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**Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church**  
Reverend Protopresbyter Michael A. Kouremetis  
George Stavropoulos, Chanter  
Heidi Mason, Choir Director  
Ona Calogrias, Organist/Assistant Choir Director

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Alik Sarantopoulos

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**Sunday School**  
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Alina Zourotilidou  
Katia Zourotilidou  

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Maria Anamateros  
Dion Buterbaugh  
Stephan Maranian  
Robin Passias  
Demetri Tsitsopoulos  

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Pegi Ciulla  

**Koliva**  
Ladies Philoptochos  

**Coffee Hour**  
Ethel Savas  

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Stephen Passias  

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“If you worked from the first hour, receive today your just reward. If you came after the third hour, you are welcomed to celebrate. If you arrived after the sixth hour, have no doubt, for you suffer no loss. If you delayed until the ninth hour, come near with no cause to hesitate. If you arrived even at the eleventh hour, do not be fearful of the lateness; for the Lord is generous and accepts the last as He does the first.”

From the Paschal Homily of Saint John Chrysostom

Beloved In The Lord,
Christ Is Risen! Χριστος Ανεστη!
I offer my Paternal Blessings, heartfelt greetings and love on this Holy and Sacred "Feast of Feasts".

The Grace of the Resurrected Lord, the Light that enlightens us all has trampled down the power of death and has restored the “Fallen Adam”.

Let this Holy and Mystical Pascha be the Resurrection of our hearts and our souls, may we offer praise of exaltation to He who voluntarily suffered and gave Himself for our Salvation. His sacrifice was offered so that we may be saved and be numbered as faithful citizens of the “New Jerusalem”. Our Lord, the incorruptible would not be corrupted by death, the Creator of Life would not be extinguished by death. He lives so that we can live, and He loves us so that we can love.

May the Resurrected Lord Sanctify and Consecrate us all.

In His Love,
Father Michael
Protopresbyter

An Orthodox View of Holy Week

Great Lent and Holy Week are two separate fasts, and two separate celebrations. Great Lent ends on the Saturday of Lazarus. Holy Week and the Holy Week Fast begin immediately. The following is a brief overview of the Blessed and Holy Week.

Lazarus Saturday: Lazarus Saturday commemorates the raising of our Lord’s friend Lazarus, who had been in the tomb for four days. This act confirmed the Universal Resurrection from the dead that all of us will experience at our Lord’s Second Coming. This miracle led many to the faith, but it also led to the chief priest’s and Pharisees’ decision to kill Jesus (John 11:47-57).

Palm Sunday: The commemoration of the Lord’s Triumphant Entrance into Jerusalem. Christ enters Jerusalem and is proclaimed King, but in an earthly sense. Many people of His time were seeking a political Messiah that would free them from the yoke of the Roman Empire. Christ is the Eternal King of Kings as prophesied by Zechariah the Prophet. We carry palms on this day to show that we too accept Jesus as our true King and Messiah who we are willing to follow, even to the cross.

Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: The first thing that must be said about these services, and most of the other services of Holy Week, is that they are "sung" in anticipation; they are the Orthros Services (Matins Service of the next day). The evening service is actually the service of the next morning, while the morning services of Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday are actually the services of the coming evening.

With this in mind, let us turn to the Services of Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday that are celebrated on Palm Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evening. These services are known as the Bridegroom or Nymphios Service. At the first service of Palm Sunday evening, the priest carries the icon of “Christ the Bridegroom” in procession, as we sing the "Hymn of the Bridegroom." We behold Christ as the Bridegroom of the Church, bearing the marks of His Holy Passion, yet preparing a marriage Feast for us in God's Kingdom.
Each of these Bridegroom Orthros Services has a specific theme. On Holy Monday, the Blessed Joseph, the son of Jacob the Patriarch, is commemorated. Joseph was betrayed by his brothers, thrown into a pit, and sold into bondage by them. The hymns of this service reflect on the act of the Lord’s betrayal by His creation. The Lord was rejected, betrayed by His own, and sold into the slavery of death. The Gospel reading for the day is about the “Barren Fig Tree”, which Christ cursed and withered because it bore no fruit. The fig tree is a parable of those who have heard God's word, but who fail to produce the fruit of obedience. Originally the withering of the fig tree was a testimony against those Jews who rejected God's word and His Messiah. However, it is also a cautionary note to all people, in all times, of the importance of not only hearing the God's word, but also putting it into action.

The Parable of the Ten Virgins is read on Holy Tuesday. It tells the story of the five wise virgins who filled their lamps in preparation for receiving the bridegroom while the other five foolish virgins allowed their lamps to go out, and were shut out of the marriage feast. This parable is a warning that we must always be prepared to receive our Lord when He comes again. The theme of the day is reinforced by the “Expostelarion Hymn” we sing: “I see Your Bridal Chamber adorned, O my Savior, but have no wedding garment that I may enter. O Giver of Light enlightens the vesture of my soul, and save me.”

The theme of Holy Wednesday is repentance and forgiveness. We remember the sinful woman who anointed our Lord in anticipation of His death. Her repentance and love of Christ is the theme of the "Hymn of Kassiani" which is chanted on this night, reminding us once more before “it is too late”, that we too may be forgiven if we repent.

**Holy Unction:** The Mystery or Sacrament of Holy Unction is celebrated on Holy Wednesday evening. Actually this service can be celebrated any time during the year, especially when one is ill. However, because of our need for forgiveness and spiritual healing, we offer this service during Holy Week for the remission of our sins. We should prepare for this service in a prayerful way, as we do for Holy Communion.

**Great and Holy Thursday:** On Holy Thursday we turn to the last events of our Lord and His Passion. Thursday morning begins with a Vesper Liturgy commemorating the Mystical Supper. As previously mentioned, this is actually Holy Thursday evening's service. Everyone who is able should make an effort to receive Holy Communion at this service, as it was at the Mystical Supper that our Lord instituted the Holy Eucharist. At this Liturgy a second Lamb (Host) is consecrated and kept in the Tabernacle on the Holy Altar. It is from this Host that Holy Communion is distributed at the Sacrament of Baptisms, to the shut-ins and the sick throughout the year.

Thursday Evening actually begins the Services of Great and Holy Friday. The service of the Twelve Passion Gospels commemorates the solemn time of our Lord's Crucifixion. After the reading of the fifth Gospel, the Holy Cross is carried around the church in procession.

**Great and Holy Friday:** This is a day of strict fast; as little as possible should be eaten on this day. It is the only day in the entire year that no Divine Liturgy of any kind can be celebrated. In the morning we celebrate the Royal Hours. These solemn hours are observed as we read the various scriptural accounts and hymns concerning the crucifixion. In the afternoon we celebrate the Vesper Service of the Taking Down of Christ's Body from the Holy Cross. During the Gospel reading, our Lord's body is taken off the cross and wrapped in a new white linen sheet. This act commemorates the removal of Christ's body from the Cross by Joseph of Arimathea (John 19:38-42). Later in the service, the Epitaphios, with Christ's body on it is carried in procession and placed in the recently decorated tomb. In the evening the Orthros Service and the chanting of the Lamentations is celebrated. This service begins in a solemn manner, but by the end of the service we are already anticipating the Resurrection of our Lord. Remember again, that the Holy Friday evening Orthros is actually the first service of Holy Saturday, the day in which we commemorate our Lord's body resting in the tomb while His all-pure soul descends into Hades to free the faithful of the Old Covenant.

**Great and Holy Saturday:** This day is a day of hope and waiting. In the morning we celebrate a Vesper Liturgy, which commemorates Christ's Victory Over Death. Bright vestments are worn as we anticipate Christ's Resurrection. In the Orthodox Church, laurel leaves, a sign of victory, are thrown throughout the church during the Service as a sign of Christ’s victory over death. As the leaves are strewn, the choir chants "Arise O God and Judge the earth, for to Thee belong all the nations.” The Old Testament story of Jonah in the belly of the whale is read at this service because Jonah is seen in the Church as a Type of Christ. As Jonah was three days in the belly of the great fish, and was then safely deposited back onto land, so our Lord was three days in the tomb before His glorious Resurrection. The Vesper Liturgy of Holy Saturday concludes the services of Holy Week, and brings us to the eve of Great and Holy Pascha.
Χριστός έστιν ή ειρήνη ἡμῶν

Εφεσ.2.14-22

Αδελφοί, Χριστός έστιν ή ειρήνη ἡμῶν, ο ποιήσας τὰ ἀμφότερα ἐν καὶ τὸ μεσότοιχον τοῦ φραγμοῦ λύσας· τὴν ἔχθραν, ἐν τῇ σαρκί αὐτοῦ, τὸν νόμον τῶν ἐντολῶν ἐν δόγμασι παραφράσεις· ἵνα τοὺς δύο κύριοι ἐν αὐτῷ εἰς ἕνα καὶνῦ ἀνήθρωπον ποιοῦν εἰρήνην, καὶ ἀποκαταλλάξῃ τοὺς ἀμφότερους ἐν ἕνι σώματι παρὰ θεοῦ διὰ τοῦ σαυροῦ, ἀποκτείνας τὴν ἔχθραν ἐν αὐτῷ. Καὶ ἔλθει εὐγενεστάτατα εἰρήνην ύμων τῶν μακρινών καὶ εἰρήνην τῆς ἐγγύς· ὅτι δὲ αὐτὸν ἔχουμεν τὴν προσαγωγὴν οἱ ἀμφότεροι ἐν ἑνὶ Πνεύμα ἐν τῶν Πατέρα, ἄρα οὖν οὐκέτι ἐστὶν τοῦτοι καὶ πάροικοι, ἀλλὰ οὗτοι διόροιται τῶν ἀγίων καὶ οἰκείων τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἐποικοδομηθέντες ἐπὶ τῷ θεμέλει τῶν ἀποστόλων καὶ προφητῶν, ὅπως ἀκρογωνιαίων αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἐν τῇ πάσῃ οἰκοδομῇ συναρμολογομένη αὐξεῖ εἰς νάχον ἄγιον ἐν Κυρίῳ, ἐν ὦ καὶ ὑμεῖς συνοικοδομεῖσθε εἰς κατοικητήριον τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν Πνεύματι.

Αγαπητή ἐν Κυρίῳ,
APRIL SERVICES

Friday, April 2nd          Salutations to the Theotokos 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 4th        Sunday of the Holy Cross
Monday, April 5th        Compline Service 6:00 p.m.
Friday, April 9th        Salutations to the Theotokos 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 11th       Sunday of St. John Climacus Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. * English Liturgy to follow at 11:00 a.m.
Monday, April 12th       Compline Service 6:00 p.m.
Friday, April 16th       The Akathist Hymn 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 18th       Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt
Friday, April 23rd       Great Martyr George Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 24th     Lazarus Saturday Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 25th       Palm Sunday

SEE ENCLOSED SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MAY SERVICES

Sunday, May 2nd          HOLY PASCHA
Sunday, May 9th          Thomas Sunday Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. * English Liturgy to follow at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 16th         Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women
Sunday, May 23rd         Sunday of the Paralytic
Sunday, May 30th         Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
## 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## 2021 FLORAL NEEDS

The following is a list of major feast days of Christ, the Theotokos and Saints. Decorating these icons is 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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**HOLY LENT**

- Bay Leaves for Holy Saturday $150
- Icon of Nymphios $100
- Resurrection Candle $250
- Wreaths for Holy Thursday (2) TBD
Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Father Michael and the Parish Council, I would like to wish you and your families a joyous Pascha. May the Light of our Lord’s Resurrection shine on all of us throughout the year and provide us with a spiritual rebirth in our Orthodox Christian faith.

To the Ladies of Philoptochos, George Theodossiou, Stefania Calogrias, and other dedicated and talented parishioners and council members, I would like to thank you in advance for all your hard work and efforts in decorating our Church and the Epitaphio with beautiful flowers for Holy Week and Pascha. I would also like to express my appreciation to the members of our choir, our cantors, altar boys and our Myrrh-bearers for their tireless dedication, especially over the upcoming Holy Week and Pascha services.

I’m sure you are just as excited as I am that our country’s scientists, medical professionals and governmental officials are beginning to relax the stringent lockdown measures that they had imposed upon all of us especially these past three months. Every day more and more of us are getting vaccinated. Sporting event venues, wedding functions facilities, in-person schooling just to name a few, are allowed to operate while still maintaining social distancing and the wearing of masks. As such, we are also following the lead of the medical and governmental experts and are slowly opening up more of the church ministries while maintaining safe guards in order to get back to some sort of normalcy.

We have opened up our Sunday School classes both in-person and remotely. We are welcoming back the choir, our Altar boys, GOYA and our Paradisi dance groups, albeit a little at a time. We are also going to slowly start up our coffee hour, our OPA group and our walk on Wednesday group when the State regulations permit us to. The hope is to safely congregate once again after being isolated for so long. This eventual return to normalcy as an Annunciation Community will be a fitting capstone on the past year of our lives which has been filled with anxiety, isolation, depression and civil unrest. For our overall sanity, we need to spend much needed time in a safe environment with each other in Christian Fellowship to fill the void in our lives over this past year.

Due to the ongoing concerns of the (COVID-19), The following upcoming events may or may not be cancelled or postponed:

**SATURDAY, April 24, 2021**

We are hopeful that following the liturgy of Saturday of Lazarus, we can get together for the Communion breakfast in the community center hosted by our Local AHEPA Chapter 57

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021**

**PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON**

We are hopeful to have this event held in our Community Center. Tickets will be provided through the church office.

**THURSDAY, MAY 06, 2021**

The 225 Hungry Friends Event to be held in our Community Center. This event had been moved to Thursday, October 28, 2021, with the hopes of having an In-Person event.

**ON MAY 16, 2021**

**SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

We are again hopeful that we will be able to gather at our church Philoxinia room for our Spring General Assembly. We will be providing a breakdown of the current finances of the Church as well as discuss the future projects which your Parish Council is considering to act upon. For more details regarding the Spring General Assembly, please refer to the May 2021 Agenda and the minutes of the 2020 Fall General Assembly located inside this month’s bulletin.

**THREE DAY MINI PHILOPTOCHOS FESTIVAL**

**FRIDAY TO SUNDAY**

**MAY 21th - 23rd, 2021**

**SUNDAY JUNE 06, 2021**

Sunday School Graduation

In closing, I encourage all of you young and old alike to take the necessary precautions you feel are necessary and most comfortable for you and your families in order to not expose yourselves or other to the (COVID-19). It is however time for us as individuals, as followers of the faith, and as members of this community to re-engage safely to some degree both physically and spiritually in our church.

Please look for future Annunciator emails for updates on all of these events.

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have yet believed.”

- John 20:29

Respectfully yours,

Nicholas H. Babanikas
President, Parish Council
DONATIONS AS OF MARCH 15, 2021

MEMORIALS

Katirnia Alexiou $200
Edward Loiacono $50
Sarantos Manos $515
Kathy Vlavianos $2,070

George Deligeorges
Pindos Epirotic Society $50

George Kotsiopoulos
Alexandra Kotsiopoulos $100
Chris Kotsiopoulos $100
Mr. & Mrs. Efthemios Kotsiopoulos $500
Mr. & Mrs. Christos Tasiopoulos $100

James & Pauline Pappas
Stefania Calogrias $100

Ourania Sarantou
Nikolaos Sarantou $150

FLORAL DONATIONS

Penny Kazis
Annunciation Icon

Diana Calogrias
Annunciation Icon—large

Diane Tsionis Agostino
Annunciation Icon—Pangari

Mr. & Mrs. Odesseas Nanos
Saint George Icon

Dr. & Mrs. Dino Constantinou
Saints. Constantine & Helen Icon

Ona Calogrias
Pentecost Icon

OTHER DONATIONS

Mrs. Anastasia Apostolidis $20
Mrs. Jeanette Jamal $100
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Jamoulis $200
Mr. & Mrs. Sophocles Liapopolous $2,000
Mr. & Mrs. Derek Mak $100
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Passias $100
Mr. & Mrs. Spyros Savas $120

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT DONATIONS YTD
03/15/2021

Mr. & Mrs. George Arvanitidis $150
Mr. & Mrs. Sotirios Arvanitidis $150
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Babanikas $500
Mrs. Demetra Cariofilas $50
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gagne $100
Mr. & Mrs. William Ginis $1,000
Ms. Paris Kampanelas $100
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Konstantilakis $500
Mrs. Catherine Livanis $150
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Marathas $25
Mr. & Mrs. Niko Psikarakis $100
Ms. Vicky Symiotis $100

PHILOPTOCHOS FEED THE HUNGRY DONATIONS

Nicholas Anastos $50
Mr. & Mrs. Sotirios Arvanitidis $300
Irene Economos $100
Pat Giannakouli $50
Elaine Gravel $75
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Huser $1,000
Penny Kazis $25
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Odierno $100
Mr. & Mrs. Ilias Potsis $100
Mr. & Mrs. Spyros Savas $100
Evangelia Stavropoulos $250
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Theos $100

SACRAMENTS

FUNERALS

Feb. 12th Katirina Alexiou
Edward Loiacono
Feb. 26th Sarantos Manos

May their memory be eternal
Please join us for the **SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY** on Sunday **MAY 16, 2021** following Church Services.

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

**SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**SUNDAY MAY 16th, 2021**

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy

**AGENDA**

Opening Prayer and Reflection

Secretary’s Report:
2020 Fall General Assembly

Treasurer’s Report:
Financials:
January 01, 2020 to December 31, 2020 year end results
January 01, 2021 to April 30, 2021 year to date

Fr. Michael A. Kouremetis’ Remarks

President’s Remarks

Old Business:
Renovations of upstairs bathroom and installation of multi camera live streaming system
2020 Auditor’s Report
Report by Strategic Planning Committee Chair – Ilias Potsis

New Business:
Report by Stewardship Committee Chair – Kathy Tsianakas (Thriving Congregations initiative by Metropolis)
Renovation of The Philoptochos Room into Fr. Michael’s office- Bill Alexopoulos
Iconography Committee report – Nick Babanikas
Transact on any business that comes before the Assembly

Fr. Michael A. Kouremetis
Proistamenos

Nicholas H. Babanikas
President, Parish Council
Call to order at 12:17 PM
Opening Prayer and Blessing offered by Fr. Michael

Election of a Chairman of the Spring and Fall General Assemblies:

Motion made by: George Panagoulopoulos to nominated Nicholas Babanikas as chairman of the General Assembly
Seconded by: George Costas
Nicholas Babanikas is elected Chairman of the Spring and Fall Combined General Assemblies.

Secretary’s Report:
The Fall General Assembly Secretary’s report was not read as it was posted in the Weekly Annunciator prior to the meeting for Parishioners to review.

Motion to accept the Fall 2019 General Assembly Secretary’s Report made by: George Alexis
Seconded by: Ilias Potsis
Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report:
Treasurer Calogrias reported on the following Financials
- The Profit and Loss Statement for October 2020 with 2019 Comparison
- The Year to Date Profit and Loss Statement with 2019 Comparison
- All cash balances of Church accounts

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report made by: Bill Alexopoulos
Seconded by: Ilias Potsis
Motion passed

Fr. Michael A. Kouremetis’ Remarks
Father noted that when he first came to this community, the Iconography project was in the plans to be done and now we are beginning to start the project. Those on the committee are Nick Babanikas, Chairman, Bill Alexopoulos, Fr. John Kiramarios, Jim Theos and George Theodossiou. “We reached out to different Iconographers both in this country and abroad. The two Iconographers in this country were George Papastamatiou and Yannis Frazis who is located closer to our Church.” The Parish Council voted on hiring Yannis Frazis because of his prior work and that he is willing to offer some of the extras at no charge.”

Father further noted that all renditions of the Iconography will be placed in a brochure to be given to Parishioners to choose which ones will be used. “All Icons will be placed tastefully.”

Regarding augmenting Church Ministries, Father spoke about having one Liturgy a month, in English. He noted that many of the Weddings and Baptisms are with mixed marriages and we need to consider their needs.

Planned are Greek language classes and Bible studies all through Zoom meetings.
President Babanikas thanked Father Michael for all that he has done for our Parish.
Father thanked all for their support and help during Presvetera’s illness and further noted that Presvetera’s sister is also ill with liver cancer and prayers are needed, on her behalf.

President’s Remarks
President Babanikas thanked Father Michael for his leadership. “There are good and positive happenings in our community.”

Regarding the Church Ministries, the Parish Council voted to bring the visiting clergy budgeted amount to $15,000.00 which covers all services. A stipend will be offered to Father John who will assist Father Michael in the new augmented Ministries, including the Bible classes and the Greek language class. There will
be a Pilgrimage Ministry to visit local sites and abroad, when travel is safe again. The additional English service will start in January, so that people will understand the beautiful language of the Liturgy and hymns. Note noted that “people are talking about the Brockton Church’s innovative and proactive activities. During Covid we were able to have a profitable Golf Tournament, a Gyro Fest and a Hungry man’s dinner, fund raisers.

President Babanikas spoke about the recent Clergy/Laity Conference and that our commitment will remain the same. The clergy pension has a shortfall. There is no active Charter. There will be one soon from the Archbishop and the Patriarch. Nick commented that “we need to focus on our own Church issues.”

**Old Business:**

Iconography Committee report: President Babanikas thanked Father Michael, Father John, Bill Alexopoulos, Jim Theos and George Theodossiou for their help on the committee. There will be a brochure prepared, featuring several Icons for Parishioners to choose from. The project will be completed within one and a half year. We now have $93,000.00 in donation in the Iconography account. The estimate from Yannis Frazzis came in at $375,000.00. The Parish Council put the total cost as $450,000.00 to include staging. As the project progresses, additional funds will be raised or donated.

Also noted was that no names will be placed under the donated Icons and that a plaque with the names of those who donated will be made available.

Strategic Planning Committee report by committee chair—Ilias Potsis –Tabled to the Spring General Assembly.

At this time a video presentation was made with several renditions of potential Icons that could be placed in various areas of the Church proper.

Renovations of upstairs bathrooms- Bill Alexopoulos state that the projects are completed

Finance committee presentation of the 2021 Budget. George Alexis presented a realistic 2021 budget to include income from our fund raisers. Regarding the 2021 Payroll budget, the Parish Council voted on freezing the pay for each employee.

President Babanikas noted that prior to the Parish Council vote on freezing the payroll budget and discussion, Father Michael stated that he would not accept any payroll raise.

Vote to approve proposed 2021 budget and payroll budget, as presented

**Motion to accept the 2021 Budget and Payroll budget as presented, made by: Ona Calogrias Seconded by: George Costas.**

**Motion Passed**

**New Business:**

2020 Auditor’s Report: Irene Economos reported that the committee found all financial accounts to be correct with no discrepancies.

Board of Auditors Nominations Nominated and accepted were Irene Economos, Alike and James Sarantopoulos.

Transact on any business that comes before the Assembly:

President Babanikas noted that the 2021 Calendars along with a Christmas offering envelope has been mailed to Parishioners.

Father Michael noted that we now have two Chanter stands in the Church and a new additional throne in the Altar. The throne was a donation from Father’s son-in law, Fr George Khitiri who is the priest at St. Constantine and Helen Church, Roseland, New Jersey. Father went by truck, to pick up the throne and bring it to our Church.

**Motion to adjourn made by: George Panagoulopoulos**

**Seconded by George Costa**

**Father Michael offered the closing hymn... “Se Imnoumen”**

**Meeting adjourned at 1:46 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Stellakis

Joanna Stellakis, 2020 Parish Council Secretary.
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—
Nicholas Bellas

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He has been an Altar Server since the age of 9 and has been a devout member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. He has participated in the Paradosi Dance Group. He is also a member of GOYA.

He will be attending Stonehill College beginning in the Fall 2020. His major is currently Undeclared Business. He is also interested in pursuing his interests in History.

Katerina M. Babanikas

Katerina graduated from Thayer Academy June 2020 with high honors and the distinction of being a Global Scholar and is now attending Connecticut College as a member of the class of 2024. During her time at Thayer, Katerina was Captain of the Thayer Academy Mock Trial team which ranked them in the top 8 teams out of 136 schools in Massachusetts after completing an Elite Eight tournament run but ended due to Covid 19.

In addition to Mock Trial, Katerina was involved with Thayer Academy’s Dance Program and Thayer Academy Varsity Track Team. Katerina was also a competitive USA Level 8/9 gymnast. With respect to the church, Katerina has been a member of the GOYA for the last 7 years and was the GOYA Secretary in 2018 and Vice-President in 2019. She also completed the Greek School and Sunday School program.

Katerina also volunteered for Project Mexico where she went on a service trip to Tijuana, Mexico where she spent 2 weeks at the orphanage and helped to build homes for families.

Katerina’s future plans upon graduating from Connecticut college are to continue on to Law School and become a practicing Attorney.

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Nikole Ciulla

Nikole, daughter of Pegi and Joe Ciulla, is a 2020 graduate from West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School. Throughout her high school career, Nikole has played the flute in band while being involved with many clubs. She was in the National Honors Society, Spanish Honors Society and the Vice President of Tri-M. Nikole loved debating and learning more about what’s going on in the world so she joined Model UN where she was the Secretary. She enjoyed volunteering and helping out the community, so she joined Leo’s club, eventually becoming the President. Nikole realized she had a passion for science and the medical field when she organized and ran two Red Cross Blood Drives as well as a Medical Profession Fair.

After school Nikole worked at the Howard Elementary extended day program. While in her free time she enjoys spending time with her family and friends. In Church, Nikole has participated in GOYA as the President and Vice President along with the Paradosi dance group. This Fall, Nikole will attend UMass Amherst while majoring in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology on the Pre-Med track.

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