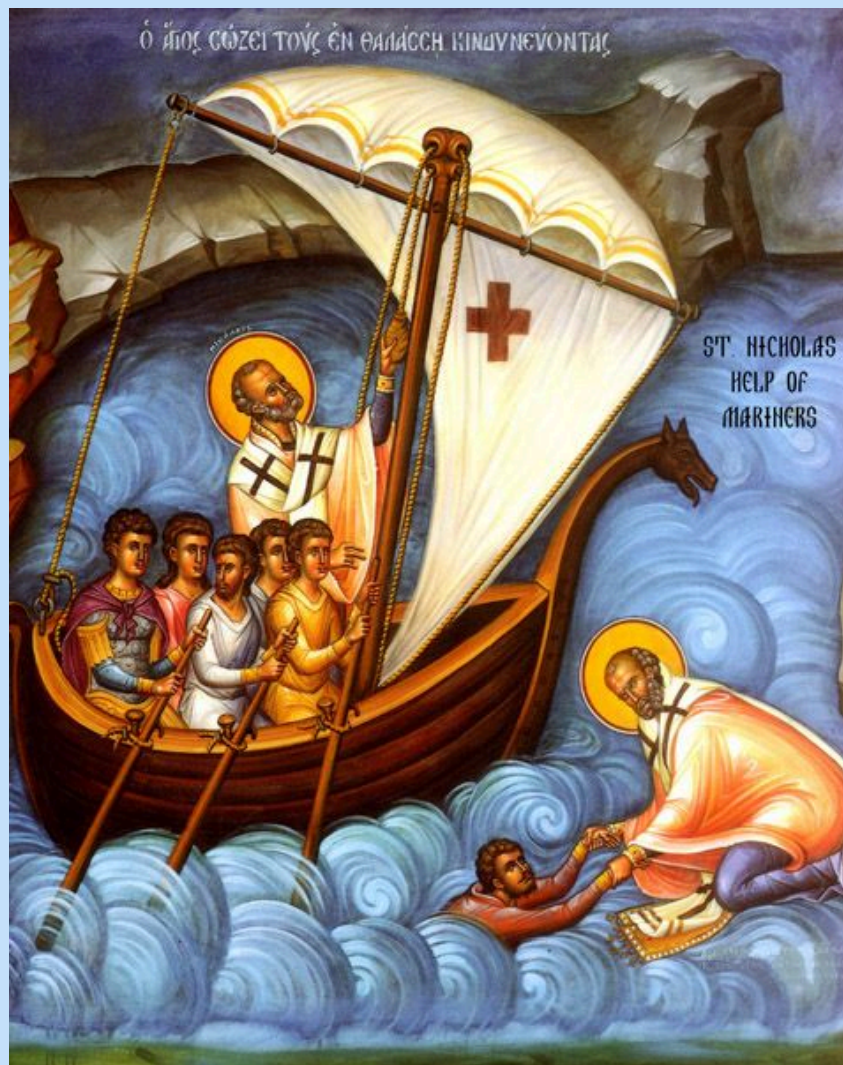




ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH WEEKLY ONLINE BULLETIN

*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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June 21st

3rd Sunday
of Matthew

8:00 AM
ORTHROS

9:00 AM
DIVINE LITURGY

ATTENDANCE

June 14: 101 people

2025 Average: 117 people

[Full Attendance Report](#)



ALSO ONLINE



Narthex Servers:

ANNA
and
DORA

Chanters:

CHARLIE MARGE
TERI STEVENS

TODAY:

*In celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary,
Bob and Stephanie DeVasto are hosting a luncheon for all our parishioners. Everyone
is cordially invited to attend and to congratulate them on this memorable occasion.*

We wish to thank the Lloyd-Papadopoulos and Ritzakis Families for hosting last week's
fellowship hour.

Condolences to Nick Miles on the recent passing of his brother. May his memory be eternal.



DIAKONIA

A National Ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

REFLECTIONS FROM TODAY'S READING | *Matthew 6:22-33*

"Our Finances and our Faith"



Fr. George Parsenios

When we say in English that someone has "spilled the beans," we do not mean that someone has poured a can of legumes on the floor. We mean someone has shared private information. Every language has idiomatic phrases meant to be understood in a figurative or metaphorical sense. Because they are not to be taken literally, native speakers understand them clearly, but non-native speakers might be puzzled. Today's Gospel reading contains just such an idiom that was common in Hebrew when Jesus says, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light." At first blush, the statement seems to focus on the sense of sight, or perhaps spiritual insight. But to take the comment so literally is to misunderstand it. Someone familiar with the idioms of the Hebrew Bible would know that Jesus was speaking about showing mercy to the poor. To have a "good eye" meant to look generously on those in need. Proverbs 22:9 says, "Whoever has a good eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor." We are today reminded, therefore, to share the bounties we enjoy in our lives with those in need. Furthermore, when we heed Jesus' direction to aid those in need, we must remember the related command to give especially to people who can offer us nothing in return, and not only to those from whom we might expect something back, such as friends or family or business partners (Luke 6:35-36).

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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Annual Metropolis of Boston Ministry Awards:

We are pleased to announce that the 2026 St. Nicholas recipients are **Mandy and Nick Zervoglos**. They are worthy of this recognition for their many years of service to our church and we congratulate them with our thanks.

Calling all social media enthusiasts, content creators, and digital storytellers!

St. Nicholas is seeking an individual to oversee its digital marketing and social media presence, promoting parish events, activities, and important communications.

Whether you're already skilled in digital media or interested in learning, this opportunity could be for you. Donate your time by doing something fun and creative!

Contact Presvytera Maureen at mparsenios@msn.com or call or text at 609-865-4883.



HELP BRING THE GOSPEL TO LIFE – DAILY:

We're looking for volunteers to help Fr. George share a short daily Bible reading with our parish. If you have a heart for Scripture and a few minutes a day, this is a simple and powerful way to serve. Young adults especially encouraged and all are welcome. Interested? Reach out to Mary at office@stnicholaslex.org.

Be the Invitation: Record a Weekly St. Nicholas Video

Our parish is inviting **you** to help welcome others to Divine Liturgy in a simple and meaningful way.

Each week, parishioners record a short video invitation connected to the Sunday Gospel, just 10–20 seconds, spoken from the heart.

How it works:

- 📱 Scan the QR code to sign up for a date
- 🎥 Record a short video on your phone
- 💬 Speak naturally (like inviting a friend)
- 📤 Upload your video (due 5 days before your Sunday)



No need to be perfect. Joy, warmth, and authenticity matter most.

Each video posted also helps support our parish through a special grant opportunity.

Thank you for helping us share the love of Christ and build connection in our community.

Be counted - submit volunteer hours before it is too late!

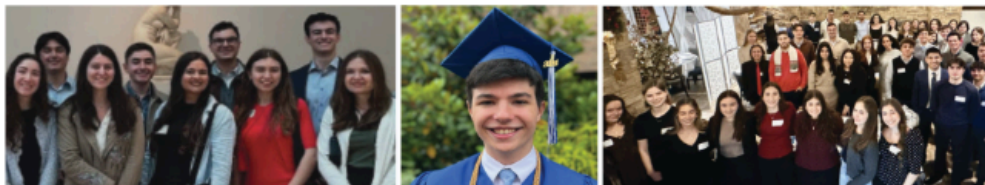
Can you believe that St. Nicholas has accumulated over 4,500 hours of volunteer efforts? – Wow!!! I know there are more of you as I watch you give unselfishly of your time. Some of you may not give yourself enough credit – but however big or small, your willingness to pitch in is what makes this church a true community of faith.

Importantly, by being part of the Lex250 volunteer efforts, you shine a positive light on St. Nicholas throughout Lexington and beyond. Things like volunteering for the Festival both supports our Church, and invites non-parishioners the opportunity to engage in a feel good event while helping us obtain needed funds. Those of you who ride the Pan Mass Challenge focus your care on lives cut too short, helping to fund prevention and treatment, and brings comfort to those left behind within the Parish and beyond. Imagin those of you who participate in Project Mexico, spending your free time traveling to a foreign country helping to build housing for a family who desperately needs a roof over their head. The children who serve on the altar, Goya, the teachers who volunteer to guide the children towards faith, the Parish Council, committee members, the families that feed us all after services so that we can take time for fellowship, altogether make this Church the welcoming community that we choose to be.

VO250 will end on July 4th. Whether you have given 1 hour or more, and no matter what your age, take a couple of minutes to submit your service and be recognized at part of the collective Lexington volunteerism (<https://lex250.org/vo250/>) honoring our county's 250th Anniversary! Hours volunteered from April 1, 2025 through July 4th 2026 not previously provided should be included. Your name(s) and hour(s), for you (family members too if easier). along with any questions you might have, should be sent to Dawn McKenna: 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.

Project Mexico Update

From June 22 to June 30 several members from St. Nicholas will be part of a Project Mexico mission team in conjunction with St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church in Newport, RI heading to Mexico to build a home for a family in need. For over thirty years Project Mexico has been building homes for some of the most impoverished families in Northern Mexico. We are asking for your participation in this trip through your prayers and financial support. If you would like to make a donation to our mission team or to an individual member of the team to help cover the participation costs please click on the following link:

[Donate Here!](#)

Any excess funds that we raise through this link will go to Project Mexico and St. Innocent Orphanage. Please keep the St. Nicholas mission team members: Bob DeVasto, Andoni Katos, Demetri Katos, Olivia Tanionos, Melanie Tanionos, and Nicholas Zervoglos along with the other team members in your prayers as they prepare for this trip.



FOOD DONATIONS WANTED

Please share your non-perishable, unexpired food items in the food donation cart in St Irene's Hall. This basket will stay in the Hall and be donated when ever it is full. If you have any questions please ask Emily Babalas (edbabalas@gmail.com).

MINISTRIES

Strategic Planning Update

(Click the Strategic Plan Implementation report below)

Strategic Plan Implementation Update June 21, 2026



Religious Education	Co-Captains: Maria Decoulos and Judy Gray
Accomplishments	Executed the goal: At least 80% of parish youth completed a revised and updated full academic year Sunday School program with goals and objectives for each grade level. Student presentation planned for June Graduation.
Plan	Consider setting the next set of goals for Religious Education.

Stewardship and Engagement	Co-Captains: Penelope Tzougros and Stephanie DeVasto
Accomplishments	Presented findings to the Strategic Implementation Team. Completed evaluation of adult and youth stewardship programs.
Plan for Next Month	Determine conscious overlap with the Outreach Committee. Finalize adult and youth stewardship program.

Renovation Program	Co-Captains: Carol Bearse and Bob DeVasto
Accomplishments	Completed fundraising brochure to share with potential donors. Reengaged architects to better understand engineering costs. Met Geotech engineer onsite to address conservation items.
Plan for Next Month	Scheduled fundraising planning with the fundraising consultant in July. Start fundraising in July.

Outreach, Evangelism, and Welcoming (OEW)	Team Members: Emily Babalas, Charlie Marge, Nicholas Zervoglos
Plan for Next Month	Project Mexico Trip planned. Several parishioners are participating.

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



Happy (almost) Summer!

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

# of Pledges (individuals)	Pledge amt (total)	# of indiv/ fam paid	Amt paid (total)	% Amt paid (total)	Remainder to goal
45	\$111,282.00	106	\$130,665.98	60.00%	\$89,334.02

Spring is in full force and Summer is right around the corner. Graduations and other celebrations are abundant. St. Nicholas is thriving while hitting 60% of our Stewardship goal thus far! Enjoy the beautiful weather and our success!

Quick links:

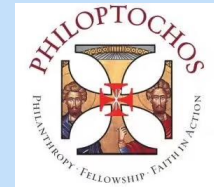
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- Want to submit a pledge? Go to <https://stnicholaslex.onechurchsoftware.com/>, log in, and follow the prompts under the "5 Giving" tab
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 - OPTION 2: If you don't have a One Church account, submit 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 Meriam 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

MAY 2026 UPDATE

Philoptochos

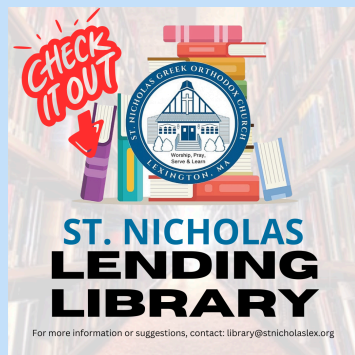


[Click for the 2025-26 Philoptocos Meeting Schedule](#)

[St. Irene's Philoptocos Stewards as of June 21, 2026](#)

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR PAINT NIGHT OCTOBER 16th: Philoptochos is hosting a Sip and Paint Night with the artist, Katerina Delegas, who will guide us through creating our individual paintings. No experience necessary! Come and join us for a really fun evening and support your Philoptochos! Sure to be lots of fun!

Lending Library



[NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY:](#)

Fellowship



REMINDER:

Do you enjoy a nice cup of coffee and a piece of pastry following each Sunday's

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.

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:



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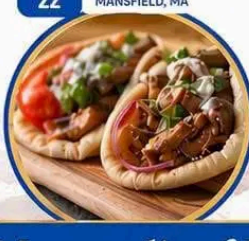
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2026 Greek Festivals

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MAY 15-16 ST. PHILIP CHURCH NASHUA, NH	JUNE 20-21 ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH MANCHESTER, NH	AUGUST 22-23 ST. GEORGE CHURCH PITTSFIELD, MA	SEPT 17-20 ANNUNCIATION CHURCH BROCKTON, MA
MAY 22-24 ST. VASILIOS CHURCH PEABODY, MA	JUNE 25-27 HOLY TRINITY CHURCH PORTLAND, ME	AUGUST 29 HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HOLYOKE, MA	SEPT 17-19 HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NORWICH, CT
MAY-JUN 29-31 TRANSFIGURATION CHURCH LOWELL, MA	JUNE 26-28 ST. CATHERINE CHURCH BRAINTREE, MA	AUGUST 29-30 ASSUMPTION CHURCH MANCHESTER, NH	SEPT 18-20 ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL – BOSTON BROOKLINE, MA
MAY-JUN 29-31 ANNUNCIATION CHURCH WOBURN, MA	JULY 10-11 ST. GEORGE CHURCH CENTERVILLE, MA	SEPT 4-5 ANNUNCIATION CHURCH DOVER, NH	SEPT 18-20 ST. GEORGE CATHEDRAL MANCHESTER, NH
JUNE 4-7 ST. ATHANASIOS CHURCH ARLINGTON, MA	JULY 10-11 ST. GEORGE CHURCH DARTMOUTH, MA	SEPT 4-5 HOLY TRINITY CHURCH LEWISTON, ME	SEPT 19-20 STS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN CHURCH ANDOVER, MA
JUNE 6-7 HOLY TRINITY CHURCH DANIELSON, CT	JULY 10-12 ST. DEMETRIOS CHURCH SACO, ME	SEPT 4-6 ST. GEORGE CHURCH LYNN, MA	SEPT 19-20 ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST – BOSTON BOSTON, MA
JUNE 12-14 HOLY TRINITY CHURCH LOWELL, MA	JULY 11-12 ASSUMPTION CHURCH IPSWICH, MA	SEPT 4-6 STS. ANARGYROI CHURCH MARLBOROUGH, MA	SEPT 25-27 ST. NECTARIOS CHURCH ROSLINDALE, MA
JUNE 12-14 TAXIARCHAE CHURCH WATERTOWN, MA	JULY 17-19 ST. SPYRIDON CHURCH NEWPORT, RI	SEPT 11-13 ANNUNCIATION CHURCH CRANSTON, RI	SEPT 26 HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CONCORD, NH
JUNE 18-21 STS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN CHURCH CAMBRIDGE, MA	JULY 24-26 ANNUNCIATION CHURCH NEWBURYPORT, MA	SEPT 11-12 HOLY TRINITY CHURCH FITCHBURG, MA	OCT 16-17 ST. LUKE CHURCH EAST LONGMEADOW, MA
JUNE 19-20 ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH PORTSMOUTH, NH	JULY 25 DORMITION CHURCH BURLINGTON, VT	SEPT 11-13 DORMITION CHURCH SOMERVILLE, MA	NOV 4-6 ST. SOPHIA CHURCH NEW LONDON, CT
JUNE 19-21 ST. SPYRIDON CATHEDRAL WORCESTER, MA	AUGUST 21-23 ASSUMPTION CHURCH PAWTUCKET, RI	SEPT 11-13 ST. GEORGE CATHEDRAL SPRINGFIELD, MA	NOV 6-7 HOLY APOSTLES STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH HAVERHILL, MA
	AUGUST 22 ST. GREGORY CHURCH MANSFIELD, MA	SEPT 12-13 STS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN CHURCH WEBSTER, MA	DEC 5 ST. GEORGE CHURCH KEENE, NH



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