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The deadline for the November bulletin is October 10th!

Church Services

- Saturdays: Great Vespers 6:00 pm
- Sundays: Orthros 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- Weekdays: Orthros 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- Σαββάτα: Μεγάς Εσπερινός 6:00 μμ
- Κυριακές: Όρθρος 8:45 πμ, Θεία Λειτουργία 10:00 πμ
- Καθημερινές: Όρθρος 9:00 πμ, Θεία Λειτουργία 10:00 πμ

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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
Monthly Bulletin
# Annunciation Church Monthly Bulletin

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- Pegi Ciulla

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- Ladies Philoptochos

### Coffee Hour
- Tina Boutas

### Shut-In Visitations
- Ladies Philoptochos

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One of the most frequent topics of conversation these days is global warming, and its effect on weather and other related issues. The international scientific community continues to remind us of this serious problem and its current and future consequences, even though there is still much debate and disagreement on the subject. In any case, the consistent message is that global warming is due to human interference with the delicate balance of world climate, which is setting the stage for long-term problems worldwide. Hopefully, these warnings have made us somewhat introspective about our relationship with creation as God’s stewards, as well as our relationship with the Creator Himself.

If we were to take some time to contemplate the awesomeness of creation, we would be overwhelmed by the power and creative force of the eternal God, who has created everything out of nothingness. Simply considering the annual cycle of the seasons, the complex processes of growth and reproduction of both the plant and animal kingdoms, the creative forces of nature that are constantly at work – all of this and more is nothing less than miraculous. And yet, there are still some who will say that there is no God!

We Orthodox Christians, however, are very clear of creation being a loving act of the living God. As I’ve mentioned many times, the Church puts much emphasis on the fact that man was created in God’s likeness and image, precisely because we were created with a free will – a truly God-given gift that is not shared with the animal kingdom. If we are to be good stewards of God’s creation, we must remember that the true sign of stewardship is freely choosing to sincerely respect and show concern, for that of which one has been given charge. Those who feel this way about the created world will always seek to not abuse it, but rather, to preserve and care for it as much as is humanly possible.

Unfortunately, this has not been the outlook of the majority of the human race. There is no need to list the myriad abuses of the created world by mankind, since we are all very aware of them. In fact, there may be other environmentally destructive events occurring of which many of us are not even aware. The bottom line is that the human weakness of self-centeredness has driven mankind to sin against God’s creation. The word “sin” is very appropriate in this regard. Human life and all of God’s creation is considered sacred according to the classic Christian teaching. When we do things that harm anything in the natural world, whether referring to our own bodies or anything else in nature, we sin against God the Creator.

The only way to turn the tide of humanity’s treatment of creation, is to turn first and foremost to God, the creator and author of life. A humanistic approach to the created world is not the approach that seeks to venerate that which has been created by the hand of God. Let us be clear here, however; it is not nature that we worship, but it is God the Creator whom we worship and serve as his faithful stewards.

Dear brethren in Christ, we cannot change the natural forces and cycles of nature, but we can certainly do whatever we can individually and globally to protect and preserve our beloved earth. If we continue unchecked on the path we are on, the results could be catastrophic. After all, this is God’s world, not ours. May we all gain the ability to see God in everyone and in everything. As the psalmist says, Be still and know that I am God. (Psalm 46:10)

In Christ,
+Fr. Anthony
FROM FATHER ANTHONY

Spiritual Wisdom
(the following is taken from the writings of St. John Chrysostom)

That the Household Might Become a Church
When you go home from here (church), lay out with your meal a spiritual meal as well. The father of the family might repeat something of what was said here; his wife could then hear it, the children too could learn something... In short, the household might become like a church, so that the devil is driven off and that evil spirit, the enemy of our salvation, takes to flight; the grace of the Holy Spirit would rest there instead, and all peace and harmony surround the inhabitants...

Scripture: A Spring Gushing with Ever-flowing Waters
Reading the Holy Scriptures is like a treasure. With a treasure, you see, anyone able to find a tiny nugget gains for himself great wealth; likewise in the case of Sacred Scripture, you can get from a small phrase a great wealth of thought and immense riches. The Word of God is not only like a treasure, but is also like a spring gushing with ever-flowing waters in a mighty flood... Don’t be surprised if we have experienced this: our forebears drank from these waters to the limit of their capacity, and those who come after us will try to do likewise, without risk of exhausting them; instead the flood will increase and the streams will be multiplied.

The Church is Your Salvation
Nothing is more abiding than the Church: she is your salvation; she is your refuge. She is more lofty than the heavens; she is more far-reaching than the earth. She never grows old; she always stays in bloom. And so Scripture indicates her permanence and stability by calling her a virgin; her magnificence by calling her a queen; her closeness to God by calling her a daughter; her barrenness turned to fecundity by calling her 'the mother of seven.' A thousand names try to spell out her nobility. Just as the Lord is called by many names...since one name could not hope to describe the Omnipotent, and many names give us some small insight into His nature, so the Church goes by many names.

Adult Religious Education
Our Wednesday evening program of adult religious education resumes on Wednesday, October 1st. Our weekly program always begins at 7 pm with the service of Small Vespers in English (or an abbreviated Paraklesis on the first Wednesday of the month) which lasts one-half hour, 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 an open period of questions and answers. Our regular attendees would love to see new faces with which to enjoy these sessions, so please join us!

Meeting and 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 commences on Wednesday, October 1st; 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. You must then call the office manager, who will verify the availability of requested dates before officially booking any event or meeting. This announcement will be updated and repeated prior to Great Lent, when the liturgical schedule will increase. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation in upholding the primary focus of an Orthodox parish – the liturgical life!

Confession Schedule
Periodically, parishioners ask when they can come in for Holy Confession. During the bulk of the liturgical year, confessions can be heard as follows:

- Each Saturday after Great Vespers
FROM FATHER ANTHONY

- During office hours by appointment

Please make it a point to make Holy Confession a part of your spiritual lives, especially during the major fast periods and on an “as needed” basis. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

In Appreciation

You did it again! Our largest fundraiser was again a success this year due to everyone’s hard work. We greatly appreciate our Philoptochos women who had prepared all the pastries and many of the foods for the festival. Of course, we are also grateful for our team of men who took care of preparing and roasting the meats, and working the various booths. An important team that we don’t see under the tent, consists of the kitchen volunteers who work non-stop baking foods, cutting salads, etc. We must also remember all the donors and the many “behind the scenes” volunteers who orchestrated all festival related issues. They chiefly are our dedicated Parish Council members, with the assistance of many other volunteers. And lastly, let us not forget our wonderful dance group which has become such a focal point of the festival weekend. God bless all of you for all you continue to do for our beloved parish!

A Message on Religious Education

The following was written by Fr. George Economou, and is from the September 2014 edition of the St. Spyridon Voice – the monthly newsletter of St. Spyridon Church – Newport, RI.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION is of great importance, parents do take interest in this matter. Help your children to learn all about their Orthodox Christian Faith. Come together each Sunday to worship as a family; show them through your example the importance of our Christian Faith. Sacrifice your leisure time on Sunday morning and bring your children to Church.

Let them be well-grounded in their faith and love for the Lord. Teach them how to pray at home. Set your priorities in the right order. The dangers are many that lurk ahead for our children, and unless we lay strong foundations while they are young, we are falling short of our parental Christian responsibilities and duties.

Remember the saying in the book of Proverbs: “Train up the child in the way he should go and when he/she is old he/she will not depart from it.” (Prov.22:6). Which way do we want our children to go? Do we train them in the ways of the Lord, or only the worldly and secular ways, which leave feelings of emptiness and loneliness. Only when we seek the Lord and His ways, will ours and our children’s lives be complete.

We give so much to our children – let’s not neglect to give them that which really counts, in their present life and future – their faith and Christian values.

Attend church every Sunday with your children; participate in the Holy Eucharist as often as possible, if not every Sunday. Read the Bible with them at home every night, say your prayers before each meal, before going to bed at night and when you rise in the morning. Teach your children to cross themselves correctly, and not be afraid to do their cross no matter where they are. Have family discussions about every moral and ethical issue, about sex, abortion, drugs, etc., and instruct them with our church’s moral teachings on these. Don’t let the public schools or teachers do your job. Find out what they are being taught at school – be alert, question them.

Do all this with love and respect for them. Protect your children not by locking them up, but by opening up the lines of communication with them. Love them, but be strict when you need to. Set rules and guidelines. Let them know the consequences if they fail to keep them. Be just in disciplining them. Make the punishment proportionate to the infringement. Remember the words of the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 6: 1-4. “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Respect your father and mother,’ which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth. And you parents, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”
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Please see your illustrated Archdiocesan calendar for daily Scripture readings and fasting guidelines.
'Η Παγκόσμια Υψώση του Τιμίου και Ζωοποιού Σταυρού
Προσφερίες Αδελφοί και Αδελφές εν Χριστῷ,

Στήν Εορτή της Παγκόσμιας Υψώσεως του Τιμίου και Ζωοποιού Σταυρού, γιορτάζουμε την άνευρση του Τιμίου Σταυρού του Κυρίου μας από την Αγία Ελένη όταν εκείνη επισκέφθηκε την Ιερουσαλήμ το τέος 326 για να προσκυνήσει τους Αγίους Τόπους που σχετίζονταν με την ζωή, την διακονία, την Σταύρωση και την Ανάσταση του Χριστού. Αφού διαβεβαιώθηκε ότι ήταν ο Τίμιος Σταυρός θεραπεύοντας μια έντομοθάνατη γυναίκα ή όποια τόν άκοψανε, ο Σταυρός προσκυνήθηκε από την Αγία Ελένη και όλους τους παρευρεθηκόμενους. Καθώς ο Πατριάρχης Μακάριος τόν άκοψανε για να τόν δούν, άναφυναν ολοὶ «Κύριε, ελέησο».

Αυτό το ενδεχόμενο ευλογημένο γεγονός οδήγησε στήν καθεδρία Εορτής της Υψώσεως του Τιμίου Σταυρού και στόν έτησιο θρήσκευμα της ιεροτελικής δυνάμεως του ως σύμβουλο της συμφιλίωσης δια τόν Χριστού.

Η ιστορία των πιστών κατά την άνευρση του Σταυρού και η ύψωση του από τόν Πατριάρχη απέτελεσε γεγονός χαράς και ευγνωμοσύνης πρός τον Θεό. Καί ενώ νηστεύουμε τήν ημέρα αυτή σε αναγνώριση τῆς ψυχικής της Κυρίου μας επί του Σταυρού, ταυτοχόνους την πανηγυρίζουμε ως ημέρα και έναρξη η οποία προσφέρει μαστρίο στόν κόσμο της δυνάμεως της άγαπής του Θεού για μάς. Υψώνουμε τόν Σταυρό διότι ενώ χρησιμοποιήθηκε φαντασμακοποιητά ως μέσο μαστρίου και ατμίας, είδε την ζωή, αλλά κατέστη είδος της αιωνιότητας. Χρησιμοποιήθηκε ως μέσο βίας, αλλά για τους πιστούς κατέστη ότι αληθινής ειρήνης. Ο Σταυρός, σύμβολο πόνου και έντασης, δια τόν Χριστού κατέστη σύμβολο ελπίδος και θρήματος. Αντί θανάτου, ο Κύριος, διά τόν Σταυρό, μάς χάρισε ζωή και περισυνείμαζε ζωής.

Στήν Εορτή αυτή, η ύψωση του Σταυρού αποτελεί άγαπης και δυναμική μαστρία του Ευαγγελίου της άλλης ημέρας καί τής άγαπής. Αποτελεί ιερό για της δυνάμεως τής χάριτος του Θεού και τής καθαριότητας που προσφέρεται διά τών πιστών στόν Χριστό. Αυτή η Εορτή αποτελεί ένας τόμος στόν καθέναν από μάς να στρέψουμε το βλέμμα και τά μάτια της ψυχής μας στόν Σταυρό και να τόν υψώσουμε για να τόν δούμε αιώνιο. Υψώνουμε τόν Σταυρό τον Χριστού όταν δέν δούμες μάς να δηλώσουμε για τέτοιο διάμετρο ο Θεός και για τόν Κύριο τον θάνατο της ζωής μας και της κατανόησης. Είδες τον Τίμιο Σταυρό τον Χριστό και να προσκυνήσουμε την υποστήριξη του Θεού και της Άγιας Αυτής.

Καθώς υψώνουμε αυτή τήν Εορτή και σκεπτόμεθα τής μαστρίας του Σταυρού, προσφέρουμε τους πιστούς και ημέρας εν Κυρίῳ, την αιώνια ζωή του Σταυρού. Στήν Εορτή της Παγκόσμιας Υψώσεως τον Τίμιο Σταυρό, γιορτάζουμε την ύψωση του Σταυρού και την άνευρση της Κυρίου μας με τους σπουδαίους, Μεσογειακούς και Άγιους Τόπους πού σχετίζονται με την Ζωή, την Σταύρωση και την Ανάσταση του Χριστού και την αιώνια ζωή.

Μετά πατρικών ευχών και αγάπης εν Κυρίῳ,
ὁ Αρχιεπίσκοπος Αμερικῆς Δημήτριος

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Experience

HELLENIC COLLEGE HOLY CROSS

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 11, 2014
10 AM - 4 PM

Meet professors and sit in on mini-classes
Discover our dynamic undergraduate and graduate programs
Tour our stunning campus overlooking the Boston skyline
Find out about applying and paying for a college education
Celebrate your faith
Connect with other Orthodox Christian youth
Hear beautiful Byzantine chant by seminarians
Register your team for the 3ON3 high school basketball tournament

REGISTER ONLINE:
Open House:  hchcopenhous.eventbrite.com
3ON3 Basketball Tournament:  hchcbball.eventbrite.com

Bring this flyer to claim your free T-shirt!

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It's our school.
Applications for Church scholarships are available!!!

Please call the Church Office for information, or stop by to pick up a copy!

All students that graduated from high school in 2014 are eligible!

***PLEASE NOTE***
The deadline for submission is October 15th.

Charity & Community Service

My Brother's Keeper, a Christian ministry in Easton, picks up donations of used furniture in good condition—couches; kitchen tables & chairs; dressers; and twin, full, and queen-size mattresses & box springs.

At each pickup, items are accepted or declined based on their guidelines. No donations are ever sold. All items are delivered free of charge to families in need in Christ’s name. To schedule a pickup, call My Brother's Keeper at 508-238-7512

In addition the following donations are also needed. These will be collected at our church on a regular basis.

- Baby Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Linens (sheets)
- Canned Goods
- Towels

For more information, contact Paula C. Odierno pckodierno@gmail.com or the Church Office. Thank you kindly for your donations.

“Whatsoever you do for the least of my brothers, you do unto me.”

2014 Calendar of Events

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PARISHIONERS CAN 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 call the Church Office for assistance.
SACRAMENTS & DONATIONS

WEDDINGS
8/31 – Ricardo Baldiserra & Haralampia Panagopoulos; sponsor, Olga Panagopoulos

FUNERALS
8/22 – Peter Pappas
9/2 – William Anthony Vellios
9/6 – James Kourafas
9/16 – Charles Counelis

MEMORIAL DONATIONS
In memory of William Anthony Vellios, $395
In memory of James Kourafas, $325
In memory of Peter Pappas, $330
In memory of William Anthony Vellios, $75
Nickolas Passias, $100, in memory of Anna Passias
Ann Psilekas & Carol Dragstedt, $150, in memory of Lamperni Psilekas
Nancy Krowski, $100, in memory of Anastasia “Mitzi” Marathas
Penny Nasios, $100, in memory of John Nasios

DONATIONS
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Sakellaris, $800

ROOF DONATIONS
Thalia, Tasha, Tania, Tamara Lingos & Families, $25,000
Mr. & Mrs. Ilias Potsis & Family, $1,000, in memory of Areti Potsis and for the health & well-being of the family
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Sakellaris, $200

FLORAL DONATIONS
Entrance of the Theotokos—9/8—George & Toula Petropoulos
This generous donation should have been acknowledged in the September bulletin.
Our sincerest apologies for the inadvertent omission.

A NOTE OF THANKS
We wish to offer a warm and heart-felt thank you to ALL of our donors and sponsors from the 2014 Food Festival! A complete and detailed list will be published in our November bulletin.
Remember Your Pledge for 2014!

Please do not forget to submit your 2014 Stewardship obligation.

Stewardships are the greatest source of income for our Church. Please feel free to contact the Church Office with any questions.

Thank you kindly!

Υπενθύμιση για το 2014!

Αγαπητοί Ενορίτες,
Σας παρακαλούμε μη ξεχάσετε να αποτείλετε την ετήσια προσφορά σας για το παρόν (τούτο) το έτος 2014.

Η ετήσια προσφορά σας αποτελεί τη βασικότερη πηγή εισοδήματος για τη συντήρηση και τις καθημερινές ανάγκες της Εκκλησίας μας.

Σας ευχαριστούμε θερμά.

Stewardship Committee News

Stewardship
To all our Parishioners—we all have ties to our Church, whether the ties began with the families of our early pioneers, who established the first place of worship, or throughout the decades of memories that connect us and are embedded in our minds. We can now relate those events to the present, where the ties and memories continue. With that thought, we invite all Stewards of our church, to join the many ministries of our parish.

Time & Talent
Your Time, Talent and Treasure are the marks of a good Steward.
Your Stewardship pledges are also a mark of a good Steward.
It is those pledges and donations that keep our Holy Church operating.
Let us all support our Church Home.

With Christ,
The Stewardship Committee
### PHIOPTOCHOS

#### UPCOMING EVENTS
Pot Luck Meeting, Tuesday, October 7th

#### MEMBERSHIP
Please remember to send in your Philoptochos membership ($25.00 annually) for 2013 & 2014!

*Thank you!*

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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*.

#### 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.

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**Congratulations!**

It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of Eleni Stamboulidis to the National Philoptochos Board. Eleni, who has been a member of the Boston Metropolis Philoptochos board, was recommended for the national board by His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios, and appointed by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios. We wish Eleni well in her new position in this most worthy philanthropic arm of the Archdiocese of America.
The Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos invites you to attend

Lights Fashion Philanthropy

Luncheon and runway style show presentation
and a Pop-up Boutique
Saturday, November 15, 2014
Lombardo’s
Six Billing Street
Randolph, Massachusetts

Reception 11:00 a.m.
Luncheon 12:00 p.m.
$65.00 per person

Pajama Program

In keeping with the spirit of the mission of Philoptochos, we ask each guest to bring new pajamas, size infant to 18 years, and a new book, which will be donated to the Pajama Program.
www.pajamaprogram.org.

Kindly Respond by
November 1, 2014

M ________________________________

Will Attend ______________
Telephone ____________________________

I am unable to attend but enclose a donation of $ ______

Please make checks payable to
Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos
Tables of 10 will be reserved on a first come basis.
Please list names and seating requests on the reverse side.

Ms Diane Stamatopulos
3 Pond Street
Peabody, Massachusetts 01960

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact Eleni Stamboulidis at (508) 807-1828.
2014 Get Togethers

Please join us on:

Tuesday, October 21, 2014
♦ 2nd Annual Luncheon at the Fuller Craft Museum

Saturday, October 25, 2014
♦ 2nd Annual Trip to The Russian Icon Museum

Tuesday, November 18, 2014
♦ Thanksgiving Gathering

December 2014
♦ Holiday Dinner and BHS Christmas Concert

2:00—4:00 pm
Third Tuesday of the Month

$20 yearly donation welcomed
Save the date & be sure to join us for the First Annual Great Pizza Festival!

Come taste the best specialty pizzas and foods our local restaurants have to offer, all while helping support our Church!

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**AGOC GOYA**

This upcoming month for the GOYA is full of events for everybody to participate in. The Harvest Party coming up on Friday, October 24th, is a great chance for some fun, games, food, and music, so make sure you break out your costumes and join us for this annual event!

Our GOYA is open to the youth of the parish who are in grades 6—12. Please attend and make new friends, have some fun, and support our community!

Our next GOYA meeting will be on Sunday, October 5th, following the Divine Liturgy.

Lastly, we would like to welcome Matthew Coon to our GOYA, as a new Advisor to our Team!

Congratulations to the newly elected GOYA officers!

Ariana Buterbaugh, President
Dimitra Efremidis, Vice President
Jessica Barrus, Corresponding Secretary
George Karolemeas, Recording Secretary
Eleni Bellas, Treasurer

Here’s to a great year!

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**October Schedule**

- **5** — Classes following Holy Communion
- **12** — Family Worship, no classes
- **19** — Classes following Holy Communion
- **26** — Classes following Holy Communion, Toy drive begins

We will be starting our Christmas toy collection on Sunday, October 26th! Toys collected will be going to local families in need. The receptacle for the toys will be in the Sunday School hallway, across from the Kindergarten Room.

New families are welcome to register children with their teacher, or by contacting Dina Coon — coon005@aol.com or (781) 871-5343.
Harvest Fest &
Costume Party

Friday, October 24th
6:00 to 8:00 pm

Please join us for food and fun!!

Admission = $1 per person, or
donated food items 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***
Developing a daily personal relationship with Jesus

It is not until we learn to quiet our thoughts that there is even the possibility of learning to use our hearts. The mind uses noise constantly to reassure itself of its own existence but the language of the heart is silence...not an empty silence but one that is simply waiting for something to happen....the silence that is the heart’s means of communication, a full and profound experience of being, and a deep awareness of God.

Archimandrite Meletios Webber, Bread & Water, Wine & Oil

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Stretch prayer rope with metal cross & beads
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