The Holy Protection of the Theotokos

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As an Orthodox priest, I find people being judgmental one of the most difficult situations to deal with in my ministry. Why do I say this? Simply because Jesus Christ taught us to love one another, and to treat others as we would like to be treated. Christ had very clear teachings on the judgment of others as we see in the Gospel of Matthew: Judge not, that you be not judged (7:1); And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the log in your own eye? (7:3).

How true these passages still ring today.

It seems that anywhere one turns, being judgmental of others is encountered in one form or another. Whether it concerns a neighbor, relative, friend, co-worker, or a fellow parishioner, we don’t seem to be able to avoid the pitfall of judging others, as if we were given a throne on which to sit for this purpose.

On a larger scale, many people are very judgmental on topics such as race and religion. I’ve heard people state that their solution to the various crises in the Middle East, would be to drop a bomb on all of these places to end the conflicts. I cringe when I hear such things from people who obviously think that it’s okay to “play God.” Now that we are in the nuclear age, many people have the “A-bomb” mentality, seeing nothing wrong with killing innocent men, women, and children when in pursuit of the enemy.

When it comes to racial issues, how many of us use gross generalizations, thereby passing judgment on an entire race, ignoring the fact that there are good and bad apples in all races and societies? Are those of us who are not members of minority races somehow above all reproach? It should seem obvious that passing judgment so readily upon fellow citizens of the world is a dangerous thing. Many of us don’t have to look too far back to the atrocities of the Nazi regime for a sober reminder.

As we stand in judgment of other nations, cultures, and societies, do we stop and think of the message we are teaching our children? Is it necessary to speak of one’s nation or heritage as being the greatest on earth, which automatically implies a lesser view of the remainder of the world? Are we seeking to breed arrogance into our children based on this type of mentality? From a Christian perspective, wouldn’t it be so much more positive and productive to teach our children to love the world, and everything and everyone in it? A healthy sense of pride for one’s nationality or heritage should not equate disrespect and intolerance of other cultures. Let us remind ourselves of the simple and straightforward words of our Lord Jesus Christ: This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. (John 15:12).

Another painful area in church ministry, is hearing the judgment passed on those members of society who are destitute, disabled, homeless, or in some other related crisis. Many of us who do not fit into these categories, have decided that a great number of these people are working the system, so why should we do anything to assist them. Granted, there will always be those who falsely seek assistance, or do not attempt to turn their situation around whenever possible. But again, who are we to judge this entire population? In addition, why should the children of any of these parents be ignored, regardless of the situations that have brought their families to this level of need?

Of course, with all these examples I’ve given, curbing our judgmental tendencies is easier said than done, for there are times when we are hurt and wounded and find it difficult to maintain a Christian attitude. However, the sincere Orthodox Christian finds it within himself to forgive and move on. Vindictiveness has no place in the life of an Orthodox Christian. If anything, we are called to pray for those who do us harm, for we as well, have our own weaknesses and shortcomings that affect those around us. If we believe that God is all-merciful, then who are we to not show mercy to others? If we think, however, that we are greater than God, then we will spread judgment and condemnation all around us.

Now, as illustrated in the second gospel passage quoted in the first paragraph above (Matthew 7:3), we must begin looking inward if we want to seriously control our need to judge others. The only problem is, most people do not want to see the less positive side of themselves. When many of us see something negative about ourselves, it is quite common to blame those things on somebody else. Fault-finding and accusing others for our shortcomings are things that begin in childhood. Unfortunately, many of us have never overcome this “playground mentality” regarding how we deal with life.

The truth is, we could all use a reality check regarding our judgmental behavior. Why not take a good look at how you typically react, and at what you say in certain situations? As with so many things in life, recognizing a shortcoming is half the battle for controlling it.

The bottom line for Orthodox Christians, is to live by the words of Jesus Christ that I have quoted above. As we stress in the Orthodox Church, we are all called to be imitators of Christ, just as the countless saints of the Church were in their earthly lives. Lastly, let us remember the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Galatians (2:20): I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me…

In Christ,
+Fr. Anthony
**SPIRITUAL WISDOM**

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

**Lord, Increase Our Faith**

Lord, increase our faith. If this was said by the Apostles when they had You near them, and they were physically seeing You and hearing You, what then should I say – I who live in a confused world, God, where instincts murder reason, the way of life causes nervous breakdowns, and idols hide our vision of You from our weary eyes. Lord, I believe, come to my aid in my disbelief. My Jesus, increase my faith. Disperse the cloud of doubt. Make my hesitance disappear. Give me confirmation of Your presence. Speak to me. Dispel the silence. Show me a sign by which my restless spirit may be persuaded to know that You are there.

- Archbishop Demetrios of America

**Faith in Media**

We can learn quite a bit about modern movies, music, and literature from St. Basil the Great. His small work, “Address to Young Men on the Right Use of Greek Literature” tackled the question: “Is there any value in the pagan Greek philosophers and ancient Greek literature now that Christ has come?”

In response, St. Basil looks to the honeybee that goes from flower to flower. It discerns carefully which flowers to use for making honey. Christians, Basil says, should be like the honeybee; embracing the philosophical truths and positive values presented while casting aside messages of immoral conduct or pagan gods.

St. Basil’s message is still relevant. There are positive and healthy messages in the media. With discernment, we can embrace those that affirm Christian faith and values and cast aside those that do not.

(author not given)

**From The Lives of Saints**

**October 20 – Memory of our Holy God-bearing Father Gerasimos the New**

Our holy Father Gerasimos came from the Peloponnese. In his youth, his devout parents put him to the study of sacred literature, in which he showed outstanding ability. As a young man, he left home for the island of Zakynthos and traveled thence all over Greece. From Thessaly he made his way to the Black Sea, Constantinople, the Propontus and Chalcedon. Everywhere he went, he sought out men who, being perfect in the ascetic life, could teach him “the Art of arts and the Science of sciences.”

He arrived, at last, on Mount Athos, where he gathered nectar from all the flowers of the virtues that he found flourishing among the many ascetics he visited, in order to produce within himself, the honey of purity of heart. He spent a good while on Athos among the servants of the Mother of God. He received the great angelic Habit there and was devoted to the practice of all the virtues of the monastic life: perpetual fasting, all-night vigils, tears, the elevation of the intellect, tending to God in hesychia and purity of heart.

After some years, he went on pilgrimage to the Holy Places. At Jerusalem he was ordained subdeacon, deacon and priest by the Patriarch Germanos I (1537-79)...Eventually he left Jerusalem and continued his pilgrimage. He lived for a time at Mount Sinai, then at Alexandria, and traveled widely in Egypt. After that he passed on to Antioch and Damascus, took a ship to Crete and returned, finally, to Zakynthos. He settled there in a remote cave where, lacking bread and salt, he lived on nothing but a few vegetables. Despite his sequestered life, he was soon discovered by the faithful and many came to receive his blessing and spiritual counsel. Saint Gerasimos was well aware of the saying of the holy Fathers that nothing is as perilous for a monk as the praise and esteem of men, and so he decided to look for another hiding place. He found a little cave on the island of Cephalonia, where he stayed for about six years...

Here God made him know for a certainty that the time had come to accept disciples. Twenty-five young women came asking him to take them under his spiritual direction and to transform the little church into a monastery. He saw, therefore, that he must give up the way of life he preferred above all other, for the sake of sharing with his disciples the graces and spiritual experience that he had received in full measure from the Lord.

Saint Gerasimos lived to be very old, and was forewarned of the day of his death. He gathered about him all his spiritual daughters, gave them his final counsels, blessed them, and with joy and in great peace, gave up his soul into the hands of his Lord and God. He died in 1579, on the feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God. His memory is kept on 20 October, being the day of the translation of his relics.

Until the present day, the body of Saint Gerasimos remains complete and incorrupt, as if he were asleep. It distills a heavenly fragrance and works many miracles. The Saint has become the Patron of the island of Cephalonia, the protector of all the inhabitants and their powerful intercessor before God.
Please see your illustrated Archdiocesan Calendar for daily Scripture readings and fasting guidelines.

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*H Άγια Σκεπή της Θεοτοκού*

**OXI Day**
Ἀγαπητοί Ἀδελφοί καί Ἀδελφές ἐν Χριστῷ,
Τὴν ἡμέρα τῆς Ἑορτῆς τῆς Ἰνδίκτου συγκεντρώνομεθα γιὰ νὰ λατρεύσουμε τὸν Παντοδύναμο Θεό. Πρόκειται γιὰ μιὰ ἡμέρα καὶ ἐποχὴ ὅπου συντελεῖται ἡ ἀρχὴ πραγμάτων. Τὴν πρῶτη ἡμέρα αὐτοῦ τὸν νέο μῆνα ἐφοστάζουμε τὴν ἀρχὴ τοῦ ἐκκλησιαστικοῦ ἐτοὺς καὶ τοῦ κύκλου ἑορτῶν οἱ ὁποῖοι συνδέουν τὸ παρελθὸν, τὸ παρὸν καὶ τὸ μέλλον μας ὡς Ὀρθόδοξων Χριστιανῶν και προσφέρουν μαρτυρία τῆς σωτηριώδους χάριτος καὶ δυνάμεως τοῦ Θεοῦ μέσα ἀπὸ τὴν πίστη μας στὸν Ἰησοῦ Χριστό. Επιπλέον, αὐτὴ ἡ χρονικὴ στημίγη τοῦ ἐτοὺς σχετίζεται μὲ τὸν ἀγροτικὸ κύκλο τοῦ ὀργώματος, τῆς σπορᾶς καὶ τοῦ θερισμοῦ, καὶ συμπίπτει μὲ τὴν ἀρχή τοῦ σχολικοῦ ἕτους. Πολλοὶ ἐπιστρέφουν ἀπὸ διακοπὲς γιὰ νὰ ξεκινήσουν ἕνα νέο ἕτος μαθήσεως, δραστηριοτήτων καὶ εὐκαιριῶν.

Αὐτὴ ἡ αἴσθησις τῆς ἀρχῆς ποὺ αἰσθανόμεθα σέ πολλά ἐπίπεδα τῆς ζωῆς μας εἶναι σημαντικὴ γιὰ τὴν σχέση μας μὲ τὸν Θεό καὶ γιὰ τὸ πῶς βιώνουμε τὴν Ὀρθόδοξη πίστη μας κάθε ἡμέρα. Ὅπως ξεκινοῦμε ἕνα νέο ἐκκλησιαστικὸ ἐτοὺς καὶ τὸ σχολικὸ ἕτος καὶ τὴν κάθε ἡμέρα μας, Πρῶτα, πρέπει νὰ προσευχηθοῦμε καὶ νὰ ἐπικοινωνήσουμε μὲ τὸν Θεό. Καλούμεθα νὰ ζήσουμε τὴν καθημερινότητα μας ἐν προσευχῇ, καθὼς ἡ προσευχή μᾶς ὁδηγεῖ στὸν Δημιουργό μας, μᾶς ὁδηγεῖ στὴν ἀλήθεια καὶ καλλιεργεῖ τὴν ἐλπίδα μας σὲ μιὰ ζωὴ που χαρακτηρίζεται ἀπὸ ἀφθονία καὶ αἰωνιότητα. Επιπλέον, πρέπει νὰ ξεκινήσουμε αὐτὸ τὸ ἐτοὺς καὶ νὰ χαιρετίςουμε κάθε νέα ἡμέρα ζητῶντας καὶ λαμβάνοντας τὴν χάρη τοῦ Θεοῦ. Διὰ τοῦ ἑορτασμοῦ αὐτῆς τῆς ἡμέρας εἶναι χρονικά καταλληλότατη, ὅπως μᾶς φανερώνει ἡ φυσικὴ τάξη τῶν πραγμάτων συνεχῶς μέσα ἀπὸ τὴν διαδικασία τῆς ἀνανεώσεως καὶ τῶν νέων ξεκινημάτων. Στὶς ἀκολουθίες τοῦ Ἑσπερινοῦ καὶ τοῦ Θρόου τῆς 1ης Σεπτεμβρίου, βλέπουμε τὸν τρόπο ὅποιον πρέπει νὰ ξεκινήσουμε αὐτό τὸ ἐκκλησιαστικὸ ἐτοὺς, τὸ σχολικὸ ἕτος καὶ τὴν κάθε ἡμέρα μας.
Parish Council Elections

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

It goes without saying that the administration of any Greek Orthodox parish is an important responsibility of its parishioners. Therefore, a healthy cross-section of parishioners is necessary in order to best assist the priest in the administration of the parish.

Please consider running for an open seat on the Parish Council for the 2014-2015 term. The main requirements to run for the council, are that the candidate be an Orthodox Christian in good canonical standing with the Church, and that he/she has been a pledged steward of the parish for at least one year prior to running.

To have a balanced representation of the parish, it would be beneficial to have both long time parishioners serving alongside younger members, who represent the future of the parish. We would like to reach out to our young adults and other single parishioners, mothers and fathers raising children, parents whose children are grown and on their own, and of course, senior parishioners who have been part of the history of our parish. The obligation is not overwhelming, but rather, spiritually fulfilling and rewarding.

So again, please pray about the possibility of serving Christ and His holy Church in this capacity.

In Christ,
+Fr. Anthony

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

Parish Council Meeting

Schedule for 2013

October 8
November 12
December 10

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
- 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.
2013 Assembly Statement on Marriage and Sexuality

From the Assembly of Bishops

To our Orthodox Faithful

1. We, the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America, representing millions of Orthodox Christians in the United States of America, Canada and Central America, express our deep concern over recent actions on the part of our respective governments and certain societal trends concerning the status of marriage in our countries, in particular the legalization of same-sex unions.

2. The Orthodox Christian teaching on marriage and sexuality, firmly grounded in Holy Scripture, two millennia of Church Tradition, and Canon Law, holds that the sacrament of marriage consists in the union of a man and a woman, and that authentic marriage reflects the sacred unity that exists between Christ and His Bride, the Church.

3. Persons with homosexual orientation are to be cared for with the same mercy and love that is bestowed on all of humanity by our Lord Jesus Christ. Moreover, the Church is a spiritual hospital, where we all are called to find the healing of our fallen humanity through Jesus Christ, who assumed human nature in order to restore it. All of us struggle with various passions, and it is only within the Church that we find the means of overcoming these passions with the assistance of God’s grace. Acting upon any sexual attraction outside of sacramental marriage, whether the attraction is heterosexual or homosexual, alienates us from God.

4. We exhort the clergy and faithful of the Orthodox Church to bear witness to the timeless teachings of Christ by striving for purity and holiness in their own lives, by instructing their families and communities in the precepts of the Holy Gospel, and by placing their trust in our Lord, who “has overcome the world.” (John 16.33)

5. Finally, we encourage our faithful to approach their parish priest or spiritual father with any questions or concerns about this statement and its practical repercussions in their daily lives.
SACRAMENTS & DONATIONS

WEDDINGS
9/1 – Christos Karanikolas and Donna Roussopoulos; sponsor, Constantine Monioudis
9/7 – Jeffrey Buck and Anastasia Antoniou; sponsor, Fotios Antoniou
9/8 – Carl Johnson and Sofia Georgoulas; sponsor, Christina Theodorou
9/15 – Demetrios Stavropoulos and Lorena Asllani; sponsor, Hercules Papantoniou

FUNERALS
9/13 – John Nasios
9/27 – Victoria Hatsiopoulos

FOOD FESTIVAL DONATIONS
Stella & Nicholas Bulgaris, $100
Anthony & Cordelia Eonas, $80
John & Christina Juris, $100
Demetra Cariofiles, $25
Theodora Psilekaris, $20
Evangelos & Panagiota Demetriades, $50
Bill & Denise Kotopoulos, $130
Kostas Tsiantoulas, $100
Vasilios Tsilis, $50
Nikoleta & Maria Kallis, $100, in memory of Nicholas Kallis
Steve & Katerina Angelis, P&S Pizza, 1,000 pounds of flour
Tsianakas & Mylonas Families, Cousins Pizza, 500 pounds of sugar
Helen Covett, $100 for the honey
Spyros & Ethel Savas, in memory of Constantine Savas, 120 pounds of butter
Ted & Eleni Ntakoula and George & Jean Alexis, 75 cases of bottled water
Cape Cod Café, 40 pails of Feta Cheese
Mr. & Mrs. George Spiropoulos, 4 cases of Greek wine
Tom Sedell, WineBasket, 10 cases assorted Greek wines
Ilias Potsis, assorted liquor, wine, and beer
Mr. & Mrs. John Papadopoulos & Family, 25 cases of Tomatoes
Jim Sarantopoulos, 120 dozen eggs
Sam Arvanitidis, West Side, 200 pounds hamburger
Irakli Savas, 40 pounds of butter
Charles Bokas, 60 dozen eggs
Dunkin’ Donuts of Brockton & Taunton

Also, a warm thank you to Demoulas Market Basket, for once again donating all of the ingredients for the loukoumathes

MEMORIAL DONATIONS
Nikoleta & Maria Kallis, $20, in memory of Ioannis Athanasiou
Spyros & Ethel Savas, $25, in memory of Thalia Petros
Harry & Efthymia Kalivas, $100, in memory of their parents & brothers

In Memory of John Nasios
Nikoleta & Maria Kallis, $10
Athanasios Karaliolios, $20
Nick & Georgia Babanikas, $20
The Efremidis Family, $20
Voula Kazis, $20
Katerina Tsiantoulas, $25
Rita Cribben, $25
Georgia Marinis, $30
Mr. & Mrs. Dino Thomas, $40
Niki Buterbaugh, $50
Paula Vyres, $50
Paul Kanellopis, $50
Ken Carlson & Andrea Vastis, $50
Zack Zervos, $50
John & Joanne Dakoyannis, $75
George & Pota Vastis, $100
George Antoniou & Family, $100
John & Effie Kakradas, $100
Carolyn & Evangelos Rossias, $100
Rhondella Richardson, $100
Joe & Nancy Krowski, $100
Dr. George Mitchell, $100

Donation Corrections
Peter Pappas, $5,000, to the Peter J. & Ernestine Pappas Scholarship Fund
The Savas Family Trust, $8,115.86
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 mentioned in this bulletin, Small Vespers and adult religious education commence on Wednesday, October 2nd; 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!

COMMUNITY NEWS

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

The Stewardship committee is striving to promote future Stewards of our faith. We have implemented a program with our Sunday School Department that will encourage the young members of our parish to become Stewards by offering their time, talent, and treasure - the true meaning of being a “Steward”.

We are also planning events and organizations that will encourage young adults beyond high school to become involved with our church community.

The Stewardship committee always invites and welcomes new members to join our meetings with their ideas and help.

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.

Adult Religious Education

Our Wednesday evening program of adult religious education resumes on Wednesday, October 3rd. As we do each year, we will begin with the service of Small Vespers in English, at 7 pm (or an Abbreviated Paraklesis on the first Wednesday of the month), which lasts one-half hour, to be followed by a one-hour session in the conference room.

We generally begin with a Scriptural reflection, a short reading of the life of one or more saints of that day, a presentation on a particular topic, followed by a period of questions and answers. Our regular attendees would love to see new faces with which to enjoy these sessions, so please join us!

Adult Greek Classes

Mr. Art Krikis is pleased to announce that Greek classes for adults began again on September 24. They take place every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm, in the Church conference room. For more information, you may contact Mr. Krikis at 508-586-6067.
**PHILOPTOCHOS**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**OCTOBER**
Potluck Membership Meeting
Tuesday, 10/1, 6:30 PM

**NOVEMBER**
Membership Meeting
Tuesday, 11/5, 7:00 PM

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**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*.

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**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.

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

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*After 27 years, I am retiring as chairwoman of the Sunday coffee hours. I have enjoyed it very much, but now "it's time." I want to thank the hostesses; they were a pleasure to work with. Tina Boutas is the new chairwoman, and will begin this month.*

*Bertha Weinberg*

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Unbelievably, an entire year as flown by since last year’s festival. As we do each year, we wish to express our extreme gratitude to all of our beloved parishioners involved with *every* aspect of the festival. Our biggest expression of gratitude needs to go to our Philoptochos women who put so much effort into the preparation of foods and pastries – the heart of the festival. Secondly, the festival committee and entire parish council have put many hours into the background preparations. Thanks to all who helped in general at the various booths and other activities under the tent, including our Goyans and Dance Group. Our parish is also very grateful to all of those who sponsored and/or solicited various forms of advertising, as well as those who generously donated product or funds toward the success of the festival.

God bless all of you and our entire parish family!
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: Monetary 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

HOMELESS VETERANS WISH LIST – ALL NEW- NO USED ITEMS PLEASE

The High Priority Items listed below complete one housewarming basket

- 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
Many New Selections in October!

Eleni Looks at Jealousy

Eleni is hurt when her softball coach chooses another girl, and her brother has a secret that he learned from Papou… it is all just so frustrating! So Eleni contacts her Papou, who talks to her about listening from the heart.

From the Silent Way series, about Passions & Stillness

The Monk Who Grew Prayer

A monk lives in the forest, chopping wood, growing a garden … and praying continually… in time, he becomes a holy man. Beautifully illustrated, it can teach children preschool and up to pray no matter the time and place. Lovely gift.

DVDs, such as The Legend of the Three Trees, an animated folk tale of three trees, their dreams and the role they played in the birth of Jesus.

13 Very Cool Stories

And Why Jesus Told Them

Children ages 7-10 think about the eternal truths behind the stories of a lost son, a rich fool, unhappy workers, a good citizen and other classic situations.

We also have music CDs, incense, prayer books, & more!

Looking for something Orthodox? We can help.

Annunciation.bookstore@gmail.com
YOUTH NEWS

The GOYA will be hosting the Annual Harvest Party on Friday Oct 25. All proceeds will go towards buying food items for Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need in the Brockton community.

October 6th is the GOYA monthly meeting, immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

This is a very busy time for our GOYA and Goyans. Our Goyans are returning to school and adjusting to classes. The GOYA was very busy during the Festival and would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and effort!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are off to a good start in Sunday school this year!

We are happy to announce The Senior Discussion Group under the auspices of Sunday school headed by Mr. John Nenopoulos. The Senior Discussion Group is open to our youth in grades 10-12.

Thank you to Roula Cariofiles for donating some much needed supplies in the Sunday school resource room.

The Sunday school schedule for October is:
6th - classes
13 - family worship (no classes)
20 - classes
27 - classes

Once again the Sunday school will be collecting toys for local children. Collections will begin on November 10.

Our 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. 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 at irena.mroz@verizon.net or Paula at paulatsitsop@comcast.net.

Fall/Early Winter Schedule

Friday, October 18, 6:00pm
Pumpkin Decorating

Monday, November 11, 5:00pm
Thanksgiving Dinner (tentative)

Sunday, December 1 – Wreath Sale
Sunday, December 8 – Wreath Sale

Friday, December 20, 6:00pm
Christmas Celebration

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
Harvest Fest & Costume Party

Friday, October 25th
6:00 to 8:00 pm

Please join us for food and fun!!

Admission = $1 per person, or a Thanksgiving Food item(s) of equal or greater value
Proceeds to benefit the GOYA Thanksgiving Baskets

Please, no violent or scary costumes, including witches and devils.

***Sponsored by the AGOC GOYA***
Get Together!

Gathering Dates

Tuesday, October 15, 2013
Tuesday, November 19, 2013
Tuesday, December 17, 2013

*all gatherings take place from 2:00 to 4:00 pm*

Please join us for afternoons with friends and fun!
Kēfi 2013 - Greek Dance Retreat
November 1 - 2, 2013

The Metropolis is pleased to announce Kēfi 2013! Kēfi is a joint effort between the Metropolis of Boston youth dance group and Camp. Kēfi 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.

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).

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.
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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