

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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NOVEMBER SERVICES

Sunday, November 5

5th Sunday of Luke

Orthos **8:30 am**

Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Sunday, November 12

8th Sunday of Luke

Orthos **8:30 am**

Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Sunday, November 19

9th Sunday of Luke

Orthos **8:30 am**

Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Tuesday, November 21

Entrance of the Theotokos

Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Sunday, November 26

13th Sunday of Luke

Orthos **8:30 am**

Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Bible Study

November 2, Thursday

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

November 9, Thursday

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

November 14, Tuesday

6:15 pm – 7:45 pm

November 28, Tuesday

6:15 pm – 7:45 pm

November 30, Thursday

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

“GIVING THANKS”

“I will praise the name of God with a song;
I will magnify Him with thanksgiving.” Psalm 69:30

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thanksgiving is an essential expression of our worship and prayer as Orthodox Christians. When we gather in our parishes and when we direct our minds and hearts toward God seeking His guidance, we offer our deepest gratitude to Him for His love and the gift of salvation. We do this through praise of His greatness, through words and exclamations of honor that magnify His glory, and through actions of respect, which show the reverent state of our hearts.

In fulfilling the divine call to live in holiness, Thanksgiving becomes a visible witness of God’s indwelling power and presence. Our hearts are filled with gratitude because our souls, our minds, indeed, all of our being is aware of and committed to the will of God. Our complete faith in His wisdom and in the knowledge of the truth gives us an experience and perspective of life that accentuates the blessings and the hope of salvation. We are grateful for what was, what is, and what will come because we know that our lives are in the hands of our Creator.

This assurance that comes from faith is reflected in thanksgiving, in all moments of our earthly lives. While we all encounter moments of difficulty or even times of crisis in our lives; as people of faith, our response is not one of despair, hopelessness, or sorrow. Rather, we face the challenges of life by placing our complete trust in God, by acknowledging His love for us, and by magnifying Him with thanksgiving, to paraphrase the Psalmist quoted above.

“GIVING THANKS” continued

We are reminded of this and of the deeper, spiritual relevance of thanksgiving as we celebrate a very traditional and beloved holiday of our great American nation, Thanksgiving Day. On this day people from across the land gather with family and friends in a spirit of love and fellowship, sharing in life and happiness, and offering thanks to God for His blessings and innumerable gifts. Many will show their gratitude by reaching out to those in need through offering gifts of food or by serving a meal. These are very beautiful expressions of love and gratitude which are entirely consistent with our identity as Orthodox Christians, expressions which this wonderful holiday emphasizes so clearly.

On this Thanksgiving Day, it is my fervent prayer that the blessings of our Lord be upon all of you as you gather in love and fellowship to offer gratitude to God for all that we have as Orthodox Christians, who are blessed to live in the United States of America. May His infinite love and perfect peace be with you on this day and always as we praise His most magnificent name and as we come together to give thanks for His abundant blessings.

† **DEMETRIOS**
Archbishop of America

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JAMMING WITH FATHER CHRISTOPHER

“You have not had jam until you’ve had our jam!”

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

Please join us on **Thursday, November 16th** for a morning and afternoon of jam making, Bible study and good old fashion para. This event is scheduled to take place in our Church Hall.

For over two years our Parish has been producing the finest fruit jams that you have ever tasted. Those who have tasted our fruit spreads will attest to their fine texture and mouth-watering flavor. The recipe is simple as is the entire process. What is required is your time and patience. The process cannot be rushed.

Order of events are as follows:

11:00am – arrival time and fruit preparation

11:45-2:00pm – jam will simmer on low heat

While jam is simmering, we will take turns stirring the pot while holding our Bible study and taking lunch.

2:00pm – ladle jam into sterilized jars

2:15pm – process jars in boiling water

While jars are processing, we will clean up our tools and work station.

3:00pm – finished!

Only 10 seats are available for this class. Please RSVP to greekchurchips@verizon.net or call Father Chris directly.

In His Service
Father Christopher Kolentsas

MELISSA NEWS

Melissa Meeting

The November Melissa meeting and dinner will be held on **Wednesday, November 1st at 6:30pm**. All women are invited to join. Please contact Chris Sarantopoulos at 978-356-3894 for information. We will meet at the Blue Marlin in Essex.

January 2024 Raffle Calendar

The Melissa Women's Society will soon be selling January 2024 Raffle Calendars. You will have over 31 chances to win. The calendars cost \$10 each. The drawings will be held on Sundays in January. The calendars will make great Christmas gifts. Please contact Melissa members to purchase calendars. They will also be sold after church services. For more information, please contact Chris Sarantopoulos cesarantopoulos@hotmail.com or at 978-356-3894.

Melissa Bake Sale

On **Saturday, November 18th** the Melissa Society's biannual bake sale will be held at the Ipswich Town Hall during the Ipswich Council on Aging Craft Fair. If you are contributing baked goods, please bring your items between 8:00am – 9:00am during our set up. The sale will begin at 9:00 am and ends at 2:00 pm. We welcome the community as well as parishioners to come and purchase delicious desserts! January 2024 Raffle Calendars filled with wonderful prizes will also be sold. The remaining pastries will be sold after church on Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Sarantopoulos at 978-356-3894 or email cesarantopoulos@hotmail.com. Thank you for your continued support.

Coat Collection

As the cold weather approaches, The Melissa Women's Society will be participating in John Anton's Cleaners "Coat Collection". From now until Dec 16th, parishioners may bring coats to our church hall where they may be placed in a collection bin. The coats will be delivered to John Anton's Cleaners in Andover where they will be cleaned and sent to different local charities. Please support this worthwhile endeavor.

Melissa Sock Drive

The Melissa Women's Society is sponsoring a Friend's of Boston's Homeless Sock Drive. A labeled bin will be set up in our church hall during the months of October and November. Please drop off white socks there. Or, you may drop socks off at a labeled bin or have them delivered to: Christina Sarantopoulos
7 Brownville Ave.
Ipswich, MA 01938

Your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank You!

GOYA NEWS

The GOYA hosted a meeting on October 15th and prepared lunches for My Brother's Table. A special thank you to Jeanne and Angela Donahue for organizing and delivering the lunches. We would also like to thank the following families for their donations:

The Berry Family
 The Donahue Family
 The Foustoukos Family
 The Nikolakopoulos Family
 The Scangas Family



Christmas Wreaths

Once again, this year the GOYA will be offering Christmas wreaths for sale. We intend to decorate them on the Saturday following Thanksgiving and you'll have the option to either collect them in the morning (with location TBD) or have them delivered to your doorstep. Keep an eye out for an upcoming email featuring a variety of ribbon choices. We sincerely appreciate your continued support for our GOYA

Event Dates

November 19 th	GOYA Meeting (following Church in the choir)
November 25 th	Wreath Assembly/Cookie jars?
December 9 th	Philoxenia House (meet at Church 10:00am)
December 17 th	GOYA Meeting (following Church in the choir)
December TBD	Christmas Caroling
January 5 th or 6 th	GOYA Game Night (5:00 – 7:00pm TBD)
January 8 th	Dinner Bell (Tentative)
January 21 st	GOYA Meeting (Following Church in the choir)

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Melissa Meeting 6:30pm @ Blue Marlin	2 Bible Study 11:00am-12:30pm	3	4
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