Dormition of the Theotokos
Each year we remember the Holy Theotokos in a very special way. For fourteen days each August, we keep a strict fast and attend the daily Paraklesis, or Supplication service in her honor. This special time of fasting and intensified prayer has a special purpose, which is our spiritual preparation for the great feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos on August 15th.

Many times people often wonder where Holy Scripture speaks about the feast of the Dormition, or even about some of the other feasts of the Theotokos, for that matter. The truth is that they do not – at least not the canonical books of the New Testament that we all know. As Orthodox Christians, we must remember that everything we do in our Church is validated through what we call Holy Tradition. Within Holy Tradition, we find various scriptures known as the apocrypha – writings which were not included in the official Bible of the Church, but none the less, had a bearing on the development of feasts of the Panayia, such as the Nativity of the Theotokos (September 8th), and the Entrance into the Temple (November 21st). The scriptural sources of the feasts of the Panayia, along with the defense of her title Theotokos, or Mother of God, at the Third Ecumenical Council of Ephesus, led to the development of liturgical services and hymns in her honor.

Besides the wealth of hymnography from the various feasts of the Theotokos, we also find special hymns in her honor at every Orthodox divine service, known as Theotokia. In addition, the services of the Akathist Hymn and the Small and Great Paraklesis are sheer poetry, extolling and praising the virtues of the Mother of God, as well as the various kontakia written in her honor.

In addition to hymnography, there is a wealth of iconography which is focused on the subject of the Theotokos from almost the very beginning of the Church. Holy Tradition has taught us that St. Luke the Evangelist was the first to depict the Theotokos in an icon, while she was still alive. The famous Panayia of Tinos is said to be one of the icons written by his hand. Most icons of the Theotokos point us in the direction of Christ, which accentuates her role as His holy mother. Rarely is the Theotokos depicted alone in an icon. She is normally shown with her infant son Jesus, or with the adult Christ, such as in the icons of the Marriage in Cana, the Crucifixion, and the Burial. Orthodox Christians cannot fathom entering an Orthodox church without venerating one or more icons of the Theotokos. Her image is everywhere, especially in the apse of the church (the recessed semi-dome area behind most Orthodox altars), where she is depicted as the Platytera, which means “more spacious than the heavens.” This description is used by the Church to emphasize the fact that she held the eternal Logos, or Word of God, within her womb. In other words, she contained within her body, the uncontainable God.

Seeing how honored the Theotokos is through hymns and through icons, we can thus understand how important her role is within the Church. No human being is closer to Christ than His own mother. We Orthodox believe and accept that Christ is completely human and completely divine, in an unconfused state. Therefore, the Theotokos is both His earthly mother and the Mother of God. Because of her latter role, she is sanctified for all eternity. We must always be clear, however, that we do not worship the Theotokos, but simply venerate her, since worship is reserved for the Holy Trinity alone. Knowing that she continuously intercedes with Christ on our behalf, we see her as the gateway to Paradise. Salvation came into the world through her, so therefore, we pray to the Theotokos for her intercessions to Christ our God for our own salvation.

Beloved in Christ, let us make it a point to come to as many Paraklesis services in August as possible, in order to supplicate our Holy Mother who hears the prayers of all her children. We all have various needs, both spiritual and physical, so why not bring them to the one who speeds to intercede with our God and Creator? Our holy Church offers so many opportunities for the sanctification of body and soul; let us take advantage of what the Church offers freely.

In the love of Christ and His Holy Mother,

+Fr. Anthony
FROM FATHER ANTHONY

THE FAST OF THE THEOTOKOS

The “Pascha of summer” will soon be upon us. This holy season in honor of the holy Mother of God, is a time for spiritual renewal through prayer, strict fasting, charitable acts, frequent church attendance, and receipt of the holy mysteries of Confession and Holy Communion.

The general guidelines of the Church for this fast season are identical to those of Great Lent. On weekdays we fast from all animal products, including fish, as well as wine (all alcoholic beverages) and olive oil (many substitute vegetable oil). On Saturdays and Sundays, we are permitted wine and olive oil. On the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord on August 6th, we are also permitted fish. Please remember that on all fast days, shellfish is always permitted.

Let us all take up our spiritual armor and prepare for this great feast of the Mother of God.

REGARDING THE THEOTOKOS

(taken from Orthodox Dogmatic Theology, by Fr. Michael Pomazansky, St. Herman of Alaska Brotherhood, 1994)

Two dogmas concerning the Mother of God are bound up, in closest fashion, with the dogma of God the Word’s becoming man. They are: a) Her Ever-virginity, and b) Her name of Theotokos…

The Ever-Virginity of the Mother of God

The birth of the Lord Jesus Christ from a Virgin is testified to directly and deliberately by two Evangelists, Matthew and Luke. This dogma was entered into the Symbol of Faith of the First Ecumenical Council, where we read: “Who for the sake of us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man.” The Ever-virginity of the Mother of God is testified by Her own words, handed down in the Gospel, where she expressed awareness of the immeasurable majesty and height of Her chosenness: “My soul doth magnify the Lord…For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed…For He that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is His Name (Luke 1:46-49).”

The Most Holy Virgin Mary is Theotokos

With the dogma of the Son of God’s becoming man is closely bound up the naming of the Most Holy Virgin Mary as “Theotokos” (Birth-giver of God). By this name the Church confirms its faith that God the Word became Man truly and not merely in appearance; a faith that, in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, God was joined to Man from the very instant of His conception in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and that He, being perfect Man, is also perfect God.

SPIRITUAL WISDOM

Even the Saints of God were at times seized with despair and despondency. What, therefore, can we sinners expect? O, the enemy often wounds us by the wrath, humiliation, and cruel despondency of the heart! We must continually turn to God and be every moment with Him, in order that we may not be besieged with the wrath and despondency of the enemy. There are other means, besides, of escaping from them – the broad way of the world; only, if you give yourself up to worldly pleasures, despondency will leave you for a time, at least while the pleasures last. But afterwards you will be captivated by these pleasures; they will become a necessity to you, and you will find comfort and joy in them, and in them alone; but may God preserve every Christian from finding his only way of escape from despondency of the devil through such means! It is better to walk in the narrow path, to patiently bear despondency, and to seek frequent help and deliverance from the Lord Jesus Christ, Who always rejoices over those laboring for their salvation for His sake, than to enter on the broad and smooth way of the world and purchase there, by means of the pleasure of the flesh, freedom from the spirit of despondency. By means of this spirit of despondency, the enemy has driven many from the narrow path of salvation onto the broad, smooth path which leads to destruction. (St. John of Kronstadt)

Christian life means to become like Christ; to have, as Saint Paul tells us, the same movements of the heart, the same thoughts, as the Son of the Father. If we remain conscious of this goal, if inwardly we go with all our being in this direction, our mind will not be lost in petty things. Envy, jealousy, frictions, and the minute problems of daily life will pass completely unnoticed. (Archimandrite Sophrony, spiritual son of St. Silouan)
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**Fasting Symbols**

- **Strict Fast**
- **Wine/Oil Allowed**
- **Fish Allowed**
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### August Calendar

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|     |     |     | Dormition Fast Begins  
(see bulletin entry) | Great Paraklesis  
7 pm | Small Paraklesis  
7 pm | Great Vespers  
6 pm |
| 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  |
| 9th Sunday of Matthew  
Κυρ. 9η Μετάτοση | The Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord  
Orthros & Lit.  
Τής Μεταμφισμο-σεως του Σωτήρος  
Small Paraklesis  
7 pm  
Μκ. Παρακλήσεως | Great Paraklesis  
7 pm | Small Paraklesis  
7 pm | Great Paraklesis  
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7 pm | Great Vespers  
6 pm |
| 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  |
| 10th Sunday of Matthew  
Κυρ. 10ή Μετάτοση | Small Paraklesis  
7 pm | Great Vespers of the Dormition @  
Somerville, MA &  
Pawtucket, RI  
7 pm | DORMITION OF THE  
ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΣ  
Orthros & Lit. (fish, wine & oil permitted)  
Η Κοίμησις της  
Θεοτόκου | Parish Council  
6 pm |     | Great Vespers  
6 pm |
| 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  |
| 11th Sunday of Matthew  
Summer Picnic after Liturgy  
Κυρ. 11η Μετάτοση |     | (Fr. Anthony on vacation through 8/26)  
(Fr. Anthony on vacation through 8/26) | House & Grounds Meeting  
6 pm  
Food Festival Meeting  
7 pm |     |     | (No Vespers) |
| 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |     |
| 12th Sunday of Matthew  
(visiting priest)  
Κυρ. 12ή Μετάτοση |     | Beheading of John the Forerunner & Baptist  
Orthros & Lit. (strict fast)  
Δοξολογία της  
Κοίμησις του Αγ.  
Προδρόμου | Food Festival Meeting  
7 pm |     | Fasting Symbols  
Strict Fast  
Vine/Oil Allowed  
Fish Allowed  
Cheese Allowed |
Ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Δημήτριος επισκέφθηκε το Παγκόσμιο Εμπορικό Κέντρο και την τοποθεσία ανέγερσης του Αγίου Νικολάου

«Το νέο Παγκόσμιο Εμπορικό Κέντρο της Νέας Υόρκης δεν θα μπορεί να θεωρηθεί πλήρες και ολοκληρωμένο μέχρι την ανέγερση του Αγίου Νικολάου», είπε ο νέος Εκτελεστικός Διευθυντής της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής κ. Δημήτριος και άλλους εκπροσώπους της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής, της Ομογένειας και της κοινότητας του Αγίου Νικολάου. Η συνάντηση πραγματοποιήθηκε στις 6 Ιουνίου στο γραφείο του Steven Plate, έχοντας το γενικό πρόσταγμα για όλες τις κατασκευαστικές και οικοδομικές εργασίες στο Παγκόσμιο Εμπορικό Κέντρο της Νέας Υόρκης. Έγινε μια διεξοδική παρουσίαση των σχεδίων και όλων των κατασκευαστικών εργασιών που βρίσκονται εν εξελίξει με ιδιαίτερη φυσική εμφάνιση τα σχέδια που αφορούν στη θέση και στο σχεδιασμό της ανοικοδομήσεως του Αγίου Νικολάου και του περιβάλλοντος χώρου. Στο πλαίσιο αυτό, παρουσιάστηκαν αρχιτεκτονικά σχέδια και μοντέλα εικονικής προσομοίωσης της περιοχής.

Ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Δημήτριος μίλησε με ευγνωμοσύνη και επαινετικό τρόπο για τον Κυβερνήτη της Πολιτείας της Νέας Υόρκης Andrew Cuomo και για τη συμβολή του και το ρόλο του στην θετική έκβαση του αδιεξόδου που έχει επέλθει το 2009 στην ανοικοδόμηση του ναού του Αγίου Νικολάου, του μοναδικού ναού και τόπου λατρείας που καταστράφηκε από τις επιθέσεις της 11ης Σεπτεμβρίου 2001. Ο Σεβασμιώτατος σημείωσε επίσης το σημαντικό ρόλο που έπαιξε ο Κυβερνήτης στη προετοιμασία της περιοχής και τον Αγίο Νικολάο στον Άγιο. Ελληνοαμερικάνος ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος διέθεσε για την ανέγερση του Αγίου Νικολάου και την κατασκευή του πλατεία Ράμφαλ, η οποία θα ιδρύεται σε ανθρώπινη δημιουργία και θα γίνει ένας τόπος αγάπης και ευλογίας του Θεού. Υποσημειώθηκε επίσης το σημαντικό ρόλο που έπαιξε ο Κυβερνήτης στην ανάπτυξη της περιοχής και την ανάπτυξη των κτιρίων της περιοχής. Επίσης, ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος διέθεσε για τη λατρεία της κοινότητας του Αγίου Νικολάου, η οποία θα ιδρύεται στον Άγιο. Ελληνοαμερικάνος ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος διέθεσε για την ανέγερση του Αγίου Νικολάου και την κατασκευή του πλατεία Ράμφαλ, η οποία θα γίνει ένας τόπος αγάπης και ευλογίας του Θεού.
Applications for the Philoptochos Scholarships are now available in the Church office. Deadline is **September 15th**.

**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 508-584-8338.

**KOLIVA**

For Koliva please call the church office at 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 Ladies Philoptochos Society.

**COFFEE HOUR**

If you are interested in sponsoring a coffee hour please call Bertha Weinberg at 508-586-1030 or contact the Church office.

**CHRISTMAS TREE WANTED**

Do you have a Christmas Tree that you do not need? The Holiday Decorating Committee is looking for a tree in good condition to use for this upcoming season. Please contact Bertha Weinberg at 508-586-1030.

**FESTIVAL BAKING**

We will soon be preparing for the festival in our kitchen! This is open to all ladies young and old who would like to bake. We will begin on Thursday, August 16th at 9:00 am. Our baking times are as follows:

- Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays      9:00 to 3:00
- As we get closer to the festival we will add more days for baking.

**2012 Calendar of Events**

- **Food Festival Baking**             Monday, August 20th
- **Annual Food Festival**             Thursday, September 20th to 23rd
- **First Meeting**                    Tuesday, October 2nd
- **Annual Christmas Party**           Thursday, December 6th
- **Annual Christmas Luncheon**        Sunday, December 16th

Don't forget to join or renew your membership for 2012!
YOUTH NEWS

DANCE NEWS

Happy Summer to all!!!!! The following is the 2012 SUMMER DANCE PRACTICE SCHEDULE, in preparation for the fall festival. As always, I understand that families go on vacation and dancers are involved in a variety of camps and activities, so PLEASE just let me know what your family’s plan is regarding these practices, so I can plan accordingly. Presbytera Themmi will continue to be in charge of managing the scheduled for summer dinner schedule, so please be in touch with her directly about dinner questions. We will plan to break for dinner at about 6:15PM each evening, presuming we are able to start promptly at 5:15PM.

THURSDAY, June 28, 5:15PM-7:30PM

[NO CLASS JULY 5th]

THURSDAYS, July 12th, 19th, 26th 5:15PM-7:30PM

[NO CLASS AUG 2nd]

THURSDAY, Aug 9th 5:15PM-6:45PM [practice ends early so we can all attend Paraclesis Services together at 7PM]

THURSDAYS, Aug 16th, 23rd and 30th, 5:15PM-7:30PM

REMEMBER: NO sandals or flip flops pretty please!!!!! Each dancer should also be bringing their own water bottle.

See you this summer!!!

Sunday School

Congratulations to our Sunday school graduates.

Elizabeth Batsinelas
Nikoletta Evangelatos
Michael Maranian
Aglaia Papaj

Many thanks go out to all the teachers who volunteer their time every year to teach our children.

Thank you to Roula Cariofiles for donating paper and binders for Greek and Sunday school use. We would also like to thank Pegi Ciulla for her help with keeping an accurate Sunday school bulletin and help with the end of the year program.

Sunday school will resume on September 16, 2012. Students who had participated in Sunday school will automatically be Registered. New students may register early by emailing coon005@aol.com with Name, address, telephone and starting grade and any questions about our program.

DANCE NEWS

The Annunciation Dancers want to thank you for all your support. The dance group has grown to 60 plus children and we are in dire need for storage for these wonderful costumes. We are looking for donors to help the dance group fray the cost of cabinetry for the storage of these costumes. The time and labor to build the cabinets has been donated already! We need help with the cost of the materials. The material cost is roughly $2,000. If you are interested in donating the entire cost or a partial donation, please contact the church office for more information. As always we thank you for your support!

JOY & HOPE held our last meeting of the school year in June. Thank you to everyone who came to movie night. We are thinking of planning a group trip to a local Zoo over the summer months. If you are interested in attending please email one of the group advisors at irena.mroz@verizon.net or paulatsitsop@comcast.net. If there’s enough interest we will organize the trip and send out information by email, so please be sure to let us know if you’d like to participate. We wish everyone a good summer.
**DONATIONS**

**Memorial Donations as of June 19th**

- Constance Kalivas $600
- Michael Dalkouras $20
- Frances Kareores $90
- **Husband and Parents**
  - Katherine Vzivzis $100
  - Elias Papadopoulos $100
- **Mrs. Penny Papadopoulos and family**

**Other Donations**

- Areti Potsis Scholarship $200
- Mr. and Mrs. Illias Potsis

In honor of George Alexis $150
- Kosta and Esta Alexis

Decoration of Icon of the Ascension
- Mr. & Mrs. Nondas Gioulis

Decoration of Icon of Pentecost
- Anonymous IMO of Constantine Savas

40 Pizzas for Greek School Graduation
- Jamoulis Family

4 bottles of Ouzo, 4 cases of red wine & 3 bottles of scotch—The Sedell Family

**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISMS**

- May 27th Vasilios
  - Son of Theodore & Evangelia Kakridas
  - Godparents: Maria Giambanis & Dimitri Giambanis

- June 10th Stavros (Trent)
  - Son of Frederick & Sarah Whowell
  - Godparent: Kathryn Goodine

- June 17th Zoe
  - Daughter of Scott & Christina Ferguson
  - Godparents: Angela Davilas

- June 24th Sophia
  - Daughter of Steven & Nicole Inguanti
  - Godparent: Andrea Lyons

**FUNERALS**

- May 31st Frances (Fotini) Kareores
  - May Her Memory Be Eternal
  - Αἰωνία η Μνήμη Αυτῆς
2012 Stewardship Pledges

The wonderful summer months are here! On behalf of Fr. Anthony and the Parish Council, we want to thank the entire parish for their generous support during the 2011-2012 ecclesiastical year. Especially to those parishioners who have pledged early their 2012 stewardship. If you haven’t pledged to date, we welcome your support! Our operating expenses are often a challenge to meet during the summer months due to vacations and lower church attendance overall.

We hope you can join us this summer for services. If you cannot attend, we would be delighted to light a candle just for you! Call the office or contact one of the parish council members for assistance.

Enjoy the Summer!
Stewardship Committee

Reminder!!
Please do not forget to submit your 2012 Stewardship Obligation

Stewardships are the greatest source of income for our Church.

Thank you!

Υπενθύμιση !!!
Αγαπητοί Ενορίτες,
Σας παρακαλούμε μη ξεχάσετε να αποτείλετε την ετήσια προσφορά σας για το παρόν (τούτο) το έτος 2012.
Η ετήσια προσφορά σας αποτελεί τη βασικότερη πηγή εισοδήματος για τη συντήρηση και τις καθημερινές ανάγκες της Εκκλησίας μας.
Σας ευχαριστούμε θερμά

2012 Total Goal

400 Total Stewardship Goal

150K Total Goal

$150,000 Total Goal Amount

222 Pledges
$64,595 Amount Raised
Pledged number of Stewards as of June 12, 2012
Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Fr. Anthony and the Parish Council, we want to wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer! We have several events over the next 2-3 months that we hope all of you can participate in:

On July 9th, The Parish Council will be holding our Annual Golf Tournament at the Easton Country Club. The event is a great opportunity to golf with friends & family, and to help the church with our operating expenses. Please contact the church office to register. We are always looking for Tee Sponsorships.

On August 19th, The Annunciation Church will be hosting our summer picnic. There will be plenty of youth activities and events for the children. Please join us for lunch, music and fun celebrating our last event for the summer.

We are coming close to our Annual Food Festival in September. Last year we had a very successful year! We had wonderful volunteer support and team spirit. Everyone felt a sense of great accomplishment and pride. We raised over $175,000 in revenue. Due to high costs of goods, our expenses increased dramatically yielding us a lower return than anticipated. As parishioners, we can make a difference by donating some of these food items! If everyone contributed to these expense items, we could lower our costs and give our church a better return! Please observe on Page 13 we have a Food Item Expenses List available for donation. If you are interested in donating anything on the list, please contact the church office. Together, we can make a huge difference! Please check the bulletin schedule for all food festival meetings. EVERYONE IS WELCOMED TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS. We need your support!

Sadly, we regret to inform you, Teddy Fitopoulos will be leaving his position as church office manager this summer. We would like to congratulate Teddy on his new position at Bright Horizons! Heidi Mason will assist in the interim until we find a permanent replacement. We want to thank Teddy for his dedication to our church this past year. Teddy worked very hard to implement an improved financial system for our church. Teddy has offered to help stay on for the food festival. As a young adult, Teddy represents the value of young leadership to our church. We look forward to that leadership and breadth of support from all our young adults.

John Karolemeas
Parish Council President

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**2012 Parish Council Meetings**

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1st Thursday of the month:
- Finance Meeting 6pm
- Stewardship Meeting 7pm

3rd Thursday of the month:
- House & Grounds Meeting 6pm
- Food Festival Meeting 7pm
New Summer Office Hours

Effective June 19th through September 4th
Open: Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9am to 3pm

For any additional resources visit our site at http://www.annunciationbrockton.org

The office will be closed Friday June 29th through July 9th

In case of an emergency please call: 978-201-1444 or 508-942-8483

Employment Opportunity!!!

The Annunciation Church has the following immediate opening available:

Office Manager
Monday through Friday
Requires computer skills, knowledge of accounting practices, strong organizational skills and the ability to communicate in Greek.
Ideal hours are from 9-3, Monday through Friday. However we are flexible on the schedule and start date for the right candidate.

If you are interested in this position or know someone who is, please contact the church office at 508-559-0910 for more details.

CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship forms are now available in the Church office.
Deadline is September 26, 2012.

What would you like to read about?

We are selecting new books from the latest catalogs and there are some very interesting choices – what would you like to see?

A Rebel’s Journey by Father Alexander Goussetis follows a man striving to maturity who wonders if the teachings of his ancestors are still relevant in a contemporary world.

Path to Sanity by Dee Pennock discusses violent mood swings, uncontrollable willfulness, anger, depression and “ignorance of oneself” as well as compulsive physical passions. The writer suggests that these are disorders of the soul and discusses what the Church Fathers say about recovering sanity in the love of Christ. All that in 216 pages!

Tools of Spiritual Warfare by Joy Corey describes how Orthodox Christians can overcome troubles in this world rather than falling victim by using the tools offered by our Faith.

Looking for a unique Orthodox Christian icon, censor, incense or other worship items? We are in contact with suppliers that may have just what you need.

We also have Christian decals for cars, cookbooks offering meatless meals and much more.

Contact us:
Annunciation Bookstore
Annunciationbrockton.bookstore@gmail.com

Have a Great Summer!

Going to College or Moving?

Send young Orthodox Christians off to dormitories or apartments with a little bit of the Orthodox Church in hand. Change is difficult and the traditional red prayer book is a good choice because it includes prayers of thankfulness as well as prayers for times of trouble…as well as the prayer “Thanksgiving after deliverance from trouble.”

We have small icons in plastic as well as traditional wood, including icon magnets for the refrigerator of a new apartment or living space. It is an inexpensive gift that reminds us daily of our Faith.

Other good gifts may be helpful books such as Living Responsibly in an Age of Excuses or Growing in Christ, a gentle discussion about growing your faith in a busy and reckless world. We also have copies.
Our Annual Greek Food Festival is just two months from now. 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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<td>Fresh Legs of Lamb</td>
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<td>Filo Dough</td>
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<td>Pita Bread/Large</td>
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<td>Cucumbers</td>
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<td>Chicken Broth 46 oz Cans</td>
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<td>Spinach (Frozen Chopped)</td>
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<td>Walnuts (Chopped Fine)</td>
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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
**PARISH COUNCIL**  
Executive Board  
John Karolemeas, President  
Steven Passias, 1st Vice President Administration  
John Papadopoulos, 2nd Vice President Maintenance  
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Avraam Vardaxis  

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**OTHER MINISTRIES**  
Sunday School  
Tina Boutas  
Rhoda Economos  
Greek School  
Tina Boutas  
Argyro Papadopoulos  
Vicky Papaioannou  
G.O.Y.A.  
Jon Buterbaugh  
Chris & Kristen Kolentsas  
Jr. G.O.Y.A.  
Suzanne Barrus  
J.O.Y. & H.O.P.E.  
Irena Mroz  
Paula Tsitsopoulos  
Adult Greek Classes  
Arthur Krikis  
Koliva  
Ladies Philoptochos  
Coffee Hour  
Bertha Weinberg  
Shut-In Visitations  
Soultana Kotsiopoulos  
Basketball  
Steve Passias  
Dance Group  
Jon & Penny Buterbaugh  
Junior Choir  
Corinne & Heidi Mason  
Oratorical Festival  
Rhoda Economos  
Bookstore  
Linda Sakelaris  
Stephen Savas  
Joanna Stellakis  

**EMAILS**  
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Church Office  
office@annunciationbrockton.org
ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
457 OAK STREET
BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02301

Register and pay online at
http://www.annunciationbrockton.org
Now accepting Credit Cards

Exciting Prizes Include
Foursome to Easton Country Club (1st place)
$25 Gift Certificates each (2nd place)
460cc Driver (Longest Drive Prize)
Putter (Closest to the pin Prize)

Join us for the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church Golf Tournament!

When: Monday July 9, 2012
9:30 a.m. Shotgun Start
8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Golf Range

Where: Easton Country Club
256 Purchase Street
South Easton, MA
(508) 238-2500

Entry fee of $125 per player includes green fees, golf cart, driving range, continental breakfast, lunch banquet, and awards. Dinner Guests Welcome at $25 each.

Mail check & registration by July 1 to:
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
Golf Tournament
457 Oak St., Brockton, MA 02301
Tel: 508-559-0910

Contact:
Stephen Passias
508-942-8483
passias@comcast.net

Sponsorship opportunities are available:

___ Golf/Food Festival Bundle: $450 (includes tee sponsor for tournament, banner & placement ad for festival: $125 Savings!)
___ Tee or Green Sponsor: $150
___ Putting Green: $250 2’x6’ Banner Ad
___ Driving Range: $250 2’x6’ Banner Ad
___ Breakfast: $250 2’x6’ Banner Ad
___ Lunch: $500 2’x6’ Banner Ad
___ Golf Shirts: $1000 Company Name on shirt

___ I cannot attend, but would like to make a donation. Please accept my donation of $__________

Sponsor Name:

Telephone:

Street:

City: ____________ State: ______ Zip: _________

http://www.AnnunciationBrockton.org
Entry fee must accompany registration.
Summer Picnic

Sunday, August 19th

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

Greek Food Festival

Thursday September 20th 11am - 10pm
Friday September 21st 11 am - 11pm
Saturday September 22nd 11am - 11pm
Sunday September 23rd 12pm - 6pm

457 Oak Street
Brockton, MA
508-559-0910

* Free Admission
* Music and Dancing
* Food To Go
We are now reserving space in our monthly bulletin for advertising purposes in order to defer from the high costs of publishing. You can now advertise your business for a small cost.

The following are the advertising costs

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Space is limited and will be available “On a First Come, First Serve Basis.”

The deadline for including your advertisement will be on the 10th of each month.

If you have any questions and are interested in an opportunity that will support
Christo's

782 Crescent Street
Brockton, Massachusetts 02302
508/588-4200
508/583-6946 FAX