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Church Services

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Archpastoral Reflection

By Metropolitan Methodios

IMAGINE

A few weeks ago we closed our personal Book of 2011 and placed it in the library of eternity. Rather than make resolutions for the New Year - resolutions which more than likely I would not keep - I decided instead to reflect upon the past, observe more carefully the present, and try to envision the future, as these aspects of time bear upon the life of the Church and of her members.

I said to myself: Imagine how different the world would be if we lived each day as if it would be our last, as if at any given moment we would face Almighty God to give an accounting. After all, the Scriptures have warned us of the unpredictability of life, "The Master of the servant may come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know" (Mt. 25:50).

Imagine how different things would have been last year - how many mistakes we would have avoided - had we cherished every day as a God-given gift to make our world a better place. I bet our priorities would have changed dramatically, thereby altering both the course of our personal life and our role in the life of the Church.

I said to myself, "Imagine if in 2012 we would all learn to bridle our egos and "not be desirous of vain glory" (Gal. 5:26). If we would learn from Him who said, "I am meek and lowly in heart" (Mt. 11:29). Imagine if in the New Year we were to set aside time each day to pray and to read the Holy Bible and the writings of the Church Fathers. Imagine if we lived each day according to the tenets of our Orthodox faith.

Imagine if we lived each day by the truth. If we had the courage to drop the masks of hypocrisy—to look straight into the mirror of reality to see ourselves as we really are—and then muster the courage and strength to change. To become more wholesome and less shallow. To become more self-effacing and less narcissistic. To become what God has willed us to be and be happy with what we achieve by the grace of God.

Imagine if we could replicate in our own lives the example of the tenth leper (Lk. 17:12) who returned to the One who healed him to express his gratitude. Imagine if we were able to shun the example of the nine lepers whose ingratitude and thoughtlessness easily turns them into poster children of what has come to be known as "the age of entitlement."

I also thought to myself, "Imagine what our Church would be like if we bishops, priests and deacons lived up to the expectations of our high calling." Imagine if we clergy and laity were imbued with a vibrant missionary spirit and worked diligently in response to the command of the Lord to "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt. 28:19), starting right here at home in America!

Imagine if we clergy were ever-mindful of the fact that the Priesthood is a precious gift, a vocation and not a job. The Priesthood, its dignity and honor, cannot be bought. It cannot be sold for "a plate of lentils" (Gen. 25:29-34).

Imagine for a moment if our liturgical services were as uplifting as those which long ago inspired the words of the Russian emissaries of Prince Vladimir who described their experience of the liturgy in the great cathedral church of St. Sophia in Constantinople in their initial encounter with Orthodoxy: "And the Greeks led us to the edifice where they worship their God, and we knew not whether we were in heaven or on earth. For on earth there is no such splendor or such beauty...We only know that God dwells there among men, and their service is fairer than the ceremonies of other nations. For we cannot forget that beauty."

Imagine if everyone who is privileged to serve on the Parish Councils of our communities did so for unselfish reasons and not for self-projection or to satisfy some self-perceived importance and indispensability. Imagine if all Parish Council members were men and women of deep and abiding faith who live the sacramental life of the Church. People who are drawn to and love the beauty of the Lord's house wherein they experience Christ's transforming power and sanctifying presence. People who do not pride themselves in proclaiming that they "meditated on God when they walked by the ocean!"

Imagine how powerful the witness of our Church would be if we would invest more in things eternal and less in things transient. If we would devote as much time to our spiritual edification as we do to our business commitments and social calendars. Imagine if everyone, according to his/her means, was a cheerful giver providing the Church with the necessary financial resources to continue, improve and expand her ministries and services in fulfillment of her saving mission to the world. Imagine if some of us realized that we contribute less to the Church than it costs us daily to enjoy a fancy cup of coffee or to pay for our cable or satellite T.V. service

Imagine if the criticisms we sometimes hear or make on aspects of church life were less strident. Constructive and not destructive. Mean-spirited attacks are hurtful and divisive. We have been enjoined by the Lord to notice first the log in our own eye before we see the speck in our brother's eye (Mt. 7:3), and admonished by St. Paul "You have no excuses, O Man, whoever you are, when you judge another, for in passing judgment on him, you condemn yourself because you, the judge, are doing the very same things" (Rom. 2.1). Indeed, in imitation of God we are instructed to be "slow to anger and abounding in mercy" (Ps. 103:8).

Imagine if we parents and grandparents who fault the Church when our children are "not involved" exercised greater discernment, and realized that children!
1. CREMATION: Because of the Orthodox Faith affirms the fundamental goodness of creation, it understands the body to be an integral part of the human person and the temple of the Holy Spirit, and expects the resurrection of the dead. The Church considers cremation to be the deliberate desecration and destruction of what God has made and ordained for us. The Church instead insists that the body be buried so that the natural physical process of decomposition may take place. The Church does not grant funerals, either in the sanctuary, or at the funeral home, or at any other place, to persons who have chosen to be cremated. Additionally, memorial services with kolyva (boiled wheat) are not allowed in such instances, inasmuch as the similarity between the “kernel of wheat” and the “body” has been intentionally destroyed.

2. SUICIDE: Suicide, the taking of one’s own life, is self-murder and as such, a sin. More importantly, it may be evidence of a lack of faith in our loving, forgiving, sustaining God. If a person has committed suicide as a result of a belief that such an action is rationally or ethically defensible, the Orthodox Church denies that person a Church funeral, because such beliefs and actions separate a person from the community of faith. The Church shows compassion, however, on those who have taken their own life as a result of mental illness or severe emotional stress, when a condition of impaired rationality can be verified by a physician.

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Official Archpastoral Guidelines

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“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.” (Psalm 50(51):10)

In her book Amazing Grace, Kathleen Norris tells the story of working as an artist-in-residence at a parochial school, teaching children how to write poetry using the Book of Psalms as a model. One little boy surprised her with his poem, “The Monster Who Was Sorry.” He began his poem by admitting that he hates it when his father yells at him. It makes him so angry that he hits and yells at his sister and smashes up his room. “Full of rage,” the poem says, “he proceeds to wreck the town.” The boy's poem concludes with the line, “Then I sit in my messy house and say to myself, ’I shouldn’t have done all that.’”

Reflecting on the boy’s poem, Norris observed: “My messy house’ says it all!” And she added, “With more honesty than most adults could have mustered, the boy made a metaphor for himself that admitted the depth of his rage, and also gave him a way out – ‘I shouldn't have done all that.’ The boy was well on the way toward repentance, not such a monster after all, but only human.” And she concluded, “If the house is messy, why not clean it up, why not make it into a place where God might wish to dwell?”

For my part, I see two interrelated things in the author’s story of the boy that bear on the solemn season of the Great Lent: the hidden issues of the heart and the power of repentance, or the Springtime of the soul with all its beauty and promise.

Perhaps, our own house – our own inner world – like the little boy’s may be more “messy” than we care to admit. It may be in more disarray due to imprudent acts and more cluttered with countless trivialities than we think or even suspect. Our inner world may be in need of a thorough cleaning more than we are willing to acknowledge.

If we were as honest with ourselves as the little boy in the story was, we would see the "mess" and resolve to clean it up. More importantly, we would come to recognize that our heart and soul – the very depths of our inner world – are wounded and fragmented. We harbor many hurts, pains, and disappointments. Burdened with the contagious influence of sin, we sap our spirit of its energy and power. Far below the surface, anger rages. We feel incomplete and unfulfilled. Afraid to confront our anxieties and our moral failures, we cover up our emptiness with all kinds of noises and countless distractions.

But, as someone once wrote, the Great Lent will not let us neglect our "messy insides." Through a series of special services, biblical readings, and inspirational hymns, the Lenten period brings us before the profound mystery of God's immeasurable and transforming love, and before the complexities, frailties, and contradictions of our human existence. On the one hand, we realize that we are driven by an irrational desire to be the center of the universe, and on the other, we are moved by a profound desire for what is true, lovely, holy, noble, and just. Lent wakes us up to the stark realities of life. It helps us focus on the essential things by guiding us to the mystery of repentance. The Psalmist said it best when he prayed: “Lord, You desire truth in the inward being. Therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart” (Ps. 50(51):6).

Every Lenten season brings before us the question posed by Norris, “If the house is messy, why not clean it up, why not make it into a place where God might wish to dwell?” But cleaning up the mess doesn't come easy. Left unattended, the mess only piles up and the wounds and the despair of the heart remain unresolved. Lent is a big wakeup call; the time for deeper self-reflection and self-awareness. It is the call to repentance. We are being summoned by the Church to take hold of our life, to put things of our inward being in order. We are called to clean up the mess and to heal the wounds of the soul by turning to the Lord Christ, who is the source of all healing and forgiveness and the treasure house of every blessing.

This is the season during which winter and spring struggle for dominance – not only in the physical world but also in our own inner world. We can choose to stay in the dark nights of winter by deluding ourselves that all is well in our inner world – that we have it all together; or we can let the Sun of Righteousness – Christ – shine brightly in the depths of our soul to overcome the gloom of winter in our souls.

During this Lenten season, let us make our house a place where God might wish to dwell, by observing a fast acceptable and pleasing to the Lord.
A traveler, recently returned from a trip around the world, related how he saw in Japan a man stagger through a railway station with a huge carton on his back. On the carton were the words, “The Universe.” An individual bent under the weight of the universe! How graphically this describes what has happened to the individual. Through books, newspapers, radio and television, the “universe” and its troubles are daily laid on the backs of staggering individuals—individuals who are already loaded with excess baggage of their own.

We shall not deal with the world’s problems. We shall concern ourselves rather with our own. For many of us are staggering under the weight of the excess baggage of our hatreds and jealousies, of our fears and worries, of our failures and secret sins. How can a man carry all this baggage on his shoulders, day after day, month after month, year after year, without breaking under the burden?

God has provided a way for man to rid himself of this excess baggage of sin and guilt. The way is through repentance and confession.

The noted Christian psychiatrist, Dr. Paul Tournier, writes, “I have at times been accused of over-emphasizing the importance of confession, as if the whole cure of souls were contained in it. I speak from my own experience as a doctor...nothing) can be compared in importance with confession.”

“I could give very many examples, especially of patients who have come to visit me only once, often from a great distance, with the sole purpose of finding someone to whom they could confess a sin that has been weighing upon them for years...There remained nothing for me to do but to remind them in one way or another that if we confess our sins, He (God) is faithful and just, to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (I John 1:9)...There is no worse suffering than a guilty conscience, and certainly none more harmful...The tremendous joy brought by forgiveness plays an important part in causing the medical effects (of healing) to which I have referred. In many cases I have seen a physical illness disappear overnight after the confession of a lie or an illicit love-affair.”

This is not a clergyman speaking. This is a medical man, a psychiatrist. And he speaks from his own clinical experience.

Blessed are Those Who Mourn

“Blessed are those who mourn,” said Jesus, “for they shall be comforted.” Mourn for what? Mourn for their sins. Among all those who mourn, none—says Jesus—shall be sooner consoled than those who weep for their own sins. Sin is the only evil that can be cured by mourning.

Sorrow in the Heart

Before we confess with the tongue, there must always be sorrow in the heart, sorrow that we have disobeyed a loving God. This sorrow of the heart we call repentance. Unless there is sorrow and repentance in the heart, no sin can be forgiven no matter how many times we come to the sacrament of confession. The mouth must always confess out of an abundance of sorrow in the heart.

Why Confession?

“But why the sacrament of confession?” you ask. “Can’t I confess directly to God? Why confess to a priest who is subject to human weakness like myself? Why confess to a man?”

The truth of the matter is that the Church urges us to confess our sins directly to God every day in our prayers. Confession of sin is a part of every true prayer. But in addition to this, God has given us the sacrament of confession. It was He Who gave His apostles the power to forgive sin in His name. His words to them were:

“As the Father has sent Me, I also send you. Receive the Holy Spirit, whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; whose sins you shall retain, they are retained” (John 20:20-23).

The priest is merely an instrument—as he is an instrument in baptism and Communion—an instrument through which Christ our Lord pronounces His forgiveness to the penitent sinner. For-giveness does not emanate from the priest; it emanates from Christ. That is why the priest does not say, “I forgive you...” but “May our Lord Jesus forgive you...”

God chose priests not angels, said St. Chrysostom. He chose weak beings to forgive other weak beings because they would understand.

Also, when a person sins, he separates himself not only from God but also from the family of God—the Church. By confessing to another man—the priest—the sinner is united not only to God but also to the people of God—the Church, and is accepted by them—made to feel that he is once more a part of the family of God.

There is no sin that God will not forgive. He forgave David who killed a man so that he could marry his wife; David who had committed murder and adultery. If He forgave David and surrounded his life with grace once more, surely He will forgive us. “Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow” (Isaiah 1:18).

The only person who cannot be forgiven is he who thinks he has no sin and does not come to God for forgiveness. And it seems that this is the case with quite a number of people today. “Why should I come to confession?” they say. “I haven’t killed anyone, I haven’t stolen. If anyone should come to confession, it’s-so-and-so who hurt me and did me such a great injustice.”

Who can say he is without sin when the Word of God says, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us” (I John 1:8)? Who can say he is without sin when Jesus says, “If anyone would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well; and if any one forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles” (Matthew 5:40-41)? Have we kept these commandments? Who can say he is without sin? Only he who has not examined his life. Only he whom the devil has deceived, for Satan delights in hiding our sins and pointing out to us only the sins of others.
**SPIRITUAL WISDOM**

(taken from *The Philokalia*)

Smoke from wood kindling a fire troubles the eyes; but then the fire gives them light and gladdens them. Similarly, unceasing attentiveness is irksome; but when, invoked in prayer, Jesus draws near, He illuminates the heart; for remembrance of Him confers on us spiritual enlightenment and the highest of all blessings. (St. Philotheos of Sinai)

If God suffers in the flesh when He is made man, should we not rejoice when we suffer, for we have God to share our sufferings? This shared suffering confers the Kingdom on us. For he spoke truly who said, "If we suffer with Him, then we shall also be glorified with Him" (Rom. 8:17). (St. Maximos the Confessor)

Godlessness and love of praise are the worst and most incurable diseases of the soul and lead to her destruction. The desire for evil signifies a lack of what is good. Goodness consists in doing with all our heart whatever is right and pleasing to the God of all. (St. Anthony the Great)

**FASTING GUIDELINES OF GREAT LENT**

Since many of our brethren seek to follow the fast of Great Lent to the best of their ability, we offer the following traditional and widely accepted guidelines (also illustrated on your Archdiocesan calendars). Not everyone can follow such a fast, especially people with certain health concerns, growing children, expectant and nursing mothers, etc. In all cases, our fasting should include intensified prayer, increased church attendance, and almsgiving and other charitable works. In order to celebrate Holy Pascha with a pure and cleansed heart and soul, our Lenten ascetic struggle should also lead us to repentance and Holy Confession.

**Weekdays of Lent** — strict fast from all animal products (including fish), all alcoholic beverages, and olive oil (vegetable oil may be substituted if desired)

**Weekends of Lent** — wine and olive oil are permitted

*It should be noted that the amount of food consumed on weekdays should be limited; however, there is no such restriction on weekends. Also, shellfish is permitted daily.*

**PREPARING FOR PRESANCTIFIED LITURGIES**

Because of the heightened spiritual focus of Great Lent, many of the faithful choose to receive Holy Communion at the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. For those who plan on receiving at the Wednesday evening liturgies, it is permissible to have breakfast and a light noontime meal, and then fast from all food and drink until the liturgy. For small children, it may be necessary to give a Lenten snack after school to hold them (nuts, peanut butter, fruit, etc.). The Church allows this through compassion for those who work or study during the week. Needless to say, whether one is fasting strictly or not during Lent, **any meals taken on the day one will commune at a Presanctified Liturgy, should be strictly Lenten.** For those who wish to receive Communion at a Friday morning liturgy, this would be treated as any Sunday when one is communiting — no food or drink prior to the liturgy, except for health reasons. For more detailed information on the Lenten fast, please see the specific bulletin entry in this edition.

**LENTE FEFLECTIONS**

(The following is taken from *Daily Readings From the Writings of St. John Chrysostom*, edited by Fr. Anthony Coniaris, Light & Life Pub. Co., 1988)

**Real Fasting**

I speak not of such a fast as most persons keep, but of real fasting; not merely abstinence from meats, but from sins as well. For the nature of a fast is such that it does not suffice to deliver those who practice it, unless it is done according to a suitable law. So that when we have gone through the labor of fasting we do not lose the crown of fasting, we must understand how and in what manner it is necessary to conduct the business since the Pharisee also fasted, but afterward went away empty and destitute of the fruit of fasting. The Publican did not fast and yet he was accepted in preference to him who had fasted, in order that you may learn that fasting is unprofitable unless all other duties accompany it.

Fasting is a medicine. But like all medicines, though it be very profitable to the person who knows how to use it, it frequently becomes useless (and even harmful) in the hands of him who is unskilful in its use.

I have said these things not that we may disparage fasting, but that we may honor fasting. For the honor of fasting consists not in abstinence from food, but in withdrawing from sinful practices, since he who limits his fasting only to abstinence from meats is one who especially disparages fasting.

**The Proof of Fasting**

Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works. If you see a poor man, take pity on him. If you see a friend being honored, do not envy him. Do not let only your mouth fast, but also the eye, and the ear, and the feet, and the hands, and all the members of our bodies. Let the hands fast, by being free of avarice. Let the feet fast, by ceasing to run after sin. Let the eyes fast, by disciplining them not to glare at that which is sinful…Let the ear fast…by not listening to evil talk and gossip…Let the mouth fast from foul words and unjust criticism. For what good is it if we abstain from birds and fishes, but bite and devour our brothers?

**REGARDING COMMUNION WINE**

First of all, thanks to the generosity of many, we have an ample supply of Communion wine at this time. Secondly, I would like to point out that a few years ago, our Metropolis was introduced to a particularly excellent brand of Communion wine from the island of Santorini, known as **Nama Roussos.** Since the time I announced that this would be our official Communion wine, another brand of lesser quality and lower cost has appeared on the market. The inferior brand is named **Nama Byzantino,** which is only a few dollars cheaper than **Nama Roussos.** It is overly sweet, and of a purple color instead of red. Since only the best should be offered to God for His holy sacraments, let us please stay with the **Nama Roussos** brand. Going forward, if anyone would like to donate wine and cannot afford a bottle, perhaps consider making a donation toward a future purchase.

For everyone’s convenience, **Nama Roussos** can be found here in Brockton at both **Athena International Foods,** and at the **Winebasket.** Again, thanks for all your past donations, and for the anticipated generosity of many others.

**IN APPRECIATION**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank this year’s committee for the **Have a Heart** fundraiser held on 2/12 — Maria Fitzopoulos, Liz Karolemeas, Irena Mroz, and Paula Tsitsopoulos, and the many other volunteers who did their share toward the success of this event. It is especially heart-warming to see our youth serving us, and simultaneously helping the cause. As always, the committee did a wonderful job to make this luncheon a beautiful event. More importantly, they worked diligently to strive for practically 100% donations of all expenses, food and otherwise. By doing this, all proceeds were able to be given directly to the **Hellenic Cardiac Fund,** to assist the wonderful work done by this organization. May this be a blessing to all involved!
Προσφιλείς Άδελφοι καὶ Άδελφές ἐν Χριστῷ,

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Ματθ. 25:35 – Κυριακή τῆς Ἀπόκρεων

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ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΤΕΣΣΑΡΑΚΟΣΤΉΣ

Δευτέρες: Μεγα Αποδειπνον – 7:00 μμ
Τετάρτες: 9η Ωρα – 5:15 μμ, Προηγιασμενη Λειτ-ουργία – 5:30 μμ
Παρασκευής: 9η Ωρα – 9:45 πμ, Προηγιασμενη Λειτ-ουργία – 10:00 πμ
Χαρετισμοι της Θεοτοκου – 7:00 μμ (μεχρι 30/3)
Σαββάτα: Μεγας Εσπερινος – 6:00 μμ

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΕΞΟΜΟΛΟΓΗΣΕΩΣ

- Καθε Δευτερα μετα το Αποδειπνο
- Καθε Παρασκευη μετα τους Χαρετισμους
- Καθε Σαββατο μετα τον Εσπερινον (ισχυει ολο το χρονο)
- Ωρες γραφειου με ραντεβου (ισχυει ολο το χρονο)

The children of HOPE/JOY at their annual Have A Heart Luncheon

† ὁ Ἀρχιεπίσκοπος Ἀμερικῆς Δημήτριος

Ὅλες οἱ εἰσερχόμενοι πατρικά για σᾶς καὶ τὶς οἰκογένειας σας ἄστε, ἀμετα περιόδος τῆς Αγίας καὶ Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής να είναι πληρέστερε πνευματικῶν ἀνταμοιβῶν λόγῳ τῆς άγαπής καὶ γενναιοδωρίας σας, διατελῶ.

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**National Philoptochos Issues**

**Appeal for the Welfare of the People of Greece**

National Philoptochos President Aphrodite Skeadas on January 17, 2012 issued an immediate appeal to all Philoptochos Presidents, members nationwide and their respective communities to support a drive for the welfare of the people of Greece. President Skeadas stated, “We enter 2012 mindful of the dire economic circumstances and supreme hardships faced by our brothers and sisters in economically ravaged Greece, our ancestral homeland. We cannot and will not turn our backs to the needs of our people.”

Daily news reports document widespread poverty in Greece where many parents can no longer afford to provide adequate food and warm winter clothing for their children while other parents are forced to abandon their children in orphanages. People struggle to exist with less income as unemployment continues to rise. For all too many, hope disintegrates into depression. These tragedies affect young and old, families, and most importantly, the children who have had their dreams and futures taken away.

National Philoptochos will provide a measured and deliberate response that addresses concrete social needs to alleviate hunger and homelessness, to strengthen family and children’s services and to ensure that families remain united. National Philoptochos Social Worker Paulette Geanacopoulos leads a team to identify appropriate non-profit, non-governmental and religious organizations with which Philoptochos can partner to ensure maximum impact. Philoptochos will make every effort to ensure transparency and accountability regarding utilization of its contributions.

Philoptochos Sisters are urged to unite in love to help those in need. Immediate aid is imperative and Chapters are asked to contribute generously to this unique appeal for the welfare of our fellow Greek Orthodox Hellenes. With the support of all members, National Philoptochos will offer life-changing and life-saving relief to help our brothers and sisters rebuild their lives at this critical time. Donations marked “Welfare of the People of Greece” may be sent to: National Philoptochos, 7 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019.

To make online donations go to www.philoptochos.org

For more information: Christine Karavites, National Public Relations, 508.982.4276

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**2012 Calendar of Events**

- Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers & Reception: Sunday, March 4th
- Philoptochos Meeting: Tuesday, March 6th
- Presanctified Liturgy & Lenten Supper: Wednesday, March 7th
- Philoptochos Metropolis Retreat: Friday, March 30 & 31st
- Annunciation Great Vespers & Reception: Saturday, March 24th
- Philoptochos Meeting: Tuesday, April 3rd
- Palm Making: Friday, April 6th
- Palm Sunday Annual Bake Sale: Sunday, April 8th
- Holy Thursday: Thursday, April 12th
- Decorating of the Epitaphio: Friday, April 13th
- Annual Greek Independence Day Parade: Sunday, April 22nd
- Philoptochos Meeting: Tuesday, May 1st
- Philoptochos Food Festival: May 19th & May 20th
- Philoptochos Meeting/End of Year Dinner: TBA for June
- Annual Philoxenia Luncheon: TBD
- Food Festival Baking: Monday, August 20th
- Annual Christmas Party: Thursday, December 6th
- Annual Christmas Luncheon: Sunday, December 16th

**Dear Members,**

There are several events I wish to bring to your attention for attendance and support.

We are very honored and delighted to have the opportunity to host a reception on Sunday, March 4th following Vespers and a light supper immediately following the Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday, March 7th.

On Saturday March 24th, our church will be celebrating its name day. Immediately after services light refreshments will be served.

Our Spring Annual Food Festival meetings are beginning to formulate. We look forward to your attendance.

If anyone is wishing to help volunteer the day of and before the events, please contact me.

Best Wishes,

Despina Papadopoulos

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YOUTH NEWS

GOYA NEWS

Our GOYA is growing and we have created a Junior GOYA! The Junior GOYA will be comprised of youth from grades 6 thru 8. As a result we are proud to introduce our new member to our Advisory Team, Suzanne Barrus. Suzanne will be the Parent Advisor for the Junior GOYA. The official start date will be at our next meeting on Sunday, March 18th.

Recently we got together with our GOYA brothers and sisters from St. Catherine's in Braintree. We all had a great time bowling at Westgate Lanes and then returning to our church for some pizza and social time. We have plans to attend a GOYA dance being hosted at Saint Athanasius Church in Arlington and service projects which include a blood drive with the American Red Cross and possibly a Lenten Retreat for the weekend of April 6th.

If you know someone who is in Middle school or High School and they are looking to have fun, meet friends, and do community projects, GOYA is the place to be! Please check the upcoming Youth Calendar for upcoming events.

Thank you to everyone in our community for your generosity and support for the Have a Heart Luncheon. We were able to raise approximately $9,000 for the Hellenic Cardiac Fund. We will print the final dollar amount next month. Through food, product and cash donations from everyone in our community we were able to more than double last years numbers. We would like to thank all of the children that served at this luncheon. Not only did they all look adorable, they did a great job!!! A big THANK YOU to all of our volunteers. Without help, this event would not be successful. Please keep an eye out in your e-mails for the next JOY/HOPE meeting.

GREEK SCHOOL
Join us as we celebrate Greek Independence Day on Sunday, March 25th following the Divine Liturgy for our annual pageant!

SUNDAY SCHOOL
On Sunday, March 4th, we will celebrate the victory of icons in our church, Sunday of Orthodoxy. Classes will begin at 10:15. Children are encouraged to bring an icon from home to carry in the procession. Please mark the back of your icon with your name and phone number in case an icon is misplaced. Icons will be provided for children who do not bring one from home.

Class schedule will also be at 10:15 on March 18th for the Celebration of the Cross.

We will be celebrating Pre Sanctified Liturgy on Wednesdays during lent. The Sunday School will be sponsoring a light Lenten meal after service on March 14th. Please check the calendar for the time of service.

There are more services held during Lent, we encourage you to bring your children so that they can participate in our Orthodox faith.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the Holy Eparchial Synod of our Holy Archdiocese of America, I am writing to you, the faithful members of our Holy Orthodox Church here in the United States, this heartfelt appeal for our brothers and sisters in Greece. The financial crisis that has rocked Europe and deeply affected Greece has reached proportions where the suffering of innocents and the ordeal of common people cry out for urgent and substantive help. So many of our families have roots in Greece and many of us have relatives and friends who are now experiencing privation unknown in that country since the time of the harsh occupation of the Second World War. Cognizant of this harsh reality, we must respond by offering real and tangible assistance to our brethren through trusted Church affiliated humanitarian and philanthropic agencies which will directly assist those most in need. Therefore, as the time of Great Lent approaches, when we are called by the Church to a greater consciousness of the needs of our fellow human beings, I hope that every Christian will generously respond to this special appeal by making a donation to the Relief Fund for the People of Greece of the Archdiocese.

With paternal blessing and prayers for you and your beloved families, that this Lenten Season may be even more spiritually rewarding to you because of your love and generosity, I remain,

With paternal love,

+ DEMETRIOS
Archbishop of America

ALL contributions should be forwarded to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese
8 East 79th Street, New York, NY 10075
earmarked for the Relief Fund for the People of Greece
Greetings fellow parishioners! On behalf of Father Anthony and the Parish Council, we wish you a Great Lent!

On February 11th, we had the pleasure of hosting the Metropolis Joy and GOYAN basketball games. We want to thank Stephen Passias for coordinating the games. We are proud to showcase our facilities and to welcome our neighboring parishes as guests of our church. We look forward to more regional events with our youth.

We'd like to congratulate the Joy and Hope advisors, Irene Mroz and Paula Tsitsopoulos along with Liz Karolemeas and Maria Fitopoulos for coordinating a wonderful event and a worthy cause on February 12th for the Hellenic Cardiac Fund. A sincere thank you to Arthur Targontsidis for his decorations and a special thank you to our parish youth who served the event with pride and honor. Though the director of the Hellenic Cardiac Fund, Bessie Pappas was unable to attend, Chris Pappas, her husband was grateful to be here. Chris could not wait to share the news with Bessie that our Joy and Hope youth raised close to $9,000 for the Hellenic Cardiac Fund. Congrats to all! We look forward to next year!

On March 4th, the Parish will be hosting our traditional Annual Lenten Luncheon. We will honor all of our volunteers and our members who served our parish. At 5pm the same day, I am pleased to announce that His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios has selected the Annunciation Church of Brockton to host the Sunday of Orthodoxy. This is truly an honor for our parish and we look forward to our neighboring Orthodox Clergy and Laity in joining us for Vespers. The Metropolis Choir Director, our own Heidi Mason, will be leading the hymns. You cannot miss this memorable unique event! Please plan on attending. We want to see the church full to capacity showing the pride of the Annunciation Brockton Congregation. A light Lenten supper and dessert will be served immediately following services.

Finally, please take a moment to visit our website for upcoming calendar of events. We welcome your support and participation. If anyone is interested in joining a committee or an event, please contact the office for scheduled meetings and times.

God Bless.
John Karolemeas
Parish Council President

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Let us help you find the things you seek!
Books, icons, incense and more

Don’t forget upcoming Easter baskets, which could contain a small icon of the child’s Patron Saint or one of our books for children, such as *My First Book of Prayers* or *Christina Learns the Sacraments*. What a nice gesture. Most icons should be pre-ordered and come in a variety of prices.

Have you seen our small icon magnets? They are only $4.50 and a great gift for the YiaYia who has everything – she probably doesn’t have one of these!

We have a full range of Lenten books including *Great Lent Unplugged: The Funny Terrible, Wonderful Journey to Pascha*. Father Anthony found this book to be witty, lighthearted, insightful and helpful.

Other Lenten treasures: *The Service of the Akathist Hymn* ($16), *Holy Wednesday Evening Services* ($13), *The Great Compline* ($13), *The Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts* ($23.00), and the *Holy Week* service book ($25).

In fact, raffle tickets are still available for our March 18 drawing, and the winner will walk away with a free copy of the Holy Week Service book, beautifully printed and easy to read, in Greek and English. It takes the reader from Palm Sunday evening through the Resurrection Services of Pascha. Raffle tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5 – what a bargain!

Trying to eat less meat? Our Lenten cookbook is full of bean soups, bean burgers, vegetables and other non-meat recipes for year-round use as well as the Lenten season. Come by and look through it.

Open every Sunday after Divine Liturgy
AnnunciationBrockton.BookStore@gmail.com

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**Holy Confession**

During Great Lent, Fr. Anthony will be available to hear confessions as follows:

- each Monday evening after Great Compline
- each Friday evening after Salutations (up to 3/30)
- each Saturday evening after Great Vespers (all year)
- during office hours by appointment (all year)

Please take advantage of this most healing mystery (sacrament) of love and forgiveness.

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**Lenten Retreat**

March 30-31, 2012

**Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos**

Second Annual

**Lenten Retreat for Women**

Sisters, Mothers, Aunts, Daughters, and of course Friends!

Friday, March 30 – Saturday, March 31, 2012

St. Methodios Faith and Heritage Center

Contoocook, NH

Come enjoy a walk on the grounds of the lovely retreat center, experience the retreat, share a meal and make some new friends!

**Please Join Us!!**

Suggested Donation $50

Includes: One night lodging in the Retreat House, Three meals, and Retreat program

Arrive Friday Afternoon between 4 & 6 p.m.

Depart Saturday Afternoon

For more information please contact

Barbara Orlando: 508-339-1455 or BARBARAORLANDO_99@msn.com
Philippa Condakes: 617-571-8539 or pjcondakes@comcast.net

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**Bible Trivia**

How many books of the New Testament did Luke write?

A) 5  
B) 3  
C) 2

Answer: C) 2

LENT

Join us for our
Annual Lenten Luncheon
Sunday, March 4, 2012
immediately following the
Divine Liturgy

Shrimp dinner $15
Pizza $5

For tickets please see a Parish Council Member
or contact the church office at 508-559-0910
His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios

AND

The Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians

invite you to

Vespers of the Sunday of Orthodoxy

Sunday, March 4, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
457 Oak Street • Brockton, Massachusetts

Come join us in fellowship as we commemorate the Restoration of Icons, the “Triumph of Orthodoxy” and the beginning of Great Lent

All are invited to a Reception sponsored by the Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos Society immediately following Vespers
Metropolis of Boston Summer Camp

- **Family Camp**: July 5th - 8th (All ages, campers under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult)
- **Session 2**: July 9th - 15th, *Youth Session*: Ages 8 - 18
- **Session 3**: July 16th - July 22
  *Youth Session*: Ages 8 - 18
- **Session 4**: July 23rd - July 29th
  *Youth Session*: Ages 8 - 18
- **Session 5**: July 30th - August 5th
  *Youth Session*: Ages 8 - 18
- **Session 6**: August 6th - August 12th
  *Youth Session*: Ages 8 - 18

Join us on Sunday, March 11th to learn more about the MBC Summer Program!

Yanni Michaelidis from the Metropolis will be joining us after coffee hour to answer all of your questions about the upcoming camp program.

The center is a coed program that holds six one-week sessions and serves children ages 8-18. Last year the camp ministered over 700 campers so don't miss out this year! Registration begins on March 1st via their website (www.mbcamp.org) and scholarships are available.

*The memories your child will make will last a lifetime!*

We hope to see all of you there!
MAYOR LINDA M. BALZOTTI
INVITES YOU TO A
CEREMONY IN HONOR OF THE
GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

@ CITY HALL PLAZA
on MARCH 23, 2012 at 3.30p.m.

ΤΗ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ 23 ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ @ 3:30 ΣΤΟ ΔΗΜΑΡΧΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ BROCKTON
ΘΑ ΑΝΑΡΤΗΘΕΙ
Η ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΣΗΜΑΙΑ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΕΠΕΤΕΙΟ ΤΗΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΗΣ ΜΑΣ
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MAYOR’S OFFICE AT 508-580-7123
45 School St, Brockton, MA
182 Hungry Friends
Join us for our annual Dinner and Raffle

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2012

The donation is $125 per person. Participants can bring a guest to dinner for an additional $25. Please see any Parish Council member for tickets.
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