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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS
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Beloved in Christ,

As we enter the season of summer, we leave behind us the beautiful and spiritually uplifting period of Great Lent, Holy Pascha, and the great feasts of the Ascension of our Lord and Holy Pentecost. Amazingly, this lengthy liturgical season covers a period of 18 weeks, just over one-third of the calendar year. This particular liturgical period renews us annually for yet another year in our spiritual lives. However, since its end usually occurs just before summer, there exists the danger of losing the spiritual momentum we have just gained. Since summer is a time for relaxation, vacationing, perhaps even a lighter work schedule, we must resist the temptation of taking a spiritual vacation as well.

As we all know, our Orthodox Church does not have a “slow” period without much happening. There are only two months of the year – July and October – that do not have a major feast of the Lord or the Theotokos, however, both months still have many feast days of major saints of our Church. Even though we begin to wind down in mid-June when the academic year typically ends, our spiritual focus should remain in tune with the Church’s calendar.

As soon as we take leave of the feast of Holy Pentecost and the celebration of the Sunday of All Saints, we immediately commence the fast of the Holy Apostles, one of the four major fast periods of the liturgical year. As I’ve explained in the past, this fast can vary in length since it is dependent upon the date of Pascha. During the period of Pascha we continually read from the Acts of the Apostles, hearing all about the early history of the Church. The fast of the Holy Apostles is well timed by offering a period of fasting and spiritual reflection regarding the sacrificial works of the Holy Apostles, for the benefit of the Church and all of us. This fast prepares us for the feast of St. Peter and Paul on June 29th, immediately followed the next day by the feast of the Holy Twelve Apostles.

A second period of heightened spiritual focus each summer is the dekapentavgousto – the fifteen days from August 1st through the 15th dedicated to the Dormition of the Holy Mother of God. Being that the Word of God made flesh came to us through the human vessel of the Theotokos, it behooves us to uphold this spiritual season with sincere devotion. This fast is stricter than that of the Holy Apostles, mimicking Great Lent and Holy Week. Enveloped within this fast period is also the celebration of the great feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. This is a bright and glorious feast that brings us great spiritual joy. In the midst of summer’s heat and vacation time, we are again asked by the Church to sharpen our spiritual focus during these 15 days, and to make a sacrifice pleasing to God through our fasting.

Along with the special observances mentioned above, we must also remember that our weekly obligation to attend the holy liturgy on Sundays continues throughout the summer. Whether on vacation domestically or internationally, there’s always a good chance of having an Orthodox church of one of the various jurisdictions close by. When we travel to Greece there is never an issue of finding a church to attend. In fact, in Greece we also have the wonderful opportunity of visiting many places of pilgrimage, besides attending regular church services.

Clearly, we all need to periodically withdraw from our daily routines and get away to enjoy time with our families, especially during the summer. The Church knows and accepts this reality, which also applies to the clergy. At the same, the Church also seeks to keep her children spiritually focused throughout the year. Through proper prioritization of our lives, we can try our best to keep ourselves spiritually focused, even when away on vacation. Our daily prayers should not be neglected, and our Wednesday and Friday fasting can still be incorporated, as well as the observance of the two summer fast periods mentioned above, as best as possible.

Unfortunately, throughout our Archdiocese there exists the sad reality that many families stop attending church as soon as the Sunday School year is completed. This approach to church life is perplexing since the liturgical year of the Orthodox Church runs from September 1st through August 31st, and not parallel to the secular academic year. We must stop and consider the message given to our children by abruptly stopping church attendance from late May through mid-September. It can give the impression that Sunday School is of higher importance than participation in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, which should be the other way around.

Beloved in Christ, please accept what I have written as a loving and fatherly admonition for the spiritual benefit of all. I realize that there are many exemplary parishioners who attend church year-round except when away or ill. I’m also aware that many of our families try to be frequent with church attendance to the best of their ability. Our prayer is that we all be together as one family in Christ throughout the year except for necessary exceptions. We need each other’s prayers whether in church or praying at home, and of course, no less so during the summer months.

May you all have a restful and spiritually rewarding summer season!

In Christ’s love,

+Fr. Anthony
REFLECTIONS ON THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

(The following is taken from The Year of Grace of the Lord, by A Monk of the Eastern Church; St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press, 1992.)

The second great feast of the summer is the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which is celebrated on August 6th... Let us now try to consider some aspects of the gospel account of the Transfiguration...

Jesus takes his three most intimate disciples with him. Sometimes God reveals Himself to sinners in an extraordinary way, but in general, the privilege of contemplating God, and of entering into the joy of the Transfiguration is reserved for those who have followed the Master long and faithfully. Jesus leads His disciples to a high mountain. Before attaining the light of the Transfiguration, the hard path of asceticism is necessary.

Jesus’ normal appearance is changed. His face shines ‘as the sun’. His clothes become ‘white as the light’. It is in this that the Transfiguration consists. The Jesus that the disciples knew well and whose looks, in ordinary life, did not differ radically from those of other people, suddenly appears to them in a new and glorious form...

Next to Jesus appear Moses and Elijah. Moses represents the law. Elijah the prophets. Jesus is the fulfilment of all law and of all prophecy. He is the final completion of the whole of the Old Covenant; He is the fulness of all divine revelation.

Moses and Elijah speak with Jesus of His coming Passion. Usually, not enough attention is paid to this aspect of the Transfiguration. In Jesus’ life, the glorious mysteries cannot be separated from the mysteries of suffering. It is when He is preparing to go to His Passion that He is transfigured. In our own life, we shall not enter into the joy of the Transfiguration unless we accept the Cross...

The bright cloud covers the heights of the mountain. From the midst of it a voice is heard to say: ‘This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him’. The same words, or very nearly, had already been spoken by the same voice at Jesus’ baptism. They give the scene of the Transfiguration its whole meaning. Why does Jesus’ appearance change? Why is He clothed in light? This is not simply in order to provide the apostles with an impressive and comforting sight. It is to transmit outwardly the solemn testimony which the Father bears to His Son. And the Father Himself gives a practical conclusion to the vision: ‘Hear ye Him’. Any out-of-the-ordinary grace is effectual only if it makes us more attentive and more obedient to the divine Word...

The mystery of the Transfiguration has yet another aspect which the scriptural texts for the feast do not indicate clearly, but which the liturgical chants underline. ‘To show the transformation of human nature...at Thy Second and fearful Coming...Saviour, Thou didst transfigure Thyself...O Thou, who has sanctified the whole universe by Thy Light...’

These words, which are sung at matins, allude to the cosmic and eschatological nature of the Transfiguration. The whole of nature – which now suffers the consequences of sin, the source of physical ills – will be freed, renewed, when Christ comes in glory at the end of time. This transformation of the world is suggested to our belief, to our hope, and to our expectation...

SPIRITUAL WISDOM

Whatever we do or gain in this world, let us consider it insignificant in comparison to the eternal wealth that is to come...let us reach for the Divine! We have enjoyed the light in this world; let us long for the sun of righteousness! Let us regard the heavenly Jerusalem as our homeland... Let us live prudently in this world that we may obtain eternal life. (St. Syncletica of Alexandria)

Just like a shadow follows a body, so does temptation follow good deeds – for no one will enter the Kingdom of Heaven without temptation. Thus, endure without anxiety and pray – the good Lord will reward you for your diligence and patience. (St. Dorotheos of Gaza)

The Apostles maintained this rule: not to complain in suffering and adversity, but bravely and patiently to accept whatever things happen in this world... We must bear whatever happens with patience and courage. For it is written, ‘A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; a heart that is contrite and humbled God will not despise’ (Psalm 50:17). (St. Cyprian of Carthage)

Prayer is the language of the next world. Sooner or later, we will have to live in that world. When we go to another country to live there, we must speak their language. In order to learn the language of the age to come, we must pray. (St. Sergei of Vanves)

Take no greater care than to correct your will and inward disposition. In this consists all the power of Christian piety. (St. Tikhon of Zadonsk)

Hail to you forever, O Virgin Mother of God, our unceasing joy... You are the pearl of great price that belongs to the Kingdom; the fate of every victim, the living altar of the Bread of Life. Hail, O treasure of the love of God. Hail, O fount of the Son’s love for man. (St. Methodios of Olympus)

Do not confuse man, the image of God with the wickedness that is in him, for the wickedness is only accidental, his misfortune, a sickness, an illusion of the devil; but his being, the image of God, still remains. (St. John of Kronstadt)
FROM THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

St. Markella of Chios – 7/22

This holy lamb of Christ was born in a village on the island of Chios. Her mother having died, she was brought up by her father. As she grew older, she also grew in virtue, her body shining with the purity of her soul. The Devil, jealous of such radiant virtue, tried to overcome her with impure thoughts, but the Saint easily repulsed every temptation by the power of the Cross. The Prince of Darkness then turned his attention to her father, and provoked in this worldly man of little faith an impure desire for his own daughter. Having let such thoughts germinate in his soul, he began to suggest unworthy propositions to the young girl who, troubled by such impudence, fled from the village and took refuge on the mountain.

This defeat, far from cooling his ardour, only increased her father’s maddened desire, so that like one possessed, he set about searching her out uphill and downhill. Seeing him approach, Saint Markella ran towards the sea and hid in a large bush; yet she was unable to escape her father’s notice and he, being unable to reach her in the bush, set fire to it. She dodged him by taking another route and began to run along the seashore on the rocks. As her father could not catch up with her, he fired an arrow at her which wounded the blessed Saint, but did not stop her from continuing her desperate flight.

Realizing that her strength was beginning to fail, she sent up a prayer to her heavenly Spouse, begging Him to come to her aid. The Lord immediately made a rock break into two, which received the Saint, just as had happened in the case of Saint Thecla in former times (24 Sept.). When her father arrived and was not able to drag her from the rock, he cut off her daughter’s breasts and then beheaded her and threw her head into the sea, by his despicable acts thus opening to her the gates of the heavenly court, where the wise virgins accompany the Bridegroom.

From the rock that sheltered the Saint there flowed a clear stream with healing virtues which had the property of covering the pebbles with a reddish film called the ‘holy blood’ by the local people, who hastened to make pilgrimage to the place. They collected the pebbles and scraped them, putting the scrapings into jars and using them for the treatment of all kinds of sicknesses. The Saint appeared many times, dressed in monastic clothing and seeming to rise up from the sea, to the sick who had come to spend the night in the church that had been built over the place where the bush had stood.

The Holy Apostle Matthias – 8/9

Saint Matthias, whose name means ‘gift of God’, was, it is believed, of a distinguished family from Bethlehem. He was among the disciples who followed the Lord from His Baptism to His saving Passion. After the Ascension, the Apostles returned to Jerusalem and remained in the Upper Room, persevering with one heart in hymns and prayers while awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit. There were about a hundred and twenty of them: the Mother of God, the eleven Apostles, the Lord’s brothers (cousins), His disciples from the very first days, and the women who had faithfully followed Him right to the tomb.

At that time, Peter got up in the midst of the assembly and declared that, since Judas had been excluded from their communion and had received the punishment for his betrayal, it was right that another disciple be given his place, and become with them a privileged witness of His Resurrection. Joseph Barsabbas, named Justus, and Matthias, were presented. As they were judged equally worthy, the Apostles raised this prayer to God: *Thou, Lord, who knowest the hearts of men, show which of these two Thou hast chosen that he may take part of this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by his transgression fell* (Acts 1:24-25). They drew lots, and Matthias was elected by Providence to complete the number of the Twelve Apostles, the symbol of perfection.

After Pentecost, he went to preach repentance and the conquest of the passions by the observing of the evangelical commandments, first in Palestine and then, it seems, as far as Ethiopia, where he suffered martyrdom.

HOLY DORMITION FAST BEGINS 8/1

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 and 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

*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!
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| **AUGUST CALENDAR** |              | **Please see your illustrated Archdiocesan calendar for daily Scripture readings and fasting guidelines.** | **1** Dormition Fast Begins *(see entry within)*  
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(No Vespers) |
| **13** 10th Sunday of Matthew  
Κυρ. 10η Ματθαίου | **14** No Vespers here—Vespers at Pawtucket, RI & Somerville, MA | **15** The Holy Dormition of the Theotokos  
Orthros & Lit.  
Η Κομνηνής της Θεοτόκου | **16** Fr. Anthony on vacation through 8/31 (tentative) | **17** | **18** | **19**  
(No Vespers) |
| **20** 11th Sunday of Matthew  
Κυρ. 11η Ματθαίου  
(visiting priest) | **21** | **22** | **23** | **24** | **25** | **26**  
(No Vespers) |
| **27** 12th Sunday of Matthew  
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Beheading of St. John the Forerunner & Baptist  
(strict fast—no services)  
Αποστολή της Κηφ-αλής του Τίμων Προδρόμου  
(νηστεία) | **30** | **31** |
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Ο Πατριάρχης Δημήτριος με βαθιά θλίψη ανήγγειλε χθες το βράδυ εκ μέρους της Ιεράς Επαρχιακής Σύνοδου την εκδημία του αγαπητού Ιεράρχου Μητροπολίτου Σικάγου Ιάκωβου.

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June 14th
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May their memory be eternal

Please note that all sacraments and funerals that take place from late June through mid August, will be included in the September bulletin

PARISH NEWS

2017/2018 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.

Feasts of Christ & the Theotokos
($60)

1/6/2018 – Holy Theophany
2/2/2018 – The Presentation of Our Lord

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.
FATHER CHRIS & PRESVYTERA KRISTEN KOLENTSAS

We are delighted and honored to inform you that our own Chris Kolentsas was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on Sunday, May 14th, and to the Holy Priesthood on Sunday, June 11th, by Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco. The ordinations took place at St. Sophia Cathedral in Los Angeles, CA where he has been assigned for the past many months as pastoral assistant. We extend our congratulations to Fr. Chris, Presvytera Kristen, and the entire Kolentsas family. To honor both of his ordinations, our parish has gifted Fr. Chris a personal sized blessing cross that he can use for house blessings, and hospital and nursing home visitations. Panta

MINISTRY AWARDS BANQUET HONORING MR. & MRS. SAM PSYCHOS
PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Father Anthony, and the Parish Council, I hope that you and your families have a safe and fun filled summer. More often than not, during these summer months life becomes a series of obligations, outings and vacations. Let us be mindful that the Church needs to continue to be a cornerstone in our lives. We should try and 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, for He remains watching over us.

In past bulletins, I have informed you about projects undertaken by the Parish Council with the assistance of Stewards and/or organizations within our parish. These individuals and/or organizations 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!

A heartfelt thank you to the Lingos Family Trust for their generous donation. This spirit of giving in the form of stewardship enabled us to pay for the cost of a brand new commercial dishwasher, which will help service our annual September festival and other events that we have throughout the year. Thank you also to The Ladies of Philoptochos and President, Pegi Ciulla, for overseeing the purchase and installation of the dishwasher. We are truly grateful. This is true stewardship at its finest!

I'm pleased to report that the Parish Council over the past six (6) months has been working diligently to identify the current needs of the church. Recently, they voted to undertake five (5) new restoration/beautification projects at our church. The goal is to have them completed by the end of August. They are as follows:

1. Complete the final stage of the roof restoration project near the dome area.
2. Relocate the outside dome lights so future damage is not caused to the roof membrane.
3. Repair and caulk the windows around the dome as well as have them slightly tinted.
4. Complete the fencing of a portion of the playground area.
5. Complete the build out of a storage unit in the back of the church in order to house the festival equipment, thereby freeing up necessary storage space inside the church.

The cost associated in completing these projects will be approximately $33,000.00.

As you may recall, in the past I informed you of the creation of our new maintenance reserve account established earlier this year by the Parish Council. Currently, we have approximately 330 Stewards in our parish. I am hopeful each family of Stewards will consider making a donation of $100.00 above and beyond your yearly stewardship pledge to help defray the costs for this latest undertaking. By EVERYONE making a small additional contribution to the maintenance reserve account we take the burden off the small group of Stewards that have given generously in the past for prior projects.

The Parish Council and I are reaching out to you, the Stewards of our parish for your financial assistance with these short term goals that in turn will reap long term rewards for all of us as a community. Together we can make 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 14, 2017 through Sunday September 17, 2017.

It is my hope that all the Stewards of our church will commit to helping us make this year’s Food Festival an all time best, both in enjoyment and profitability. Needless to say, we cannot be successful without you. As such, we will have sign-up sheets at the coffee hour and in the office for you. There are so many ways to help. I encourage and welcome all of you, both young and old 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 September 2017 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." - Saint Basil

Respectfully yours,

Nicholas H. Babanikas
Parish Council President

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, BROCKTON, MA
2017 STEWARDS YTD MAY 10th, 2017

Savas, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen
Sever, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph
Sharkey, Mr. & Mrs.
Siamantouras, Ms. Ann
Sideropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios
Siogros, Mr. Steve
Skenas, Mrs. Jeanette
Smiliotopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Ilias
Smiliotopoulos, Mrs. Tina
Spyropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Stavropoulos, Miss Evangelia
Stavropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Stellakis, Ms. Joanna
Sullivan, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene
Syriatis, Mr. & Mrs. Sam
Syriatis, Ms. Vasiliki
Tasho, Mrs. Georgia
Theofilou, Mr. & Mrs. Eleftherios
Theofilou, Mrs. Maria
Thompson, Mrs. Jane
Tiliakos, Ms. Gianna
Tiliakos, Ms. Ragen
Tsarhas, Mrs. Ourania
Tsarhopoulos, Mr. and Mrs. Paul
Tsianakas, Mr. & Ms. Christos
Tsilis, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
Tsionis, Mr. & Mrs. Philip
Tsionis, Ms. Stacy
Tsitsos, Ms. Anna
Twomey, Ms. Thelma
Velissaris, Mrs. Dimitrios
Velissaris, Mr. & Mrs. George
Veiga, Mr. & Mrs. Derek
Venuto, Mr. & Mrs. James
Vintzeles, Mr. James
Vlahopoulos, Mrs. Anastasia
Weinberg, Ms. Merri
Westhaver, Mr. & Mrs. Robert
Whowell Family
Yataines, Mrs. Ann
Yiakos, Mrs. Elizabeth
Yiotopoulos, Mr. Steven
Zaros, Mr. James
Zouroulidis, Mr. & Mrs. Adamantios
Zouroulidis, Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT DONATIONS
YTD MAY 10, 2017

- Mr. and Mrs. George Alexis $1,000
- Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Babanikas $500
- Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Bulgarios $100
- Dr. George Mitchell $5,000
- Mr. Christopher Morosas $200
- Mr. and Mrs. Ilias Potsis $200
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Westhaver $25
- Mr. James Zaros $100

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Annual Food Festival**
Thursday, Sept. 14th to Sunday Sept. 17th

**Fall General Assembly**
Sunday, November 12th

**Parish Council Elections**
Sunday, December 10th

**Election of Officers and Oath of Office**
Sunday, December 17th

**Sunday School Christmas Pageant**
Sunday, December 17th

**New Year’s Eve Celebration**
Sunday, December 31st
SPECIAL REQUEST REGARDING OUR YOUTH

We are fortunate to have a large number of children and teenagers in our parish. For the past many years we have had a very active GOYA chapter ministering to our teens. Unfortunately, we have not been as successful with our JOY/HOPE group that ministers to the grammar school ages. Regarding GOYA, we only have one adult member advising the entire group, whereas the JOY/HOPE group has two adults involved.

Regarding the JOY/HOPE ministry, we unfortunately have seen very little interest in the events that have been offered. The influence of the Church on this age group is major. This particular arm of youth ministry can help solidify our children’s faith and love of the Church along with everything else we offer, while at the same time providing fun and fellowship. **This ministry can only continue to exist and flourish through more active participation of families with children in this age group.** The advisors could also use some help in the planning and preparation for the various events offered. Please consider stepping up for our children’s sake!

Regarding GOYA, this ministry should really be broken into separate junior and senior groups, since it spans both middle and high school ages. To do this successfully we need another advisor for the junior group. Presently, this all falls on the one GOYA advisor, which is too much for one person. In order to enhance this ministry going forward, we really need to address the need for two distinct groups, as well as the need for one or more new advisors.

For more information regarding these groups and their specific needs, please see the appropriate entries on our youth page.

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**GOYA**

To echo what Father Anthony noted, we are in need for additional help with our GOYA. I have been fortunate to have been able to help our GOYA these past few years. During that time we have continued what our past GOYAs have done, including organizing service projects, contributing to our surrounding community, bringing our kids together to make new friends thru the social activities (dances, MBC…).

There is more that we can do for our kids. As Father Anthony noted we are looking to give our younger GOYANs some needed attention. Having a Junior Advisor (a former GOYAN or a young adult) would be a big plus for us. In addition adding a few adults (parents/past GOYANs) to the team is also needed to help keep our GOYA going.

I would like to schedule a time during the Summer to meet with anyone who is interested in helping us. So, please reach out to us and let us know if you are interested.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Greek School Graduates Michael Babanikas and Cassie Passias
GRAPE LEAVES

IT’S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN WHEN THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS STARTS COLLECTING GRAPE LEAVES FOR OUR DOLMATHES THAT WE SELL AT THE FOOD FESTIVAL IN THE FALL. UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS GETTING TO BE DIFFICULT FOR THEM AND WE ARE ASKING FOR EVERYONE’S HELP.

WE ARE ASKING FOR LARGE GRAPE LEAVES THAT CAN BE STUFFED. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS JUST CUT THEM AND BRING THEM TO THE CHURCH AND THE LADIES WILL TAKE CARE OF THE REST. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.
Annual Food Festival
Volunteer Sign Up Form

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Email:______________________________________________

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Please return the completed form to the Church Office as soon a possible so that we can begin the scheduling process.

Note: If you sign up for the registers, there will be a 1/2 hour training session on Wednesday at 5:00 pm which everyone needs to take in order to volunteer at that section.
Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Annunciation Church:

Our Annual Greek Festival is fast approaching and we have been planning for months to improve our offering to the public and our profits for our Parish. We are hopeful that all Parishioners will come out in large numbers to volunteer with the cooking, set-up and working during our 4-day festival. Without the support of all Parishioners, we could not achieve success as we have in prior years. We certainly understand that due to family and job commitments not everyone can be there as often as other Parishioners, who have more flexibility in their lives. We ask that everyone also consider providing some financial support by contributing to the cost of food products and supplies that we must purchase for our festival. We are not asking that you donate the actual items, as we will shop around for the lowest price but rather we are seeking a cash donation to offset our cost. We have prepared a list of the products that you can contribute to with a cash donation. We have detailed our requirements below so please review our needs and select as many categories as you would like. Not all items have been listed yet these are the most important items.

Please use this form by checking the “My Choice” column or list your needs on a separate paper and send it, together with your check payable to: Annunciation Greek Church, 457 Oak Street, Brockton, MA 02301. We will begin purchasing these products in early July, so please respond as soon as you are able to. Your generous donation will be noted in the Monthly Bulletin and other Festival News information and banners.

Thank you for considering our request.

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