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In our holy Orthodox Church we have many titles for the Theotokos, all of which seek to describe her unique role as the Mother of God, her intercessory power, as well as her relationship to mankind. One title that could also be ascribed to her is, First of All God’s Stewards. I say this because if we were to contemplate her role in general, we would see how she truly fulfills the role of God’s chief steward in the most exemplary way. We on earth should therefore see her as our prime example in the execution of our own stewardship role in creation, and in God’s holy Church.

In order to understand the Theotokos’ stewardship role fully, we must clearly define the word steward in terms of the Church’s understanding. A steward is one who is in charge of what God has given him, i.e. a custodian or manager. In the life of the Holy Theotokos, she obviously became the earthly steward of what God gave to her, and through her, to all mankind – His only-begotten Son. She became the steward of Life Himself, since she carried the Creator in her womb and then raised Him as her own son.

During the earthly life of Christ, His holy Mother continued her stewardship role by being a faithful follower of her son through the end of His earthly existence. The tradition of the Church tells us that the loving Mother of the God-Man, kept vigil with Him at the Cross and ministered at His burial. She lovingly accepted the beloved Disciple John as a son, as instructed by the Lord Himself from the Cross. We are told that she ministered to all His Disciples after His Resurrection, seeing herself as a steward of those who were an extension of her son. Holy Tradition also teaches that she was with them in the upper room, when the Holy Spirit descended upon them on the day of Pentecost.

After her own dormition and assumption into heaven, she continues to be a faithful steward of her son’s inheritance – the human race. Being the Mother of God, by extension she is also the Mother of all mankind, since we were given life by her son and our God. In this role, she continuously cares for, and protects all of us who call upon her in fervent prayer, constantly interceding before the throne of God on our behalf. Countless miracles occur throughout the Orthodox world as the Theotokos comes to our aid in times of illness, and in all types of danger.

Thus, we clearly see how our Panayia continues to be God’s greatest steward. Now, let us look at ourselves in terms of our own stewardship role in creation. How do we manage the life that God has given us? Are we thankful every day through prayer for being alive and enjoying good health? Do we seek to care for those around us as needed, since we are all children of the same God? Do we respect and care for the environment as stewards of the world that God created for us?

As stewards of His holy Church, do we seek to give back to God from the gifts He has given us? Our time, talent, and treasure are all aspects of the gift of life which we enjoy each day. Since God always comes first in our lives, it is only logical and appropriate that we consider His holy Church on earth as the center of our life. As faithful stewards, let us not neglect the Church through our absence from worship services, through our unwillingness to assist in any way we can, and through the neglect of our financial obligation to keep our local parish viable. Many of us are regular contributors, however, let us examine whether our gift is truly realistic and generous, and not just a token contribution as if we were paying “membership dues” to a club, as opposed to a gift of love. After all, this is what stewardship is all about – lovingly taking care of, and giving back to God what He lovingly provides to us. We can only understand this when we have deep faith and trust in God.

When the Archangel Gabriel announced to the Theotokos that the Son of God would be conceived in her womb, she did not run away in fear, or say, “let me think about it.” Due to her own faith and trust in God, she was immediately decisive, ignoring any of the possible consequences by her acceptance of the heavenly message. Her response was based on spirituality and not worldliness. Let us take from her holy example and be guided spiritually in everything we do. May we all be blessed and made worthy to hear the following words from our Lord when we leave this world: Well done good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord. (Mt 25:21).

In Christ’s love,
+Fr. Anthony
**SPIRITUAL WISDOM**

But behold, also let no one dare to say: I have not sinned. He who says this is blind; he has shut his eyes. He deceives himself and knows not that Satan is robbing him blind – both in word and deed and through thoughts. For who can boast that he has an innocent heart and that all his senses are pure? (St. Ephraim the Syrian)

Peaceful, night-time prayer is of great assistance with its calmness and is also more efficacious for our spiritual development, just as the silent, night-time rain is of great benefit to growing plants. (St. Paisios the Athonite)

The carnal man considers the Christian’s freedom as slavery; for instance, attending Divine service, fasting, preparation for the sacraments – confession, communion, all the sacraments, and does not know that all this is a requirement of his nature, a necessity for his spirit. (St. John of Kronstadt)

God is Love. And if we call upon God in our life as the Holy Fathers teach us, then we are calling upon Love. If we know and believe that He is present everywhere at all times and if we are united with Him in our hearts, He will teach us how to love our neighbor. For we do not know how to love either the Lord or our neighbor. (+Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica)

Always think that you are accursed, poor, needy, blind and naked without God, that God is everything to you. He is your righteousness, your sanctification, your riches, your raiment, your life, your breath –everything. (St. John of Kronstadt)

**FAST OF THE DORMITION**

As we all know, the first fourteen days of August comprise a fast period in honor of the Holy Theotokos, as spiritual preparation for the feast of her Holy Dormition on the 15th. This fast is a mini-version of Great Lent, so the guidelines are identical. Following we offer the Church’s guidelines for those who wish to follow the fast to the full extent, or as a starting point for those unable, who need to follow to a lesser extent.

- Strict fast from all animal products throughout, including fish*
- Fast from wine (all alcoholic beverages) and olive oil on weekdays (it’s permissible to substitute vegetable/seed oil)
  Wine and olive oil permitted on Saturdays and Sundays

*Note: Fish is permitted on the feast of the Transfiguration, 8/6. Shellfish is permitted daily throughout the fast.

Let us honor the Holy Mother of God through our fasting, remembering her constant intercession on our behalf. Most Holy Theotokos save us!

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE**

100th Anniversary Gala Celebration
HONORING THE ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS
Saturday, November 5, 2016
Διαμαρτυρία της Ι. Αρχιεπισκοπής για την Αγία Σοφία

Η Ιερά Αρχιεπισκοπή Αμερικής εκφράζει την βαθύτατη λύπη της για το παρατηρούμενο απροσδόκητο γεγονός της συνεχιζομένης αναγνώσεως του Κορανίου στην Αγία Σοφία.

Έχουν ήδη εκφρασθεί επισήμως τόσο από της πλευράς των Ηνωμένων Πολιτειών όσον και της Γερμανίας και της Ελλάδος σαφέστατες διαμαρτυρίες οι οποίες υπογράμμισαν επί λέξει: «Καλούμε την κυβέρνηση της Τουρκίας να διατηρήσει την Αγία Σοφία με τέτοιο τρόπο που θα σέβεται την παράδοση της και την πολύπλοκη ιστορία της», και τονίζουν ότι «Η Άγια Σοφία είναι Μνημείο Παγκόσμιας Πολιτιστικής Κληρονομιάς της UNESCO και θα επιθυμούσαμε να υπάρχει μια χρήση της Άγιας Σοφίας, η οποία δεν αγγίζει το καθεστώς της ως Μνημείο Παγκόσμιας Πολιτιστικής Κληρονομιάς».

Στις παραπάνω εύλογες διαμαρτυρίες προσθέτομε και τις δικές μας διαμαρτυρίες και καταδικάζουμε ανεπιφύλακτα την γενομένη ενέργεια αλλαγής του διεθνώς αναγνωρισμένου καθεστώτος της Άγιας Σοφίας.

Καλούμε τους υπεύθυνους γι' αυτήν την ενέργεια να αναλογισθούν το τεράστιο βάρος ευθύνης το οποίο αναλαμβάνουν με τη συνέχιση της και να θέσουν τέρμα στην πρακτική της αναγνώσεως του Κορανίου σε ένα ιστορικό μνημείο παγκοσμίου σημασίας όπως είναι η Άγια Σοφία.

Επίσκεψη του Δημάρχου Θεσσαλονίκης Γιάννη Μπουτάρη στον Αρχιεπίσκοπο Δημήτριο

Ο Σεβασμιώτατος Αρχιεπίσκοπος Αμερικής κ. Δημήτριος δέχθηκε σήμερα στο γραφείο του στην έδρα της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής, τον Δήμαρχο Θεσσαλονίκης κ. Γιάννη Μπουτάρη και την αντιπροσωπεία του Δήμου που τον συνοδεύει στο ταξίδι του στην Αμερική.

Μετά την συνάντηση η οποία διεξάχθησε σε πολύ εγκάρδιο κλίμα, ο κ. Μπουτάρης δήλωσε: «Ήταν για μας, για μένα και την αντιπροσωπεία του Δήμου Θεσσαλονίκης, εξαιρετικά μεγάλη τιμή και εξαιρετικά μεγάλη ευχαρίστηση που συναντήσαμε με τον Αρχιεπίσκοπο. Πρέπει εδώ να τονίσω ότι με τον Αρχιεπίσκοπο ανακαλύψαμε και κοινά παρελθόντα, διότι όντας Σαλονικιός θυμήθηκαμε παλιές γειτονιές και αυτό έκανε ακόμη πιο ζεστή τη συνάντησή μας, είπαμε πάρα πολλά πράγματα για τη Σαλονίκη και εγώ φεύγω με την ευλογία του Αρχιεπισκόπου, αυτό που κάνουμε να το συνεχίσουμε».

Στη δική του δήλωση ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Δημήτριος σημείωσε: «Ήταν μια πολύ ωραία ευκαιρία τιμής και χαράς να έχουμε τον Δήμαρχο της Θεσσαλονίκης, μιας μεγάλης και σπουδαίας κοσμοπολιτικής πόλεως, και το λέω όχι διότι είναι η καταγωγή μας από εκεί αλλά διότι αντικειμενικά είναι έτσι, αλλά και διότι πρόκειται για ένα δήμαρχο ό οποίος κάνει μια πολύ μεγάλη εργασία προβολής ουσιαστικών στοιχείων που έχει η Θεσσαλονίκη, η Ορθοδοξία και ο Ελληνισμός. Βρίσκεται εδώ για να τιμηθεί με το σπουδαίο βραβείο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Δαμασκηνός το οποίο δίδεται από την εβραϊκή κοινότητα εις ανάμνηση του ολοκαυτώματος την εποχή του Β’ Παγκοσμίου Πολέμου και επ’ ονόματι του Αρχιεπισκόπου Αθηνών Δαμασκηνού που είχε προσφέρει πολλά στο θέμα της σωτηρίας και βοηθείας των Εβραίων».

Τον κ. Μπουτάρη συνόδευαν ο κ. Σπύρος Πέγκας - Αντιδήμαρχος Τουρισμού και Διεθνών Σχέσεων, η κυρία Λίνα Λιάκου - Αντιδήμαρχος Αστικής Ανθεκτικότητας και Αναπτυξιακών Προγραμμάτων, ο κ. Λεωνίδας Μακρής - Ειδικός Σύμβουλος του Δημάρχου και η κυρία Άννα Κωνσταντίνου - Ειδικός Σύμβουλος του Δημάρχου. Επί πλέον στη συνάντηση συμμετείχαν ο Γενικός Πρόξενος της Ελλάδος στη Νέα Υόρκη κ. Κωνσταντίνος Κούτρας, και ο Πρόξενος της Ελλάδος κ. Μάνος Κουμπαράκης.
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Μεγάλη Παρακλήσεις | 3 Small Paraklesis 7 pm  
Μικρά Παρακλήσεις | 4 Great Paraklesis 7 pm  
Μεγάλη Παρακλήσεις | 5 Great Vespers of the Transfiguration of Our Lord 7 pm  
Μεγ. Εσπερινός της Μεταμόρφωσις του Σωτήρος | 6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord  
Orthros & Lit.  
Η Μεταμόρφωσις του Σωτήρος  
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Μικρά Παρακλήσεις | 13 Great Vespers 6 pm |
|     | 14 8th Sunday of Matthew  
Κυρ. 8η Ματθαίου | 15 Dormition of the Theotokos  
Orthros & Lit.  
Η Κοιμήσεις της Θεοτόκου | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Great Vespers 6 pm |
|     | 21 9th Sunday of Matthew  
Κυρ. 9η Ματθαίου | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Great Vespers 6 pm |
|     | 28 10th Sunday of Matthew  
Κυρ. 10η Ματθαίου | 29 Beheading of St. John the Forerunner (no services-strict fast)  
Απόσταση της Τιμίας Καθάρος του Προδρόμου (υπέρηξε)  
Fr. Anthony on vacation through 9/7 | 30 | 31 |
OFFICE SUMMER HOURS
Please note the summer hours starting June 5th through September 2nd.
Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Fridays office will be closed

SCHOLASHIPS
Church Scholarship applications are now available in the office.

DONATIONS AS OF JUNE 13, 2016

MEMORIALS
Androklis Michailidis $50
Nikoletta & Maria Kallis
Demitra Gikas
Mr. and Mrs. John Cicalis $40
Peter Giannaros
Mr. and Mrs. James P. Mihos $200
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Codere $100
Alex Yorgy
Daiva Yorgy $100
Jeanette Hayak Jamal $25

DONATIONS
Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Antoniou $50
Mrs. Dimitra Mavridis Louro $100

FLORAL
Mrs. Penelope Kazis and Family
Transfiguration Icon
IMO Argyros Kazis

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Bulgaris
Dormition of Theotokos Icon
IMO Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Sotirios Costarellos
Dormition of Theotokos Iconostasion Icon

BAPTISMS
June 5th Nicholas son of John and Fallon Maxouris
Sponsor: Mr. Nickolaos Kotsiopoulos

WEDDINGS
May 21st Alex Louro and Dimitra Mavridis
Sponsor: Erene Mavridis

FUNERALS
May 24th Kathleen Morosas
June 6th William George

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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
July 12th October 11th
August (no meeting) November 8th
September 8th* December 13th
*Note this is a Thursday*
Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Father Anthony, the Parish Council and myself, we hope that you and your families have a safe and fun-filled summer.

Let us however, keep in mind that the Church needs to be the cornerstone in our lives, and we should make every effort to attend church during the summer months and give thanks to our Heavenly Father for all the good things He provides us with.

In past bulletins, I have talked about Stewardship projects undertaken by the Parish Council and members of our community. These individuals have greatly assisted our church by dedicating their time, talents, and/or treasures when our parish needed it the most.

Just recently, Stewardship was hard at work again!

I would like to sincerely thank Mr. George Zervas, of G&Z Construction for donating his time and skilled carpentry talents in preparing the wall located between the narthex and the lounge with a beautiful tongue and groove wooden surface upon which the actual Tree of Life will be mounted by him as well.

I also would like to take this opportunity to thank both Ilias Potsis and George Panagoulopoulos for all of their help and assistance in the build-out of the wall and the future mounting of the Tree of Life.

Finally, a special thank you to both Jim and Linda Mihos, for their generous donation of the building materials needed to construct this wall and for the beautiful bronze framing enclosing same.

Had we needed to hire someone to complete this project, it would have cost the church approximately $5,000.00. Thanks to the above mentioned individuals, not only was the workmanship superb but, the church was spared this cost.

This is true stewardship at its best!

As you can see, together we are making positive strides in beautifying, preserving, and strengthening our church.

As you know our biggest and most important fundraiser of the year is our four (4) day festival. This year it will be held on Thursday September 15, 2016 through Sunday September 18, 2016.

It is our hope that all Stewards of our church will commit to helping us make this year’s 100th Year Food Festival Celebration our all-time best and most profitable ever. Needless to say, we can’t be successful without you. As such, we have developed an Online Volunteer Sign Up website where you can go and sign up. We’ll also have sign-up sheets at the coffee hour and in the office for you. The link for the online sign up website is http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4ba5af22a20-food

I encourage all of you, both young and old alike, to come forward and join our family of volunteers in Christian fellowship. Please consider signing up and committing some of your time and talent to our upcoming festival.

"A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love."

Author - Saint Basil

Respectfully yours,

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Congratulations to all of the new GOYA officers:

Jerrall Fernandez: President
Ariana Buterbaugh: Vice President
Eleni Bellas: Corresponding Secretary
Dimitra Efremidis: Recording Secretary
Sophia Evangelatos: Treasurer

Also, congratulations to all of our graduated seniors! We will miss you all next year, good luck! As always, new members are welcome (and encouraged) to join us at our meetings when they start up again in the fall!

Thank you to all of the members of the church who donated and contributed to our yard sale, we were massively successful.

We hope everyone has a safe and fun-filled summer! See you all in the fall!

Greek School’s Workshop
(This is in addition to the regular class)

Would you like to join us? Come every Saturday morning we will follow new activities!

Program:
Reading of famous Greek fables
Crafts on Greek Mythology
Greek music-songs
Greek dance
Interactive learning of Greek language (games and video)

The Greek School’s Workshop will start in September!
For more information contact Ioanna Andreopoulou
Greek School Message

As we all know, some parents offer their children the opportunity to learn one second or more foreign languages since they're very young. This language may be French, Greek, German or any other one. Scientists support the opinion that these children are superior than those who speak only their native language. This opinion isn't an elitistic one. On the contrary, scientists say that it's necessary for the young children to learn at least one second language.

Speaking two languages opens a new world for the children says Lawry Winer, a teacher at the Multi-Cultural Department of Studies, at Houston University. They're not only capable to understand better the others, but even their own selves and their native language. The question is: Can we have a two languages speaking child in a family which parents are speaking only their native language? The answer is Yes. Parents all over the world, knowing the advantages of speaking a foreign language, strongly want their children to learn at least, a second language.

But how can they succeed in this effort?
First of all parents have to give their children the chance to learn a second language, when they are very young, through relative videos and equipment or through foreign language institutes, so the young children come close to the second language and become familiar with it. Some of the advantages of learning a second language are a better evolution of the children's cognitive capability, creativity and a more pluralistic thinking.
Finally, scientists say that there's no reason for parents to be afraid of the problem of facing several kinds of confusion for their children in their early stage of learning. That's an extremely wrong point of view.

In regard to the value of the Greek language:
- Gaite, the German philosopher, said that he had heard the Gospel in various languages, however, when he heard it in Greek it seemed as if the Moon had appeared in the sky.
- The French Academician and Poet Claude Fauriel (1772-1844) said that the Greek language assembles the wealth and homogeneity of the German language, the clarity of French, the beauty of Spanish and the musicality of Italian.
- The famous blind American writer Ellen Keller compared the preciseness and perfection of expression of the human thought in the Greek Language with the most perfect of the musical instruments, the violin.
- The French writer and academic Margarite Yourceyar said: I loved this Greek language for its robust plasticity, where each of its words certifies its direct and different contact with the truths, and because whatever has been said worthy by man, for the most part has been said in this language.
- The poet and academic Brettakos said: When I die and I'm gone to the Heavens, I will speak to the angels in Greek, because they do not know any other language, other than the language of music.

Even if you can't imagine the positive results, you deserve to try....!
Why do we need a new perspective?

"With the rolling on of days and the forward movement of a wearisome life, faith and zeal tends to fall into a slumber. People can easily get discouraged with spiritual life – it needs to be constantly aroused and revitalized by the witness of some contemporary saint, some man or woman whom God raised up for the very purpose of leading a prophetic life.

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Come be Greek for a day!

GREEK FESTIVAL
BROCKTON

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Thursday September 15th
11am to 10pm
Friday September 16th
11am to 11pm
Saturday September 17th
11am to 11pm
Sunday September 18th
11am to 6pm

- Free Admission
- Live Greek Music
- Raffle Prizes
- Dancing
- Kids Activities
- Food To Go
- Shopping
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