September 2013

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A blessed Ecclesiastical Year!

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**Elevation Of The Holy Cross**
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- Arthur Krikis

### Koliva
- Ladies Philoptochos

### Coffee Hour
- Tina Boutas

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- Ladies Philoptochos

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- Stephen Passias

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- Jon & Penny Buterbaugh

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- Rhoda Economos

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- Joanna Stellakis
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FROM FATHER ANTHONY

If we take a good look around us, we would be amazed by how many people abuse their bodies in various ways, as well as God’s creation in general. What I mean by “abuse” includes such things as alcohol and substance abuse, abuse of the environment, to living a promiscuous life-style which endangers one’s well-being, as well as the well-being of others. When we see such abuse, we must wonder if people have any concept of the sanctity of the human body, which was created by God Himself. Do these people realize that their life is a precious gift from God, who breathed the breath of life upon all creation? Obviously, an atheist would never consider such a notion. The believer, however, should always be conscious of the presence of God in his/her life, and therefore, make appropriate choices.

To make choices that do not go against the will of God, one must seek divine guidance on a daily basis. Without God in one’s life, there is no higher authority to turn to for such guidance. Instead, we become our own god, establishing our own criteria by which we choose to live our lives.

In the Orthodox Church, we believe that God gives us daily guidance through His Holy Spirit. We Orthodox Christians are taught that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. As a sanctified vessel of God, the Orthodox Christian is taught not to abuse the body, but always treat it with the dignity and respect that it deserves. This is the main reason why the Orthodox Church teaches us, that all actions that purposely do harm to the body are sinful. Furthermore, any perverse usage or abuse of God’s creation is also considered a sin.

Orthodox theology stresses that nothing in God’s creation is intrinsically evil, for God can only create good, not evil. It is the abusive behavior of man which is evil. For example, the Orthodox Church does not prohibit the use of alcohol in moderation. The misguided free will of the abuser is that which creates the sin. In fact, wine and other food items such as water, flour, bread, olive oil, and salt, are treated by the Church with great respect, since they have always had a major role in religious life in both the Old and New Testaments. If we abuse our bodies through gluttony, then the problem lies with our behavior – not with the food or drink itself, no matter how unhealthy it may be.

Sexual promiscuity is another form of abuse of the body, as far as the Church is concerned. Orthodoxy upholds the original teaching of Christianity which states that God’s gift of human sexuality has its proper place within the marriage of a man and a woman. We consider intimacy between husband and wife as the ultimate expression of their bond of love, blessed by God Himself when they where married. Sexuality outside of traditional marriage can never be considered as a blessed event by the Orthodox Church. In addition, when single people act in a promiscuous manner, they not only go against the will of God, but endanger themselves and their multiple partners, no matter how “careful” and “responsible” they think they are.

There are so many ways to harm the body and creation, that the list could go on and on. Here are a few more things to consider. Besides the obvious harm that substance abusers inflict upon themselves, those who are involved in the trafficking or selling of such items are causing harm to the bodies of others. Regarding cremation, the Orthodox Church condemns this practice because it is a violent act against the crowning glory of God’s creation – the human body. Pollution of water and air, and uncontrolled destruction of forests, also clearly destroys the work of God’s hands.

The bottom line is that society today, to a great extent, has become selfish, self-centered, and God-less. Many people want to do whatever they desire, without being accountable to anyone. The will of God is left out of the equation completely, or worse, it is perverted to fit the needs of those who consider themselves “open-minded” and “liberal.” Anyone who calls himself a Christian has a great responsibility to respect his own body, the bodies of others, and all of God’s creation. Aren’t we all trying to make the world a better place for everyone? Perhaps it’s time to begin seeking to do the will of God, instead of our own.

In Christ,

+Fr. Anthony
SPIRITUAL WISDOM

(from Orthodox Dogmatic Theology, by Fr. Michael Pomazansky, St. Herman of Alaska Brotherhood, 1994)

…it is clear that in the mystery of redemption the Cross and Resurrection of the Lord are inseparable. In the consciousness of the Church this truth is expressed in full measure in the Paschal hymns, which confess the power of the Resurrection of Christ not only for the personal salvation of the Christian, but also in the final, complete justification of the world…By the Cross has been accomplished the cleansing of the sins of the world, the reconciliation with God; by the Resurrection new life has been brought into the world.

The Orthodox path of the Christian is the path of the cross and of struggle. In other words, it is the path of patience, of the bearing of sorrows, persecutions for the name of Christ, and dangers from the enemies of Christ, of despising the goods of the world for the sake of Christ, of battling against one’s passions and lusts.

Such a path of following Christ was taken by His Apostle. “I am crucified with Christ,” writes the Apostle Paul (Gal. 2:20). “God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world (Gal. 6:14)…”

All believers are called to struggle according to their strength: “They that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the passions and lusts (Gal. 5:24).” The moral life cannot exist without inward battle, without self-restraint. The Apostle writes: “For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ; whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things (Phil. 3:18-19)…”

From Our Hymnography

(from a collection of sacred poetry by St. Ephrem the Syrian, collectively known as “Hymns on Paradise.”)

HYMN II

1. Blessed is he for whom Paradise yearns. Yes, Paradise yearns for the man whose goodness makes him beautiful; it engulfs him at its gateway, it embraces him in its bosom, it caresses him in its very womb; for it splits open and receives him into its inmost parts. But if there is someone it abhors, it removes him and casts him out; this is the gate of testing that belongs to Him who loves mankind.

3. When people see that they have lost everything, that riches do not endure and carnal desires no longer exist, that beauty and power disappear and vanish, then they recollect themselves and are filled with remorse, because, choked with care, they heard with contempt those words, “Your possessions are but a passing dream, your inheritance, darkness.”

5. The righteous, too, perceive that their own affliction no longer exists, their suffering does not endure, their burden no longer remains, and it seems as if no anguish had ever assailed them. Their fasts appear as though a mere dream, for they have woken as it were from sleep to discover Paradise and the Kingdom’s table spread out before them.

6. By those who are outside the summit cannot be scaled, but from inside Paradise inclines its whole self to all who ascend it; the whole of its interior gazes upon the just with joy. Paradise girds the loins of the world, encircling the great sea; neighbor to the beings on high, friendly to those within it, hostile to those without.
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**Calendar Notes:**
- September 2013
- Annunciation Church Monthly Bulletin
- Actual event dates and details may vary.
Προσφιλεῖς Ἀδελφοί καί Ἀδελφές ἐν Χριστῷ,

Τὴν ἡμέρα αὕτη τοῦ ἐορτασμοῦ τῆς Κοιμήσεως τῆς Θεοτόκου, οἱ καρδιές γεμίζουν μὲ ἐλπίδα καθὼς ἀναλογικῶς θαυματουργὴ μετάστασις τῆς Θεοτόκου καὶ Αειπαρθένου Μαρίας. Ἐχουμε τὴν ἑλπίδα μας στὸν Χριστὸ καὶ Κύριο μας διότι ἡ Θεοτόκος μᾶς προσφέρει ἐξαισθηματικὰ μαρτυρία τῆς δυνάμεως Του. Βεβαίως, η κλήση τῆς νά γεννήσῃ τὸν Υἱὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἦτο μοναδική, ἀλλά σὲ όλες τὶς πτυχὲς τῆς ζωῆς καὶ τοῦ θανάτου τῆς ἔδειξε μὲ τὸ ὑπέροχο παράδειγμα τῆς πῶς ἡ δύναμι καὶ η χάρη τοῦ Θεοῦ μποροῦν νὰ μεταμορφώσουν τὸν θάνατο σὲ ζωή.

Ἡ ἁγιότητα καὶ ἡ ἑμπειρία τῆς Θεοτόκου ἐπιβεβαιώσθηκε στὴν Παρθένο Μαρία καὶ τὴς ἀνεκοίνωσε τὴν Σάρκωση τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Η Παναγία ἐκλήθη ἀπὸ τὸν Θεό, πράγμα τὸ ὁποῖο ἀναδεήθη ἐν πίστει ἐν ἐνυπόστατη τῆς θαυματουργῆς μετάστασις. Αὐτή ἡ μαρτυρία τῆς Θεοτόκου καὶ Αειπαρθένου Μαρίας τὴν ἡμέρα τῆς Κοιμήσεως τῆς Θεοτόκου προσφέρει μας άλλη μια σημαντική μαρτυρία τῆς προτεραιότητος μιᾶς ζωῆς καθαρότητος καὶ ἁγιότητος. Αὐτή ἡ μαρτυρία αὐτή, ὡς δείχνει, αὐτὴ τὴν θεωρία τῆς ἁγιότητος καὶ τῆς καθαρότητος. Μέσα ἀπὸ τὴν θαυματουργὴ μετάστασις, ἡ Θεοτόκος ἀποκαλύπτει σὲ μία ζωή καθαρότητος καὶ ἁγιότητος τῆς δυνάμεως τοῦ Θεοῦ. Σὲ οἱ ἡμέρες τῆς Κοιμήσεως τῆς Θεοτόκου, ἡ Θεοτόκος μᾶς δείχνει τὴν πλήρη καὶ παλινδρομική πίστη στὸ θέλημα καὶ τὴν δύναμιν τοῦ Θεοῦ.
From the President

On behalf of Father Anthony and the Parish Council, we want to thank all of you for your support and participation during the summer months. As we near our Food Festival, we want to remind everyone that we still need donations for the festival. Our food festival covers one third of our operating budget. Donations are much appreciated to help mitigate our costs. Please see the donation list published on page 12 of our bulletin.

The Parish Council is also delighted to say our roof replacement project is complete. The cost for the roof with time and materials came in under budget at $140,000. We want to thank all of the families who have donated to the roof fund thus far. Unfortunately, funding for the roof project has slowed down over the summer months and we will be forced to borrow funds for the project. Our next steps will be to take out a mortgage to finance these costs. The Parish Council would also like to thank Peter Tsokanis for donating his time and talent for the roof project. The church is very lucky to have someone with his experience in commercial architecture to make sure the project was done in the qualitative manner our property deserves. The roof project will secure our building for years to come. Thank you, Peter!

In closing, please call the Church Office on how you can help with other projects and committees in our church. We welcome all parishioners from different walks of life to help enrich our parish.

Regards,

John Karolemeas
Parish Council President

2013 Calendar of Events

Annual Food Festival  Thurs.-Sun.,
Sep. 19-22
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

September 10
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.
The Beginning of Repentance

Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:11)

This powerful and somewhat mysterious and haunting phrase has confronted every generation of listeners and readers for the last three thousand years. It is as if God Himself speaks to us all of a sudden in the middle of the Psalm.

We live in a Universe in which everything is in continual motion and transformation. Our lives move so fast that we barely realize when the years go by. And yet behind all this impermanence lies the One Who Is, our Creator, and He beckons us to quiet down and come into His Presence.

We might talk about God regularly throughout our life and yet never truly know Him. We fail to see Him because we are only too happy to fill our minds with an idealized image of our own selves, like the Pharisee.

I challenge you today to stop your rushing through life, even if for just a brief moment, and allow yourselves to be in God’s presence. As you begin to experience God’s Light, let it shine through the hidden recesses of your being and take an honest look at yourselves.

What do we see when we have the courage to look at ourselves? We see that we are very far from what God would want us to be, that we are not quite as appealing and successful as we tend to perceive ourselves. What then? Shall we just ignore this and plunge back into the rapid current of life?

There is, fortunately, a better way. The God that we find in stillness is truly a loving God. His Light does not merely expose wounds, but also heals them. All that is needed from us is a sincere recognition of our shortcomings and a willingness to be changed by the grace of Holy Spirit. Only then will we be able to comprehend the appeal of the Lord: “Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.”

As we begin the new ecclesiastical year, let us commit ourselves to this path of repentance and healing. In the words of the holy monastics, let us make a good beginning!
SACRAMENTS & DONATIONS

BAPTISM
7/14 – Penelope Efthalia, daughter of Stavros and Katherine Angelis; 
Sponsors, Christos Karanicas and Domna Roussopoulos

WEDDINGS
7/7 – The marriage of Marcus and Sarah (Hasouris) Aponte was blessed in the Orthodox Church; 
Sponsor, Caitlin Hasouris
8/17 – Michael Sayce and Margarita Palamaris; sponsor, Carolyn Baltas

MEMORIAL DONATIONS
The Agris Family, $100, in memory of Christos Tsaganis
Judy & Alan Jaffe, $25, in memory of Thalia Petros
The Bosen Family, $100, in memory of Thalia Petros
Risa Shaver, $30, in memory of Thalia Petros
Maria Theofilou, $25, in memory of Thalia Petros
Olga Katsoupis, $25, in memory of Thalia Petros
Helen Covett, $100, in memory of Constance Kalivas
Anna Manos, $50, in memory of Eleftheria & Andreas Panagopoulos
George Xixis & Thanos Xixis, $250, in memory of Maria Xixis
Antonia Xixis, $200, in memory of Maria Xixis
Christos & Alexandra Liaopoulos, $500, in memory of Maria Xixis & George Theofilou

ROOF DONATIONS
Penny, Andrea, Maria, Steven & Kathy Papadopoulos, $1,000, in memory of Elias Papadopoulos
Harry & Catherine Livani, $500, in memory of their parents
Andrew & Bessie Passias, $500
Gail Costelas, $200

DONATIONS
The Hellenic Square & Compass Club, $500, to the Bessie Tsaganis Memorial Scholarship Fund
Peter Pappas, $500, to the Peter J. & Ernestine Pappas Scholarship Fund
Irakli Savas, $8,115.86, to the Savas Family Trust
Dino & Ioulia Constantinou, $150, for the Transfiguration
Anonymous, $20, to the Bookstore
Decoration of the Icon of the Transfiguration – Penny Kazis IMO Anargyros Kazis
Decoration of the Icon of the Dormition of the Theotokos & Iconostasis Icon of Panayia – Demetra Orfanos
Decoration of the Icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos – Mr. & Mrs. George Petropoulos
Decoration of the Icon of the Elevation of the Holy Cross – George Panagopoulos,
IMO Stavroula Panagopoulos

SPECIAL DONATION
A donation of $6,750 is being made in loving memory of E. Charles Giannaros by his children, Nick, Debbie, 
and Stephanie. This donation represents the cost that our parish would have incurred for our share of an 
ergy audit, and subsequent installation of all new light fixtures throughout the parish complex, to be 
done by National Grid. The estimated annual energy savings through this project is over $5,000 per year. 
We thank the Giannaros family for their generosity, and pray for the eternal repose of their beloved father.
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. You will then be prompted to enter your First Name, Last Name, and your email address.
http://www.goarch.org/listssubscribe?l=BROCKTON
If you prefer, you can send an email to helpdesk@annunciationbrockton.org along with your first and last name, and request to be added.

Monthly Bulletin
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

We wish to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Linda Sakelaris Poole, for her many months of service as the producer of our monthly bulletin. Due to her busy schedule, Linda has turned over this important ministry to our office manager, Demetra Orfanos. You will still be seeing Linda helping out at the church bookstore on Sundays, as she has for a few years now.

Thank you, Linda!

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Our team gets together on a monthly basis to discuss ideas surrounding stewardship. We are currently working on a few social events that would cater to different members of our parish.

We are always looking for new members to join our TEAM. Your ideas will be welcomed!

Our goal is to promote a sense of a close community for the stewards of our church!
PHILOPTOCHOS

Festival Preparations
Beginning on Monday, August 19th, the Ladies of the Philoptochos and our dedicated volunteers began preparing for the Annual Food Festival. They will be working each Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9am until roughly 3pm, and closer to the Festival, days and times will be added as necessary. This is all to ensure that the Festival is the annual success we have come to expect. If you are interested in helping, please contact a member of the Philoptochos or the Office for more information!

Koliva
For koliva, please call the church office at 508-559-0910. We would appreciate one week’s notice in advance of the memorial service to prepare your koliva. The cost is $85 and checks should be made payable to the Ladies Philoptochos Society.

Coffee Hour
If you are interested in sponsoring a coffee hour, please contact Tina Boutas or the Church Office.

Shut In Visitations
Anyone who would like a visit from the ladies of Philoptochos, or knows of someone who would like some company, please contact the Philoptochos directly.

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE
Thursday, September 19, 2013
11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, September 20 & 21, 2013
11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 22, 2013
11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS
OCTOBER
Membership Meeting
Tuesday, 10/8, 7:00 PM

NOVEMBER
Membership Meeting
Tuesday, 11/5, 7:00 PM
Our annual Greek Food Festival is just around the corner!
As we all know, the single biggest factor contributing to the success of our Festival is the commitment from over 150 of our parishioners that work long hours prior to and during the Festival.

Many other parishioners that are unable to work during the Festival have, over the years, generously donated merchandise or cash to help defray the costs that we incur. For those of our parishioners that would like to donate merchandise, we have prepared a list of items that we utilize at the Festival.

It would be greatly appreciated if you, your business, or your employer could help us defray the cost by donating merchandise.

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Please review this list and contact the Church Office with any donations that you are willing to make & to check if something has already been donated.

With many thanks,
The Festival Committee
**New for fall!!!**

**Peter Clashes with Anger**

Things are bothering Peter and he’s mad at everyone, so he talks to his Papou about it.

*From the Silent Way series, about Passions & Stillness*

**Short booklets $2 each**

The *God, I Need to Talk to You* series about using bad language, stealing, lying, whining, and bullying

**Need spiritual inspiration?**

*God’s Path to Sanity* might help, offering ways to look at The unspiritual demands on our spirit-led lives $12

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**Let My Prayer Arise**

*The St. Herman Trio*

Three male voices sing traditional songs, pleasant and peaceful $8

**Audio Book!**

*Prayers by the Lake*, a CD of prayers to help the faithful meditate on the love of God in our daily life.

**Icon Night Lights**

Lovely gifts for only $9 each

**Pocket Prayer Books**

Perfect for a pocket or a purse $7 each

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Looking for something Orthodox? We can help 😊

annunciationbookstore@gmail.com
# YOUTH NEWS

## NEW ALTAR BOY REGISTRATION

As we do each year, we will be accepting new boys that want to serve in the holy altar. According to Archdiocesan guidelines, we ask that only boys 9 years of age or older sign up. Parents, please call the office and give us the name of your son(s), as well as your address and phone number as soon as possible. Before the end of September, we will assign your son to an altar team, and provide a schedule and guidelines by mail. **PLEASE NOTE:** existing altar boys do not need to sign up again. We will mail them schedules and guidelines as well.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**SEPTEMBER**
- 15 FIRST DAY of Classes & Registration of new students
- 22
- 29

**OCTOBER**
- 6
- 13 FAMILY WORSHIP
- 20
- 27 (teacher meeting)

**NOVEMBER**
- 3
- 10 Toy drive begins
- 17
- 24

**DECEMBER**
- 1 FAMILY WORSHIP ~ Thanksgiving Break
- 8 Toy drive ends
- 15
- 22 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
  - Children downstairs @10:15
- 29 FAMILY WORSHIP ~ CHRISTMAS BREAK

**JANUARY**
- 5
- 12
- 19
- 26

**FEBRUARY**
- 2
- 9
- 16 FAMILY WORSHIP ~ FEBRUARY VACATION
- 23

**MARCH**
- 2
- 9 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY
  - Classes start @ 10:15
- 16
- 23 SUNDAY OF THE CROSS ~
  - Classes start @ 10:15
- 30

**APRIL**
- 6
- 13 PALM SUNDAY
  - FAMILY WORSHIP
- 20 PASCHA
- 27 (teacher meeting)

**MAY**
- 4
- 11
- 18 GRADUATION & AWARDS
  - Classes start @ 10:15

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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

We look forward to new and returning students!

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**Fall/Early Winter Schedule**

**Friday, September 27, 6:00pm**
- Leaves of Thanks & Caramel Apple Making

**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
YOUTH NEWS

Greek School Registration Open

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Brockton is pleased to announce that registration is open for the 2013-14 Greek School Program. Children grades K-6 are encouraged to join! Visit our website to register: www.annunciationbrockton.org, or call the Church office at 508-559-0910.

Our Greek school program with its certified and experienced teachers offers a dynamic and enriching curriculum. Students learn the language through lessons on culture, traditions, and history. Small classes and a supportive staff encourage students at all levels to thrive.

SCHEDULE
Saturdays
- Kindergarten-2nd grade: 9:00 - 11:00 am
- 3rd & 4th grades: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 5th & 6th grades: 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Classes begin Saturday, September 28.

TUITION
Tuition is free for kindergarten students. For all other grades, tuition is $320 per student (for members) and $470 per student (for non-members). Prices include the cost of books and other materials. Discounts are available for families enrolling 3 or more students.

REGISTRATION
Please register online at www.annunciationbrockton.org (click on “youth ministries”), or call the Church office at 508-559-0910.

Don’t miss out on this wonderful experience for the whole family!
- Camaraderie
- Culture
- Connections
- Poems
- Language
- Friendships
- Dancing
- Traditions (new and old!)
## YOUTH NEWS

### .....DANCE NEWS......

Our dancers have been working hard all summer learning new dances for our upcoming performances! The SENIOR GROUP has been invited to perform at the Hellenic College/Holy Cross 75th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, September 15, 2013!

In addition, all three level groups will be dancing at our annual Festival. Performance dates/times as follows:
- **SATURDAY, SEPT. 21 at 7:30PM**
- **SUNDAY, SEPT 22 at 1:30PM**

Please come see and support our dancers!! Fall practices are tentatively scheduled to begin following Liturgy on Sunday, OCTOBER 6th and new members are welcome to join us!

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### Our GOYA is busy preparing for the upcoming year!

At our Parish's Fall festival we will be running their annual caffenio at the food festival. We will be selling frappedes, elliniko kafe, and other tasty delights!

Our first monthly meeting of the year will be on September 8th. We will be preparing for the festival and discussing events/activities for the year.

As part of our activities we will be planning our "Fun Fridays" for members of our GOYA. We hope to have our first “Fun Friday” in October! Check the church calendar and bulletin for updates.

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### Our GOYANs had a busy Summer!

Four of our GOYANS, Stephan Maranian, Dion Buterbaugh, Dimitri Evangelatos, and Teli Efremides attended the 3 week Summer Travel Camp at Ionian Village. They traveled across Greece visiting churches, monasteries, and historical sites. Our Metropolis' very own Fr. Ted Barbas and family joined them on this pilgrimage and led the camp spiritually through sessions. For more information about this camp go to: [http://www.ionianvillage.org/about/](http://www.ionianvillage.org/about/)

In addition to travelling overseas we also had GOYANs attend the MBC Summer Camp in NH. We are proud to say that 2 of our former GOYANs are counselors at the camp, Nikoletta Evangelatos and Dion Buterbaugh. For more information on this camp go to: [http://boston.goarch.org/ministries/mbc/metropolis_of_boston_summer_camp/](http://boston.goarch.org/ministries/mbc/metropolis_of_boston_summer_camp/)

We are always looking for our youth to join our GOYA Team! If you know someone who is in grades 6-12, please pass the word that the GOYA is the place to be for making friends, having fun, and supporting our community!
GOYA SUMMER GALLERY

Top photo - some of our GOYAns at the Metropolis Summer Camp

Bottom photo - some of our GOYAns on their Ionian Village trip
Save the date!

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***
CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF FAITH, EDUCATION, AND SERVICE

HELLENIC COLLEGE HOLY CROSS

75th Anniversary Jubilee

Original Artwork: "Life at Hellenic College Holy Cross" by Dimitri Oik, 2005

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
Gala Recognition Banquet
Master of Ceremonies — Mike Emanuel,
Chief Congressional Correspondent for FOX News
Cathedral Center, Brookline, MA, 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
Exaltation of the Holy Cross Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America • Faculty Seminars
Iconography Exhibit • Live Byzantine Music

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
Great Vespers of the Holy Cross with His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America
Public Lecture • Annual Tennis Tournament
Boston Tours and Activities

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America • Campus Festival • Live Greek Music and Food • Greek Dance Troupes • Activities for Children

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Helen A. Carlos, 75th Anniversary Chair
hacarlo@aol.com or 404-790-3361

Christine Karavites, Jubilee Chair
ckaravites@yahoo.com or 508-982-4276

Stephanie Skedros
sskedros@hchc.edu or 617-850-1268

SEPTEMBER 12-15, 2013
www.hchc.edu/75years
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!
Metropolis of Boston Youth Dance Group

Kefi 2013 - Greek Dance Retreat

November 1 - 2, 2013

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

mbcamp@tds.net 603.746.4400 329 Camp Merrimac Road, Contoocook, NH 03229
We are now reserving space in our monthly bulletin for advertising purposes in order to defer from the high costs of publishing. You can now advertise your business for a small cost!

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- Space is limited and will be available on a first come, first serve basis.
- The deadline for including your advertisement will be on the 10th of each month.
- If you have any questions and are interested in an opportunity that will support our Church, please contact the Church Office.
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