas and Easter seem like opposites in many ways. One focuses on birth, the other on rising from the dead. One is celebrated in the icy cold of Winter, the other in the warm sunlight of early Spring. The two feasts seem so very different, but they are actually closely connected. We observe, for instance, a 40-day fast before both Christmas and Easter. In both feasts, we see God renewing and remaking his creation. Saint Paul says that those who are in Christ are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17), and the birth and resurrection of Christ are the beginning and the end of this new creation as the curse of Adam is reversed. Adam was created directly by God with no earthly Father, and the world is recreated in the birth of Christ who also has no earthly Father. Adam's curse of death is finally removed in the Resurrection. The world begins to be made anew in Christmas, and this work of renewal is brought to completion at Pascha. What remains for us now is to live like people made anew. When insulted, we must forgive. When tempted, we must resist. When filled with all good things, we must share with those in need. In these ways, we proclaim the message of our Lord to a world waiting for Christ's renewal, and we announce together with all creation: **Χριστός Ανέστη!**
Christ is Risen!

Fr. George Parsenios is Professor of New Testament at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. www.hchc.edu

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Reflections from Today's Reading



[PRAYER LIST](#)



[Printable Version](#)

Click on the list above to offer your prayers for those in need of prayer

[PRAYER IN TIME OF NEED](#)

[PRAYER FOR THOSE GOING THROUGH DEPRESSION](#)

Who will roll away the stone?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:



We wish to thank our Lamentation Service all-stars!



Celebrate Holy Week with St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church!

17 Meriam Street, Lexington
April 4-12, 2026



Saturday of Lazarus, April 4

8 am Orthros
9 am Divine Liturgy
*Pancake Breakfast,
Palm Crosses, Cleaning
& Preparations*

Palm Sunday, April 5

8 am Orthros
9 am Divine Liturgy
*Procession with Palms
Palm Sunday Fish Dinner*
6 pm Bridegroom Service

Holy Monday, April 6

6 pm Bridegroom Service

Holy Tuesday, April 7

6 pm Bridegroom Service

Holy Wednesday, April 8

5 pm Unction Service

Holy Thursday, April 9

9 am Divine Liturgy
Institution of the Eucharist
6 pm Twelve Passion Gospels

Holy Friday, April 10

9 am Royal Hours
11 am - 2 pm Holy Friday Retreat
2 pm Unnailing Vespers
6:30 pm Lamentations
& Procession

Holy Saturday, April 11

10 am Vesperal Divine Liturgy
of St. Basil
11 pm Paschal Vigil,
Resurrection Liturgy
and Anastasi Meal

Pascha Sunday, April 12

1 pm Agape Vespers
*(Gospel reading in many
languages) followed by
Easter Egg Hunt
& Potluck Pascha Picnic*

For more info: stnicholaslex.org

Sunday School Parents!

Please click on the image below to access a Children's lesson for each day of Holy Week.

Holy Week Sermon Series

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE)
GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA



Special Holy Week / Pascha Announcements:

PASCHA FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Following the Resurrection on Great and Holy Saturday night, our Parish Council invites everyone to stay for a Paschal Fellowship Meal.

VESPERS OF LOVE SERVICE ON PASCHA: As we have in previous years, we are looking for those who can read foreign languages to proclaim the Gospel in as many languages as possible (which is the tradition of the Church at this service). Following the service, an Easter Egg Hunt will take place for the children.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR NOTES:

April 19th (April Vacation)

June 7th - Tentative last day of classes

Spring General Assembly Sunday May 3rd:



St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

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Rev. Fr. George Parsenios • Pastor's Office: 781.862.0315 • gparsenios@hchc.edu

April 6, 2026

Dear St. Nicholas Parishioners,

Please accept this letter as your notification of the Spring General Assembly, being held on **Sunday, May 3rd**, immediately after church in St. Irene's Hall. The goals of this meeting are the following (tentative order of agenda is subject to change):

1. Opening Prayer
2. Call to Order/Nomination of Moderator, Secretary
3. Approval of Fall GA Minutes
4. Priest's Report
5. PC President Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Stewardship Report
8. Audit Committee Report
9. PC Election Committee
10. Elect Delegates to send to the Clergy Laity Conference
11. Renovation Update
12. Maintenance Update
13. Philoptochos President Report
14. TCI/Khachkar Update
15. Adjourn/Closing Prayer

*AS A REMINDER, in order to vote you must:

1. Be Baptized or Chrismated
2. Have pledged and/or paid Stewardship since **January 1st, 2026**
3. Be 18 years of age or older
4. Abide by the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Archdiocese
5. Cooperate in every way toward the welfare and wellbeing of the parish
6. *If you have not pledged and/or paid, you may do so at any time including at the General Assembly. If not, you may attend but not vote at this meeting*

*We need at least **30** parishioners in good standing to be present at the start of the meeting to achieve the required quorum. If a quorum is not present for this meeting, the new meeting date will be **May 24th**.

Your attendance and votes will ensure you do your part in the life of our church!

Respectfully,

+ *George Parsenios*

Fr. George Parsenios
Parish Priest

Mandy Zervoglos

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Parish Council President

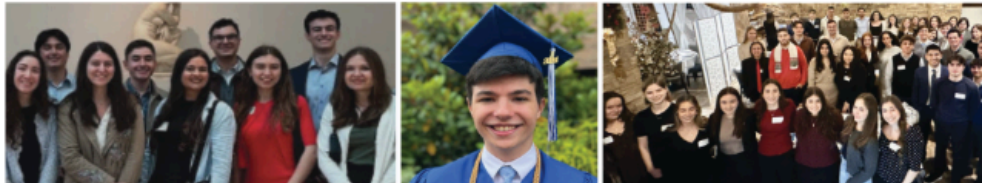
Reminder to submit your volunteer hours!

To date collectively an impressive 1,711 hours of your time has been submitted! All this volunteer work shows that St. Nicholas is truly a caring community. This service is part of the Lex250 collective goal of 250k hours honoring the 250th Anniversary of our Nation! Your volunteer hours are appreciated not only within our church community, but by the Lexington community that is home to St. Nicholas. Hours volunteered by all members of your household from April 1, 2025 through July 2026 not previously provided should be included.

Your name and hours served by all members of your household served should be sent to: dawn@dawnmckenna.org



College Scholarships for Greek Orthodox Students



For over twenty years, the FAITH Endowment has awarded scholarships to Greek Orthodox students, and we are happy to announce that the 2026 FAITH Scholarship for Academic Excellence application is now available at: thefaithendowment.org/scholarships.

Applicants must be graduating high school seniors enrolling in a 4-year accredited U.S. university this fall and a member of a Greek Orthodox parish. The submission deadline is June 26th, 2026.

Through the FAITH Scholarship for Academic Excellence program, FAITH awards merit-based scholarships to exemplary young people in the Hellenic-American Greek Orthodox community who achieve academic excellence and are actively involved in their church and community. To date, our FAITH Scholar network has grown to include nearly 1,000 young Greek-American leaders from across the United States who are making their campuses, parishes, communities and beyond a better place.

Please consider supporting!



I'm humbled to participate in this year's Pan-Mass Challenge - a bike-a-thon that raises more money for charity than any other single athletic fundraising event in the country - to bring us Closer by the Mile to a cure for cancer. Since its founding in 1980, PMC riders have raised more than \$1 billion for lifesaving cancer research, treatment and patient care.

Despite my advanced age, this will be my first year riding the Pan-Mass Challenge, inspired to ride by a close friend, and by the memory of those whose lives have been touched by cancer, and have touched me in return. I will carry with me the joys of those who have triumphed over cancer, and the sorrows of those whose lives have been taken by this disease. All of us can easily bring to mind those individuals - for me, it has been my wife, my brother, my father, my aunts, brothers-in-law, co-workers, parish family members and close friends as well as the many patients and families I meet through work, to name only a partial list.

As I train and ride, I will also keep in mind a dear friend, Debbie Fine, who succumbed to malignant melanoma while an undergrad with me at Boston College, never making it to graduation. With the advances in treatment of this cancer over the years, I know she would have lived a much longer life - and would have been an amazing physician - if today's advances were available to her then. I think of Chuck, a close friend who has been working with DFCI physicians to keep his cancer at bay, likely benefitting from the very research supported by PMC. I think of the brightest light, 12-year-old Leah, a member of our parish family who has touched so many lives - may her memory be eternal.

Please know that 100 percent of every dollar raised by your donation in support of the PMC riders goes directly to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, meaning that your donation has a real impact. Please consider donating to the PMC and, through it, the patients and families who need us most.

With love and gratitude, Tony Gray

- To donate, please visit:
<https://donate.pmc.org/AG0489>
- Or go directly to [PMC.org](https://www.pmc.org) and use my PMC ID: AG:0489
- Or scan the QR code to the right:





Join

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Our Team

Homebuilding 2026

June 22 - June 29

Contact Nicholas Zervoglos at nzervoglos@gmail.com if you're interested.



MINISTRIES

Strategic Planning Update

(Click the Strategic Plan Implementation report below)

Strategic Plan Implementation Update

April 5, 2026



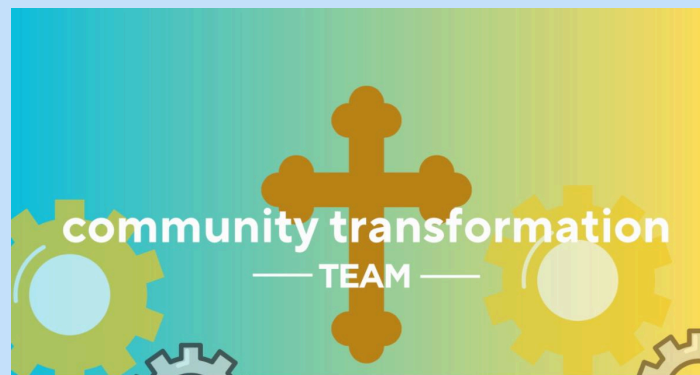
Religious Education		Co-Captains: Maria Decoulos and Judy Gray
Accomplishment	<p>Sunday School Teacher Development Program held on Zoom on Tuesday, March 3, 2026. Most St. Nicholas Sunday School Teachers attended.</p> <p>Targeting attendance of 37 students per week.</p> <p>Fr. George started sharing his weekly clergy sermon preparation video on the Sunday Gospel.</p>	
Plan	<p>Holy Friday retreat on April 10th.</p> <p>Bible study on the Gospel of St. Matthew to resume after Easter.</p> <p>Student presentation planned for June Graduation.</p>	

Stewardship and Engagement		Co-Captains: Penelope Tzougros and Stephanie DeVasto
Accomplishments	<p>Reviewed Youth Stewardship and Stewardship Programs book.</p>	
Plan for Next Month	<p>The Stewardship and Engagement Team will meet to discuss highlights of the Youth Stewardship and Stewardship Programs book.</p> <p>Present findings to the Strategic Implementation Team.</p> <p>Complete evaluation of adult and youth stewardship programs</p> <p>Finalize adult and youth stewardship program</p>	

Renovation Program		Co-Captains: Carol Bearse and Bob DeVasto
Accomplishments	<p>The Town of Lexington reviewed schematic plans and the Inspector was pleased with the progress.</p> <p>Progress on fundraising website.</p>	
Plan for Next Month	<p>Attorney to work on lot definition and the Dover amendment impact on our plans.</p> <p>Video and photos being developed to post on Renovation website.</p> <p>Start fundraising in May.</p>	

Thank you to all the co-captains and team members for the great progress on implementing the strategic planning goals.

Community Transformation Team



Dear parishioners,


We are pleased to announce that we are moving forward with Phase 2 of the Design and Development. This phase involves hiring the engineers to look at our design before going before the Design Review Board for the town of Lexington. We will have more details at the May 4 General Assembly. We also hope to launch our Capital Campaign in May. Thank you for your ongoing support and patience.

Thank you,
Carol

Please check out our [website](#) where we provide all the latest information and developments regarding the transformation of our facility.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Bearse Mackintosh.

Stewardship



March 2026

Kali Anastasi!

I am happy to report the following data on our pledges/giving since January 1, 2026:

# of Pledges (individual)	Pledge amt (total)	# of indiv/ fam paid	Amt paid (total)	% Amt paid (total)	Remainder to goal
40	\$102,182.00	79	\$86,198.98	38.18%	\$133,813.02

Easter is upon us! This is a powerful time of year in our parish - we partake in multiple services, clean/prepare the church, attend lectures, and share in meals. The beauty of the St. Nicholas community truly shines with the time and talent commitment displayed. Join us this week and share your treasure!

Quick links:

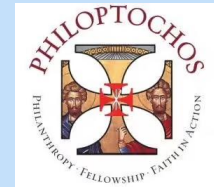
- Want to sign up for a church ministry? Fill out this survey: <https://app.onechurchsoftware.com/stnicholas/forms/8>
- Want to submit a pledge? Go to <https://stnicholaslex.onechurchsoftware.com>, log in, and follow the prompts under the "Give" tab
- Want to give a donation?
 - OPTION 1: If you already have a One Church account, submit an offering by going to <https://stnicholaslex.onechurchsoftware.com>, log in, click **Give Now** (in the gray bar on the left of your screen), and follow the prompts
 - OPTION 2: If you don't have a One Church account, submit an offering by going to <https://app.onechurchsoftware.com/stnicholaslex/giving> and follow the prompts
 - OPTION 3: Mail in a check/cash to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 17 Merlam Street, Lexington, MA, 02420
- Questions? Contact stewardship@stnicholaslex.org

For those who have pledged and/or given thus far - THANK YOU!!

Alexis Papatheanasiou (Dr. Alexis Zallas, DVM)
Stewardship Chair

MARCH 2026 UPDATE


Philoptochos



[Click for the 2025-26 Philoptocos Meeting Schedule](#)

[St. Irene's Philoptocos Stewards as of April 5, 2026](#)

Lending Library



ST. NICHOLAS LENDING LIBRARY

For more information or suggestions, contact: library@stnicholaslex.org

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY:

Spiritual Counsels of Saint Paisios (6 vol. set) now available! St. Paisios the New (1924-1994) was one of the most loved and revered Elders of our times. Living as a monk on Mount Athos, he spent his nights in

Fellowship



REMINDER:

Do you enjoy a nice cup of coffee and a piece of pastry following each Sunday's Divine Liturgy? Of course, you do. That's why we're asking those who have not sponsored a Sunday fellowship hour in a while to please sign up for the many

prayer and his days guiding, consoling, healing, and giving spiritual rest to countless people who took shelter in him. The wise spiritual counsels of the Elder have been collected in these six volumes under the following titles: **With Pain and Love for Contemporary Man, Spiritual Awakening, Spiritual Struggle, Family Life, Passions and Virtues, On Prayer.**

Please email the [library](#) if you have any requests or questions, we'd love to hear from you.

opening dates available. We all like to chit-chat with our fellow parishioners with a coffee in-hand. So, please step forward. It's real easy.....all you need to bring is some pastry (nothing fancy) and a gallon of milk. The church supplies the rest (napkins, plates, cups, etc.). If you have questions, just call the church office.

Thanks much for answering this appeal. We all will appreciate and thank you.

Hey Ministry Leaders and eBulletin Contributors!

Keep your updates fresh and informative!

Email any digital photos or updates to rdiorio18@gmail.com by noon on Friday, and they will appear in the electronic bulletin. Also be sure to copy office@stnicholaslex.org by Wednesday noon if you would like the content to appear in the paper bulletin.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Join us for a parish

PASCHA POTLUCK *Picnic*

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

FOLLOWING AGAPE VESPERS

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4CA8A
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All parishioners and extended family and friends are invited to celebrate the Resurrection together on Easter Sunday. Please use the link above or the signup in the church hall to RSVP and sign up to bring your favorite foods to share. We will provide the lamb!



ST. IRENE'S PHILOPTOCHOS
OF ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

PATRIOT'S DAY

SALE

Greek Pastry Sale

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18
10 AM - 4 PM**

BAKLAVA • FRAPPES • LOUKOUMATHES

17 MERIAM ST., LEXINGTON, MA
(On church grounds)

PLEASE
COME OUT &
SHOW YOUR
SUPPORT!



Join us for
Igniting the Flame,
A Greek Orthodox Journey to Purpose
Led by Bill Marianes

FulFill Your Calling
The Way God Intented -
Share Your Gifts and
Discover True Joy

You'll Learn How To:

- Discover Your Divine Calling
- Utilize Your God-Given Gifts
- Grow Stewardship through Joyful Giving
- Help Parishioners Grow Towards God's
Calling

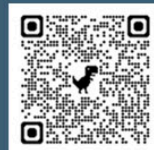


Saturday April 25, 2026
9AM-3PM

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
17 Meriam St. Lexington MA, 02420
stewardship@st.nicholaslex.org

Light Breakfast 8:30AM & lunch served

Register via QR CODE



[Use QR Code or Click Image to Sign Up](#)

2026 PAN-MASS CHALLENGE



Family Breakfast Sunday, April 26, 2026



**PAN-MASS
CHALLENGE**
AUGUST 1-2, 2026

The Journey Continues...Hope and Live Like Leah

This will be my **12th year** riding the Pan Mass Challenge and the journey has been filled with so many emotions. Those of joy, happiness and so much gratification for all that has been accomplished since my first ride back in 2015, supporting so many to win their battles with cancer and offering so much hope for treatments in the future. But there are also heartaches and sadness in this journey as there are the stories of our loved ones, family and friends, who have lost their battle with cancer.

My family and I would like to show our appreciation and invite you to a complimentary brunch following church services. *All are welcome.*

Please consider donating to my ride in memory of or in honor of a loved one affected by cancer.

Donations can be made at PMC.org or just scan the QR code.

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

**Lou Saledas
5 Tinkham Ave Burlington,
MA 01803**

THANK YOU!





GREEK AMERICAN CELEBRATION

Celebrate
**GREEK AMERICAN
NIGHT**
at Fenway Park 



TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026 • 6:45 PM

Tickets: *Price includes Red Sox Greek soccer jersey!*

Price: *\$35 per ticket (cash or check)*

RSVP: *Pauline Sager at psager625@gmail.com*

Deadline: *May 19th*

Make checks payable to: **St. Nicholas Church.**
Red Sox vs. Orioles

A portion of the proceeds to benefit the Alpha Omega Council charities.

You are invited to "Hope in Bloom". An inspiring and elegant gathering to celebrate beauty, resilience, and community. All proceeds from this special event will benefit the Hellenic Women's Club Demetra Fund, supporting breast cancer research and patient care.



H O P E
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MAY

WEDNESDAY

20

6-9PM

2026

Oakley Country Club
410 Belmont Street Watertown, MA

Hosted by The Hellenic Women's Club

Flower arrangement demonstration by Sandra Sigman,

Founder of Les Fleurs, Andover

Guest Speaker: Priscilla Brastianos, MD.

Dazzling Jewelry Trunk Show by GLENDI,

featuring Mediterranean-inspired, timeless designs

15% of all proceeds to be donated to the EOK Demetra Fund

Tickets are \$200 to support Breast Cancer Research. See Stephanie DeVasto for tickets!



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SESSION 1 June 29 - July 5	SESSION 2 July 6 - 12	SESSION 3 July 13 - 19	SESSION 4 July 20-26	SESSION 5 July 27 - Aug 2
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AGES 8-18 | SPACE IS LIMITED
Registration Opens March 1st at 7pm

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If you are interested in placing an ad in our weekly bulletin, please contact the church office.

In addition, we welcome supporting you or loved ones who are fundraising for a cause, by publicizing your appeal.

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