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Following is the keynote address of His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios, given at the recent Clergy-Laity Conference at St. Demetrios in Weston, on October 3rd.

2015 Clergy Laity

Our Clergy Laity Assembly convenes at a most critical time not only for our Metropolis, but for our Archdiocese and Orthodoxy throughout the world. Over the last year, I had the opportunity to participate in 11 meetings of the Holy Synod of our Ecumenical Patriarchate, traveling as I did on a monthly basis to Constantinople. This past September, at the end of the meeting of the Holy Synod, I also had the opportunity to meet with another 140 or so bishops from throughout the world who are in the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Among the items on the agenda were the preparations for the Holy and Great Pan-Orthodox Council which is scheduled to take place in Constantinople in conjunction with the feast of Pentecost, 2016. We were brought up to date on the progress of the various theological dialogues, including those with the W.C.C., the Orthodox-Roman Catholic, the Orthodox-Lutheran, Orthodox-Anglican, etc. Hierarchs from Greece reported on the refugee tragedy that has reached the shores of Greece as well as the humanitarian outreach of the church on the islands of Kos, Lesvos, and Karpathos.

During these meetings we had the opportunity of sharing our pastoral experiences. Many hierarchs opined that people have lost their sense of identity and purpose. Here in America, it seems that one’s value in society is largely identified by his career and his economic status. Many men and women suffer apathy, disinterest, and depression. In America and throughout the world, man’s relentless obsession for wealth at all costs has led to the abuse of the natural environment. Religious fanaticism has led to never before seen levels of extremism, of violence and death especially in the Middle East and North Africa as well as in Ukraine. We cannot but be concerned about the massive displacement of countless thousands of refugees forced to leave the Middle East. We cannot but be reminded of our brethren who suffered in Smyrna and Asia Minor one hundred years ago. Many of today’s refugees are Christians, including Orthodox.

Shortly following my return to the United States, I attended meetings of the Assembly of Orthodox Bishops of the United States. During the three day conclave we engaged in fruitful discussions on various pastoral issues as well as the subject of the future of Orthodoxy in America.

We discussed the fact that we living in the United States are witnessing our children becoming victims of unprecedented violence of all types in our neighborhoods, our homes, and our schools. Only a couple of days ago nine innocent college students were assassinated by a crazed individual. We Orthodox are challenged to witness our faith in our neighborhoods where mistrust and racial tension rear their ugly heads on a daily basis. Many children have become victims of gun violence in their schools and their neighborhoods. Racial tension in America has resulted in mistrust and hatred. Family life is under attack. It is sad to see that marriage is no longer understood as a special relationship between a man and a woman. Many decide to live together and bear children outside of marriage. It is vital that orthodoxy has something to say about these and other challenges facing society today, living as we do in a pluralistic environment. We cannot be perceived as mere spectators of the American religious scene. We cannot close our eyes to what is happening around us. We are called to share the Gospel of Orthodoxy with everyone.

Statistics provided by the Pew Foundation and other study groups compel us to look within and ask ourselves about the present state of our Archdiocese, Metropolis and our parishes. We are all aware of statistics which report that the number of marriages and baptisms blessed in our churches is down, as is the number of faithful who worship on a regular basis. Do we dare ask what lies ahead? What will our Church look like 10, 15, or 20 years down the road? The picture will not be very bright if we do not take Christ’s commandment seriously to “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations.” We must ask ourselves if we take that commandment seriously and respond with the same zeal as did the 12 disciples that did “go” into the world to teach and make disciples. Honestly: Do we go out into our parishes, our towns, our cities and neighborhoods to bring the message of salvation? Every community in New England has a large number of faithful that are (for one reason or another) not active in their parish. Do we “go” to them? Do we “go” to those that are not baptized to share the evangelion of salvation? Do we “go” to our young adults, many of whom are professional men and women to encourage them to serve on our parish councils—to bring new ideas and enthusiasm to the work of the church? Two years ago we inaugurated a program known as Orthodoxy on Tap. We went where young adults gather to engage them in dialogue about the church and their spiritual lives. We will continue that program this year.

Let the ecclesiastical year which lies ahead be a year dedicated to re-evangelize, to re-catechize, to re-teach the faith….to encourage one and all to “observe all that Christ has commanded us”. The truth is that many brethren sitting in the pews of our parishes are not knowledgeable of even the basic teachings and tenets of Orthodoxy!

The truth is that we have not reached out to bring into the embrace of Orthodoxy those who seek to quench their spiritual thirst at Jacob’s well.

Today we have three dynamic speakers, Fr. Bob Archon, Dr. Anton Vrame and Theo Nicolakis who will address our assembly during the morning session. They will be followed by Metropolis ministry reports. Following lunch we will have the opportunity to attend one of 9 workshops.

Please enjoy the day. Ask questions, contribute to the discussions. I sincerely hope that you return to your communities renewed in our faith.
Beloved in Christ,

Each November brings us the image of beautifully colored leaves falling from trees, the feeling of cooler days and nights, as well as the popular Thanksgiving holiday celebrated with family and friends. On the Sundays of November, as we do year-round, we gather in church to celebrate the Divine Liturgy. This month we also celebrate the major feast day of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple, as well as the feast days of some major saints – the Holy Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian, the Holy Archangels, St. Nektarios the Wonderworker, St. John Chrysostom, St. Catherine the Great Martyr, and St. Andrew the First-called Apostle. Therefore, not only do we remember and express our thankfulness to God on Thanksgiving Day, but we also offer thanksgiving to Him each and every time we celebrate the Holy Eucharist – η Θεα Ευχαριστία – which literally means divine thanksgiving.

The Divine Liturgy is the central and most sacred service of the Orthodox Church. The celebration of every major feast day of Christ, the Theotokos, and the major saints of the Church, is climaxed through the celebration of the Liturgy. Basically, through the Divine Liturgy we commemorate the entire life and ministry of Christ upon earth, His death and resurrection, His ascension into Heaven, as well as His second coming. This is clearly stated in the following priestly prayer offered prior to the consecration of the gifts: Remembering, therefore...all that came to pass for our sake, the cross, the tomb, the resurrection on the third day, the ascension into heaven, the enthronement at the right hand of the Father, and the second, glorious coming...

The main purpose of the Divine Liturgy is the consecration and receipt of the Holy Eucharist – the very Body and Blood of Christ. So whether we are celebrating a feast of Christ, His Holy Mother, or one of the saints of the Church, in the Liturgy our focus remains on Christ, without whom there would be no Church, no Theotokos, and no saints.

In the Divine Liturgy we offer our humble gifts of bread and wine to God, from whom we have received them in the first place. In deep thanksgiving we call upon the Holy Spirit to accept these gifts from the hands of us sinners, and to mysteriously change them to be the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Hear these words from the prayer of consecration: Once again we offer to You this spiritual worship without the shedding of blood, and we ask, pray, and entreat You, send down Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts here presented.

Obviously, in the Divine Liturgy we also remember and relive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, as the Spirit comes invisibly to consecrate the bread and wine. This having been accomplished, we then receive back the life-giving gifts of the Holy Eucharist. During the consecration, the following simple but sublime hymn is chanted: We praise You, we bless You, we give thanks to You, and we pray to You, Lord our God.

After himself having commended and then having distributed the Holy Eucharist, the priest offers the following prayer of thanksgiving: We thank You, loving Master, benefactor of our souls, that on this day You have made us worthy once again of Your heavenly and immortal Mysteries. Direct our ways in the right path, establish us firmly in Your fear, guard our lives, and make our endeavors safe, through the prayers and supplications of the glorious Theotokos and ever virgin Mary and of all Your saints.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, let us remind ourselves that the Divine Liturgy of the Orthodox Church is our on-going prayer and act of thanksgiving, offered over and over throughout the ecclesiastical year. It is a sacred time when Heaven and earth come together within the sacred space of our holy temple. I pray that we all increasingly become true participants in the Liturgy, and not mere spectators. This can only come through spiritual renewal, whose fruit will be prayerful participation in the Liturgy, in order that it may yield its transformative power in our lives. In a spiritually renewed state, we would also become frequent partakers of the Holy Eucharist, presupposing, of course, proper preparation as taught by the Church.

I leave you with the following prayer of thanksgiving after receipt of Holy Communion (which may be found in the Liturgy books in our pews), that should be prayerfully recited each time one receives the Holy Eucharist: Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let Your sacred Body be unto me for eternal life and Your precious Blood for forgiveness of sins. Let this Eucharist be unto me for joy, health and gladness. And in Your awesome Second Coming make me, a sinner, worthy to stand at the right hand of Your glory; through the intercessions of Your pure Mother and of all Your Saints. Amen.
**Spiritual Wisdom**

If anyone could see his own vices accurately without the veil of self-love, he would worry about nothing else in life.

St. John Climacus

Whoever shall smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also (Matthew 5:39), commanded the Lord. This is the briefest and clearest teaching on humility. Wicked demons fear no one so greatly as the man filled with the Lord’s commandments.

St. Nikolai Velimerovich

Following Jesus Christ means accepting with faith and submitting to all that Christ taught without question and with simplicity of heart. He who accepts Jesus Christ’s word becomes His disciple, but he who fulfills His commandments with complete devotion becomes His true and devoted follower.

St. Innocent of Alaska

I am like a man sitting in the shade of a tall tree, who sees wild beasts and snakes coming at him and knows his danger and rushes to climb the tree to safety. I sit in my cell, and see temptations coming at me; and when I cannot stand up to them, I rush to take refuge in God by prayer, and so I find safety from the enemy’s attack.

St. John the Short of Egypt

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**Nativity Fast Begins 11/15**

The Orthodox Church’s preparation for the Nativity of Christ is very different from other Christian traditions, and totally opposite of the worldly, secular observance during the weeks prior to the Nativity. Ours is a quiet, spiritual preparation through a 40-day fast. We remind all our brethren of this very ancient fast period of the Church, in order that we all spiritually prepare for the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the flesh. Following are the generally accepted guidelines for a full and ideal fast.

- **From 11/15 – 12/12:** Fasting from all animal products. Fish, wine (all alcoholic beverages), and olive oil may be consumed every day except for Wednesdays and Fridays, with some exceptions. Shellfish may be consumed daily.
- **From 12/13 – 12/24:** Fasting from all animal products including fish, and from wine and olive oil, except Saturdays and Sundays when wine and oil are permitted. Shellfish may be consumed daily.

**Note:** The Archdiocese has always suspended fasting for Thanksgiving Day.

Remember that fasting should be relaxed for health reasons, and for growing children. Again, the above guidelines offer the ideal fast as a starting point. Your spiritual father is always available to guide you accordingly.

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**Adult Religious Education**

Our weekly Wednesday evening program of Small Vespers and religious education has resumed. We meet each Wednesday evening at 7 pm for a 30-minute Vesper service, followed by a one-hour session in the conference room. On the first Wednesday of each month, we will conduct an abbreviated Paraklesis to the Theotokos. Please note that all services are done in English.

Since we don’t follow a continuous topic, you can drop in on any Wednesday as your schedule allows. These sessions are wonderful opportunities to learn about the Orthodox faith, and to ask those questions that you’ve always pondered. Please consider joining us at any time – both cradle Orthodox and non-Orthodox!
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Η συνάντηση διεξήχθη σε πολύ εγκάρδιο κλίμα και κατά τη διάρκειά της ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος είχε την ευκαιρία να παρουσιάσει στον Πρωθυπουργό ορισμένα στοιχεία από την ζωή και τις δραστηριότητες της Ελληνικής Ορθοδοξίας Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής και της Ελληνοαμερικανικής Ομογένειας. Έγινε επίσης ειδική αναφορά στην προσπάθεια ανακατασκευής του Αγίου Νικολάου στο Παγκόσμιο Εμπορικό Κέντρο της Νέας Υόρκης και τη σημασία του για την Ορθοδοξία και τον Ελληνισμό.

Η συζήτηση επικεντρώθηκε στην εντολοθρεία των προσπαθειών συμπαραστάσεως της Ομογένειας προς την Ελλάδα σε όλα τα επίπεδα, ιδιαίτερα στους τρόπους με τους οποίους ο Ελληνισμός της Αμερικής μπορεί να συμβάλει στην ανάπτυξη της γενετέιας και της οικονομίας.

Ο Πρωθυπουργός κ. Αλέξης Τσίπρας ευχαρίστησε τον Αρχιεπίσκοπο για την ουσιαστική προσφορά όπως είπε, της Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής κατά την περίοδο της κρίσης προς την Ελλάδα και ιδιαίτερα την προσφορά φιλανθρωπικού χαρακτήρα. Αναφέρθηκε ως παράδειγμα στο ίδρυμα "Δημήτριο" στο Μοσχάτο, το οποίο ο Πρωθυπουργός είχε επισκεφθεί με τον Αρχιεπίσκοπο Αθηνών και Πάσης Ελλάδος κ. Ιερώνυμο και το οποίο αποτελεί εστία αλληλεγγύης για παιδιά που έχουν ανάγκη, είπε ο κ. Τσίπρας. Τόνισε δε ότι η αλληλεγγύη και η προσφορά προς τον συνάνθρωπο είναι ένα έργο ανεκτίμητο και προς αυτό πρέπει να συγκλίνουν οι προσπάθειες της Εκκλησίας και της Πολιτείας ώστε να μην αφήσουμε κανένα μόνο του σ’ αυτές τις δύσκολες στιγμές.

Ο Πρωθυπουργός κ. Αλέξης Τσίπρας δήλωσε ακόμη ευτυχής διότι άρχισε η ανοικοδόμηση του ναού του Άγιου Νικολάου, ο οποίος θα είναι καλύτερος, όπως είπε, και με τη συνεισφορά ενός πολύ σημαντικού αρχιτέκτονα, του Σαντιάγκο Καλατράβα. Ο Πρωθυπουργός είπε ότι ο Άγιος Νικόλαος ανοικοδομείται σε ένα σημείο κομβικό που χιλιάδες άνθρωποι περνάνε καθημερινά και θα γίνονται κοινωνικά σημαντικά κέντρα, καθώς και ένα κεντρικό σημείο για την παγκόσμια κοινότητα.

Τον Πρωθυπουργό κ. Αλέξη Τσίπρα συνόδευσαν οι υφυπουργός παρά τον Πρωθυπουργό και Κυβερνητική Εκπρόσωπος κ. Όλγα Γεροβασίλη, ο Πρέσβης της Ελλάδας στις ΗΠΑ κ. Χρήστος Παναγόπουλος, ο Γενικός Πρόεδρος της Ελλάδος στη Νέα Υόρκη Πρέσβης κ. Γιώργης Πιάπουλος, ο Διευθυντής του Διπλωματικού Γραφείου του πρωθυπουργού κ. Βαγγέλης Καλπαδάκης και ο Πρόεδρος της Ελλάδος στη Νέα Υόρκη κ. Εμμανουήλ Κουμπαράκης. Εικά για μέρος της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής παρέστησαν ο Πρόεδρος Θεοφιλέστατος Επίσκοπος Φιλιππίνης κ. Αντώνιος, ο Αρχιγραμματέας της Ιεράς Επαρχιακής Συνόδου Θεοφιλέστατος Επίσκοπος Ζηλών κ. Σεβαστιάνος και ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Καρλούτσος, βοηθός του Αρχιεπισκόπου επί δημοσίων σχέσεων.
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148 lbs butter

Tom Sedell—Winebasket  
10 cases Greek wine

Kevin Smith—L. Knife & Sons  
10 cases Budweiser Beer  
3 cases Corona Beer

Sunny Side Café  
180 dozen eggs

Weisman Tavarez—Colonial Beverage  
10 cases Coors Light Beer

Westcott Family  
100 cup coffee urn

*Correction from October Bulletin

**FESTIVAL DONATIONS**

**2015 Calendar of Events**

Metropolis of Boston  
Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians  
Friday, November 6th- Sunday, November 8th

AHEPA Fall Dance  
Saturday, November 7th

Fall General Assembly  
Sunday, November 22nd

Parish Council Elections  
Sunday, December 6th

Parish Council Oath & Election of Officers  
Sunday, December 20th

**2015 Parish Council Meetings**

November 3rd  
December 8th
Dear Parishioners and Friends:

As we get closer to the beginning of the New Year and celebration of our parish’s 100 Year Anniversary, we are excited to share with you our TREE of LIFE project: “Celebrating 100 Years, 1916-2016 and Beyond.” The Tree of Life will be our major fundraiser for this special occasion. The custom-made “windswept design” tree will consist of 450 brass leaves in sections, with an oak trunk and branches surrounded by large brass rocks. Your donation and gift to our parish will not only ensure that names will exist in perpetuity within the lifetime of our parish, but also carries special meaning by either memorializing someone special to you, or simply as a gift of love that helps your church continue to grow and prosper for years to come. The Tree of Life will serve as a permanent visual marker of our success. It will be a living tribute to all generations of our parish – past, present, and future.

- The cost for a leaf (up to 4 lines of inscription) will be a minimum donation of $400
- Two leaves, minimum donation of $750
- Three leaves, minimum donation of $1,100
- The cost for a rock will be a minimum donation of $2,500

Please watch for a mailing in early November, which will include specific information and ordering instructions.

100 Year Anniversary Committee

SAVE THE DATES!

NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2015

HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY – SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016

GRAND BANQUET – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016

We are also looking for any information that you may have that may be included in a CD being created, such as photographs, articles, or just remembrances that had been passed down through the years. Please contact the church office to be directed to the committee contact persons, if you have any such items.
Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Father Anthony and the members of the Parish Council, I would like to once again extend a thank you to all the supporters who volunteered their valuable time for this year’s food festival. The parish Council hopes to report the financial results of the Food Festival in the upcoming Fall General Assembly on November 15th. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Also, the 2016 Parish Council Application is now available in this month’s bulletin. There are seven (7) seats open and we encourage as many people to join the Parish Council. A successful council consists of a quality pool and diverse individuals that are here to perpetuate our faith and heritage.

In closing, thank you for your continued support and lets not forget the needy and less fortunate and do not hesitate to reach out. Let’s remain united and committed with all of our endeavors and we will prevail.

God Bless

John Kolentsas
Parish Council President

FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22nd, 2015

AGENDA

Opening Prayer and Reflection

Secretary’s Report:
  2015 Spring General Assembly

Treasurer’s Report
  Financials: January 1, 2015-October 31, 2015
  2015 Food Festival

Fr. Anthony Evangelatos’ Remarks

President’s Remarks

Old Business
  Playground Update
  Building and Ground Maintenance

New Business
  100 Year Centennial Anniversary
  Board of Election Nominations
  Board of Auditors Nominations
  2016 Budget Presentation & Approval

Transact on any business that comes before the Assembly

CHOIR

Thank you to all Parishioners who supported us during Church Music Sunday. We were able to collect $230.00 to be sent to the National Forum which is an Archdiocesan I Ministry that supports church musicians throughout the United States.

Also, on Sunday November 8th our Parish will be blessed with church musicians from the New England area and out of state to chant the Divine Liturgy with his Eminence Metropolitan Methodios.
Elections for the Parish Council will be held on **Sunday, December 6, 2015** from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. All qualified members of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church are encouraged to submit their names as candidates for the Parish Council elections. This year seven (7) members will be elected to serve a term of two (2) years.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL OR IN PERSON TO THE CHURCH NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2015**

In view of the desire and responsibility to properly and effectively conduct the elections, please note the following information and reminders from the Archdiocese Uniform Parish Regulations:

**ELIGIBILITY:**

**Article 25, Section 2:** A candidate for the Parish Council must be a parishioner in good standing of the Parish for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election and must live his or her life in accordance with the Faith and canons of the Church. The Priest determines whether the Parishioners are in canonical and financial good standing as specified in Article 18, Sections 1 through 3.

**Article 18, Section 1:** Every person who is baptized and chrismated according to the rites of the Orthodox Church is a parishioner. The religious, moral, and social duties of a parishioner are to apply the tenets of the Orthodox Faith to his/her life and to: adhere to and live according to the tenets of the Orthodox Faith; faithfully attend the Divine Liturgy and other worship services; participate regularly in the holy sacraments; respect all ecclesiastical authority and all governing bodies of the Church; be obedient in matters of the Faith, practice and ecclesiastical order; contribute towards the progress of the Church’s sacred mission; and be an effective witness and example of the Orthodox Faith and Traditions to all people.

A parishioner in good standing practices all the religious and moral duties as described in this Section 1. At a minimum, a parishioner in good standing must: be eighteen years of age or over; be current in his or her stewardship and other financial obligations to the Parish; abide by all the regulations herein stated; and cooperate in every way towards the welfare and well being of the Parish.

**APPLICATION FOR PARISH COUNCIL CANDIDACY**

I wish to be a candidate for the Parish Council of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Brockton, MA. Επιθυμώ να υποβάλω υποψήφιοτητα για το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο της Εκκλησίας του Ευαγγελισμού του Μπροκτόν.

Date________________________ Signature of Candidate______________________________________________

**Note! In order to avoid mistakes on the ballot, we require the following information:**

Print Name_____________________________________________________________________________________

Address________________________________________________________________________________________

City__________________________ State________ Zip Code__________ Telephone________________________

Applications for Parish Council Candidacy must be submitted by mail or in person at the Church Office **no later than SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2015.**

Αιτήσεις υποβάλλονται μέχρι τη ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 22 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ, 2015.
PHILOPTOCHOS

In Honor of Veteran’s Day this month
The Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos Society will be supporting the mission to assist the Homeless veterans who transition to independent living in coordination with the Department of Veteran’s Affairs, New England Healthcare System.
Please donate a household items—donation bin will be outside the church office area.

MEMBERSHIP
I would like to welcome back all our members and invite new members to join this organization which for the past 70 years has been the right hand of the church and the poor.

Next Meeting:
November 3, 2015
Tuesday @ 7pm

KOLIVA
If you are planning a memorial service and would like to order koliva, please contact the Church office at (508) 559-0910 at least one week in advance of the memorial service. The cost is $100 and checks should be made out to the Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos Society.

COFFEE HOUR
If you are interested in sponsoring a coffee hour please contact Tina Boutas at (508) 588-8891 or the Church office.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Forms are available at the church office
Eligible candidates are those who have graduated June of 2015, Parents are paid members of the church and Philoptochos
Applications must be submitted to the office by December 31, 2015

BAKING
Baking for Christmas, cooking classes and much more will be discussed in our November meeting.

Shut-In Visitations
Anyone who would like a visit from the Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos, Please contact the Church office at (508) 559-0910

Philoptochos Christmas Party
Save the Date—December 15, 2015
This year our gathering will be held at Luciano’s Restaurant.
More information to be giving at our next meeting.
Please contact Lori Stasiewski @ (774) 240-2867
or Demetra Cariofiles @ (781) 344-9579
GOYA

Happy Fall! The members of the GOYA have some fun events coming up. If you are new to GOYA, or are interested in joining, we invite you to come.

GOYA is all about giving back to the community while interacting and socializing with other Greek Orthodox Youth. As a group, we have worked at food banks, donated goods to charities and attended walks for organizations like Schools on Wheels while still making time to have fun and visit Six Flags and have movie nights. We encourage anyone grades 7-12 to join. Hope to see you at our next event.

MEETINGS
Sunday Nov. 8th  12:00 pm—1:15 pm
Sunday Dec. 6th  12:00 pm—1:15 pm

EVENTS
Pita Making  Saturday, Nov. 21st
Bake Sale  Sunday, Nov. 22nd
Christmas Retreat  Friday, Dec. 18th

Community Service Projects
Catholic Charities Food Drive

SUNDAY SCHOOL

November 1st  Class
November 8th  Class
November 15th  Class
November 22nd  Class
November 29th  Family Worship

Metropolis Basketball
I am excited for the 2015/16 season. We have a new on-line registration through the Metropolis that will make signing up that much easier. I am looking at an October 22nd for GOYA and 23rd for Jr. Joy & Joy practices to start. I will confirm next week once I meet with the coaches.

All you need to do is go to boston.goarch.org and on the right side of the page click on Basketball registration. First line is the players name, church on the first page should be your church and then for team it should be Brockton/Braintree or Braintree/Brockton, either way is fine.

Please pass this along to anyone else that you may think is interested in joining this year. You must by age 7 as of 9/1/15 in order to play.

Thank you & look forward to seeing all of you in a couple of weeks,

Coach Steve
A MESSAGE TO PARENTS

Remember the youth programs that you were a part of growing up? We have plenty of things that you and your child can enjoy.

It's a great experience for our children to be involved in a "church" activity, belonging to groups that have a Christian-inspired setting.

It can shape their outlook, their moral being.

Meetings are only once a month, but we pack in many activities that will be a lifelong positive learning experience. And the participation of parents makes this a special experience for all.

Please consider being an advisor.

Past Projects
- October costume party
- Christmas needy project
- Holiday wreath, bake sales
- Have a Heart Luncheon
- Lenten retreats
- Arts and crafts

Be part of one of these groups!

HOPE (Holy Orthodox Primary Education)
Kindergarten through 2nd grade.

JOY (Junior Orthodox Youth)
Grades 3-5

GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America)
Teenagers, grades 6-12

Sunday School, Ages 4-17
Basketball – all ages
Greek folk dance – all ages
Greek language school – all ages

Contact office@annunciationbrockton.org, see monthly bulletin for activities or call the office at 508-559-0910 to get involved.
GOYA Bake Sale

WHERE? ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

WHEN? DURING COFFEE HOUR ON NOVEMBER 22ND.

WHO? THE GOYANS WILL BE HOSTING THIS EVENT

WHAT? A BAKE SALE WITH YUMMY GREEK AND AMERICAN PASTRIES
3rd Annual Day at the Museum

November 17, 2015
Tuesday 2–4pm
Afternoon at the church
100th Anniversary Photo Session

Massasoit Theater Company
Sunday, December 6, 2015

Join us at 3pm, as we experience the story of Christmas at this classic play based on a novel by Charles Dickens. Ebeneezer Scrooge, is a miserly old gentleman who has a passionate dislike toward Christmas and the general revelry of the season, characterized by his famous line 'Bah, Humbug!'

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Rev. Fr. Anthony Evangelatos, Priest
Heidi Mason & George Theodossiou, Conference Coordinators

Conference Dates
Friday, November 6 through Sunday, November 8, 2015

Guest Conductor
Constantine (Dean) Limberakis, Archon Primikirios
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England - Boston, Massachusetts

Guest Organist
Sophia Argeros
St. George Greek Orthodox Church - Lynn, Massachusetts

Conference Music
A Choral Setting of the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
featuring the English Text for the Divine Liturgy newly approved by the Holy Eparchial Synod
by Constantine Limberakis, Archon Primikirios

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American Hellenic Educational and Progressive Association
District Eight, Lord Byron Chapter 57
Second Annual Family Evening / Live Music and Dance!

The Greek Rebetiko Trio
November 7th, 2015, 7 pm - 11 pm
Hors d’oeuvres - MEZE with Cash bar
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 457 Oak Street, Brockton, MA
(508) 559-0910 Tickets: $30 Adults, $10 under 18
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