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FROM FATHER ANTHONY

Many times in the past I have had various conversations with Protestant Christians regarding Orthodox traditions and dogmas. Some of these conversations occurred during our festival based on the church tours I gave. With all such conversations, it’s not only amazing to see how different the Orthodox faith is from the Protestant tradition, but more importantly, how much certain Protestant denominations have veered from the true Apostolic Faith, which has been preserved in Orthodoxy.

Most of our differences stem from the classic Protestant approach to Christianity, which is represented by the Latin term, *sola scriptura* – literally, *scripture only*. Even though Protestantism didn’t set out to create a new Christian denomination, it eventually resulted in that reality. As Martin Luther and subsequent reformers strongly reacted to Rome and its practices, it became clearer to the Protestant mind that the Church needed to go back to the “beginning” – to the “purest” form of Christianity which they saw in the Bible alone, especially the New Testament. Unfortunately, the route they took did not, in fact, bring them back to the very beginnings of Christianity.

This is the point where it becomes difficult to reason with a staunch, Bible-based Protestant. In order for such persons to understand Orthodoxy, it is imperative that the person hear about the first few centuries of the life of the Church. There must be a willingness to comprehend the fact that the written version of the New Testament, as we know it today, did not come to be until late in the 4th century. In other words, it was not just scripture alone that guided the Church in its early development.

The growth of the Church was multi-faceted. All the various components that nurtured the Church are part of what we Orthodox refer to as *Holy Tradition*. Under this large umbrella of Holy Tradition, we include such things as the development of liturgical worship, hymnography, iconography, the veneration of the Theotokos and the saints, the oral tradition of the Apostolic teachings, monasticism, and so forth. Parallel to Holy Tradition, was the use of Holy Scripture, even before the canon of the New Testament was finalized by the Church in the 4th century. The Old and New Testaments were always present and held a central role in the life of the Church. This is important for us to know in order to answer correctly to evangelical Protestants, who typically accuse the Orthodox Church of not being “Biblical enough.”

Another large area of misunderstanding on the part of many Protestants, is the veneration of the Theotokos and the saints, and the use of icons within our churches and homes. Logically, we can see how Protestantism, which has only been around approximately 500 years, cannot easily look back to the beginnings of Christianity in order to comprehend the origins and meaning of our venerable traditions. Again, the only thing Protestants can comfortably fall back on is Holy Scripture. Since evangelical Protestants are so well-versed in scripture, they will quote it readily and frequently, in order to prove how “wrong” our Holy Tradition is. Although their arguments can sometimes sound reasonable, we must remember the solid and blessed foundation upon which the Orthodox Church rests. We have a *living memory* that goes back to the very day of Pentecost. Within the Church, we have encapsulated every venerable and canonical teaching and practice that has been preserved and passed down throughout the ages. And remember—everything in the Orthodox Church has been, and continues to be guided by the *Holy Spirit*, thereby creating a synergy between God and man.

We Orthodox Christians must realize and understand that our Church is not a relic from the past, floating aimlessly upon a sea of nostalgia searching for the lost glories of Byzantium. We are not obsessed with ancient rituals and traditions as if they had no relevance *vis-a-vis* the reality of modern life. Quite to the contrary, our Church – the ancient Church founded on the day of Pentecost – is totally part of *today*, just as much as it was part of the reality of *yesterday*, and of all the ages to come before Christ’s second coming. As I’ve said many times, the Orthodox Church is a solid rock that does not bend and re-shape itself according to the whims of society at any given time.

Debating these issues with our Protestant Christian brethren is not easy; in fact, in can be very draining. We must always approach such conversations with patience and understanding, always avoiding the temptation of demonstrating arrogance and intolerance toward the sharply contrasting views of other Christians. Notice that I haven’t even touched upon discussions with Roman Catholics – that’s a whole issue of its own. In the case of Roman Catholics, many are quite open toward the Orthodox Church because of issues of disagreement with various aspects of their own tradition. However, there are also many staunch Catholics who truly feel that we are the black sheep who need to return to the “true shepherd” who resides in Rome.

Beloved in Christ, keep your Orthodox faith intact and ever growing stronger. Continue to learn about the Orthodox Church and its Holy Tradition, so that you may be able to discuss points with some level of ease when others question you. But most importantly, *live your Orthodox faith sincerely, so that you may teach by example*!

In Christ’s love,

+Fr. Anthony
SPIRITUAL WISDOM

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 6, 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.

From Our Hymnography

Unfortunately, many of us do not attend any of the multiple Paraklesis services offered to the Holy Mother of God during the fast of the Theotokos, and periodically throughout the year. This is one of the most popular services of the Church, laden with poetic hymns set to simple, yet beautiful melodies. The hymns make very clear to us the important role of the blessed Panayia in the life of the Church. They extol her as Mother of God and mediator between Christ and humanity. Following are some excerpts from the service of the Small Paraklesis. Hopefully, these will inspire us to come and be blessed by the Theotokos while attending the Paraklesis.

O Theotokos, we shall never be silent of your mighty acts, all we the unworthy. Had you not stood to intercede for us, who would have delivered us from the numerous perils? Who would have preserved us all until now with our freedom? O Lady, we shall not depart from you; for you always save your servants from all tribulation.

With my many temptations surrounding me, searching for salvation I have sought refuge in you; O Mother of the Word and ever-Virgin, from all distresses and dangers deliver me.

With most serious ailments and with the passions so dark, I am being tested, O Virgin, come and bring help to me; for I have known of you, that you are without fail the endless treasure of cures, only all-blameless one.

I know you as the protection of my life, a steadfast shelter and refuge, O Virgin; disperse the host of my many temptations, and force away the demonic attacks from me. I pray to you unceasingly, from corruption of passions deliver me.

The streams of my many tears, reject not, Holy Virgin; for you gave birth to the One who dried all the tears, from all the faces of people; The Christ was born of you.

From the great multitude of my sins, ill am I in body, ill am I also in my soul. I am fleeing to you, the one who is all-blessed, the hope of all the hopeles, please come bring help to me.

Lady and the Mother of Him who saves, receive the supplications of the lowly who pray to you. Mediate between us and the One you brought forth; O Lady of all people, intercede for us.

MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS, SAVE US!
A Miracle of St. Marina from Andros

The following has been taken from the website of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of Galveston, Texas.

A few years ago, a family from Lemessos, Cyprus, named Vassiliou received the following miracle. In Greece they are well known from the televised requests they made in order to find a donor for their young boy Andrea, who suffered from leukemia. The donor was indeed found and the parents began preparing for their trip to Texas, U.S.A where the bone marrow transplant was going to be performed. Meanwhile, they also prayed and begged Jesus Christ to save their boy.

Before they left for the U.S., the parents heard of St. Marina's miracles and they called the monastery of St. Marina located on the island of Andros in Greece to ask for Her blessing. The Elder of the monastery, Archimandrite Fr. Cyprianos promised that he would pray to St. Marina. He also wished the parents for St. Marina to be with Andrea in the operating room, to help him. With Elder Cyprianos’ blessing and with strong faith that St. Marina would help indeed, the Vassiliou family went to the U.S.

After the necessary pre-operation tests that Andrea had to undergo, he was taken to the operating room. A short time before the operation was to begin, a woman came to see the surgeon who would be operating on Andrea. She said that she was Andrea’s doctor and asked to be allowed to observe the operation. The conversation that ensued proved that the woman was indeed a doctor. However, the surgeon replied that ‘outside’ doctors were not permitted to be present in the operating room and that his medical teams’ policy was that no doctor other than those on the team be involved in such delicate operations.

The persistence of the woman however, convinced the surgeon to allow her in the operating room. But before, he asked her to leave her information at the administration desk. The unknown doctor did as told and then entered the operating room with the surgeon. During the operation, she gave several directions regarding the progress of the procedure. The operation went well and in the end the surgeon thanked the woman and exited the operating room.

Andrea's parents immediately went to inquire about the outcome of the surgery and the surgeon replied that all had gone very well, adding that he could not understand why they had brought Andrea to him when they had such a fine doctor. The parents were surprised and responded that they had not brought any doctor with them. The surgeon insisted however. He also told them that when he came out of the operating room, Andrea’s doctor had remained there for a little longer with the rest of the operating team and therefore, she would probably still be around. He recommended that they look for her. The search however, proved pointless as the ‘woman doctor’ was nowhere around. The Vassiliou couple then concluded that it must have been a doctor from Greece or Cyprus who had decided to travel to the U.S. and contribute to the delicate operation.

They expressed the wish to know who she was so that they may be able to thank her, and at the surgeon's recommendation they then went to the administration desk to ask for her information. It was with utter surprise that they read that the unknown woman had signed with the name "Marina from Andros". Tears of gratefulness and joy filled their eyes as they recalled that the Elder at the monastery had said to them that he wished Andrea to have St. Marina in the operating room to help him.

Andrea's parents shared with the media their joy both for the successful operation and Andrea's recovered health and for the miracle they received. The Vassiliou family made the vow that the entire family will be present at the saint's monastery every year on the saint's feast day (July 17) and Elder Cyprianos reports that the family has been making the annual trip from Lemessos to Andros every summer to thank Saint Marina for saving Andrea.
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- 4th Sunday of Matthew: Κυρ. 4η Ματθαίου
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**SACRAMENTS & DONATIONS**

**BAPTISMS**
6/2—**Sofia**, daughter of George and Andromahi Kouvlis;  
Sponsors, Basileios and Donna Christopoulos
6/16—**Natalia**, daughter of Chris and Kristen Kolentzas;  
Sponsors, Peter Kolentzas and Lauren Drosos
6/30—**Elias**, son of Brian and Georgia Lupo;  
Sponsor, Paraskevi Constantine

**WEDDINGS**
6/20 - The Marriage of Alan and Diane (Yaitanes) Fletcher was blessed in the Orthodox Church; Sponsor, Amanda Yaitanes

**FUNERALS**
6/12—Virginia Strangis
6/19—Thalia Petros

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS**
Eleftheria & Bill Theos, $200, in memory of Sofia Vemis
Charles, John, & James Theos, $200, in memory of Sofia Vemis
Johanna Stephen, $75, in memory of Sofia Vemis
In memory of Thalia Petros, $150
George Petros & Joan Petros, $1,000, in memory of Thalia Petros
Victoria & Nicholas Koines, $200, in memory of Thalia Petros
Dr. & Mrs. Michael Fields, $200, in memory of Thalia Petros
Helen S. Covett, $100, in memory of Thalia Petros
Hal Rubin, $100, in memory of Thalia Petros
Diane Cara Donna Carey & Family, $50, in memory of Thalia Petros
Soultana Kotsiopoulos & Chris Kotsiopoulos, $50, in memory of Thalia Petros
Mr. & Mrs. Ilias Potsis, a case of Altar Candles, in memory of Areti Potsis

**GENERAL DONATIONS**
Ilias Potsis, assorted liquor and wine, value $500,
For 182 Hungry Friends & Philoptochos festival

**ROOF REPAIR DONATIONS**
Fr. Anthony & Presvytera Themmi Evangelatos, & family, $1,000
Mr. Irakli Savas, $2,000
Maria & Terry Theofilou, $250, in memory of George Theofilou
ΝΕΑ ΥΟΡΚΗ – Ολοκληρώθηκε σήμερα η επταήμερη επίσκεψη του Μακαριωτάτου Αρχιεπισκόπου Αθηνών και Πάσης Ελλάδος κ. Ιερώνυμου στην Ιερά Αρχιεπισκοπή Αμερικής, η οποία πραγματοποιήθηκε επ’ ευκαιρία της αναγορεύσεως του Μακαριωτάτου εις Επίτιμο Διδάκτορα Θεολογίας από την Θεολογική Σχολή του Τιμίου Σταυρού της Βοστώνης.

Ο Μακαριώτατος, μαζί με τον Αρχιεπίσκοπο Αμερικής κ. Δημήτριο και την συνοδεία του, επισκέφθηκαν σήμερα το πρωί το Μητροπολιτικό Μουσείο Τέχνης της Νέας Υόρκης και θαύμασαν μερικά από τα εκθέματα του Μουσείου. Συγκεκριμένα έγιναν δεκτοί από την ερευνήτρια του Μουσείου Ms. Brandie Ratliff η οποία ξενάγησε τον Αρχιεπίσκοπο Ιερώνυμο στα εκθέματα των αιθουσών Βυζαντινής Τέχνης που αποτελούν προϊόν δωρεάς του ζεύγους Μαίρης και Μιχαήλ Τζαχάρη. Την ξενάγηση συνέχισε η κ. Kiki Karglou στις μεγάλες αίθουσες Ελληνορωμαϊκής Τέχνης Μιχαήλ και Μαίρης Τζαχάρη, οι οποίες καταλαμβάνουν μεγάλη έκταση του πρώτου ορόφου του Μουσείου, και αποτελούν καύχημα για το διάσημο αυτό κέντρο τέχνης, αλλά και για τον Ελληνισμό.

Το απόγευμα ο Σεβασμιώτατος Αρχιεπίσκοπος Αμερικής κ. Δημήτριος συνόδευσε τον Μακαριώτατο και τη συνοδεία του στο αεροδρόμιο Κέννεντυ της Νέας Υόρκης από όπου αναχώρησαν για την Αθήνα μέσω Ζυρίχης.

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GROWING IN CHRIST & MY GIVING LEVEL

As we grow in Christ, our commitment to Him also grows in maturity. Before deciding what to commit in 2013, check to see your current level of giving. Then, prayerfully seek God’s guidance for your decision. In the past our Greek Orthodox culture has not customarily emphasized giving 10%; however, as our parishioners grow in the Faith this type of responsible, mature giving naturally becomes part of a vibrant Christian culture. "Stewardship is recommended to be ten percent (10%) of one’s annual income as stated in Holy Scripture to help meet the financial obligations of the Parish." (from the Regulations of the Archdiocese)

Worksheet
Individual or household annual income: $ __________ Current weekly giving: $ __________

Use the chart below to find the percentage closest to your current giving: __________ %

Consider growing to new percentage of __________ %

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http://www.AnnunciationBrockton.org
**July 4, 2013**  
**Independence Day**

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we commemorate Independence Day and its significance for this nation, for our American heritage, and for the quality of our lives, we must also affirm and share the truth our Orthodox faith offers concerning freedom. In our contemporary world, many people understand freedom in a very individualistic way. For example, some emphasize freedom as an individual right in terms of speech, movement, belief, or behavior. Others speak of freedom from the arbitrary use of the power of government. Many affirm the liberty to have or to pursue a wide range of economic and social opportunities.

Certainly, these are aspects of the classical understanding of liberty in a free society in which government is of and for the people and their freedom is protected through various limitations on political authority. However, as Orthodox Christians, we understand that freedom is much more than this. We know that the blessing of a free society is that we are free to live and experience freedom in the fullest possible way. This is freedom that is not limited to our individual rights and opportunities, but freedom to move beyond ourselves to what we can do for and offer to others.

Yes, we are free to say, do, move, and believe; but in the context of our faith and our communion with God, we are free to share a Gospel of love and hope. We are free to give and serve so that others might find healing and peace. We are free to respond to the needs of those around us. We are free to act on our beliefs and offer a witness of the power and grace of God.

On this Independence Day, may we join with our fellow citizens of the United States of America in a celebration of our freedom. May we continue to be champions of freedom for all people throughout the world. May we also offer a witness of how true and enduring freedom is much more than the rights, equality and opportunities that we have individually. Let us show that the experience of freedom is much greater when we use it as an opportunity to bring life and hope to others and honor and glory to God.

With paternal love in Him,  
†DEMETRIOS  
Archbishop of America
We Lend Books!

We now lend from our collection - just sign out and off you go!

We have small booklets and icons at reasonable prices!

Orthodox Christian Parenting
Cultivating God’s Creation

A collection of Orthodox Christian guidelines for raising children within our faith and in the modern world. Nice gift for a new mother.

- Pocket prayer books, $7 and $9
- What Orthodox Christians Believe, booklets on a variety of subjects, such as fasting, confession and building a habit of prayer, $2.50 each
- God and You: A Personal Relationship with Christ, $20
- Icons, wood and plastic, variety of sizes.

Great things for children!

- My First Prayer Book for Toddlers, with simple words for young children.
- Guardian angel icons

For Young Adults

- What is Life? Why are You Here? What is Your Reason for Living? $20

In September, our store will again be open every Sunday after Church. If you are looking for anything during the summer, do not hesitate to contact us at annunciationbrockton.bookstore@gmail.com or call the Church office at 508-559-0910.

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 contact Tina Boutas or the Church Office.

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 the Philoptochos directly.

Festival Preparations

Beginning on Monday, August 19th, the Ladies of the Philoptochos will start preparing for the Annual Food Festival. They will be working each Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9am until 3pm, and closer to the Festival, days and times will be added as necessary. This is all to ensure that the Festival is the annual success we have come to expect. If you are interested in helping, please contact a member of the Philoptochos.
Technology (IT) News

Weekly Newsletter

Our IT (Information Technology) Committee is constantly looking for better ways to communicate with our parishioners. We are pleased to announce that this summer we will introduce a Weekly eNewsletter. This will allow us to send reminders on upcoming events, last minute news, and anything else that is important enough to send in a faster and more timely matter. We expect the eNewsletter to be sent out once a week, on Thursday evenings. This eNewsletter will not replace the monthly bulletin but will be a supplement to it.

This weekly communication will only be available to you by email. If you are interested in receiving up-to-date news and reminders, this is something you will like! You will need to subscribe to our Parish Listserv, which is easy to do:. Type the following link into your internet browser and hit enter. You will then be prompted to enter your First Name, Last Name, and your email address.

http://www.goarch.org/listssubscribe?l=BROCKTON

If you prefer, you can send an email to helpdesk@annunciationbrockton.org along with your first and last name, and request to be added.

Monthly Bulletin

Another area the IT Committee is working on is saving money. If you haven’t heard, we can provide you with immediate access to our Parish Monthly Bulletin before it goes out in the mail. We can save on the cost of printing if you decide that receiving the bulletin through email works for you. Just send an email back to us and request to be taken off of the bulletin mailing list.

We are constantly looking at ways to improve the technologies we use at church. If you have ideas and/or suggestions please consider attending an upcoming IT Committee meeting. Our next meeting is planned for Thursday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m. Please call the church office to make sure that the meeting time and date haven’t changed.

Stewardship Ideas?

Summer can be a busy time for everyone, so please don’t forget your 2013 Stewardship pledge.
We need your support to fulfill our financial obligations!

We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions!
Please attend one of our monthly Stewardship Committee meetings. The next one will be Thursday, August 15, from 6-7 p.m.
See you there!
Sunday School

Sunday school classes are held following Holy Communion. We are currently on a break for the summer!

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Parents who would like to register their children for Sunday school may contact Dina Coon at coon005@aol.com or call 781-871-5343

GREEK SCHOOL

Come join our active Greek School!
We are currently on a break for the summer but will resume our activities in fall!

The Greek School program at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Brockton recently celebrated our students’ graduation.

We wanted to notify families that we are planning to continue this program in the fall on Saturday mornings, open to kindergarten through 6th grade students. The focus of Greek School is to learn about our wonderful heritage and to educate students in the Greek language.

We welcome new students to our program! If you plan on having your child attend, please pre-register by August 1st. We are also planning an open enrollment in the fall. We anticipate this to start around the second week of September.

The purpose of the early registration is for our committee to better plan resources for our program. You may contact any of the committee members listed below with your questions or to preregister.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely, Greek School Committee Members

Jon Buterbaugh, Steve Passias, John Nenopoulos, and Katerina Tsiantoulas

GOYA NEWS

We recently had our 2013/14 elections:
President - Andreas Evangelatos
Vice President - Stephan Maranian
Treasurer - Eleni Constantinou
Corresponding Secretary - Chris Constantinou
Recording Secretaries - Ariana Buterbaugh & George Karolemeas

GOYANS Stephan Maranian, Dimitri Evangelatos, Dion Buterbaugh, and Teli Efremides will be traveling to Ionian Village for a 3 weeks camp session.

In late July a large group of GOYANS will be traveling to the Metropolis of Boston Camp in New Hampshire.

The GOYA recently attended a Boston Red Sox game. We thank the Red Sox for their ticket donation to us. Everyone had a great time!

We had a very successful year and plan to continue this trend of progress! During mid/late August we plan on having a car wash to raise funds. Stay tuned for more news on this!
YOUTH NEWS

SUMMER DANCE SCHEDULE

Dancers interested in performing in our summer 2013 events the Fall Food Festival should plan to attend a workshop and practices through the summer to learn new dances and prepare. Please save the following practice and performance dates!

If you are not already a member, COME JOIN THE FUN! New dancers ages 5-18 are welcome to join either at the start of the summer session or in October, when we resume our fall practice schedule after the Festival.

Practices

Thursday, July 18, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.—Junior and Pee Wee Workshops!

Thursday, July 25, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.—Senior Workshop!

Thursday, Aug 8, 5:15 to 6:45 p.m.—Practice ends early so we can all attend the Paraclesis services together at 7 p.m.

Thursdays Aug 15, 22 & 29—5:15 to 7:30 p.m.

Performances

-Saturday, Aug 17 at Summerfest-Brockton (time to be determined)
-Sunday, Sept 15 at Hellenic Collage, 1 p.m.
-Festival Performances on Saturday Sept 21 and Sunday Sept 22.

***NEW THIS YEAR***

In July, each group will participate in a mandatory 1 hour intensive workshop (plus a 15 minute break/dinner) to learn NEW dances. We will do only a very minimal amount of re-teaching in August but will use August practices to review and perfect the dances learned at the workshop.

If necessary, teachers will plan one make-up date for dancers who must miss their workshop, so that all dancers learn the dances before jumping into the August practices.
Get Together

Gathering Dates:

Saturday, **July 20, 2013**
St. George Greek Orthodox Church
31st Annual Grecian Food Festival

Tuesday, **September 24, 2013**

Saturday, **September 29, 2013**
Artemis and The Fred Elias Ensemble Concert

Sign-up and join us on our day trip to Cape Cod - Centerville

**Saturday, July 20, 2013**
where we will visit

**St. George Greek Orthodox Church**
31st Annual Grecian Festival
Join us for the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church Golf Tournament!

When: Monday July 8, 2013
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.
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.

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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 our Church, please contact the Church Office.
Christo's

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