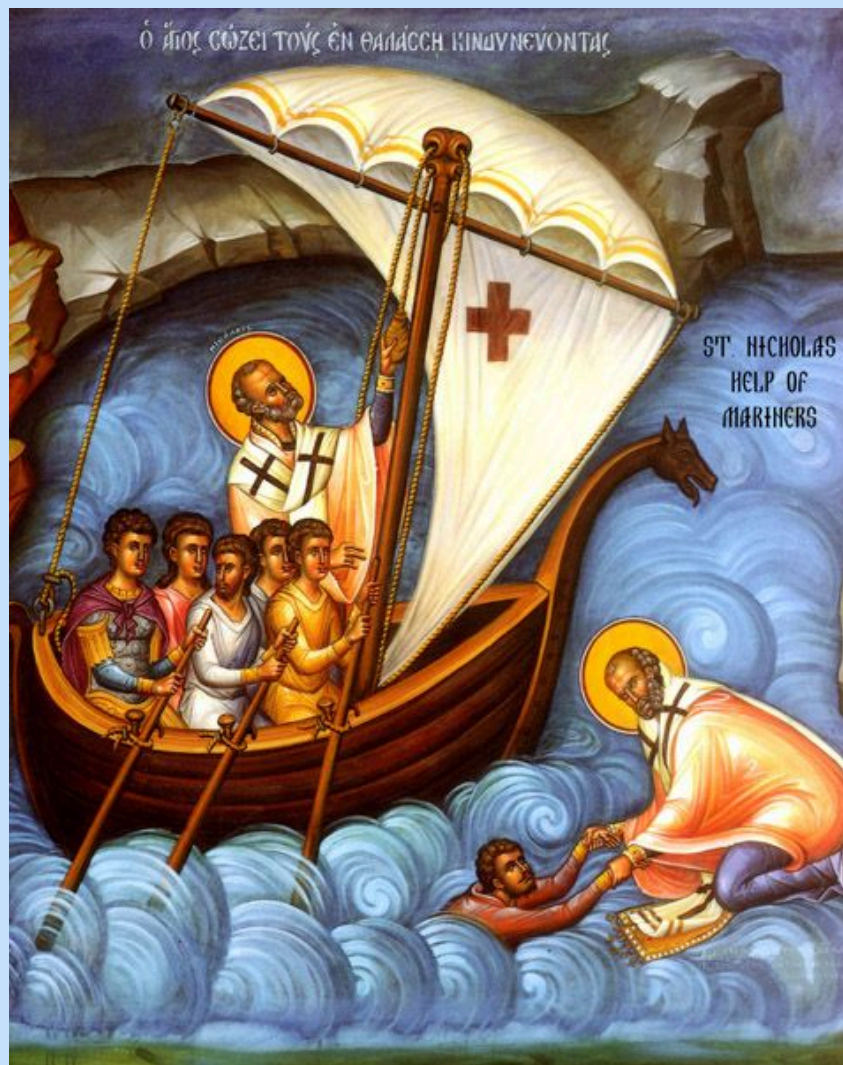




ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH WEEKLY ONLINE BULLETIN

*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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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

March 8th

Sunday of St.
Gregory
Palamas

8:00AM
ORTHROS

9:00 AM
DIVINE LITURGY

ATTENDANCE

March 1st: 163 people
2024 Average: 140 people
[Full Attendance Report](#)



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

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for reading of service

ALSO ONLINE



Narthex Servers:

EMILY
CHUCK
and
MANDY

Chanters:

CHARLIE MARGE
TERI STEVENS

Fellowship Hour hosted by the **Miminos Family**.
We wish to thank the **Splagounias Family** 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!

Sunday, March 8, 2020 | Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas


DIAKONIA
A National Ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

REFLECTIONS FROM TODAY'S READING - Mark 2:1-12
"Isn't this the son of the carpenter?"
Fr. George Pananitos



The scribes we meet in today's Gospel reading regularly oppose Jesus, but they do not oppose merely what he teaches. They oppose that he teaches in the first place. Scribes were a learned class of experts in the Law of Moses, and they seem to be the same people whom the Gospel of Luke calls "lawyers" (Luke 11:45). The Wisdom of Ben Sira explains that a scribe must be so devoted to study and learning that he must never engage in the work of a tradesman (letter), because a tradesman (poet) is busy doing all of the practical things that a city needs to thrive (18:14, 15). This is the problem the scribes have with Jesus. Jesus is a tradesman. He is called a carpenter (inkos) and the son of a carpenter (Mark 6:3). The scribes cannot accept that God has taken flesh in the form of a humble tradesman, as opposed to a learned expert in the Law of Moses. They remain fixed in old patterns of thought and belief, while Jesus has inaugurated a new age of revelation of God's grace, and the old is incompatible with the new. When Jesus says that new wine cannot be put into old wine skins (Mark 2:22), he means that our relationship to God must be completely reevaluated with the coming of Christ. The wisdom of Great Lent reminds us that today we, too, must evaluate where we ourselves are caught in ways of thinking or living that are incompatible with our Christian lives. Like the scribes, we may have false expectations about who God is and how he works in the world, and those expectations might lead us to oppose what is good and holy and true.

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


Diakonia is made possible by a generous grant from Leadership 100

Scan for today's service text
hcgc.org/pananitos


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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What's in your heart?

[READ MORE](#)

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



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

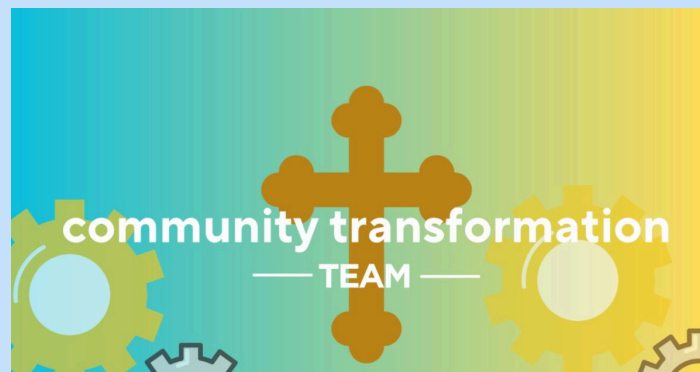
(Click the Strategic Plan Implementation report below)

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:

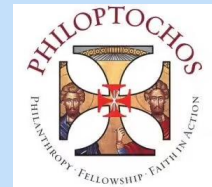
- Want to sign up for a church ministry? Fill out this survey: <https://ao.onechurchsoftware.com/stnicholaslex/forms/survey>
- Want to submit a pledge? Go to <https://stnicholaslex.onechurchsoftware.com/>, log in, and follow the prompts under the "Giving" tab
- Want to give a donation?
 - OPTION 1: If 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://ao.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 Papaathanasiou (Dr. Alexis Zallas, DVM)
Stewardship Chair

JANUARY 2026 UPDATE

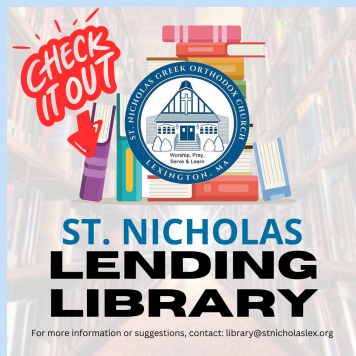
Philoptochos



[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:



AN ACCESSIBLE FAMILY RETREAT



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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 Traviyas at
annatraviyas@yahoo.com.

Join us for a parish

PASCHA POTLUCK

Picnic

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

FOLLOWING AGAPE VESPER

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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!



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

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

You'll Learn How To:

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



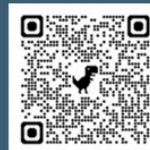
Saturday April 25, 2026
9AM-3PM

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!



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June 29 – July 5 July 6 – 12 July 13 – 19 July 20–26 July 27 – Aug 2



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