The Entrance Of The Theotokos

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In the month of November we celebrate the feasts of a variety of saints. With these feasts we see a true cross-section of the various orders of saints and angels. It is a beautiful month of celebrations that also includes the beginning of the Nativity Fast, which prepares us both spiritually and physically for the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us look closer at these feasts and their role in our spiritual lives.

The first feast we encounter is that of the Holy Unmercenaries, Sts. Cosmas and Damianos on November 1st. These saints who were brothers in the flesh, were trained physicians and fervent followers of Christ. Their title unmercerian, literally means silver-less; in other words, Sts. Cosmas and Damianos would refuse payment for their medical services, because they took to heart the words of the Gospel to give freely. The healing that they offered went beyond the known medical techniques of the day; their healing took on a spiritual nature because of their personal holiness, thus bringing miraculous cures to their ailing brethren. They are supreme examples of true Christian giving without expecting anything in return. Sts. Cosmas and Damianos also show us how we, too, can continue the compassionate ministry of Christ through deep and sincere faith.

The next feast we encounter is that of the Holy Archangels Michael and Gabriel and all the bodiless heavenly powers, celebrated on November 8th. In this feast we celebrate those celestial beings created by God to serve Him eternally. In the history of mankind we see many instances in Scripture of mysterious visitations from the heavenly powers, in order to bring divine messages to the earth. In fact, the original Greek word for an angel—angelos—literally means messenger. The angels are creations of God just as mankind is, however, they differ from mankind in that they are spiritual beings—not bodily—and of a higher nature. This is precisely why they can appear in human form to us, and can vanish before our eyes. From the time of our baptism, God has assigned each of our souls a guardian angel to watch over us every moment of our life. God loves us so much, that he has given us this great gift to show us that we are never truly alone on this earth.

Two great hierarchs of the Church that are celebrated in November are St. Nektarios of Pentapolis on November 9th, and St. John Chrysostom on the 13th. St. Nektarios is one of the most recent saints of the Orthodox Church, having fallen asleep in the Lord in 1920. St. Nektarios was a very pious bishop who, as with many holy men and women of the Church, had jealous opponents and accusers. With all the persecutions he endured he never succumbed to their pettiness, but rather, remained steadfast in his faith as we all should in times of tribulation. St. Nektarios is a miracle-working saint who has healed many of various afflictions, especially cancer.

St. John Chrysostom is the most well-known and eloquent of Orthodox Christian orators, hence his epithet Chrysostom, or golden-mouthed. His extensive writings fill Orthodox libraries around the world, teaching us the deep treasures of our faith with every line. Many of the soul-stirring prayers of the Divine Liturgy are also by his hand. One of St. John’s most spirituality up-lifting compositions is his Paschal sermon, which is read in every Orthodox church at the end of either the Orthros or Divine Liturgy of the Resurrection.

On November 16th we celebrate the memory of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew. Being one of Christ’s chosen twelve, we pray to him as one of our closest advocates before the throne of Christ in Heaven. His Gospel along with the other three, was chosen by the Church to be included in the canon of the New Testament. Through these four Gospel accounts, we have the written Word of God to continually edify us spiritually throughout the liturgical year.

November 21st is one of the twelve major feasts of the year—the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple. This very meaningful feast is based on the apocryphal writings of the early Church, and therefore has become part of Holy Tradition. This highly symbolic feast presents us with the spiritual reality of the Theotokos’ role in salvation history. Tradition teaches us that she was presented to the Temple by her parents, in thanksgiving for her birth after many years of being childless. Her entrance into the Holy of Holies of the Temple is seen by the Church as a prophetic statement of her role as the true and living ark of the Covenant; in other words, she was to become the sacred vessel which would contain the living Word of God in the flesh. We are reminded through this feast of the deep and special relationship that the Theotokos has with her Son and our Savior. This is why her prayers are the most fervent of any offered to Christ.

Two great martyrs of the Church are celebrated in late November. St. Katherine the Great-Martyr is celebrated on the 25th. She fills us with spiritual strength because of her fearless opposition to her pagan persecutors who executed her for her belief in Christ, and for bringing many others to Him. We see in St. Katherine a highly intelligent, Spirit-filled woman who had a spiritual understanding beyond her years.

The other great martyr, who is also one of the Holy Apostles of our Lord, is St. Andrew, celebrated on the 30th. He is known by the Church as the “first-called” of the apostles, being the brother of the Apostle Peter. While fervently preaching the Gospel of Christ to the Gentiles of Patras, Greece, he was arrested and suffered a horrific death at the hands of his Roman persecutors. St. Andrew was crucified upside-down on an x-shaped cross, suffering for days before expiring. St. Andrew now sits on one of the twelve thrones of the Holy Apostles, constantly interceding for all of us.

Beloved in Christ, see how rich our Holy Tradition truly is! Our liturgical year is filled with feasts which continually uplift us year after year. Let us receive grace through our participation in these celebrations, and let us teach our children the richness of our holy Orthodox faith that has survived 2,000 years, and will survive unto the end of time.

In Christ’s love,

+ Fr. Anthony
**SPIRITUAL WISDOM**

Do not forget that we are going through difficult times, and much prayer is needed. You must remember the great need that people have for prayer today, and the great expectation God has for us to pray. Pray for the general outrageous condition of the whole world, that Christ may have pity of His creation, for they are heading for destruction. Pray for His divine intervention in our outrageous time, for the people are heading into general confusion – into madness and an impasse. (St. Paisios the Athonite)

Among your religious duties is that of loving your fellow men and always forgiving them. If you do this, you will be filled with joy, and with health both of the soul and of the body. (St. Raphael of Lesvos)

A man who craves esteem cannot be rid of the causes of grief. (St. Isaac the Syrian)

How is it possible for one fasting not to fast? When he keeps away from food but does not keep away from sin. How is it possible for one who is not fasting to fast? When he enjoys food but does not taste of sin. (St. John Chrysostom)

Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ. (St. Jerome of Stridonium)

Our starting point is always wrong. Instead of beginning with ourselves, we always want to change others first and ourselves last. If everyone would begin first with themselves, then there would be peace all around! St. John Chrysostom said that no one can harm the man who does not injure himself – not even the devil. You see, we are the sole architects of our future. (+Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica)

**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 as a starting point, which may be modified as needed.

- **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.

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

- **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.

Remember that fasting should be relaxed for health reasons, and for growing children. Your spiritual father is always available to guide you accordingly.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

For those who were not in church on Sunday, 10/9, we would like to announce that on that exact day Fr. John Kiramarios celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Fr. John was the main celebrant of the liturgy on his special day, and was presented with a beautiful bouquet of white roses by the parish council. We wish Fr. John and Presvytera Evelyn all the best as they continue enjoying their retirement years. *Panta axios!*
FROM THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

November 8th – the Venerable Euphrosyne the Younger

Saint Euphrosyne was born in the Peloponnese in the middle of the ninth century; she was brought up in Calabria and then sent to live with her uncle in Constantinople. Desiring above all to consecrate her virginity to the Lord, she fled his house to escape the marriage arranged for her, and hid for six months in an old mill. Then, dressed as a man and calling herself John, she took ship for a monastery where, after fifteen years of exemplary monastic observance, she was elected Abbot. But fleeing vainglory, she left for the desert and spent ten years as the companion in ascesis of an aged hermit.

About the year 903, she resumed women’s dress and went back to Constantinople, where she founded a monastery of virgins near the Church of the Life-giving Spring. She dwelt secluded in a cell below ground, and received her meagre provisions once a week. But the flaming torch of her virtues could not remain hidden under a bushel, and her best endeavours to remain unregarded were without avail. Among the streams of visitors to the monastery were great officers of state and even the Emperor himself, Leo the Wise (886-911), who wife Zoe bore him a son, thanks to the prayers of the Saint. Euphrosyne tried to escape these visits by moving with twelve nuns to another house in the vicinity, next to a chapel dedicated to the Holy Trinity; here too she lived in a subterranean cave. But the Emperor found out where she was, and endowed her new monastery with a substantial yearly income. Such was the veneration for the Saint of a later Emperor, Romanus Lecapenus (920-44), that he would wear her shirt under his breastplate when he went to war.

On the outbreak of a war against the Scythians (i.e. the Slavs), Euphrosyne settled in the Monastery of the Protection. There she gave up her soul to God at the age of sixty-nine on the festival of the Holy Angels, whose manner of life she had followed so well in this world.

November 14th – the Emperor Justinian and His Wife Theodora

The pious Emperor Justinian was a fervent Christian and a man of genius in every field. His long reign (527-65) was a decisive period in the history of the Empire from the administrative, diplomatic, military, economic, legal, cultural and ecclesiastical points of view. He was the real founder of the Christian Empire, who brought together again the old Roman Empire that had been torn to pieces by the barbarian invaders. He believe that upholding the Orthodox faith and maintaining the symphony of Church and State were essential for the well-being of the Empire.

He had a deep knowledge of theology and wrote several treatises on dogmas of the faith. He forbade pagan worship in the Empire, and was unremitting in pursuit of heretics and sectarians. He did all he could to reconcile the Monophysites to the Council of Chalcedon. In 553, he summoned to Constantinople the fifth Ecumenical Council (25 July), which reaffirmed the condemnation of Nestorius and also condemned Origen.

The splendor of the churches and of everything that testified to the divine glory was brought to a culmination in the Empire of Justinian. He rebuilt the Great Church of Haghia Sophia in Constantinople where, it was said, the service of God was so wonderfully ordered that it was as if heaven had come down to earth. He made great gifts to the monasteries of Egypt and of Palestine, and built the Monastery of Saint Catherine at Mount Sinai. In all that he did, he had the help and support of his wife, the pious Empress Theodora. Justinian died on 14 November, 565, without having been able to restore full unity to the Church, but he had set the Empire on firm foundations which would endure for centuries.

May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving celebration
as you gather together with family and friends
Ο Πρωθυπουργός της Ελλάδος κ. Αλέξης Τσίπρας επισκέφθηκε τον Αρχιεπίσκοπο Αμερικής κ. Δημήτριο

ΝΕΑ ΥΟΡΚΗ – Ο Σεβασμιώτατος Αρχιεπίσκοπος Αμερικής κ. Δημήτριος υποδέχθηκε σήμερα στην έδρα της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής στη Νέα Υόρκη τον Πρωθυπουργό της Ελλάδος κ. Αλέξη Τσίπρα ο οποίος βρίσκεται στη Νέα Υόρκη στα πλαίσια της συνόδου του Οργανισμού Ηνωμένων Εθνών.

«Με ιδιαίτερη χαρά σας υποδέχωμε και πάλι, διότι έρχεσθε για δεύτερη φορά...,» είπε στον Πρωθυπουργό ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος και στη συνέχεια σημείωσε: «Παρακολουθούμε την προσπάθεια την φοβερή που γίνεται στη Ελλάδα, είναι ένα φόρακλη, έργο, περισσότερο από φόρακλη» είπε, και αναφέροντας στις ενέργειες της Ελληνομερικανικής κοινότητος πρόσθεσε: «Η Ομογένεια είναι πάντοτε σε κατάσταση απολύτου εγγυήθεσης και προσοχής. Στον Ομογενειακό τομέα έρχεται, μια πολυπλοϊκός, δραστηριότητα, η οποία καλύπτει ομαδικές ενέργειες και άτομικές ενέργειες σε συνεχή βάση. Οι άνθρωποι εδώ, συνεχίζουν, σαν να άρχισε χθες η κρίση. Λένε: εμείς θα μείνουμε ως το τέλος, ώς έτσι η σειρά αυτή η ιστορία σώστα. Η πρώτη να σας το θέσω αυτό υπ’ όψη σας, διότι κι εγώ έχω εικαστεί με αυτό το είδος της εμμονής κι της συνεχείας και της συνέχειας. Σε αυτό σημείο ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Δημήτριος αναφέροντας στην παρουσία του Έλληνα Πρωθυπουργού τόνισε: «Έρχεσθε στην Αμερική ως Πρωθυπουργός, δηλαδή ως φορεύς της εικόνας της Ελλάδος, κι αυτό είναι πολύ σημαντικό». Ανταποκρίνοντας, ο Πρωθυπουργός είπε: «Εγώ να σας ευχαριστήσω που με υποδέχεστε για δεύτερη φορά συνεχόμενη. Γνωρίζετε την μεγάλη επιτυχία που έχουμε και εννοώ προσωπικά και η κυβέρνηση για το έργο σας. Και να πω Σεβασμιώτατε, ότι πράγματι συνεχίζει η Ελλάδα μας να είναι σε μια περίοδο κρίσης, αλλά είμαστε πιο αισιόδοξοι. Διότι η μεγάλη δυσκολία επίλυσης πέρασε, κι έγινε σκεπτική, ανατριχιαστική, αλλά είμαστε πιο αισιόδοξοι. Και γιατί; Πρώτον, είναι η δυσκολία η οποία μας έχει στο μυαλό, αλλά και η δύσκολη η οποία έχει στον πολιτικό κόσμο, αλλά και η δύσκολη η οποία έχει στον ηθικό κόσμο. Αναφέροντας στην επίσκεψη του στο Ελληνομερικανικό Σχολείο του Αγίου Δημητρίου Αστορίας, ο κ. Τσίπρας είπε: «Θέλω να σας πω ότι έρχομαι από το σχολείο που είναι η αποδήμικη μας εκπαιδευτική προορισμός, και παρακαλώ να με συγκεντρώσετε και να με συνεργάσετε και να μας βοηθήσετε να προετοιμασθούμε για την προετοιμασία της Ελλάδας». Επιχειρηματικότητα και ανακατασκευή παρεπάλευ στην επίσκεψή του στο Ελληνομερικανικό Σχολείο του Άγιος Δημητρίου Αστορίας, ο κ. Τσίπρας είπε: «Θέλω να σας πω ότι έρχομαι από το σχολείο που είναι η αποδήμικη μας εκπαιδευτική προορισμός, και παρακαλώ να με συγκεντρώσετε και να μας βοηθήσετε να προετοιμασθούμε για την προετοιμασία της Ελλάδας».
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Demetrios Lambrakis
Mr. and Mrs. Leandro Kushta $100
Mr. and Mrs. Argile Kuma $100
Mrs. Sophia Lambrakis $500
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Flowers for the Entrance of Theotokos Icon

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Grand Banquet & Dance
Saturday, November 5th

Fall General Assembly
Sunday, November 13th

Parish Council Elections
Sunday, December 4th

Election of Officers and Oath of Office
Sunday, December 18th

New Year's Eve Celebration
Saturday, December 31st
Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Father Anthony, and the Parish Council, I would like to wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving.

This time of year reminds us to be thankful for all that God has bestowed upon us. Let us be grateful for all our blessings and be generous towards others.

As you know on Saturday, November 5, 2016 our church will be celebrating its 100-Year Anniversary at the Shaw's Center. We look forward to seeing all of you at this Celebratory milestone event.

As you may recall, two (2) months ago we began our capital campaign fundraiser and restoration parking lot project. Last month I reported that we were $50,000.00 short of the $130,000.00 needed to have the entire project paid for. You may also recall my informing you that in addition to the $40,000.00 matching funds made to kick off this campaign by Rocky Savas and The Savas Family Trust, Jim (Gee) and Linda Mihos, in order to encourage further participation in this project, committed to matching the next $25,000 in donations. This meant that if we were able to raise another $25,000 from the remaining 280 Stewards who had not yet had the opportunity to make a donation, the project would be paid for completely through donations.

I'm pleased to announce that due to the generosity of Michael and Rose Fields most recent $25,000.00 donation, the parking lot project cost of $130,000.00 has now been completely paid for through donations. Our heartfelt thanks to Michael and Rose Fields, for their philanthropic gesture.

Though the initial project costs have been paid for thanks to all of you who made your generous contributions, we did incur some additional costs for what was thought to be prudent and necessary additional repairs given that we were already in construction mode. This included trenching from the left side of the building under the parking lot to the other side so electrical conduit could be installed to provide electricity so that future food festivals can operate more safely. Also nine (9) sections of deteriorated sidewalk were removed and re-poured with new cement. Lastly, removal of an additional tree and roots was necessary to repair the sprinkler system that was damaged on the left side of the church.

I encourage those of you who have not yet made your contribution to this project to please consider doing so at this time in order to cover these remaining unexpected costs. Please consider sending in your donation along with the enclosed form found in the bulletin.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to Gee Mihos, Bo Mihos, Peter Bucuvalas and the committee members for all their hard work for a job well done on the parking lot project.

Throughout the year, together we have been making positive strides in beautifying, preserving, and strengthening the bond between us and our church.

Important upcoming date that we look forward to seeing everyone attend:

Sunday, November 13, 2016
Fall General Assembly

Following the Divine Liturgy, there will be a complimentary luncheon so that we can gather in Christian fellowship, enjoy a nice meal prepared by our Parish Council, followed by the state of the church presentation. There will a question and answer discussion where we welcome our stewards to express their thoughts regarding our parish's needs as we move forward into the next 100 years and beyond.

So as to permit the Parish Council to properly prepare for the luncheon, we ask that you kindly call the church office to reserve your seats no later than November 09, 2016.

Additionally, in this month's bulletin please find an application for those of you who are ready to be a part of the Parish Council. The deadline for submitting your name for consideration and placement on the Voting Ballot will be November 13, 2016 by 3:00pm. Elections will be held December 4th 2016.

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."

-Mother Teresa -

Respectfully yours,

Nicholas H. Babanikas
Parish Council President

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

November 8th
December 13th
Mrs. Thalia Aftosmes $100
IMO Charles Aftosmes
Mr. and Mrs. George Alexis $1,000
Mr. Nicholas Anastos $125
Anonymous $40
Mr. and Mrs. George Antoniou $100
IMO all the deceased members of our Family
Mrs. Irene Antoniou $100
IMO Nicholas Antoniou
Arvanitidis Family/Westside $500
Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Babanikas $1,000
Babanikas, Ziedman & King $10,000
IMO Michael Babanikas, the 100 Year Anniversary and for the well being of the AGOC of Brockton, the parishioners & their families who perpetuate the Orthodox Faith
Mr. Sotirios Badavas $200
IMO Paul Badavas
Mr. and Mrs. James Bloumbas $100
IMO Haidou Bloumbas
Mr. and Mrs. Costas Bloumbas $100
IMO Haidou Bloumbas
Mr. Charles Bokas $1,000
IMO George & Olympia Bokas and Stella Bokas
Mr. and Mrs. Spiros Boylan $100
IMO Bessie & John Spiros
Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Bulgaris $250
Mr. and Mrs. Jon Buterbaugh $100
IMO John Nasios
Mr. and Mrs. Tony Calogrias $100
IMO Grandparents—Leonidas & Agathe Pappas, Andrew & Theodora Nanos
Cappy’s Pizza $500
Mrs. Demetra Cariofiles $100
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Colarusso $250
Dr. and Mrs. Chris Constantinou $250
Dr. and Mrs. Dino Constantinou $250
Mr. and Mrs. George Costas $100
IMO Pantali & Artimisa Costas and Fred & Gertrude Olsen
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Coutisoumbos $100
IMO Peter Giannaras
Mrs. Helen Covett $150
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Deeb $100
Mr. and Mrs. Evangelos Demetriades $300
Mr. and Mrs. John Dinopoulos $100
IMO Parents—Thomas & Helen Dinopoulos, James & Konstantina Antonopoulous & Sister Poulhiria Rigas
Rhoda & Irene Economos $200
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Efremidis $100
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Eonas $1,000
Dr. and Mrs. Michael Fields $25,000
Mr. Charlie Frangakis $1,000
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gagne $100
Georgios Pizza and Roast Beef $100
Mr. and Mrs. William Ginis $1,000
Mrs. Violet Habib $100
IMO Joseph Habib, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hebshie $1,000
IMO Christina Mihos
Mr. and Mrs. John Juris $250
Mrs. Eftihia Kalivas $100
IMO Harry Kalivas
Nikoletta and Maria Kallis $100
IMO Nicholas Kallis
Mr. and Mrs. William Kotopoulos $1,000
IMO Eftichia Kotopoulos
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Krowski $250
IMO Angeliki Marathas
Mr. and Mrs. Ilias Lainas $300
Mrs. Maria Lenton $200
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Livanis $250
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Maranian $50
Mr. and Mrs. Timoleon Margaritis $250
Mr. and Mrs. James P. Mihos $30,000
Dr. George Mitchell $1,000
IMO Pantali & Artimisa Costas and Fred & Gertrude Olsen
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cotter $25
IMO Ambrosios Lymberopoulos
PARKING LOT RESTORATION FUND as of October 10th

Mr. and Mrs. Odesseas Nanos $250
IMO Our Parents
Mrs. Stephanie Nasios $50
IMO John Nasios
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ntakoulas $300
Mr. and Mrs. John Orphanos $500
Panagoulopoulos Family Trust $1,000
Mr. George Panagoulopoulos $500
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Papadopoulos $100
Mrs. Pauline Pappas $100
IMO James Pappas and Gregaory Nanos
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Passias $250
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Passias $250
Mrs. Georgia Petropoulos $50
IMO Theokritos Petropoulos
Mr. and Mrs. Ilias Potsis $1,000
Mr. and Mrs. Fotios Pouliopoulos $250
Thomas, Fotini & Theodora Psilekaris $250
IMO Parents Demetrios & Ourania Psilekaris
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Psychos $500
Savas Family Foundation $40,000
Mr. Irakli Savas $3,000
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Savas $1,000
IMO Fotini (Leila) Savas
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sedell $1,000
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sedell $300
Mr. Steve Siogros $100
Mr. and Mrs. Elias Smirotopoulos $250
Mr. and Mrs. George Spyropoulos $250
Mr. and Mrs. Themi Stamboulidis $250
Ms. Joanna Stellakis & Family $50
IMO Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Sedell’s 50th Wedding Anniversary
Mr. and Mrs. George Terzakis $100
IMO Nicholas Terzakis
Mr. and Mrs. George Nickandros $100
IMO Mr. and Mrs. John Nickandros and
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rose

Mrs. Sophia Terzakis $100
IMO Nicholas Terzakis
Mrs. Maria Theofilou $1,000
IMO George Theofilou
Mr. and Mrs. Terry Theofilou $100
Mr. and Mrs. William Theos $1,000
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Thompson $100
IMO Mary and Stephen Apostolos
Mr. and Mrs. Christos Tsianakas $500
IMO Parents Aristidis & Efthalia Mylonas
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Tsonis $100
Mr. and Mrs. George Yirotopoulos $200
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whowell $200
IMO Leila Savas, Nick Savas & Charlie Savas
Mr. and Mrs. James Zaros $500
Mrs. Olga Zouroulidis $100

GRAND TOTAL $136,140

To: Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church,

In celebration of our 100 year anniversary, my wife and I would like to make a donation of $25,000 to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Brockton.

As the grandson of one of the founding fathers of our church, Charles G. Fields, it gives me great pride to contribute in sustaining our church. I’m sure if my grandfather were alive today he would be thrilled to witness how the Greek community of Brockton has evolved over the passed 100 years.

Hopefully, this contribution will prompt other members of our community to help in sustaining our church.

So, in memory of our family’s deceased ancestors, and for the good health of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, my wife and I proudly make this contribution.

Michael G. Fields D.M.D.
ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, BROCKTON, MA

2016 STEWARDS YTD October 11th, 2016

Aftosmes, Mr. Michael
Aftosmes, Mrs. Anastasia
Aftosmes, Mrs. Charles
Alexiou, Mr. & Mrs. Nick
Alexis, Mr. & Mrs. George
Alexopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Christos
Alexopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
Alexopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. William
Anastasiou, Mr. & Mrs. Peter
Anastos, Mr. Nicholas
Anifantis-Ibrahim, Mrs. Stamatia
Anthony, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest
Antoniou, Mr. & Mrs. George
Antoniou, Mr. & Mrs. Irene
Antonopoulos, Mr. Vaios
Apano, Mr. & Mrs. Marcus
Argyropoulos, Mrs. Bessie
Arvanitidis, Mr. & Mrs. George
Arvanitidis, Mr. & Mrs. Satirios
Babanikas, Atty. & Mrs. Nicholas
Babanikas, Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos
Babanikas, Mrs. Ekaterina
Badavas, Mr. & Mrs. Peter
Badavas, Mr. & Mrs. Satirios
Baker, Ms. Maria
Bandis, Mr. Michael
Barbas, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
Barrus, Mr. & Mrs. Glenn
Barrus, Mr. & Mrs. Glenn
Bartorelli, Mrs. Bessie
Bellas, Mr. & Mrs. Demetrios
Bellas, Mr. & Mrs. Elias
Besarick, Mr. & Mrs. Scott
Blembas, Mr. & Mrs. James
Blembas, Mr. & Mrs. Kastas
Blembas, Mr. George
Bokas, Mr. Charles
Bosco, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Boufides, Mr. & Mrs. Nick
Boutas, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
Boutas, Mrs. Serafin
Bulgaris, Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas
Buterbaugh, Mr. & Mrs. Jon
Buterbaugh, Mrs. Niki
Capernaros, Mr. Philip
Cariofiles, Mr. & Mrs. Nick
Castle, Mrs. Cleo
Cefalo, Mr. & Mrs. Philip
Ciulla, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph
Cleary, Mrs. Elizabeth
Coderre Jr., Mr. Ferdinand
Colorusso, Mr. & Mrs. Carl
Conley, Mr. & Mrs. Scott
Constantinou, Dr. & Mrs. Chris
Constantinou, Dr. & Mrs. Dino
Costarellos, Mr. & Mrs. Satirios
Costas, Mr. & Mrs. George
Cotter, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald
Coutsoumbos, Mr. Christoph
Covett, Mr. Robert G.
Covett, Mrs. Helen S.
Covett, Ms. Katherine
Critikas, Athena
Dalkouras, Mr. & Mrs. Steven
Dalkouras, Mrs. Cleo
Davlas, Mr. Nicholas
Davos, Mr. Yiannis
Decots, Ms. Anastasia
Deeb, Paul & Elaine
Deligeorges, Mr. & Mrs. George
Demetriades, Mr. & Mrs. Evangelos
Demos McCormick, Mrs. Evangeline
Demos, Mr. & Mrs. Steven
Dinopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. John
Dinopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Tom
Duktievicz, Mr. & Mrs. Scott
Economos, Mr. Irene
Efremidis, Mr. & Mrs. Chuck
Ellard, Mrs. Anastacia
Evangelatos, Father & Mrs. Anthony
Fisher, Mrs. Jean
Fletcher, Mrs. Diane
Fallas, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony
Franakis, Ms. Artemida
Gagne, Mr. & Mrs. Robert
Gekas, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Georgeu, Mrs. Phyllis
Giannakoulis, Mr. Paul
Giannakoulis, Mrs. Pat
Giannaros, Mr. & Mrs. Nikolaos
Giannouloudis, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
Giffard, Mr. & Mrs. William
Ginis, Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios
Ginis, Mrs. Evlambia
Ginis, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
Gioulis, Mr. & Mrs. Nondas
Golas, Mrs. Nicholas
Gossman, Mrs. Zoe
Grantsiis, Mr. & Mrs. Gregory
Habib, Ms. Violet
Hanley, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Hassouris, Mr. & Mrs. James
Hassouris, Mr. Philip
Hatzinikolaou, Mr. & Mrs. Alex
Hatzinikolaou, Mr. & Mrs. Steve
Hatzis, Mrs. Anastasia
Hebshe, Mr. & Mrs. Fred
Holevas, Mrs. Helen
Howard, Mr. & Mrs. Kevin
Husser, Mr. & Mrs. Henry
Iosifidis, Mr. & Mrs. Antonios
Jaramillo, Mr. & Mrs. Sergio
Jeris, Mrs. Katherine
Joseph, Mrs. Louise
Joyce, Mrs. Katherine
Juris, Mr. & Mrs. John
Kalaitzidis, Mrs. Demetrios
Kalaitzidis, Mrs. Zoi
Kalaitzidis, Mr. & Mrs. Anestis
Kalivas, Mrs. Eftyhia
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Kampanelas, Mrs. Paris
Kanellopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Paul
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Konstantilakis, Mr. & Mrs. Paul
Kostiopoulos, Mrs. Olga
Kotopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. William
Kostiopoulos, Mr. Alexander
Kostiopoulos, Mr. Chris
Kostiopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Efthemios
Kostiopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Kostiopoulos, Mr. Nickolaos
Koundourakis, Ms. Georgia
Kushta, Mrs. Kassiane
Kyranos, Mr. & Mrs. Christos
Kyranos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Kyranos, Mr. & Mrs. John
Lainas, Mr. & Mrs. Ilia
Lainas, Mr. & Mrs. Steve
Lambrakis, Miss Theoni
Lambrakis, Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel
Lambrakis, Mr. & Mrs. James
Lapsley, Ms. Sofia
Lentos, Mrs. Maria
Liapis, Ms. Evangeline
Liappopolous, Mr. & Mrs. Sophocles
Liolios, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel
Livanis, Mr. & Mrs. Harry
Livanis, Mr. & Mrs. Harry
Lucas, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
Lupo, Mr. & Mrs. Brian
Lymberopoulos, Mrs. Eleni
Macrogianis, Mr. Emanuel
Malantantis, Ms. Eleni
Malone, Mrs. Kathy
Manos, Mr. James
Mantalos, Mr. & Mrs. James
Maranian, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald
Marathas, Mr. & Mrs. Paul
Margaritis, Mr. & Mrs. Timoleon
Mihos, Mr. & Mrs. Christy
Mihos, Mr. and Mrs. James P
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Mihos, Mrs. Marlene
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Mitchell, Dr. George
Mitoulis, Mr. & Mrs. Demetrios
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Morados, Mr. Christopher
Mroz, Mr. & Mrs. Marcin
Nanos, Mr. & Mrs. Odessis
Nasios, Mrs. Stephanie
Nicholaides, Mr. & Mrs. Harry
Nickandros, Mr. & Mrs. George
Nickolaou, Mr. James
Nikopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Charalampos
Ntakoulas, Mr. & Mrs. Ted
Ntakoulas, Mr. & Mrs. Theodore
Odierno, Mr. & Mrs. Randy
Orphanos, Mr. & Mrs. John
Palantzis, Mrs. Vasiliki
Panagopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. James
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Brockton, MA

2016 Stewards YTD October 11th, 2016

Panagopoulos, Ms. Olga
Panagopoulos, Mr. George
Panagopoulos, Mr. Panos
Panagopoulos-Veiga, Mrs. Victoria
Panadogianakis, Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos
Panadopulos, Mr. & Mrs. John
Panadopulos, Mr. & Mrs. Leon
Panadopulos, Mr. & Mrs. Peter
Panadopulos, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
Panadopulos, Mrs. Elias
Panadopulos, Mrs. Paraskevi
Panadopulos, Ms. Maria
Panastathopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
Papigiotis, Mrs. Alexandra
Pappas, Mr. George
Pappas, Mrs. Pauline
Passias, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew
Passias, Mr. & Mrs. Nikolaos
Passias, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen
Perdakis, Mrs. Liberty
Petropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Alki
Petropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Petropoulos, Ms. Georgia
Phillips, Mrs. Demetria
Piskin, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph
Pole, Mrs. Linda
Potsis, Mr. & Mrs. Ilias
Potsis, Mr. George
Potsis, Mr. George
Potsis, Mr. & Mrs. Peter
Pouloupolous, Mr. & Mrs. Fatos
Psilekaris, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
Psilekaris, Ms. Theodora
Psychos, Mr. & Mrs. Sam
Regas, Mr. Charles
Roussopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Aristotelis
Sarantopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Demetrios
Sarantou, Mr. Nikolaos
Sarris, Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas
Sarris, Mr. & Mrs. John
Savas, Mr. & Mrs. Spyros
Savas, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen
Savas, Mr. Irakli
Sayce, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Scleparis, Frances
Sedell, Mr. & Mrs. Tom
Sedell, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur
Siamantouras, Ms. Ann
Siamantouras, Mr. Evan
Sideropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios
Simolari, Mr. & Mrs. Basil
Siogros, Mr. Steve
Skenas, Mrs. Jeanette
Skordares, Mrs. Lauras
Smilliotopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Elias
Smilliotopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Spanos, Mr. Nicholas
Spillane, Mrs. Stephanie
Spyropoulos, Mr. John
Spyropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Stamboulidis, Mr. & Mrs. Themis
Stathakis, Mrs. Ann
Stavropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Stellakis, Ms. Joanna
Sullivan, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene
Syrniotis, Mr. & Mrs. Sam
Syrniotis, Ms. Vasiliki
Tasos, Mrs. Georgia
Tzirtzis, Mr. & Mrs. Eric
Terzakis, Mrs. Sophia
Terzakis, Mr. & Mrs. George
Theodasios, Mr. George
Theofilou, Mr. & Mrs. Eleftherios
Theofilou, Mrs. Maria
Theos, Mr. & Mrs. William
Thompson, Mrs. Jane
Tiliakos, Ms. Gianna
Tiliakos, Ms. Ragen
Tsarhas, Mrs. Durania
Tsarhopolous, Miss Cynthia
Tsarhopolous, Mr. & Mrs. Paul
Tsartsidis, Mr. Stelios
Tsanakas, Mr. & Mrs. Christos
Tsiantoula, Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos
Tsili, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
Tsonis, Mr. & Mrs. Philip
Tsonis, Ms. Stacey
Tsokanos, Mr. Peter
Vallas, Mr. & Mrs. Sakellarios
Vardaxis, Mr. & Mrs. Avraam
Veiga, Mrs. Christine
Vintzileos, Mr. James
Webb, Dr. Andrew & Dr. Tania Lingos-Webb

Weinberg, Mrs. Bertha
Weinberg, Ms. Merri
Westcott, Mr. & Mrs. David
Westhaver, Mr. & Mrs. Robert
Whowell, Mrs. Sarah
Yataines, Mrs. Ann
Yiopotoulos, Mr. Steven
Zachos, Mr. and Mrs. George
Zachos, Mr. & Mrs. John
Zaros, Mr. James
Zouroulidis, Mr. & Mrs. Adamandios
Zouroulidis, Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos

Save the Date for the

100th Anniversary Gala Celebration
Honoring the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Brockton, Massachusetts
Saturday, November 5, 2016
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GOYA

Happy November!

GOYANs will be running a stand after church in the next couple weeks where people can sign up to have the leaves in their yard raked. All profits from the raking will go directly to Ionian Village to assist them in rebuilding.

Our next GOYA meeting will be November 6th. New members are always welcomed!

HOPE/JOY

The next Joy/Hope gathering will be Friday November 18th from 6:30-8:00

All children Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join us in a Thanksgiving themed event.

Parents are welcome to bring refreshments.

Please RSVP to Brocktonjoyhope@gmail.com

BASKETBALL

Basketball will be starting at Hellenic College on November 5th for Jr. Joy and Joy. November 6th for the GOYA age group.

Please go to the Metropolis website and sign up ASAP. Boston.goarch.org

If anyone is interested in joining or if any parent is interested in coaching, please contact Steve Passias. This is open and fun for everyone.

TABLE OF LIFE

As we continue to celebrate our 100 Year ANNIVERSARY, The Tree of Life “Celebrating 100 YEARS 1916-2016 And Beyond” has been installed. 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. Please consider supporting this worthy project by submitting the required form. Contact the church office for more information or questions.

George Alexis
100 Year Anniversary, Chairman
ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13th, 2016
Immediately following the Divine Liturgy

AGENDA

Opening Prayer and Reflection

Secretary’s Report:
  2016 Spring General Assembly

Treasurer’s Report:
  Financials: January 1, 2016 to October 31, 2016
  2016 Food Festival
  Vote to approve proposed 2017 budget as presented
  Recap of Parking Lot Restoration Project

Fr. Anthony Evangelatos’ Remarks

President’s Remarks

Old Business:
  Playground Update
  Merger of Scholarship and other Trust accounts for professional financial management
  Strategic Planning Committee
  Storage facility build-out

New Business:
  Board of Elections Nominations
  Board of Auditors Nominations
  Discussion with Assembly as to the future needs of our Parish
  Transact on any business that comes before the Assembly

Fr. Anthony Evangelatos
Proistamenos
Nicholas H. Babanikas
President, Parish Council
The Spring General Assembly meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm.
Father Anthony offered the opening prayer.

A motion was made to nominate Nick Babanikas as Chairman of the Spring General Assembly by Jim Mihos, seconded by George Panagoulopoulos.
Motion passed.

**Secretary’s Report**

After the minutes of the Fall General Assembly 2015 were read by Ethel Savas. President Babanikas asked for any additions or corrections. A motion was then made to accept the minutes by John Papadopoulos and seconded by Heidi Mason.

All were in favor.

Heidi Mason, at this time, also added James Sarantopoulos to the Audit Committee. This was a late minute addition.

The highlights are as follow for the P&L 2015 vs 2014 Year End Report:

- Income decreased by $35,390
- Expenses increased by $34,405
- Losses increased in 2015 to $83,103 from a loss of $13,308
- Stewardship pledges paid in 2015 were $116,324 received from 334 Paid Stewards. The average Pledge paid was $348

“We are becoming more diligent in saving money in office and elsewhere. A motion was brought to the Parish Council in February, which will be commencing in June to begin an Account Consolidation Program. All accounts, including scholarship and trust, will be managed as if they were separate but will be put into one account. This motion was passed by the Parish Council and seems like a more efficient way to earn higher interest on the cash kept in this account.”

Motion to accept the Parish Council vote made by Illias Potsis and seconded by Peggy Cuilla.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Jim Mihos gave the Treasurer’s Report. A complete package of the Treasurer’s Report was distributed to all for inspection. Jim briefly reviewed the Significant Variances and Comments.

**Father Anthony’s Comments**

The stewardship insert will be forthcoming in the May bulletin and in future bulletins to inform parishioners of the financial state of the church. We need to approach with a New and fresh mindset for the next 100 years. We need to be healthy spiritually and involve ourselves in the life of our church and our children, and to instill in all the importance of the church in our lives, not only financially but spiritually also. Father Anthony thanked Philoptochos for their dedication and support in the transformation of the church interior, specifically the ceiling tiles and painting of the church. The minutes in bullet fashion, need to be inserted in the bulletin, in a timely manner, so those not in attendance can keep up to date with the matters of the church. A most Blessed Holy Week and Pascha to all.
President’s Report

President Nick Babanikas reported that many Parish Council members have come together to help out our church. In the last 100 days. The following have been accomplished:

- Heating and AC project complete
- Replaced ceiling tiles and lighting of the stage
- Painted the gym and lounge
- Have upgraded better financial systems

Bo Mihos and Joe the plumber have worked tirelessly to complete the outside plumbing project.

Tree of Life project is continuing. George Zervas, a volunteer carpenter, is going to put in the background, with some LED lighting. Volunteers have come forward to assist with the project.

Long term strategic planning committee for the future needs of the parish has been established. The seven individuals on the committee are George Alexis, William Alexopoulos, Christine Karavites, Vinny Marturano, Steven Passias, IliasPotsis, and Anthony Simonelli.

Rental of facilities to nursery/kindergarten, daycare, and the best usage of land on the church property, are some of the ideas that will be looked at by the committee.

Fixed hard costs of the church to operate for the entire year are approximately $400,000 dollars. If all of the stewards paid $1000 this would cover the church operation. The average pledge is $348 with 60 stewards in the rears from 2015.

If we cannot be self-sufficient we will have to subsidize the church in other ways. We need to make the church the center of our lives again, both financial and spiritual. We are encouraged by the progress of our church in the first 100 days.

Old Business

Roof Project Update – Steve Passias

Several roofers and consultants have come and viewed the roof. Several suggestions have been made, one of which is:

- General maintenance being able to maintain the roof for another 5-10 years for a few thousand dollars.
- Small problems can be adjusted.

The roof consulting specialist had agreed to donate his consulting fee.

We are awaiting several other analyses.

Auditors report 2015

Audit committee examined all financial records are stated the following: “The Financial Documents of the Annunciation Church for the period January 2015 to December 2015 are up to date, in order and without discrepancies.”

A recommendation to request original bank statements provided in addition to electronic reports was made.

Members of the Audit Committee were Christine Karavites, Heidi Mason, and Demetrios Sarantopoulos.

Playground update

Steve Passias- structure has been erected and used at the Food Festival last year.

$5000 was donated to remove excess rocks and stones by the Georgantas family.

Need to obtain funds to fence in the playground area and the basketball court.

Thanks to Bo Mihos for his machinery and assistance.

Parking lot and curbing

This will be the next big project down the line. Will proceed with some maintenance repairs at this point. May complete this project in stages. Steve Passias noted the state of the handicap ramps need to be addressed.
100-Year Centennial Celebration
President Nick Babinakas stated to date we have 70 leaves and 23 rocks that have been pledged and/or paid for. The amount of $87,200 is to be received from this project to date. We are optimistically projecting the $150,000 mark. Will try to solicit some individuals and business to sponsor the Tree of Life in its entirety with the installation of a dedication plaque.

On Wednesday the 20th there will be a 100-Year Celebration and Grand Banquet meeting. All are invited to attend.

Strategic Planning Committee
Already mentioned in the above minutes. The President, Vice President and treasurer of the Parish Council will also sit in with this committee. Members are in a period of service for two years.

New Business
Merger of Scholarship and church accounts. (presented with the Treasurer’s Report)
Storage facility and build out – running out of storage room. We now pay a monthly fee for the container out back. Looking to add a storage facility adjacent to the back of the building to house storage items. Bo Mihos will compare a steel vs brick structure and a feasibility analysis reporting back to the Parish in November.

Any other business before the assembly

Food festival meeting. Tuesday, May 10th @ 4:00pm
Hungry Friends event coming up with tickets up to 225. Westside caterers will do the catering. The event is a great fundraiser for the church.
GOYA yard sale during the spring food festival.

President Babanikas wished all Blessed Holy Pascha.
Motion to adjourn made by Illias Potsis and seconded by Dr. George Mitchell. Meeting ended at 2:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel Savas, Appointed Secretary for this meeting
Elections for the Parish Council will be held on **Sunday, December 4, 2016** 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 eight (8) 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 13, 2016**

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 υποψηφιότητα για το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο της Εκκλησίας μας του Ευαγγελισμού του Μπρόκτον.

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 13, 2016.**

Αιτήσεις υποβάλλονται μέχρι τη **ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 13 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ, 2016.**
August 9, 2016

Dear Parishioners:

Over the past few years your Parish Council has made you aware of significant building and grounds issues that must be addressed in order to properly maintain our Church, community center and property. We have already spent more than $200,000 to replace the lower and gymnasium roofs, replace the heating and air conditioning systems in the gym and lounge and other projects yet unfortunately we have much more work to do.

One of the bigger projects that we must undertake is the repair of the parking areas and sidewalks, which have deteriorated over the past 30 years to the point where people have been injured especially during our Festival. We cannot afford to do the entire project at once therefore we have decided to redesign and repair the front and left side parking areas and sidewalks. By concentrating on this area we will achieve the following results:

- Increase handicap parking from five (5) non-compliant spaces to 17 compliant spaces. Thirteen (13) spaces will be in the front and four (4) spaces on the left side because the current layout is not sufficient to meet the needs of our Senior parishioners.
- Add a 30 foot wide handicap ramp to the left side of the building where there is none now and make the entire front of the building totally handicap accessible instead of the current single ramp.
- Repair the sidewalks and curbing around the entire property. This will allow us to eliminate the wooden handicap ramps that we use for the food festival that have been responsible for four serious injuries to visitors to our Festival.
- Widen the entrance to the left side parking lot and increase the number of parking spaces on the left side lot to 60 spaces of which 4 will be handicap spaces.
- Remove 11 trees, all overgrown, that have damaged the walkways and irrigation system and which hide the beauty of our Church.
- Repave and reline all blacktop areas except for the main parking lot and fire lane.
- Make other improvements designed to improve the Festival operation and our profit.
- Please see the enclosed engineer's plan that shows all the improvements.

This is clearly an expense that we cannot afford to pay through our normal operating accounts so we reached out to the Savas Family, through Irakli “Rocky” Savas, who has continuously provided donations in support of our Parish. In fact, The Savas Family Trust, over the past 15 years alone, has provided more than $85,000 in donations to our operating funds. We are pleased to announce that the Savas Family Trust has agreed to match, dollar for dollar, every donation made to a special fund, The Parking Lot Restoration Fund, with up to $40,000 in a matching donation. This is the first time in our Parish’s 100 year history that anyone has offered to match donations made by every other Parishioner. While this project has been budgeted for $130,000 we recently received some good news from a roof consultant who believes that we can correct the dome roof issues for a fraction of the $125,000 that was approved by the 2015 Fall General Assembly. Therefore with anticipated donations from our Parishioners and the Savas Family Trust as well as the savings from funds approved for the Dome repairs, your
Parish Council voted unanimously to begin immediate restoration of the Church property as we have outlined in this letter.

The Parish Council extends our heartfelt gratitude to Rocky and the entire Savas Family for their very generous commitment to match Parishioner’s donations. We are hopeful that all Parishioners that have the ability to donate to The Parking Lot Restoration Fund will do so as soon as they can because we expect to have the project completed by the end of August. Please complete the form below to indicate your willingness to support this project and return it to the Church as soon as possible. Please do so knowing that your donation will become worth twice as much because of the Savas Family Trust matching donation.

God Bless,

Your Parish Council


The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
Parking Lot Restoration Project

We agree to donate to the Parking Lot Restoration Project together with a matching donation from the Savas Family Trust. We have provided the following information to process our donation.

Name

Address Street

City ZIP Code

Telephone Email

Our Donation $100____ $250____ $500____ $1,000___ $2,500___ Other____

Our Check is enclosed for the full amount. ____ (check if appropriate)

We would prefer to pay in monthly installments ____ (check if appropriate)

We would prefer to pay over two years in two equal payments ____ (check if appropriate)

If you would prefer to pay by credit card, you may call the office at 508.559.0910 to provide credit card information or use our secure payment system on our website at http://www.annunciationbrockton.org and in the Online Bill Pay section, selecting the Parking Lot Donation option.

If you wish to make your donation “In Honor Of” or “In Memory Of”, please provide the information below.

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Please mail this form back or drop it off to the Church Office as soon as possible.
REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS –
EVERY DAY!

OPERATION HOUSEWARMING BASKETS

FOR

HOMELESS VETERANS

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos with the overwhelming support and generosity of all Philoptochos chapters and parish communities at large, to date have provided more than 200 “Housewarming Baskets” to veterans transitioning to independent living. Because veteran’s needs are continuous this is an important and on-going ministry.

The items listed below represent the homeless veteran’s needs as identified by the homeless veterans in order to establish their home in the community. Items collected by your chapter/parish should be delivered to the Metropolis for distribution to the veterans (162 Goddard Ave., Brookline Ma. 02445-7414).

HOMELESS VETERANS WISH LIST – ALL NEW- NO USED ITEMS PLEASE

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NOTE: Monetary contributions or gift cards in lieu of the listed items are also welcome. The funds will be used by the Metropolis Philoptochos to purchase the items listed for the veterans. Please make checks payable to: Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.
Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos

Note: Should you have any questions or need assistance you may contact: Eleni Stamboulidis at 508-807-1828 (estamboulidis@hotmail.com) or Georgia Lagadinos at 617-734-1994 (gmel11@aol.com)
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