Η ΑΓΙΑ ΠΕΝΤΗΚΟΣΤΗ

HOLY PENTECOST
ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF BROCKTON

DIRECTORY 2011

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Later this month, we will be celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church on the great day of Pentecost. It is difficult for us to grasp the reality of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church, simply because He is not visible. We cannot see nor touch the Holy Spirit, so we struggle to understand His power and omnipresence. The reality though, is that the Spirit is truly present everywhere and gives life and breath to everything, most especially the Church.

St. Basil the Great has written a wonderful treatise titled, “On the Holy Spirit.” Chapter 9 is titled, “Distinctive ideas concerning the Spirit which follow the teachings of Scripture” (the translation used here: St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press, New York, 1980). He starts out this chapter by saying, “We shall now examine what kinds of ideas about the Spirit we hold in common, as well as those which we have gathered from the Scriptures, or received from the unwritten tradition of the Fathers.”

St. Basil then gives the following description of the Holy Spirit: “First of all, who can listen to the Spirit’s titles and not be lifted up in his soul? Whose thoughts would not be raised to contemplate the supreme nature? He is called the Spirit of God, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, right Spirit, willing Spirit. His first and most proper title is Holy Spirit, a name most especially appropriate to everything which is incorporeal, purely immaterial, and indivisible.” These words alone begin to draw our attention to the supreme holiness of the Holy Spirit, whose source is God the Father. St. Basil goes on to say, “When we hear the word ‘spirit’ it is impossible for us to conceive of something whose nature can be circumscribed or is subject to change or variation, or is like a creature in any way. Instead, we are compelled to direct our thoughts on high, and to think of an intelligent being, boundless in power, of unlimited greatness, generous in goodness, whom time cannot measure.”

St. Basil continues his description of the Holy Spirit with these most eloquent, poetic terms: “All things thirsting for holiness turn to Him; everything living in virtue never turns away from Him. He waters them with His life-giving breath and helps them reach their proper fulfillment. He perfects all other things, and Himself lacks nothing; He gives life to all things, and is never depleted. He does not increase by additions, but is always complete, self-established, and present everywhere.”

Upon hearing these words, we should be awestruck as we meditate on the multiple gifts of the Holy Spirit which we received through Holy Chrismation after being baptized. St. Basil’s description continues: “He is the source of sanctification, spiritual light, who gives illumination to everyone using His powers to search for the truth – and the illumination He gives is Himself. His nature is unapproachable; only through His goodness are we able to draw near it.” These words clearly illustrate the power of Holy Chrismation. To make use of these gifts granted through Chrismation, however, one must have faith, as St. Basil goes on to say: “He fills all things with His power, but only those who are worthy may share it. He distributes His energy in proportion to the faith of the recipient, not confining it to a single share.”

When we are chrismated we undergo our own personal Pentecost, sharing in this original outpouring of the Holy Spirit which can never be depleted. St. Basil concludes his description by speaking of the multiple outpourings of the Spirit: “He is simple in being; His powers are manifold: they are wholly present everywhere and in everything He is distributed but does not change. He is shared, yet remains whole. Consider the analogy of the sunbeam: each person upon whom its kindly lights falls rejoices as if the sun existed for him alone, yet it illumines land and sea, and is master of the atmosphere. In the same way, the Spirit is given to each one who receives Him as if He were the possession of that person alone, yet He sends forth sufficient grace to fill all the universe. Everything that partakes of His grace is filled with joy according to its capacity – the capacity of its nature, not of His power.”

Beloved in Christ, hopefully you have been uplifted by these spiritually edifying comments of St. Basil, as we approach the holy day of Pentecost. I pray that the Holy Spirit may continue to sanctify each and every one of us, and to guide us in our spiritual lives as we continue our journey to eternal life in the next world.

In Christ,

+Fr. Anthony
IN APPRECIATION

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the staff of both our Sunday School and Greek School programs, as they end their academic year. We also thank our choir for their tireless contributions as they prepare to take time off during the summer months. Even though the “duties” of these ministries are over for now, we look forward to seeing all those involved with them, as well as the children, during the summer months when they are in town!

Also, a big thank you to all those involved with the two recent major events – the Hungry Friends Dinner, and the Philoptochos Food Festival. Many people came forward to help with these events, which were both quite successful. We are most grateful for our very proactive Parish Council and Philoptochos Society, and for our many general volunteers who were instrumental during both events. May God bless all of you.

APOSTLES’ FAST

This year, the fast of the Holy Apostles begins on Monday, June 20\textsuperscript{th}, the day after the Sunday of All Saints, and lasts until Tuesday, June 28\textsuperscript{th}, the day before the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. This fast is similar to the first part of the Nativity fast; no animal products are permitted, however, fish, wine and olive oil are permitted daily, except for Wednesdays and Fridays (fish is permitted on 6/24, the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Forerunner). In the past, His Eminence has asked that we all keep this fast, which, unfortunately, is ignored by many. Let us make an attempt to honor the Holy Apostles for their great deeds and sacrifices done for the glory of God, and for the salvation of all of us, by striving to keep this fast to whatever degree possible.

FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

(the following is taken from the writings of St. John Chrysostom)

THAT THE HOUSEHOLD MIGHT BECOME A CHURCH

...when you go home from here (church), lay out with your meal a spiritual meal as well. The father of the family might repeat something of what was said here; his wife could then hear it, the children too could learn something...In short, the household might become like a church, so that the devil is driven off and that evil spirit, the enemy of our salvation, takes to flight; the grace of the Holy Spirit would rest there instead, and all peace and harmony surround the inhabitants...

SCRIPTURE: A SPRING GUSHING WITH EVER-FLOWING WATERS

Reading the Holy Scriptures is like a treasure. With a treasure, you see, anyone able to find a tiny nugget gains for himself great wealth; likewise in the case of Sacred Scripture, you can get from a small phrase a great wealth of thought and immense riches. The Word of God is not only like a treasure, but is also like a spring gushing with ever-flowing waters in a mighty flood... Don’t be surprised if we have experienced this: our forebearers drank from these waters to the limit of their capacity, and those who come after us will try to do likewise, without risk of exhausting them; instead the flood will increase and the streams will be multiplied.

THE CHURCH IS YOUR SALVATION

Nothing is more abiding than the Church: she is your salvation; she is your refuge. She is more lofty than the heavens; she is more far-reaching than the earth. She never grows old; she always stays in bloom. And so Scripture indicates her permanence and stability by calling her a virgin; her magnificence by calling her a queen; her closeness to God by calling her a daughter; her barrenness turned to fecundity by calling her ‘the mother of seven.’ A thousand names try to spell out her nobility. Just as the Lord is called by many names... since one name could not hope to describe the Omnispotent, and many names give us some small insight into His nature, so the Church goes by many names.
Calendar of Events

GREEK SCHOOL GRADUATION  WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH
GOLF TOURNAMENT  MONDAY, JULY 11TH
SUMMER PICNIC  SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST
ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL  THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH THRU SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

HARVEST BALL DANCE  SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND
FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY  SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH
PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS  SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
PARISH COUNCIL OATH OF OFFICE AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS  SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

2011 Parish Council Meetings

June 14, 2011 (no July meeting)  August 9, 2011  November 8, 2011
August 9, 2011  September 6, 2011  December 13, 2011
October 11, 2011

Coming Soon!

ON-LINE BILL PAY.
AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.
A CONVENIENT NEW WAY TO FULFILL YOUR STEWARDSHIP
### Address Changes
Please notify the church office if you are moving, so we may update our database in order to serve you better.

### 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.

### Holy Confession
Every Saturday after Great Vespers, or during office hours by appointment.

### Church Services
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### Bulletin Deadline
All Submissions for the Bulletin are due 15th of the month.

### 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.
SACRAMENTS AND FUNERALS

**BAPTISMS**
May 15  Irene Maria
   Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Follo
   Sponsor: Domna Roussopoulos

May 21  Nina Sofia
   Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Martin
   Sponsors: Alex and Jenna Giannaros

**WEDDINGS**
May  1  Peter Condrick & Catherine Ann Samiotes
   Sponsor: Lawrence Reardon

May 18  Richard Poole & Linda Sakelaris
   Sponsor: Nick Maravell

**FUNERALS**
April 27  Clara Varros

May  2  Elias Papadopoulos

May  4  Chris Zotos

May  5  Anastasios Xiarchos

May 14  E. Charles Giannaros

May Their Memory be Eternal

DONATIONS

In Memory of Elias Papadopoulos
   Total donation to date - $1,625

In Memory of Anastasios Xiarchos
   Total donation to date - $120

In Memory of E. Charles Giannaros
   Total donation to date - $95

In Memory of Chris Zotos
   Total donation to date - $320

In Memory of Martha Souliotis
   Mr. Tom Souliotis - $200

In Memory of the Honorable George N. Covett
   Mrs. Helen S. Covett & Dr. Robert Covett - $200

Easter Offerings $2,726
   Donations to cover Holy Week hotel expenses
   for Fr. Anthony
   John Karolemeas - $200
   Nick Palantzas - $200
   George Alexis - $100 (related expenses)

Donations towards a gratuity for George Stavropoulos
   Stephen Passias, George Alexis, John Kolentsas - $200

Donations of the bus for the Independence Day Parade
   Ahepa Lord Byron Chapter # 57 -$460

Donations from 169 Hungry Friends
   Mr. George Alexis - $100
   Mr. James Jamoulis - $100
   Mr. John Karolemeas - $100
   Mr. John Kolentsas - $100

Pan Macedonian Association - $100
Church News

Snow Removal

400 Total Families
6K Total Goal

$6,000 Total Goal Amount

101 Families
$4,674 Amount Raised
Support for Snow Removal as of April 30, 2011

2011 Total Goal

400 Total Stewardship Goal

$150,000 Total Goal Amount

207 Pledges
$57,781 Amount Raised
Pledged number of Stewards as of April 30, 2011
From Father Anthony

METROPOLIS OF BOSTON YOUTH MISSION TRIP

In early summer, the Youth Ministries Department of the Metropolis of Boston is sponsoring a mission trip through the IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities), to the Gulf Coast. The Metropolis of Boston team will assist in the construction of a new home for a needy family, victims of the Hurricane Katrina disaster of 2005. I am proud to inform our parish that two of our youth, Eric Ciulla and Matthew Coon, have answered this call for Christian philanthropy.

As is customary with all Archdiocesan/Metropolis sanctioned mission trips, participants seek financial support from their home parish, as well as other sources, to cover the expenses of the trip. Eric and Matthew have a flier available for anyone interested in knowing more about their pending trip, as well as information on how to make a donation for those so moved. We pray that God blesses them to have a safe and fruitful mission trip!

Church News

2011 ANNUNCIATION MINISTRY AWARD RECIPIENT

We are pleased to announce that our Parish Council unanimously voted Mr. Constantine Savas as the 2011 honoree at the upcoming annual Metropolis Ministry Awards Banquet, to be held on Sunday, June 12th. Although Mr. Savas, in his typically humble way resisted receiving this honor, we are pleased that he has accepted this most deserving tribute for his many contributions over the years. For those who would like to honor Constantine with their presence at the banquet, please contact the church office for details.

The Annunciation GOYA of Brockton Proudly presents ~ SIX FLAGS

Where: Springfield, Ma
When: Thursday, June 30th
Departure: 8:30 AM
Return: 7:30 PM
Price: $35/person, covers bus and park admission

This is open to members of our parish and their families.
Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Please pay in advance to reserve space on the bus.
See a member of the GOYA, GOYA Advisors Jon Buterbaugh, Chris Kolentsas, or Kristen Barrows
PHILOPTOCHOS SCHOLARSHIPS
Applications for the Philoptochos Scholarships are now available in the church office. Deadline is September 15th. Two Philoptochos Scholarships will be available. Contact the church office for details.

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.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS & VIEWS

Koliva

Visit to Shut ~ Ins

The Ladies Philoptochos will be making their annual 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.

Dear Philoptochos Ladies, members of the Parish Board and fellow Parishioners,

It was an enormous task undertaken by the Philoptohos Ladies. I like to thank all volunteers including the Philoptochos Ladies, Parish council members and parishioners that worked before and during the Spring Festival that was held on May 14th & 15th. The spirit of working together in accomplishing our goals gives us all a deep sense of personal worth and satisfaction.

On behalf of the Philoptochos, I like also to thank the following people for their generous donations.

George Alexis  Hristos Market (Stephanie Koupelis)  Pat Giannakoulis
Sam Arvanitidis  Ethal & Spyros Savas
Christos’ Restaurant  Nicholas Spanos

END OF THE YEAR DINNER

Come join us for the end of the year dinner on Thursday, June 9th, at 6:30pm, that will be held in Stoughton at the X&O Restaurant. Call Ermiioni Arvanitidis (508) 586-9241 or Despina Papadopoulos (508)586-3220 or Maria Fitopoulos (508) 587-8193 to reserve a seat by June 2nd.

GOYA News

This Spring, GOYA has continued to be busy. We recently hosted the annual GOYA Scholarship Luncheon, where Stavros Batsinelas received a scholarship after completing his freshman year at Bridgewater State University. We have made plans for the next Food Festival, and we are looking to complete the year with a car wash to help us fundraise for an end of the year trip to Six Flags planned for Thursday, June 30th. GOYA will be resuming meetings once the school year begins again in September, and new members are always welcome!

Please contact our advisors, Jon Buterbaugh, Kristine Barrows and Chris Kolentsas, for more information.
ANNUNCIATION BOOKSTORE

Our bookstore offers many items for the Lenten period:

- The Friday Night Akathist Hymn book in Greek and English that is beautifully printed and easy to follow.
- Holy Week books in Greek and English
- Lenten cookbooks
- Prayer books
- Incense
- Children’s books

For those interested in architecture and New England history, we offer a beautiful hardback containing fantastic photos of Greek Orthodox churches throughout New England, including photos inside the churches and brief, engaging community histories. A wonderful gift for a history buff.

Below is a sample of our selection, but we also can order special items, so stop by the bookstore on Sundays after Divine Liturgy.

- **Children’s Bible Reader**: Illustrated stories from the Old and New Testament for young readers.
- **Let’s take a walk through the Orthodox Church**: A child’s view of objects seen throughout our Church and their purposes.
- **Preparing for Marriage**: An Orthodox perspective for the preparation of the Sacrament of Marriage. Includes the text of the sacrament.
- **Living responsibly in an age of excuses**: Focuses on moral responsibility and our actions.
- **The Orthodox Church**: The history of our Orthodox Church and its position in today’s world.
- **The Orthodox Church A-Z**: Information about the Orthodox Church. History, sacraments, feast, prayers, etc. It also contains a glossary of 500 terms and definitions.
- **Dictionary of Orthodoxy**: 400 pages of words on the Orthodox Faith, its life, faith, teaching and sacraments.
- **Introduction to the Orthodox Church**: For those wishing to learn more about the Orthodox Church and those considering conversion.
- **Orthodox Bible Study**: A bible for every Orthodox home. Includes the Old and New Testament, featuring footnotes explaining scripture passages.
- **Living in Christ**: A guide to spiritual growth.
- **Growing in Christ**: A guide to obtaining maturity in the Orthodox Faith.
- **All Ye Saints**: Alphabetical listing of Saints and Feastdays.
- **Cookbooks For Everyday Greek Cuisine as well as for Lenten Fast**
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Brockton  
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual  
January through April 2011

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