October 2015

Holy Protection Of The Theotokos

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# PARISH COUNCIL

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# OTHER MINISTRIES

**Sunday School**

- Tina Boutas
- Rhoda Economos
- John Nenopoulos

**Greek School**

- Ioanna Andreopoulou
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Beloved in Christ, since five years have passed from the consecration of our church, I thought it would be beneficial to reprint an article I had written in the November 2010 bulletin. I feel that this article is once again timely as we approach our 100-year anniversary. It would behove us to reconnect with the spiritual grace bestowed upon our temple and all of us, on the blessed day of the consecration.

Beloved in Christ,

As we bask in the spiritual light emanating from the recent consecration of our church, let us consider the potential effect of this event on our future. Through prior writings and sermons, I have mentioned the transformative power of the consecration upon all of us. His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios had also elaborated on this theme during the weekend of the consecration. With this in mind, allow me to be a visionary, painting a picture of future possibilities for all of us, personally and communally.

As mentioned before, the direct effect of a church consecration is spiritual renewal. After the consecration, many parishioners stated that they felt as if they had personally received a second baptism. Others described how intensely moved and impressed they were by the services and the various rituals of consecration. In all these cases, the seeds of spiritual renewal have been planted by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let us remember that everything we do in the Church is directly affected by the Holy Spirit, most especially the holy mysteries (sacraments), which are energized by God’s Spirit. If we look closely at the priestly prayer offered just prior to the consecration of the bread and wine in the Divine Liturgy, we would notice something very interesting. The prayer directly asks the Holy Spirit to come upon us first, then upon the presented gifts. With this example we should clearly see how the Church constantly seeks to act upon, and sanctify the faithful through God’s Holy Spirit.

With these seeds of spiritual growth planted within each of us, especially those who were present at the consecration itself, we can begin nourishing our souls to allow these seeds to blossom. This, beloved, can only be accomplished through our active participation in the life of the Church, and by how we live our everyday lives in conjunction with the teachings and traditions of the Church.

As a starting point, participation in the services of the Church is paramount for spiritual renewal. The Church is our Mother who teaches us how to live the life in Christ. In order to learn and grow, we must be under the “Mother’s” wings as much as possible.

Participation in the entire liturgy allows for hearing the Word of God through Scripture, as well as the possibility of more frequent participation in the Eucharist – the crowning holy sacrament of the Church. A periodic “dropping-in” when motivated to do so is a noble attempt, but can never fully sustain a complete spiritual life.

Those who will seek frequent church attendance will also be more likely to pray throughout the week, and to keep the fast days and periods of the liturgical year. Again, the Church as our Mother teaches us a life of prayer, for true Orthodox worship is communal prayer and interaction with the living God, led by the priest on behalf of the people. The Church also teaches us the importance of the venerable practice of fasting to aid our spiritual growth. A prayer-life that stems from the example of the Church is absolutely necessary for continued spiritual growth, which is enhanced and reinforced through the practice of fasting.

Spiritually transformed parishioners would also see the importance of celebrating, whenever possible, the various feast days of the liturgical year. This would include the great feasts of Christ and the Theotokos, as well as the feast days of the major saints. In addition to these feasts, those seeking true spiritual growth would most definitely participate liturgically to some degree during Great Lent, the most focused time of the year for an Orthodox Christian.

The more we become regular participants in church services and maintain an active prayer life, the more we will be able to overcome the temptation of being mere spectators in services. As we become more spiritually focused, we will also understand the need for active and frequent participation in the sacramental life of the Church. True spiritual growth must include periodic confession and reconciliation with God, which is the door to salvation. The soul also needs its spiritual nourishment – Holy Communion – without which it will starve, and can eventually lead to spiritual death. Frequently communing when properly prepared must be emphasized, because this has always been the teaching of the Orthodox Church, strikingly opposite of what we may have been taught growing up.

A spiritually renewed parishioner would also have a clear understanding that everything else that happens in parish life is supplemental, and that the celebration of the Divine Liturgy is the central activity of the parish. When we have the correct focus on the liturgical life of the Church, we would make it a point to be in church as much as possible, and then be involved.
in other church ministries and activities as we are able – not the other way around.

If all of the above falls into place in our lives, the final by-product of spiritual renewal would be mutual love and respect toward each other, even at times when we differ in opinion regarding anything in parish life. In other words, if we hear and comprehend the Word of God in church, then we should also live by His Word, lest we become hypocrites.

Now, if a parish is spiritually renewed and open to the saving work of the Holy Spirit, then it will seek to bring other sheep into the fold. We should be able to bring any non-Orthodox friend, relative, or neighbor to our church, and know that he/she will be welcomed. The visitor should also be able to understand the services by the use of English in balance with the liturgical Greek, so that he/she can be spiritually moved and fulfilled as well.

Finally, my brothers and sisters in Christ, you may ask why all of this is so important. There is one simple reason – our salvation! The goal of the Church of Christ is to save souls, and this is the main concern of every parish priest. The Church is not a cultural center, nor is it a social organization or anything of the like. The Church is our true home where we are nourished and prepared for eternal life and salvation. We have been given all the tools necessary for this journey from the day of our baptism and chrismation. Now that the Holy Spirit has descended upon us once again to sanctify not just our holy temple, but all of us as a parish community, let us turn toward God and seek all these things brought to our attention. May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ keep and protect all of you in His unending love and mercy.

In Christ,

+Fr. Anthony

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**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 commence on Wednesday, October 14th; therefore, Wednesday evenings will not be available for any other function through May, 2016. When 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. Our primary reason for existence is worship of the Living God, so let us all make the liturgical life our priority!

**New Choir Director**

As everyone knows, Heidi Mason retired this past spring after three decades of service as our choir director. We are pleased to announce that we have secured the services of a new choir director, Kristina Yepez, who will officially begin her position on Sunday, 10/4. Kristina comes to us with a degree in music, as well as church choir experience. Please make it a point during Sunday coffee hour to greet Kristina, and welcome her to our parish family.
**Spiritual Wisdom**

He who is humble in his thoughts and engaged in spiritual work, when he reads the Holy Scriptures, will apply everything to himself and not to his neighbor.

*St. Mark the Ascetic*

The enemy often wounds our souls by his malice and burns us. This wound spreads like a gangrene in the heart if we do not stop it in time by the sincere prayer of faith. And God wounds our souls by His love, but this wound is light, sweet, not burning, but warming and vivifying.

*St. John of Kronstadt*

Christians must arm themselves against the immorality of this world. Armor is not made in a day or two, but is carefully and laboriously forged by a lengthy process. What are all our virtues worth if we succumb at the first temptation?

*St. Nikolai Velimerovich*

If someone neglects the little things, the danger is that he’ll start neglecting greater, holier things. And then, without realizing it, rationalizing it all to himself – ‘This is nothing, that doesn’t matter’ – he can end up, God forbid, totally neglecting the things of God and becoming irreverent, arrogant, and atheistic.

*Elder Paisios the Athonite*

**Adult Religious Education Resumes**

Our annual Wednesday evening program of Small Vespers and religious education will resume on Wednesday, October 14th, at 7:00 pm. As we announce each year, the program will consist of 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.

Many of our parishioners have various questions they ask from time to time, and some will clearly state that they don’t know their faith as well as they should. Our Wednesday evening program is a wonderful opportunity to address such issues. The structure of the sessions consists of the reading of the day’s appointed Gospel lesson and related commentary, the reading of the life of one or more saints of the day, a short presentation on a specific topic, followed by an open forum for questions and answers. Please consider joining us at any time – both cradle Orthodox and non-Orthodox!

**In Appreciation**

Once again our parish family has come together to put on another successful festival. The thank-yous are endless, but primarily, a great showing of gratitude goes to the tireless Philoptochos ladies who prepared so many of the pastry and food items. Then there are the men who took care of roasting and grilling meat items, tending bar, carving and serving gyros, among many other tasks. Many others volunteered time in the kitchen and under the tent, as well as during the many weeks of preparation through acquiring donor solicitations, distributing signs and posters, etc. May God bless all those involved this year, along with their entire families!
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Please see your illustrated Archdiocesan calendar for daily Scripture readings and fasting guidelines.
Πλασμένοι κατ’ ενδημιουργηθείσα κτίση μέ φροντίδα καί σεβασμό γιά τήν διατήρηση του καί διά τον πατρική πίστεως μας.

Ἀποφεύγουμε αυτή την τάση Μέσα από τον κόσμο και διαφημίζουμε την Νεολαία, μόνον για να αναπτύξουμε πολλές ιδεολογικές προκλήσεις καί πιέσεις τεχνολογικού καί κοινωνικού καλλονήματος τού Δημητρίου καθώς ψάλλουμε της μνήμης προσφέρουμε μαρτυρία του Θεού καί κατά τον Κοσμίτη καί τον Θεό καί σεβασμό γιά την διατήρηση του Δημοκρατικού καί την υπεράσπιση της φύσης. Ανάπτυξη στην Νεολαία, μόνον για να αναπτύξουμε μαρτυρία του Θεού καί κατά τον Κοσμίτη καί τον Θεό καί σεβασμό γιά την διατήρηση του Δημοκρατικού καί την υπεράσπιση της φύσης. Ανάπτυξη στην Νεολαία, μόνον για να αναπτύξουμε μαρτυρία του Θεού καί κατά τον Κοσμίτη καί τον Θεό καί σεβασμό γιά την διατήρηση του Δημοκρατικού καί την υπεράσπιση της φύσης. Ανάπτυξη στην Νεολαία, μόνον για να αναπτύξουμε μαρτυρία του Θεού καί κατά τον Κοσμίτη καί τον Θεό καί σεβασμό γιά την διατήρηση του Δημοκρατικού καί την υπεράσπιση της φύσης. Ανάπτυξη στην Νεολαία, μόνον για να αναπτύξουμε μαρτυρία του Θεού καί κατά τον Κοσμίτη καί τον Θεό καί σεβασμό γιά την διατήρηση του Δημοκρατικού καί την υπεράσπιση της φύσης. Ανάπτυξη στην Νεολαία, μόνον για να αναπτύξουμε μαρτυρία του Θεού καί κατά τον Κοσμίτη καί τον Θεό καί σεβασμό γιά την διατήρηση του Δημοκρατικού καί την υπεράσπιση της φύσης. Ανάπτυξη στην Νεολαία, μόνον για να αναπτύξουμε μαρτυρία του Θεού καί κατά τον Κοσμίτη καί τον Θεό καί σεβασμό γιά την διατήρηση του Δημοκρατικού καί την υπεράσπιση της φύσης.
Our church has experienced 10 times 10 years of existence. Each decade is a building block that has brought us to our Centennial Celebration. Each of these decades mirrors many events. The early years were a struggle to create a house of worship, whether it was the storefront of a building, a two-storey house, or a huge edifice of cement and blocks. This journey has brought us to our existing modern house of worship.

Each decade carried it’s good and bad. Families became friends and many marriages came from those friendships. The children produced from these marriages also became lifelong friends. These many decades also carried their share of sadness due to hardships, sickness, and deaths. Clearly, parishioners have had ties to our church for numerous reasons.

The strength that comes from knowing that our Lord God has been the backbone of our existence, has carried us through the years of continuity during our journey. Everything mentioned are the things that have molded the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Brockton, and with that spirit we move forward, honoring all parishioners throughout the decades. Also with this same spirit, we invite all parishioners and friends to be a part of this year-long celebration.

Please follow our section in the monthly bulletin or on our church website, and join all our parishioners in honoring our 100 Year anniversary through the various events to be offered. Our kickoff will be a New Year’s Eve Celebration to be held in our community center. On New Year’s Day we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil. Both are a testament to our celebration and our blessings from God.

The 100 Year Anniversary Committee

Early place of worship : 57 Spring Street
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#### Raffle Donations

- Mr. and Mrs. Nick Babanikas & Family
  - (2) New England Patriot Tickets
- Mr. and Mrs. Konstantinos Babanikas & Family
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- Anonymous
  - 32” Television
- Mr. and Mrs. George Terzakis & Family
  - Panini Grill
- Genders Hair Salon
  - $50 Gift Certificate
- LA Fitness
  - 1 Year Membership
  - $50 Tommy Doyle Gift Certificate
  - 10 Cheese Pizzas from Venus Cafe

#### Raffle Winners

- **$2,000 Cash Prize**
  - Tina Babalas
- **$1,000 Cash Prize**
  - Maria Georgitsis
- **$500 Cash Prize**
  - Tom Dinopoulos
- **(2) New England Patriot Tickets**
  - Sotiros Badavas
  - Eleni Gagnon
- **(2) New England Patriot Tickets**
  - Toula Petropoulos
  - Stephanie Spillane
- **32” Television**
  - Elizabeth Cleary
  - Tom Dinopoulos
- **Panini Grill**
  - David Robinson
- **Genders $50 Gift Certificate**
  - Marlene Mihos
- **LA Fitness 1 Year Membership**
  - Robert Frost
- **$50 Tommy Doyle**
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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
October 13th  
November 3rd  
December 8th

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The undertaking of such an event has so many areas of involvement. The women of the Philoptochos were the untiring work force that has so much talent in preparing all the Greek pastries. Anyone who observed the women working would be amazed at the way each person would go about their task automatically like precise clock work. The kitchen work force in preparing the meats for cooking and all the items that needed preparation were phenomenal and those in charge worked endlessly.

As the days got closer, we found more volunteers who would deliver street signs and posters to lawns and businesses. All those volunteers who would solicit donations were amazing. If anyone were to observe the way volunteers came to set up the Festival the night before would be astonished. Tables, chairs, tablecloths, food stations were all set up by returning volunteers as well as new Parishioners including our youth GOYA group.

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

God Bless

John Kolentsas  
Parish Council President

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee is reconvening Thursday, October 15th at 6:30 pm in the conference room. We welcome new and former members to participate in this important church ministry. Any questions please feel free to contact Paula C. Odierno at 508-857-7487 or pckodierno@gmail.com. Hope to see you there.

PANAGIA COHASSET INVITES YOU TO A MAGICAL MUSICAL CONCERT WITH THE GREEK MUSIC ENSEMBLE

Enjoy a magical musical concert featuring world famous musicians. On October 24th at the Annunciation Greek Church in Brockton. This celebration is to benefit the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church Building Fund in Cohasset.

Ticket Price $50.00 per person

Please support our sister church and attend this event. Any questions contact their church office at 781-383-6380

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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.

MEMBERSHIP

Please remember to send in your Philoptochos membership ($25.00 annually) for 2015 & 2016.

Thank you!
Dear Philoptochos Member and Friends of Philoptochos,

We pray that this letter finds you in good health. May your heart and home be filled with peace and joy throughout the year. We take this opportunity to ask you to renew your membership in Philoptochos. If you are not currently a member, please consider joining this year. Our Philoptochos has set our membership fee to $25 of which $20 goes directly to The Metropolis of Boston and The National Philoptochos Society and as such entitles you to membership in each. Below is the Mission Statement of the Ministry, which best represents Philoptochos, in the hopes that you will be inspired by the “good works” the society continues to do.

Our Philoptochos Chapter is involved in many philanthropic efforts throughout the year. As you read through the adjacent Membership Registration & Interest Form we hope that there is an area that interests you. We all have our special talents and we welcome new ideas and suggestions. If you have any questions please feel free to contact any board member and plan to attend one of our meetings.

In The Service to Our Lord and our community,
Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos Society

The Mission Statement of The Ladies Philoptochos Society shall be: To aid the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church through fund raising efforts; and To promote the charitable, benevolent, and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, through instructional programs, presentations, lectures, seminars and other educational resources; To preserve and perpetuate Orthodox Christian concepts and the Orthodox Christian Family, and through them, to promote the Greek Orthodox Faith and traditions, in accordance with its doctrines, canons, discipline, divine worship, usages and customs; To promote participation in the activities of the Greek Orthodox community, with the cooperation of the parish Priest and the Parish Council. The charitable work of the Society shall be promoted with discretion, courtesy and kindness.
The Ladies Philoptochos Society of _________________ Greek Orthodox Church

City_________________________ State_____________________

Yes, I Would Like to Offer My Love and Service by Joining the Philoptochos Society in its Philanthropic Efforts!

Please accept my stewardship to be allocated as follows:

- National Stewardship (National Philoptochos Projects) $15.00
- Metropolis Stewardship (Metropolis Philoptochos Projects) $7.00
- My Stewardship to our Local Chapter’s Ministries $____
- Other $____
- TOTAL $____

Please make checks payable to _________________ Philoptochos Society

Name ___________________________ Date ____________

Street Address ____________________________

City_________________________ State ______________ Zip _____________

Home Phone ___________________ Cell ________________ Work_____________

E-mail address ___________________ Birthday (Month, Day)_____________

Please check the committees you would want to serve on:

- Audit
- Bake Sale
- Community Projects
- Easter Egg Dying
- Easter Season Flowers
- Easter Week Flowers
- Family & Society
- Festival Baking
- *History
- Lenten Meals
- Lenten Retreat
- *Membership
- *National Commitments
- *Program
- *Social Services
- Shut in Visitations
- Sunday Coffee Hour
- Sunshine
- Vasilopita
- Welcome Back
- Youth Ministries

*These are mandated standing committees as listed in the bylaws.
YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH PROGRAMS

ALL OUR ANNUNCIATION YOUTH PROGRAMS WILL RESUME THIS MONTH
WE URGEL YOU TO HAVE YOUR CHILD COME TO THE AGE APPROPRIATE PROGRAM
AND LEARN MORE ABOUT IT

HOPE
The Holy Orthodox Primary Education, or HOPE, is a ministry of the Department. HOPE ministers to
Kindergarten through 2nd Grade. The mission of HOPE is to strengthen the relationship of young
Orthodox Christians with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The program works to educate and edify
young members of the Church, encouraging them to become active sacramental participants in the life
of the Body of Christ. This ministry offers them the opportunity to experience the Faith, ultimately
leading them to Salvation.

JOY
Junior Orthodox Youth, is a ministry of the Department. JOY ministers to 3rd through 5th grade children.
The mission of JOY is to strengthen the relationship of young Orthodox Christians with our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ. The program works to educate and edify young members of the Church, encouraging
them to become active sacramental participants in the life of the Body of Christ. This ministry offers
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GOYA
The Greek Orthodox Youth of America, or GOYA, is a ministry of the Department. GOYA ministers to
teenagers of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in junior high or high school (6th to 12th
grades). The mission of GOYA Ministry is to strengthen the relationship of young Orthodox Christians
with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The program works to educate and edify young members of the
Church, encouraging them to become active sacramental participants in the life of the Body of Christ.
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Meetings are generally held once a month on a Sunday following church service and/or on a Friday
evening.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, AGES 4-17

ALL OUR PROGRAMS ARE POPULAR WITH OUR YOUTH AND HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY RECEIVED.
IF YOU HAVE SOME TIME TO HELP US WITH THE HOPE & JOY GROUPS IT WOULD BE GREATLY
APPRECIATED. THE GOAL IS TO OFFER AT LEAST ONE EVENT PER MONTH. PLEASE EMAIL THE CHURCH
OFFICE AND LET US KNOW (office@annunciationbrockton.org).
WE ALSO OFFER BASKETBALL, GREEK FOLK DANCE, AND GREEK SCHOOL FOR OUR YOUTH
Please call the church office at 508-559-0910 for more details.
YOUTH NEWS

MEETINGS

Sunday Oct. 11th 12:00 pm—1:15 pm
Sunday Nov. 8th 12:00 pm—1:15 pm
Sunday Dec. 6th 12:00 pm—1:15 pm

EVENTS

Harvest Party Friday, Oct. 23rd
Bake Sale Sunday, Nov. 22nd
Christmas Retreat Friday, Dec. 18th

GOYA

Happy October! Our GOYANS have all returned back to school in the last month. Here are some things we’ve been up to:

- George Karolemeas is on his football team at Brockton High
- Eleni Bellas is playing on her club softball team in Raynham
- Chris Constantino, Oliver Ames and Peter Athas, Chelsea High, have made it onto their soccer teams
- Demetra Cariofiles was casted as Cinderella in her school play

We are looking forward to the upcoming annual Harvest Party and we hope to see you all there! Please look over our schedule and upcoming events.

We are looking for new GOYANS. If you or anyone you know who is in middle or high school please have them come to one of our meetings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear Students of our Sunday School,

We hope you all enjoyed your summer vacation and are ready to start classes again. In 2016 our Church will be celebrate it’s 100th birthday and you will be involved in the various events.

Please read the following prayer and read it before classes or at the beginning of all lessons.

Christ my Lord, the Giver of Light and wisdom, who opened the eyes of the blind man and transformed the fishermen into wise heralds and teachers of the Gospel through the coming of the Holy Spirit, shine also in my mind the light of the grace of the Holy Spirit. Grant me discernment understanding and wisdom in learning. Enable me to complete my assignments and to abound in every good work for to You I give honor and glory.

Amen.

ATTENDANCE

Perfect Attendance: 0 Absences
Attendance in Good Faith 1-3 Absences
Faithful Attendance 4-6 Absences

GREEK SCHOOL

The Greek School invites you all to the celebration of “OXI DAY” program which will take place on Sunday, November 1st, immediately after Divine Liturgy in the Community Center of our Church.
2015–6

Get Togethers

Dates:

Tuesday, October 20, 2015 ~ 3rd Annual Fuller Museum Luncheon

Tuesday, November 17, 2015 ~ Bingo and Baklava
  ~ Boston Byzantine Music Festival or Holiday Concert

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 ~ Christmas Celebration

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 ~ Celebrating the 90’s
  ~ We will be selecting our summer trip...please bring your suggestions

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 ~ Heart Healthy ~ Bowling
  ~ We will be having a senior candlepin tournament at the Westgate Lanes

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 ~ Aches And Pains ~ Speaker will gives us some insight on why we have them and what we can do

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 ~ Exercise Class
  ~ This class will be led by a trained instructor

Tuesday, May 24, 2016 ~ Senior Law Clinic
  ~ Helpful information about wills, trusts, power of attorney

Tuesday, June 21, 2016 ~ Senior Newsletter & Scrapbooking

If you would like to be a Guest speaker ...
Please Let us know

Any changes will be posted in the monthly or weekly bulletin.

$20 yearly donation welcomed
Bookstore

What Do You See at Liturgy?
Colorful photographs show the beauty of the Orthodox church. Rhyming text makes it fun to read with a young child. Thick board pages for small hands.

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Discusses ancient Christian traditions that can help diagnose and heal disorders of the soul that are leading to distress...often caused by our own passions.

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From our collection:
“Simply reading along as the priest, the choir and the chanters and readers do their parts is really not what is required. Much better is to stand still with your eyes open, watching and listening and (in whatever way you feel suitable) participating in the service. We do not go to church to understand. Rather, we go to Church to meet God and there is probably a great deal of that meeting which will have nothing to do with understanding.”

Bread & Water, Wine & Oil
Archimandrite Meletios Webber

Download a variety of prayer helpers at www.goarch.org/archdiocese/departments/internet/mobileapps

Please visit our collection on Sundays after Church
Email us, annunciation.bookstore@gmail.com
Or call the office at 508-559-0910
Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos Society
Society of Brockton, MA
Chapter # 3016

Bring a Friend
and a Favorite Dish
to our
Potluck Supper & Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 2015
Church Lounge @ 6:30 p.m.

Philoptochos
A legacy of hope, faith, charity and love.

The tradition continues, become a member today!

There will be seven meetings for the
2015-2016 Year. Please try to attend at
least one to see what we are all about and
all the amazing things we do.

Hope to See you
The Philoptochos Board
Harvest Fest- Costume Party

Friday, October 23rd
6:00 to 8:00 pm

Please join us for food and fun!!

Admission = $1 or canned good per person
Proceeds to benefit GOYA Community Service Projects

No devil, witch or violent costumes please

****sponsored by GOYA***
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