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One of the major dogmatic teachings of the Orthodox Church, is that of the creation of man in the image and likeness of God. Many Christians mistakenly interpret this teaching, erroneously believing that this simply means we somehow “look” like God. The fact of the matter is that being created in God’s image and likeness has nothing to do with how we look, but instead, everything to do with the various divine gifts with which we’ve been endowed by the Creator.

In the Orthodox understanding of “image and likeness,” there is great emphasis on the role of mankind as having dominion over creation. As we are told in Genesis 1:26, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” We believe that humans are called to be good stewards of God’s creation through our own free will, which is one of the most important divine gifts given to man. The Orthodox doctrine of “image and likeness” also presupposes a communal relationship of love between man and God, and love for the physical world because of its divine origin. How true we are to this divine call is clearly demonstrated by how well we care for the physical world, as well as how we interact with our fellow human beings.

When we review the history of mankind, we find countless examples of clear perversion of the divine call to live according to the image and likeness of God. Even though humans have done many good things upon the earth which have benefited mankind, as well as the environment and the animal kingdom, there are also many unfortunate examples of abuse of our role as stewards of creation.

The most unfortunate situations are those which involve hatred and mistreatment of our fellow human beings. Knowing that we have been created in the image and likeness of God should allow us to discern the “stamp” of divinity within all human beings. Unfortunately, the power of evil takes hold of us and blinds our spiritual eyes, so that many times, ill feelings abound instead of love.

I remember hearing something striking at a Clergy-Laity Congress of the Archdiocese, that was held a few years ago in Nashville, Tennessee. At the closing banquet, a state senator spoke very openly about the ugly face of life in the South prior to the civil rights amendment. I was quite impressed to see a political figure openly express shame for those dark and terrible decades of oppression and segregation. As I listened, I thought to myself that this was a prime example of perverting the gift of being created in God’s image and likeness.

Instead of mankind controlling the world as loving stewards, reflecting God’s unending love for His creation, we many times seek to control our fellow human beings instead, through evil means such as slavery, captivity, terrorism, prostitution, oppression, unjust wars, murder, crimes of hate, etc. Unfortunately, mankind has also learned to control human life within the womb, through the abortion of living fetuses – an act which totally negates God’s creative work.

In addition to trying to control others, mankind has also abused its God-given privileges by exploiting the environment for monetary gain. Many species of animals have become extinct or are near extinction, due to the greed of human beings. The de-forestation that has gone unchecked for centuries has certainly taken its toll on the delicate balance of nature.

Even though these crimes against the physical world are deplorable, crimes against our fellow human beings are infinitely worse, since we are the unique creation of God, created to share in His divinity. It is imperative, however, that we focus on the positive, and not dwell primarily on the negative. One can easily despair in mankind, feeling that there is a great gap that separates us from the Creator. This type of hopelessness leads to a dark and spiritual dead end.

As Orthodox Christians, we believe that Christ has bridged the gap between God and man, showing us how to live in a loving relationship with Him. Each one of us is a unique individual, created in the image and likeness of God. Individually, we have the potential to be true to our divine purpose, and to be shining examples to those around us. This is precisely how we Orthodox view the saints of the Church, who are our ideal examples and guides of living life as God intended.

As we see more and more misery in the world, we should remind ourselves of the reason we were created, and how God desires that we treat each other and the physical world around us. If we are truly believers in the biblical doctrine of creation, then let us all do our part to live up to what God expects of us.

In Christ,
+Fr. Anthony
SPIRITUAL WISDOM

CONTEMPORARY SPIRITUAL COUNSEL
(What following is taken from the 2013-2014 Planner, produced by the Department of Religious Education of the Archdiocese.)

**Consider, Pray, Act**

“I am the vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, so that it will be more fruitful.” (John 15)

We are branches on the grapevine that is Jesus Christ. Painful pruning happens to the good branches so that they bring forth more fruit for the joy of the vineyard’s Master.

**Consider:** How can you simplify your life so that you are able to invest time and energy and resources into bearing good fruit?

**Pray:** Lord, abide more fully in me. Help me to prune and manage my life better. Re-shape my living to bear good fruit that glorifies you.

**Act:** List the areas in your life that are overgrown. Prune back where you are able. Become a prudent manager (steward) of God’s gifts, protecting and growing them in order to return to God that which He has entrusted to you.

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From The Lives of Saints

(The following are excerpts from The Synaxarion, Vol. 2 by Hieromonk Makarios of Simenos Petra; Holy Convent of the Annunciation of Our Lady, Ormylia, Chalkidike 1999)

**St. Nektarios of Pentapolis – 11/9**

Our holy Father Nectarius was born on 1 October, 1846 at Selymbria in Thrace. His parents, Dimos and Maria Kephalas, were pious Christians but not rich in this world’s goods. Their son was named Anastasius in holy Baptism and, from infancy, showed great piety and love for study… After finishing elementary school, he was sent by his parents to Constantinople to continue his education, at the same time as working in a shop. The boy did not become entangled in worldly cares, but fixed his mind entirely upon building up the inner man in the image of Christ by prayer and meditation on the writings of the holy fathers.

When he was twenty, he left Constantinople for a teaching post on the island of Chios. The young people and villagers where he taught were encouraged to live in piety and virtue by his words and above all by the example of his ascetic, prayerful life. On 7 November, 1876, he became a monk in the famous Monastery of Nea Moni, for he had long desired to embrace the Angelic life. Seeking only “those things which are above,” he was beloved by all the brethren as the very pattern of gentleness and obedience, and was ordained deacon after one year. Thanks to the generosity of a pious islander and to the protection of Patriarch Sophronius of Alexandria, he was able to complete his studies in Athens and to obtain the diploma of the Faculty of Theology. In 1885, he arrived in Alexandria where he was soon ordained priest, then consecrated Metropolitan of Pentapolis (an ancient diocese in Cyrenaica, in what is now Libya). He was appointed preacher and secretary to the Patriarch, whose representative he became in Cairo, where he had charge of the Church of Saint Nicolas.

Nectarius lost nothing of his humility through these honours, and was able to inspire his flock with zeal for the evangelic virtues. But the love and admiration of the people for him turned to his disadvantage. Certain members of the patriarchate became jealous of his success and, led on by the Devil, put it about that he was currying favour with the people with the aim of seating himself on the patriarchal throne of Alexandria. The Saint made no attempt to justify himself but placed all his hope in the promise of Christ who has said: “Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.” (Matt. 5:11). He was dismissed from his see, and he embarked for Athens where he found himself alone, ignored, despised and even lacking his daily bread, for he would keep nothing for himself and gave away what little he had to the poor… He spent several years as a preacher (1891-4) and was then appointed director of the Rizarios Ecclesiastical School for the education of priests. The School’s spiritual and intellectual standing rose rapidly under his direction…

However, there glowed in the depths of his heart a burning love for the peace and quiet of life in the monasteries; and this led him to respond warmly to the desire expressed by some of his spiritual daughters that he should found a women’s monastery on the island of Aegina. This he did between 1904 and 1907 and he retired there in 1908, on his resignation as director of the Rizarios School… Although he desired to flee all contact with the world and strictly limited visits to the Monastery, the fame of his virtues and of his God-given graces spread in the region, and the faithful were drawn to him like iron to a magnet. He healed many lay-people and nuns of their sicknesses, and brought rain to the island in a time of drought. He comforted, consoled and encouraged; he was “all things to all men…” He kept company with the Saints and with the Mother of God, and they often appeared to him during the holy Liturgy or in his cell…

Saint Nectarius lived like an angel in the flesh with the rays of the uncreated light shining around him… He gave up his soul in peace to God on 8 November, 1920…God has glorified him, and miracles have abounded since his departure for those who approach his relics with faith or who rely on his powerful intercession… The list of miracles grows longer every day, and his shrine at Aegina has become the most popular place of pilgrimage in Greece.
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Την Ελληνορθόδοξη Κοινότητα του Αγίου Νικολάου Flushing Επισκέφθηκε ο Πρωθυπουργός της Ελλάδος Αντώνης Σαμαράς

ΝΕΑ ΥΟΡΚΗ – Ο Πρωθυπουργός της Ελλάδος Αντώνης Σαμαράς εκκλησιάστηκε χθες Κυριακή 29 Σεπτεμβρίου στον Ιερό Ναό του Αγίου Νικολάου της μεγάλης Ελληνορθοδόξου κοινότητας στο Φλάσινγκ της Νέας Υόρκης. Της Θείας Λειτουργίας προεξήρχηκε ο Σεβασμιώτατος Αρχιεπίσκοπος Αμερικής κ. Δημήτριος, συμπαραστατούμενος από τους ιερείς του Αγίου Νικολάου, τον ερατικός προϊστάμενο π. Παύλο Παλεστίδη και τους παπάς Ιωακείμ Βαλασιάδη και Αριστείδη Γαρίνη. Ο ναός ήταν κατάμεστος από χίλιους και πλέον πιστούς.

Τον Πρωθυπουργό υποδέχθηκαν με μια ανθοδέσμη στην είσοδο του Ναού μαθητές και μαθήτριες του ημερησίου Ελληνοαμερικανικού Σχολείου «Βασίλειος Σπυρόπουλος» της κοινότητας, ο πρόεδρος Νικόλαος Καρακώστας, η διευθύντρια του σχολείου Άθηνα Τσώκου-Κρομμύδα και άλλοι ομογενείς. Λίγο πριν το πέρας της Θείας Λειτουργίας ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Δημήτριος αφού αναγνώρισε με χαρά και τιμή την παρουσία του Πρωθυπουργού και της συνοδείας του, αναφέρθηκε στην ευαγγελική περικοπή της ημέρας από το Κατά Λουκά Ευαγγέλιο (Λουκά 6:31-36) τονίζοντας ιδιαίτερα τον στίχο «καθώς θέλετε ινά ποιώσιν υμίν οι άνθρωποι, και υμείς ποιείτε αυτοίς ομοίως», ενώ αργότερα κάλεσε τον κ. Σαμαρά να απευθύνει λίγο λόγιο στο εκκλησίασμα. Ο κ. Σαμαράς επαίνεσε την Ελληνοαμερικανική κοινότητα στην Αμερική για τα επιτεύγματα και τις επιτυχίες σε όλους του τομέας της Αμερικανικής κοινωνίας. Μίλησε εναντίον των φαινομένων της βίας, του μίσους και του ρατσισμού που είναι ασύμβατα με τον Ελληνισμό και την Ορθοδοξία. Στη συνέχεια απήγγειλε μήνυμα ενότητας που οδηγεί στην πρόοδο και στην επιτυχία πέρα και πάνω από κόμματα και πολιτικές δοξασίες. Δήλωσε επίσης πολύ εντυπωσιαμένος από τον μεγάλο αριθμό μικρών παιδιών και νεολαίας στη Θεία Λειτουργία, τα οποία όπως είπε «παρήλασαν» για να μεταλάβουν με ευλάβεια δίνοντας ελπίδα σε όλους.

Μετά τη Θεία Λειτουργία, ο Πρωθυπουργός Αντώνης Σαμαράς ομιλεί στο εκκλησίασμα στον Αγιο Νικόλαο του Flushing, καθώς ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Δημήτριος και οι ιερείς του ναού παρακολουθούν. (φωτογραφία © Δημήτριος Πανάγος/GOA)
**From the President**

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Fr. Anthony and the parish council, we would like to thank all of our advertisers, sponsors, volunteers and donors for making this year’s food festival another successful event! A special thank you to Christo’s Restaurant and the Tsaganis family for their major contributions. As many of you know, many of the quality ingredients and provisions are donated by Christo’s Restaurant. Please take a moment and visit our monthly donation section in our bulletin to acknowledge all of our donors and sponsors.

A noteworthy reminder, the 2014 parish council applications are available in this month’s edition of our bulletin. We encourage as many people to join the parish council. We are excited to continue to build a diverse group of members who can serve and contribute to our church.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall General Assembly on November 17th for the full festival report and update on our committee progress.

Warmest Regards,

**John Karolemeas**

Parish Council President

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**2013 Calendar of Events**

- **Fall General Assembly**  
  *Sun, Nov. 17*
- **Parish Council Elections**  
  *Sun, Dec. 8*
- **Parish Council Oath of Office, Election of Officers**  
  *Sun, Dec. 22*

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**Parish Council Meeting Schedule for 2013**

- **November 12**
- **December 10**

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With great joy and by the Grace of Almighty God, the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Community of Somerville invites everyone to the unveiling of an authenticated replica of the Axion Estin Icon. It will take place during a Hierarchical Great Vespers Service, on Saturday, November 23, at 7:00 PM.

His Eminence, Metropolitan Methodios of Boston, will preside over the Vespers service and Artoklasia on Saturday evening. Sunday, November 24, there will be a second opportunity to venerate the holy icon by attending Orthros and Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30 AM.

A reception will follow at the conclusion of services on both Saturday and Sunday, hosted by the 100th Anniversary Committee. Please RSVP by calling the Dormition church office at 617-625-2222.

**Dormition of the Virgin Mary**

**Greek Orthodox Church**

29 Central Street, Somerville, MA 02143

[www.dormitionchurch.org](http://www.dormitionchurch.org)
Elections for the Parish Council will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2013 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. All qualified members of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church are encouraged to submit their names as candidates for the Parish Council elections. This year seven (7) members will be elected to serve a term of two (2) years.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL OR IN PERSON TO THE CHURCH
NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2013

In view of the desire and responsibility to properly and effectively conduct the elections, the following information and reminders are submitted from the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Archdiocese.

ELIGIBILITY:

Article 25, Section 2: A candidate for the Parish Council must be a parishioner in good standing of the Parish for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election and must live his or her life in accordance with the Faith and canons of the Church. The Priest determines whether the Parishioners are in canonical and financial good standing as specified in Article 18, Sections 1 through 3.

Article 18, Section 1: Every person who is baptized and chrismated according to the rites of the Orthodox Church is a parishioner. The religious, moral, and social duties of a parishioner are to apply the tenets of the Orthodox Faith to his/her life and to: adhere to and live according to the tenets of the Orthodox Faith; faithfully attend the Divine Liturgy and other worship services; participate regularly in the holy sacraments; respect all ecclesiastical authority and all governing bodies of the Church; be obedient in matters of the Faith, practice and ecclesiastical order; contribute towards the progress of the Church’s sacred mission; and be an effective witness and example of the Orthodox Faith and Traditions to all people.

A parishioner in good standing practices all the religious and moral duties as described in this Section 1. At a minimum, a parishioner in good standing must: be eighteen years of age or over; be current in his or her stewardship and other financial obligations to the Parish; abide by all the regulations herein stated; and cooperate in every way towards the welfare and well being of the Parish.

APPLICATION FOR PARISH COUNCIL CANDIDACY

I wish to be a candidate for the Parish Council of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Brockton, MA. Επιθυμώ να υποβάλω υποψηφιότητα γιά το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο της Εκκλησίας μας, του Ευαγγελισμού του Μπρόκτον.

Date________________________ Signature of Candidate______________________________________________

Note! In order to avoid mistakes on the ballot, we require the following information:

Print Name_____________________________________________________________________________________

Address________________________________________________________________________________________

City__________________________ State________ Zip Code__________ Telephone________________________

Applications for Parish Council Candidacy must be submitted by mail or in person at the Church Office no later than SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2013. Αιτήσεις υποβάλλονται μεχρι και τη ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 17 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ, 2013.

OFFICE USE ONLY - Date Received____________________ Received By____________________________________
SACRAMENTS & DONATIONS

BAPTISMS
9/29 – Nicholas, son of Ravi and Sonia Jain; sponsor, Arthur Targontsidis
10/6 – Alexandra (Alexa), daughter of Christopher and Julie Psychos; sponsor, Stephen DiGiorgio

WEDDINGS
10/20 – Jeffery Eric Holander and Olga Lola Kontoulis; sponsor, Barbara Kontoulis

FUNERALS
10/1 – Anna Passias; 10/4 – Soultana Kotsiopoulos

FESTIVAL DONATIONS

Christo’s Restaurant
100 trays of rice pilaf, 300 pounds of hamburg, 200 roasted half chickens, 50 gallons of their famous salad dressing, 12 buckets of lamb sauce, and 8 buckets of lemon sauce for the dolmathes

Gee & Linda Mihos, $1,250 - two sliding door refrigerator
Gee & Linda Mihos, $300 - for the Sons & Daughters of Alexander the Great Dance Group
Elaine & George Kyranos, $40
Cape Cod Café, 10 Pails of Feta
Athena International, 5 Pails of Feta
Giannaros Liquors
7 Bud Light 30-packs, 3 cases Corona, 2 cases Mike’s Hard Lemonade, 2 Miller Light 30-packs
Manny Castro, Horizon Beverage
10 cases Heineken, 5 cases Amstel Light
Weisman Tavarez, Colonial Beverage
10 cases Coors Light
Kevin Smith, L. Knife & Sons
13 Budweiser 30-packs, 3 cases Corona, 3 cases Samuel Adams

ROOF DONATIONS
Penelope Kazis & Family, $200, in memory of Anargyros Kazis
Peter Tsokanis, AIA & Family, $200, in memory of Bessie Tsokanis
The Hasouris Family, $250, in memory of Linda Hasouris
Gee, Linda, Marissa, & Peter Mihos, $1,000, in memory of Peter & Marie Mihos
Dr. Robert G. Covett, $1,200
Spyros & Ethel Savas, $1,000
Attorney Anthony G. & Cordelia Eonas, $1,000
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Passias, $500
Demetra Cariofiles, $100
Jane Thompson, $100
Nancy Colarusso, $200
Phyllis Georgeu, $100

DONOR NEEDED FOR HOLY WATER BOTTLES
We are seeking a generous donor for holy water bottles, for the celebration of Holy Theophany on January 5th and 6th. The cost this year will be $300. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office.

Spiros & Athena Giannaros, $250
Mr. & Mrs. kostas Bloumbas, $100
Dino & Julia Constantinou, $200
Helen Polisson, $1,000
Jeannette Skenas, $100
Demetria Phillips, $500
Evangelos & Panagiota Demetriades, $100
Georgia Tasho, $100
Nicholas & Stella Bulgaria, $300
Bill & Litsa Theos, $200
Penny Droukas, $100

MEMORIAL DONATIONS
In memory of John Nasios, $205
In memory of Anna Passias, $315
In memory of Victoria Hatsiopoulos, $2,840
In memory of Soultana Kotsiopoulos, $3,590
Barbara Juliano, $25, in memory of Thalia Petros
Nondas & Helen Gioulis, $100, in memory of Marika & Andreas Gioulis, Arety & Matthew Zotos
Stephen Kotsios, $100, in honor of Soultana Kotsiopoulos
Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos, $100, in memory of Soultana Kotsiopoulos
The Hasouris Family, $250, in loving memory of Linda Hasouris
Charles Regas, $200, in memory of Pauline Regas & Bessie Regas
George Bloumbas, $100, in memory of Haido Bloumbas
Ann Siamantouras, $100, in memory of Haido Bloumbas
Mr. & Mrs. Kostas Bloumbas, $100, in memory of Haido Bloumbas
Mr. & Mrs. James Bloumbas, $100, in memory of Haido Bloumbas

DONATIONS
Alex Alexiou, $250
Decoration of the Icon of the Entrance of the Theotokos – Mrs. & Mrs. Nicholas Bulgaria
George, Ruth, & Peter Costas, $200, for the blessings of a good recovery
Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos, $1,000, for the Benevolent Fund
MEETING & EVENT PLANNING

As we ask each year, church ministry groups and affiliated fraternal organizations should not plan meetings, events, or workshops at church on any morning when there is a liturgy, or any evening when a service is scheduled. As previously mentioned, Small Vespers and adult religious education take place each Wednesday evening; therefore, Wednesday evenings are not available for any other function.

In planning meetings and events on other evenings, all groups should first check the monthly calendar for scheduled services. The office manager will also verify the availability of requested dates before officially booking any event. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation in upholding the primary focus of any Orthodox parish – the liturgical life!

Technology (IT) News

Weekly Newsletter

To receive our eNewsletter, 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: http://www.goarch.org/listsubscribe?l=BROCKTON

You will then be prompted to enter your First Name, Last Name, and your email address. 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

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

The Stewardship Committee is working together to foster good “stewards” of our faith. We meet monthly and encourage anyone interested in participating in our Stewardship Committee to join us.

Stewardship encompasses all individuals of our parish community. To that end with the full support of our parish we would like to support the creation on a new Youth Ministry Group.

We would like to invite all young adults who are 18 years of age and older. You are members of our Holy Church through Baptism and now that you have entered a new phase of your life, we welcome you to become Stewards by using your education and talents to serve our Lord and church community together with persons of similar ages and interest. With this new ministry we look to you to host social events/activities of your choosing.

Discussions are already taking to place to have an upcoming dance. As these plans finalize details will be communicated out to everyone. Many of you who are not part of our church Listserv we please ask that you enroll so that you can receive these updates as well as other parish related news.

We are looking forward to this great ministry!

The Stewardship committee always invites and welcomes new members to join our meetings with their ideas and help - our next meeting is Thursday, November 14 at 6:00 PM.
NATIVITY FAST BEGINS 11/15

Below are traditional and widely accepted guidelines for those who choose to follow the Church’s tradition in its fullest. These guidelines are also illustrated on your 2013 church calendar produced by our holy Archdiocese. The beginning of the Nativity Fast has approximately a one-month period of moderate fasting as follows:

- Fish, wine & olive oil is permitted daily, except for Wednesdays & Fridays (with some exceptions)
- No animal products are permitted throughout, including eggs & dairy
- Shellfish is permitted daily

Our Holy Archdiocese has always waived fasting on Thanksgiving Day. Throughout any fast period, those who are infirm, expectant and nursing mothers, and growing children should follow a relaxed, minimal fast. Your spiritual father can guide you in these cases.

Please note that the December bulletin will address the second and stricter period of the Nativity fast. May we all seek to grow spiritually through the venerable practice of fasting, as we prepare to celebrate our Lord’s birth in the flesh. Please remember that our fasting must be accompanied by increased prayer, church attendance, and charitable works, otherwise our efforts would be in vain.

PHILOPTOCHOS

UPCOMING MEETING

November
Membership Meeting
Tuesday, 11/5, 7:00 PM

KOLIVA

If you are planning a memorial service and would like to order koliva, please call the Church office at 508-559-0910 at least one week in advance of the memorial service. 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 at 508-588-8891 or call the Church office at 508-559-0910.

SHUT-IN VISITATIONS

Anyone who would like a visit from the Ladies Philoptochos, please contact the Church office at 508-559-0910.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to Bertha Weinberg, for her many years of chairing the Sunday coffee hours. This is an important ministry that brings us all together in fellowship after each Sunday liturgy. Her efforts have always been greatly appreciated. As Bertha told us last month, the "baton" has been passed to Tina Boutas, whom we warmly welcome as our new coffee hour coordinator.

God bless both of you!
The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston is undertaking a mission to assist homeless veterans who transition to independent living in coordination with the Department of Veterans Affairs, New England Healthcare System.

The items listed below represent the homeless veteran’s needs list as identified by the homeless veterans in order to establish their home in the community. Please provide any of the listed items in the available bin below.

NOTE: Monitory contributions or gift cards in lieu of the listed items are also welcome. The funds will be used by the Metropolis to purchase the items listed for the veterans. Please make checks payable to: Metropolis Philoptochos of Boston

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<th>HOMELESS VETERANS WISH LIST – ALL NEW- NO USED ITEMS PLEASE</th>
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- ☐ Broom/Dustpan
- ☐ Bucket
- ☐ Shower curtain
- ☐ Dishpan
- ☐ Dish Cloth/Towel
- ☐ Flashlight/Batteries
- ☐ Dish soap
- ☐ Bar soap (pkg of 4)
- ☐ Toilet paper (pkg of 4)
- ☐ Bath towel/wash cloths (2 to start)
- ☐ Small bathroom trash container

- ☐ Mop
- ☐ Toilet brush & holder
- ☐ Shower rings
- ☐ Dish rack/tray
- ☐ Cleaning sponge
- ☐ All-purpose cleaner
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Liquid hand soap
- ☐ Paper towels (pkg of 4)
- ☐ Trash container/bags
- ☐ Laundry detergent

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please call Eleni Stamboulidis at 508-807-1828. Thank you!
Our Bookstore is open to you.

Please visit our collection, to borrow or purchase. If we are not present, don’t hesitate to email us at

annunciation.bookstore@gmail.com.

Or leave a message at the office, 508-559-0910.
YOUTH NEWS

GOYA

Our next meeting will be Friday, November 22nd. This will be a combination of our monthly business meeting and a “Fun Night”. We will be baking Pitas for our bake sale.

Bake Sale - Sunday, November 24th. The bake sale is our GOYA’s main fundraiser. We will be selling Holiday foods, Greek pastries, and desserts of all kinds.

Our December meeting will be on Sunday, December 8th, immediately after church. We are planning a fun activity for December. Possibly a winter activity like ice skating.

Stay tuned!

The Reunion of Reunions II
New England GOYA & The Glendopetha

Reunite with fellow GOYANS
From the 50’s, 60’s, 70’s, 80’s, 90’s and up…
for a cocktail reception, music, dancing and reminiscing!

Saturday, November 2, 2013
8:00pm - 1:00am
Moseley’s on the Charles
50 Bridge Street, Dedham, Massachusetts

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Schedule for November

3 classes
10 classes / toy drive begins
17 classes
24 classes

Please note: on November 10 we will begin our annual toy drive. Children may bring a new unwrapped toy that will be donated to local children for Christmas.

We do this in lieu of a Christmas gift exchange. The toy drive ends on December 8th to give us enough time to distribute the toys.

Registration for new students or changes to current students can be made by contacting Dina Coon at 781-871-5343 or by email: coon005@aol.com

JOY & HOPE’s monthly meetings are open to anyone in the church ages 12 and under. We hope to see a strong showing of our church’s youngest members at this year’s events. We ask that you please RSVP if you plan to attend an event to ensure we have enough supplies and attendees.

Coats for Kids Drive

We will also be collecting gently used coast for the Coats for Kids program again from now through December. They accept all winter coats – kids, adults and babies – that are warm winter coats in good, wearable condition. Please donate coats you would give a friend to wear. Do not donate coats that have rips/tears, broken zippers and/or permanent stains and please be sure to empty out all pockets. Please bring any coats you would like to donate and place them in the collection box in the lounge area.

Fall/Early Winter Schedule:
Monday, Nov 11, 5:00pm – Thanksgiving Dinner
Sunday, Dec 1 – Wreath Sale
Sunday, Dec 8 – Wreath Sale
Friday, Dec 20, 6:00pm – Christmas Celebration

We are also looking to add an advisor or two to help plan and organize events. If you are interested in becoming an advisor, or to RSVP to an upcoming event please email irena.mroz@verizon.net or paulatsitsop@comcast.net
YOUTH NEWS

......DANCE NEWS......

The new dance season is here!!!

Our dancers are back to work most Sundays following Liturgy, following beautiful performances at this year’s food festival, and new members ages 5-18 are welcome to stop by practices anytime!

Upcoming practices are scheduled:
  OCTOBER 20, 27
  NOVEMBER 3, 10 and 17

Come dance with us!!

2013 Festival Dance Pictures
Members of the OPA group at the Fuller Craft Museum in October.

**Get Together!**

"An Afternoon at the Kafenio"
Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 2:00-4:00 pm

"Christmas Concert" @ Brockton High School
Tuesday, December 17, 2013
Kεφι 2013 - Greek Dance Retreat

November 1 - 2, 2013

The Metropolis is pleased to announce Kεφι 2013! Kεφι is a joint effort between the Metropolis of Boston youth dance group and Camp. Kεφι will feature the experience of teachers from across New England to offer an ethnically enriching experience to our youth centered on culture, faith and togetherness.

Hosted by the St. Methodios Faith & Heritage Center

Participants will stay in the year-round heated cabins with attached baths. Each participant will need to bring a towel and bedding (a pillow, sleeping bag or sheets and blanket).

Connect, Enjoy, Celebrate!

Register online
www.mbcamp.org

* Ages 12-18
* Suggested Donation $99.00 for each participant, $25 discount per participant for five or more participants from the same parish or group – Contact camp office for discounts. Donation includes all meals, lodging, teachers and program materials.
Metropolis Basketball 2013-2014

Together with St. Catherine’s, the Annunciation Church wants to have several successful teams for a fourth consecutive year!

The first practice will be Friday, November 1, 5:30 to 6:45 pm for Jr. JOY (ages 7 to 10). This will be followed by JOY (ages 11 to 14) and GOYA (ages 15 to 18), which will both run 6:45 to 8 pm.

Games start at the Metropolis on Saturday, November 16th for Jr. JOY and JOY, with GOYA games starting Sunday, November 10th.

If you are interested in playing or need more information please email passias@comcast.net. I will email the times to all who respond, and you may check the Metropolis website as well.

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