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As we continue on our Lenten journey, I would like to share a few thoughts and reflections on this holiest period of the liturgical year, as well as Holy and Great Week.

During the remaining period of Great Lent, there are two particular Sundays on which I would like to focus. The first of these Sundays, which is the fourth Sunday of the Fast, is dedicated to the memory of St. John Climacus, or St. John of the Ladder.

St. John is commemorated during Lent because of his great spiritual work called The Ladder of Divine Ascent. Although this work was written specifically for the monastic world, the author being a monk himself, St. John’s “Ladder” is a classic work of Orthodox spirituality that speaks to all members of the Church, in all places and in all times. His book presents us with a spiritual ladder ascending to heaven, with each rung representing a particular vice or passion to be conquered in order to proceed upward. The approach is very straightforward and logical, being that going that next step in our spiritual growth necessitates overcoming the sinful obstacles, which have kept us in the state where we presently find ourselves.

An important part of understanding our spiritual lives as an ascent, is the possibility of falling down a few rungs, or even completely off the ladder, which is the reality that we constantly face. In fact, the classic icon of St. John and his ladder clearly depicts the successful ascent of those truly holy and spiritually advanced monks, versus those who have succumbed to various passions, causing them to fall into the pit of hell.

The following Sunday, the fifth Sunday of the Fast, we commemorate our Venerable Mother, Mary the Egyptian. This former prostitute who sought tearful reconciliation with Christ and became a desert wanderer in order to live out her repentance, is the example of par excellence, of the repentant sinner. Her story is quite moving, and very motivating to anyone who is unrepentant and continues to carry the burden of sin.

The Church, in her Spirit-filled great wisdom, places the memory of St. Mary of Egypt on the last Sunday of Great Lent, as a spiritual “wake-up” call to us to finish the race and accomplish the goal of sincere repentance. If we have truly made some serious efforts during Great Lent, then we hopefully have reached the point of repentance which will lead us to the holy mystery of confession, prior to the celebration of the Lord’s passion and resurrection. We must remember that repentance and confession are key components of the spiritual life, because without them there is no true spiritual life, but only a meager attempt, at best.

So thus, Great Lent comes to a close during the week after the Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt. Specifically, Lent ends on the following Friday at the reading of the 9th hour, immediately preceding the vespers of St. Lazarus included in the service of the Presanctified Gifts. Many of our faithful do not realize that the forty day fast ends on this particular Friday, and that Holy Week is separate from Great Lent, standing on its own as a solemn week of strict fasting in commemoration of the last days of our Lord on earth. This is important to know, because the focus of Great Lent and Holy Week is different.

Great Lent is a time for deep, personal reflection. The entire spirit of the forty day fast is that of an intense spiritual journey that brings us back to God through our spiritual efforts, in order to be properly prepared for Holy Pascha, the greatest of all feasts. In contrast, Holy and Great Week is totally focused on the Lord and His passion and burial, hence the strict fast. In Holy Week, we follow the Lord during His last days, and hear His final teachings and warnings about the Kingdom of Heaven and His second glorious coming to earth for the final judgment. As we all know and have experienced each year, the darkness of Holy Week gradually gives way to the brightness and joy of the Resurrection. This is most profoundly exemplified in the Orthros of Holy Saturday, popularly known as the Epitaphios Lamentation, celebrated on Holy Friday evening.

Beloved in Christ, our Orthodox Church is at its absolute best during Great Lent and especially Holy Week. This is not to say that there is anything inferior about the remainder of the liturgical year, which in reality is actually a reflection of Holy Pascha, that gives light and life to everything we do in the Church. It is precisely because of the magnitude of the feast of Pascha, that such liturgical beauty experienced through hymnography and ritual is presented to the faithful for their spiritual edification.

May we all take advantage of what remains of Great Lent, and thus, be prepared to enter Holy and Great Week with eager anticipation and love for the Bridegroom Christ. This should be the highlight of the year for each and every Orthodox Christian who truly loves the Church.

In Christ’s love,

+Fr. Anthony
SPIRITUAL WISDOM

There will come a time when not the persecutions, but money and the goods of this world will take people far from God. Then many more souls will be lost than in the time of the persecutions. (St. Seraphim of Viritsa)

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)

By the cross death was slain and Adam was restored to life. The cross is the glory of all the apostles, the crown of the martyrs, the sanctification of the saints. By the cross we put on Christ and cast aside our former self. By the cross we, the sheep of Christ, have been gathered into one flock, destined for the sheepfold of heaven. (St. Theodore the Studite)

This is our festival – that we celebrate God coming to man that man might go back to God our Father. Off with the old man, on with the new! Once dead in Adam, now alive in Christ, born with Christ, crucified with Christ, buried with Christ, risen with Christ! (St. Gregory Nazianzus)

The word of the mind does not bring change to souls, for it is flesh. The word of God that is born of the Holy Spirit has divine energy and changes souls. (St. Paisios the Athonite)

LENTEN FASTING GUIDELINES

As Great Lent continues, we again offer the following traditional fasting guidelines for Lent, as well as for Holy Week.

Great Lent

Weekdays of Lent: Strict fast from all animal products including fish (shellfish is permitted), all alcoholic beverages, and olive oil (vegetable/seed oil is permitted)

Special Note: It is also traditional to reduce the quantity of food consumed, as much as possible, on the weekdays of Lent

Weekends of Lent: Same as weekdays except alcoholic beverages and olive oil are permitted on Saturdays & Sundays

Special Note: By tradition, there is no limit on the quantity of food consumed on the weekends of Lent.

Holy Week

Same as weekdays of Lent – strict fast, including Holy Saturday

Exception: Fish, wine, and olive oil are permitted on Palm Sunday, 4/24

Special Note: Some sources state that wine and olive oil are permitted on Holy Thursday in remembrance of the institution of the Eucharist, and that wine, but not oil, is permitted on Holy Saturday as part of our lengthy vigil for the Resurrection.

As stated every year, the above guidelines represent the ideal and traditional method of fasting as a starting point. A true and spiritual fast is much more than legalistically following guidelines. Your priest and spiritual father is always available to guide you for your particular situation. The Church in her compassion, always modifies the fast for various health reasons, for growing children, and other special situations. Most importantly, our fasting must be accompanied by intensified prayer, increased church attendance, and charitable works in order to be a fast pleasing to God.

Confession Schedule During Lent & Holy Week

During Great Lent
- after each weekday evening service, except Wednesday Presanctified Liturgies
- after Saturday evening Vespers (year-round) during office hours by appointment (year-round)

During Holy Week
- after each evening service up to Holy Thursday
- during office hours on Holy Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Meetings and Events During Lent

As a reminder for the remaining weeks of Great Lent, we ask that there be no meetings or activities on Monday evenings, Wednesday evenings, or on Friday mornings and evenings due to Lenten services. Between either Tuesday or Thursday, parish ministries should be able to accommodate their needs. Everyone’s cooperation with this request is greatly appreciated. If you haven’t already, we hope to see as many of you as possible at our various Lenten services!
REFLECTIONS ON HOLY WEEK

The following is taken from *The Year of Grace of the Lord*, St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press, 1992.

Lazarus Saturday

Strictly speaking, Lent ends on the Friday which follows the fifth Sunday of Lent: the period of forty days is then over. The time of the Passion lasts from the end of Lent until the feast of the Resurrection, anticipated on Holy Saturday. It therefore comprises the Saturday which follows the fifth Sunday of Lent, called ‘Lazarus Saturday,’ and the first six days of Holy Week.

Lazarus Saturday has a very special place in the liturgical calendar. It is not included in the forty days of Lenten penitence; it is not included in the harrowing days of Holy Week – which are counted from the Monday to the Friday. Together with Palm Sunday, it forms a short and joyous prelude to the days of grief which follow...

Holy Week

We now enter the most sacred week of the year. It starts with the feast of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem...

From the first day of Holy Week, we must ‘receive’ Jesus Christ, and accept that his will is sovereign over us. The meaning of Palm Sunday lies in this welcome given to the Christ who comes to us. The king is ‘humble’. He comes to us seated on a lowly animal, the symbol of humility and meekness. One day he will come again in his glory to judge the world. But today he lays aside all the trappings of majesty and power. He seeks no visible kingdom. He desires only to reign in our hearts...

The Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week are a preparation for the Passion. They already have a strongly accented character of mourning and repentance. The Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Holy Week belong to the paschal solemnities – each one of these days reveals to us a special aspect of the mystery of Easter. One could even say that this mystery has three aspects, each of which corresponds to a day: Holy Thursday, Holy Friday and Holy Saturday. One could also say that each of these three aspects corresponds to a place: the Upper Room, Golgotha, the Holy Sepulchre...

Third Salutations, 4/3 – Emphasis on Youth

In an on-going attempt to familiarize our young people with Lenten services and traditions, we would like to focus the third Salutations to the Theotokos on our youth. I will be using more English in the service, and Sunday School students will be asked to participate in the various readings. In addition, the 7th grade Sunday School class will participate in the sacrament of Holy Confession that evening. The service will be on Friday evening, 4/1 at 7:00 pm. Parents, please make it a point to bring your children, both to participate and to learn to love this special time of the year.

O Lord and Master of my life, give me not a spirit of sloth, vain curiosity, lust for power, and idle talk.

But give to me Thy servant a spirit of soberness, humility, patience, and love.

O Lord and King, grant me to see my own faults and not to condemn my brother, for blessed art Thou to the ages of ages. Amen.

(Lenten prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian)
# April Calendar

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Καθώς ξεκινούμε την Ιερή πορεία μας της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής, παρακινούμεθα από τις όρατες άκολουθίες και παραδόσεις της Ορθοδοξίας πιστεύοντας μας να άφησουμε τον έκτοτε μας στην προσευχή και τη νυκτερινή, να συγκεντρώσουμε συναγωγικά στην προσευχή, να αναλαμβάνουμε την κατέθυση της ζωής μας με μετανοια, και να ένθεσιμοποιήσουμε την πίστη μας με την έλειψα του φωτός και της μελλοντικής ζωής.

Η πνευματική επίδοση αυτής της Ιερής περιόδου του έτους είναι τεραστικά εάν άμεσα συναντήσουμε ολόκληρο τον έκτοτε μας – καρδιά, σώμα, φυσική και δίκαιο – στο Θεό. Η μεταμόρφωση αυτή στη ζωή μας και η μαρτυρία ζωής πιστεύουμε ότι προσφέρουμε στους άλλους μέσω της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής, επιβεβαιώνεται στην Άρα της Επίστολος του Απόστολου Παύλου προς Φιλιππικούς (Φιλ. 1:9). Από την πίστη των και την έμπνευσή της άγαπής του Θεού και της άγαπής των προς άλλους, συμπληρώνουμε την πνευματική σφηκή των.
2016 Floral Needs

Following is a list for the decoration of icons for all major feast days of Christ and the Theotokos. This is a blessed way to participate in these major feasts of the Church for the health and well-being of your families, or in blessed memory of a loved one. Please note that the cost for decorating an icon is $60. To sponsor the decoration of one or more of these festal icons, please call the office directly during the week. Also included in this listing are floral needs for Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha.

Feasts of Christ & the Theotokos ($60)

6/9 – Ascension
6/19 – Pentecost
8/15 – Dormition of the Theotokos (an arrangement for large Iconostasis icon, price to be determined)
11/21 – Entrance of the Theotokos
1/6/2017 – Holy Theophany
2/2/2017 – Presentation of Our Lord

Great Lent, Holy Week, & Pascha

Salutations to the Theotokos – 5th Friday – $50
Veneration of the Holy Cross – 4/3 (approx. 500 stems, price to be determined)
2 palm arrangements for Royal Gate – $45 each
2 palm arrangements for Soleas – $55 each
Banner (lavaron) of Resurrection - $100

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President’s Corner

Καλή Σαρακοστή

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Father Anthony, the Parish Council and myself, we would like to wish you and your families an uplifting Lenten period as we prepare ourselves spiritually. This is the period as you know where we conduct a self-examination of our inner spirit looking for ways to correct and improve ourselves in our daily lives and with others. As Orthodox Christians we seek Repentance and Forgiveness for our past acts and deeds throughout our lives, but most importantly during this Lenten period as we prepare for Easter.

As you know, we held two wonderful events in the past month where we gathered together in Christian fellowship.

Please be kind enough to respond to the survey questionnaire from the Stewardship Sunday event that took place on February 21, 2016, so that the Committee in-turn can gather the information submitted and be able to report back to the parish membership.

Also, please consider offering your time and talent by using the donation letter provided in this month's bulletin in order to seek out contributions from various businesses you may know in order help our church defray the cost of our Annual Food Festival. This in turn will aid us to balance our Church's budget.

The Hierarchical Liturgy and Luncheon that took place on March 06, 2016, marked the start of our Parish truly celebrating its 100 year Anniversary.

Congratulations and Αχτου to our Altar boys and their families. Metropolitan Methodios at the conclusion of the Liturgy tonsured our future church leaders. By tonsuring the altar boys, they have been ordained as readers of the Epistle.

Also, a special thank you to Liz Karolemeas, for organizing this luncheon and to all the wonderful ladies and gentlemen that not only volunteered their time, but also prepared and donated food which was enjoyed by all at the luncheon.

A few upcoming dates that we look forward to seeing everyone at are as follows:

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We look forward to your continued support and commitment to our Orthodox faith, our church, and our community.

Respectfully yours,
Nicholas H. Babanikas
Parish Council President

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May Their Memory Be Eternal
Αιωνία η Μνήμη Αυτῶν
2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Greek Independence Day Parade  Sunday, April 3rd
Spring General Assembly       Sunday, April 17th
Hungry Friends               Thursday, May 5th
Greek Music Concert          Saturday, May 14th
Sunday School Graduation      Sunday, May 22nd
Philoptochos Food Festival   Saturday May 21st and Sunday May 22nd
Ministry Awards Banquet       Sunday, June 12th
Greek School Graduation      Sunday, June 12th
Golf Tournament              Monday, June 27th
Annual Food Festival         Thursday, September 15th - Sunday, September 18th
Grand Banquet & Dance        Saturday, November 5th
Fall General Assembly        Sunday, November 13th
Parish Council Elections     Sunday, December 4th
Parish Council Oath of Office & Election of Officers Sunday, December 18th
New Year’s Eve Celebration   Saturday, December 31st

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS
April 12th   September 8th*
May 10th     October 11th
June 14th    November 8th
July 12th    December 13th
August (no meeting)
*Note this is a Thursday

2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

AHEPA $500
Shawn Westcott

JOANNA CHRISTOPOULOS $500
Vasiliki Karantonakis

MARY DAVILAS $500
Andrew Ciulla

CHARLENE FIELDS $500
William Coon

DEAN GEORGANTAS $350
Vasiliki Karantonakis

GOYA $500
Dimitri Evangelatos

JAMES C. MIHOS $500
Shawn Westcott

PETER & ERNESTINE PAPPAS $500
William Coon

ARETI POTSIS $500
Andrew Ciulla

PAUL A. TASHO $500
Dimitri Evangelatos

CHRIS & BESSIE TSAGANIS $400
Andrew Ciulla
Dimitri Evangelatos
Vasiliki Karantonakis

VARROS FOUNDATION $1,000
Peter Cariofiles
Immediately after the hierarchical liturgy for our 100 year anniversary, His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios tonsured our altar boys. With this special ritual our boys received a blessing which includes their elevation as official readers of the Church. We congratulate those altar servers who were present and received this great blessing. Αξιόλογοι – worthy!

Michael Babanikas
Michael G. Babanikas
Daniel Barrus
Nicholas Bellas
Konstantinos Bernazzani
Peter Buterbaugh
Andre Cathcart
Soterios Constantinou
Stavros Constantinou

Jerral Fernandez
George Karolemeas
Stephan Maranian
Thomas Maranian
Andrew Panagopoulos
Peter Panagopoulos
Dimitri Tsitsopoulos
Nicholas Veiga
These photos just in!  

Don't you have some you could share?

Left to right
First Row
Leo Liatsos
Charlie (Butch) Roufagalis
Nick Ouchacounis
Willie Doucett
Steve Sarantopoulos

Second Row
Angelos (Van) Kyriakides
Steve Paraskevas
Peter Sickles
Peter Defios
Anyone know this boy?

Third Row
League Official
Fotis Colocousis
Peter Giannaros
Harry Savas
John Paraskevas
Billy Extram

1958 GO Basketball Team
Thank you to the Kyriakides Family

We are collecting photos to create a DVD for our 100-year celebration

How to turn in photos:
If you have a home scanner, scan the photo to jpg (color or b&w) and email it to office@annunciationbrockton.org. Please provide any names and an estimated time period.

OR
Bring the photo to the church office. Make sure your name is on the back, with the time period and the names of people or groups you can identify. Thanks!

Greek Independence Day, March 1966, Warren Avenue Church auditorium. From left, Rhoda Economos, John Lingos or Hermes Boyatis, Tony Economos and Father Stephanides.
Thank you to Jean Economos
MEMBERSHIP

April 5th, 2016
Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

We look forward to you joining us as we discuss
Preparations for Pascha, Food Festival Planning,
Our paint night Outing, & much more.

COOKBOOK

Planning has begun for our cookbook and recipes are being collected.
At our meetings, if you would like to add a recipe to our cookbook
Please bring it along with you to our next meeting.
This month we will be focusing on your favorite pastries and desserts
Lenten recipes.
Recipes can be submitted to the church office please mark the envelope
“TEST KITCHEN” or email us at greekcookbook@gmail.com

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
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

PASCHA BAKE SALE

Palm Sunday April 24, 2016
- we will need volunteers to help sell
- to help bake, purchase ingredients
- please let us know if you can help

Food Festival Preparations:
- There will be a sign-up sheet for the Tasks needing to be done—please Sign-up as a volunteer.

Summer Outing:
Save the date:
Monday, June 13, 2016
We have a committee-chair
Which suggested this wonderful Paint Night Event.

100th Anniversary Event Participation
85th Anniversary of our Philoptochos
### UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Myrrh-bearers for Holy Friday

Again this year, we are asking girls to participate as Myrrh-bearers on Holy Friday. We will use Myrrh-bearers 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 Vespers service. This service is shorter than the evening service, and is conducted entirely inside the church. In all cases, girls must be old enough to follow directions and be well-behaved.

### GOYA

Our GOYANs are in the process of completing their IOCC Health Kits. This is also open to members of our parish to help donate items. We are asking for basic materials such as soap, band-aids, paper, pencils, and diapers seem small, but make a huge difference in an ongoing development program or when disaster strikes. There is a great need for these across the world, one example is with the Syrian refugees. Each kit requires the following:

- Buy a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure and fill it with the following items:
  - One hand towel
  - One washcloth
  - One comb
  - One metal nail file or nail clipper
  - One bar of soap (bath size)
  - One toothbrush (NO TOOTHPASTE)
  - Six Band-Aids.

As in past years we are planning to march in the Greek Independence Day Parade on April 3rd. We are planning to host a GOYA Dance on Saturday, May 7th.

### Annual Easter Egg Hunt Donations

We are 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)

Please drop off all donations to the church office by Sunday, April 17th.
Taking Your Family Through Lent

Fasting as a Family
Preparing delicious Lenten meals: how to stock your pantry, planning meals that are fast and easy.
Store.ancientfaith.com
Available to download

Downloads of Orthodox Christian materials also at
orthodoxchristianbooks.com

Grecian Goods
Ceramics, t-shirts, gifts, Grecian towels and more
grecianlook.com

Visit our collection on Sundays after Church
Email us, annunciation.bookstore@gmail.com
Or call the office at 508-559-0910
FEDERATION OF HELLENIC-AMERICAN SOCIETIES OF NEW ENGLAND
Celebrating Greek Independence Day

Friday, April 1st

**Greek Independence Day Commemoration**
1:00 p.m.
MA House of Representatives Chamber
24 Beacon Street, Boston

Friday, April 1st

**Reception**—open to the public
4:30 p.m.
Consulate General of Greece in Boston
86 Beacon Street, Boston

Saturday, April 2nd

**Annual Dinner Gala**
6:30 p.m.
Newton Marriott Hotel Grand Ballroom
2345 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton

Sunday, April 3rd

**Doxology**
10:00 a.m.
Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England
514 Parker Street, Boston

Sunday, April 3rd

**Greek Independence Day Parade,**
1:00 p.m., Boylston
Boylston Street, Boston

For more information visit www.fhasne.com
NEXT PHOTO SESSION WILL BE

APRIL 2 & 3
MAY 14 & 15

SATURDAY, 10 AM - 5PM
SUNDAY NOON - 7PM

Lifetouch photographs your families.

Plan & prepare your directory.

Photography

Portait Sign-up

Visit your organization’s website for a direct link to sign up or reschedule your Lifetouch photography session. Or CLICK HERE to locate your organization and sign-up.

Complimentary Professional Portrait Sessions

Each family will receive a complimentary portrait sitting as part of your church directory program. Once they are photographed, families will also receive:
• An 8 x 10 portrait (or portrait coupon)
• A printed directory

Lifetouch encourages fun and creativity! Families can
• Bring meaningful items, like instruments and sports equipment
• Invite others to pose with you at no cost, like extended family or friends
• Bring their Pets (With your organization’s permission)

Lifetouch offers complimentary online scheduling that lets you and your members:
• View all available appointment times
• Quickly select or change the appointment they want
• Receive an email confirmation and reminder

Lifetouch is proud of our photography. You’ll say, “Wow!”

On-Site Family Photography

Exceptional family portraits are priceless

You may sign-up directly or in the lounge after Liturgy each Sunday:

Our GOYANS will host a YARD SALE at our Church on Saturday & Sunday, May 21st & 22nd from 9 am until 5 pm. It’s the same days that the Philoptochos will host their Spring Food Festival. We ask you to donate household items to the GOYA so that their YARD SALE will be a huge success. Please do not donate clothing, large furniture or anything that is broken because they will not sell. These items sell the best.

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We will collect items at the Church on Saturdays and Sundays after Church Services beginning on Saturday, April 9th until 2 PM and on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 pm, unless there is a Church service scheduled.

Let’s work together to make this a HUGE SUCCESS for our GOYANS.
Join us for
THE HUNGRY FRIENDS
RAFFLE & DINNER
To benefit the
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
Celebrating 100 Years
Thursday, May 5, 2016
To be held at The Greek Church Community Center

6 PM   Cocktails & Appetizers
7 PM   Buffet Greek Dinner
(presented by The Arvanitidis Family & Westside Foods)
8 PM   Raffle

$9,000 in PRIZES
Grand Prize - $3,000
Plus 24 Additional Prizes

1st Place $1,500
2nd Place $ 750
3rd Place $ 500
4th Place $ 500
5 Prizes of $250
15 Prizes of $100

DONATION - $125
Additional Meal only $25

See a Parish Council Member for tickets or
call the Church Office at 508.559.0910