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Paschal Message from Metropolitan Methodios

We are drawn to Church by a faith deep in our hearts

This past year, the Pew Research Center and the Gallup poll reported that a small percentage of Americans are active in their religious communities, and few are attending worship services. But, why is it that on Easter night our churches are filled with hundreds of brethren, even those who attend rarely, if at all? I'm convinced it is a flickering light that draws us to the empty tomb to be engulfed by its unwaning light, to partake of the joy and hope of Easter. Perhaps we do not know why, but, nevertheless, something draws us to church tonight to accept the gift of Life victorious over death. What draws all of us to church is a faith inculcated to the depths of our hearts—one often unconscious and inactive, but very much present. What draws us to church tonight resembles what attracted the Myrrh bearing women whose secret hope was surely not to find and anoint a dead corpse, but to see their Savior alive, risen from the dead.

We sinners come to the tomb with our doubts and our failures hoping that we may be exalted in the light of a resurrected faith. We come to have our doubts consumed by the flame which flashes from the tomb. We come hoping our hearts may be filled with divine gladness, that our eyes may glow with the light which radiates from an empty grave. We come that our souls may be filled with joy, and our voices with the victory hymn which echoes to the ends of the earth.

Momentarily, we will hear the Gospel of St. Mark informing us that the myrrh bearing women fled from the empty grave bewildered and trembling. In another Gospel we read that on the same day, two disciples, Luke and Cleopas made their journey to Emmaus in sad disappointment because their great hope in Jesus had apparently died with His death and burial. They didn't recognize the Risen Lord.

Sadly, and all too often, we do not recognize the Risen Lord on our life's journey either. The Gospel of John records Thomas' doubt in the Resurrection. Like us tonight, those closest to Jesus were blinded by their fears, their doubts, and their fallen expectations. Not unlike the Myrrh-bearing women, we find the tomb a fearsome place.

The powerful imagery (which we heard in last night's service) of the Prophet Ezekiel walking through a valley filled with dead men's bones is an apt description of so much that is happening in our world. The signs of sin and death devastate us. The moral decay and violence which mark our society—as they did recently in Boston, Cambridge and Watertown—can so overwhelm us, that the hope present in our Lord's Resurrection eludes us.

Like the disciples on their way from the Easter event of Resurrection, we can turn so in on our self-interests—our plans and dreams, our shattered hopes and moral shortcomings—that we fail to recognize the Risen Lord in our midst. And, like Thomas, we can set the narrow limits of human knowledge as the boundaries of our undertaking, rather than grasp the limitless horizons of faith.

As have Christians for 2,000 years, let us overcome our fears and our doubts to proclaim that, indeed, Christ is Risen. Easter is the new Passover. It is the Resurrection of Christ which leads us from spiritual slavery to freedom, from sin to righteousness, from sadness to joy, from darkness to light, from death to life, from a culture of cruelty to a community of compassion, from this world to the kingdom to come.

My brothers and sisters, on His cross Christ bore our individual sins and shortcomings, our weaknesses, our spiritual sickness and death. Rising from the tomb, He raises Adam and Eve and every one of us to newness of life in Him. It is this message that we are called to share (the message of faith and love) to a world that knows too much pain and division. Let us proclaim to all the world, "Come, receive the light from the unwaning light and glorify Christ who is risen from the dead."
Beloved in Christ, the feast of Holy Pentecost is almost upon us, which will be celebrated this year on Sunday, June 23. As we celebrate this great feast, it is a good time to remember the important role of the Holy Spirit in the Church, and in our own lives as well.

The Holy Spirit is the breath of life for the Church. There could be no Church without the Holy Spirit, which is precisely why God sent the Spirit on the original day of Pentecost. This indwelling of the Holy Spirit is what energizes the holy mysteries of the Church, and what brings grace to everything we do. This grace resides as well with the various liturgical appointments in our churches, most especially the holy icons.

When we gather as the united Body of Christ in worship, the Holy Spirit is with us, sanctifying us through the divine services of the Church. We are touched by the Spirit in a very profound manner, when we participate in the holy mysteries. Some of these mysteries transform us in a very real way, such as the mystery of marriage, which unites two people as one flesh in the name of Christ. In holy baptism, the baptized individual dies and rises again in Christ through the baptismal waters, thus being completely reborn, spiritually.

Since we are members of the Body of Christ, we must remind ourselves that we also have the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. After a baptism, the newly baptized is chrismated, being anointed with consecrated oil containing the power and energy of the Holy Spirit. From this point, he/she becomes a living temple of the Spirit. Knowing this, an Orthodox Christian should always seek to respect and nurture the body, and never abuse it.

I’m sure that we all can comprehend the idea of church buildings being temples of the Holy Spirit. How many of us, however, comprehend the fact that we too, are living temples? It truly is an awesome thought to envision God dwelling within us. From childhood we have been programmed, so to speak, to look upward toward heaven when we contemplate God. There is logic to this approach, since we know that the Lord ascended upward into the heavens, when he physically left the earth after His resurrection. As the Creator of the heavens and everything that we see in space, the Lord is naturally sought by looking upwards.

Now, if we meditate a bit on the Church’s understanding of the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit, we would realize that seeking God within ourselves, is equally as awesome and majestic as staring into space. Although we don’t go through life each day thinking of ourselves as temples of the Holy Spirit, it is our reality. What a sublime view of the human being! How comforting to know that at our lowest moments, when we think that we are alone and hurting, God is right there with us.

Since we know that the Holy Spirit dwells in the Church, and in each one of us as members of the Church, it would behoove us to remember the importance of prayer in our lives, so that we may discern the will of God for us. In order to be open to the Spirit and to benefit from its multiple gifts, we must be praying people, for this is our only way of communicating with God straight from the soul.

When all the members of the Body of Christ pray together – for the Church, the world, and for one another – then we truly see the power of the Holy Spirit at work. An important concept to remember in our Orthodox tradition, is that we cannot be Christians on our own. As members of the Body of Christ, we need each other. St. Paul spoke about his in his letter to the Romans (12:4): For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

Beloved in Christ, let us therefore open ourselves to the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit, both for ourselves individually, as well as for the entire Body of Christ – both here locally, and everywhere on earth. As we all kneel on the holy day of Pentecost awaiting to be renewed by the Holy Spirit, let us humbly ask for Divine guidance and strength to become prayerful and exemplary Orthodox Christians, seeking our own salvation and the salvation of everyone around us.

In Christ’s love,

+Fr. Anthony
SPIRITUAL WISDOM

From the Holy Fathers

The following is a short Christian moral teaching by St. Tikhon of Zadonsk.

Christians, remember what God is, and that He looks not only on your works, but also on your very thoughts and intentions, and that you are not able to hide anywhere or anything from Him. Remember, that He preserves your life, health, and strength, and that whatever good you have in life, He has bestowed it all on you. And so thank Him with all your heart, revere Him, obey Him in all things, and call on Him for help in your every endeavor.

Remember, that the Heavenly Father sent our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into the world. Believe in Him, and submit to His Divine teaching which is revealed to you in the Gospel, and portrayed here in brief, so that you may fulfill the vows that you made to God at Baptism, and inherit eternal life, and not be called a Christian in vain.

On Sundays and feast days come to church, and falling down with reverence before God, be mindful of all the mercies you may ever have received from Him. Thank Him for them with all your heart, and as a sign of your thankfulness, promise to live as He has commanded you. This is a sacrifice most pleasing to God.

Honor your spiritual pastors, your father and mother, and all the elders and virtuous people, and obey their useful counsels. Try to be virtuous not only in your person, but counsel your wife and children in every good and God-pleasing deed. Avoid not only doing what is bad before them, but even saying it, lest you accustom them to evil. Thus God's blessings shall rest on your house.

Always remember that you were born into this world so that you may do good to all insofar as possible on every occasion.

Love not only those close to you and your benefactors, but even your enemies, so that you might thereby pacify them, correct them, and make them good people. And so do not fight with anyone, and do not curse; and though someone may have offended you, try to endure it as far as possible, and at the appropriate time do him good.

Do not steal anything from anyone, and take nothing, and be content with what you earn by your own labors. Be diligent and avoid idleness. For as diligence is pleasing to God, so idleness on the contrary, as a source of every evil, is a sin very offensive to God.

Never lie, but always tell the truth. For all falsehood and deceit is the most harmful of all vices, and the customary work only of the devil.

Do not become drunk, for God turns all the more away from a drunkard, since a drunkard is more quickly able to do every bad deed than a sober man.

When you observe all these things, then God Who is compassionate will be merciful to you not only in this life, but He shall glorify you in the next with the glory with which the Saints are glorified.

In Appreciation

We wish to thank our Philoptochos ladies and the many other volunteers, for the wonderful Food Festival that we all enjoyed.

We are very grateful for this recently established tradition of the spring “mini festival,” especially because of the various projects funded by these festivals for the good of the entire parish.

May God bless all those who labored toward the success of this event.
What is Prayer?

Prayer is doxology, praise, thanksgiving, confession, supplication and intercession to God. "When I prayed I was new," wrote a great theologian of Christian antiquity, "but when I stopped praying I became old."

Prayer is the way to renewal and spiritual life. Prayer is aliveness to God. Prayer is strength, refreshment, and joy. Through the grace of God and our disciplined efforts prayer lifts us up from our isolation to a conscious, loving communion with God in which everything is experienced in a new light. Prayer becomes a personal dialogue with God, a spiritual breathing of the soul, a foretaste of the bliss of God's kingdom.

As we pray deeply within our hearts we grow in prayer. By the grace of God we suddenly catch a glimpse of the miracle of the presence of the Holy Spirit working within us. At first it is only a spark but later it becomes a flame freeing and energizing our whole being.

To experience the fire of God's holy love, to give it space within us to do its cleansing and healing work as a breath of the Holy Spirit, and to use it as light and power for daily living -- such are the goals as well as the fruits of true prayer.

-Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

Floral Needs for 2013

As you see below, there are only two icons remaining to be sponsored this year. Please note that the decoration of an icon will cost $60.

If you would like to make either of these donations, please call the church office at 508-559-0910 and coordinate with our Office Manager Demetra Orfanos

Feasts of Christ & the Theotokos ($60)

6/13 – Ascension (taken)
6/23 – Pentecost (taken)
8/6 – Transfiguration (taken)
8/15 – Dormition of the Theotokos (taken)
9/8 – Nativity of Theotokos (taken)
9/14 – Elevation of the Holy Cross (taken)
11/21 – Entrance of the Theotokos
12/25 – Nativity of Our Lord

We thank all our donors in advance and ask God's blessings upon them. Donors will be acknowledged in the Bulletin at the appropriate time.
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**Please see your illustrated Archdiocesan Calendar for daily Scripture readings and fasting guidelines.**

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Της Σαμαρειτιδος |  |  | GOYA/Red Sox  
4:30 pm Church Small Vespers  
7 pm followed by adult relig. ed. |  |  | 1 | Great Vespers  
6 pm |
| 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  |
| **Sunday of the Blind Man**  
Του Τυφλου | **Parish Council**  
6 pm |  | **Apodosis of Pascha; Great Vespers of the Ascension**  
7 pm followed by adult relig. ed. | **The Ascension of Our Lord**  
Orthros & Lit.  
Της Αναληψεως | **St. Methodios - feast day of His Eminence** | **Great Vespers**  
6 pm |
| 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  |
| **Sun. of the Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council**  
Των Αγιων Πατερ-  
ων της 1ης Οικου-  
µενικης Συνοδου |  | OPA Gathering  
2-4 pm |  |  |  | **Sat. of Souls**  
Orthros & Lit.  
Ψυχοσαββατον  
Great Vespers  
6 pm |
| 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  |
| **Holy Pentecost**  
Η Αγια Πεντηκοστη  
Summer hours begin, Orthros  
8:30 am, Lit 9:45 am | **Feast of the Holy Spirit & Nativity of St. John the Forerunner**  
Orthros & Lit.  
Του Άγιου Πνευµατος  
no fasting all week |  | **Fr. Anthony away through**  
6/30 |  |  |  |
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| **Sun. of All Saints & Synaxis of the Holy 12 Apostles**  
(visiting priest) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Των Αγ. Παντων |  |  |  |  |  |  |
BAPTISMS

5/12 – Demitra, daughter of Steven and Christina Figueiredo; sponsor, Maria Yiannkos
5/26 – Mihalis, son of John and Fallon Maxouris; sponsor, Georgia Papagiannopoulos
5/26 – Electra, daughter of Charalampos and Theodora Nikopoulos; sponsor, Georgia Campbell

FUNERALS

5/11 – Albert (Eleftherios) Daniel

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Elli Antonopoulos, $50, in memory of Sofia Vemis
Susan Pitsoulakis, $50, in memory of Sofia Vemis
Anthony Rollas, $50, in memory of Sofia Vemis
Ann Statkakis, $200, in memory of Sofia Vemis
Ed & Barbara Carchidi, $50, in memory of Chris Tsaganis
Debbie Meredith, $30, in memory of Chris Tsaganis

GENERAL DONATIONS

$110,000 – the family of Christos Tsaganis
$3,000 toward cleaning and maintenance of chandeliers – Jean and George Alexis IMO parents, Dr. Edward and Elisabeth Jacoubs
Decoration of Icons of the Ascension and Pentecost – Jean and George Alexis IMO parents, Dr. Edward and Elisabeth Jacoubs
Palm strips for palm crosses – Mr. and Mrs. Spiros Giannaros
250 laminated “Christos Anesti” pew cards – Mr. Tom Sedell
  Mrs. Victoria Hatiopoulos, $20
  Mrs. Sadie Margos, $25
  Mr. & Mrs. George Kyranos, $35
  Mr. Peter Panagopoulos, $50
  Ted & Helen Ntakoulas, $400
  Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Savas, $500

ROOF REPAIR DONATIONS

$1,000 – Jean and George Alexis IMO parents, Dr. Edward and Elisabeth Jacoubs
  Anthony & Cordelia Eonas, $100
Maria Theofilou, $1,000, in memory of George Theofilou
Charles Bokas & Family, $2,000, in memory of Olympia & George Bokas, and Stella Bokas
ΣΥΓΚΙΝΗΤΙΚΗ ΕΠΙΣΚΕΨΗ ΤΟΥ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΥ ΙΕΡΩΝΥΜΟΥ ΚΑΙ ΚΑΤΑΘΕΣΗ ΣΤΕΦΑΝΟΥ ΣΤΟ ΧΩΡΟ ΤΗΣ ΒΟΜΒΙΣΤΙΚΗΣ ΕΠΙΘΕΣΕΩΣ ΤΟΥ ΜΑΡΑΘΩΝΙΟΥ ΤΗΣ ΒΟΣΤΩΝΗΣ

Επίσκεψή και στο Μουσείο Καλών Τεχνών της Βοστώνης

17 Μαΐου 2013

ΒΟΣΤΩΝΗ – Ακριβώς ένα μήνα μετά την τρομοκρατική βομβιστική επίθεση στην οδό Boylston, στο σημείο του τερματισμού του Μαραθώνιου της Βοστώνης, ο Μακαριώτατος Αρχιεπίσκοπος Αθηνών και Πάσης Ελλάδος κ. Ιερώνυμος Β΄ συνοδευόμενος από τον Αρχιεπίσκοπο Αμερικής κ. Δημήτριο, τον τοπικό ιεράρχη Μητροπολίτη Βοστώνης κ. Μεθόδιο και την εξ Ελλάδος συνοδεία του, επισκέφθηκαν το σημείο αυτό, όπου έχει δημιουργηθεί ένα αυτοσχέδιο μνημείο για τα θύματα.

Η παρουσία των Ορθοδόξων Ιεραρχών και κληρικών ήταν φυσικό να προκαλέσει το ενδιαφέρον των εκατοντάδων επισκεπτών που βρίσκονταν στη περιοχή αλλά και των Μέσων Ενημέρωσης που βρίσκονταν στην περιοχή αυτή.

Ήταν μια συγκινητική στιγμή καθώς ο κ. Ιερώνυμος τοποθέτησε το στεφάνι δίπλα στους αυτοσχέδιους ξύλινους σταυρούς µε τα ονόµατα των θυµάτων. Στη συνέχεια µαζί µε τον Αρχιεπίσκοπο ∆ηµήτριο, τον Μητροπολίτη Μεθόδιο και τους άλλους ιεράρχες έψαλλαν µια σύντοµη επιµνηµόσυνη δέηση καταλήγοντας µε το Αιώνια τους η Μνήµη στα Ελληνικά και στα Αγγλικά.

Ο Σεβασµιώτατος Αρχιεπίσκοπος Αµερικής κ. ∆ηµήτριος απευθύνθηκε στο συγκεντρωµένο πλήθος στα Αγγλικά και εξήγησε ότι πρόκειται για την Ελλάδα, απ’ όπου ξεκίνησε ο Μαραθώνιος. Πρόσθεσε δε, ότι «ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Ιερώνυμος αισθάνθηκε την ανάγκη και θεώρησε υποχρέωση του να έρθει εδώ για να προσευχηθεί και να τοποθετήσει ένα στεφάνι µνήµης και τιµής για τους νεκρούς αυτής της τραγωδίας που συγκλόνισε όλο τον κόσµο». Με την ολοκλήρωση αυτών των επεξηγήσεων του Αρχιεπίσκοπου ∆ηµητρίου, οι παρόντες κατανοώντας καλύτερα το τι είχε προηγηθεί ξέσπασαν σε χειροκρότηµα.

Εξ άλλου, νωρίτερα τις πρωινές ώρες, ο Προκαθήµενος της Εκκλησίας της Ελλάδας, ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Αμερικής, ο Άρχων κ. Γεώργιος Μπεχράκης, µέλος του Αρχιεπισκοπικού Συµβουλίου, µέλος του ∆ιοικητικού Συµβουλίου του Μουσείου Καλών Τεχνών της Βοστώνης και µέγας δωρητής του Μουσείου. Η πτέρυγα Ελληνικής, Ρωµαϊκής και Αιγυπτιακής Τέχνης του Μουσείου φέρει προς αναγνώριση της µεγάλης του δωρεάς το όνοµα George and Margo Behrakis Wing.
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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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To pledge by credit card, or to sign up for our "Auto Recurring Stewardship Program" Please visit our website at

**From the President**

On behalf of Father Anthony and the Parish Council, we’d like to wish all of you a wonderful summer! As we wind down the busy time of the year, we’d like to personally thank The Hungry Friends Committee led by Jim Mihos and George Alexis for another successful event this year. We extended ticket sales this year and the net proceeds increased from last year. Thanks and congrats to everyone involved.

Please join me in congratulating Peter and Tulla Giannaros as this year’s Metropolis Ministry Award recipients. Every year, the parish council has the opportunity to vote in individuals that go above and beyond to help our church. There are so many people that deserve this award, while it is delightful that we can recognize an individual or couple each year, there are so many we could nominate. Congrats to Tulla and Peter for this year’s nomination. Please join us for the ceremony on Sunday, June 9. For ticket information and reservations, please contact the church office.

The committees are working hard and we would like to thank everyone in the committees that have been supporting initiatives including the roof project. Very few attend the General Assemblies for informal updates on the committees. It’s important to see the hard work that is put into these committees, which have grown and they are managed by parishioners like you! Please take a moment to inquire how you can join some of these committees.

We are in the final stages of selecting a contractor for the roof project. We hope have construction commence in early summer. We would like thank all the parishioners who have donated to the project thus far. We need your support!!! These donations will minimize the amount of money the church will need to borrow for the roof project. Look for more correspondence in the mail this summer on how you can help.

In closing, we lost a dear friend and leader of our church this year. The Annunciation Church received a donation from Mr. Tsaganis and his family for the amount of $110,000. Christos Tsaganis and his family have generously supported our church and we are truly fortunate to have them as part of our family. On behalf of the entire parish, we want to thank the Tsaganis family for the donation. May his memory be everlasting. The funds will be allocated to an endowment fund that will help secure future needs of the church.

Warm Regards,

**John Karolemeas**

Parish Council President

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**2013 Calendar of Events**

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**Parish Council Meeting Schedule for 2013**

- June 11
- July (no meeting)
- August 13
- September 10
- October 8
- November 12
- December 10

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**New! Parishioners can now make donations using our website!**

Our Online Bill Pay option works like this:

- Go to our church website at [http://www.annunciationbrockton.org](http://www.annunciationbrockton.org)
- Scroll down the home page.
- Select (left click) one of the 4 Bill Pay options listed and follow links for more information and options.

You can fulfill your Stewardship or make other payments by credit card, including Roof Donations. If you have any questions, please contact the church office for assistance.
**We Lend Books!**

Wondered about the lives of the Saints or just wanted to double check an Orthodox detail? Or maybe you want to read briefly for inspiration. We now lend from our collection—just sign out and off you go.

**Just published!**

**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.

**We have small booklets and icons at reasonable prices**

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 call Bertha Weinberg at 508-586-1030 or contact 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 Philoptochos.

**Remember Your Church Pledge for 2013!**

Please do not forget to submit your 2013 Stewardship obligation.

Stewardships are the greatest source of income for our Church. Contact the Office with any questions.
BOSTON – Almost exactly one month after the Boston Marathon terrorist attack, His Beatitude Archbishop Ieronymos of Athens and All Greece visited the site of the attack at Boylston Street, where an *ad hoc* memorial has been created by the thousands of visitors.

The presence of the Orthodox Hierarchs andclergymen at the site, attracted the attention of visitors in the area and the various media outlets, who report daily from that point.

It was an emotional moment for all present, as Archbishop Ieronymos slowly approached and laid the wreath next to the white wooden crosses bearing the names of those who tragically lost their lives that day. Together with Archbishop Demetrios, Metropolitan Methodios and the other Hierarchs andclergymen, they recited a short memorial prayer and chanted in Greek and English, *May their memory be Eternal*.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America addressed those who had gathered around them, and were watching and taking pictures, to explain and offer an understanding of the memorial prayer. He presented Archbishop Ieronymos, and said that he is coming from Greece, the place where the Marathon started, and while he is visiting Boston to receive an Honorary Degree, he felt compelled to come to this site and place a wreath as a symbol of memory and honor to the victims of this great tragedy and to offer prayers for their souls and the well-being of their families. Following these remarks, the crowd, gaining a better understanding and applauded enthusiastically.

**Archbishop Views Antiquities, Icons at MFA**

*Earlier in the morning, the Archbishop Ieronymos visited the Museum of Fine Arts Boston. They were welcomed by Archon George Behrakis, who is a Member of the Executive Committee of the Archdiocesan Council, a philanthropist, and on the Board of the Museum of Fine Arts of Boston. The “George and Margo Behrakis Wing” of the Museum was named in his honor and through his substantial donation houses a great collection of Greek, Roman and Egyptian Art.*

Archbishop Ieronymos had the opportunity to see a set of icons not yet on public exhibit, by an unidentified Cretan-Venetian artist of the 15th century which consists of an icon of the Mother of God, holding Christ in the center, three icons of Sts. Christopher, Augustine and Stephen, on the left, and three icons of Sts. John the Baptist, Nicholas and Sebastian, on the right.
Sunday School

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

*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!

SUMMER DANCE SCHEDULE

Dancers interested in performing at 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.

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 5:15 PM-6:30 PM, MANDATORY JUNIOR AND PEE WEE WORKSHOPS!

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 5:15 PM-6:30 PM, MANDATORY SENIOR WORKSHOP!

THURSDAY Aug. 8, 5:15 PM-6:45 PM [practice ends early so we can all attend Paraclesis services together at 7 PM]

THURSDAYS, Aug 15, 22 and 29, 5:15 PM-7:30 PM

*** PERFORMANCE SATURDAY, AUG 17 at SUMMERFEST- BROCKTON (time t.b.d.)

*** FESTIVAL PERFORMANCES ON SATURDAY, SEPT 21 AND SUNDAY, SEPT 22
Our GOYANs have been pretty busy. We visited the Greater Boston Food Bank and all chipped in to pack 200 boxes with food items destined to a local community. Mission accomplished!

Upcoming GOYA Red Sox Trip
June 5—Meet at the church at 4:30 to drive into Boston and take the subway to Fenway Park.

GOYANs in the News...
As the school year ended, many activities included our well-rounded GOYANs. For example, Eleni Constantinou was in a concert at Oliver Ames High School and the Easton Middle School’s concert showcased Ariana and Peter Buterbaugh, Chris Constantinou and Dimitra Efremidis. Ariana Buterbaugh performed in a dance recital on May 19 and Peter Cariofiles and Derek Westhaver recently participated in the U Mass Amherst high school honors band festival.

Four GOYANs are graduating from high school, with plans to seek higher education. Best wishes!
- Dion Buterbaugh – Plans to attend UCONN in the Fall
- Andrew Cathcart – Plans to attend UMASS Amherst in the Fall
- Elizabeth Coon – Plans to attend Massasoit College in the Fall
- Periklis Sarakiniotis – Plans to attend Boston University in the Fall

Other GOYA Events:
We also had our 2nd Annual Lenten Lock-In, and four staff members from our MBC/Metropolis Camp helped with activities.
ΟΠΑ! June Get Together

Please join us for

..... an afternoon
of BINGO
for fun and prizes.

♦ 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

♦ Discuss attending an evening Show

Artemis and The Fred Elias Ensemble Concert
Sunday, September 29, 2013
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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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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Brockton, Massachusetts 02302
508/588-4200
508/583-6946 FAX