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ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΙΕΡΩΝ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ/CHURCH SERVICES ~ ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΣ 2010 / APRIL 2010

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ	ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ	ΤΡΙΤΗ	ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ	ΠΕΜΠΤΗ	ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ	ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 HOLY & GREAT THURSDAY <i>(see Holy Week schedule for services through Pascha)</i>	2 HOLY & GREAT FRIDAY	3 HOLY & GREAT SATURDAY
4 GREAT & HOLY PASCHA "AGAPE" VESPERS OF PASCHA 11:00 AM	5 BRIGHT MONDAY <i>(no fasting during Renewal Week of Pascha- all foods permitted daily)</i>	6 BRIGHT TUESDAY ADULT GREEK CLASS 6:30 PM	7 BRIGHT WEDNESDAY	8 BRIGHT THURSDAY	9 BRIGHT FRIDAY FEAST OF THE LIFE-GIVING SPRING OF THE THEOTOKOS ORTHROS 9:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM	10 BRIGHT SATURDAY GREAT VESPERS 6PM
11 THOMAS SUNDAY ORTHROS 8:45 AM DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM	12	13 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7 PM ADULT GREEK CLASS 6:30 PM	14 <i>(fast day-wine & olive oil permitted)</i>	15	16 <i>(fast day- wine & olive oil permitted)</i>	17 <i>(Fr. Anthony on vacation through 4/23)</i> (NO VESPERS)
18 HOLY MYRRHBEARERS ORTHROS 8:45 AM DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM (VISITING PRIEST)	19	20 ADULT GREEK CLASS 6:30 PM	21 <i>(fast day-wine & olive oil permitted)</i>	22	23 <i>(fast day-wine & olive oil permitted)</i>	24 (NO VESPERS)
25 SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC ORTHROS 8:45 AM DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM	26	27	28 FEAST OF MID-PENTECOST ORTHROS 9:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM Small Vespers 7PM <i>Adult Religious Education resumes after vespers</i> <i>(fast day- fish, wine & olive oil permitted)</i>	29	30 <i>(fast day-wine & olive oil permitted)</i>	

From Father Anthony

Pascha is here again. This Feast of Feasts, as the Church calls it, brings us into the joy of the Kingdom of Heaven. We rejoice in the Risen Christ, especially because of His triumph over Satan, the ruler of this world. Sin and death have been vanquished through Christ's death on the Cross and His holy Resurrection. Mankind has been given the grace and power through Christ to rebel against sin; we have been granted eternal life, which, for those who have been faithful to the Lord's commandments on this earth, will be experienced in the Kingdom of Heaven. How can we not rejoice knowing that God has done all this for us!

Unfortunately, though, there are many who do not truly rejoice in the Light of Pascha, because they really *do not know* Christ. Many who call themselves Christians, can surprisingly act very *unchristian*. We've all encountered persons who are puffed up with pride, who are constantly judgmental, who gossip and slander with their words, who curse compulsively, who easily argue and take exception with people, whose sense of Christian morality is practically non-existent. The list could go on and on. Can these types of people truly *rejoice* in the resurrection of Christ? Can we safely assume that they truly *know* Christ? It seems doubtful at best.

You see, beloved in Christ, in order to *know* Christ we must be *imitators* of Him. The great Apostle to the Gentiles, Paul, certainly knew Christ very intimately. St. Paul tells us, "*Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.*" (1 Cor. 11:1). In our own lives, it was natural to want to imitate our parents who loved and nurtured us as children. They wanted us to be the best persons we could because of their unending love for us. For this reason and more, most of us, I'm sure, would say that we love our parents. We would probably also say that because of their example, we are the type of person we are today. If this is so with our earthly parents, should it not be even more so with regard to our heavenly Father?

No greater love has been shown by any earthly parent, than the love of God the Father toward us, the creation of His hands. "*For God so*

loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (Jn 3:16). God showed His unending love for mankind by humbling Himself, and taking the form of a human baby born in a stable of animals. Through His great love and mercy, He ministered to us and healed our infirmities. His greatest act of love was His voluntary death upon the Cross for our salvation. Before the Lord went to His death, He gave His final commandment to the disciples – to love one another. "*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another*" (Jn 13:34-35).

Beloved in Christ, if we truly heed this greatest of the Lord's commandments, we will then become *imitators* of the Lord, and will truly *know* Him and have Him dwelling in our hearts. One of the most profound statements of the Apostle Paul is the following: "*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me...*" (Gal. 2:20). This is the goal of every Orthodox Christian each Holy Week – to die with Christ in order to rise with Him. Through repentance, we nail our sins to the Cross in order to be spiritually resurrected. Each Holy Week should be a stronger and more sincere effort to become one with Christ.

So, let us review our lives and make sure that we don't fall into any of the sinful categories described above, or the myriad of other sins that plague mankind. Instead, let us take up our cross and follow our Lord to eternal life in His Kingdom. This is the only way to come to know Christ intimately, and experience indescribable joy in His holy Resurrection.

In the love of the Crucified and Risen Lord,

+Fr. Anthony

From Father Anthony

BLESSING OF FOOD BASKETS ON PASCHA

As many of you know, there is a pan-Orthodox tradition of blessing baskets with the various foods with which we will break the fast after the Resurrection. This traditionally is done after the liturgy of Holy Pascha. If you wish to bring a basket to the Resurrection at midnight, please place it in on the steps of the *soleas*. The baskets will be blessed along with the red eggs after the liturgy. For those with children who might not be able to come at midnight, you may bring your basket to the Agape Vespers on the Sunday morning of Pascha to be blessed.

READERS NEEDED FOR AGAPE VESPERS

In the blessed tradition of the Orthodox Church, the resurrectional Gospel proclaimed at the Agape Vespers is read in various languages. This is done to emphasize the *universality* of the message of Christ's resurrection. Anyone interested in assisting, please contact Fr. Anthony as soon as possible. Please note that a reader is needed in English, as well.

NOTEWORTHY GUIDELINES FOR HOLY WEEK

In order to alleviate confusion and misunderstandings during the various Holy Week services, allow me to highlight certain important items...

- **Palm Sunday** – as per the Church's original tradition, the palms will be blessed and distributed at the end of Orthros to those in attendance. After the blessing, they will be taken to the Narthex for distribution to the remaining faithful by Parish Council members. This way, everyone can hold palms in their hands during the liturgy, as intended by the Church.
- **Holy Wednesday** – the Mystery of Holy Unction will take place at 3:00 pm for the convenience of families and the elderly. Those who attend the Orthros of the Mystical Supper at 7:00 pm will be anointed with Holy Unction at the end of the service. Holy Unction will be available to take to those **who for good reason cannot attend either service**. Please remember that Holy Unction is one of the major sacraments of the Church, and as such, is reserved for Orthodox Christians only (as is Holy Communion). **Also, please DO NOT take Holy Unction home in order to anoint pets, which would be a sinful disregard of the sanctity of this sacrament!** The wax bag and swab should be burned as is, and the ashes placed under a bush or tree. If this is not possible, please return to the church for burning.
- **Holy Thursday morning** – His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios does not permit (and rightly so) distribution of Holy Communion outside of the context of the Divine Liturgy (with the exception, obviously, of shut-in's and hospital/nursing home patients). To do so would be an absolute insult to the precious Body and Blood of our Lord. Anyone serious about receiving Holy Communion should be present at the Divine Liturgy, preferably no later than the reading of the Holy Gospel.
- **Holy Communion** – Many of our faithful do not understand what canonical good standing means, and how it affects our ability to participate in the sacramental life of the Church, most importantly, receiving Holy Communion. Marriage and divorce are the usual factors which determine good standing. Following are some basic guidelines: 1) Only Orthodox Christians in good canonical standing may receive Holy Communion; 2) Married Orthodox Christians must have been married in the Orthodox Church in order to be in good standing, which includes second marriages as well; 3) Divorced Orthodox Christians must be reconciled with the Church in order to be in good standing; 4) If an Orthodox Christian is cohabitating with someone out of wedlock, he/she is not in good standing until married in the Orthodox Church; 5) Being married to an Orthodox Christian does not automatically make you Orthodox. There is a specific process for converting to the Orthodox faith.
- **The Anastasis (the midnight Resurrection service)** – Although this varies with priests, I prefer the tradition of beginning the Orthros of the Resurrection (the first chanting of "Christos Anesti") at midnight. **To do this, the light of the Resurrection must be given by 11:45 pm to allow time for the procession and Gospel reading.** Knowing this ahead of time, please plan your arrival to church on Holy Saturday night accordingly. After many weeks of spiritual preparation for this holiest of feasts, it would be a great blessing if everyone were to stay for the entire liturgy, in order to worship our Crucified and Risen Lord.

From Father Anthony

REFLECTIONS ON PASCHA

(the following is taken from Great Week and Pascha in the Greek Orthodox Church, by Rev. Dr. Alkiviadis Calivas, Holy Cross Orthodox Press, 1992)

The death of Christ is the greatest miracle as well as the ultimate manifestation of God's boundless love for the whole creation. It is no mere man who died. The One who was laid in the tomb is none other than the eternal and deathless Word of God, who taking on flesh humbled Himself, obediently accepting even death, death on a cross (Phil 2.8). Pascha has nothing to do with romanticism and sentimentalities. Someone put it in these bold, vivid terms: 'Easter is not about the return of the robin in spring or crocuses or a butterfly coming out of the cocoon or any of that pagan drivel. It's about a Body that somehow got loose. The Gospel accounts strain to describe what happened, but don't make any mistake about it, they're trying to describe something unearthly: death working backwards. So I can't talk about "the eternal rebirth of hope" or "Jesus living on in our hearts." We're talking about a dead Jew, crucified, who came back to life...This is God we're talking about, a real God, people, not some projection of our ego.

It is not without significance that the icon of the Resurrection in our Church is the Descent of Christ into Hades, the place of the dead. This icon depicts a victorious Christ, reigned in glory, trampling upon death, and seizing Adam and Eve in His hands, plucking them from the abyss of hell. This icon expresses vividly the truths resulting from Christ's defeat of death by His death and resurrection...

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the fundamental truth and absolute fact of the Christian faith. It is the central experience and essential kerygma of the Church. It confirms the authenticity of Christ's remarkable earthly life and vindicates the truth of His teaching. It seals all His redemptive work: His life, the model of a holy life, His compelling and unique teaching; His extraordinary works; and His awesome, life-creating death. Christ's resurrection is the guarantee of our salvation. Together with His ascension it brings to perfection God's union with us for all eternity...

IN APPRECIATION

A big thank you to all of our YMT members, and other parents and volunteers who donated food, organized, and graciously hosted our District #8 Family Lenten Retreat. It was a wonderful and enlightening time of fellowship amongst the youth and parents in their respective break-out sessions. It is such a blessing to see a nucleus of motivated and dedicated families within our parish, full of enthusiasm and vision for more such opportunities in the future.

Also, we wish to thank our GOYAN's and their advisors for painting, cleaning, and refurbishing the play room. This was a very appropriate Lenten service project that they performed for our parish. May God bless them.

We also extend our gratitude to all the donors, organizers and helpers at our recent Parish Lenten Luncheon, whose contributions made it a success again this year.

PILGRIMAGE TO AGHIA SKEPI MONASTERY, PA

Many of you who went on our pilgrimage last year to St. Nektarios Monastery, have also expressed interest in visiting Aghia Skepi (Holy Protection) Monastery in eastern Pennsylvania. In looking ahead, it seems that the only suitable times to visit would be mid-May or early June. Aghia Skepi is a beautiful women's monastery located atop a wooded hill. It has very new and comfortable accommodations for pilgrims. The trip would have to be an overnight during the work week. If anyone would like to go, please call the church office to indicate your interest.

A BLESSED PASCHA TO ALL

As we go to print, we are still anticipating the celebration of Holy Pascha. At this time I would like to thank in advance, all those whose collective contributions will enhance this year's celebration of Great Week and Pascha. This includes our altar boys, chanters, choir, parish council ushers, our egg-dyeing crew, the donors toward our floral needs, those involved with decorations, and all other behind-the-scenes helpers. May the Crucified and Risen Lord continually bless our parish and keep all of you well!

+Fr. Anthony

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LENTEN LUNCHEON

WE WISH TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR THE PRECIOUS TIME AND GENEROUS DONATIONS MADE FOR OUR ANNUAL LENTEN LUNCHEON.

GEORGE ALEXIS & FAMILY ~ SODA & WATER & CUPS

SOTERIOS ARVANITIDES & FAMILY ~ CHEESE, OLIVES,
STRING BEANS, SALAD DRESSING

NICHOLAS BABANIKAS & FAMILY ~ BREAD

E. CHARLES GIANNAROS & FAMILY ~ SHRIMP

CAPE COD CAFÉ (JAMOULIS FAMILY) ~ PIZZA

IMO HRISTOS KOUPELIS/ STEPHANIE KOUPELIS & FAMILY ~ VEGETABLES

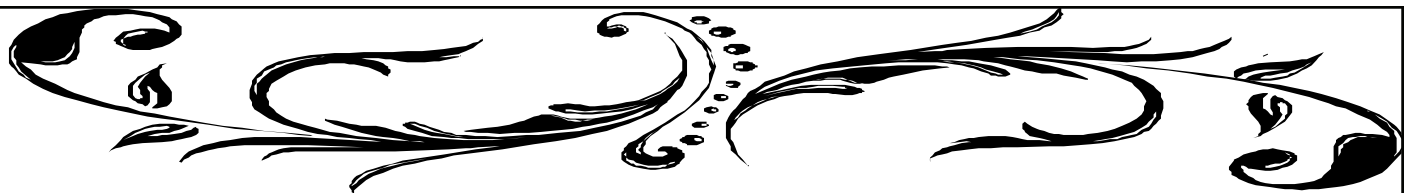
LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY ~ PASTRIES

IRAKLI SAVAS ~ GREEK STYLE STRING BEANS

SOPHIE COUSTOUBOU & TULLA GIANNAROS ~ PAPER PRODUCTS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED IN THE KITCHEN

SOTERIOS ARVANITIDES, CHRISTOS COUTSOUMBOS, PHILIP TSIONIS, SAM PSYCHOS
& PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS



169 HUNGRY FRIENDS

PLEASE JOIN US ON THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2010 FOR OUR ANNUAL 169 HUNGRY FRIENDS DINNER AND RAFFLE IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER TO BENEFIT OUR PARISH. THE DONATION IS \$125.00 PER PERSON. PARTICIPANTS CAN BRING A GUEST TO DINNER FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$25.00. A SPECIAL INVITATION IS BEING EXTENDED TO ALL WOMEN OF OUR PARISH TO JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING. PLEASE SEE ANY PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER FOR RESERVATIONS.

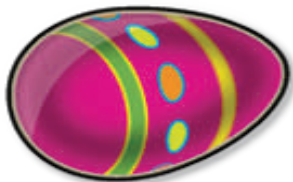
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

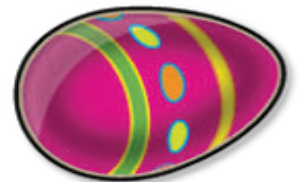
GOYA SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON	SUNDAY, APRIL 18TH
GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE	SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH
SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY	SUNDAY, MAY 2ND
169 HUNGRY FRIENDS DINNER	THURSDAY, MAY 6TH
SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION	SUNDAY, MAY 16TH
PHILOTOCHOS FOOD FESTIVAL	SATURDAY, MAY 22ND
GREEK SCHOOL GRADUATION	SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH
GOLF TOURNAMENT	MONDAY, JULY 19TH
ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH THRU SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
PARISH COUNCIL OATH OF OFFICE AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

2010 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

APRIL 6, 2010	JULY 13, 2010	OCTOBER 12, 2010
MAY 6, 2010	AUGUST 10, 2010	NOVEMBER 9, 2010
JUNE 11, 2010	SEPTEMBER 14, 2010	DECEMBER 14, 2010



EASTER EGG HUNT



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt following the Church Services. Please bring in your baskets and meet in the lobby after services are completed. All children of our parish are welcomed. We are looking for plastic egg (filled w/ goodies) donations. Please drop off any donations at the Church office.

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MYRRHBEARERS NEEDED

Again this year we invite teenage girls from 7th through 12th grade, to serve as myrrhbearers on Holy Friday. Any girls available at the 3 pm vespers will participate in the burial procession of the *Epitaphios*. The myrrhbearers are needed again at the evening lamentation service to scatter rose petals on the tomb, and to participate in the outdoor procession. In order to participate, please contact Kathy Angelis at ktsianakas@hotmail.com

BULLETIN DEADLINE

All Submissions for the Bulletin are due on 15th.

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

April 25, 2010

Buses will leave the Church parking lot at 12:00 Noon following the Divine Liturgy. Please call the Church Office at (508)559-0910 to reserve a space on the bus. Seats are limited.

(NO LAST MINUTE PASSENGERS)

Children under 5 years old are not permitted on the bus per state law.

COFFEE HOUR

If you are interested in sponsoring a coffee hour, please call Bertha Weinberg at (508) 586-1030, or the Church Office at (508) 559-0910.

**THE CHURCH NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT. REMEMBER
TO SEND IN YOUR PLEDGE. PLEDGES ARE THE
GREATEST SOURCE OF INCOME FOR OUR CHURCH**

HALL RENTAL

Do not forget that our church gymnasium and / or lounge area are available for your special functions. Please call the church office for details.

ΤΑ ΣΑΒΒΑΤΑ ~	ΜΕΓΑΣ ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ:	6:00 MM
ΤΙΣ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΕΣ ~	ΟΡΘΟΣ: ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ:	8:45 ΠΜ 10:00 ΠΜ

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please notify the church office if you are moving, so we may update our database in order to serve you better.

CHURCH SERVICES WINTER HOURS

SATURDAYS	GREAT VESPERS	6:00 PM
SUNDAYS	ORTHROS:	8:45 AM
	DIVINE LITURGY:	10:00 AM
WEEKDAYS	ORTHROS:	9:00 AM
	DIVINE LITURGY:	10:00 AM

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SACRAMENTS AND HOLY SERVICES

FUNERALS

March 8 Georgios E. Kontsas

March 11 Albert & Sophie Argrew

May Their Memory be Eternal



DONATIONS

\$100 to cover food expense for Family District Retreat
Anonymous donor

We would like to thank Paramount Rug and
Mr. Androklis Michailides for the area rug in the
children's play room

\$1,000 to upgrade church sound system
in celebration of our granddaughter's
Martha Marie's 1st birthday with much love
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Sedell

Tony Karantonakis, owner of V.A.Z.
Refrigeration, Air Conditioning & Heating
for his donation of many hours of troubleshooting and
repair of the church's heating system

DONATIONS

In Memory of Theokritos Petropoulos
Mrs. Georgia Petropoulos - \$50

In Memory of Natalia Stamboulidis
Sultana & Chris Kotsiopoulos - \$50

In Memory of L. Jeani Kahl
Mrs. Estelle Maistrellis & Family - \$100

In Memory of L. Jeani Kahl
Mrs. Marie Mihos - \$50

In Memory of Effie Siogros
Mrs. Marie Mihos - \$50

In Memory of Aglaia Tzikas
Ken & Jen Burke - \$50

In Memory of Linda Hasouris
The Hasouris Family
Jim, Alexandra, Philip, Caitlin, Sarah - \$100

In Memory of Demetrios Psilekaris
Mrs. Ourania Psilekaris & Family - \$100

In Memory of their parents
Theologos & Natalia Stamboulidis
Nicholas & Evridiki Psilekaris
Mr. & Mrs. Themis Stamboulidis - \$100

Donation of flowers
for the Icon of the Panayia for Salutations
2/26 ~ Ari, Steve & Georgia Verenis, \$50 for her blessings
3/5, 3/12, & 3/19 ~ Mr. & Mrs. George Panagoulopoulos
& family ~ \$150 for their health and well-being

CORRECTIONS

In Loving Memory of Stella Bokas
Mr. Kosta Bokas & Family ~ \$500

Holy Water Bottles ~ \$275
Anonymous donor

Philoptochos News & Views

Easter Preparations

Egg Coloring & Decorating ~ Thursday, April 1st, 2010
All night church vigil ~ Holy Thursday evening, April 1st
following church services, all are welcomed.
Epitaphios Preparations ~ Friday, April 2nd at 9:00 AM

Up Coming Dates to Remember !!!

April 6th ~ Meeting at 7 PM
May 4th ~ Meeting at 7PM

Koliva

For Koliva please call the church office @ 508/559-0910.
We would appreciate one week's notice in advance of the
memorial service to prepare your koliva. The cost is \$85
and checks should be made payable to the Philoptochos
Society.

Visit to Shut ~ Ins

The Ladies Philoptochos will be making their an-
nual Easter visits to our seniors who are unable to
get out from their homes. If you would like to add
a name to our list, please contact our chairlady
Soultana Kotsiopoulos (508) 584~ 8838 with the
information.

UP COMING DATE TO REMEMBER!!!

Saturday, May 22, 2010

Philoptochos One Day Food Festival

The Philoptochos Society is planning their 1st Annual Food Festival

Details to follow!!



Annual Philoptochos

Palm Sunday

Bake Sale

Sunday, March 28, 2010

Tsourekia & Koulouria
Kourabiedes

Easter Baskets

Greek Pastries

To order Tsourekia, Koulouria & Kourabiedes in advance please call

Sophia Terzakis
(508) 587 ~ 9297

Haido Barbas
(508) 584 ~ 2560

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**CONGRATULATIONS!
TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THE
JOHN AND SONIA LINGOS
FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

PATTY AFTOSMES
MATTHEW J. BAZARIAN
DIANA CALOGRIAS
EVANGELINE DEMOS
LABRINI L. DOSIS
CHRISTOS DROVATZIKAS
MICHAEL DROVATZIKAS
THEODORE FITOPOULOS
CHRISTINA GIANNENAKIS
ANDROMAXI HATZIDIS
DAVIS HICKMAN
LOUIS J. JACOUBS
CHRISTOPHER KOLENTSAS
JOHN A. KORBAS
NICHOLAS KORBAS
CHRISTINA KYRIAKIDES
MICHAEL A. KYRIAKIDES
DAVID MALONE
VICTORIA MANTALOS
SOPHIA MARMANIDIS
THEODORE MARMANIDIS
CORINNE MASON
DIMITRIOS PALANTZAS
VASILIKI PALANTZAS
OLGA PANAGOPOULOS
ANTHONY PAPAGEORGIU
VINCENT PAPAGEORGIU
MARIE PETROPOULOS
KATHERINE SAKAKINIOTIS
PERRY SAKAKINIOTIS
CHRISTOPHER C. SAVAS
OLGA SMILIOTOPOULOS
SABERINE WEHBE
KYLE WESTHAVER
JARED WILSON
MICHAEL ZERVOS

*THE ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH IS
PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING
RECIPIENTS FOR THE 2009 CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS*

***THE VARROS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO:
CHRISTOS KOUTROBIS (\$1000)***

***STATHIS L. DIMOU SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO:
MICHAEL DROVATZIKAS (\$500)
LOUIS J. JACOUBS (\$500)***

***CHRIS AND BESSIE TSAGANIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO:
MICHAEL DROVATZIKAS (\$400)
ANDROMAXI HATZIDIS (\$400)
LOUIS J. JACOUBS (\$400)***

***CHARLENE FIELDS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO:
MICHAEL DROVATZIKAS (\$500)***

***MARY DAVILAS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO:
LOUIS J. JACOUBS (\$500)***

***DEAN O. GEORGANTAS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO:
CHRISTOS KOUTROBIS (\$500)***

***JAMES AND JEANNETTE SKENAS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO:
ANDROMAXI HATZIDIS (\$500)***

***ARETI POTSIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO:
CHRISTOS KOUTROBIS (\$500)***

***AHEPA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO:
ANDROMAXI HATZIDIS (\$500)***

***JAMES C. MIHOS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO:
LOUIS J. JACOUBS (\$1000)***

CONGRATULATIONS

Acolytes/ALTAR BOYS

A letter will be going to all acolytes to set-up a Holy Week schedule.
Help is needed other than Holy Friday and Holy Pascha

YOUTH BASKETBALL

STEVE PASSIAS ~ passias@comcast.net

Practice

Mondays @ 4-6 pm ~ Ages 15-18

GREEK DANCE GROUP

Jon & Penny Buterbaugh ~ 508-230-3923 ~ pnasios@nasiosandgalloway.com

Thank you to all who purchased Pascha candles in support of our costume drive. We are also SO VERY GRATEFUL to the parents and volunteers who gave up their time to help create the beautiful candles. The group is closer to its goal, but still needs your help!!

We will continue to sell candles through Palm Sunday.

Your support is greatly appreciated!!

Upcoming practices are as follows: **April 25th**
(this is our only practice in April- please try to attend!!)

New dancers are always welcomed to join us

GREEK SCHOOL

TINA BOUTAS ~ DINA GOUNTANA ~ VICKY PAPAIOANNOU

Please join us for our Greek Independence Day program on

Sunday, March 21st following the Divine Liturgy.

Thursday, March 25th @ 4:00 pm for the flag raising ceremony.

Join us at Brockton City Hall

Sunday, April 25th for the Greek Independence Day Parade.

Join us in Boston

HOPE / JOY

HELLENIC ORTHODOX PRIMARY EDUCATION / JUNIOR ORTHODOX YOUTH

HOPE & JOY welcome the families of all the children in these two groups

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, **March 26TH** – Palm Making

Friday, **April 9th** – Pizza Party / Movie Night

GOYA

GREEK ORTHODOX YOUTH OF AMERICA

On Saturday March 6th the Goyans painted, cleaned and disinfected the toys, and added a few new pieces of furniture to the kid's playroom; a special thank you to Paramount Rug for donating a new carpet, and to all that helped put their time into this project. With the help and support of our community we ask that no food or drink be allowed into the room. After our painting project we ended the day at Dave & Busters in Providence, RI. Everyone had a great time and continued the teamwork. The Goyans combined all their tickets to get a little something for the room that they worked so hard on. Great job guys!!

Monday, **April 12th** – GOYA Meeting 6:30pm
Sunday, **April 18th** – Scholarship Luncheon (*SEE ENCLOSED FLYER*)

JUNIOR CHOIR

Corrine Mason and Heidi Mason ~ heidim50@aol.com

Junior Choir rehearsals are now to be held
every Sunday morning @ 10:45 – 11:15 am.

This is in preparation for upcoming events in our church.

ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

Rhoda Economos ~ (508) 587-4907

Junior Division Winners: **1st Andreas Evangelatos and 2nd John Dinopoulos**
Senior Division Winners: **1st Eric Ciulla and 2nd Matthew Coon**

Winners will continue to compete and represent our church
at the District festival on **April 11th** in Woburn.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

April

2 **Great and Holy Friday**
4 **Pascha / Family Worship**
11 Sunday School
18 Family Worship
25 Sunday School

May

2 Sunday School
9 Sunday School
16 Sunday School Graduation
23 **Pentecost**

Youth Ministry Team - YMT

AnnunciationYMT@yahoo.com

Please join us with your support to the local and neighboring food pantries, by donating a canned or non-perishable item as often as you can to our new **food barrel** located in the office foyer area.

Friday, **April 30th** – Join us this Arbor Day as we honor the Youth & Youth Leaders with our Tree Dedication ceremony.