The deadline for the October bulletin is September 10th!

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FROM FATHER ANTHONY

Some of the recent news from the Middle East has been quite tragic and disturbing. This is especially true when we see the Christian communities of the various countries of this region being affected by the on-going turmoil. As I will discuss below, many people are not aware that there is still a Christian presence throughout this region of the world. I have been fortunate to have visited the Holy Land in 1988, and had the opportunity to get to know many Orthodox Palestinians. I was very impressed, not only by their extreme friendliness and hospitality, but also by their deep faith and piety. Here in the United States, I have also had the opportunity to get to know many other Orthodox Christians from middle-eastern countries, some of them having been former parishioners. In these cases, I also found similar qualities as with the Orthodox of Palestine. Unfortunately, this is not always the image that the general public has of people from this region of the world.

Over the past many decades of turmoil in the Middle East, it seems that the media has managed to portray people of this region in the most negative light. I’m sure that most Americans have a certain image in mind regarding people from these countries, typically viewing them as religious fanatics, peace-haters, and terrorists. Many people also mistakenly believe that all Arabs are Muslim. While it is true that currently the majority of Arabs in the Middle East are Muslim, as an Orthodox priest, I cannot speak about the tenets of Islam as they relate to the actions of its followers with any accuracy. What I do know, is that many Arabs are Christians – a fact that seems to be virtually unknown by many, if not the majority of Americans.

The Middle East before the year 650 AD, was an Orthodox Christian stronghold. Christianity spread throughout the region during the Apostolic era, starting in Jerusalem, which is one of the five ancient centers of the Church. Another center of the ancient Church located in the Middle East was the city of Antioch in Syria (the modern-day Patriarchate of Antioch has been relocated to Damascus, Syria). The other three ancient centers of the Church are the cities of Alexandria in Egypt, Constantinople (modern-day Istanbul, Turkey), and Rome, prior to the Great Schism of East and West.

The entire region of the Middle East contains many biblical cities and sites, and multiple Christian sites of pilgrimage. Not only were there numerous monasteries in the Middle East centuries ago, but also the vast deserts of the region were home to thousands of desert-dwelling hermits, seeking total seclusion from the world. Many great Orthodox theologians, hymnographers, iconographers, monastics, and countless saints have come from this region of the world, and have contributed much to the universal Orthodox Church.

For centuries, the majority of the Middle East fell under the protection of the Byzantine Empire. Eventually with the rise of Islam, these lands fell to invading Muslims. This onslaught continued, and eventually led to the fall of Constantinople, the capital of the Byzantine Empire, thus ending the empire’s 1,000 years of existence. These invasions and occupations did not, however, wipe Christianity off the map of this very biblical region. To this day, the Christian faith has survived in the Middle East.

Of all the Arab countries, Lebanon has historically been the most Christian. In fact, before the civil war, the majority of that country’s population was Christian. Another Arab nation with a large Christian population is Syria. Although Egypt technically is not in the Middle East but borders the region, I would like to point out that this Arabic-speaking nation also has a large Christian population. A lesser amount of Christians can be found in Jordan, Iran, Iraq, and among the Israeli occupied Palestinians. In all these lands, these Christians are predominantly Eastern Orthodox, secondly, Oriental Orthodox – an offshoot of traditional Orthodoxy which includes groups such as the Armenians, Copts, and Assyrians – and thirdly, Roman Catholic.

What I wish to stress, is that Christianity is alive and well in many Middle-eastern countries. While Christians should rejoice in this fact, we also need to be aware that our Christian brothers and sisters of these lands are being heavily persecuted once again. Unfortunately, many fanatic Islamic militants are driving away thousands of Christians in the various lands currently in conflict. Many of these people are literally leaving for fear of their lives. Therefore, it is our duty to continually pray for the well-being of these Christian brethren, and for peace in general due to the various conflicts in the Middle East.

I hope and pray that all of us may one day visit the Holy Land and surrounding areas, and be enlightened by the piety and deep-rooted faith of Christians in the Middle East. Anyone making such a pilgrimage would realize that what one encounters in person, can be very different than what the media has typically portrayed.

In Christ,

+Fr. Anthony
Spiritual Wisdom

The following is a very wise message from a young adult from Serbia now living in the U.S. named Sandra Glisic, from the Orthodox website, Orthodox Christian Network. Let us all learn from it.

“Well, those who are now young, will go to Church when they get old, but now, most likely, they want to use and exploit the youth they have; as a song says, ‘Take everything out of life, today you are a flower, tomorrow a dying rose.’ Only, they forget that the only secret is that we do not know to whom and when will be the end,” said Father Gavrilo, an abbot from the Lepavina monastery in Serbia.

I came upon this quote on Facebook and it got me thinking. My grandparents told me how they did not go to church when they were younger, but started going in their older years. And if you look around your church on Sundays, you will see that it is mostly filled with older people. Why is this so? Well, from the experience of being a 19-year-old girl, it is because you are told that in your youth, you should have fun. You should go out and stay up late on Saturdays and then sleep till noon on Sundays. Your youth is your youth, after all, and you are only young once.

I never really cared for these things. If anything, I am always arguing with my parents, because I do not act like other kids my age. And that is because I was in a car accident, and after it, I was just sitting and thinking, if there had been a two-second difference, I could have lost my life. It was not God’s will for me to go on that day, but we never honestly know when that day will come or whose turn it will be. So then, what is the point of wasting life on stupid things? Yes, we do only live once, but that is exactly why our life should be filled with God.

If we only have this one life, then we have the perfect chance to reach salvation and to be one with God. Why should we waste that one precious life on going to parties, staying up late, and doing stupid things when we have it to give to God who blessed us with it in the first place? We, especially in our youth, should strive to be in church every Sunday, to go to confession, to partake of the Holy Communion, and to be loving and non-judgmental towards everyone around us. Maybe our parents and grandparents had no one to teach them to go to church, but we do, and we should strive to be better, because we never know when the Lord will take us to Him. So, yes, we do only live once, but that once should be enough for us to come closer to God.

On the Raising of Children

From the Path to Salvation, by St. Theophan the Recluse, St Herman of Alaska Brotherhood

The Influence of Parents Upon the Child

There is a certain special way of communication between souls through the heart. One spirit influences another by means of the feelings. The ease of exerting such an influence upon the soul of an infant is in direct proportion to the fullness and depth of the parents’ feeling for the child. The father and mother as it were, disappear into the child and put their whole soul into his welfare. And if their spirit is penetrated with piety, it cannot be that in some way this will not influence the soul of the child.

The best outward conductor in this respect are the eyes. Whereas in the other senses the soul remains hidden, the eyes open their gaze to others. This is the meeting place of one soul with another. Let the openings be used for the passage of holy feelings from the soul of the mother and father to the soul of the child. Their souls cannot help but anoint the soul of the child with this holy oil...

From Our Church and Our Children, by Sister Magdalen, St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press:

The Example of Christian Parents

St. John Chrysostom, writing about teaching speech to children, says something that is very important for every aspect of Christian parenthood: that the example is everything. For instance, the words parents use, and their manner of speaking, will influence the child’s own speech. St. John says that if children hear their parents speak in an insulting or aggressive manner, they will learn to speak in this way too...
The religious education of children is mainly brought about by example, and by the atmosphere of love and prayer in the home. The child’s heart is touched; without explanations he acquires prayer as a natural activity, and without needing logical proofs he knows God’s presence.

From the Hymnography of Our Church

Selections from the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, 9/8:

God who abides amid heavenly thrones, today prepares for Himself a holy throne on earth. He who in wisdom made firm the heavens, has out of love fashioned a living heaven. For out of a barren root, He has brought forth His own Mother, a life-giving plant. God of wonders and hope of the hopeless, glory to You. (from the stichera of Great Vespers)

This is the day of the Lord; peoples rejoice. Behold, the bridal chamber of light; the book of the word of life, emerges from the womb. And the gate to the East opens to await the entrance of the Great High Priest. That alone is the gateway which brings Christ into the world for the salvation of our souls. (the doxastikon of Orthros)

Selections from the feast of the Holy Cross, 9/14:

Rejoice, life-creating Cross, invincible banner of faith, gateway to Paradise, support of the faithful, rampart of the Church, by which death was abolished and its power swallowed up, while we were raised up from earth to the heavens. You are the unconquerable weapon, the adversary of demons, the glory of Martyrs and pride of Saints, the haven of salvation, granting the world great mercy. (from the aposticha of Great Vespers)

The Cross is the protector of the universe; the Cross, the Church’s splendor; the Cross, strength of rulers; the Cross, support of the faithful; the Cross, the glory of the Angels and the downfall of demons. (the exaposteilarion of Orthros)

Support Your Church

Every year when we mail out the stewardship materials, we always ask that parishioners prayerfully consider their stewardship pledge to our church. We must remember though, that stewardship is not just about dollars and cents – it is much more. Now that we have passed mid-year, I therefore ask that we again prayerfully consider our support of our beloved parish in all aspects – time, talent, and treasure.

We have our annual festival coming up, which needs our support through donations, volunteerism, and any other way we can help. We continue to have on-going needs and repairs which require our financial support. We have many ministries that we offer that also require our support to keep things up and running. And most importantly, we have our divine services offered on weekends and on many weekdays throughout the year. Please remember that our attendance at church services is our primary act of stewardship.

Many of you have continuously shown your generosity and support in various and sundry ways. Let us all make God and His holy house our priority every day of our lives. We have everything to gain from our participation in the life of the Church, up to and including eternal life and our salvation!

May God bless all of you as we enter the new ecclesiastical year.

New Altar Boy Registration

As we do each year, we will be accepting new boys who want to serve in the holy altar. In accordance with 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, 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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οἰκογένεια καί ἀνετράφη ὡς νήπιο µέσα σέ οἰκογένεια ὑπό Θεός ἔγινε ἄνθρωπο, γεννήθηκε ὡς βρέφος µέσα σέ µία Σαρκώσεως τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἀσφαλῶς, ἡ σπουδαιότητα τῆς ζωή καί τή µαρτυρία τῆς Θεοτόκου ὅσο καί στό γεγονός τῆς Θεό. Ἡ ἀνάγκη αὐτῆς τῆς σχέσεως παρουσιάζεται τόσο στή σοβαρότητα νά ἐφαρµόσουµε τά διδάγµατα πού ἀπορρέουν Μαρτυρία τοῦ Εὐαγγελίου Του. Καθώς προσπαθοῦµε µέ πολλῶν προκλήσεων. Ἔχοντα αὐτά κατά νοῦ, σηµαντικό στοιχεῖο γιά τίς οἰκογένειες στίς ἡµέρες µας Τό πρόσωπο τῆς Θεοτόκου ὡς ὑπέροχο παράδειγµα στή Ναζαρέτ. οἰκογενείας, τῆς Ἁγίας Οἰκογενείας, ἀπό τή Γέννηση τοῦ ἔπαιξε σπουδαῖο ρόλο στή δηµιουργία τῆς τελείας Εὐκαταρακτικής. Εὐκαταρακτική ἀποτελεῖ κατοικητήριο τοῦ Χριστοῦ, Εὐκαταρακτική ἀποτελεῖ κατοικητήριο τοῦ Χριστοῦ, Εὐκαταρακτική ἐπίσης σ’ ἐµάς και τίς οἰκογένειες μας τήν δύναµη τῆς παρουσίας τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Αὐτή η δύναµη, τό ἀποτέλεσµα τῆς παρουσίας τοῦ Χριστοῦ στήν χάρη τοῦ Θεοῦ φάνηκε από τήν διά βίου άφροσίωσή της στό θέληµα Του καί τά βαθµάτα γύρο από τήν Κοίµησή της. Διά τής πιστεύσης καί τής χάριτος τοῦ Θεοῦ, βίωθε τήν άληθινή καί άφθονη ως άπαλλαγµένη από τήν φθορά καί τόν θάνατο. Διά τής μαρτυρίας τής µπορούµε να δούµε τή δύναµη η οπίσθιο προσφέρεται στήν οἰκογένεια. Όταν η οἰκογένεια εἶναι ταυτοχρόνως καί κατοικητήριο τοῦ Χριστοῦ, η οἰκογένεια αὐτή έχει τή δύναµη τῆς Αναστάσεως Του καί βιώνει τήν άληθινή ως. Τότε, η αγάπη τοῦ Χριστοῦ γίνεται ἀστή καί μουράεται, καί κάθε µέλος χάριν µάς, ὁ προσφέρει κατοικητήριο τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

Τέλος, η ως καί η Κοίµηση τῆς ᾿Ὑπεραγίας Θεοτόκου προσφέρουν γνήσια καί άληθινή ως τοῦ τρόπου µέ τόν όποιον η οἰκογένεια πρέπει να εἶναι μαρτυρία τοῦ Εὐαγγελίου. Η δύναµη η οπίσθιο σ’ δόθηκε από τόν Θεό γιά να πραγµατοποιεί ως µεταµορφώσεις ένεργειας καί τό µέγεθος τῆς άληθινής της, διά τοῦ όποιον προσβεβείνει ύπερ ἡµῶν, οφείλονται στήν τεράστια πίστη τής στή δύναµη καί τές Εὐαγγελικές τοῦ Εὐαγγελίου. Η ως τήν απεφθάνη στήν αληθεία καί τή διάδοση τῆς αγάπης τοῦ Θεοῦ στούς ἄλλους καί η Κοίµηση τῆς τῆς θαυµατουργικῆς δυνάµεως τῆς χάριτος στή ζωή της, προσφεβείνει τήν τεράστια πίστη τής Ζητέµε ή Θεοτόκος στήν χάρη τοῦ Θεοῦ στούς ἄλλους καί προσφέβει τήν τεράστια πίστη τής Ζητέµε ή Θεοτόκος στήν χάρη τοῦ Θεοῦ στούς ἄλλους καί προσφεβείνει τήν τεράστια πίστη τής Ζητέµε ή Θεοτόκος στήν χάρη τοῦ Θεοῦ στούς ἄλλους καί προσφεβείνει τήν τεράστια πίστη τής Ζητέµε ή Θεοτόκος στήν χάρη τοῦ Θεοῦ στούς ἄλλους καί προσφεβείνει τήν τεράστια πίστη...
We thank those of you who have contributed to this year’s Stewardship and appreciate your continued support.

Here are just a few of the areas where our money goes:
- Archdiocese Commitment...$33,075 YTD
- Service Contracts...$17,740 YTD
- Maint/Repair...$14,740 YTD
- Supplies...$14,257 YTD
- Utilities...$21,130 YTD
- Roof Mortgage payments YTD.....$6,608

*These are all year to date and do not reflect any additional payments that we will need to make this year.

Our church now offers on line bill payment for the convenience of our parishioners. The following link to our church web site will allow you to make Stewardship payments:

http://www.annunciationbrockton.org/about-us/stewardship
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!

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 at pkodieorno@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

- Annual Food Festival
  Thu, Sep. 18
  through Sun, Sep. 21
- Fall General Assembly
  Sun, Nov. 16
- Parish Council Elections
  Sun, Dec. 7
- Parish Council Oath of Office & Election of Officers
  Sun, Dec. 21

2014 Parish Council Meetings

- ~ September 2 ~
  October 14
  November 11
  December 9

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

CONVERSION TO ORTHODOXY
8/10 – Leo Goodine, husband of Katie (Savas) Goodine, through Holy Chrismation, taking the name of St. Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome; sponsor, Stephen Savas

WEDDINGS
7/27 – Spyridon Divolis and Alikki Kiniklis; sponsor, Victoria Richardson
8/22 – Derek Veiga & Victoria Panagoulopoulos; sponsor, Christina Veiga

FUNERALS
7/10 – Lamperni Psilekas
7/15 – Antoine Al-Jamal

MEMORIAL DONATIONS
In memory of Lamperni Psilekas, $410
In memory of Elaine Liatsos, $210
From the family of Zaharias Karantonakis, $300, in loving memory
Patricia Yukna, $30, in memory of Elaine Liatsos
Natalia Yovanos & Helen Guarino, $100, in memory of Stana & Elia Yovanos
Natalia Yovanos, $100, in memory of Amanda Phillips
Penny, Andrea, Maria, Steve & Kathy Papadopoulos, $100, in memory of Elias Papadopoulos, a Name Day Remembrance
Mr. & Mrs. John Spyropoulos, $50 to the Philoptochos in April, in memory of Mike Babanikas
Mr. Peter Pappas, $400, in memory of his wife Ernestine Pappas, for the Holy Altar Table repair
Nikoletta & Maria Kallis, 5 cases of water, in memory of Nicholas Kallis, for the Dormition Luncheon

DONATIONS
Savas Family Trust, 2014 Distribution, $9,125.02
D.W. Field Trust, 2014 Semi Annual Distribution, $1,913.06

182 HUNGRY FRIENDS
Gee and Linda Mihos (Appertizers and Dessert), $400
Gee and Linda Mihos, Themi and Helen Stamboulidis, $3,000
Irakli Savas, $450
John Kolentsas, $200
Moftah El-Ghadi, $100

FLORAL DONATIONS
9/14 Elevation of the Holy Cross - The Angelis Family, in loving memory of Aristides & Efthalia Mylonas, and for the health and well-being of the family

SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS
A special thank you to Westside Foods—Sotirios Arvanitidis Family for donating all of the food for our August 15th Luncheon.
**Stewardship Committee News**

**Stewardship**

Christian Stewardship is about becoming good caretakers of all that God has given us. Think about all that God has given us—our health, our families, our opportunities in life, our intelligence, and our talents. God has given each of us a special and unique gift, and through Holy Scripture He teaches us all that we have is a loan. He lends everything to us, and reminds us that one day He will ask us to give a detailed accounting of what we have done with the gifts He has given us.

**Time & Talent**

We have many active ministries within our church which are the result of the members of our parish who have stepped up to offer their time and talents to help. More help is needed and welcomed! Please reach out and offer a hand. We have our festival coming up and can never have enough help, so whether you can spare a small or large amount of time both will be welcomed! Please see a Parish Council member and let us know where and when you can help out.

**In peace,**

The Stewardship Committee
## PHILOPTOCHOS

### UPCOMING EVENTS
2014 Greek Food Festival
September 18, 19, 20, 21

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

*Thank you!*

### 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.

### FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

**Festival Preparations**

Beginning on Monday, August 18th, the Ladies of the Philoptochos and
our dedicated volunteers began preparing for the Annual Food Festival. They will be working almost
daily to produce many of the delicious foods and pastries that we
all enjoy at the Festival! 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!

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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 made monetary donations 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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<td>Pita Bread - Large</td>
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<td>Bulkie Rolls</td>
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<td>Cucumbers</td>
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<td>Eggs - Large</td>
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<td>Chicken Broth - 16 oz Cans</td>
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<td>Spinach - Frozen Chopped</td>
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<td>Walnuts - Chopped Fine</td>
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If you wish to make a monetary donation to help in defraying the costs of our Annual Greek Food Festival, please return this portion of the page along with your donation. All donations are welcome!

Name:

Full Address:______________________________________________________________

Telephone:_________________________________________ E-mail:________________

Donation amount:__________________________________________________________

How would you like your donation listed in the bulletin?_______________________
2014

Get Togethers

Tuesday, August 20, 2014 & September 16, 2014

Meetings have been cancelled due to Festival baking

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
2nd Annual OPA Trip
Saturday, October 25, 2014

Join us on our visit to the
MUSEUM OF RUSSIAN ICONS

The Museum of Russian Icons presents a fascinating combination of history, art and religion under one roof. Featuring centuries-old art, the Museum houses the largest collection of Russian icons in North America. In addition to five galleries overlooking Clinton’s Central Park, it also offers a self-service Russian Tea Room, a Museum shop, a library for private study and an auditorium.

Our trip begins as we depart from the
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
on Saturday, October 25th at 9:30am

The bus trip will take approx. 1 hour. We will have a guided tour of the Museum from 11:00—Noon where we will be directed through the museum and explained the iconography that our faith is expressed through. We will get a chance to relax and enjoy some time in the beautiful tea room and luncheon plans will be made.

Everyone is Welcome!

Fee: $25
Includes: Coach Mini-bus fee and admission to the Museum

Please contact Pegi @ 508-857-9551 or
the Church Office @ 508-559-0910
to be added to the Trip List.

Make checks payable to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
YOUTH NEWS

AGOC GOYA

Our GOYA is ready to begin a new year! With the new year we will be looking to welcome in new members to our GOYA. Anyone who will be a student in Middle or High School this year is welcome to join!

We are planning our first meeting of the year for Sunday, September 7th. At this meeting we will elect some of our officers for the new year. We will also be discussing plans for the upcoming Festival and the first quarter of the year.

NEW ADVISORS!

We would like to welcome the new advisors to our team: Vicky Palantzás, George Potsis, Julie Bellas, & Roula Cariofiles. We have some great ideas and are looking forward to having a GREAT year!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes will begin on September 14. Where this day is also the Elevation of the Holy Cross, classes will begin at 10:15. New students will be able to register in their classrooms. Students returning will automatically be registered.

To update any changes in address, phone number or email of existing students, parents/guardians can contact Dina Coon at coon005@aol.com or call 781-871-5343.

Sunday School classes normally begin in the participation of the Divine Liturgy and after Holy Communion teachers and students proceed to their classrooms for their lesson. There are a few days in which we hold class at 10:15 to enable the Sunday school to participate in special feast days. They will be listed on the Sunday School calendar.

The new Sunday School calendar will be available on the first day and will go out via listserve. If you are not currently receiving Sunday school listserve and would like to, please contact Dina Coon.
The 2013-4 Sunday School Stewardship program was an important addition to Sunday School and will be continuing in the 2014-5 scholastic year. The program’s focus is to help reinforce the concept of giving and sharing of the student’s Time, Talent and Treasure as a true Steward for God was understood by all ages. The students responded in very impressive ways.

We are all looking forward to see their shared notes of the “good deeds” they do and understanding that God’s gifts are better shared.

We proudly report in the school year 2013-4 that $350 has been raised and fully contribution to the IOCC.

Since the International Orthodox Christian Charities — IOCC—was established in 1992 as the official international humanitarian organization it has distributed $438 million USD in emergency relief and development assistance to families and communities in more than 50 countries. IOCC has received the highest rating of four stars from Charity Navigator. IOCC is a member of ACT Alliance, a global coalition of more than 130 churches and agencies engaged in development, humanitarian assistance and advocacy, and a member of InterAction, the largest alliance of U.S. based secular and faith-based organizations working to improve the lives of the world’s most poor and vulnerable populations. Please visit their site for more information www.iocc.org.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, the parents, for your enthusiastic support of this project.

With Christ,
The Sunday School and Stewardship Committees
2014-2015
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
Greek School

Where: Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
457 Oak St., Brockton, MA 02301

Start Date: September 13, 2014

Class Schedule:

Saturdays
Kindergarten 9 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
1st Grade 9 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
2nd Grade 11 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Mondays
3rd & 4th Grades 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
5th & 6th Grades 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Tuition required for grades 1 thru 6. See church website for further details.

Registration Date: Saturday, Sept. 6th 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Location: Downstairs Classroom Area

*Registration forms will be available and accepted after August 23rd.
Registration can be done on-line at
http://www.annunciationbrockton.org/giving/greek-school-bill-pay
or via traditional Registration Form.
**Book to lend...**

**One Man’s Day** by Angelo A. Stamoulis

A 16-year-old Greek, facing starvation and other hardships during Turkish occupation, leaves Greece for the U.S., where he is confident he can raise money and help his family. But no matter how hard he works, he earns too little – he must be bold and take a leap of faith to move forward, but is he brave enough? Is his faith strong enough? Based on a true story.

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**DVD 4-Part Series**

Comparing and contrasting the two religions with objectivity and insight, withholding judgment.

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**Tapestry icon pouch**

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**The Illumined Heart – Capture the Vibrant Faith of the Ancient Christians**

by Frederica Mathewes-Green

*Why were original Christians heroic during persecution, but we who live safely are not?*

*How did early Christians fast valiantly but we feel deprived?*

The author believes contemporary Christians too easily bend to temporary changes and subject Christian tradition to passing popular ideas, when the basis of Christianity is simply continuous prayer, spiritual direction, fasting and communal worship.

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**New scents of incense!**

Pocket prayer books
Icon cards, envelope size
Woven icon bookmarks
Guardian angel nightlight
Pocket prayer books
Orthodox bible

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**School age children can color along with these classic stories that some children may not know!**

**The Bookstore is open for you**

*Please visit our collection on Sundays after Church, to borrow or purchase. During the week, call the church office or email us:*

Church office, 508-559-0910
annunciation.bookstore@gmail.com.
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