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FROM THE METROPOLIS

A New Beginning

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to preach the glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken at heart, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, to comfort all who mourn”… (Isaiah, 61:1-2)

These words of the Prophet Isaiah recorded also in the Gospel of St. Luke (4,18-19) compel us at the beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year to re-focus our personal lives and our ministries in our Metropolis and our Parishes. Let us ask ourselves, do we believe “the Spirit of the Lord is upon us (me)”? Sadly, it seems that everything we believe to be true and moral, whatever is pleasing to God and beneficial to our Parishes and our fellow human beings has fallen by the wayside. We seem to have lost our Christian Orthodox Phronema and our missionary spirit. Many of us are unaware of Orthodox Christian Ecclesiology, i.e., what is the Church, what is its purpose….what is our place in the Church as clergy and laity. Things aren’t what they used to be. Religion is looked upon by many as irrelevant. Our youth is growing up in a world that has totally rejected traditional ideals. Life, nourished in dignity, honesty, goodness and righteousness is, for many, passé. Orthodoxy, for many is inherent.

Jesus felt the Spirit of the Lord upon Him as He read from the Book of Isaiah in the Temple. It is this same Spirit which we receive when we are baptized and chrismated and when we pray. It is this spirit which distinguishes us as Orthodox Christians that must be engraved in our consciences and interwoven into a new understanding of Christian life and experience.

As we begin the new Ecclesiastical Year on September 1, I pray it be “a year acceptable of the Lord” (Luke 4.19) a year inspired with a fresh spirit, ennobled by new fervor. May it be a year of new commitment, written upon our hearts and souls and signed in our consciences. We need to be restored as individuals, as Parishes and a Metropolis. We must reject what is egotistical, hypocritical, clever-minded and dishonest, inconsistent and irrelevant.

The beginning of the new Ecclesiastical Year affords us the opportunity for an honest self-evaluation. We must examine the past and honestly assess our present and our future. Let’s be frank, do we have the courage to look into the mirror of reality, and take those decisions necessary to clearly define who we are as a Church and what our roles and responsibilities are in that Church? Do we have the courage to ask ourselves---clergy and laity---if, in fact, we see ourselves as individuals anointed to “preach the glad tidings to the poor and heal those who are broken hearted?” Do we dare ask whether we care for those in our neighborhoods and throughout the world that are mired in hopeless poverty, hunger and homelessness? Have we done anything to heal their hearts, broken by our indifference? Has our ministry in the Church helped those held in the bondage of sin to free themselves? If, the answer to these questions is no, then the next question must be, what are we going to do about it?

Let us resolve on September 1 to reach out and embrace all those who, for various reasons, have left our Parishes and are not active in the life of our Church. Let us rekindle the spark of Orthodox missionary fervor in our communities and throughout the world. May the new church year be blessed with much spiritual growth for our Parishes and Metropolis, its clergy and laity!

With Episcopal love,

M E T H O D I O S
Metropolitan of Boston
Dear Faithful,

As President of the Clergy Brotherhood of Saint Andrew, I take this opportunity to greet you as we enter upon a new Ecclesiastical Year. Each month we will offer words of inspiration and nourishment to help us grow as a Christian and as a body of believers. The clergy of the Metropolis, along with Metropolitan Methodios, work to build spiritual oases of communities that are Spirit filled based upon the model of the Church found in the Book of Acts.

The Church found within the pages of the Book of Acts provides the ingredients of a Spirit filled Church. The early Church persevered in listening to the Apostles’ teaching, in fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayer. Awe of the majesty of God through signs and wonders filled every soul! There was togetherness and care for each other through their distribution of goods and possessions. They gathered in one accord, in sincerity of heart, praising God and, in return, finding favor amongst the community they lived in. In all of this, the Lord added countless people to the Church!

Today, we are the stewards of the early Church. Like the first Christians, we strive to continue in…..
Learning and listening to the Word of God and the teaching of Faith.

We continue in Fellowship as brothers and sister united in Christ, receiving Christ in prayer and sacramental living.

We gather in Prayer, as the first Christians did, to seek fellowship with the Creator of all.

We continue to be a reverent Church, living in the world in awe, knowing that it is God who is the creator of all.

We strive to be a Church where things happen, where there are continued Signs and Wonders! A Church where people outside of our doors see the face of God.

A Church that shares and cares, showing responsibility for each other through acts of mercy to those who are suffering.

A Worshipping Church that touches the souls of all who enter so that one can truly experience heaven on earth!

Most importantly, a Church where people are drawn into fellowship and Communion with God. Is this possible? Yes, for the above characteristics are about a loving, caring spirit filled community of believers!

As we begin the New Ecclesiastical New Year, let us continue growing into Spirit filled communities blessing and praising God!

In the Lord’s Service,
Fr. Dean A. Panagos, President, Brotherhood of Saint Andrew
Proistamenos, Saint Sophia Church in New London, CT
Beloved in Christ, as we all know well, the life of an Orthodox Christian is an upward struggle. During the month of September, in which we celebrate the exaltation of the Precious Cross (9/14), we remind ourselves each year of the cross that we all bear on our own path toward salvation. September is also the beginning of the new ecclesiastical year, so therefore, it is a time of spiritual renewal as we pause on our journey and gather strength to carry our cross in faith. This journey cannot be taken alone, for if we attempt to, we will fail. As Orthodox Christians we know that we cannot “go it alone,” but only through the Church of Christ, through which salvation has come into the world.

Even though we all know in theory, the importance of the Church in our lives, in practice, our approach can vary greatly. Many of us are not familiar with what the Holy Canons of the Church have to say regarding church attendance, especially on Sundays. Here is the text of the actual canon: “In case any Bishop, or Presbyter, or Deacon, or anyone else on the list of the Clergy, or any layman, without any graver necessity or any particular difficulty compelling him to absent himself from his own church for a very long time, fails to attend church on Sundays for three consecutive weeks, while living in the city, if he be a Cleric, let him be deposed from office; but if he be a layman, let him be removed from Communion.” (Canon 80 of the 102 canons of the Sixth Ecumenical Council).

In the interpretation of this canon, a strong statement is made regarding this situation…” for one of two things must be true: either such a person is not a believer, or, though a believer, he scorches the common offering of hymns and prayers to God.” (The Rudder (Pedalion) of the Orthodox Church, Pg. 385, The Orthodox Christian Educational Society, 1957).

Obviously, the Church does not uphold this canon in the strictest sense; however, as with all the canons, they should be upheld in their spirit. In other words, the Church cannot condone voluntary absence from Sunday liturgy when no hardship is involved, so therefore, Orthodox Christians have a sacred obligation to worship together at each Sunday’s divine liturgy.

The canons of the Church exist for the spiritual guidance of the believer toward salvation. Their purpose, therefore, is not to constitute a penal system which deals legalistically with the non-compliant. Understanding this, we should clearly see with what zeal the Church encourages us toward union with Christ through frequent participation in the Eucharist, and always in a mode of proper preparation.

Beloved spiritual children, unless our lives are centered in the Church, we will always find ourselves outside of the spirit of the Holy Canons. In today’s society, we are pulled in many directions with myriad diversions. With this in mind, it is imperative for the Orthodox Christian family to never lose its sense of priority for Christ’s holy Church. Many of us have unfortunately “bought-in” to the variety of reasons to skip church on many, or even most Sundays. In these cases, church has become just another activity in our compartmentalized lives. All secular activities are up on the pedestal, so to speak, and demand and are given great attention. Church attendance for many, has become secondary and clearly not as important as secular activities. This is clearly demonstrated through our repeated tardiness for liturgy. In contrast, we make sure that we’re not late for such things as work, school, sporting events and practices for our children, because to be late to these things would be inappropriate, unacceptable, inconsiderate, unthinkable, etc, etc!

The Church realizes that there are legitimate hardships for many of our people. Please realize that we are not addressing those issues. We would like simply to bring attention to the fact that many Orthodox Christians today, have not given the Church the priority that it should have in their lives.

If we could even make a small effort to redirect our thinking about the Church, what a difference it could make in our personal and family life. There is so much room for improvement for all of us. Do we attend church when we “feel” like attending, or when it is “convenient?” Then let us pray to change this attitude, especially so as not to impart it to our children. Do we attend church when our children are finished with a seasonal sport? Then let us be honest with ourselves, and realize the message we have clearly given our children through our consent. Do we come to church only to get married, bury a loved one, or baptize our children? Then let us understand what we see the Church as a department store that serves particular needs, and not as a life-transforming necessity in our lives. Do we stay away because we have created “issues” in our mind regarding the Church, the services, the clergy, certain members of the laity, etc.? Then let us realize that we have significantly weakened in our faith, to the point that the Evil One and his demons are succeeding in their goal of keeping us from Christ and salvation.

None of what has just been mentioned is impossible to turn around. Living a Christ-centered life is not overly difficult, unbearable, or unattainable. There are many tools available to us, the first of which is prayer, which will lead to the conversion of heart and mind. The secular world teaches us to always strive to do better – to be the best we can be, and to never settle for anything less. Beloved in Christ, should not our approach to our Orthodox faith and liturgical life be on par, and even more zealous?! Let each one of us, therefore, pick up his cross and follow the road toward salvation – the road that has been opened for us by the holy Body of our Lord – His Church.

In Christ’s love,

+Fr. Anthony
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 Omnipotent, and many names give us some small insight into His nature, so the Church goes by many names.
Αγαπητοί Αδελφοί και Αδελφές εν Χριστω,

Σ’ αυτή την ευλογημένη Έσορτ της Κοιμήσεως, τιμούμε τη ζωή και τη μαρτυρία της Υπεραγίας Θεοκτίτος και Αειπαρθένου Μαρίας. Μέσα από τις ακολουθίες και τους ύμνους αυτής της εορταστικής περιόδου προσφέρουμε σ’ όλη την ανθρώπινη και χαρούμενη μαρτυρία του προσώπου με τον οποίον η Θεοκτίτος έπεκαλύψε τη δύναμη της χάριτος του Θεού και του πως εξακολουθεί να χαρίζει ευσπλαγχνία σε όλους όσους αποτιθέντων παραχωρεί, θεραπεύει και ειρήνη μέσα από τις ικέσες της.

Η ευσπλαγχνία της Θεοκτίτος φάνηκε στήν αφοσίωσή της στο Θελήμα του Θεού. Η άποδοξία της θείας κλήσεως, η προθυμία της να Τον υπηρετήσει, και η πίστη της στην σοφία Του, υπερίσχυσε στην βαθεία άγαπή της προς τον Θεό. Αυτή ή άγαπή και η αφοσίωση καλλιεργήθηκαν από την κοινωνία μας Του, από μια ζωή πληρώνει προσέχεις και αιρισμούς στην αναζήτηση της αλήθειας και της αγνότητος.

Η ευσπλαγχνία της Φανερωθήκης επίσης στήν πίστη Της στον Ιησού Χριστό, άρχη χειρωνάμας από το γεγονός της κοιμήσεως και αναπαύσης του Γιού του Θεού, γεγονός το οποίο την καθίστα μοναδική πρόοδο στην ανθρωπότητα. Η πίστη της στον Χριστό ως Λυτρωτή και Κύριος Της και ο ήγετικός χάλκος της στή διάδοση του Ευαγγελίου της σωτηρίας επέκαλυσε το μέγεθος της ευσπλαγχνίας της. Είδε, κόψεις και ανέγραψε αυτά τα οποία γίνονται για τη σωτηρία μας, και πίστευε.

Η ευσπλαγχνία της Υπεραγίας Δεσποίνισσας ήμων Θεοκτίτος και Αειπαρθένου Μαρίας έκαθε και αποκαλύπτεται στην αγάπη της για όλους έμμες. Η Έσορτ της Κοιμήσεως έπαιξε βασικής της άγαπη του Θεού για τη Θεοκτίτο και ως αυτή αποκαλύπτεται στα γεγονότα της Κοιμήσεως Της. Η έσορτ τιμά επίσης την συνεχιζόμενη διακονία της στοργής της για όλους όσους υποφέρουν, για όσους έχουν πληγεί στο σώμα ή στην ψυχή, ή χρειάζονται θεία προστασία. Εξ ονόµατος μας και υπέρ της λυτρώσεως και ασφαλείας μας, προσφέρει συνεχείς ικέσες στον Θεό. Στέκεται, επίσης, ενώπιον μας και ενώπιον όλων των ευσπλαγχνών αγίων ως μαρτυρία της δυνάμεως της θείας αγάπης.

Είδε να αγκαλιάσωμε αυτή τη μαρτυρία της Θεοκτίτος και να αναζήτησουμε τη δύναμη της χάριτος του Θεού στη ζωή μας. Εάν η ευσπλαγχνία μας να γινεί γνώστη διά της αφοσίωσής μας στο Θελήμα του Θεού, διά της πίστεως μας στον Χριστό, και διά της αγάπης και διακοινών μας προς τους συνανθρώπους μας. Καθώς ζούμε σε κοινωνία με τον Θεό, είναι να ευφρενίσουμε από τη χάρη Του δία της αγάπης. Εκείνη η οποία είναι «ευσπλαγχνίας η αβέβαιος, τείχος αποφυγής», και καταφύγιον πάσης της σκοτωμένης.

Μέ πατρική εν Χριστῷ αγάπη,

[Διάθεση από τον Αρχιεπίσκοπο Αμερικής Δημήτριο]
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**Fasting Symbols**

- Streed Fast
- Wear Oil Allowed

**Notes**

- Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year (no services)
- Food Festival Meeting 7 PM
- Great Vespers 6 pm
KOLIVA
For Koliva please call the church office at 508-559-0910. We would appreciate one weeks 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.

SHUT IN VISITATIONS
Anyone who would like a visit from the Ladies of Philoptochos, or knows of someone who would like some company, please contact our chairlady Soultana Kotsiopoulos at 508-584-8838.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Applications for the Philoptochos Scholarships are now available in the Church office. Deadline is September 15th.

FESTIVAL BAKING
We are busy preparing for the festival in our kitchen! This is open to all ladies young and old who would like to bake. Our baking times are as follows:

Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays
9:00 to 3:00

THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS PRESENTS
A Celebration of the One Year Anniversary of the Consecration of Our Church on Sunday, October 9th

The Ladies Philoptochos will sponsor koliva to honor all our deceased church members who have given most generously, along with an Artoklasia for the health of all our current members and their families.

All our parishioners are invited to celebrate along with us on this special Sunday. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, a light brunch will be served.

Philoxenia House Residents Honored by Ladies Philoptochos

On Saturday, June 25th, the Ladies Philoptochos hosted the residing guests of the Philoxenia House at a luncheon held at the Apollo Restaurant in Norwood. There were a large number of attendees from both the Philoptochos and the Philoxenia House. The families here from Greece, requiring medical attention, were treated to an authentic Greek luncheon which made them very happy indeed. It was a chance for these individuals to forget their worries for a while and share stories and good food with the ladies. The Philoptochos received many thanks from our guests who were touched by such a wonderful gesture. Chairlady Phyllis Dean stated these families are very much in need of our prayers for their wellbeing!

A Taste of Greece

The Ladies Philoptochos Society is offering classes to preserve the tradition of Greek cooking, passing on our traditions one recipe at a time

Session I will run from October 6th thru December 15th every other Thursday from 6:30 to 9:00

October Classes

Oct. 6th—Fried Eggplant & Peppers, Horiatiki Salad, Pastitchio, Greek Peas, Kadaifi

Oct. 20—Tsatziki & Tarama with Gyro Bread, Greek Salad, Mousaka, Kourabiethes

$40 per class
Class includes:
Sit down dinner
1 standard glass of wine, water, coffee or tea
Recipes
Class participation is optional

Space is limited

Register online or contact the Church Office
YOUTH NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sunday, September 11th will be the first day of Sunday School. All children of the Parish 4 years old or older may register.

ALTAR BOY SIGN-UP’S
Sunday, September 11th will be the first day of Sunday School. After class dismissal, we invite new recruits for the altar to meet with Fr. Anthony in the church to sign-up. Please remember that per Archdiocesan guidelines, altar boys should be at least 9 years of age. It is a great honor and privilege to serve in the holy altar of God, so please consider joining!

GREEK ORTHODOX YOUTH OF AMERICA—GOYA
Sunday, September 11th – Welcome Meeting
Discuss festival & Calendar Events

Friday, September 16th – GOYA Red Sox Game

Friday, September 23rd – GOYA “Fun” Night

It is a new year! We are looking for new members to join us to share in our Fun, Games, and Fellowship! If you know anyone in grades 7 – 12, please have them email one of the below Advisors.

Jbuterbaughjr@gmail.com
ckolentsas@student.bridgew.edu
kbarrows1106@post03.curry.edu

Save the Date!
November 13, 2011 is Godparent Sunday!

GREEK SCHOOL
Registration for the Greek School begins the week of September 5th. Children 5 years old or older may register. Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 20th.

New Class hours: 5:30-7:00 PM

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Also extra time for students will be available from 5-5:30 and 7-7:30 on these evenings.

Tuition

Members is good standing: Families with two children or less will pay $300/child annually. Families with 3 or more children enrolled, tuition is free for the 3rd and subsequent child.

Non-Members: Families with two children or less will pay $450/child annually. Families with 3 or more children enrolled, tuition is $250 per child.

Tuition is for the 1st thru 6th Grades

Kindergarten: Free tuition for children

All students will need to pay $15 for their books.

Registration Forms will be available on our church web site http://www.annunciationbrockton.org/

Additional information can be found on our church web site or by contacting our church office at 508-559-0910.

DANCE NEWS
Our Annunciation Dancers have been working hard all summer in preparation for their performances at this year’s Festival – they are scheduled to perform on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon during the Festival weekend. This year we have added a PeeWee group as well, for children in grades K-2, under the instruction of our new teachers Athena Giannaros and Ellen Kalaitzidis. Please come and support our dancers!!

The group will be resuming its fall practice schedule on Sunday, October 2, immediately following Liturgy. All children of our Parish, ages 5-18 are welcome to join us! Future practices have been planned also for October 9th and 23rd, and November 6th, in preparation for the next performance at the Godparent Sunday Luncheon on November 13, 2011.

H.O.P.E./J.O.Y.
Friday, October 7th @ 6:30—Welcome Meeting/Pumpkin Decorating (rsvp by Oct. 4th in order to ensure we have enough pumpkins to gtsitsop@comcast.net)

Thursday, November 10th @ 6:00—Annual Thanksgiving Feast

Friday, December 9th @ 6:00—Annual Christmas Party
YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH CHOIR

Youth Choir will start on Sunday, Sept 25th. Youth will meet in the choir loft at 10:15 AM then proceed to rehearsals in the conference room. Due to a conflict with Corinne's schedule, choir will meet every other week from September through December.

Children from the age of 6 years old are encouraged to participate.

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**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISMS**

**June 11**  
Vasiliki (Danika) Horne  
Daughter of Derek Horne & Diana Dedes  
Godparent Andreanna Saxonis

**July 3**  
Artemis  
Daughter of Ravi and Sonia (Targontsidis) Jain  
Godparent George Targontsidis

**July 24**  
Ekaterina  
Daughter of Michael and Eftihia Vallas  
Godparents Nomiki Vallas & Evdokia Vrontou

**WEDDINGS**

**June 26**  
Brian Lupo & Georgia Lainas  
Sponsor – Paraskevi Constantine

**FUNERALS**

**July 18**  
Andrew Tsoumas

**August 8**  
Elisabeth Jacoubs

*May Their Memory Be Eternal*

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**DONATIONS**

Decoration of Iconostasis Icon of the Theotokos for August 15th  
Mr. & Mrs. Elias Lainas

Decoration of Icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos  
Mr. & Mrs. George Petropoulos

Decoration of Icon of the Holy Cross  
Dr. & Mrs. Dino Constantinou and Family

Mr. & Mrs. John Juris – $1,000

Mr. & Mrs. Nonda Gioulis in honor of Charles Savas for Ministry Laity Award – $75

Donation Fields Trust – $1,777

Donation Savas Trust – $6,077

Donations for Walk In Cooler:  
AHEPA – $5,000  
Ladies Philoptochos – $10,000  
Varros Foundation – $6,400

Donation 169 Hungry Man Dinner:  
Wine Basket – $90

**In Memory Donations as of August 16, 2011**

_E. Charles Giannaros_ $2,615  
_Elias Papadopoulos_ $3,865  
_Bessie Jenkins_ $290  
_Andrew Tsoumas_ $579  
_Elisabeth Jacoubs_ $1,155  
_George Theofilou_ $100

- Terry, Maria, Francesca, & Sophia Theofilou  
- Mr. & Mrs. Basilios Lucas  
- George & Antonia Xixis

_Mary Xixis_ $100

- Terry, Maria, Francesca, and Sophia Theofilou  
- Mr. & Mrs. Basilios Lucas  
- George & Antonia Xixis

_Anastasios Xiarchos_ $300

- Richard, Georgia, Alexandra & Angelica Campbell
WALK-IN COOLER

The Parish Council is very pleased to announce that the Walk-in Cooler Project is 100% completed and on time for our annual Food Festival!

The cooler is 20x13x8 feet in dimensions and can house all of our pastries and food provisions in an easy to access location.

On behalf of Father Anthony and the Parish Council, we want to thank Chris Mihos for his vision and leadership on making this project a success. We also want to thank the following organizations and families for their donations. Without them, this project would never come to fruition!

$10,000 donated by The Ladies Philoptochos Society on behalf of the Linygos Foundation and in memory of Sonia Lingos, past Philoptochos President

$6,100 donated by The Varros Foundation

$5,000 donated by the Order of AHEPA Lord Byron Chapter 57

Donated 100% time, labor, talent and material on the masonry work from George Yiotopoulos and family.

Donated 100% time, labor, talent and material on the installation from Chris Mihos and family

Donated 100% time, labor, talent and material on the compressor installation from VAZ Refrigeration, Anthony Karatonakis and family

The walk-in cooler will serve us well for many years!
Thank you all!

Sincerely,
John Karolemeas
Parish Council President

Upcoming Events

Annual Food Festival       Thurs. to Sun. Sept. 15-18th
Harvest Ball Dance         Sat. October 22nd
Godparents Sunday          Sun. November 13th
Fall General Assembly      Sun. November 20th
Parish Council Elections  Sun. December 4th
Parish Council Oath of Office Sun. December 18th

Parish Council Meetings

September 6th
October 11th
November 8th
December 13th

2011 METROPOLIS MINISTRY AWARD RECIPIENT

Charles E. Savas

Please join the Parish Council in congratulating Charles E. Savas as the recipient of the 2011 Metropolis Ministry Award held at Lombardo’s Restaurant, June 12th.

The following bio and commentary were:

“Constantine Savas is a committed parishioner of the Annunciation Church of Brockton. Constantine Savas never misses a day of service. He is always the first to arrive and the last to leave the church. During our food festivals, Constantine is always seen cleaning trays and wiping down tables. His love for the church shows further, whether it is planting blooms in the front garden or cleaning the glass on the icons regularly. Constantine Savas is humble and he never wants to be seen as benefactor. His actions speak louder than his words. The church is grateful for his personal contributions.

Constantine served in World War II from 1942-1947, where he was a Tech Sergeant in Army Intelligence monitoring enemy radio transmissions. At the age of 49, he ran his first Boston Marathon and finished in 3 hours 20 minutes. In his last two years participating in the Jimmy Fund walk, he and his walking partner raised over $35,000 for this cause. He and his wife Anna were well known co-proprietors of a family owned variety store in Brockton for over 55 years.”
COFFEE HOUR
If you are interested in sponsoring a coffee hour please call Bertha Weinberg at 508-586-1030 or contact the Church office.

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

ΣΑΒΒΑΤΑ ΜΕΓΑΣ ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ 6:00 ΜΜ
ΚΑΘΙΜΕΡΙΝΕΣ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ 9:00 ΠΜ
ΘΕΙΑ ΑΕΙΟΥΡΓΙΑ 10:00 ΠΜ
ΚΥΡΙΑΚΕΣ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ 8:45 ΠΜ
ΘΕΙΑ ΑΕΙΟΥΡΓΙΑ 10:00 ΠΜ

HOLY CONFESSION
Every Saturday after Great Vespers or during office hours by appointment.

CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarship forms are now available in the Church office. Deadline is September 26, 2011.

ADULT LANGUAGE CLASSES
Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m.

BOOK STORE
Stop by the bookstore on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy for a variety of books. We offer many items for the Lenten period and for those that are interested in architecture and New England history, we offer a beautiful hardback containing photos of the Greek Orthodox Churches throughout New England. We also can order special items.

Consecration DVDs now available

Reminder!!
Please do not forget to submit your 2011 Stewardship Obligation
Stewardships are the greatest source of income for our Church.
Thank you!

Employment Opportunities!!
The Annunciation Church has the following immediate openings available:

Weekend Custodian Part Time
Friday - Sunday (hours may vary)
Requires the ability to lift heavy items, support weekend services, sacraments, and assist with church fundraisers.

Office Secretary Part Time
Monday through Friday
Requires computer skills, knowledge of accounting practices, strong organizational skills and the ability to communicate in Greek.

If you are interested in one of these positions or know someone who is, please contact the church office for more details.
Our Annual Greek Food Festival is just weeks away. As we all know, the single biggest factor contributing to the success of our Festival is the commitment from over 150 of our parishioners that work long hours prior to and during the Festival.

Many other parishioners that are unable to work during the Festival have, over the years, generously donated merchandise or cash to help defray the costs that we incur. For those of our parishioners that would like to donate merchandise we have prepared a list of items that we utilize at the Festival. It would be greatly appreciated if you, your business or employer could help us defray the cost by donating merchandise.

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Please review this list and contact the Church Office with any donations that you are willing to make

With many thanks,
The Festival Committee
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
Reverend Presbyter Anthony Evangelatos
George Stavropoulos, Chanter         Heidi Mason, Choir Director
Ona Calogrias, Organist

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Greek Food Festival

Thursday September 15th 11am - 10pm
Friday September 16th 11 am - 11pm
Saturday September 17th 11am - 11pm
Sunday September 18th 12pm - 6pm

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* Music and Dancing
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Join us in celebrating our 25th Anniversary
At The
Harvest Ball Dance
Saturday, October 22nd
The Lantana
43 Scanlon Street
Randolph, MA
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Dinner will be served at 8:00 p.m.
$60 per person
$30 for children’s meal

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