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The Blessing of Christmas Eve
"You were born secretly in the cave, but heaven spoke through a star and proclaimed You to all, O Savior"
From the Vesper Service of the Feast of The Nativity of Christ

My Beloved in Christ,

May the Grace, mercy and peace of Jesus Christ who was born in a cave and laid in a manger for our salvation be with you all.

The Christmas Star, in its entire beauty, will again shine on all of us, His faithful people on this blessed and Holy Day of Christmas. It will shine upon the earth and guide all of us to our Savior's love. It will shine in our sanctuary, where the Son of Righteousness light will come upon all Christians in worship; it will sparkle from the top of our decorated Christmas trees and will shine its light upon our homes and upon the beautifully decorated presents placed under our trees.

Its rays will warm the hearts of the faithful believers, embracing them with heaven's proclamation that "Unto us a Savior is born today" and the angels' proclamation: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will among men," (Luke 2:14). It is the hymn by which the multitude of heavenly hosts greeted the Christ Child.

The shepherds, who were watching over their flock on that chilly night, came to worship Him with humility and simplicity in their hearts. The Magi followed and for centuries humanity has been drawn near to Him, searching for truth and salvation.

Many philosophies, ideals, cynics and humanistic teachings, throughout the centuries, have tried to confuse and destroy man's sense of religious faith. These attempts have failed and have brought many more to the truth of God and His Holy Church. The majority of the true and faithful believers become stronger in their walk in Christ.

The eyes of our soul are fixed on that Holy Star and its rays sustain us and gives us the hope and expectation of peace and good will to all humanity. This is the Divine and human miracle that we celebrate in this Holy Season. Let your eyes gaze inwardly into your hearts and souls to see where Christ is born and where faith, hope and love lives. Allow your hearts to jump with joy at the expectation of a new rebirth of the spirit and life. Let His Light create a different kind of person in us, a person with a new positive outlook on life.

It is this type of Christmas Holiday I hope you will celebrate this year, with Christ in the center of your lives. With an enthusiastic spirit of giving, the kind that is expressed and exemplified with real love and affection for those who suffer or are in any way deprived of the joy of Christmas.

Presvytera Cyndy and I thank God for each and every one of you and we send our love and holiday greetings to you all.

With Blessings and Good Wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy and Spiritual New Year.

With love in the Incarnate Lord,
Father Michael
Αγαπητοί εν Κύριού,

Τα Χριστούγεννα είναι το κορυφαίο γεγονός της αγάπης του Θεού προς τον άνθρωπο.

Όλοι μας ως γονείς είμαστε έτοιμοι να θυσιάσουμε όλα μας τα υπάρχοντα, την περιουσία μας, το σπίτι μας, αν χρειαστεί ανάγκη, αλλά ποτέ όμως το παιδί μας. Γιατί; Γιατί το παιδί μας το αγαπάμε όσο τίποτα άλλο στον κόσμο. Ο Θεός όμως, προσφέρει το Γιο του να έλθει στη γη, να μας διδάξει και να μας φέρει στο σωστό δρόμο. Αντί πρώτα τρέξουμε εμείς σ' αυτόν, έρχεται εκείνος στα σπίτια μας για να θεραπέψει τις πληγές της ψυχής μας από την αμαρτία. Αυτό είναι το νόημα των Χριστουγέννων.

Ο Χριστός γεννήθηκε πριν από 2000 χρόνια, αλλά είναι νεογέννητος πάντοτε στο παρόν. Ο Χριστός δεν γεννήθηκε μόνο τότε, αλλά Γεννάται Τώρα, Γεννάται Σήμερα, Γεννάται και στον Μέλλον! Μόνο όταν πιστέψουμε στη αγάπη Του τότε και μέσα μας Γεννάται.

Αυτό μπορεί να επιτευχθεί με αγώνα, δύναμη, υπομονή, θέληση και προσπάθεια για να μειώσουμε τη βαθιά κρίση που εξαπλώνεται στον κόσμο, που οφείλεται κυρίως στην έλλειψη ανθρωπιάς.

Μόνο η ανθρωπιά, η αγάπη, η αποδοχή της διαφοροποιημένης και η αλληλεγγύη προς τον συνάνθροπο θα σώσουν τον κόσμο μας.

Εκ μέρους της Πρεσβυτέρας Σωτηρίας, τα παιδιά και τα εγγόνια μας σας εύχομαι Καλά Χριστούγεννα και ο ερχόμενος Χρόνος να σας φέρει Ευλογία, Χαρές και Υγεία.

Με Αγάπη εν Κύριού,
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Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Father Michael, and the Parish Council, I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year filled with health, happiness and every good thing.

During these most blessed periods of the Nativity and the Theophany, let us remember as Orthodox Christians, the gift of salvation which our Heavenly Father has bestowed upon us through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us be grateful for all our blessings and be thoughtful and generous towards those not so fortunate.

Over this past year we have accomplished many wonderful projects together enabling us to continue to preserve and cultivate a vibrant and passionate Parish. As we go forth, let our focus be on the youth of our parish. May I suggest, it is our obligation and responsibility as parishioners, parents and grandparents to keep the teachings of our church front and center in our household lives. The church provides structure from which we can draw strength especially in these turbulent and uncertain times that we live in. So let us guide and motivate our youth by teaching them to preserve and perpetuate our glorious Orthodox faith. This in turn will strengthen the bond between all of us and God for generations to come.

I’d like to express a special and heartfelt THANK YOU to the following outgoing Parish Council members not seeking re-election this year, Dino Constantinou for his hard work, dedicated years of service and commitment to our church. Thanks to your tireless efforts which you exhibited during your years on the Parish Council, a number of projects were completed and our parish benefited from your involvement. You will be truly missed. We however, are encouraged and take comfort in knowing that you will be close by so that we can call upon you from time to time for your help and guidance.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank and extend good luck wishes to the nine individuals seeking election to the seven open seats for the next two year term on the Parish Council. Voting will take place on December 8th, 2019. We are fortunate to have talented individuals such as yourselves, who are willing to answer the call committing your time and talents for the good of the church. The returning board members look forward to a fruitful and productive 2020 year working side by side with those who are elected to serve.

Important upcoming dates that we look forward to seeing everyone attend.

Sunday, December 08, 2019
Breakfast with Santa and Parish Council Elections Following the Liturgy in our community center.

Sunday, December 15, 2019
Oath of Office and Election of Parish Council officers.

Tuesday, December 31, 2019
New Year’s Eve Celebration

To be held at Lombardo’s in Randolph, Ma. Co-Sponsored by the Annunciation Church of Brockton and St. Catherine’s Church of Braintree. Please see the flyer inside this bulletin for more details. Also, see the church office for your tickets.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life," John 3:16.

Respectfully yours,

Nicholas H. Babanikas
Parish Council President
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YES ☐ NO ☐

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YES ☐ NO ☐

ΠΑΙΔΙΑ ΚΑΤΩ ΤΩΝ 21 ΕΤΩΝ - ΟΝΟΜΑΤΑ Ε ΕΤΟΝ:
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It costs over $1,400 per day to operate our parish. Regardless of the amount that you decide to pledge, we ask only that you consider the church’s needs and your financial ability, prior to completing the following portion of this form.

ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΗΣ
BENEFACCTOR $600
For a Family with (1)
Orthodox member
and children/children

ΠΡΟΣΤΗΣ
PATRON $400
For Married Couples
No children

ΔΟΡΙΤΗΣ
DONOR $300
For a Single/Widow

ΑΛΛΟ
OTHER $__________

SEPARATE DONATION FOR MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT ONLY

$500 _____ $100 _____ $50 _____ $25 _____ OTHER $___________

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CHECK/ΕΠΙΤΑΓΗ ________________ 2019 ☐

CREDIT CARD/ΠΙΣΤΩΤΙΚΗ ΚΑΡΤΑ ________________ 2020 ☐

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Kenis, Mrs. Bessie
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Lambrakis, Mrs. Sofia
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Lapsley, Mrs. Sofia
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Passias, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen
Pavlidis, Mr. & Mrs. Nickolaos
Pederson, Mr. & Mrs. Erik
Perdikis, Mrs. Liberty
Petropoulos, Mr. Allie
Petropoulos, Mrs. Georgia
Petropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Pfanz, Ms. Mallory
Philipis, Mrs. Demetra
Pishkin, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph
Potsis, Mr. George
Potsis, Mr. & Mrs. Ilia
Pouliopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Fotios
Psikarakis, Mr. & Mrs. George
Psikarakis, Mr. & Mrs. Niko
Psilekaris, Ms. Theodora
Psilekaris, Mr. Tom
Psychos, Mr. & Mrs. Sam
Roussopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Teli
Sakellaris Poole, Linda
Sarakiotis, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
Sarantopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Jim
Sarantou, Mr. Nicholas
Sarris, Mr. Nicholas
Sarris, Ms. Voula
Savas, Mr. Christopher
Savas, Mr. Irakli
Savas, Mr. & Mrs. Spyros
Savas, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen
Sayce, Mrs. Mararita
Sayers, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Sedell, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur
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Sever, Mr. & Mrs. Jospeh
Siahanan, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Siavvantouras, Ms. Ann
Sipemis, Mr. & Mrs. Dimitri
Sideropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios
Silva, Ms. Athena
Siogros, Mr. Steve
Skenas, Ms. Jeannette
Skordales, Ms. Laura
Smilios, Mr. & Mrs. Elias
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Spyropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Stamboulidis, Mr. & Mrs. Themis
Stasiewski, Mr. & Mrs. Mark
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Stavropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Sayce, Mrs. Mararita
Stellakis, Ms. Joanna
Sullivan, Mr. & Mrs. Brian
Sullivan, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene
Sutton, Ms. Ariana
Syrmiotis, Ms. Vicky
Targontsidis, Mrs. Nicholas
Targontsidis Jain, Mrs. Sonia
Tasho, Mrs. Georgia
Terzakis, Mr. & Mrs. George
Terzakis, Mrs. Sophia
Terzis, Mrs. Maria
Theofilou, Mr. & Mrs. Eleftherios
Theofilou, Mrs. Maria
Theos, Mr. & Mrs. William
Thompson, Ms. Betsy
Thompson, Miss Eleni
Thompson, Ms. Jane
Tilakos, Mrs. Gianna
Tilakos, Mrs. Ragen
Tramontano, Mr. & Mrs. Val
Tsarhas, Mrs. Ourania
Tsarhopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Paul
Tsianakas, Mr. & Mrs. Christos
Tsianakas, Ms. Kathy
Tsili, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
Tsonis, Mr. & Mrs. Philip
Tsonis, Ms. Stacy
Tsitsopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Tsitsos, Ms. Anna
Twomey, Mrs. Thelma
Vallas, Mr. & Mrs. Anthoni
BOOKSTORE OPENINGS

Our Bookstore will be open on December 8 and 22 for Christmas gift giving ideas.

We have a large range of books, prayer books, icons, lighted Iconostasis for your home. Our tapestry bookmarks make a wonderful stocking stuffer. We have incense. A new item to our store is Sterling Silver medals that depict Christ or the Theotokos in front and the inscription “I am an Orthodox Christian.” These would make a great gift for both children and adults.

Come and browse the many items for children, teens and adults.

We are also available every Sunday. Just ask a Parish Council member and be directed to our staff.

BAPTISMS

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for Church Scholarships are now available in the office.

All students that graduated from high school in 2019 are eligible.

2020 Floral Needs

The following is a list of major feast days of Christ, the Theotokos and Saints. Decorating these icons are a blessed way to participate in these major feast days of our church for the health and well-being of your families, or in Blessed Memory of a loved one.

To sponsor the decoration of one or more of these Festal icons, please call the office directly during the week.

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DONATIONS AS OF NOVEMBER 15, 2019

MEMORIALS

Presbytera Evelyn Kiramarios $150
Maria Terzis $100
Anastasia Zervos $735
Thomas Bagas
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Eonas $50
Haido Bloumbas
Mr. George Bloumbas $100
Ms. Ann Siamatouras $100
Ilias Lainas
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Tsarhopoulos $100

FLORAL DONATIONS

Mrs. Stella Bulgaris
IMO Nicholas Bulgaris
Icon of Saint Nicholas

Penny Kazis & Family
Good Health of Kazis Family
Icon of Nativity of Our Lord

Mrs. Maria Theofilou
IMO George Theofilou
Icon of Saint Basil

Mrs. Eftyhia Kalivas
Icon of Saint John

Mr. & Mrs. Ilias Potsis
Icon of Saint Anthony

Ms. Erika Manos
Icon of Saint Athanasios

BASKETBALL DONATIONS

Chris Hatsiopoulos $100
Chuck Mathers $100
Philippe Mousis $100
Stephen Passias $100
Kostas Tsiantoulis $100
Jon Paul Veiga $100

FESTIVAL DONATIONS

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Georgitsis $150
Mr. Arthur Sullivan $50

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT DONATIONS YTD

NOVEMBER 15, 2019

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Alexopoulos $500
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Babanikas $500
Mrs. Demetra Cariofiles $50
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Colarusso $100
Mr. & Mrs. Romolo DeBaggis $25
Mr. & Mrs. Evangelos Demetriades $100
Rhoda & Irene Economos $100
Mrs. Jean Fisher $25
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gagne $600
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Giannaros $20,000
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Ginis $800
Ms. Elaine Gravel $100
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Huser $1,000
Maria and Nikoletta Kallis $100
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Konstatilakis $500
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kotopoulos $500
Ladies Philoptochos $20,000
Lingos Foundation $19,000
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Livanis $275
Mr. & Mrs. Thanasi Mici $300
Mr. Christopher Morosas $215
The Children of Aristidis & Efthalia Mylonas $1,000
Pan Macedonian Association $100
Mr. & Mrs. Ilias Potsis $100
Mrs. Linda Sakelaris Poole $50
Mr. & Mrs. Niko Psikarakis $100
Mr. Irakli Savas $1,000
Ms. Vicky Symiotis $100
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- Fall General Assembly          | Sunday, November 15th |
- Annual Tree Lighting/Potluck Dinner | Saturday, November 28th |
- Parish Council Elections       | Sunday, December 6th |
- Election of Officers and Oath of Office | Sunday, December 13th |
- Sunday School Christmas Pageant | Sunday, December 20th |
- New Year’s Eve Gala            | Thursday, December 31st |
Dear Sisters,

On behalf of Fr. Michael and the board, I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!

Last month we held our First Annual Cancer Walkathon which was a huge success! Please see article on page 17 in this newsletter. On Veteran’s Day weekend, we honored parishioners who have served or continue to serve in the United States Military. We also held a memorial service for those who made the ultimate sacrifice and did not return home. It was a beautiful and touching ceremony.

Upcoming in December we have a lot happening and hope you all will join us in these projects/events. If anyone is interested in helping please contact one of the board members.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Adopt-A-Family
Stop by the giving tree outside the community center to select your items. All gifts need to be returned by December 15th.

December 8th
Breakfast with Santa
We will be hosting a family breakfast following the Divine Liturgy. Please see flyer in this bulletin.

December 15th
Annual Christmas Party
Join us for our annual Christmas Party. Reservations must be made by December 8th. Please see flyer.

January 5th
Annual Vasilopita Cutting
We will be passing a tray this Sunday to benefit St. Basil’s Academy.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 4th which will be a potluck dinner. We look forward to seeing everyone.

You can make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. Fill out the membership form in this bulletin and return it to us and we can put you on our email list.

Sincerely,
Liz Karolemeas
Philoptochos President

Philoptochos 2019-2020 Calendar

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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 weeks 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.

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless

Sherry Anderson

#PhilosStrong
The Ladies of Philoptochos has reached out to MainSpring, a local charitable organization, to offer our help to those less fortunate. For more than three decades, MainSpring has been a leading innovator of ending homelessness. Their mission is to end homelessness in Southern Massachusetts with programs that provide emergency and permanent housing and help in obtaining skills, jobs, housing and services. They help people who are struggling with homelessness, or are at risk of homelessness, to achieve self-sufficiency.

MainSpring provides shelter or emergency housing to individuals and families who have lost their current housing. While at the shelter, MainSpring provides food and nutrition, job training, and other basic needs.

Our group is providing 100 bagged lunches once a month to the shelter. It is a small offering, and we hope to do more in the future.

We meet at the church on the second Tuesday of every month at 6 pm so that we can assemble 100 bagged lunches. The lunches will be delivered to MainSpring on the following Wednesday morning.

Come join us as we do our part for “the least of these (our) my brothers.”
About the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society

“Simply one woman asking another woman to care.”

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc. is the philanthropic arm of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America that has offered 85 years of philanthropy through a multitude of programs that make a difference in the lives of people in the United States and throughout the world.

Philoptochos fulfills its mission to “help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, those with disabilities and the victims of disasters through its National and Metropolis Boards and its 26,000 members and more than 400 active chapters, nationwide. Philoptochos responds immediately to needs and crises and its philanthropic outreach extends to each area of the country and throughout the world”.

Philoptochos provides the opportunity for women who are committed to actively assist those less fortunate and to make a difference. We continue in the steps of our mothers and grandmothers as we support National, Metropolis and local Philoptochos efforts to help those in need. Whether it is a need for ourselves or our community, or to teach others about compassion, we are committed to actively assisting the less fortunate and to making a difference.

As women, each of us is simply asking another woman to care. We are reaching out to all women in our community to invite, to embrace and to involve you in all our philanthropic endeavors as a Philoptochos chapter.

Be part of a philanthropic movement. Join today and make a difference

Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos Society
Stewardship Form
2020 Stewardship $30.00

Please note stewardship breakdown:
$15.00 National Philoptochos ; $10.00 Metropolis; $5.00 for our chapter

Name:_______________________________________________________________________________________
Address:_____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________
Telephone: _____________________________  Email: ____________________________________

Kindly return this form with your stewardship to the address below
Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos
457 Oak Street
Brockton, MA 02301

We thank you for your continued support
Words cannot even begin to express the support and love radiating from our community on November 2nd as our Ladies Philoptochos held their first annual cancer walkathon, **One Step Closer to a Cure** in honor of Presvytera Cyndy and in memory of Presvytera Evelyn. Through the generous donations of many businesses and individuals throughout the community, we were able to raise over $28,000.

Join us on Sunday, December 8th and Sunday, December 15th as we present Dr. Grossman and Dr. Kim with the proceeds enabling them to continue their research for pancreatic and lymphoma cancers.

A heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers that made this day a huge success:

- George Alexis
- Bill Alexopoulos
- Nick & Georgia Babanikas
- Peg Brochu
- Stefania Calogrias
- Chris & Vilma Coutsoumbou
- George Kontaris
- Lynette Mason
- Jim Mihos
- Leon Papadopoulos
- Ilias and Chris Potsis
- Aliki Sarantopoulos
- Ethel Savas
- Vanessa Sharkey
- Mark & Lori Stasiewski
- Paul Stathakis
- Eva Stavropoulos
- Joanna Stellakis
- Betsy & Eleni Thompson
- George & Paula Tsitsopoulos

Sincerely,

Liz Karolemeas
Ladies Philoptochos President

Adamandis & Alina Zouroulidis $60
Alan & Vanthia Chase $25
Annunciation GOYA $100
Amanda Gallegos $50
Amanda Gandoff $100
Andrea White $30
Angelo & Mary Tavlarides $100
Anna Tsitso $80
Antoni & Poppy Vallas $30
Apollo Sound DJ Service
Arthur & Barbara Woolis $100
Arthur & Eleni Karaliolios $30
Arthur Sullivan & Judith Anastasi $200
At Your Service Limousines $30
Athena Babalas $20
Babanikas, Zeidman & King $1,000
BAMSI $500
BC Tent $100
Bela Collins $30
Betsy Thompson $30
Bill & Denise Kotopoulos $100
Bruce Shand $30
Caitlin Howard $30
Cape Cod Café $200
Carol Thomas $25
Charalampous & Theodora Nikopoulos $30
Chris & Elizabeth Tsianakas $100
ChriMark Financial $500
Chris & Diana Gilmore $150
Chris & Vilma Coutsoumbou $50
Christine Kyriacou $50
Christina Marie Mihos Youth Foundation $5,000
Christy & Diana Outchcunis $250
Cynthia Banks $50
Cynthia Paleologos $50
Daniel & Christine Ouzounian $25
David & Jeanne Goodman $100
Dawna Hearn $30
Demetra Cariofiles $30
Denise Booras Hughes $30
Diane Tsionis Agastino $50
Dietz Stadium Diner $250
Dimitris Kalaitzidis $30
Dimitrios & Kristen Palantzas $200
Dina Panico $30
Dr. Albert & Kelly Scappaticci $30
Dr. Andrea Papadopoulos $30
Dr. George Mitchell $30
Dr. Dino & Julia Constantinoiu $60
Dr. John & Gina Kare $100
Dr. Robert Garber $250
Dr. Steven & Wendy Wright $100
Easton Family Dental $100
Effie Kalivas $30
Ekaterini Georgedes $100
Elaine Gravel $30
Elaine Kelly $30
Elaine Stephanides $50
Elena Kouremetis $25
Eleni Thompson $30
Elizabeth Yiannios $30
Ernest & Erlinda Anthony $30
**Upcoming Events**

**December:**
- **12/08:** Serving Breakfast with Santa
- **Date TBA:** My Brother’s Keeper
- **12/22:** GOYA Bake Sale
- **12/31:** New Year’s Eve Gala
  @ Lombardo’s

**January:**
- **01/12:** General Meeting
- **TBD:** GOYA Activity – Laser Tag

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**GOYA Visits Local Fire Station**

Our GOYAns paid a special visit to the local Brockton Fire Fighters to thank them for their dedicated service to our community. The GOYAns delivered desserts and warm smiles that brightened the day for all the fire fighters at the station.

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**GOYA HALLOWEEN PARTY**

GOYAns hosted the children of our community to the Annual Halloween Party on October 25th. The youth enjoyed the parade of costumes, games, food, pumpkin decorating and the haunted mansion decorated by our GOYAns. It was a wonderful evening for all that attended.

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**Walk For Cancer**

On November 2nd, our GOYAns participated in the Walk for a Cure in honor of Presvytera Cynthia Kouremetis and in memory of Presvytera Evelyn Kiramarios. Their participation and donations helped to contribute to the over $28,000 raised for this meaningful event.
On Sunday, October 27th, the students of the Greek School participated in the “OXI Day” celebration with a presentation that commemorated this important holiday. The program was presented after Divine Liturgy in our Church. It was enjoyed by the Parishioners. All of the children looked beautiful in our Greek National colors of blue and white, keeping Greek Flags. Congratulations and many thanks to all of the students and their families who supported this beautiful event.
2019

Get Togethers

OPA is a group that meets the third week of each month for 2—4pm. Our meetings are a time to socialize, play games, plan and go to outings and enjoy our community.

Please join us on

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

- Holiday Luncheon and outing

More Info
@ 781-344-9579
508-857-9551

—4:00 pm
day of the Month
Join our Weekly Gym Walking Group

Ελατε για Περπατημα στο Γυμναστήριο

Followed by Coffee Hour

Walking is a great way to get together and beat those winter blues! There are also many health benefits to walking at least 15 minutes a day including helping with issues such as weight control, diabetes, arthritis, depression, dementia, heart problems and many more.

Every Wednesday, from 10am -12 p.m.
All are welcome to join in on the fun!

We will also provide coffee and refreshments after your walk you are welcome to stay and enjoy each other’s company and if you’re not quite up for the walking yet, know that you are more than welcome to come for the coffee hour and relax in our lounge.

Hope to see you there!!
The Ladies Philoptochos is sponsoring families in need this Christmas Season

Help us make Christmas special this year to those less fortunate

Christmas is an experience for all family members. For many young adults, the gifts we provide will be the only gifts the parent(s) have to give this child. This is true of the parent(s) as well. A few years ago a child on the street stopped one of the drivers - his request: "I only need a gift for my mother." When taking information from a mother about a gift for herself, she replied: "It doesn't matter, as long as my kids see me opening something."

Your involvement this year will help us to bring the love and hope of Jesus Christ to these families this Christmas. May the peace and joy of Christ be with you and your family at this most holy time of year.

Stop by the Giving Tree that is set up outside the lounge to adopt a family or family member or contact Stella Beal (508) 951-7467/Liz Karolemeas (508) 559-0910

All gifts must be received no later than Sunday, December 15th

“Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do”
Galations 2:10
UPCOMING EVENTS

BREAKFAST with SANTA

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8TH 2019
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY
Sponsored by Ladies Philoptochos

BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY

RSVP BY DECEMBER 6TH
508-559-0910*OFFICE@ANNUNCIATIONBROCKTON.ORG
ANNUNCIATION LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 15TH

5:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun evening!

Tutto Bene

1050 Pearl Street, Brockton, MA

$40 per person

*cash bar

Paid reservations must be made by December 8th

Contact
Kelly Scappaticci - kellyscappaticci@hotmail.com
Eva Stavropoulos - eva_diva1@yahoo.com
Church Office 508-559-0910
Philoptochos@annunciationbrockton.org
UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 22nd

GOYA BAKESALE

Following Liturgy
Lots of Homemade Goodies!!
Proceeds Benefit the Christina Marie Mihos Memorial GOYA Scholarship Fund
UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW YEAR’S Eve
Tuesday December 31, 2019
8PM—2AM

Lombardo’s
6 Billing’s Street, Randolph, MA

8PM Cocktail Hour

9.00PM: Sit Down Dinner
Adults: Braised Short Ribs/ Kids: Chicken Tenders & French Fries

10.30—2AM Dancing
Includes: Champagne Toast, Hats/Streamers/Vasilopita
*Cash Bar Available 8PM—1AM

Live Music by: Athenian Entertainment
Featuring, Giorgos Karatzas & Aggeliki Psoni

12.30 AM: Raffle Drawings

Tickets:
Adults: $100  12 & Under: $30
Entrance After 11PM: Adult $50/ 12 & Under—Free

For Tickets Please Call the Church Office(s)
Annunciation Brockton (508) 559.0910
St. Catherine’s Braintree (781) 848.0047
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Brockton, MA 02301

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