

## 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 29nd

## Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

8:00AM  
ORTHROS

9:00 AM  
DIVINE LITURGY

### ATTENDANCE

March 22nd: 125 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:

**ALEXIS  
and  
BRIAN**

Chanters:

**CHARLIE MARGE  
TERI STEVENS**

40-DAY BLESSING:

**Harrison Pedro  
Son of Julia and Pedro Falci**

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

**Nicholas Zallas (3 months)**

Fellowship Hour hosted by **Pam and Bill Brown.**

We wish to thank the **Proakis and Doukakis 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!

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*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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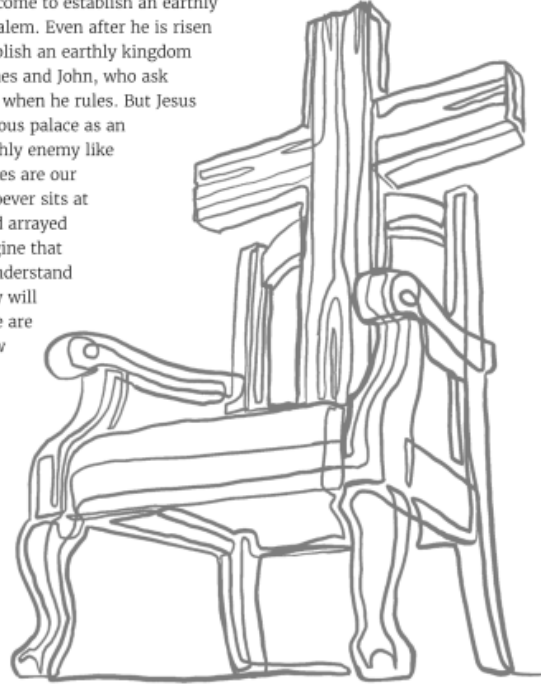
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REFLECTIONS FROM TODAY'S READING - *Mark 10:32-45*

## A King Enthroned on the Cross

Fr. George Parsenios

The disciples are confused in today's Gospel reading about the purpose of Jesus' ministry. They believe that he has come to establish an earthly kingdom, by driving the Romans from Jerusalem. Even after he is risen from the dead, they still think he has come to establish an earthly kingdom (Acts 1:6). This explains the odd question from James and John, who ask Jesus to grant them seats at his left and right hand when he rules. But Jesus did not go to Jerusalem to be enthroned in a luxurious palace as an earthly king, nor did he come to defeat a mere earthly enemy like the Romans. His throne is the cross, and his enemies are our spiritual adversaries, sin and death. Therefore, whoever sits at his left and right will not be crowned with gold and arrayed with soft robes. James and John are correct to imagine that their fate is tied to the fate of Jesus, but they misunderstand what this means. They will not rule with him. They will be crucified with him. In today's Gospel reading we are told that we, too, must pick up our cross and follow Christ. Focusing on the cross reminds us that our faith requires us to look beyond earthly wealth and comfort. We pray for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and we pray for peace on earth. But the purpose of our faith is not to establish for ourselves worldly riches or power or glory or fulfillment. The purpose of our faith is to lead us beyond the things of this earth to the things of heaven. The season of Great Lent reminds us that the Kingdom of God is not of this world, and that we must look beyond earthly comforts to find it.



Fr. George Parsenios is Professor of New Testament at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. [www.hchc.edu](http://www.hchc.edu)

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Reflections from Today's Reading



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We trust Christ's words!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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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**



## **Greek Independence Day Presentation**

Greek Independence Day presentation for Sunday 3/29 after church. There will be poems and readings in Greek and English and 3 dances!

## **Philoctocos Bake Sale Saturday April 18th!**

Philoctocos Patriots Day Bake Sale on Saturday April 18th on our front lawn, 10AM - 4PM. We will be selling baklava, frappes, and loukoumathes. Please come and support this event!

## **Pascha Egg Donations!**

A sign-up sheet for Easter Eggs is located near the kitchen. Please bring one or two dozen Hard Boiled and Colored Red eggs to be distributed at the Resurrection Service and Agape Service.

## **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 is 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](mailto:dawn@dawnmckenna.org)



# Join

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

# Our Team

Homebuilding 2026

June 22 - June 29

Contact Nicholas Zervoglos at [nzervoglos@gmail.com](mailto:nzervoglos@gmail.com) if you're interested.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR NOTES:

April 19th (April Vacation)

June 7th - Tentative last day of classes

## MINISTRIES

Strategic Planning Update

## Strategic Plan Implementation Update February 22, 2026

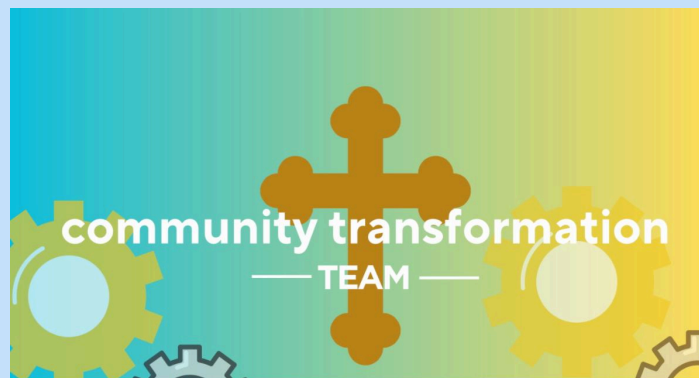


<b>Religious Education</b>	<b>Co-Captains: Maria Decoulos and Judy Gray</b>
<b>Accomplishment</b>	Finalized Religious Education Program for Sunday School. Established Target of 80% of Youth finishing the academic year (37 students).
<b>Plan</b>	Continue to track weekly attendance against the goal. Sunday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

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

<b>Renovation Program</b>	<b>Co-Captains: Carol Bearse and Bob DeVasto</b>
<b>Accomplishments</b>	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.
<b>Plan for Next Month</b>	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
36	\$100,432.00	68	\$74,578.98	33.90%	\$145,423.02

For the 2nd month in a row, we have not only pledged more but also received more donations compared to this time last year! I am so proud of the efforts we have made thus far - we are 1/3 of the way to our goal, something that took us until about April 2025!

Quick links:

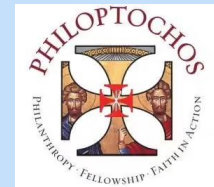
- Want to sign up for a church ministry? Fill out this survey: <https://www.onechurchsoftware.com/stnicholas/Forms/S>
- Want to submit a pledge? Go to <https://stnicholaslex.onechurchsoftware.com>, log in, and follow the prompts under the "\$ Giving" tab
- Want to give a donation?
  - OPTION 1: If you 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://www.onechurchsoftware.com/stnicholas/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](mailto:stewardship@stnicholaslex.org)

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

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

## FEBRUARY 2026 UPDATE

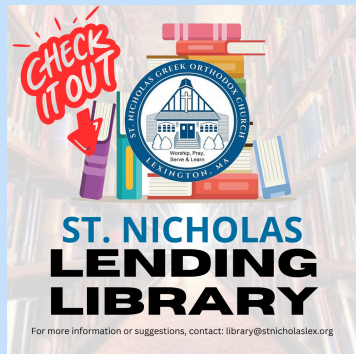
## Philoptochos



[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](mailto:rdiorio18@gmail.com) by noon on Friday, and they will appear in the electronic bulletin. Also be sure to copy [office@stnicholaslex.org](mailto:office@stnicholaslex.org) by Wednesday noon if you would like the content to appear in the paper bulletin.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

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Join us for

# SATURDAY OF LAZARUS

**8 am Orthros**  
**9 am Divine Liturgy**



*followed by a*  
**PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST**

**PALM CROSS  
MAKING**

**Cleaning &  
Preparations**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**  
**HELPING HANDS WELCOMED**  
**IN THE KITCHEN!**





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](mailto:annatraviat@yahoo.com).

**10 APRIL 2026**

# *Holy* **Friday** **RETREAT**

**11 AM to 2 PM**

We welcome you to come decorate the Kouvouklion and there will be activities for the children.



Join us for a parish

# PASCHA POTLUCK *Picnic*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12**

**FOLLOWING AGAPE VESPERS**

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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

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**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

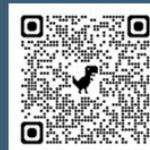


**Saturday April 25, 2026**  
**9AM-3PM**

**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



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<b>SESSION 1</b>	<b>SESSION 2</b>	<b>SESSION 3</b>	<b>SESSION 4</b>	<b>SESSION 5</b>
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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