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- Pegi Ciulla

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- Stephen Passias

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Beloved in Christ,

Saint Euphrosynus the Cook lived in a Palestinian monastery, his duty to the monastery was to work silently in the kitchen as a cook; he continually dwelt in prayer and fasting. He remembered always that obedience is the first duty of a monk, and therefore he was obedient to all the monks, especially to the elder monks.

His patience was amazing, he was often criticized by his fellow monks, but he never complained. The Lord was greatly pleased with Saint Euphrosynus’ inner virtue which he concealed from everyone, but soon Christ would reveal to his monastic brothers the spiritual heights of his unassumingness.

One of the priest’s monks prayed and asked God to show him the Blessings prepared in Heaven. In a dream he saw what Paradise is like, and he saw Euphrosynus the cook living in Paradise. The priest asked Euphrosynus, how he came to be there, the Saint answered that he was in Paradise through the great mercy of God. The priest asked whether Euphrosynus would be able to give him something from Heaven. Saint Euphrosynus suggested that the priest to take whatever he wanted, so the priest pointed to three apples growing in the garden of Paradise. Euphrosynus monk picked the three apples, wrapped them in a cloth, and gave them to the priest.

When he awoke, the priest thought the vision was a dream, but he suddenly noticed next to him the cloth with the fruit of Paradise wrapped in it which were releasing a heavenly fragrance. The priest sought and found Saint Euphrosynus in church and asked him under oath where he was the night before, the Saint answered that he was where the priest also was. Euphrosynus said that the Lord, in fulfilling the prayer of the priest, had shown him Paradise and had bestowed the fruit of Paradise through him, “the lowly and unworthy servant of God, Euphrosynus.”

The priest told everything that he experienced to his monastic brethren, pointing out the spiritual loftiness of Euphrosynus in pleasing God, and he pointed to the fragrant fruit from Paradise. The monks then went to the kitchen, in order to pay respect to Saint Euphrosynus, but they did not find him there, fleeing human glory, the monk had left the monastery. The place where he went to remained unknown. But the monks always remembered that their fellow monastic brother Euphrosynus had come upon Paradise and that they, in being saved through the mercy of God, would meet him there. They reverently kept and distributed pieces of the apples from Paradise for Blessing and for healing.

In His Love,

Father Michael
Ο Σταυρός το καύχημα των χριστιανών

Ο Σταυρός του Κυρίου μας αποτελεί για τους πιστούς το όργανο της σωτηρίας μας, καθότι με το σωματικό θάνατο του Χριστού επατηθήκε ο θάνατος. Ετούτο, από όργανο καταδικήσεις είχε προέρχεται σωτηρία για όλο το ανθρώπινο γένος και από σύμβολο αισθήματος κατέστη τροπαίο. Το μοναδικό πράγμα για το οποίο καυχάται ο απόστολος Παύλος δεν είναι άλλο από τον Σταυρό: «Εμοί δε μη γέννησα καυχάσθηκα ει μη έν το σταυρό του Κυρίου ἢδη Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, δι' οὗ ἔμοι κόσμος ἐσταύρωται κακώς τό κόσμος» (Γαλ. 6.14).

Στο πρώτο σκέλος αυτής της φράσης παρατείνεται ο Απόστολος από κάθε τι για το οποίο θα μπορούσε να καυχηθεί ή να υπερηφανεύεται: δεν προτάσσει την καταγωγή του ούτε την μόρφωσή του δεν περιαντολογεί για τα χαρίσματα με τα οποία τον προίκει ο Θεός ούτε για τα πλήθη των άνθρωπων, αλλά την οικουμένη, που επιμένει με το κήρυγμά του: «δεν κομπάζει για τα θάματα που επετέλεσε ούτε για την ανάβαση ήκο τρίτου ούρανον». Όταν για την πίστη του καυχάται ούτε για τα έργα του ούτε για την τήρηση των εντολών του νόμου, παρά μόνο για τον Σταυρό του Κυρίου. Και τούτο, επειδή ο Σταυρός και η συνεπακόλουθη Άνασταση του Χριστού, αποτελούν την αιτία της σωτηρίας μας, την ελπίδα των πιστών, τα εχέγγυα της αιωνίου ζωής.

Δεν σταματά όμως εδώ ο απόστολος Παύλος: με τον Σταυρό του Κυρίου, μάς λέει, σταυρώθηκε για μένα ο κόσμος κι εγώ για τον κόσμο. Δεν αρκεί, δηλαδή, μόνο το καύχημα, δεν φτάνει μόνη μόνο, η πίστη, χρειάζεται η έμπρακτη εφαρμογή τους, σύμφωνα με τα λόγια του Χριστού: «Όστες θέλει ὁ πάπα μου άκουσα, ἀπαντήσαμε γάλακτον και σημείωσαν αὐτὸν, καὶ άκουσαν νὸι</ref>

Και τούτο, επειδή ο Σταυρός και η συνεπακόλουθη Άνασταση του Χριστού, αποτελούν την αιτία της σωτηρίας μας, την ελπίδα των πιστών, τα εχέγγυα της αιωνίου ζωής.

Ο Σταυρός του Κυρίου μας είναι καύχημα των χριστιανών και καταγωγή του Ουρανού, δι' οὗ δεν μπορούν να κατανυχύσουν, κληρονομούν τον κόσμο και ακολουθούν τον Κύριο στον Γολγοθά, για να υπερηφανεύουν και για να καυχάστονται για τον Κύριο τους.
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**SEPTEMBER CALENDAR**
Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Father Michael, and the Parish Council, I hope that you and your families had a safe, enjoyable and relaxing summer. We welcome you all back as we begin our new ecclesiastical year. To our youth of all ages, we wish you a fruitful and successful up-coming school year.

During the summer months, your Parish Council has continued to be proactive in identifying and addressing the on-going needs of our church.

As you may have noticed, the bathroom restoration project of the Men’s room began back in late June, and was recently completed. Stewardship support has never been stronger. So many individuals have given their time and talents, day in and day out after 5:00 p.m. over the past two (2) months to complete this portion of the project. Given our upcoming food festival the Women’s room restoration will begin after the conclusion of our festival.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Genti Bushe and Alfred Bushe, of Genti Home Improvements, Dino Pasiass, and Fred Lainas of Lainas Plumbing, Arthur Karaliolios and various parish council members for their hard work and dedication in seeing the first half of this project to its conclusion. The labor costs alone for demolition, tiling the floors and walls, skim coating the non tiled walls and plumbing carried a cost over $12,000.00 per bathroom, but thanks to the time and talents of the above mentioned individuals, the church was able to save this cost.

I am certain as Stewards of our parish we take pride in this recent improvement which in turn will provide long-term benefits for all of us as a community. When you see these fine individuals at church take a moment to let them know how much you appreciate all that they did for our parish.

In conjunction to the men’s bathroom project, your Parish Council was also hard at work undertaking needed repairs on our 30 year old walk-in freezer with the assistance of Jim Mihos and George Alexis who helped coordinate these repairs. Additionally, a new commercial fryolator and another salad cooler unit was purchased in preparation for this year’s upcoming food festival. The freezer repair and the new units purchased had a cost of approximately $10,000.00.

Your ongoing support and commitment to our church and our faith has allowed for these necessary projects and purchases to become a reality.

Fr. Michael, the Parish Council, and I would once again like to thank Nick and Samira Giannaros, of Athena International Foods, for their $20,000.00 donation which allowed the Bathroom project to begin and become a reality.

I would also like to express our deepest appreciation and gratitude to Rocky Savas, and The Savas Trust, for their most recent donation of $16,985.00 that has gone towards our church’s needs. The Savas Trust, makes yearly donations from the interest earned, and this year’s was the highest to date.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend our sincerest appreciation and gratitude to Andrew Bounas, CEO and Daniel Flaherty, VP of FoodTec Solutions, for their generous donation of 2 POS stations with cash drawers, printers and support set-up. This will truly help in reducing the main food lines for our upcoming Festival. We can’t wait to try them out. Thank you gentlemen.

Back on June 24, 2019, we had our church’s Annual Golf Tournament. I would like to congratulate Nick Palantzas, and the entire Golf committee for running such a great tournament that was enjoyed by 110 golfers. We are also truly appreciative and grateful to the numerous and generous donors and sponsors which played a huge part in this most successful event that allowed us to raise over $19,500.00 in net profits for our church.

As you can see, together we are making positive strides in beautifying, preserving, and strengthening our church.

Our biggest and most important fundraiser of the year is our four (4) day food festival. This year it will be held on Thursday September 19, 2019 through Sunday September 22, 2019.

It is our hope that ALL of you, the Stewards of our church will commit some of your time and talents to help us make this year’s Food Festival a huge success. Over the summer months much thought, effort and planning has been put in by our festival Chairman Jim Mihos, and the 4 co-captains of our festival committee to assure that this year’s event will be even MORE enjoyable, profitable and memorable.

A special thank you goes out in advance to Jim Mihos, George Alexis, Tulla Giannaros, Liz Karolemeas, George Yiotopoulos and our family of volunteers for all their hard work and preparation for what will surely be a great four(4) day festival.

Over the past 3 years, our festival has increased in volume and sales by approximately 30%. Needless to say, we have grown our festival and we cannot be successful without your assistance. I encourage all of you, young and old alike, to come forward and join our family of volunteers in Christian fellowship especially during our upcoming festival. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”

~ Henry Ford ~

Respectfully yours,

Nicholas H. Babanikas
Parish Council President

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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ΠΑΙΔΙΑ ΚΑΤΟΝ 21 ΕΤΩΝ - ΟΝΟΜΑΤΑ & ΕΤΟΝ:

CHILDREN UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE - NAME & AGE:

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HOW DO YOU WISH TO RECEIVE OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN? EMAIL ☐ US MAIL ☐

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT /ΥΠΟΣΧΕΣΙΣ

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.

☐ ΕΥΕΡΤΗΣΗ

BENEFACTOR $600

For a Family with (1)

Orthodox member

and child/children

ΠΡΟΣΤΑΤΗΣ

PATRON $400

For Married Couples

No children

ΔΟΡΗΤΗΣ

DONOR $300

For a Single/Widow

ΑΛΛΟ

OTHER $ ______

SEPARATE DONATION FOR MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT ONLY

$500 ______  $100 ______  $50 ______  $25 ______  OTHER $ ______

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YEAR /ΕΤΟΣ

2019 ☐

To pledge by credit card, or to sign up for our “Auto Recurring Stewardship Program”, please visit our website at http://www.AnnunciationBrockton.org
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Aftosmes, Mr. Steven
Aftosmes, Mrs. Thalia
Alexiou, Mr. & Mrs. Nick
Alexis, Mr. & Mrs. George
Alexopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Bill
Alexopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
Anastos, Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas
Antoniou, Mrs. Sia
Babanikas, Mrs. Ekaterina
Babanikas, Mr. & Mrs. Kostas
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Bellas, Mr. Anthony
Bellas, Mr. & Mrs. Constantine
Bellas, Mr. & Mrs. Demetrios
Bellas, Mr. & Mrs. Elias
Bellas, Miss. Maria
Bellas, Dr. & Mrs. Peter
Besarik, Mr. & Mrs. Scott
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Bulgaris, Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas
Bulgaris, Mrs. Stella
Buterbaugh, Mr. & Mrs. Jon
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Calogrias, Miss Stefania
Calogrias, Mr. & Mrs. Tony
Campbell, Mr. & Mrs. Richard
Capernaros, Mr. Philip
Cariofiles, Mrs. Demetra
Castle, Mrs. Cleo
Cleary, Mrs. Elizabeth
Coderre, Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinand
Coderre, Ms. Irene
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Conley, Mr. & Mrs. Scott
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Constantinou, Dr. & Mrs. Dino
Costarellas, Mr. & Mrs. Sotirios
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Covett, Mrs. Helen
Covett, Ms. Katherine
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Deeb, Mr. & Mrs. Paul
Deligeorges, Mr. & Mrs. George
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Demos, Mr. & Mrs. Steve
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Drovatzikas, Mr. & Mrs. Peter
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Economos, Ms. Rhoda
Fabian, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald
Fisher, Ms. Jean
Firopoulos, Mr. Ted
Flaherty, Mrs. Rayna
Fletcher, Mrs. Diane
Follo, Mr. & Mrs. Timothy
Frangakis, Ms. Artemida
Gagne, Mr. & Mrs. Robert
George, Mrs. Diane
Georgakakis, Ms. Tina
Geouei, Mrs. Phyllis
Georitis, Mr. & Mrs. Ari
Georitis, Mr. & Mrs. Peter
Giannakoulis, Mrs. Pat
Giannaros, Mr. & Mrs. Nick
Giannaros, Mr. & Mrs. Spyros
Giannouloudis, Mr. Tom
Giat, Mr. & Mrs. Ilia
Gifford, Mr. & Mrs. William
Ginis, Mr. & Mrs. William
Gioulis, Mr. & Mrs. Nondas
Grantsis, Mr. & Mrs. Gregory
Grier, Mr. & Mrs. Jason
Gravel, Ms. Elaine
Habib, Mrs. Violet
Hanley, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Hasouris, Mr. Philip
Hatzidis, Mrs. Giannoula
Hayek Aljamal, Mrs. Jeanette
Hickman, Mr. & Mrs. Mark
Holevas, Mrs. Helen
Howard, MRS. Caitlin
Iosifidis, Mr. & Mrs. Tony
Jaramillo, Mr. & Mrs. Christopher
Jaramillo, Mr. Serafin
Jaramillo, Mr. & Mrs. Sergio
Joseph, Mrs. Louise
Joyce, Mrs. Katherine
Juris, Mr. John
Kalivas, Mrs. Eftyhia
Kallianaidis, Mr. Milton
Kallis, Ms. Maria
Kallis, Mrs. Nikoletta
Kampanellas, Ms. Paris
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Karaliolios, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur
Karanicolas, Mr. & Mrs. Chress
Karavites, Mr. Peter
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Kazis, Mrs. Penny
Kears, Mrs. Vicky
Kenis, Mrs. Bessie
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Liolios, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel
Livonis, Mr. & Mrs. Harry
Lucas, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
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Lymeropoulos, Mrs. Eleni
Maranian, Mr. Stephan
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Mihos, Mrs. Marlene
Mihos, Mr. Peter J.
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Mitoulis, Mr. & Mrs. Harry
Morosas, Mr. Christopher
Nanos, Mr. & Mrs. Odessas
Nenopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. John
Nickandros, Mr. & Mrs. George
Nicholaides, Mr. & Mrs. Harry
Ntakoulas, Mr. & Mrs. Ted
Odierno, Mr. & Mrs. Randy
Stewardship isn’t a subcategory of the Christian life. Stewardship is the Christian life. After all, what is stewardship except that God has entrusted to us life, time, talents, money, possessions, family, and his grace? In each case, he evaluates how we regard what he has entrusted to us and what we do with it.

—— Randy Alcorn ——

2019 STEWARDS YTD AUGUST 15, 2019
With **less than 30 days** until our Food Festival, preparations are well under way. Our Parish faces a huge challenge as we are coming off our most successful festival EVER. Both our Sales and our Profits reached an all-time high, due in large part, to the unselfish commitment of TIME, TALENT and TREASURE from our Parishioners. To improve upon last year’s results, we will need even a greater commitment from all of our Parishioners. There is a Volunteer roll for everyone to fill. In fact, not only are we requesting that all Parishioners get involved in this year’s Food Festival, we are asking every Parishioner to bring along a friend or relative to support our volunteer efforts.

Sadly over the past 5 years we have lost many Parishioners that have volunteered their time and talent during our Festivals and clearly we are all aging, which takes a physical toll on us, so we really need to appeal to everyone to lend a hand. Last year we had Rocky Savas and his son Steve setting up more than 120 tables and 800 chairs on Wednesday almost all by themselves. Tables that weighed nearly 70 pounds each. Rocky was a month short of 89 years old at that time and even though he is in great shape, he shouldn’t have to do that job yet there was no one else available to do it, so he made it his responsibility. Let’s all step forward this year to give “the Rocky’s” of our Parish a little bit of a break.

It is always difficult to ask people to give of themselves for the benefit of others, yet this is for the benefit of our Church, our Community and our Family. For those that still work or have other commitments during the dates of our Festival, please consider using a few days of your vacation benefit, sick time or personal time so that you can be there volunteering on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as well as the weekend.

Even with the outstanding and record-setting results that we achieved last year, we can do so much better this year. We prepared a list of more than 40 things that we can do to improve the results of this year’s Festival. We can achieve every one of them but we need more volunteers committing to more hours, so please do what you can to help us out and please bring along a friend to help us as well.

Enclosed in this month’s bulletin is a Volunteer Sign-Up form. Please complete it as soon as you can and return it to the office so that our committee can finish the scheduling.

Working together we can achieve incredible results for our Parish.

Jim Mihos
On behalf of The Food Festival Committee

“As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands – one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.”

—Audrey Hepburn
FOOD FESTIVAL
FREE ADMISSION  RAIN OR SHINE!!

ANNUNCIATION BROCKTON GREEK FESTIVAL

COME BE GREEK FOR A DAY!!

September 19, 20, 21, 22

Thursday 11am-8pm  Friday & Saturday 11am-11pm
Sunday 12pm-6pm

Pre-Order Take out
Thursday & Friday Lunch 11am-2pm ONLY
brocktongreekfestival@gmail.com

Raffle
Greek Marketplace
Church Tours
With Fr. Michael Kouremetis

Live Greek Music by:
Athenian Entertainment
Featuring: Giorgos Karatzas

Lots of delicious Greek Food & Pastries
Kafenio
Kids’ Corner

Traditional Greek Folk Dancing Friday, Saturday & Sunday
AGOC Paradosi Dancers
Sons & Daughters of Alexander the Great

457 Oak Street Brockton, MA
www.annunciationbrockton.org

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DONATIONS AS OF AUGUST 15, 2019

MEMORIALS

Michael Aftosmes $250
Elizabeth Cleary $240
Presbytera Evelyn Kiramarios $3,195
Ilias Lainas $1,325
Mary Tsionis $1,845

George Antoniou
Mrs. Sia Antoniou & Family $100

Toula Gavalas
Dr. George Mitchell $100

Priscilla Giannoulooudis
Tom Giannouloudis $100

Dimitrios Lambrakis
Sofia Lambrakis $700

Pauline Pappas
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Argys $20
Mrs. Georgia Tasho $50

George Theofilou
Mrs. Maria Theofilou $300

FLORAL DONATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. George Petropoulos
Nativity of the Theotokos Icon
Elevation of the Holy Cross Icon

OTHER DONATIONS

Ilias & Chrisoula Potsis
1 Case of Nama Byzantino Communion Wine

Anna Tsitos and James & Katherine Vlavlano
In Honor of 50th Wedding Anniversary of
Peter & Sylvia Deftos $200

New Sound System
Nikoletta & Maria Kallis $100
Mr. Andonios Kaliori $100

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT DONATIONS

YTD AUGUST 15th, 2019

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Alexopoulos $500
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Babanikas $500
Mrs. Demetra Cariofiles $50
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Colaruso $100
Mr. & Mrs. Romolo DeBaggis $25
Mr. & Mrs. Evangelos Demetriades $100
Rhoda & Irene Economos $100
Mrs. Jean Fisher $25
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gagne $100
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Giannaros $20,000
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Ginis $600
Ms. Elaine Gravel $100
Maria and Nikoletta Kallis $100
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kotopoulos $500
Ladies Philoptochos $5,000
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Livanis $275
Mr. & Mrs. Thanasi Mici $300
Mr. Christopher Morosas $165
Pan Macedonian Association $100
Mr. & Mrs. Ilias Potsis $100
Mrs. Linda Sakelaris Poole $50
Mr. Irakli Savas $1,000
Ms. Vicky Syrniotis $100
Mr. James Zaros $100

BAPTISMS

July 6th Aristotelis son of Christos & Domna Karanikolas
Godparent: Christos Eliopoulos

July 20th Christopher son of Nicholas & Danielle Bulgaris
Godparents: Michael & Stacey Shonahan

August 11th Melody Ki daughter of Tyler & Ariana Sutton
Godparents: Dan & Rayna Flaherty

FUNERALS

June 28th Bessie Bartorelli
July 9th Fotios Antoniou
July 15th Stamatia Gavalas
July 16th Andrea Drosos
August 1st Elizabeth Cleary
May their memory be eternal
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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2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Annual Food Festival Thursday, Sept. 19th - Sunday Sept. 22nd
Fall General Assembly Sunday, November 17th
Annual Tree Lighting Saturday, November 30th
Parish Council Elections Sunday, December 8th
Affirmation of Office/PC election of Officers Sunday, December 15th
Dear Sisters,

I would like to welcome everyone back to the Ecclesiastical Year. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. Thank you to all of the hardworking volunteers who have been busy baking in the kitchen getting us ready for the upcoming Festival. This year the board decided to sponsor 10 Veterans a day at the upcoming festival by taking care of their meals. Look for the special table that will be reserved for our Veterans and stop by and introduce yourselves.

In the coming months, the Board looks forward to fulfilling the mission of Philoptochos with your help and support. Please take a look at the calendar for our upcoming events. Hopefully you can join us at our first meeting on Tuesday, October 1st which is a potluck and bring a friend. We welcome new members and encourage everyone’s participation.

Sincerely,
Liz Karolemeas
Philoptochos President

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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.

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

— Sherry Anderson

#PhiloStrong
For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and fed you, or thirsty and gave you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and clothed you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”

- Matthew 25:35-40 (English Standard Version)

**TAKE AWAY THE PAIN OF HUNGER**

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*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
2019 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
Welcome Back!

We are very excited for this year, with lots of events in store for you all. We ask all GOYAn and their parents to stop by our table at the ministry fair (September 8th) to share your contact information. We want to make sure that everyone is in the loop!

As we begin this New Year together, we are encouraging all GOYAn and their parents to continue to keep Christ and our faith at the center of everything we do. This journey that we walk together is filled with faith, fun, friendship, love and adventures.

This year our officers are:

- **President**
  Nikole Ciulla

- **Vice President**
  Katerina Babanikas

- **Secretary**
  Cassandra Passias

- **Historians**
  Melena Karolemeas
  Aristea Tsitsopoulos

As you know our Annual Food Festival is coming up. We need GOYA’s help!! On Tuesday and Wednesday Evening prior to the Festival (September 17–18) we will be setting up the tent. We need everyone’s assistance. I ask that each GOYAn come to the church for at least one (1) hour to help us set-up the tent. Fr. Michael and I are more than happy to sign off on community service hours.

I cannot emphasize enough how much of an impact and influence GOYA had in my life growing up. I am both excited and humbled by the opportunity to assist you all in experiencing everything that GOYA can teach you all, just as so many did the same for me. GOYA is a time for learning, a time for fun, and most importantly a way to come together in Christian unity with one another.

I want to leave you with this powerful excerpt from the enthronement address of Archbishop Elpidophoros:

“First, if we are to be true to our evangelical roots and spiritual traditions, we must be a Church that embraces our young people that embraces the strangers in our midst that embraces all members of our community and our country. Our young people face an ever-growing deluge of information and access to knowledge that is unprecedented. The Church—which means all of us—must be ready to meet our youth where they live and where they learn: in our communities, on college campuses, with all of the range and resources of social media at our disposal. We cannot lose any time, and we cannot wait for them to reach out to us. We must offer them a taste of the sacramental life, of the living Body of Christ. We should welcome and embrace them, meeting them—just as the Lord Jesus Himself did with His disciples—on their own terms, in their own hearts, and with their own resources.”

I look forward to the many adventures that we will embark on this year as a group and I invite all AGOC Brockton youth come to our meeting on September 15.

In His Service,
Stefania Calogrias
GOYA Advisor
The registration for the Greek School of the school year 2019-2020 will take place on Sunday, September 8th, 2019 at 12:00-2:00pm in our Community Center. Greek School classes will start on Saturday 14th, 2019.

Please do not hesitate to contact our teacher, Mrs. Ioanna Andreopoulou, should you have any questions regarding the Greek School at: Cell phone :(401)400 9109 or Email: i.andreopoulou@hotmail.com

PTO of Greek School
Parents of the Greek school and members of the Brockton’s community founded last year the PTO for our Greek School, giving to our community a new way to show that when we are working together we can accomplish great things. This is a volunteer opportunity to fit the needs and talents of anyone who would like to be involved in supporting student activities.

If you are interested in helping please contact Mrs. Claire Iosifidis via email at Claire_ios@yahoo.com

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**Russian School Schedule 2019-2020**

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**Congratulations** to **Alexandros Nenopoulos and Olga Zouroulidou** who graduated after 6 years in Greek School. They were honored and awarded a certificate by His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios at the Maliotis Cultural Center in Brookline, MA.

**Congratulations** also to Dimitrios Kalaitzidis and Alexandros El-Ghadi who graduated after 7 years in Greek School.
# Sunday School Schedule 2019-2020

**September**
- September 8<sup>th</sup>  "KickOff Sunday" Registration/Blessing of the Backpacks/ Ice Cream “Sundays”
- September 15<sup>th</sup>  Regular Class
- September 22<sup>nd</sup>  Regular Class
- September 29<sup>th</sup>  Regular Class

**October**
- October 6<sup>th</sup>  Regular Class
- October 13<sup>th</sup>  Family Worship
- October 20<sup>th</sup>  Regular Class
- October 27<sup>th</sup>  Regular Class

**November**
- November 3<sup>rd</sup>  Regular Class
- November 10<sup>th</sup>  Regular Class
- November 17<sup>th</sup>  Regular Class (Toys for Tots Drive Begins)
- November 24<sup>th</sup>  Family Worship

**December**
- December 1<sup>st</sup>  Regular Class
- December 8<sup>th</sup>  Regular Class (Toys for Tots Drive End)
- December 15<sup>th</sup>  Regular Class
- December 22<sup>nd</sup>  10 O’clock class/ Christmas Pageant
- December 29<sup>th</sup>  Family Worship

**January**
- January 5<sup>th</sup>  Regular Class
- January 12<sup>th</sup>  Regular Class
- January 19<sup>th</sup>  Regular Class
- January 26<sup>th</sup>  Regular Class

**February**
- February 2<sup>nd</sup>  Regular Class
- February 9<sup>th</sup>  Regular Class
- February 16<sup>th</sup>  Family Worship
- February 23<sup>rd</sup>  Regular Class

**March**
- March 1<sup>st</sup>  Regular Class
- March 8<sup>th</sup>  10 O’clock class/ Sunday of Orthodoxy
- March 15<sup>th</sup>  Regular Class
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>  10 O’clock class/ Veneration of the Holy Cross
- March 29<sup>th</sup>  Regular Class

**April**
- April 5<sup>th</sup>  Regular Class
- April 12<sup>th</sup>  Regular Class
- April 19<sup>th</sup>  Regular Class
- April 26<sup>th</sup>  Regular Class

**May**
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>  Regular Class
- May 10<sup>th</sup>  Regular Class
- May 17<sup>th</sup>  10 O’clock class/ Graduation
UPCOMING EVENTS

**FIRST ANNUAL MINISTRY FAIR**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2019**

**CONNECT • GROW • SERVE**

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**Join us in the Lounge following Liturgy**

**For Ice Cream Sundaes**

**& Sign up with our Ministries**
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BACKPACK BLESSING

All Students are to bring their backpacks for Fr. Michael to Bless. A picture will be taken for each student to carry their church family with them everyday.

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