Monthly Bulletin

FEBRUARY 2017

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Beloved in Christ,

As we enter the month of February which is right in the middle of the winter season, our spiritual focus now turns to spring, the season of Holy Pascha. Orthodox Christians around the world look forward to this time of year. Each February at some point, the Orthodox Church commences the Triodion period with three preparatory weeks that introduce to us the major themes of Great Lent. In fact, the very first pointer toward the Lenten period is the Sunday of Zacchaeus which usually occurs one week prior to the first Sunday of the Triodion, the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee. The key term here is preparation, because Great Lent is not something we should just “stumble into,” but rather, a holy period for which we have prepared ourselves spiritually, and even physically through the gradual introduction into the stricter Lenten fasting. A cliché expression very much applies here: What we put into Great Lent is what we will get out.

How then does one prepare for Great Lent? Well hopefully we were present on the Sunday of Zacchaeus, 1/22, to hear that short yet moving gospel lesson (Lk 19:1-10). The story of Zacchaeus the tax collector is one of earnest desire to see Christ, as well as a repentant heart moved by Christ’s teachings. We today can only “see” Christ with the eyes of the soul through a life of prayer, good works, participation in the sacramental life of the Church, and so forth. During Great Lent these things should be in the forefront of our lives, to which we add a regimen of fasting to aid us toward establishing a contrite and repentant heart within us.

It also happens this year that the reading of the gospel passage of the Canaanite woman will occur the Sunday after Zacchaeus (Mt 15:21-28). In this passage we see a woman of great faith in Christ, who in her humility even endures being tested through His initial ignoring of her plea to cure her daughter. We too must prayerfully search for deep faith and humbleness of heart, in order to call upon the Lord for His assistance during Great Lent and every day of our lives.

As we know, the themes of humility and repentance will continue through the first two Sundays of the Triodion as well as during Great Lent. We also prepare ourselves for Lent through the gospel lesson of Judgment, or Meatfare Sunday, by being reminded of doing charitable works toward our fellow human beings, for this is what God expects from us. The last Sunday just before Lent begins is that of Forgiveness, or Cheese-fare Sunday. We are reminded that day through the gospel, of the importance of forgiving our brothers and sisters in Christ in order that we may be forgiven by God. In addition, we are taught to not be hypocritical in our Lenten fasting since it is a private practice between God and us, and not for the eyes of others.

As you can see, our preparation for Great Lent basically consists of a change of heart and mind; and for this change to occur, we must possess desire, humility, and renewed faith. Our daily prayer life is absolutely necessary in order to achieve these goals, as well as regular participation in the liturgical life of the Church.

The week just prior to Lent also aids us in preparing both spiritually and physically, by easing us into the strictness of the coming Fast. As you will see in the fasting guidelines in this bulletin edition, after Judgment (Meatfare) Sunday we continue eating eggs, dairy, and fish for the entire week, which conditions our bodies to adjust to eating meatless during Lent. The self-control that we will gain through our personal regimen of fasting will aid in softening and humbling our hearts, so that we may allow God’s grace to work more effectively within us.

Beloved in Christ, hopefully these thoughts I’ve shared will bring about a sense of anticipation and preparation for the coming Great Lent. The more seriously we prepare for Lent and the more deeply we participate in it, the more joyous will be our celebration of Holy Pascha. And beyond that, let us remember that the true fruit of a meaningful Lenten period is spiritual renewal, which we pray will be part of our daily lives going forward. A blessed Triodion to all!

In Christ’s love,

+Fr. Anthony
FROM FATHER ANTHONY

SPIRITUAL WISDOM
(The following is taken from the Philokalia, a classic collection of spiritual writings of various Holy Fathers of the Church.)

St. Theodoros the Great Ascetic
When we keep Christ’s commandments we do not benefit Him in any way, since He is in need of nothing and is the bestower of every blessing. It is ourselves that we benefit, since we win for ourselves eternal life and the enjoyment of ineffable blessings.

The Fathers define prayer as a spiritual weapon. Unless we are armed with it we cannot engage in warfare, but are carried off as prisoners to the enemy’s country. Nor can we acquire pure prayer unless we cleave to God with an upright heart. For it is God who gives prayer to him who prays and who teaches man spiritual knowledge.

St. Maximos the Confessor
If everything that exists was made by God and for God, and God is superior to the things made by Him, he who abandons what is superior and devotes himself to what is inferior shows that he values things made by God more than God Himself.

We carry about with us impassioned images of the things we have experienced. If we can overcome these images we shall be indifferent to the things which they represent. For fighting against the thoughts of things is much harder than fighting against the things themselves, just as to sin in the mind is easier than to sin through outward action.

St. Thalassios the Libyan
An all-embracing and intense longing for God binds those who experience it, both to God and to one another.

He who conceals his hypocrisy beneath feigned love blesses with his mouth but curses inwardly.

Stillness, prayer, love and self-control are a four-horsed chariot bearing the intellect to heaven.

Patently endure the distressing and painful things that befall you, for through them God in His providence is purifying you.

Yoke the powers of the soul to the virtues and they will be freed from the tyranny of the passions.

Do not trust a thought that would judge your neighbor; for it is the man who is a storehouse of evil that thinks evil thoughts.

TRIODION BEGINS 2/5
Beloved in Christ, the Triodion period begins this year on Sunday, 2/5, the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee. As you well know, the Triodion period covers the three preparatory weeks just prior to Great Lent, the six weeks of Lent, and Holy Week. We offer the following traditional fasting guidelines for the three preparatory weeks before Great Lent.

- **1st Week, 2/5–2/11:** No fasting all week; all foods permitted daily
- **2nd Week, 2/12–2/18:** Normal Wednesday & Friday fast
- **3rd Week, 2/19–2/25:** Meatfare Sunday, 2/19 – last day for meat until Pascha; remainder of week – dairy products & eggs permitted daily through Cheesefare Sunday, 2/26

**Note:** Many sources state that fish is also permitted daily during Cheesefare Week

**First Two Days of Great Lent, 2/27 & 2/28:** Strict fast from all animal products including fish, all alcoholic beverages, and olive oil

**Note:** Further guidelines and clarification for Great Lent will be included in the March bulletin edition.

LENTEN SUPPERS
This Lent we will continue our tradition of Lenten suppers following each Wednesday evening’s Presanctified Liturgy, which includes a short video presentation during the supper. Traditionally the Youth Ministry Team has hosted the first supper, which this year will be on Wednesday, 3/1. We invite our other parish ministries to again host one of the available suppers, which needs to be coordinated through the church office.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS DURING LENT
For planning purposes, we would like to make the following annual request regarding the first week of Great Lent, 2/27-3/4, as well as for the remainder of the Fast. **Because of the solemnity of the first week of Lent, there should be no meetings or activities during the day or evening, especially since there will be daily services.** For the remaining weeks of Great Lent, we ask that there be no meetings or activities on Monday and Wednesday evenings, or on Friday mornings and evenings due to Lenten services. On either Tuesdays or Thursdays, parish ministries should be able to accommodate their needs. Everyone’s cooperation with this request is greatly appreciated. May you all have a most blessed Lenten journey, and we hope to see as many of you as possible at our various Lenten services!
FROM FATHER ANTHONY

GIFT OF HAND WRITTEN ICON OF CHRIST

We have been blessed with a gift of an original hand-written (i.e. hand-painted) icon, produced by the hand of Evangelos Manoukas of Thessaloniki, Greece. Mr. Manoukas is an acquaintance of James Theos. Earlier this year Evangelos informed James that he would like to gift an icon of Christ to our holy temple, for which we are very grateful. The icon is permanently enthroned on the right-side proskinitari (icon stand) by the red vigil lights. This particular icon is that of Christ “ο Φωτοδώτις” – the Giver of Light, and is a most exquisite rendition of the Lord.

Special Request: Since this is an original painted icon with true gold leaf background, we kindly request that those wearing lipstick or lip balm refrain from kissing the icon. Instead, crossing oneself, making a slight bow, and touching the icon by hand would be alternatively appropriate. Please know that the value of this icon is close to $1,000, so we would not want to see it damaged in any way. Thanks to all for your anticipated cooperation!

PARISHIONERS IN HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, OR HOME-BOUND

As I mentioned in the fall general assembly, it is imperative that families inform me of their relatives who are hospitalized or in nursing homes, as well as those who are home-bound due to illness. Federal regulations do not permit non-family members to receive any information on registered patients of medical facilities. Unless I’m informed of such cases, I will not have the opportunity to visit ill parishioners. Please also know that hospitals will not call me unless directed to do so by the patient or family. There have been cases when parishioners have passed away without me having had a chance to minister to them. Sadly, families will tell me that “they didn’t want to bother me!!” My brothers and sisters in Christ, I am here to minister to the needs of the flock, so please keep me informed when necessary.

2017 Floral Needs

Following is a list for the decoration of icons on 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. The various items needed for Holy Week will be listed in the March bulletin, since prices still need to be determined.

Feasts of Christ & the Theotokos($60)

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Great Lent

Salutations to the Theotokos – 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th Friday $50 each

Veneration of the Holy Cross – 3/19
(approx. 400 stems, price to be determined)

We thank all our donors in advance, and ask God’s blessings upon them. Please note that as usual, donors will be acknowledged in the bulletin at the appropriate time.
Εορτή Άγιου Βασιλείου και Νέου Έτους

Πρός τούς Σεβασμιωτάτους και Θεοφιλεστάτους Αρχιεπίσκοπος, τούς Επίσκοπους Ισραήλ και Διακόνους, τούς Μοναχούς και Μοναχές, τούς Προεδρούς και Μέλη των Συμβουλίων των Ελληνορθόδοξων Κοινοτήτων, τούς Διακεκριμένους Αρχόντων του Θιεομονοικού Πατριαρχείου, τά Ημερήσια και Απογευματινά Σχολεία, τις Φιλοτικές Αδελφότητες, την Νεολαία, τις Ελληνορθόδοξες Οργανώσεις και ολόκληρο το Χριστιανόν πλήρωμα τῆς Ιερᾶς Αρχιεπισκοπῆς Αμερικῆς.

Προσφιλείς Αδελφοί και Αδελφές ἐν Χριστῷ,

Καθὼς καλουσώμεθα τὸ νέο ἔτος τὴν ἡμέρα τῆς Εορτῆς τοῦ Ἁγίου Βασιλείου, άντλομε δύναμιν καὶ έμπνευσία ἀπὸ τὶς ἐνέργειες τοῦ Θεοῦ κατὰ τὸ ἔτος 2016. Μία ἐκ τῶν πολλῶν εὐλογίων ἤτοι καὶ ἡ 43η Κηρυκολακική Συνέλευσις τῆς Ιερᾶς Αρχιεπισκοπῆς μας, ὡς ὑπακοή χώρα στὴν πόλη Nashville, Tennessee. Τὸ θέμα τῆς Συνελεύσεως ἦτο: «Εἴσθη ή Φωνὴ τοῦ Χριστοῦ σὲ Ἐναν Μεταβαλλόμενον Κόσμο», θέμα στὸ ὑπὸ συνεχίζουμε νὰ εὐθύχουμε τὴν προσοχὴ μας καθὼς προγραμματίζουμε τὴ διακονία καὶ τὶς υπηρεσίες μας γιὰ τὸ ἐπαργύρωμα ἔτος 2017.

Τὸ εορτάσμα τοῦ Ἁγίου Βασιλείου τοῦ Μεγάλου τὴν ἡμέρα αὐτὴ μᾶς προσφέρει ἕνα παράδειγμα ἁγίωτος, ἡσιασίας καὶ υπηρεσίας τὸ ὑπὸ συμπεριλαμβάνεται στὸ θέμα αὐτὸ. Ἀπὸ τὸν τρόπο τῆς ζωῆς του, ζωῆς προσευχῆς καὶ βαθιὰς πίστεως καὶ πνευματικῆς ἐπιγνώσεως, παρακολουθούμε ἕναν άνθρωπο ὃς οὔτοι γνώριζε τὸν Χριστό καὶ ζούσε μὲ τὴν παροικία Του. Διὰ τῶν κηρυγμάτων του, τῶν θεολογικῶν διατριβῶν του καὶ τῆς ποιμαντικῆς διακονίας του, ἔθετε φωνὴ τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἐγένετο σὲ ἐποχή ὃ ὑποκείμενον ἀπὸ θεολογικῆς ἀνταρρύθμισες καὶ μεταβατικῶν στάδιων σχετικὰ μὲ τὸν Χριστιανισμὸ καὶ τὴν Ἐκκλησία. Πολλοὶ ἄνθρωποι ἀντιμετώπισαν σημαντικοὶ συνέθεται και πνευματικοὶ ἀνάγκες. Ἡ σειρὰ αὐτῆς τῆς περιόδου προκύπτει καὶ ἀλληλίγητο, ὁ Μέγας Βασιλείος προσφέρει σφάλμα, παραβάσεις καὶ καθοδήγησις μὲ τὴν χάρη τοῦ Θεοῦ.

Ἀκολουθοῦντας τὴν μετριοτικὴν τοῦ Ἁγίου Βασιλείου καὶ πολλὰ τῶν ἔτων Πατέρων τῆς Ἐκκλησίας οἱ οποίοι ἐνάσχορον τῇ φωνῇ τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἀποστελλόμεθα ἀπὸ τὸν Κύριο στὸν κόσμο καὶ μέσα στὸ νέο ἔτος γιὰ νὰ διαδώσουμε τὸ Εὐαγγέλιο τῆς πίστεως καὶ ἀγάπης, νὰ φέρουμε παραγοντικὰ καὶ θεατρικὰ μὲ τὴν χάρη τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ νὰ βοηθήσουμε ἄλλους νὰ γνωρίσουν τὸν Χριστό καὶ τὶς εὐλογίες Του, δηλαδὴ εἰρήνη καὶ ζωή.

Ο Χριστός μᾶς ἀποστέλλει μὲ σκοπὸ νὰ εἴμασθα ἡ φωνὴ Του σὲ ἐναν κόσμο ὃ ὑποκείμενος νὰ μεταβάλλεται. Στὴν ἀρχὴ ἐκαύσων ἡμερολογικοῦ ἄλλο παντοδεικνύουμε αὐτὴ τὴν ραγδαία ἀλληλίγητο καθὼς ἀναλογισμόθηκα τὰ γεγονότα τῶν τελευταίων διδάσκον Μηνίων. Καλοῦμεθα ὡς Ὀρθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί, μέλη τῆς Ιερᾶς Αρχιεπισκοπῆς, νὰ ἀντιμετωπίσουμε αὐτὴ τὴν ἀλληλίγητο μὲ χάρη καὶ άλλησις. Καὶ αὐτὸ πράττουμε προσήλωμενι στὴ διαχρονικὴ ἀποστολὴ τῶν ἁγίων θαύματος τοῦ Θεοῦ νὰ βιώνων καὶ ἄλλησις τὸ Ἐυαγγέλιο. Ἡ ἐπίσης ἐπίσης πράττουμε ὅπως γίνεται φανερὸ αὐτὸς ἐποχῆς καὶ ἀλληλεγγυής. Καὶ τὴν ἐκπαραθέσεις καὶ μεταβατικὰ στάδια σχεδόν ἅπασα ἐν τὸν Χριστιανισμὸ καὶ τὴν Ἐκκλησία. Αὐτὸ ἐπίσης πράττουμε ἐν τῷ θέμα τῆς σεμιναρίων τῆς ἐν οἰκονομίας ἡς τῆς Ἱερᾶς Ἐκκλησίας, οὐδὲ τοὺς ἄνθρωπους, τὰς εἰρήνης, ἂν ἄνθρωποι γύρω μας νὰ βροῦν τὴν ἐν Χριστῷ ζωὴ καὶ εἰρήνη.

Μέ πατρικὴ ἐν Χριστῷ ἀγάπη,
† ὁ Αρχιεπίσκοπος Αμερικῆς Δημήτριος
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#### CHRISTMAS OFFERING

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#### BASKETBALL DONATIONS

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## 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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<td>Have A Heart Luncheon</td>
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<td>Lenten Luncheon</td>
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<td>Annunciation Vespers &amp; Reception</td>
<td>Friday, March 24th</td>
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<td>Greek School Independence Day Program</td>
<td>Saturday, March 25th</td>
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<td>Parish Council Elections</td>
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<td>Election of Officers and Oath of Office</td>
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<td>Sunday School Christmas Pageant</td>
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## SACRAMENTS

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<td>December 18th</td>
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<td>Eric Terzis</td>
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May their memory be eternal

## SERVICE CANCELLATIONS

For those of you who are not on the church’s listserv to receive automatic e-mail announcements, please remember that you can check for service cancellations using the church’s voicemail system.

**If you call outside of office hours, please listen to the menu and select #5 for the listing of church services for the current week. This message will always be updated regarding cancellations.**

Please note that a decision may not be made until late afternoon for an evening service, or early morning for a morning service, so please double-check before preparing to leave for church.
Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Father Anthony, and the Parish Council, I would like to wish you and your families a healthy and joyous New Year!

May one of our New Year's resolutions be to keep the Church, our Orthodox faith, and Greek heritage in the center of our family lives.

As you know, last month 185 individuals gathered together in our community center to ring in the New Year. We celebrated both a past and future milestone year by concluding the first 100 years of our church's existence and began the journey towards the next 100 years.

Congratulations to Ilias Potsis, chairman of the New Year's Eve Dance, all the committee members and the numerous donors that made this evening such a memorable and huge success.

I am pleased to inform you that just in the past month, many members of our Parish are volunteering their time and talents doing various necessary tasks around the church. Also, all of our church ministries as well as church committees are hard at work, conducting meetings and outlining their desired goals for the upcoming year.

As you may have noticed, this year's Stewardship pledge card has an additional category for donations. It's titled Maintenance Reserve. All proceeds gathered for this account will be strictly applied. Our goal is to build up this account in order to be able to pay for the needed ongoing improvements that our 30-year-old church building requires.

A special heartfelt Thank You to Dr. George Mitchell, for his $5,000.00 donation to our Maintenance reserve account. This will help tremendously when we begin the painting of the inside of the church proper.

A few upcoming events that we look forward to seeing everyone attend are as follows:

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017**

*Have A Heart Luncheon*

Please come and support this wonderful event where our children raise proceeds for this important philanthropic cause.

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017**

*Stewardship Sunday*

Join us for a complimentary luncheon where we can come together in Christian fellowship and enjoy each other's company as we discuss our Parish's Financial Challenges.

In order for the Parish Council to properly prepare for this luncheon, we ask that you kindly call the church office to reserve your seat no later than **Monday February 13, 2017**.

"The beginning is the most important part of the work."

- Plato

Respectfully yours,

Nicholas H. Babanikas
Parish Council President

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

February 16th* Thursday
March 14th
April 18th
May 9th
June 13th
July 11th
August (No meeting)
September 12th
October 10th
November 14th
December 12th
ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, BROCKTON, MA

2016 STEWARDS YTD January 10th, 2017

Aftosmes, Mr. Michael
Aftosmes, Mrs. Anastasia
Aftosmes, Mrs. Charles
Alexiou, Mr. Alex
Alexiou, Mr. & Mrs. Nick
Alexis, Mr. & Mrs. George
Alexopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Christos
Alexopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
Alexopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. William
Anastasiou, Mr. & Mrs. Peter
Anastas, Mr. Nicholas
Anifantis-Ibrahim, Mrs. Stamatia
Anthony, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest
Antoniou, Mr. & Mrs. George
Antoniou, Mrs. Irene
Antonopoulos, Mr. Vaios
Aponte, Mr. & Mrs. Marcus
Apostolopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Theodore
Argyropoulos, Mrs. Bessie
Arvanitidis, Mr. & Mrs. George
Arvanitidis, Mr. & Mrs. Sothias
Babanikas, Atty. & Mrs. Nicholas
Babanikas, Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos
Babanikas, Mrs. Ekaterina
Badavas, Mr. & Mrs. Peter
Badavas, Mr. & Mrs. Servas
Badavas, Mr. Vasilios
Baker, Mrs. 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
Bellas, Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos
Bellas, Mr. & Mrs. Peter
Besarick, Mr. & Mrs. Scott
Bloumbas, Mr. & Mrs. James
Bloumbas, Mr. & Mrs. Kostas
Bloumbas, Mr. George
Bokas, Mr. Charles
Bosco, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Boufides, Mr. & Mrs. Nick
Boutas, Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos
Boutas, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
Boutas, Mrs. Serafim
Bulgari, Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas
Buterbaugh, Mr. & Mrs. Jon
Buterbaugh, Mrs. Niki
Calogrias, Miss Stephanie
Calogrias, Mr. & Mrs. Tony
Campbell, Mr. & Mrs. Richard
Capanaros, Mr. Philip
Cariofiles, Mr. & Mrs. Demetra
Cariofiles, Mr. & Mrs. Nick
Castle, Mrs. Cleo
Cefalo, Mr. & Mrs. Philip
Ciulla, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph
Cleary, Mrs. Elizabeth
Coderre Jr., Mr. Ferdinand
Colarusso, Mr. & Mrs. Carl
Conley, Mr. & Mrs. Scott
Constantinou, Dr. & Mrs. Chris
Constantinou, Dr. & Mrs. Dino
Costarellos, Mr. & Mrs. Sothias
Costas, Mr. & Mrs. George
Cotter, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald
Coutsosmouls, Mr. & Mrs. Chris
Coutsosmouls Beal, Mr. Christopher
Covett, Mr. Robert G.
Covett, Mrs. Helen S.
Covett, Ms. Katherine
Critikos, Athena
Dalkouras, Mr. & Mrs. Steven
Dalkouras, Mrs. Cleo
Davlas, Mr. Nicholas
Davos, Mr. Yiannis
DeBaggis, Mr. & Mrs. Romolo
Decatis, Ms. Anastasia
Deeb, Paul & Elaine
Deligeorge, Mr. & Mrs. George
Demetriades, Mr. & Mrs. Evangelos
Demos McCormick, Mrs. Evangeline
Demos, Mr. & Mrs. Steven
Dinopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. John
Dinopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Tom
Dutkewicz, Mr. & Mrs. Scott
Economos, Ms. Irene
Economos, Ms. Rhoda
Efremidis, Mr. & Mrs. Chuck
ElGhad, Mr. & Mrs. Mafatih
Ellard, Mrs. Anastacia
Eonas, Att. & Mrs. Anthony
Eonas, Mr. & Mrs. George
Eonas, Mr. & Mrs. Russell
Evanilatos, Father & Mrs. Anthony
Fabian, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald
Fisher, Mrs. Jean
Fletcher, Mrs. Diane
Follos, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony
Frangakis, Ms. Artemida
Gagne, Mr. & Mrs. Robert
Gekas, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Georgantas, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur
Georgeu, Ms. Linda
Georgeu, Mrs. Phyllis
Giannokus, Mr. Paul
Giannokus, Mrs. Pat
Giannaras, Mr. & Mrs. Nikolaos
Giannaras, Mrs. Tulla
Giannoulous, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
Gifford, Mr. & Mrs. William
Ginis, Mr. & Mrs. Dimitris
Ginis, Mrs. Evlamia
Ginis, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
Gioulis, Mr. & Mrs. Nonas
Githoi, Mr. & Mrs. Machano
Golas, Mrs. Nicholas
Gossman, Mrs. Zoe
Grantsis, Mr. & Mrs. Gregory
Habib, Ms. Violet
Hanley, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Hasouris, Mr. & Mrs. James
Hasouris, Mr. Phillip
Hatsiopolous, Mr. & Mrs. Taso
Hatzinikolaou, Mr. & Mrs. Alex
Hatzinikolaou, Mr. & Mrs. Steve
Hatzis, Mrs. Anastasia
Hebshe, Mr. & Mrs. Fred
Holevas, Mrs. Helen
Howard, Mr. & Mrs. Kevin
Huser, Mr. & Mrs. Henry
Inganti, Mr. & Mrs. Steven
Iosiidis, 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. Zai
Kalaitzidis, Mr. & Mrs. Anestis
Kalivas, Mrs. Efthia
Kallianidis, Mr. Milton
Kallis, Mrs. Nikoletta
Kampanelas, Mrs. Paris
Kanellopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Paul
Kanevski, Mrs. Daphne
Karalolios, Mr. & Mrs. Anestias
Karalolios, Mrs. Vasiliki
Karavites, Mr. & Mrs. Peter
Kareolemes, Ms. Liz
Kazis, Mrs. Penny
Kearns, Mr. & Mrs. Mark
Kiramas, Fr. & Presb. John
Kolentsas, Mr. & Mrs. Chris
Kolentsas, Mr. & Mrs. John
Kolentsas, Mr. Peter
Koloktonos, Mrs. Vasiliki
Konstatilakis, Mr. & Mrs. Paul
Korbas, Mr. & Mrs. Tom
Kostopoulos, Mrs. Olga
Kotopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. William
Kotsiopoulos, Mr. Alexander
Kotsiopoulos, Mr. Chris
Kotsiopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Efthemios
Kotsiopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Kotsiopoulos, Mr. Nickolaos
Koundrorakos, Ms. Georgia
Krikis, Mrs. Virginia
Kusha, Mrs. Kassiane
Kyranos, Mr. & Mrs. Christos
Kyranos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Kyranos, Mr. & Mrs. John
Kyriakides, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
Lainas, Mr. & Mrs. Ilias
Lainas, Mr. & Mrs. Steve
Lambrakis, Miss Theani
Lambrakis, Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel
Lambrakis, Mr. & Mrs. James
Lapsley, Ms. Sofia
Lentos, Mrs. Maria
Liapis, Ms. Evangeline
Liapopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Sophocles
Liapopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Theodore
Liolios, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel
Liontos, Mr. Sotirios
Livanis, Mr. & Mrs. Harry
Lucas, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
Lupo, Mr. & Mrs. Brian
Lymberopoulos, Mrs. Eleni
Macgregonis, Mr. Emanuel
Malatantis, Ms. Eleni
Malone, Mrs. Kathy
Manos, Mr. James
Manos, Mr. & Mrs. Sarantos
Mantalos, Mr. & Mrs. James
Maranian, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald
Marathas, Mr. & Mrs. Paul
Marchion, Ms. Evaggelia
Margaritis, Mr. & Mrs. Timoleon
Mason, Ms. Heidi
Mihos, Mr. & Mrs. Christy
Mihos, Mr. and Mrs. James P
Mihos, Mr. Peter Gregory
Mihos, Mrs. Marlene
Mihos, Peter James
Mitchell, Dr. George
Mitoulis, Mr. & Mrs. Demetrios
Mitoulis, Mr. & Mrs. Harry
Mrosas, Mr. Christopher
Mroz, Mr. & Mrs. Marcin
Nanos, Mr. & Mrs. Odesses
Nasiopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Peter
Nasios, Mrs. Stephanie
Nenopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. John
Nicholaides, Mr. & Mrs. Harry
Nickandros, Mr. & Mrs. George
Nikolakakos, Mrs. Despina
Nickolaow, Mr. James
Nikopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Charalampos
Ntakoula, Mr. & Mrs. Theodore
Odiero, Mr. & Mrs. Randy
Orphanos, Mr. & Mrs. John
Palantzas, Mr. & Mrs. Nick
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Panagopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. James
Panagopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Ioana
Panagopoulos, Mr. George
Panagopoulos, Mr. Panos
Panagopoulos-Verta, Mrs. Victoria
Padagiganakis, Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos
Padapopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. John
Padapopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Leon
Padapopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Peter
Padapopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
Padapopoulos, Mrs. Elias
Padapopoulos, Mrs. Paraskevi
Padapopoulos, Dr. Andrea
Padapopoulos, Ms. Maria
Papastathopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
Papigiotis, Mrs. Alexandra
Papapapous, Mr. George
Pappas, Mr. Pauline
Passias, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew
Passias, Mr. & Mrs. Nikolaos
Passias, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen
Pavlidis, Mr. & Mrs. Nikolaos
Perdikis, Mrs. Liberty
Petropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Alkis
Petropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Petnopoulos, Ms. Georgia
Phillips, Mrs. Demetria
Pishkin, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph
Potsis, Mr. & Mrs. Ilia
Potsis, Mr. George
Potsis, Mr. & Mrs. Peter
Poulakopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Fotios
Poulos, Ms. Anastasia
Psilekaris, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
Psilekaris, Ms. Theodora
Psychas, Mr. & Mrs. Sam
Regas, Mr. Charles
Roussopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Aristotelis
Sakellaris Poole, Mrs. Linda
Sarantopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Demetrios
Saranou, Mr. Nikolaos
Sarris, Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas
Sarris, Mr. & Mrs. John
Savas, Mr. & Mrs. Spyros
Savas, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen
Savas, Mr. Irakli
Saye, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Scappaticci, Dr. & Mrs. Albert
Scleparis, Frances
Sedell, Mr. & Mrs. Tom
Sedell, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur
Siamantouras, Ms. Ann
Siamantouras, Mr. Evan
Sideropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios
Simolaris, Mr. & Mrs. Vasile
Simelos, Mr. Steve
Skenas, Mrs. Jeanette
Skordales, Mrs. Laura
Smiliotopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Elias
Smiliotopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Spanos, Mr. Nicholas
Spyropanos, Mrs. John
Spyropanos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Stamboulis, Mr. & Mrs. Themi
Stathakis, Mr. & Mrs. Paul
Stavrakopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Stellakis, Ms. Joanna
Sullivan, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene
Syniatis, Mr. & Mrs. Sam
Syniatis, Ms. Vasiliki
Targontsidi, Mrs. Helen
Targontsidi Jain, Mrs. Sonia
Tasho, Mrs. Georgia
Terzis, Mr. & Mrs. Eric
Terzakis, Mrs. Sopia
Terzakis, Mr. & Mrs. George
Theodosiou, 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
Tsaropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Paul
Tsartsidis, Mr. Stelios
Tsiakas, Mr. & Mrs. Christos
Tsiatoulas, Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos
Tsili, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
Tsionis, Mr. & Mrs. Philip
Tsionis, Ms. Stacey
Tsitsos, Ms. Anna
Tsokanis, Mr. Peter
Twomey, Mrs. Thelma
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
Yiakos, Mrs. Elizabeth
Yiotopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Yiotopoulos, Mr. Steven
Zachos, Mr. and Mrs. George
Zachos, Mr. & Mrs. John
Zaros, Mr. James
Zouroulidis, Mr. & Mrs. Adamandios
Zouroulidis, Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos

Alexiou, Mr. & Mrs. Nick
Anastos, Mr. Nicholas
Anifantis-Ibrahim, Mrs. Stamati
Babanikas, Atty. & Mrs. Nicholas
Bartorelli, Mrs. Bessie
Bellas, Mr. & Mrs. Elias
Besarick, Mr. & Mrs. Scott
Bloumbas, Mr. & Mrs. Kostas
Buterbaugh, Mr. & Mrs. Jon
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Evangelatos, Father & Mrs. Anthony
Fisher, Mrs. Jean
Gagne, Mr. & Mrs. Robert
Georgantas, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur
Georgeu, Mrs. Phyllis
Holevas, Mrs. Helen
Kearns, Mr. & Mrs. Mark
Lapsley, Ms. Sofia
Mitchell, Dr. George
Morosas, Mr. Christopher
Mroz, Mr. & Mrs. Marcin
Nenopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. John
Ntakoulas, Mr. & Mrs. Theodore
Odierno, Mr. & Mrs. Randy
Papadopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
Passias, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen
Pishkin, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph
Savas, Mr. Irakli
Savas, Mr. & Mrs. Spyros
Savas, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen
Spyropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Syrniotis, Mr. & Mrs. Sam
Theofilou, Mr. & Mrs. Eleftherios
Thompson, Mrs. Jane
Tiliakos, Ms. Gianna
Tiliakos, Ms. Ragen
Vintziles, Mr. & Mrs. James
Yataines, Mrs. Ann
Yiotopoulos, Mr. Steven
MEMBERSHIP

We would like to wish everyone
A Happy and Healthy New Year!

MEETING

Please join us on
February 7th, 2017
Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Pot Luck Supper Meeting

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

KOLIVA

If you are planning a memorial service and would like
to order koliva, please contact the Church office
at least one week in advance
The cost is $100—please make checks out to the
Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos Society

COFFEE HOUR

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

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 7 - Philoptochos Meeting
Wednesday, March 29 - Lenten Supper
Tuesday, April 4 - Philoptochos Meeting
Sunday, April 9 - Easter Bake-Sale
Tuesday, May 2 - Meeting and Elections

Everyone should be very proud of the contributions
that they make to Philoptochos:
Our organization for the past 80 years
has been the right hand of the church and the poor.

Thank You to all—for all that you do.

As the proud supporters of the Tree of Life;
Philoptochos will be represented with a dove
on the fabulous wall of our past, present and future.
At our February meeting, we will be deciding on the Dove’s inscription
which will represent our organization. Please feel free to bring your suggestions.
YOUTH NEWS

GREEK SCHOOL

To Σάββατο, στις 17 Δεκεμβρίου οι Μαθητές του Ελληνικού Σχολείου παρουσίασαν ένα θαυμάσιο πρόγραμμα για τη γιορτή των Χριστουγέννων. Συγχαρητήρια και πολλές Ευχαριστίες σε όλα τα παιδιά αλλά και στις οικογένειές τους, για την υποστήριξή τους σε αυτή την πανέμορφη εκδήλωσή!!

On Saturday, December 17th, the Greek School students participated in the program for the celebration of Christmas. The program was presented in the Community Center of our Church. Congratulations and many thanks to all the students and their families who supported this beautiful event!!

GOYA

Happy New Year GOYANS! Χρόνια πολλά!

We are looking forward to another service filled, and fun year together!

Our senior members are busy with college applications. In fact, many of us have been accepted into some schools:

Chris Constantinou has been accepted to Boston University
Sophia Terzakis has been accepted to Lesley college and Suffolk
Thomas Maranian has been accepted to Suffolk, UMass Boston, and Stonehill

We are looking for service opportunities to kick off the new year with! If you have any suggestions, please bring them to our meeting on February 5.

From the Sunday School Committee:

Fellow Parishioners, the Sunday School Committee along with several teachers, met with Father Anthony last month to discuss improvements to our Sunday School program. Fifth grade and higher grades will be allotted until 12:10 dismissal allowing the respective teachers more time to fulfill the curriculum. K-4th Grade classes can continue to dismiss at noon, but teachers will have the choice to keep their students a few minutes longer if necessary to complete their lessons. We ask that parents use the main church entrance attending the liturgy service with their children until it is time for them to go to their classes. Other items of discussion include the successful implementation of our prayer activator, with student write up reflections taking place at the beginning of class, and the Oratorical contest taking place in March. We wish to thank everyone who was able to make a toy donation for our Christmas drive. We wish you well.
November 23, 2016

His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston
162 Goddard Avenue
Brookline, MA 2445

Re: 2017-2018 John C. Kulis Charitable Foundation Scholarship Programs

Greetings Your Eminence,

The John C. Kulis Charitable Foundation, ("Kulis Foundation"), is excited to announce the availability of scholarships for the 2017-2018 academic year. Last year the Kulis Foundation provided over $400,000 in scholarship funds to students. The Kulis Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation organized, in part, to support educational scholarships for members of the Eastern Orthodox faith and the Hellenic community. Please visit our website, www.kulisfoundation.org, to view the eligibility requirements for our scholarship programs and to download the application.

The following scholarship programs are available:

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Prayer is the flight of the heart toward God
-Alexander Men

New Orthodox Christian ebook website

A Faith Encouraged
A Devotional Guide to Being Orthodox on Purpose

Father Barnabas Powell offers reflections for every work day to inspire believers to live with faith in the “real” world.

www.orthodoxchristianbooks.com

The Music Stand
A blog on Eastern Orthodox Church music

“...Liturgical music in American parishes is currently collapsing, and further, that if we fail to take measures to address the collapse, both locally and collectively, we will shortly face the very real prospect of a majority of parishes in which it is simply not feasible to maintain even a mediocre standard of singing.”

Notes on Music, Liturgy, and the Sacrifice of Praise
By composer, musician and teacher Benedict Sheehan

blogs.ancientfaith.com/musicstand/musical-culture-in-crisis

Interested in starting your own blog? A Writing and Podcasting conference will be held on June 15-17, 2017 in Ligonier, PA. Offers workshops on writing and podcasting, and guest speakers.

www.ancientfaith.com

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Email us, annunciation.bookstore@gmail.com
Or call the office at 508-559-0910

In the Narthex, we offer small, books that toddlers can borrow to “read” during Liturgy. Colorful pictures, thick pages. Please return after service.
The Youth of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

Cordially invites you to
Our annual

Have a Heart Luncheon

All Proceeds to Hellenic Cardiac Fund at Children’s Hospital

Please join us for the “Have a Heart” Luncheon to support this worthy cause. The Hellenic Cardiac Fund is an all-volunteer organization that helps Greek children receive critical care at Children’s Hospital.

Tickets: $25 for adults $10 for children 12 and under

February 12th
12:00 p.m. following Divine Liturgy

457 Oak Street,
Brockton, MA

Tickets must be purchased in advance and can be purchased after church on the Sundays prior to the event up until February 5th. For more information call the Church Office at 508-559-0910.
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY LUNCHEON

February 19, 2017

Immediately following Divine Liturgy

Join us for a complimentary luncheon where we can come together in Christian Fellowship as we discuss our Parish’s Financial Challenges

In order for the Parish Council to properly prepare for this luncheon we ask that you kindly call the church office to reserve your seat no later than Monday, February 13th, 2017
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