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Beloved in Christ, Great Lent is about to come to an end as we prepare to enter the Great and Holy Week of our Lord’s Passion. There is no doubt in the mind and heart of any Orthodox Christian, that the Lenten season is the most poignant and spiritually uplifting time of the entire liturgical year. This is especially felt during the various moving services of Holy Week. That is why we see people in church during this holy season who may not be very active throughout the year. Something deep and spiritually meaningful speaks to the depths of their souls. During Holy Week, all of us together, the faithful who are frequent attendees and those who are not, share in the Holy Passion of our Lord and His glorious Resurrection. This clearly shows us that the light of Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit, both which were given to us at our baptisms, are truly in us and active. It is in our hands to continually cultivate these spiritual realities in our lives, so that we can grow in Christ year after year.

So what causes some people to shy away from the Church most of the year, while others are extremely regular? And what causes some to come periodically – neither very regularly, nor just on the major feast days? Obviously, these questions do not have simple answers. There is a great variety of reasons that affect our attitude and approach toward Church; there are no “one size fits all” answers. However, before I continue, I would like to acknowledge the reality of those who are forced to work or open their businesses on Sundays, which obviously interferes with the ability to attend church regularly. The questions I am posing have to do with those who are available on Sundays.

From a logical perspective, sometimes the reasons are obvious. In family life, if parents are not committed to their faith enough to understand the importance and need for regular church attendance, then neither will their children feel that need. Surprisingly however, you do sometimes see children from such situations turn this around in their own lives – another example of the Holy Spirit at work! On the other side of the coin, you can have families who are extremely regular with church attendance, but one or more of their children can drift away at a later point in life. We also know very clearly, that there are those families who only see the need for church attendance on major holidays, especially Christmas and Easter. This is a very common issue not just with the Orthodox, but throughout Christianity.

Please realize that I am not trying to force our readers to see which category they fit into; each of us knows that already to some degree. What I would like to see, is for those who are not regularly in church to think about this in an open, honest, and prayerful way. If we are raising children, are we making the Church the priority it should be in family life? Are we allowing the pleasures of life and other various distractions take center stage, especially on Sunday mornings? If we are infrequent and spontaneous with church attendance, have we prayerfully tried to increase the frequency of this periodic motivation?

As is hopefully quite evident, I am purposely discussing all this as we prepare to enter Holy Week, specifically because of what I discussed in the first paragraph. The Lenten season is definitely the time of year that pulls us toward the Church to whatever degree we allow. Our prayer is that we may all find the need for spiritual renewal within us, so that we can become regular church attendees if we presently are not. As we are moved to tears reliving the Passion of our Lord through the divine services of Holy Week, I pray that we take a serious accounting of our lives and realize the need for constant communion with Christ’s Holy Church and her holy sacraments. Hopefully, this realization will stay with us through the joyful celebration of Holy Pascha as we receive the Light of the Lord’s glorious Resurrection.

Our first steps toward growing in Christ through our regular participation in the liturgical life, would be by attending as many of the remaining Lenten services, as well as the services of Holy Week as possible, per our schedules and obligations. In terms of sacramental participation, let us honestly consider how long it has been since our last confession and last receipt of Holy Communion. Another major change we could make is regarding attendance at the Holy Resurrection. Many of us have acquired the habit of leaving after the proclamation of the Resurrection outside the church. We should be reminded that the true celebration of all feasts of the Church, is through the celebration of the Eucharist and our receipt of Holy Communion. By remaining for the Divine Liturgy of Pascha, we will more fully acquire the spiritual joy and sense of climax gained through our Lenten journey.

I wish all of you in advance, a most blessed Holy Week and Pascha. If we don’t see you very regularly in church, may this be the year that you seek to reach a bit higher toward the Kingdom!

In the Crucified and Risen Lord,

+Fr. Anthony
Reflections on Great Week

(The following is taken from the book, *Great Week and Pascha in the Greek Orthodox Church*, by Fr. Alkiviadis Calivas, Holy Cross Orthodox Press, 1992.)

**The Ethos of Great Week**

The salvific events, which the Church remembers and celebrates in Great Week, are rooted in the inexhaustible mystery of God’s ineffable love for the world that culminated in the incarnation, the death and resurrection of His only-begotten Son and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The solemnities of Great Week help us to enter and penetrate the depths of this mystery. Each day has a particular theme, focus and story. Each story is linked to the other; and all together, they are bound up in the central event: the Pascha of the cross and the resurrection… Everything converges on the person of Jesus Christ, who was betrayed, crucified and buried, and who rose on the third day. These events are the keystones of the structure of Great Week. Through them we embrace the mystery of our salvation. Their radiance helps us to see again more clearly the depth of our sins, both personal and collective. Their power bursts upon us to remind us again of God’s immeasurable love, mercy and power…

Great Week brings us before two realities. On the one hand we are made aware of the dreadful blight of human sin, issuing from the rebellion against God that resides in us and around us; on the other hand, we experience anew the omnipotent, transforming power of God’s love and holiness.

From the beginning, Jesus and His Gospel were met by a two-fold response: some believed and became His disciples; others rejected Him and came to hate him, and to despise and scorn His Gospel. These opposing attitudes towards the person and the message are especially evident in the events of Great Week. As the events unfold, false religiosity is unmasked (Mt 23.2-38); and the hellish bowels of the power of darkness are laid bare (Lk 22.53)…

In the course of the events of Great Week we encounter many contrasting figures and faces that call to judgment our own dispositions towards Christ. Great Week is not simply a time to remember; it is a time for repentance, for a greater and deeper conversion of the heart…

In the solemnities of Great Week we experience afresh the embrace of God’s love and forgiveness; the gift and promise of eternity and plenitude. Quickened and energized by the experience, we continue by faith to climb the ladder of divine ascent. Certain of His love, we live in the saving tension of joyous-sorrow until He comes. With a repentant heart we live the joy of hope and the rapture of expectation for things to come (1 Cor. 2.9).

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**Fasting Guidelines for Holy Week**

**Saturday of Lazarus & Palm Sunday**

- Strict fast from all animal products. Wine (all alcoholic beverages) and olive oil permitted both days.
- On Palm Sunday, fish is also permitted.

**Holy Week**

Strict fast from all animal products (including fish), wine (all alcoholic beverages), and olive oil (vegetable/seed oil may be substituted), up to and including Holy Saturday, all day.

**Note:** Throughout Holy Week, shellfish is permitted daily. Also, people with certain health conditions, as well as growing children, pregnant and nursing mothers, need to follow a modified fast.

**Spiritual Wisdom**

The true beginning of prayer is warmth of the heart, which scorches the passions and fills the soul with joy and gladness, strengthening the heart with an unshakable love and a firm assurance that leaves no room for doubt. The Fathers say that whatever enters the soul, whether visible or invisible, is not from God so long as the heart is in doubt about it and so does not accept it. In such cases, it is something that comes from the enemy. (St. Gregory of Sinai)

Let us run to accompany him as he hastens toward his passion, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. (St. Andrew of Crete)

Enjoy ye all the feast of faith. Receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness. Let no one bewail his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep for his iniquities, for pardon has shown forth from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior’s death has set us free. (St. John Chrysostom)
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GREEK MESSAGE

О Αρχιεπίσκοπος Δημήτριος μεταβαίνει στην Αλαμπάμα για την 50η επέτειο μνήμης της πορείας της Σέλμα

Ο Σεβασμιώτατος Αρχιεπίσκοπος Αμερικής κ. Δημήτριος θα παραστεί στις εκδηλώσεις για τον εορτασμό της 50ης επετείου της ιστορικής πορείας της 15ης Μαρτίου 1965 στη Selma της Αλαμπάμα, στην οποία συμμετείχε και ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Ιάκωβος με άλλους ηγέτες των αγώνων για τα πολιτικά και ανθρώπινα δικαιώματα, με επικεφαλής τον Αιδεσιμώτατο Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Δημήτριος θα φθάσει στο Birmingham της Αλαμπάμα το βράδυ της Πέμπτης 5 Μαρτίου 2015.

Την Παρασκευή 6 Μαρτίου 2015, ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος θα λάβει μέρος σε συνέντευξη τύπου του που θα πραγματοποιηθεί στα σκαλοπάτια του Ινστιτούτου Πολιτικών Δικαιωμάτων. Θα παραστεί επίσης στη συνέντευξη του νέου «Κέντρου για την Ελευθερία» (Freedom Center), του ως άνω Ινστιτούτου. Το εσπέρα της ίδιας ημέρας, ο Σεβασμιώτατος θα τελέσει την εκκλησία των Χριστιανών της Θεοτόκου στον Ελληνορθόδοξο Καθεδρικό Ναό της Αγίας Τριάδος στο Birmingham.

Το Σάββατο 7 Μαρτίου 2015, ο κ. Δημήτριος θα επισκεφθεί την πόλη Selma της Αλαμπάμα και μαζί με άλλους πολιτικούς και θρησκευτικούς ηγέτες θα συμμετέχει στις εκδηλώσεις που θα πραγματοποιηθούν στον ιστορικό ναό Brown Chapel (Μεθοδιστών-Επισκοπελιανών) της πόλης.

Νωρίς το πρωί της Κυριακής 8 Μαρτίου 2015, ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος θα μιλήσει με θέμα «Θεός, κοινωνική πάλη και ενότητα», κατά τη διάρκεια της πορείας που διασχίζει τη γέφυρα Edmund Pettus Bridge, τιμώντας την θρησκευτική και συνεργατική γεννούσα της Κυριακής 7 Μαρτίου 1965, γνωστή ως «Ματωμένη Κυριακή» (Bloody Sunday).

Η Ελληνορθόδοξη Εκκλησία υπήρξε πάντα υπέρμαχος της ισότητας και συνεχίζει να μάχεται κατά των φυλετικών διακρίσεων, του ρατσισμού και της ξενοφοβίας, καθώς και στην ένθερμη αγάπη για τον Θεό και για όλους ανεξαιρέτως τους ανθρώπους. Επ’ ευκαιρία της εορτασμού της 50ης ιστορικής πορείας της Selma και με ιδιαίτερη έμφαση στις προσπάθειες του αειμνήστου Αρχιεπισκόπου Ιακώβου στον αγώνα του υπέρ του Κινήματος Ίσων Πολιτικών Δικαιωμάτων στην Αμερική, η Ιερά Αρχιεπισκοπή δημιούργησε ιστοσελίδα με πληθώρα ιστορικών πηγών και ανακοινώσεων για προσωπικές εκδηλώσεις γύρω από τη σημαντική στιγμή στην ιστορία του Αμερικανικού έθνους. Η διεύθυνση της ιστοσελίδος είναι civilrights.goarch.org
2015 Calendar of Events

Palm Making
Palm Sunday Annual Bake Sale
Egg Dying/Holy Thursday
Decorating of the Epitaphio
Annual Greek Independence Day Parade
Philoptochos Meeting/Elections
Philoptochos Food Festival
Philoptochos Meeting/End of Year Dinner
Food Festival Baking
Annual Christmas Party

Friday, April 3rd
Sunday, April 5th
Thursday, April 9th
Friday, April 10th
Sunday, April 26th
Tuesday, May 5th
May 16th & May 17th
TBA for June
Monday, August 17th
TBD

Easter is the most significant and sacred time of the year for us Orthodox Christians. The Ladies Philoptochos will be in full swing as they make preparations for Holy Week and for their upcoming festival, and your help is needed. Below is a list of some of the events that are planned and hope you will be able to attend.

Easter Bake Sale, Palm Sunday, April 5th
The Easter Bake Sale will be held on Palm Sunday, April 5th. The Ladies of the Philoptochos, along with all of the other talented bakers of our parish family, will have many tsourekia and baked goods for sale at reasonable prices. All proceeds will be used to benefit the Annual Scholarship that is awarded to college students. We always appreciate your support, and we look forward to seeing you on Palm Sunday!

Holy Thursday, April 9th
The Ladies Philoptochos Society is proud to continue its annual tradition of the red Easter egg offering at the end of the Divine Liturgy after the Anastasi. We will be dying the eggs that morning in the kitchen and we will also be holding our nightly vigil in the church singing hymns. Everyone is welcomed to join us.

Good Friday, April 10th
The decorating of the Epitaphio will take place in the morning hours. Please join us if you can.

Food Fest, May 16th and May 17th
It is that time of year again, for our Annual Food Fest. In order to make this year’s event successful, WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you would like to help please contact me. We are looking for volunteers for group cooking and baking. Please remember that baking and cooking is not just for Philoptochos members. Everyone is welcomed!

Without ALL OF YOU who volunteer, these events could not happen. Thank you all for your dedicated support.

Koliva

For Koliva please call the church office at 508-559-0910. We would appreciate one weeks 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.

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 office.

Ladies Philoptochos
Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Homemade Tsoureki
and Baked Goods

Thank You For Your Support
MYRRHBEARERS FOR HOLY FRIDAY

Again this year, we are asking girls to participate as Myrrhbearers on Holy Friday. We will use Myrrhbearers both at the 3 pm burial service, and at the lamentation service at 7 pm. For any girls who are interested, we ask that a parent please contact the church office as soon as possible. For those girls who are very young, parents may want to consider having them only participate in the 3 pm Vesper service. This service is shorter than the evening service and is conducted inside the church. In all cases, girls must be old enough to follow directions and be well behaved.

GOYA NEWS

In these upcoming months the GOYA has a lot of events scheduled to better our society. This month we plan on visiting the food pantry as well as in May and we have our lock-in weekend. In June we will be taking a trip to Six Flags New England. Please take a look at the upcoming events schedule for other activities.

GOYANS

Jess Barrus has a Chorus Pops Concert coming up.

Arianna Buterbaugh has a dance recital for her dance team coming up.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

April brings us to the highlight of our Orthodox Christian faith, Pascha, the Feast of Feasts. Our lessons will be focused on the events that come before during and after. We hope our Sunday school children are able to attend the services that lead up to Pascha as they take us on a journey to the resurrection of our Lord.

Classes will be as follows:

April 5th—Palm Sunday (no classes)
April 12th—Holy Pascha!!! (no classes)
April 19th—Family Worship
April 26th—Regular Classes
May 3rd—Regular Classes
May 10th—Regular Classes
May 17th—Graduation!

The 2nd Grade Sunday School class prepares for Sunday of Orthodoxy

EASTER CANDLES NOW ON SALE!
Help support our Youth Dance Group!

Beautifully handcrafted Easter Candles/lambathes reasonably priced for your child or Godchild

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Other Donations

- AHEPA Lord Byron: $500
- Paneliakos Society of Greater New England: $100
- Patrick Caskin—Roof Donation: $50
- Bill Droukas—Roof Donation: $20
- Jeannette Skenas—Roof Donation: $100

Decoration of Icon of Theotokos for Salutations: $50

3rd Friday – Heidi Mason
IMO James & Katherine Papalambros

4th Friday—Mr. and Mrs. Nondas Gioulis
IMO Deceased members of our family

Flowers for the Veneration of the Holy Cross
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Lucas & Family - $600

Bay Laurel Leaves for Palm Sunday & Holy Saturday
Mr. & Mrs. Antonios Iosifidis & Family - $100

Palm Strips for Palm Sunday
Mr. & Mrs. Aristotelis Rousopoulos - $80

Banner of Resurrection
Tom, Fotini and Theodora Psilekaris—$100
IMO of Demetrios & Ourania Psilekaris

Lenten Luncheon Donations

Nicholas Charles Giannaros—Shrimp
Cape Cod Café—Pizza
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Arvanitidis—Green Beans and Salad Dressing

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Father Anthony and the Parish Council, we wish you a Happy Easter! On Sunday April 26th the Greek Parade in Boston will be taking place on Boylston Street. We welcome all to attend. Please sign up early in the church lounge if you are taking the bus in order to plan accordingly.

Also, the Parish Council would like to thank all the families for their donations during the Lenten Luncheon. This was a wonderful gathering and we thank you for your support and tradition.

Please take a moment to view the website and our calendar for other upcoming events.

Just a reminder that our 100 year anniversary is next year and events are being planned throughout the year. The festivities will begin with a New Year’s Eve celebration in the church lounge on December 31st. I hope you all plan to attend.

Let us not forget the needy and less fortunate and be willing to extend our help, aid and assistance and remember we are all one family working together to preserve what we have to pave the road for all future generations.

God Bless

John Kolentsas
Parish Council President

2015 Parish Council Meetings

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

March 8th
Olivia, daughter of Napoleon and Amanda Georgoulia who was given the name Irene
Sponsor: Sofia Johnson

FUNERALS

March 10th
Annie George

May Her Memory Be Eternal

Αιωνία η Μνήμη Αυτῆς
2015 Floral Needs

Following is a list of remaining icons for feasts during the year, as well as items needed for Holy Week, which have yet to be sponsored. To sponsor the decoration of one or more of the festal icons, or to donate any of the items for Holy Week, please call the office directly during the week. As a reminder, the cost for decorating any of the festal icons listed immediately below is $60. (Please note that during the time of printing and mailing this bulletin, some of the items listed may have already been sponsored. If so, please consider a second choice.)

Feasts of Christ & the Theotokos

5/21 – Ascension
5/31 – Pentecost
8/6 – Transfiguration
8/15 – Dormition of the Theotokos
(arrangement for large iconostasis icon, $75)
9/14 – Elevation of the Holy Cross
11/21 – Entrance of the Theotokos
1/6/2016 – Holy Theophany

Holy Week

Palm arrangements for Royal Gate – $45 each
Palm arrangements for Soleas – $55 each
Icon of Nymphios – $90
Icon of Mystical Supper – $25
Icon of Resurrection - $80

We thank all our donors in advance, and ask God’s blessings upon them. Please note that as usual, donors will be acknowledged in the bulletin at the appropriate time.

In Appreciation

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who assisted with the continued smooth running of the church office during the months of transition, prior to the hiring of our new office manager, Liz Karolemeas. The regular fill-in staff included Joanna Stellakis, Heidi Mason, Christine Karavites, and George Alexis. Chris Kotsiopoulos was also indispensable with the on-going IT-related issues. If we have accidentally excluded others who assisted, we apologize for the omission.

In addition, Linda Sakelaris was kind enough to jump in and produce the bulletin editions during the months of transition. We appreciate her beautiful work and dedication. As you see each month, Linda does the very artistic bookstore page as a volunteer of the bookstore committee.

Beloved in Christ, these are prime examples of Christian stewardship in action. May God bless all of them for their unsolicited efforts.

+Fr. Anthony
Father Anthony will be available for confessions during Holy Week as follows:

- After each evening service up to Holy Thursday.
- During office hours by appointment on Holy Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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**BLESSING OF FOOD BASKETS ON PASCHA**

If you wish to bring a basket with Paschal foods to be blessed at the Liturgy of Holy Pascha, please place it in on the steps of the *soleas*. The baskets will be blessed along with the red eggs after the liturgy. For those with children who might not be able to come at midnight, you may bring your basket to the Agape Vespers on the Sunday morning of Pascha to be blessed.

**2015 Scholarship Recipients**

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL RECIPIENTS
Quick & Easy Hummus

1 can chickpeas
1-4 garlic cloves
1/2 t salt
2 t lemon juice

In food processor, chop chickpeas, garlic, salt and lemon juice, using some can liquid to keep it smooth. Serve with wheat crackers.

Add ground cumin for taste. Substitute the bean liquid with olive oil, when permitted, or tahini.

Or broil a pepper until the skin is blackened. Remove the skin and drop the pepper into the food processor with the hummus and chop.

From “When You Fast: Recipes for Lenten Seasons” by Catherine Mandell

Love little things, and strive for that which is modest and simple. The Lord watches over us, and He is pleased that you long for His peace. Until the soul is ready, He will only sometimes allow us to see that He is present everywhere and fills all things. At these moments the soul feels such joy! But then the Lord conceals Himself from us again, in order that we might long for Him and seek Him with our hearts!” -Elder Thaddeus of Vitonica, spiritual guide of Serbia.
2015
Get Togethers

Dates:

Tuesday, April 21, 2015  ~  Exercise Class
~ This class will be led by a trained instructor

Tuesday, May 19, 2015  ~  Elder Law Clinic
~ Helpful information about wills, trusts, power of attorney
~ Tea with Giagia table at the Philoptochos Event

Tuesday, June 16, 2015  ~  Senior Newsletter & Scrapbooking

Tuesday, September 16, 2015  ~  Healthy Planning for Healthy Aging

Tuesday, October 21, 2015  ~  3rd Annual Fuller Museum Luncheon

Tuesday, November 18, 2015  ~  Bingo and Baklava
~ Boston Byzantine Music Festival or Holiday Concert

December 15, 2015
~ Christmas Celebration

Any changes will be posted in the monthly bulletin.
$20 yearly donation welcomed
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN JOINED IN THE PROCESSION OF THE HOLY ICONS FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST

HOLY FRIDAY YOUTH RETREAT

The Annunciation invites all the children of our church to our Holy Friday Youth Retreat. Our children will be attending Holy Friday services, participating in workshops, according to their ages, and will be taking part in a variety of service projects around the church (cleaning, organizing, etc.).

Our anticipated schedule is as follows:

10:00 AM – Royal Hours
11:30 AM – Introduction w/Fr. Anthony
11:45 AM – 1:30 PM
  • GOYA—Movie in the lounge
  • HOPE/JOY - Movie in the conference room
1:30 PM – Service Activities
3:00 PM – Holy Friday Vespers

This is a Family Day at Church and we ask that parents attend together with their children**. Older (GOYA-aged) children may wish to stay after Vespers, and rest and commune with friends until it’s time to attend the Holy Friday evening service. Younger children may remain as well, with a parent present.

** Brown bag lunches will need to be provided by each family
HOUSEWARMING BASKETS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

From the Annunciation Parish of Brockton Ma.

This important ministry which began in 2013 is growing everyday through the kindness and generosity of the Greek Orthodox Community of New England.

Recently and more specifically on 2/23/2015 the Annunciation Parish of Brockton once again delivered eight (8) large baskets to the veterans at the VA Medical Center located in Brockton MA. This was a collaborative effort among the parish GOYA; Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos Society and the parish community at large. The baskets were presented to the VA representatives by the parish presbyter Fr. Anthony Evangelatos and Eleni Stamboulidis of the Ladies Philoptochos Society.
Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 12th
Following church services

Bring your baskets and meet in the lobby

We are also looking for any donations to be placed in the eggs (i.e. chocolates, stickers, erasers, fruit snacks, small bubbles or anything else that will fit in the eggs. Please no hard candy)
FEDERATION OF HELLENIC-AMERICAN SOCIETIES OF NEW ENGLAND
Celebrating Greek Independence Day

Friday, April 24th
Greek Independence Day Commemoration
12:30 p.m.
MA House of Representatives Chamber
24 Beacon Street, Boston

Friday, April 24th
Reception—open to the public
3:00 p.m.
Consulate General of Greece in Boston
86 Beacon Street, Boston

Saturday, April 25th
Annual Dinner Gala
6:30 p.m. Cocktails 7:30 p.m. Dinner
Carver Grand Ballroom, Revere Hotel
200 Street, Boston

Sunday, April 26th
Doxology
10:00 a.m.
Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England
Parker & Ruggles Street, Boston

Sunday, April 26th
Greek Independence Day Parade,
1:00 p.m., Boylston
Boylston Street, Boston

For more information visit www.fhasne.com
182 Hungry Friends

Join us for our annual Dinner and Raffle

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015

The donation is $125 per person. Participants can bring a guest to dinner for an additional $25. Please see any Parish Council member for tickets.
Eat

Drink

Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos

Food Fest

2015

May 16th 11 A.M.—9 P.M.
May 17th 12 P.M.—6 P.M

Free Admission
Food to Go

Authentic Greek Food
Greek Music
Dance Performances