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ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Church Services

Sunday
Orthros 8:45am
Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Weekdays
Orthros 9:00am
Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Κυριακή
Ορθρος 8:45pm
Θεία 10:00pm
Λειτουργία

Καθημερινές
Ορθρος 9:00pm
Θεία 10:00pm
Λειτουργία
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
George Stavropoulos, Chanter
Choir Director Ona Calogrias, Organist

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Executive Board
Nicholas Babanikas, President
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William Alexopoulos, 2nd Vice President Maintenance
Joanna Stellakis, Secretary
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Gianna Tiliakos, Assistant Treasurer

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Nick Palantzas  Leon Papadopoulos  Stephen Passias
Ilias Potsis  Themis Stamboulidou
Adamandios Zouroulidis

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Tulla Giannaros, 2nd Vice President
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Eleni Stamboulidis, Assistant Treasurer
Pegi Ciulla, Advisor

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Tina Boutas  Anna Manos  Chris Potsis
Lori Stasiewski

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Liz Karolemeas  office@annunciationbrockton.org

OTHER MINISTRIES

Sunday School
Julia Constantinou
Phyllis Westcott

Greek School
Ioanna Andreopoulou
Tina Boutas

GOYA
Suzanne Barrus
Jon Buterbaugh
Stefania Calogrias
Gianna Tiliakos

JOY & HOPE
Barbara Mantalos
Gianna Tiliakos

OPA! Group
Pegi Ciulla

Koliva
Ladies Philoptochos

Coffee Hour
Georgia Babanikas
Tina Boutas

Shut-In Visitations
Ladies Philoptochos

Basketball
Stephen Passias

Dance Group
Jon & Penny Buterbaugh

Oratorical Festival
Rhoda Economos

Bookstore
Pegi Ciulla
Linda Sakelaris Poole
Stephen Savas  Joanna Stellakis

Webmaster
George Theodossiou
helpdesk@annunciationbrockton.org
February 9, 2018

The Parish Council and Parishioners
Annunciation Church
457 Oak St.
Brockton, MA 02301

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Lord’s blessing. On behalf of Presvytera and my entire family, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all of you for the wonderful luncheon, and immense generosity shown to us.

Needless to say, it was a very emotional and difficult departure. During the censing for the Cherubic Hymn at my last liturgy, I was moved to tears upon seeing a very full church. That emotion followed into the gym upon seeing full tables from one end to the other.

I also wish to sincerely thank the Parish Council for their two extreme gestures of generosity toward my family; one being the gifting of the parish car, and the second, the $2,000 check toward future travel.

Please know that I will always remember and cherish the wonderful relationships established with all of you over almost one decade of service. I will also continually cherish the moving and heartfelt comments that so many of you made upon saying your goodbyes.

May God keep you well, and please remember to keep us in your prayers. A blessed Lent to all.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony Evangelatos
LENTEN FASTING GUIDELINES

Great Lent

- **Weekdays of Lent:** Strict fast from all animal products including fish, all alcoholic beverages, and olive oil (vegetable/seed oil permitted); shellfish also permitted
  
  **Note:** The quantity of food consumed should be reduced as much as possible, barring any hardships

- **Weekends of Lent:** Same as weekdays except olive oil and wine (all alcoholic beverages) are permitted
  
  **Note:** There is no limit to the quantity of food consumed

As always, the above guidelines represent the *ideal and traditional* method of fasting as a *starting point*. A true and spiritual fast is much more than legalistically following guidelines. Your priest and spiritual father is always available to guide you for your particular situation.

The Church in her compassion always modifies the fast for various health reasons, for growing children, and other special situations. Most importantly, our fasting must be accompanied by *intensified prayer, increased church attendance, and charitable works*, in order to be a fast pleasing to God.
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. Also included in this listing are floral needs for Great Lent and Holy Week.

**Feasts of Christ & the Theotokos ($60)**

- 6/4 – Pentecost
- 8/6 – Transfiguration
- 8/15 – Dormition of the Theotokos
- 9/8 – Nativity of the Theotokos
- 9/14 – Elevation of the Holy Cross
- 11/21 – Entrance of the Theotokos
- 12/25 – Nativity of Our Lord
- 1/6/2018 – Holy Theophany
- 2/2/2018 – The Presentation of Our Lord

**Great Lent, Holy Week and Pascha**

Salutations to the Theotokos – 2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday

- $50 each

Veneration of the Holy Cross – 3/11 $320

Palm strips for Palm Sunday crosses – $100

- Icon of Nymphios—$100
- Icon of Mystical Supper, Holy Thursday – $25

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.

IN APPRECIATION

We take this opportunity to sincerely thank the chairpersons of this year’s *Have a Heart* fundraiser luncheon, Stefania Calogrias, Liz Karolemeas and Gianna Tiliakos, the Goyans who helped serve, as well as our Paradosi Dance Group which entertained us. Of course there are many others who volunteered their time and talents, as well as the many donors who have underwritten the entire cost of the event. Through their generosity, we were able to turn all proceeds over to the Hellenic Cardiac Fund!

We also thank the Babanikas family who once again sponsored the complimentary *Stewardship Sunday* luncheon in loving memory of Michael Babanikas. It was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, and to discuss the various needs of our parish.
**DONATIONS AS OF FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

**MEMORIALS**

**Tracey Barbas**
Mr. and Mrs. Sotirios Arvanitidis  $100  
Mrs. Vasiliki Kolokotronis  $25

**Vasilios Barbas**
Mrs. Haidoo Barbas  $200  
Mrs. Vasiliki Kolokotronis  $25

**Rose Lampropoulos**
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Badavas  $100  
Ms. Dora Orphanos  $50

**Fotini Psilekaris**
Mr. Anthony Bularides  $25  
Mr. and Mrs. Themi Stamboulidis  $50  
Panagiota, Andrea & Maria Papadopoulos  $25

**Nicholas Kallis**
Nikoletta & Maria Kallis  $50

**Nikolaos Terzakis**
Mrs. Sophia Terzakis  $200

**OTHER**

Mr. Constantinos Efstratoudakis  $100

Paneliakos Society of Greater New England  $100

Mr. and Mrs. Ilias Potsis IMO Areti Potsis  
2 cases of Altar Candles

Mr. Ulisses Varela  $100  
Men’s Basketball

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**MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT DONATIONS**

**YTD FEBRUARY 13th, 2018**

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Babanikas  $500  
Mrs. Stella Bulgaris  $50

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**SACRAMENTS**

**FUNERALS**

February 13th  
Peter Panagopoulos

May his memory be eternal

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**MARCH CALENDAR**
## 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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<td>Annual Golf Tournament</td>
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<td>Fall General Assembly</td>
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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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2018 STEWARDS YTD FEBRUARY 13th, 2018

Aftosmes, Mr. Steven
Alexis, Mr. & Mrs. George
Anifantis-Ibrahim, Mrs. Stamatia
Babanikas, Mr. & Mrs. Nick
Bandis, Mr. Michael
Bartorelli, Mrs. Bessie
Besarik, Mr. & Mrs. Scott
Bosco, Ms. Erin
Boutas, Mrs. Fotine
Boutas, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
Bulgaris, Mrs. Stella
Buterbaugh, Mr. & Mrs. Jon
Buterbaugh, Mrs. Niki
Coderre, Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinand
Calogrias, Dr. Diana
Calogrias, Mr. & Mrs. Tony
Cariofiles, Mrs. Demetra
Cleary, Mrs. Elizabeth
Colarusso, Mr. & Mrs. Carl
Constantinou, Dr. & Mrs. Dino
Costas, Mr. & Mrs. George
Covett, Miss Katherine
Covett, Dr. Robert
Critikos, Ms. Athena
Dalkouras, Mrs. Cleo
DeBaggis, Mr. & Mrs. Romolo
Deeb, Mr. & Mrs. Paul
Ellard, Ms. Anastasia
Fisher, Ms. Jean
Fletcher, Mrs. Diane
Gagne, Mr. & Mrs. Robert
Georgeakakis, Ms. Tina
Giannaros, Mr. & Mrs. Spiros
Giannouloudis, Mr. Tom
Ginis, Mr. & Mrs. William
Hatzis, Mrs. Ann
Holevas, Mrs. Helen
Iosifidis, Mr. & Mrs. Antonios
Jaramillo, Mr. & Mrs. Sergio
Joseph, Mrs. Louise
Joyce, Mrs. Katherine
Kalli, Mrs. Nikoletta
Kanellopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Paul
Kearns, Mr. & Mrs. Mark
Korbas, Mr. & Mrs. Tom
Kyrano, Mr. & Mrs. John
Landerholm, Mrs. Stephanie
Lainas, Mr. & Mrs. Steve
Lapsley, Ms. Sofia
Liolios, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel
Marian, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald
Mihos, Mr. & Mrs. James P
Mitchell, Dr. George
Morosas, Mr. Christopher
Nanos, Mr. & Mrs. Odessseas
Nenopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. John
Ntakoulas, Mr. & Mrs. Ted
Odierno, Mr. & Mrs. Randy
Palantz, Mrs. Vasiliki
Panagopoulos, Mr. George
Papadogianakis, Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos
Papadopoulos, Dr. Andrea
Papadopoulos, Miss Maria
Papadopoulos, Mrs. Panagiota
Papadopoulos, Mr. Tom
Papadopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Tom
Papas, Mr. John
Passias, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen
Petropoulos, Mr. Alkie
Petropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Petropoulos, Mrs. Georgia
Phillips, Mrs. Demetria
Pishkin, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph
Poulimenis, Mrs. Argyro
Psychos, Mr. & Mrs. Sam
Sarras, Mr. Nicholas
Savas, Mr. & Mrs. Spyros
Savas, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen
Savas, Mr. Irakli
Scapaticci, Dr. & Mrs. Albert
Sideropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios
Skenas, Ms. Jeannette
Smiliotopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Elias
Spyropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Sullivan, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene
Syroniotis, Mr. Sam
Theofilou, Mr. & Mrs. Eleftherios
Theofilou, Mrs. Maria
Thompson, Mrs. Jane
Tiliakos, Mrs. Gianna
Tiliakos, Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel
Tsarhopolous, Mr. & Mrs. Paul
Tsitsopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Vallas, Mr. & Mrs. Sakellarios
Velissaris, Mrs. Dimitrios
Velissaris, Mr. & Mrs. George
Vintzileos, Mr. & Mrs. James
Weinberg, Ms. Merri
Whowell Family
Yaitanes, Ms. Ann
Yiotopoulos, Mr. Steven
Zouroulidis, Mr. & Mrs. Adamandios

YEAR TO DATE STEWRSHIP

$33,099.00

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www.annunciationbrockton.org
The Secretary’s Report for the Spring 2017 General Assembly was read and accepted. The Treasurer’s Financial reports and proposed budget were presented and accepted.

FATHER ANTHONY EVANGELATOS REMARKS

- Father thanked all Parish Council members, for all their work on the Council. “We had a very productive year and worked well together. “We need to reach out to our Church community for help. There are many parishioners with talents that can be of help”
- Regarding Fellowship, Father suggested we hold some Friday or Saturday night gatherings throughout the year to have family involvement.
- Regarding Liturgical involvement, Father stated that the Liturgical participation is our number one priority. We should increase Church attendance especially now as the Nativity Fast begins and also early next year as Lent will begin he third week of February.
- Father stated that with the roof repairs completed, it is time to restart the Iconography project for the Altar area. He will contact the two iconographers to continue with the planning.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS

- President Babanikas thanked Father Anthony for his guidance and assistance this year and all the Parish Council members for their hard work.
- He thanked all Parishioners for their donation throughout the year for the many maintenance repairs completed.
- Front roof: Repairs are completed
- Dome windows: All have been re-caulked
- Outside lights damaged have been repaired.
- The playground fence has been installed.
- The main parking lot repairs have been completed with at least 8 more years before more work is needed.
- Repairs and replacement to the compressor and refrigerator unit inside the walk cooler in the kitchen. Parts were at cost and small charge for labor by Tony Karatonakis- Vaz refrigeration.
- The Gym floor has been refinished and paid for by the Philoptochos and with the efforts of Steve Passias.
- A new dishwasher was installed and donated by the daughters of Dr. & Mrs. Lingos.
- President Babanikas stated that these improvement and repairs were at a cost of apx $61,000.00 and that all the money was donated at no cost to the Church. “We have for the past two years been in the black, and shown a profit”
- Regarding membership, President Babanikas stated that we have gone from 550 units to 380 and that we have lost some individuals. “Our Church needs $1,200.00 a day to run. We have options to increase revenue.
  1. To increase membership to $1200.00 a year. “Our average pledge is $380.00; Stewardship is 22% of our annual budget”
  2. We could find ways to use our building and property to generate income.
- Nick stated that “we need to get families together” One idea that was suggested was to hold an “Annunciation Got Talent Night,” in which our young members and adult members could participate for an evening of fellowship and fun.
- Nick spoke about the new Parish Software that Stephania Calogrias has been working on. Nick detailed what the system can do. Members were given a sample packet to review. Nick thanked Stephania for all her hard work on the project.
- Nick suggested that when shopping online with Amazon, we use our registered site that will donate back to the Church, ½ cent for every dollar spent.
- Nick stated that we need to focus on our youth. “We are aging community” An idea from Chris Alexopoulos was given to Nick. He has a Greek band that plays all the top 40 modern songs and he would like to hold a Taverna for young adults over 21.
- Nick announced that a claim to our insurance company was made for water damage. All paid bills for repairs have been submitted. Nick will meet with the adjustor on Wednesday, November 16.
COMMITTEE REPORTS

- New Stewardship guidelines were presented and approved that called for:
  1. Single/widowed $300.00
  2. Two person $400.00 (described as husband and wife or a single parent with minor children)
  3. Family $600.00 (described as any 1 or 2 married Orthodox with minor children)

  Note: Children are considered up to the age of 21 or out of college

- Nominated members to the Board of Electors and Board of Auditors were elected
- Ideas were presented for the future needs of our Parish

Respectfully submitted by:

Joanna Stellakis, 2017 Parish Council Secretary

The Tree of Life “Celebrating 100 YEARS 1916-2016 And Beyond” has many leaves and 4 rocks available.

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 carry 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 serves as a permanent visual marker of our success. It is 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.
Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Father John, and the Parish Council, I would like to wish you and your families an uplifting Lenten period as we prepare ourselves spiritually for Easter. This is the period, as you know, where we all conduct a self-examination, looking for ways to correct and improve ourselves in our daily lives and with others. As Orthodox Christians, we should always be striving to seek Repentance and Forgiveness for past acts and deeds.

As you may know, this past month we had three wonderful events where we as a community joined together in Christian fellowship.

The first, was the Apokriatiko dance sponsored by The Ladies Philoptochos. There were over 150 individuals who came out and supported this wonderful Mardi Gras event. There was live music performed by Georgios Karatzas, and the Athenian band enjoyed by everyone as they danced throughout the night. Congratulations for a job well done, goes out to the President of the Philoptochos, Liz Karolemeas, and to all its members for providing us with such a festive evening.

The second event, was The Have a Heart luncheon. This philanthropic event was undertaken by all the Youth Groups of our church. Thanks to your participation and support we were able to raise over $6,800.00. As a result of the hard work and efforts of the committee members reaching out and receiving numerous, generous donations, this event was able to be run cost free. This in turn, enabled us to donate 100 percent of the proceeds raised directly to the Hellenic Cardiac Fund at Children's Hospital. These proceeds help provide needed financial assistance to families that have children with cardiac medical issues that require critical care.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Gianna Tiliakos, Stefania Calogrias, and Liz Karolemeas, for organizing and having a most worthy and successful event. I would also like to thank Mr. Dimitrios Tsitsopoulos, who donated his time and DJ talents playing music that was enjoyed by all. Also, our appreciation goes out to the numerous donors for their generous gifts that helped our raffle be a huge success. A special thank you goes out to the wonderful ladies, gentlemen and children who made this event possible, by volunteering their time and talents, decorating the hall, entertaining us with beautiful Greek dances and preparing and serving the food which was enjoyed by all at the luncheon.

The third event, was our Stewardship Sunday Luncheon and State of the Church discussion. We had over 100 Stewards in attendance that gathered in Christian fellowship, enjoying a complimentary meal which was donated in its entirety. As stewards, we discussed the financial challenges facing our church going forward, and the need for each of us to consider increasing our stewardship commitment to meet the $1,100.00 per day cost needed to keep our church operational. We also discussed different ways to generate funds such as renting out the lounge and/or make use of the vacant property to help reduce some of our financial burden. We discussed that last year we established a true maintenance reserve program where we all could commit to making an additional contribution above and beyond our stewardship pledges to help defray the cost of needed repairs in our church.

Lastly, we discussed and passed out sign up sheets for those individuals or groups that would like to participate in our “Annunciation Brockton’s Got Talent Show” which will take place on Saturday October 27, 2018 here in our community center.

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 04, 2018**
The Lenten Luncheon in our Community Center. As you all know, we take this opportunity to thank members of our ministries for all of their hard work and to congratulate and pass out scholarships to 1st year college students.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2018**
Greek Independence Day Celebration. Brockton City Hall at 3:45p.m.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018**
Annunciation Vespers followed by a small Reception in our community center.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 01, 2018**
Palm Sunday Luncheon to be held in our community center following the Divine Liturgy. For tickets please see your parish council members or the church office.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018**
A Taverna night at our community center with proceeds going to the Κιβωτό του κόσμου project

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018**
Greek Independence Day parade. Boston Massachusetts

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018**
Spring General Assembly in our lounge.

**THURSDAY, MAY 03, 2018**
The 225 Hungry Friends Event to be held in our Community Center.

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

"Remember that lent .... is not just about putting away the bad things. It is about creating good things and helping the poor and the needy, being kind to people and much more."
-- Jacob Winters

Respectfully yours,

Nicholas H. Babanikas
Parish Council President
Dear Sisters,

On behalf of the Philoptochos Board, I would like to wish you and your families a blessed Lenton season.

At our last meeting in February we discussed the various events that we have upcoming and hope you will be able to attend.

**Saturday, March 24th Vesper’s Reception**
We will be setting up in the afternoon and welcome anyone to help assist with setting the tables. Also, we ask if you are able to bring something for the reception to please let Despina Papadopoulos, the Chairperson of this event know in advance.

**Monday, March 26th  Baking**
We will be preparing for our upcoming bake sale on Palm Sunday which will consist of koulourakia and tsourektia. If you are able to help with the baking we would greatly appreciate it!

**Friday, March 30th Palm Making**
Join us and the other ministries of the church as we prepare the palms for Palm Sunday.

**Sunday, April 1st, Palm Sunday Bake Sale**
Our annual bake sale where all proceeds go to support our scholarships that we reward every year to a deserving high school graduate.

**Holy Thursday, April 5th**
We will be dying the eggs in the morning and will also be holding our nightly vigil in the church singing hymns after services. Join us for the most powerful service you will attend during Holy Week and an experience you will never forget.

**Good Friday, April 6th**
Decorating of the Epitaphios will be done following the Royal Hours. All are welcomed to come and help decorate the tomb of Christ.

Please remember that without **ALL OF YOU**, these events could not happen.

Sincerely,
Liz Karolemeas
Philoptochos President

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**Philoptochos 2018 Calendar**

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Thank you to the following Parishioners for their generous donations towards our Apokriatiko Glendi. An event that was attended by over 150 individuals who danced the nigh away.

- **Mr. and Mrs. Nick Babanikas**
  $500 towards the band

- **Mr. and Mrs. Chris Coutsoumbos**
  Items for the bar

- **Miss Irene Economos**
  $25 donation

- **Nick and Samira Giannaros**
  Appetizers

- **Mr. and Mrs. James P. Mihos**
  Appetizers

Also a heartfelt thank you to Stephanie Calogrias for making the beautiful centerpieces, Tanya Coutsoumbos for offering her bartending skills and to Little Sami’s for providing the mezedes at a discounted rate.

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**KOLIVA**

If you are planning a memorial service and would like to order koliva please call the church office. We would appreciate one week’s notice in advance of the memorial service to prepare the koliva. The cost is $100 and checks should be made payable to the Ladies Philoptochos Society.
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GOYA

Hello fellow members of our church! In the month of February we sold candy bars with the proceeds to be used for IOCC Kits which we will be putting together on Good Friday, April 6th. We also had our winter skating outing at Patriots Place in Foxboro. We look forward to the April as we are planning to participate in and Earth Day activity.

Our next GOYA meeting is Sunday, March 4th.

GREEK SCHOOL

On Saturday, December 16th, 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, PTO of Greek school who supported this beautiful event!!

Το Σάββατο, 16 Δεκεμβρίου 2017, οι Μαθητές του Ελληνικού Σχολείου παρουσίασαν ένα θαυμάσιο πρόγραμμα για τη γιορτή των Χριστουγέννων. Συγχαρητήρια και πολλές Ευχαριστίες στο PTO του Ελληνικού σχολείου, σε όλα τα παιδιά αλλά και στις οικογένειές τους, για την υποστήριξή τους σε αυτή την πανέμορφη εκδήλωση!!

The Greek School invites you all to celebration of the Greek Independence Day which will take place on Saturday March 24th 2018, in the Community Center of our Church at 11:30 a.m. Let us all join together our children who will present a program depicting the spirit and ideals of our forefathers in their heroic fight for freedom.

Το Ελληνικό Σχολείο σας καλεί στον εορτασμό της Επετείου της Ελληνικής Επανάστασης, ο οποίος θα πραγματοποιηθεί το Σάββατο στις 24 Μαρτίου 2018 στις 11:30 π.μ στο Κοινοτικό μας κέντρο. Τα παιδιά μας θα παρουσιάσουν ένα πρόγραμμα πλημμυρισμένο με το Πνεύμα και τα Ιδεώδη των πρώτων ηρώων του 1821. Ελάτε να θαυμάσουμε όλοι μαζί τα παιδιά μας!!
Annunciation Brockton HOPE & JOY

Would like to thank the following:

**FOOD DONATIONS**

Luciano’s Restaurant and Performance Food Group - Haddock, bread crumbs, butter
Nick & Angelo’s/Stoughton House of Pizza—Pizza
Cousins Pizza—Rice and green beans
Sunnyside Café—Produce for salad
Cape Cod Café—Feta cheese for salad
Westside—Dressing for salad
Gianna Tiliakos—Bread
Chris Coutsoumbos—Soda/water
Ilias Potsis—Wine
Athena International Foods—Dolmathes, olive/feta salad, tiropitakia, and tzatziki
Paul W. Marks Co., Inc.—Scallops wrapped in bacon, spanakopita, strawberry shortcake and apple spice cake

**MONETARY DONATIONS**

Mr. and Mrs. George Alexis  Mr. and Mrs. Dimitrios Ginis  Ladies Philoptochos Society
Mr. and Mrs. James Mihos  Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ntakoulas

**RAFFLE DONATIONS**

Peter Badavas—Niko’s Bar & Grill Gift Certificate and Tommy Doyle’s Gift Certificate
Chateau Italian Family Dining—Gift Certificate
Georgios—Georgios Gift Certificate
J. William’s Hair & Nail Salon—Gift Certificate
Paris Kampanelas—Paris Cabaret Gift Certificate
Luciano’s Restaurant—Wine baskets and Gift Certificates
Alecia Nicole’s Boutique—Gift Certificate
Scappaticci Family—Vera Bradley cosmetic case/Kate Spade Fitness tracker/Owen O’Leary’s Gift Certificate
Veiga Family—Codzilla and Whale Watching cruises
J. Williams’ Hair & Nail Salon—Cut &

**SETUP/CLEANUP CREW**

Roula Cariofiles, Irene Economos, Jerral Fernandez, Tony & Claire Iosifidis, Nikole Passias, Chris Potsis, Aliki Sarantopoulos and Ethel Savas

A big THANK YOU to Nick Michailids for donating his time to cook along with Nick and Samira Giannaros and Chris Coutsoumbos who helped in the kitchen! Also, thank you to Demetri Tsitsopoulos for offering to donate his time to play music for us and to the Paradosi Dancers for performing.
Join us as we celebrate Greek Independence Day with a flag raising ceremony at Brockton City Hall on Friday, March 23rd at 3:45 pm.

Ladies Philoptochos Annual PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE Tsourekkia & Koulourakia

Preorder by calling the office to place your order
LENT

Join us for our

Annual Lenten Luncheon

Sunday, March 4, 2018

immediately following the

Divine Liturgy

Shrimp dinner $25

Pizza $5

For tickets please see a Parish Council Member or contact the church office at 508-559-0910
ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY FISH DINNER
SUNDAY APRIL 1, 2018

PALM SUNDAY FISH DINNER
FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY

ADULTS: $25 HADDOCK
CHILDREN: $5 PIZZA (12 & UNDER)

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