Saint Spyridon Greek Orthodox Cathedral

St. John the Hut-Dweller
A study in Christian resolve and denial

January 15, 2017
Welcome to the Saint Spyridon Cathedral in Worcester, Massachusetts. We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today. It is our hope that your visit here will bring you many blessings from God. Please be sure to tell us if you are visiting or if you are new to our community. Our Church Family worships the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and every Sunday, the Lord’s Day, we commemorate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our mission is to live the Holy Gospel in accordance with the Orthodox Faith; towards sanctification through God’s grace in worship, the Divine Liturgy and the Sacraments: glorifying God through all joys and struggles; and as a Church Community, in Christian love, we seek to do His will so that through His mercy, we may attain His Kingdom. We are blessed to have the slippers of St. Spyridon, which are located in the narthex of the Church, please be sure to venerate them. We pray you have a blessed day and that you visit with us again soon. Also, please remember that one must be an Orthodox Christian in order to receive Holy Communion. If you would like to embrace the Orthodox Faith, please see Father Dimitrios Moraitis. May God Bless you!

Ιανουαριου 15, 2017 ΙΒ Κυριακη του Λουκα

MEMORIALS
Panagiotis Moraitis-9 days
Vasiliki “Bessie” Yotides-40 days
Aglia Papa-40 days
Efijeni Kote-40 days
Stamatia Athanasiou-3 years

TRISAGION
Aphrodite Cocavessis-40 days

COFFEE HOUR
Coffee hour is sponsored in loving memory of Panagiotis Moraitis, Vasiliki “Bessie” Yotides, Stamatia Athanasiou, Aglaia Papa, Efijeni Kote and Aphrodite Cocavessis by their families.

Also, in loving memory of Kyriaki Skyrianoglou by the Mihelioudakis and Bageris families.

In loving memory of George Panagiotidis and Ioannis & Rodi Alexiadis by Soultsana Panagiotidis and family.

In loving memory of Evangeli “Angelo” Zoto for 1 year memorial service last Sunday.

SUNDAY SERVICES
Orthros 8:30am
Divine Liturgy 9:45am

WEEKDAY LITURGY
St. Anthony
Tuesday, January 17, 2017
Orthros 8:30am
Divine Liturgy 9:45 am

St. Athanasios
Wednesday, January 18, 2017
Orthros 8:30am
Divine Liturgy 9:45 am

ALTAR FLOWERS
Altar Flowers are sponsored in loving memory of Vasiliki “Bessie” Yotides, Stamatia Athanasiou, and Aphrodite Cocavessis by their families.

Saints of the Day
Paul of Thebes
John the Hut-Dweller

Οι Αγιοι της Ημερας
Παύλος ο Θεσπ. Ιωάννης ο Καλυβίτης
Entrance Hymns

Apolytikion

Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

For The Memorials

Keep Thy servants in remembrance, O Lord, since Thou art good; and do Thou forgive every sin in this life; for no man is without sin, except for Thee Who art able to grant rest even unto him who has departed hence.

Saint Spyridon

Father, God-bearer, Spyridon, you were proven a champion and Wonder Worker of the First Ecumenical Council. You spoke to the girl in the grave and turned the serpent to gold. And, when chanting your prayers, most sacred One, angels ministered with you. Glory to Him who glorified you; glory to Him who crowned you; glory to Him who, through you, works healing for all.

Kontakion

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One

Εισοδικα

Απολυτικιον

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἄνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ηὐδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῖτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Αναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Για τα Μνημοσύνα

Μνησθῇ Κυρίε ός αγαθός των δουλών σου, καὶ οσά εν βίω ημαρτών, συγχωρήσον, ἵνα μὴ Σὺ ο δύναμε νος, καὶ τοις μεταστασοίς δοῦναι τὴν ανα παυσιν.

Απολυτίκιον του Αγίου Σπυρίδωνος

Της Συνόδου της πρώτης ανεδείχθης υπέρμαχος, και θαυματουργός Θεοφόρε, Σπυρίδων Πατήρ ημῶν, διὸ νεκρά συ εν τάφω προσφωνείς, και όφιν εις χρυσούν μετέβαλες, καὶ εν τω μέλπειν τας αγίας σου ευχάς, Ἀγγέλους εσκες συλλειτουργούντας σοι Ιερώτατε, Δοξά τω σε δοξάσαντι, δόξα τω σε στεφανώσαντι, δόξα τω ενεργούντι διὰ σου πάσιν ιάματα.

Κοντακιον

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἁγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σουν, καὶ χείρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλείς οὓς ἡγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.
BRETHREN, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.
Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἰσερχομένου αὐτοῦ εἰς τινα κώμην ἀπήντησαν αὐτῷ δέκα λεπροί ἄνδρες, οἱ ἐστησαν πόρρωθεν, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἦραν φωνὴν λέγοντες· Ἰησοῦ ἐπιστάτα, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. καὶ ἰδὼν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· πορευθέντες ἐπιδείξατε ἑαυτοὺς τοῖς ἱερεῦσιν. καὶ ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ ὑπάγειν ἐκαθαρίσθησαν. εἷς δὲ ἐξ αὐτῶν, ἰδὼν ὅτι ἰάθη, ὑπέστρεψε μετὰ φωνῆς μεγάλης δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν, καὶ ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ πρόσωπον παρὰ τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ εὐχαριστῶν αὐτῷ· καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν Σαμαρείτης. Ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· οὐχὶ οἱ δέκα ἐκαθαρίσθησαν; οἱ δὲ ἐννέα ποῦ; οὐχ εὑρέθησαν ὑποστρέψαντες δοῦναι δόξαν τῷ Θεῷ εἰ μή ὁ ἀλλογενὴς οὗτος; καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀναστὰς πορεύου· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε.

Fasting / Νηστεία
Normal fasting rules apply.
GOYA

GOYA will meet in the Cotsidas Cultural Center on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6:30pm.

AHEPÁ Dinner Dance
Saturday, February 11, 2017
6:30 Cocktails
7:00pm Chicken Dinner $20pp
Please reserve: Mariana Kouliosis 508-752-9662, Phil Fotiadis 774-253-0564, George Economou, 508-887-6235

GREEK SCHOOL
There will be NO Greek School on Monday, Jan. 16, 2017 to celebrate Martin Luther King Day.

Parish Council Oath of Office-TODAY
The Parish Council will be taking the Oath of Office on Sunday, January 15, 2017 immediately following Divine Liturgy. We wish to thank the outgoing members of the Parish Council for a job well done.

Little Angels 2016-2017
Tuesday afternoons 2:30 to 4:00
January 17th,
February 7th & 21st,
March, 7th & 21st,
April 4th & 18th,
May 2nd & 16th,
June 6th

Things all Church Members Should Think About
• Some minds are like concrete
  Thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.
• Peace starts with a smile
• We’re called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges

HOLY TRINITY

Holy Trinity’s new Administrator, Jerry Shaffer, is looking forward to meeting with all parishioners in the Orthodox community. Stay tuned for details!

Residents are looking forward to St. Spyridon Greek Ladies Philoptochos Society hosting a coffee social on Thursday, January 19th, 2:00pm at Holy Trinity.

Also, St. Mary’s Women’s Guild will be hosting a coffee social on Thursday, January 26th, 2:00pm at Holy Trinity.

Check out Holy Trinity’s December 2016 newsletter online @ http://htnr.net/community-relations.html

St. Spyridon High School Basketball

BASKETBALL NEWS:

An enjoyable joint Basketball clinic was held on December 19th with GOYA GIRLS & BOYS HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS.

The theme of the evening was to encourage sportsmanship & gain greater understanding of Referee & their role in the games.

Please THANK our COACHES: EVAN LEASCA High School Boys & HELENA KIRITSY for their voluntary time & dedication.

Also, a former player from our Cathedral, STEVE GOGOS who resides in Brighton, MA & is a Certified Referee, was the Keynote speaker.

FIRST HALF BASKETBALL SEASON: WORCESTER DIOCESE LEAGUE

January 7th Saturday 1:15 vs Christ the King @ Assumption College
January 8th Sunday @ 2:30 vs St Rose of Lima # 3 @ Assumption College
January 14th Saturday @ 2:30 vs St Rose Lima @ 1 @ Assumption College
January 15th Sunday @ 2:30pm vs St Patrick @ Assumption College
January 21st Saturday @ 7:40pm vs St Rose Lima #2 @ Mt Carmel
January 22nd Sunday @ 8:20pm vs St Mary’s #1 @ Mt Carmel

JANUARY 13-16th
METROPOLIS of BOSTON INVITATIONAL TOURNEY held at Hellenic College in Brookline, MA
BIBLE STUDY
What Jesus says about Marriage and Celibacy

Wednesday, February 1, 2017
7:00 pm

Come join us as we study what Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew concerning marriage and celibacy and how the church interprets it.
Orthodoxy 101
The Fourth Crusades and the Fall of Constantinople

Wednesday, January 25th
7:00pm

Please come to this informative presentation where Fr. Dimitri will talk about how the Fourth Crusades sealed the fate for the permanent Schism between the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church.
NEW YEAR SERVICES

THE NEW YEAR 2017

Sunday, January 1, New Year’s Day - Circumcision of Christ and Feast of St. Basil Divine Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m.
Thursday, January 5, Eve of Epiphany – Vesperal Liturgy 8:45 a.m.
Friday, January 6, Holy Epiphany – Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. GREAT BLESSING OF THE WATERS
Saturday, January 7, Synaxis of St. John the Baptist – Orthros 8:30 a.m Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, January 8, Sunday after Epiphany – Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, January 15, 12th Sunday of Luke - Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m.
Tuesday, January 17, St Anthony – Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 18, St. Athanasios – Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, January 22, 15th Sunday of Luke, Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, January 25, St. Gregory the Theologian, Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, January 29, 17th Sunday of Mathew (The Canaanite Woman) - Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m.
Monday, January 30, Three Hierarchs, Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

NEON ETOΣ 2017

Κυριακή 1 Ιανουαρίου ΤΟ ΝΕΟΝ ΕΤΟΣ – Η περιποίη Ιησού Χριστού, Ορθρός 8:30 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία 9:45 π.μ.
Πέμπτη 5 Ιανουαρίου Παραμονή Θεοφανείαν – Εσπερινή Θεία Λειτουργία 8:45 π.μ.
Παρασκευή 6 Ιανουαρίου ΤΑ ΑΓΙΑ ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΑ – Μέγας Αγιασμός – Ορθρός 8:30 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία 9:30 π.μ.
Σάββατο 7 Ιανουαρίου Σύναξις προς Τιμήν Ιωάννου του Προδρόμου – Ορθρός 8:30 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία 9:30 π.μ.
Κυριακή 8 Ιανουαρίου Κυριακή μετά τα Φάτα – Ορθρός 8:30 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία 9:45 π.μ.
Κυριακή 15 Ιανουαρίου 12ον Κυριακή του Λουκα – Ορθρός 8:30 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία 9:45 π.μ.
Τρίτη 17 Ιανουαρίου Αντώνιος ο Μέγας – Ορθρός 8:30 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία 9:30 π.μ.
Τετάρτη 18 Ιανουαρίου Αθανασίου του Μεγάλου – Ορθρός 8:30 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία 9:30 π.μ.
Κυριακή 22 Ιανουαρίου 15ον Κυριακή του Λουκά – Ορθρός 8:30 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία 9:45 π.μ.
Τετάρτη 25 Ιανουαρίου Αγίου Γλησσορίου – Ορθρός 8:30 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία 9:30 π.μ.
Κυριακή 29 Ιανουαρίου 17ον Κυριακή του Ματθαίου (Της Ηαναναίας) – Ορθρός 8:30 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία 9:45 π.μ.
Δευτέρα 30 Ιανουαρίου Των Τριών Ιεραρχών – Ορθρός 8:30 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία 9:30 π.μ.
Parish Council Oath of Office

TODAY!

The Parish Council will be taking the Oath of Office today, Sunday January 15, 2017 immediately following Divine Liturgy. We would like to take the opportunity to welcome the incoming members:
George Maniatis
Dean Alexandrou

........joining existing members:
Georgia Parafestas
Michael Dionis
Joan Theros
George Panagiotopoulos
George Gourousis
George Economou
Eleftherios “Teddy” Fotos
Nick Paleologos
Christos Tsigas
Evangelia Leka Velentzas

........and THANK, from the bottom of our hearts, the outgoing members:
Sideris Angelou
Gus Giannakis
Demitrios Economou
Nick Moudios
George Taliadouros
The Feeding Ministry is commencing with a Luncheon to be served to the Poor and Needy on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 12:00pm in the St. Spyridon Cotsidas Cultural Center. This month’s meal is donated by Savas Fotiadis and his family, proprietors of The Manor Restaurant and served by members of the Philoptochos and parish volunteers. The Feeding Ministry will be scheduled one Saturday a month in conjunction with the Council of Eastern Orthodox Churches of Central Massachusetts and the Food Pantry. If you would like to volunteer please speak with Fr. Dimitri or contact Maria Kassos.

Thank you for participating in the Lord’s Work.
Fr. Dimitri offered benediction after Sheriff Lew Evangelidis was sworn into office.
Saint Spyridon Ladies Philoptochos Society

ANNUAL VASILOPITA LUNCHEON
SUNDAY JANUARY 22nd
FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY

DONATION: $20.00 for Adults $10.00 Children 10 & under

Roasted Chicken with

Roasted Potatoes & Vegetables

Salad & Rolls

Coffee & Dessert

Please call Maryanna Kouliasis 508-752-9662 for reservations

*Tables of 8 will be reserved, please list names on back of flyer & please submit this form with payment to the

St. Spyridon Cathedral Office by January 19, 2017

Proceeds to benefit the St. Basil's Academy

“To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach to preserve the sanctity of life and family and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions...”
The blessing of our homes with the Holy Water of Epiphany is a meaningful way to begin the New Year. This beautiful tradition of our Orthodox Church allows us to start the year off in a most holy way by sanctifying our homes—the place where we spend most of our time. Please have an icon, a list of the living members of your family, a bowl as well as a spring of Basil or some other plant. We will bring the holy water, the cross and a copy of the service so you can follow along. The following days and times are available for house blessings. We ask that you please contact your neighbors to find a day and a block of time that satisfies all of you. For instance, you should contact your neighbors that live on your block, as well as other parishioners who live within a mile of your home, and schedule them either before or after your blessing. This will help us tremendously, especially since there are so many families, and we are still getting to know the neighborhoods around the Church. Please remember to allow at least 30 minutes for each house blessing. These dates are on a first come first serve basis. Contact the Church office to book your time. The available dates and times are as follows:

Monday, January 16, 12:00pm - 8:00pm  
Tuesday, January 17, 11:00am – 6:00pm  
Wednesday, January 18, 11:00am - 9:00pm  
Thursday, January 19, 9:00am – 6:00pm  
Friday, January 20, 9:00am – 5:00pm  
Saturday, January 21, 9:00am - 9:00pm  
Monday, January 23, 9:00pm - 9:00pm  
Tuesday, January 24, 11:00am - 6:00pm  
Wednesday, January 25, 11:00am - 6:00pm  
Thursday, January 26, 9:00am - 9:00pm  
Friday, January 27, 9:00pm - 9:00pm  
Saturday, January 28, 9:00am - 9:00pm
JOY
The Junior Orthodox Youth (JOY) group of our Cathedral is open to children between 3rd - 6th grades. The group is based on four characteristics of Orthodox Christianity: Worship, Fellowship, Witness, and Service. JOY is an Orthodox Christian youth group that helps our children experience and explore the orthodox faith. Is a group, to enjoy fellowship, and to have FUN! The events are geared to not only bring the youth of Saint Spyridon together in a fun and educational way, but also to start to plant the seeds of giving back to the community through charity projects. We look forward to seeing your child in our youth group and helping them to grow closer to our Lord Jesus Christ.

HOPE
The Hellenic Orthodox Primary Education group (HOPE) is a ministry for children from Kindergarten through second grade. Some of the activities include meetings with Fr. Dimitri; faith-learning crafts and snack time; field trips; and seasonal activities.

Parents with children in K-6th grades are encouraged to become active in these ministries. Please check our Weekly Bulletin for upcoming parish and regional HOPE & JOY events. For further information please welcome, and contact our new JOY/HOPE ministry leader Anna Coulouras @ 508-887-1828

JOY and HOPE will meet on Friday, January 20, 2017 at 5:30pm

AHEPA Dinner Dance

Order of Ahepa
We invite all our members as well as
Non- members and friends
To our Annual Dinner Dance to be held at
The Ahepa Home with Music Provided By
Our own DJ

PLEASE REPLY BEFORE FEBRUARY 8, 2017
Please contact:
Marianna Kouisis (508-752-9662)
Phil Fotiades (774-253-0564)
George Economou (508-887-6235)

SATURDAY NITE FEBRUARY 11, 2017
6.30 P.M. Cocktail Hour
7.00 P.M. Dinner
Menu
Complete Chicken Dinner,
With Salad, Dessert and Coffee
Donation; $20.00 per person
RESEVATION IS A MUST!!!!!!!!!
THE ENDLESS SEARCH FOR GOD

Today we feature ST. JOHN THE HUT-DWELLER, who lived in Constantinople during the fifth century. As a boy, he came into contact with some monks of the Church and was drawn by the Lord to monasticism. He asked his parents for a gift of the Book of Gospels. Although somewhat surprised that a youngster would ask for such a gift, the parents obtained for him a fine illustrated volume of the Gospels.

In the Scriptures the boy read: “He that loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me.” These words of Christ brought to a climax the boy’s desire. He left home and joined himself with the monks.

After some six years, he felt a desire to see his parents again. So he left the monastery. Returning home, he did not make himself known to his parents. Dressed in the clothes of a beggar, he begged at the father’s house. The father gave him food from the kitchen and the mother asked the servants to house him in a little hut on their property.

Three years later, as he was dying, he sent for his mother and revealed himself to her. She recognized the book she had given him years before. This humble saint passed into eternity around 450 AD. He was buried beneath the hut, and his parents built a church over his tomb.

The Orthodox Weekly Bulletin

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*GOAL amount includes the 2016 Stewardship Budget Receipts of $330,000.00. Funds reflect all monies received in 2017. We suggest you budget your Stewardship contribution as you do your monthly home expenses.

Our Cathedral must meet the financial needs of its ministries and annual operating budget by way of its Christian Stewardship Program. It is each and everyone’s responsibility to accept honor and support your role as a Contributing Steward. Please pledge your Required Stewardship Contribution now, if you have not done so. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.