Church Services

Sunday
- Orthros: 8:45am
- Divine Liturgy: 9:45am

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

Κυριακή
- Ορθρος: 8:45μμ
- Θεία: 9:45μμ
- Λειτουργία

Καθημερινές
- Ορθρος: 9:00μμ
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Ioanna Andreopoulou
Tina Boutas

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Stefania Calogrias
Maria Anamateros
Dion Buterbaugh
Stephan Maranian
Demetri Tsitsopoulos

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Beloved in the Lord,

The Feast of the Annunciation is one of the earliest known Christian Feasts. Church historians write that the Feast was being celebrated as early as the Fourth Century and it is also recorded that a primitive painting of the Annunciation was found in a Christian Catacomb in ancient Rome in the Second Century.

The Greek translation of the word Annunciation is “Good Tidings”, which refers to proclamation that Mary received from the Archangel Gabriel. Saint Luke in his Gospel writes:

“And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her and said, “Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women.” And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying and cast about in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, “Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a Son, and shalt call His name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David, and He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His Kingdom there shall be no end.”

Then said Mary unto the angel, “How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?” And the angel answered and said unto her, “The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee. Therefore, also that Holy Being who shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And behold, thy cousin Elizabeth: she hath also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible.” And Mary said, “Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.” And the angel departed from her. And Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Judah” Luke, 1:26-39.

The beautiful Icon of the Annunciation is full of theological symbolism. The Icon is written with bright and glorious colors to show the joy and greatness of this Feast. The icon depicts the Archangel Gabriel and the Holy Theotokos facing each other. If we look carefully, we can see that Gabriel’s feet are spread apart as if to show that he is running to greet the Holy Theotokos with the Blessed news. In his left-hand Gabriel holds a staff, which is symbolic of a messenger. He extends his right hand towards Mary as he announces the Blessing to be bestowed on her.

As we look at Virgin Mary, we can learn much about her from how she is depicted. We chant in numerous services that she is "more honorable than the Cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim". In the icon she is either standing or sitting on an elevated seat as if she is floating which represents her preeminent role as the Mother of God. We sometimes see Mary carrying in her left-hand yarn. Holy Tradition teaches us that Mary's sacred duty, while she lived in the temple, was to weave the purple and red material, which was used to make the veil of the Holy Temple. In the icon we also see her right hand elevated to show her acceptance of Gabriel’s call. Mary could have said no but the icon shows her willingness to follow the will of God. Sometimes we see a ray of light coming from a small sphere which depicts the descent of the Holy Spirit upon her. On her garments you will notice three gold stars, these three stars represent that she is “Ever-Virgin” before, during and after the birth of Christ.

As you can see the Holy Icon of the Theotokos is not just a beautiful piece of art, but it teaches us visually the Theology of the Holy Theotokos in the Orthodox Church.

May the Theotokos of the Annunciation Bless and protect us all.

In His Love,
Father Michael
Η Πρώτη Κυριακή Των Νηστειών
ʽΗ Κυριακή της Ορθοδοξίαςʼ

Η σημερινή Κυριακή, η πρώτη της αγιασία και Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής, συνομάζεται Κυριακή της Ορθοδοξίας, και εορτάζουμε
την αναστήλωση των ιερών εικόνων και τον θρίαμβο της Ορθοδοξίας έναντι της αιρέσεως της εικονομαχίας. Στην Κέρκυρα δε,
τούτη την ημέρα, έχουμε την ευκαιρία να παράσχουμε αξία στην εικόνα Χριστού, καθώς μας δίνουν την ευκαιρία να δειμωθούμε και να προσευχηθούμε
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Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Father Michael, 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 where we should all conduct a self-examination of our daily life, looking for ways to correct and improve ourselves and how we can better act towards 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 two wonderful events where we as a community joined together in Christian fellowship. The first event was the 22nd annual “Have a Heart Luncheon”. This philanthropic event was undertaken by our Joy and Hope youth groups at our church where there were over 225 individuals in attendance. As a result of the hard work and efforts of the committee members reaching out and receiving numerous generous donations, they were able to run this event cost-free. This in turn, allowed for a 100 percent donation of the proceeds raised to go directly to the Hellenic Cardiac Fund at Children’s Hospital. These proceeds help provide financial assistance to families that have children with cardiac medical issues that require critical care.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Fanoula Stearns, Christina Figueiredo, Stefania Calogrias, and Kathy Tsiatanakas for organizing and running a most worthy and successful event. Also, our appreciation goes out to the numerous donors for their generous raffle gifts, food and drinks donations that made this event a huge success. A special thank you goes out to the wonderful ladies, gentlemen, young adults and children who made this event possible. By virtue of volunteering their time and talents in decorating the hall, entertaining us with beautiful Greek dances and preparing and serving the food enjoyed by all, we came away from this event realizing and appreciating that it is much more rewarding to give than to receive.

The second event, was our Stewardship Sunday Luncheon and State of the Church discussion. We had approximately 150 Stewards in attendance that gathered in Christian fellowship, enjoying a complimentary meal hosted by the Babanikas families and prepared by Sotirios Arvanitidis, In Loving Memory of Michael Babanikas.

As stewards, we discussed the challenges facing our church going forward, and the need for us to continue to push for upward growth of our membership. We talked about the positive increase in our stewards over the past four years. We also discussed the new and enjoyable events that took place in our church over the past year. They were the Andamoma night and weekly gym walking group which meets every Wednesday and afterwards enjoy each other’s company over coffee, deserts and watching Ellas TV on the big screen in the lounge which will be renamed the Philexinia room. We also explored different ways to generate funds such as renting out the Philoxenia room and or finding ways to make use of the vacant land we have to help reduce some of the financial burden to our parishioners.

We also talked about how the parish council has been hard at work installing a powerful WiFi system making use of Emails and Facebook technology, enabling us to communicate quickly and easily with each other as to what is happening here at our church.

We discussed how our parish has a tremendous amount of talented individuals whose knowledge and services would be most welcomed and appreciated at our church.

We talked about the formation of a new Hospitality Ministry where we would have 3 separate rotating groups of five (5) stewards per group be responsible for preparing meals for or bridal/baby showers in our church Philoxenia room. This would be of tremendous benefit to both the families and the church.

We prepared a Time and Talents form which we passed out at the luncheon and is also available in this month’s bulletin. We ask you to consider signing up and joining our family of volunteers, by offering some of your time and God given talents to help in preserving and perpetuating our Orthodox faith and our parish. At the conclusion of the stewardship luncheon we had twelve individuals sign up for this new ministry.

In closing, I would like to express our deepest appreciation and gratitude to Rocky Savas, Stephen Savas and their families for their most recent donation of $13,300.00 made In Loving Memory of Leila Fotini Savas. This generous donation was for the multi camera system that will allow for live streaming on Facebook, YouTube and has recording capabilities to capture the events in our Church Proper for those that may want a copy. Parishioners not able to be physically present will have the ability to view the liturgy and/or sacraments or after liturgy events occurring in our church. Again, Thank you Rocky and Stephen. May Leila Fotini Savas’ Memory Be Eternal.

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 08, 2020**
The Lenten Luncheon in our Community Center following the Divine Liturgy. As you 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. For tickets please visit the table outside the Philoxenia room or call the church office.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020**
**SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS**
His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston will officiate the liturgy. Following the service there will be an elaborate coffee hour in the community center.

**WEDNESDAY, March 25, 2020**
Greek Independence Day Celebration at City Hall at 4:00 p.m.

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
Projects to be done in the future……

- Upgrade electrical system for the festival;
- Replace and update outside light fixtures;
- Repair and update the brick entrance wall, lighting and message board;
- Renovate bathroom hallway and foyer floors closets to the office, in front of Tree of Life;
- Renovate and beautify the lounge; and
- Plans for iconography to be presented to the community at the Fall General Assembly
DONATIONS AS OF FEBRUARY 15, 2020

MEMORIALS

Fotios Pouliopoulos $1,700
Kate Bislarides
Ladies Philoptochos Society $25
Athena Critikos
Ladies Philoptochos Society $25
Dr. George Mitchell $50
Panagiota Koutsoumbou
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Beal $25
Ambrosios Lymberopoulos
Mrs. Eleni Lymberopoulos $100
Miltiadi Tzika
The Arvanitidis Families $1,000

FLORAL DONATIONS
Calogrias Family
Icon of the Annunciation—Pangari
Veneration of the Holy Cross
IMO Pauline Pappas

Ann Siamantouras
Health & well being of family
Icon of the Annunciation

Eva Stavropoulos
Large Icon of the Annunciation

OTHER DONATIONS
Jeanette Jamal $100

Fotios Lainas
Alter Bathroom Fixture

MEN’S BASKETBALL DONATIONS
Nelson Felicano $60
Derek Fields $100
Kuriakos Petroulas $100
Ulisses Varela $100

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT DONATIONS YTD
FEBRUARY 15, 2020

AHEPA $3,000
Mrs. Stella Bulgaris 4100
Dr. Diana Calogrias $200
Mrs. Demetra Cariofiles $50
Dr. & Mrs. Chris Constantinou $50
Ms. Jean Fisher $25
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kotopoulos $500
Fr. Michael & Presv. Cyndy Kouremetis $500
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Lucas $1,000
Mr. Irakli Savas $12,227
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Savas $2,000
Mr. & Mrs. George Spyropoulos $200

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.

May 28th Ascension $75

Lent/Holy Week Needs
Salutation to the Theotokos—4 available $60
Bay Leaves—TBD
Icon of Nymphios $100
Icon of Mystical Supper $50
Wreaths for Holy Thursday—2 available TBD
Resurrection Candle $250
Banner of Resurrection $100
2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Lenten Luncheon  Sunday, March 8th
Annunciation Vespers & Reception  Tuesday, March 24th
Annunciation Feast day Celebration  Wednesday, March 25th
Greek School Independence Day Program  Saturday, March 28th
Greek Independence Day Celebration City Hall  Wednesday, March 25th
Saint Lazarus Breakfast  Saturday, April 11th
Palm Sunday Luncheon  Sunday, April 12th
Greek Independence Day Parade  Sunday, April 26th
Spring General Assembly  Sunday, May 3rd
Hungry Friends  Thursday, May 7th
Philoptochos Food Festival  Friday May 15th—Sunday May 17th
Sunday School Graduation  Sunday, May 17th
Ministry Awards Banquet  Sunday, June 7th
Greek School Graduation  Sunday, May 31st
Annual Golf Tournament  Monday, June 22nd
Ministry Fair/Backpack Blessing  TBA
Annual Food Festival  Thursday, Sept. 17th -
                                         Sunday Sept. 20th
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  TBD

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2020 STEWARDS YTD FEBRUARY 15, 2020

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Aftosmes, Mr. Steven
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Agostino-Tsionis, Mrs. Diane
Alexiou, Mr. & Mrs. Nick
Alexis, Mr. & Mrs. George
Alexopoulos, Mrs. Georgia
Anastos, Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas
Apostolidis, Mr. & Mrs. Thodoros
Bandis, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Bellas, Mr. & Mrs. Demetrios
Bellas, Mr. & Mrs. Elias
Boutas, Mrs. Fotine
Calogrias, Dr. Diana
Calogrias, Stefania
Calogrias, Mr. & Mrs. Tony
Cariofiles, Mrs. Demetra
Cariofiles, Mr. & Mrs. Nick
Castle, Mrs. Cleo
Coderre, Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinand
Colarusso, Mr. & Mrs. Carl
Constantinou, Dr. & Mrs. Chris
Costarellos, Mr. & Mrs. Sotirios
Costas, Mr. & Mrs. George
Coutsoumbos, Mr. & Mrs. Chris
Covett, Mrs. Helen
Covett, Ms. Katherine
Covett, Dr. Robert
Deligeorges, Mr. & Mrs. George
Figueiredo, Mr. & Mrs. Steven
Fisher, Ms. Jean
Fitopoulos, Mr. Ted
Gagne, Mr. & Mrs. Robert
Georgeakakis, Ms. Tina
Georgitisis, Mr. & Mrs. Peter
Giannaros, Mr. & Mrs. Spyro
Giannouloudis, Mr. Tom
Giomakis, Mr. & Mrs. Georgios
Gravel, Ms. Elaine
Habib, Mrs. Violet
Holevas, Mrs. Helen
Joseph, Mrs. Louise
Juris, Mr. John
Kallis, Ms. Maria
Kallis, Mrs. Nikoletta
Kearns, Mr. & Mrs. Mark
Korbas, Mr. & Mrs. Tom
Kotopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Bill
Kotsiopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur
Kotsiopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Kouremetis, Fr. Michael & Presv. Cyndy
Koutloumpasis, Mr. & Mrs. Paschalis
Landerholm, Mrs. Stephanie
Lapsley, Mrs. Sofia
Liapis, Ms. Evangeline J.
Lingos-Webb, Drs. Tania & Andrew
Liolios, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel
Lucas, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
Marianian, Mr. Stephan
Mathers, Mr. & MRS. Edmund
Morosas, Mr. Christopher
Nanos, Mr. & Mrs. Odysseas
Nickandros, Mr. & Mrs. George
Ntakoulas, Mr. & Mrs. Ted
Odeirno, Mr. & Mrs. Randy
Orpjianos, Mr. & Mrs. John
Panagoulopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Papadopoulos, Dr. Andrea
Papadopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Panagiota
Papas, Mr. Matthew
Passias, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew
Petropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Georgia
Petropoulos, Mrs. Georgia
Phillips, Mrs. Demetra
Rassias, Ms. Candace
Sarantopouloos, Mr. & Mrs. Jim
Savas, Mr. Irakli
Savas, Mr. & Mrs. Perry
Scrivanos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Sedell, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur
Skordares, Ms. Laura
Smiliotopouloos, Mr. & Mrs. Elias
Spillane, Mrs. Stephanie
Spyropoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Sullivan, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene
Theofilou, Mr. & Mrs. Eleftherios
Theofilou, Mrs. Maria
Thompson, Ms. Betsy
Thompson, Ms. Jane
Tiliakos, Mrs. Ragen
Tramontano, Mr. & Mrs. Val
Tsarhopolous, Mr. & Mrs. Paul
Tsanakas, Ms. Kathy
Tsilis, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
Tsionis, Mr. Philip
Tsionis, Ms. Stacy
Vallas, Mr. & Mrs. Antoni
Veiga-Panagoulopouloos, Mrs. Vicky
Verenis, Mr. Aristidis
Vintzileos, Mr. & Mrs. James
Weinberg, Ms. Merri
Whowell, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick
Yiotopoulos, Mr. Steven
Zatzos, Mr. James
Zouroulidis, Mr. & Mrs. Adamandios
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TELEPHONE: _____________________ CELL PHONE: ____________________

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

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT/ΥΠΟΣΧΕΣΙΑ
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 child/children

☐ ΠΡΩΣΤΑΤΗΣ
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 $_______

METHOD OF PAYMENT/ΤΡΟΠΟΣ ΠΑΗΡΩΜΗΣ
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YEAR /ΕΤΟΣ

2020 ☐

To pledge by credit card, or to sign up for our “Auto Recurring Stewardship Program”, please visit our website at
http://www.AnnunciationBrockton.org
COMMITMENT OF TIME AND TALENT

Make TIME to grow closer to God and give your TALENTS to further God’s work on earth.

NAME(Self) and Contact Info:
________________________________________
Email: __________________________________
Home: _________________________________
Cell: _________________________________

NAME(Spouse) and Contact Info:
________________________________________
Email: __________________________________
Home: _________________________________
Cell: _________________________________

Individual stewards should indicate areas of interest with a check (√). Families should mark “H” for husband, “W” for wife or “C” for children.

BUILDING & GROUNDS:
___Building & Grounds Maintenance
___Electrical
___Exterior Repairs
___Interior Repairs
___Plumbing
___Clean-Up
___Hall Rentals

COMMITTEES:
___Communications & PR Committee
___Festival Committee
___House & Grounds Committee
___IT/Technical Committee
___Social Events Committee
___Stewardship Committee
___Youth Committee

COMMUNICATIONS:
___Print: Bulletin, Newsletter & Flyers
___Digital: Email, Social Media & Website
___Public Relations & General Outreach

EDUCATION:
___Bookstore
___Greek School Teacher/Assistant
___Sunday School Teacher/Assistant

EVENTS:
___Annual Food Festival (September)
___Mini Food Festival (May)
___Golf Tournament
___Parish Luncheons
___Other Church Events (specify)
___Clean Up After Events
___Decorate / Set-up for Events
___Prepare/Cook/Bake for Events
___Serve Food

LITURGICAL:
___Prepare Prosforon
___Prepare for Easter/Holy Week
___Choir

MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS:
___Drive/Transport Sick/Aged
___Help Sick/Shut-ins
___Host Coffee Hour
___OPA! (Seniors’ club)
___Philoptochos
___Visitation – Shut-Ins

PHILOXENIA/HOSPITALITY:
___Coordinate/prepare/serve/cleanup
___Makaria
___Private Events

YOUTH:
___Altar Boys
___Basketball
___Dance Group
___Greek School
___Sunday School
___Junior Choir
___Oratorical Festival
___HOPE/JOY (preK-6th grade)
___GOYA (6th grade – 12th grade)
___Youth Leader/Assistant

OTHER TALENTS:
___Office Help
___Sew/Alter Dancers’ Costumes
___Teach Greek Cooking
___Other (specify)
ANNUAL LENTEN LUNCHEON

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy

March 8th

SHRIMP DINNER $25
PIZZA $5

For tickets please stop by the table outside the lounge or contact the office 508-559-0910
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.

**Philoptochos 2020 Calendar**

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**UPCOMING THIS MONTH**

**Tuesday, March 3rd**  
Philoptochos General Meeting 6:00 pm

**Tuesday, March 10th**  
Sack A Lunch 6:00 pm

**Monday, March 16th**  
We are beginning to prepare for our upcoming Mini Festival. Join us on Monday at 9:00 am as we start to make the dolmathes. If you are able to help we would greatly appreciate it.

**Tuesday, March 17th**  
Mini Festival Meeting 6:00 pm

**Friday, March 20th**  
Baking of Lenten desserts for upcoming coffee hour 9:00 am

**Sunday, March 22nd**  
Philoptochos is sponsoring coffee hour

**Tuesday, 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 stop by the table outside the Philoxenia Room to let us know.

**Tuesday, March 31st**  
Philoptochos Board Meeting 6:00 pm

**KOLIVA**

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**We are taking orders for next month's bake sale.**

**Please see inserted flyer**
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
THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS PRESENTS

ANNUAL BOSTON BRUINS PJ DRIVE
We’re Jammin’

JOIN THE TEAM AND GIVE BACK THIS WINTER!

By March 13th

The Ladies Philoptochos will be collecting brand new pajamas for the Boston Bruins Foundation PJ Drive to Benefit Cradles to Crayons and DCF Wonderfund. Please bring a pair of new pajamas to the church and place in the box that is set up to collect them.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori at (774) 240-2867.
Join our Weekly Gym Walking Group

Ελατε για Περπατήμα στο Γυμναστήριο

Kαι μετα το περπάτημα η ώρα του καφέ!!

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.

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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**

*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.”
Please Note our
New Meeting Time:
12:30 – 2:30

2020 Meeting Schedule

• Stretch and Flex
  Tuesday, March 17, 2020
  Exercise Class followed by Smoothie Social

• Game Day
  Tuesday, April 21, 2020
  Games and Conversation

• Hungry Man / Planting Day
  Tuesday, May 26, 2020

• OPA! Trip
  Meet at Walmart @ 8:00am
  Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Meeting Time:
12:30 to 2:30
Demetra @ 774-334-9579 or Pegi @ 508-857-9551
Το Σάββατο, στις 16 Δεκεμβρίου οι Μαθητές του Ελληνικού Σχολείου παρουσίασαν ένα θαυμάσιο πρόγραμμα για τη γιορτή των Χριστουγέννων. Όλα τα παιδιά εκτέλεσαν θαυμάσια το πρόγραμμα κάνοντας μας περήφανους.

Συγχαρητήρια και πολλές Ευχαριστίες σε όλα τα παιδιά αλλά και στις οικογένειες τους, για την υποστήριξή τους στην πανέμορφη εκδήλωση.

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.

All of our children gave us a beautiful performance which made us all proud and was greatly enjoyed by the audience! Congratulations and many thanks to all the students and their families who supported this beautiful event!!

Three Greet Hierarchs Greek Letters Celebration

The celebration of the Three Great Hierarchs and Greek Letters took place at the Maliotis Cultural Center in Brookline, Massachusetts, on January 26, 2020. Olga Zouroulidou received a diploma for Hellenomatheia. Congratulations on her achievement!
Πρόσκληση

Το Ελληνικό Σχολείο σας καλεί στον εορτασμό της Επετείου της Ελληνικής Επανάστασης, ο οποίος θα πραγματοποιηθεί το Σάββατο στις 28 Μαρτίου 2020 στις 11:00 π.μ στο Κοινωνικό μας κέντρο. Τα παιδιά μας θα παρουσιάσουν ένα πρόγραμμα πλημμυρισμένο με το Πνεύμα και τα Ιδεώδη των ηρώων του 1821. Ελάτε να θαυμάσουμε όλοι μαζί τα παιδιά μας!!!

The Greek School invites you all to celebration of the Greek Independence Day which will take place on Saturday March 28th 2020, in the Community Center of our Church at 11:00 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.
Join us as we celebrate Greek Independence Day with a flag raising ceremony at Brockton City Hall on Wednesday, March 25th at 4:00 pm.
Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos

April 12th

Palm Sunday

BAKE SALE

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Orders can be picked up after April 7th

Please make checks payable to Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos
457 Oak Street
Brockton, MA 02301

Kindly return this form by Sunday, April 3rd

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