

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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OCTOBER SERVICES

Sunday, October 1

2nd Sunday of Luke
Orthos **8:30 am**
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Sunday, October 8

3rd Sunday of Luke
Orthos **8:30 am**
Divine Liturgy **9:00 am**

Sunday, October 15

7th Ecumenical Council
Orthos **8:30 am**
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Sunday, October 22

6th Sunday of Luke
Orthos **8:30 am**
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Wednesday, October 25

St. Demetrius
Vesperal Liturgy **5:30 pm**

Sunday, October 29

7th Sunday of Luke
Orthos **8:30 am**
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Bible Study

October 3, Tuesday

6:15 pm – 7:45 pm

October 5, Thursday

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

October 10, Tuesday

6:15 pm – 7:45 pm

October 17, Tuesday

6:15 pm – 7:45 pm

October 24, Tuesday

6:15 pm – 7:45 pm

ST. JAMES (IAKOVOS), OCTOBER 23

For a man whose kinship with Jesus Christ was so close the he has been referred to as the “brother of the Lord,” when actually it is generally believed that he was a cousin to the Savior, surprisingly little is known to detail a full account of his life. The holy memory of his life was assured, if by nothing else than the simple fact that he was related to the Nazarene. But enough is known of the life of St. James to establish him as a saint of his own merits, as a man of God who, though not one of the original apostles, equaled them in stature through his accomplishments in the early Christian Church.

It was through divine intervention that St. James came to acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God and through divine guidance that he came to be one of the founders of the Christian Church, as attested by a chapter of Corinthians in the New Testament of the Bible.

St. James espoused Christianity, the religion, in the dark days of paganism and spiritual ignorance. This act was a crime which was tantamount to ostracism, in the least, and possibly the ultimate penalty of death. In the midst of this stark menace, James never wavered in his mission for Christ nor slackened his pace for the advancement of Christianity.

Dubbed St. James the Just for his piety and wisdom, St. James was a Nazarene, blessed with an endowment of righteousness. He was also equipped with a strength of character that was so imperative for the successful injection of the way of the Savior into the everyday life of the common, ignorant man, whose need for the knowledge of the Lord was critical. St. James met the many challenges of Christianity in masterful fashion and it is to him and the other early Fathers of the Church that Christians owe a debt of gratitude for being able to rejoice in Jesus Christ.

After the Pentecost, St. James (Iakovos to the Greeks) was entrusted with the sacred honor of converting the people of Jerusalem to Christianity, a mission in which he was eminently successful and which brought him a reputation that elevated him to the rank of bishop of Jerusalem.

ST. JAMES (IAKOVOS), OCTOBER 23, cont...

Long a center of religious controversy, the city of Jerusalem was to provide for St. James a platform for his mighty oratory, a platform which was, however to be his scaffold for death. He was capable of stirring the passions of men, some of whom sought to destroy him, but none of whom failed to admire and respect him.

It was as much out of respect for him, as well as envy, that an appeal was sent to him, the kinsman of the Lord, to answer the burning questions raised about the Messiah. In his answer, the scribes and Pharisees had hoped they would find his condemnation, and the populace hoped it would end the doubts of some in their midst. He ascended to the rooftop of the temple in Jerusalem, flanked by those bent on destroying him and the threat his new Church represented. St. James might have equivocated or compromised in this perilous situation. He did neither. Refusing to disavow Christ, he openly declared his faith in Jesus and exhorted those below not to be intimidated into retaining old beliefs that would exclude them from the company of Christ.

The public demonstration of faith in Jesus Christ was more than his enemies could bear, and James was pushed off the rooftop, plunging to the courtyard below in a fall that should have killed him immediately. James survived, but only to be stoned to death. The date of his martyrdom is given as 61, but it was not until late in the first century that true reverence was paid to St. James, principally because few but the most scholarly in that period of great illiteracy came to know him through his eloquent epistle.

George Poulos, Orthodox Saints, Volume Four. Brookline 2005, pp. 88-90.

JAMMING WITH FATHER CHRIS

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

Father Christopher Kolentsas & Family

My dear brother and sisters in the Lord,

Please join us on Thursday, **October 19th** for a morning and afternoon of jam making, Bible study and good old fashioned para. This even is schedule to take place in our Church Hall.

For over one year 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:

11:00 am – Arrival time and fruit preparation

11:45am – 2:00 pm – simmer the jam on low heat stirring jam constantly.

White Jam is simmering, we will take turns stirring the pot while holding our Bible study.

2:00 pm – ladle jam into sterilized jars

2:15 pm – process jars in boiling water

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

3:00 pm – Finished!!

There are only 10 seats available. Please RSVP at greekchurchips@verizon.net



In His Service,
Father Christopher

Sunday School

Sunday school began with a successful first day on October 1st!! We welcome any new children to register in grades Pre-k through Seventh using the link provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Elayne Georgoulakos at 978-618-3844 or email sundayschool@greekorthodoxchurchipswich.org

Thank you again and we look forward to a great year!

[Sunday School Registration](#)

Greek School

We are happy to announce our Greek school program will be starting up again on **Monday, October 16th**. Classes will be held in the church hall on **Mondays 4:00pm – 7:00p** with potential of adding days.

Yearly fees are as follows and must be paid prior to the 1st day of class.

\$200 for the first child
\$100 for each additional child
\$400 maximum per family

Families are required to pre-register children First grade+ (ages 6+), prior to the commencement of the program.

To register please contact Marina Catalini at 978-810-0910 or use the following link.

[Greek School Registration](#)

As always, if there is a family hardship, please contact Father Christopher privately at 774-372-9107.

Melissa News

September 17th Family/Parishioner Picnic

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the recent family/parishioner picnic held under the tent at our beautiful Hellenic Center. It was a perfect day. We wish to thank Connie James and Christine Sarantopoulos for their generous monetary donations. Nick and Joan Vontzalides for their food donation and all our wonderful volunteers. Great para!

Melissa Meeting

The next Melissa meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 4th** at the Salt Water Grille in Gloucester at **6:30pm**. Please contact Christine Sarantopoulos at 978-356-3894- or cesarantopoulos@hotmail.com for more information. New members are always welcome to join this hardworking group of women who help to beautify our beloved church.

Dinner Bell

The women of Melissa will be sponsoring and serving the Dinner Bell meals on **Monday, October 16th** at **5:00pm** at the Masonic Temple on Topsfield Road in Ipswich. Please arrive at 4:45pm to assist. Meals will be served by 5:00pm.

Melissa Sock Drive

The Melissa Women's Society is sponsoring a Friend's of Boston's Homeless Sock Drive.

"Fresh, clean socks are vital for people's health, warmth, comfort and dignity and the least donated item to people in greatest need. By participating in Operation Sock Drop you not only help keep our community's most vulnerable neighbors safe and healthy, but you will also help maintain their dignity and comfort during this most difficult time in their lives. The shelters give out over 8,000 pairs/year so we are always in great need!" (Copied from Operation Sock Drop)

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: Christine Sarantopoulos, 7 Brownville Ave, Ipswich, MA 01938

Your support will be greatly appreciated. Thank You

Melissa Deceased Member's Coffee Hour

The Melissa Women's Society will be sponsoring a memorial service and coffee hour after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, **October 29th**. All Melissa members are invited to the memorial service, as well as anyone who had a mother, grandmother, or other family member of this group. May their memories be eternal.

DONATIONS MADE TO THE CHURCH

In Loving Memory of Father John Govostes

Emily Beck & John Levisohn

In Loving Memory of Andrew Nickas

Nicholas Votze

In Loving Memory of Alice Nahatis

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Gloria Landy
Tim & Sandra Kirby
George & Stacey Kacoyanis
Ronald & Mary Skates
George & Ann Koshivas
John & Josephine Marino

In Loving Memory of Xenophon & Helen Sarantopoulos

Sarantopoulos Family

In Loving Memory of James Arvanites

Wanda Arvanites

General Donations

Favalora Family

Hellenic Center Building Fund

Connie James in memory of Alice Nahatis

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>2nd Sunday of Luke Orthos 8:30am Liturgy 9:30am</p> <p>1st Day of Sunday School 9:30am</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Bible Study 6:15pm – 7:45pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Melissa Meeting 6:30pm @Salt Water Grill in Gloucester</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Bible Study 11:00am – 12:30pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>3rd Sunday of Luke Orthos 8:30am Liturgy 9:30am</p> <p>No Sunday School</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bible Study 6:15pm – 7:45pm</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council Orthos 8:30am Liturgy 9:30am</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30am</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1st Day of Greek School 4:00-7:00pm</p> <p>Dinner Bell 5:00 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Bible Study 6:15pm – 7:45pm</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Jamming with Father Chris 11:00am – 3:00pm along with Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>6th Sunday of Luke Orthos 8:30am Liturgy 9:30am</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30am</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Greek School 4:00 -7:00pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Bible Study 6:15pm – 7:45pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>St. Demetrius Liturgy 5:30 pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>7th Sunday of Luke Orthos 8:30am Liturgy 9:30am</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30am</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Greek School 4:00-7:00pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Happy Halloween</p> 				