

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*

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

March 1st

Sunday of
Orthodoxy

8:00AM
ORTHROS

9:00 AM
DIVINE LITURGY

ATTENDANCE

February 22: 110 people
2024 Average: 140 people
[Full Attendance Report](#)



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Digital Chant Stand Services Online

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for reading of service*

ALSO ONLINE



Narthex Servers:

**BOB
DEVASTO
and
CHARLES
MOONEY**

Chanters:

**CHARLIE MARGE
TERI STEVENS**

TRISAGION SERVICE:

Themelis Splagounias
(2 years) husband of
Irene Splagounias and
father of Gregory,
Nikitas, and Dimitri
Splagounias

Fellowship Hour hosted by the **Splagounias Family**.


We wish to thank the **Zallas and Papathanasiou Families** for last week's.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU – to all those who have hosted and sponsored the Fellowship Hour for 2025 and previous years. You have the appreciation and gratitude of our parishioners for adding to the enjoyment of each Sunday's reception. God Bless!

Encourage a friend or relative to join you in Church this Sunday, and expand the body of believers who are fully committed to their faith!

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Sunday, March 1, 2020 | Sunday of Orthodoxy




DIAKONIA

A National Ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

REFLECTIONS FROM TODAY'S READING - John 1:43-51
"Come and See!"


Fr. George Pananitis



Today's Gospel reading focuses our attention on the sense of sight. Words related to "seeing" occur seven times in this brief passage. In keeping with how the Gospel of John more generally emphasizes the five senses, it is in the Gospel of John that the sheep hear the voice of their Good Shepherd (John 10:3). People marvel at the name of the water that Jesus turned to wine (John 2:9). Thomas "the Doubter" is told to touch the wounds of Jesus (20:27). And when Jesus is arrested, the smell of sweet oil fills the house (12:3). Seeing, hearing, Taste, Touch, Smell. The paradox of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is that the invisible, immaterial God has become visible, material flesh, and John refers so often to the five senses in order to stress that Jesus has made God accessible to human senses. Today's Gospel reading is perfectly chosen for the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the day we proclaim and defend the importance of icons for the Orthodox faith. When the validity of icons was challenged in the 8th and 9th centuries, the defenders of icons argued that removing the material image of Christ in icons was equivalent to denying the material appearance of Christ in the flesh. Christ is accessible to our senses in icons to underscore and defend our belief that he became accessible to the senses when he dwelt on earth with the apostles. As we celebrate this great mystery on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, therefore, the words of today's Gospel are addressed to each of us individually: "Come and see!"

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

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Reflections from Today's Reading



PRAYER LIST

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](#)



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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Lexington, MA

LENTEN SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sat., February 14 - 9 am
Saturday of the Souls
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 15
Meatfare Sunday

Saturday, February 21
Saturday of the Souls
Orthros 8 am & Divine Liturgy 9 am

Sunday, February 22
Cheesefare Sunday
Forgiveness Vespers
Following Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, February 25 - 6 pm
Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, February 27 - 6 pm
Salutations to the Theotokos
Followed by Lenten Potluck and Seminarian Talk

Monday, March 2 - 6 pm
Great Compline

Wednesday, March 4 - 6 pm
Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 6 - 6 pm
Salutations to the Theotokos
Followed by Lenten Potluck and Seminarian Talk

Saturday, March 7 - 9 am to 3 pm
Retreat led by Fr. George Parsenios
*St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
55 Emmonsdale Rd., West Roxbury, MA*

Monday, March 9 - 6 pm
Great Compline

Wednesday, March 11 - 6 pm
Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 13 - 6 pm
Salutations to the Theotokos
Followed by Lenten Potluck and Seminarian Talk

Monday, March 16 - 6 pm
Great Compline

Wednesday, March 18 - 6 pm
Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 20 - 6 pm
Salutations to the Theotokos
Followed by Lenten Potluck and Seminarian Talk

Wednesday, March 23 - 6 pm
Great Compline

Tuesday, March 24
Feast of the Annunciation Vespers
in either Woburn or the Cathedral

Wednesday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation Liturgy
in either Woburn or the Cathedral

Friday, March 27 - 6 pm
Akathist to the Theotokos
Followed by Lenten Potluck and Seminarian Talk

Monday, March 30 - 6 pm
Great Compline

Saturday, April 4
Lazarus Saturday
Beginning of Holy Week

Requesting all St. Nicholas Volunteer Hours to be Submitted!

Guidelines: The hours will collectively be listed under St Nicholas Church so there is no need to list the specific tasks or breakdown. Approximation of hours is ok if unsure. As long as you don't get paid for what you did, add the hours. Every hour is important so do not diminish your service no matter the number(s) volunteered. Include household volunteers of all ages. Questions to same email.

Examples: Narthex Servers; Fellowship Hour Hosts; General Assembly attendees; Genesis Battle Green Run team runners, Community Outreach; Food providers/bakers; Trivia Night or other event helpers; Project Mexico participants; Parish Strategic Planning members, Community

Transformation Team, ministry servers such as Parish Council, Altar servers, St. Irene's Philoptochos Society; Chanters/Readers; Sunday School Teacher; GOYA, Food Pantry. Stewardship, Website Development.

Thank you to those who have sent your hours already. There are many more of you who volunteer and should be included. If each family gave 5 hours of service since November, that would be over 1,000 hours. And, we all know many have given that and more. It will be amazing to see the collective power of all our volunteer hours. Please try to email hours by March 10th so the hours will be part of the March lighting ceremony. Learn about VO250 at: lex250.org



ST. NICHOLAS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

COMMUNITY OUTREACH!

VOLUNTEER

**Saturday, March 7
12 - 4 pm**

WITH US!

Join us at Household Goods, Inc. in Acton, MA, a non-profit that provides a full range of donated furniture and household items.

Following the volunteer event, join the Zervoglos family for snacks and beverages at their home in Acton.

Contact **Melanie Tanionos** at **(617) 803-8498** (call or text) to sign up for this event.





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.



Philoptocos Announcement:

Great meeting! Great friendships! Sent some great money to wonderful charities . We love what we do and accomplish so much together! Come and join in the fun!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

No classes on the following dates:

2026

April 26 (April Vacation)

MINISTRIES

Strategic Planning Update

(Click the Strategic Plan Implementation report below)

Strategic Plan Implementation Update

February 22, 2026

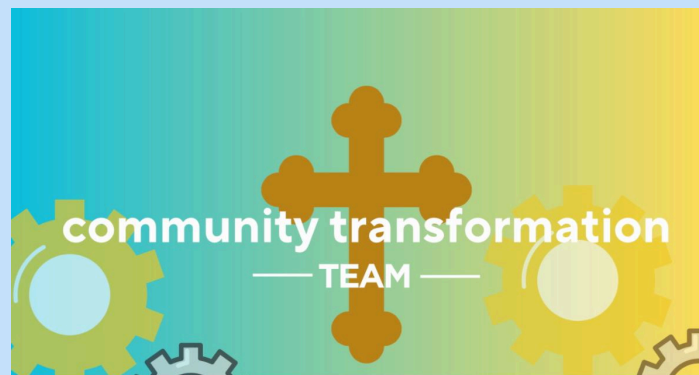


Religious Education	Co-Captains: Maria Decoulos and Judy Gray
Accomplishment	Finalized Religious Education Program for Sunday School. Established Target of 80% of Youth finishing the academic year (37 students).
Plan	Continue to track weekly attendance against the goal. Sunday School Teacher Development Program on Zoom on Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Stewardship and Engagement	Co-Captains: Penelope Tzougros and Stephanie DeVasto
Accomplishments	Interviewing youth about what attracts them to come to church and what pushes them away from the church
Plan for Next Month	Complete evaluation of adult and youth stewardship programs 2/28 Finalize adult and youth stewardship program 3/28

Renovation Program	Co-Captains: Carol Bearse and Bob DeVasto
Accomplishments	Met with Meriam Hill Association on 2/14 and shared current plans and received positive feedback. The architect updated plans based on the Renovation Committee input. Finalizing capital campaign plan. Reviewed structure to share with contractor and identified no major issues.
Plan for Next Month	Schedule meeting with Town of Lexington to review schematic plans. Start fundraising process in March.

Community Transformation Team



Good News: Moving Ahead

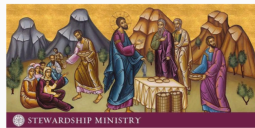
We are excited to inform you of our renovation progress. We have been meeting with our architect for the past 2 months and have the first phase of Design and Development (of the approved design) almost complete. Our next step is to meet with the town of Lexington for approval of the plans. This will happen mid March. We also have been meeting biweekly with our fundraiser, Nick Chakos.

Dawn also met with the Merriam Hill Association, our neighbors. The feedback about our renovation plans has been very positive. Thank you to all those parishioners who have been parking in the public lot a block away from St. Nicholas. For everyone's safety, please do not park on both sides of the street during this snowy winter.

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



Happy New Year!

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

# of Pledges (indiv/fam)	Pledge amt (total)	# of indiv/ fam paid	Amt paid (total)	% Amt paid (total)	Remainder to goal
25	\$75,361.00	44	\$34,577.00	15.72%	\$185,423.00

We've made it one month into 2026. If 2025 was not your year, I hope that 2026 is shaping up to be a better one! We have a stronger start to our Stewardship donation campaign compared to 2025, which is very exciting! Our ministries are working hard to put together fun and memorable events for 2026. As advertisements for those events come, please join us!

Quick links:

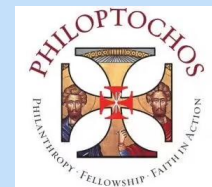
- Want to sign up for a church ministry? Fill out this survey: <https://www.onechurchsoftware.com/slnicholas/smsas>
- Want to submit a pledge? Go to <https://slnicholaslex.onechurchsoftware.com/>, log in, and follow the prompts under the "Give" tab
- Want to give a donation?
 - OPTION 1: If you already have a One Church account, submit an offering by going to <https://slnicholaslex.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://slnicholaslex.onechurchsoftware.com/> and follow the prompts
 - OPTION 3: Mail in a check/cash to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 17 Merriam Street, Lexington, MA, 02420
- Questions? Contact stewardship@slnicholaslex.org

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

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

JANUARY 2026 UPDATE

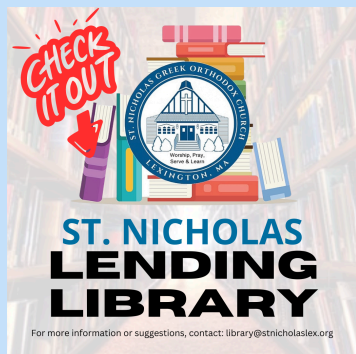
Philoptochos



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

[St. Irene's Philoptochos Stewards as of February 15, 2026](#)

Lending Library



NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY:

Fellowship



REMINDER:

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 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.

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 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:

ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
PRESENTS

Living an Orthodox Life with Kids

NURTURING THEM IN THE FAITH AT HOME
WITH GUEST SPEAKER

Presvytera Alexandra Houck

CREATOR AND AUTHOR OF *THE CHILDREN'S WORD* WEEKLY BULLETIN

TUESDAY
MARCH 3, 2026

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

via ZOOM

**REGISTER
TO RECEIVE ZOOM LINK**

for more info:
office@stnicholaslex.org



Presvytera Alexandra Houck has been creating *The Children's Word* bulletin since 2013 – that's almost 700 issues! Her husband, Fr. Jason, serves in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and they are the parents of five children, aged 6 to 16. Presvytera Alexandra is a graduate of Duke University and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.



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"You shall be to Me a royal priesthood and a holy nation." -Exodus 19:6

2026

The Antiochian Women of the
Diocese of Worcester and New England

LENTEN RETREAT



"Raising Children with Guidance from St. Olga of Alaska,
the first Orthodox female saint in North America."

SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2026

St. George Orthodox Church
55 Emmonsdale Rd, West Roxbury, MA 02132

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
10:30 AM Registration & Coffee Hour
11:00 AM – 12:15 PM Session 1
12:30 PM Lunch
1:30 PM – 2:45 PM Session 2

Breakfast and lunch will be served



REGISTER TODAY!

2026LentenRetreat.eventbrite.com



Speaker: Fr. George Parsenios,
Professor at Holy Cross Greek
Orthodox School of Theology

Admission is \$30.00

Contact Amal Hourani
for questions
(617) 930-7745



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**MARCH 20-22, 2026
Friday - Sunday**

- Options for day, overnight, or full weekend registration
- Financial Assistance Available

Weekend Highlights

Accessible camp programming ◀

Structured and informal parent sessions ◀

ADA compliant spaces ◀

Rest, renewal, and connection for families raising children with disabilities in the Church ◀



Sponsorship opportunities available - contact us at mbcamp@boston.goarch.org

**Registration Is Open Now
See our website for registration and other details
www.metropolisofbostoncamp.org**



St. Irene's Philoptochos of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

PALM SUNDAY FISH LUNCHEON

Sunday, April 5, 2026

St. Irene's Hall following Divine Liturgy

\$35 Fish dinner
\$10 Pasta dinner
5 years and under FREE

**Make your reservations early! Limited seating.
Reservation & Payment deadline: March 30.**

Catering by Dolphin Catering.
Make checks out to St. Irene's Philoptochos.
For more information, contact Anna Traviat at
annatraviat@yahoo.com.

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A Greek Orthodox Journey to Purpose
Led by Bill Marianes

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The Way God Intended -
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





Exciting Progress on our Church Renovation Project:

Our Renovation Committee has been hard at work ensuring the safety and future of our parish facility. We recently completed important structural work under the hall to make it secure for everyone.

Next, we are continuing to collaborate with our architect on the final set of plans. Once these are complete, we will meet with the town to move forward with the next phase of this exciting project.

Thank you to everyone for your support and prayers as we work together to strengthen our church and community for generations to come!



SUMMER CAMP 2026

METROPOLIS OF BOSTON CAMP

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SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4	SESSION 5
June 29 - July 5	July 6 - 12	July 13 - 19	July 20-26	July 27 - Aug 2



AGES 8-18 | SPACE IS LIMITED
Registration Opens March 1st at 7pm

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