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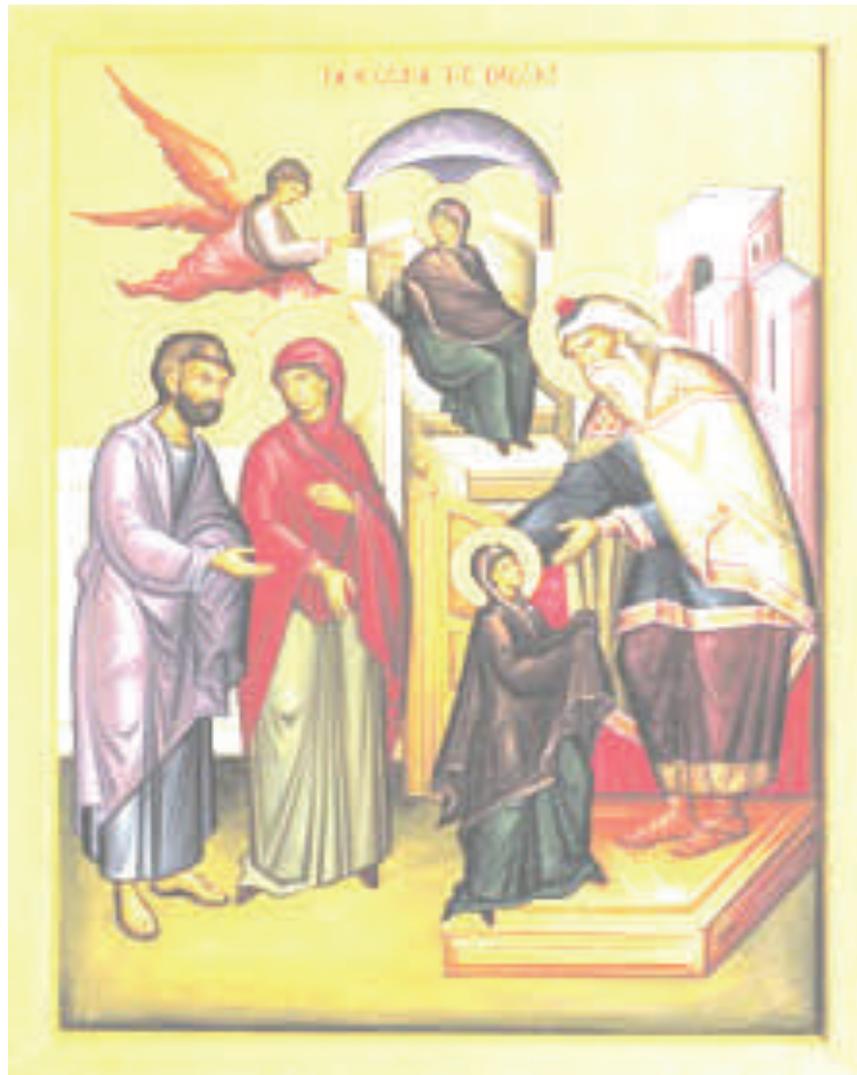
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*THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS*

# ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF BROCKTON

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# From Father Anthony

Beloved in Christ,

As we bask in the spiritual light emanating from the recent consecration of our church, let us consider the potential effect of this event on our future. Through prior writings and sermons, I have mentioned the transformative power of the consecration upon all of us. His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios had also elaborated on this theme during the weekend of the consecration. With this in mind, allow me to be a visionary, painting a picture of future possibilities for all of us, personally and communally.

As mentioned before, the direct effect of a church consecration is *spiritual renewal*. After the consecration, many parishioners stated that they felt as if they had personally received a *second baptism*. Others described how intensely moved and impressed they were by the services and the various rituals of consecration. In all these cases, the seeds of spiritual renewal have been planted by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let us remember that everything we do in the Church is directly affected by the Holy Spirit, most especially the holy mysteries (sacraments), which are energized by God's Spirit. If we look closely at the priestly prayer offered just prior to the consecration of the bread and wine in the Divine Liturgy, we would notice something very interesting. The prayer directly asks the Holy Spirit to come upon *us* first, *then* upon the presented gifts. With this example we should clearly see how the Church constantly seeks to act upon, and sanctify the faithful through God's Holy Spirit.

With these seeds of spiritual growth planted within each of us, especially those who were present at the consecration itself, we can begin nourishing our souls to allow these seeds to blossom. This, beloved, can only be accomplished through our *active participation in the*

*life of the Church, and by how we live our everyday lives in conjunction with the teachings and traditions of the Church.*

As a starting point, participation in the services of the Church is paramount for spiritual renewal. The Church is our Mother who teaches us how to live the life in Christ. In order to learn and grow, we must be under the "Mother's" wings as much as possible. *Participation in the entire liturgy allows for hearing the Word of God through Scripture, as well as the possibility of more frequent participation in the Eucharist – the crowning holy sacrament of the Church.* A periodic "dropping-in" when motivated to do so is a noble attempt, but can never fully sustain a complete spiritual life.

Those who will seek frequent church attendance will also be more likely to pray throughout the week, and to keep the fast days and periods of the liturgical year. Again, the Church as our Mother teaches us a life of prayer, for true Orthodox worship is communal prayer and interaction with the living God, led by the priest on behalf of the people. The Church also teaches us the importance of the venerable practice of fasting to aid our spiritual growth. A prayer-life that stems from the example of the Church is absolutely necessary for continued spiritual growth, which is enhanced and reinforced through the practice of fasting.

Spiritually transformed parishioners would also see the importance of celebrating, whenever possible, the various feast days of the liturgical year. This would include the great feasts of Christ and the Theotokos, as well as the feast days of the major saints. In addition to these feasts, those seeking true spiritual growth would most definitely participate liturgically to some degree during Great Lent, the most focused time of the year for an Orthodox Christian.

# *From Father Anthony*

The more we become regular participants in church services and maintain an active prayer life, the more we will be able to overcome the temptation of being mere *spectators* in services. As we become more spiritually focused, we will also understand the need for *active* and *frequent* participation in the sacramental life of the Church. True spiritual growth must include periodic confession and reconciliation with God, which is the door to salvation. The soul also needs its spiritual nourishment – Holy Communion – without which it will starve, and can eventually lead to spiritual death. Frequently communing when properly prepared must be emphasized, because this has always been the teaching of the Orthodox Church, strikingly opposite of what we may have been taught growing up.

A spiritually renewed parishioner would also have a clear understanding that everything else that happens in parish life is *supplemental*, and that the celebration of the Divine Liturgy is the central activity of the parish. When we have the correct focus on the liturgical life of the Church, we would make it a point to be in church as much as possible, and then be involved in other church ministries and activities as we are able – *not* the other way around.

If all of the above falls into place in our lives, the final by-product of spiritual renewal would be mutual love and respect toward each other, even at times when we differ in opinion regarding anything in parish life. In other words, if we hear and *comprehend* the Word of God in church, then we should also *live* by His Word, lest we become hypocrites.

Now, if a parish is spiritually renewed and open to the saving work of the Holy Spirit, then it will seek to bring other sheep into the fold. We should be able to bring any non-Orthodox friend, relative, or neighbor to our church, and know that he/she will be welcomed. The visitor should

also be able to understand the services by the use of English in balance with the liturgical Greek, so that he/she can be spiritually moved and fulfilled as well.

Finally, my brothers and sisters in Christ, you may ask why all of this is so important. There is one simple reason – our salvation! The goal of the Church of Christ is to save souls, and this is the main concern of every parish priest. The Church is not a cultural center, nor is it a social organization or anything of the like. *The Church is our true home where we are nourished and prepared for eternal life and salvation.* We have been given all the tools necessary for this journey from the day of our baptism and chrismation. Now that the Holy Spirit has descended upon us once again to sanctify not just our holy temple, but all of us as a parish community, let us turn toward God and seek all these things brought to our attention. May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ keep and protect all of you in His unending love and mercy.

In Christ,

+Fr. Anthony

# *From Father Anthony*

## **CONSECRATION ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those involved with the preparations for the recent consecration of our church. First and foremost, I thank our honorary chairman and godparent, Christos Tsaganis, and his three co-chairpersons, Thalia Lingos, Chris (“Bo”) Mihos, and Irakli (“Rocky”) Savas, for their most dedicated and diligent service toward our goal. Under their competent leadership, many subcommittee chairpersons oversaw their duties with great enthusiasm and effort. I would like to especially recognize George Theodossiou who took on multiple tasks without a second thought, most especially the monumental task of creating the service book and other related materials. Also, our Parish Council and Philoptochos members were instrumental in the execution of the events of the consecration weekend, as well as our dedicated choir members, chanters, the Sunday School staff, youth advisors, altar boys, and all of our beloved children who participated. Lastly, I extend my gratitude to all our generous donors of new ecclesiastical items, floral donations, donations of time and labor in various aspects of the preparations, and sponsorship in the consecration album, whose names (or anonymity in some cases), will be acknowledged in the album. Please know that although I appreciate the kind remarks and complements regarding the consecration, I cannot rightly accept these personally, for they are truly meant for all of you who brought the consecration to fruition. God bless all of you and your families!

## **BANQUET REMARKS**

Since, unfortunately, many of our brothers and sisters could not attend the consecration banquet, I would like to offer in print the remarks I made that afternoon.

*Your Eminence, Brother Clergy, honored guests, brothers and sisters in Christ,*

*Today is a day of great rejoicing as we celebrate the consecration of our holy temple. A few hours ago we witnessed the grace of the Holy Spirit come into our midst to sanctify the Holy Altar and entire temple, dedicated to the Annunciation of the Theotokos. Today’s gathering was an image of the entire Church of Christ, for as the Holy Fathers have said, where the bishop is, there is the Church; and obviously, this presupposes the presence of the faithful, without which there could be no Church. In other words, we must remind ourselves that it is the people of God – both clergy and laity who constitute the Church.*

*Of course, the people of God need physical structures in which to worship; they need somewhere to call home. Here in Brockton, almost 100 years ago, a group of devout Greek Orthodox Christians had this desire, and thus, the Church of the Annunciation came to be. These forefathers eventually constructed the first temple on Warren Avenue, which also had been consecrated to the Glory of God. Eventually, our current temple was constructed to serve the future needs of the parish. So today, let us remember in our prayers the mothers and fathers, the grandparents, great-grandparents, the friends and relatives, all those who planted the seeds for what we have today. In one of the prayers of the Orthodox wedding service we hear, “...for the blessings of the parents are the foundation of the home...” In the case of our spiritual home, we have been blessed with the example of faith and dedication that our forefathers have demonstrated. We have built upon the foundation that they laid for us through their Spirit-driven efforts. Allow me to emphasize the term, “Spirit-driven,” for as Scripture tells us, we can do nothing without God.*

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*I began with my description of the Church being the people of God – the members of the mystical Body of Christ. As such, we have the Triune God dwelling within each one of us. The Holy Spirit works through all of us to achieve such lofty goals as the founding of parishes and the building of churches to the glory of God. And this, my brothers and sisters in Christ, is what we celebrate today – the memory of our blessed forefathers who started this church; the labor of love and faith of those among us who brought us to our current location; the faithful leadership of your prior clergy, now asleep in the Lord, and the guidance and spiritual direction offered by my brother in Christ, Fr. John, who led this parish for 27 faithful years; and most importantly, the pastoral guidance of His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios, who is the true spiritual head of this parish and all parishes under his care.*

*Under His Eminence's guidance, the consecration of our church came to fruition with the assistance of a very competent and dedicated committee, headed by our honorary chairman and one of our godparents, Mr. Christos Tsaganis. It was quite a pleasure working with Christos and his co-chairmen, Thalia Lingos, Chris Mihos, and Irakli Savas, and their many dedicated sub-committee members.*

*This was truly a team effort, with everyone working smoothly and efficiently from the beginning. What became evident to me from the start, was that the consecration committee clearly demonstrated an air of humility and dedicated service to the Church of Christ, as well as a constant spirit of mutual respect – a beautiful example of how we should all approach our service to the Church.*

*This, my beloved in Christ, is the vision we should all have from this day forward in the life of our parish. As your priest and spiritual father,*

*I ask us all to be renewed spiritually through today's awe-inspiring event, and to move ahead growing from glory to glory. If we come to the realization that everything we have in life is a gift from God, we will then learn to give back to Him from the depth of our soul. First and foremost, this should happen through our life in the Church, as well as our everyday experiences, which are influenced by the sacramental life and teachings of the Church.*

*With the proper focus, we should also realize that what we have inherited from our forefathers – and here I speak of Orthodox Christianity in general, as well as our local parish – is not meant for us alone. We must see our parish as a beacon of the Orthodox Christian faith to those around us, whether we are speaking of those who marry into our families, or those who visit our church out of sheer curiosity or because they are searching. We should continue demonstrating philanthropic outreach to the community at large, as the Church has done throughout the ages. Let us all be energized by the Holy Spirit to share with those around us, the fullness of the Faith that has been passed down to us from the Holy Apostles themselves. Lastly, let us ask the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios for our continued growth in Christ, and let us pray for him as we do in every Divine Liturgy, that the Lord grant that he may serve His holy churches in peace, keeping him safe, honorable, and healthy for many years, rightly teaching the word of His truth. *Εις πολλά ετι Δεσποτα!**

# *From Father Anthony*

## **NATIVITY FAST BEGINS 11/15**

Please remember that our Holy Orthodox Church prepares for the Nativity of Christ through a 40-day fast. The main purpose of the fast is to spiritually prepare us for this great event in our salvation history – the Word of God taking on human flesh in order to save the world from sin and death.

Below are *traditional* and widely accepted guidelines for those who choose to follow the Church's tradition in its fullest. These guidelines are also illustrated on your 2010 church calendar produced by our holy Archdiocese. The beginning of the Nativity Fast has approximately a one-month period of moderate fasting as follows:

- fish, wine, and olive oil are permitted daily, except on *Wednesdays & Fridays*
- no animal products are permitted throughout, including eggs & dairy
- shellfish is permitted daily

(Note: Our Holy Archdiocese has always waived fasting on Thanksgiving Day. Throughout any fast period, those who are infirm, expectant and nursing mothers, and young children should follow a relaxed, minimal fast. Your spiritual father can guide you in these cases.)

May we all seek to grow spiritually through the venerable practice of fasting, as we prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth in the flesh. Please remember that our fasting must be accompanied by *increased prayer, church attendance, and charitable works*, otherwise, our efforts would be in vain.

## **ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HAS RESUMED**

Please note that we resumed our weekly Wednesday night all-English vespers and adult religious education sessions in October. As a reminder, we begin at 7 pm with a half-hour service, followed by a one-hour class. We generally begin with a reflection on the day's Gospel reading and reading the life of one of the saints of the day, followed by a particular topic and time for general questions and answers. Since this is not a series, anyone can join in at any time. The classes are especially helpful to those considering conversion, and also for *new converts* who are continuing in their growth of knowledge in the Faith. Please come and join us!

## **FROM THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS**

### **November 1<sup>st</sup> – Sts. Cosmas and Damian**

Saints Cosmas and Damian were brothers according to the flesh and came from the region of Ephesus in the Province of Asia. Some time after they were born, their father, a pagan of noble lineage, embraced the Christian faith; but his early death left the two children in the sole care of their devout mother Theodota, who had been a Christian since childhood. She made every effort to bring up her sons in piety by her own virtuous example.

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Cosmas and Damian were educated in the various branches of learning of their day, but turned away before long from all vain knowledge to devote themselves to the art of medicine, that they might free their neighbors from every sickness and infirmity. Like the Apostles sent forth by Christ (Matt. 10), they were given the power to cast out unclean spirits and to heal all manner of sickness with no other remedy than their prayer. Having freely received the grace of the Holy Spirit, these new Apostles freely gave; they tended the rich just as they did the poor, and strangers as their own relatives, asking nothing in return. Their charity was such that their care extended even to animals. So closely did they link the preaching of the Gospel of Salvation to healing that, although they were qualified in medical science, they used by way of remedy neither lancet nor plaster, but only the life-giving name of Christ, so that the Savior Himself was the Physician who, working in them, healed souls and bodies. Patients made their way from all quarters to their dwelling, and each one found healing and comfort according to the measure of his faith.

Saint Damian, the younger brother, was the first to fall asleep in peace, followed some time later by Saint Cosmas. Thereafter, crowds of Christians came in a constant stream to the church built over their tomb, at a place called Fereman. Their precious relics and their icon were an abundant source of healing for the sick, who were allowed to spend several days in the church, surrounded by prayers and supplications. No one left without obtaining either a cure or the strength to bear with patience and hope, the illness permitted by God for the salvation of his soul.

## **FROM THE HOLY FATHERS**

(The following is taken from the *Philokalia*, a collection of monastic wisdom popular throughout the Orthodox world.)

*Smoke from wood kindling a fire troubles the eyes; but then the fire gives them light and gladdens them. Similarly, unceasing attentiveness is irksome; but when, invoked in prayer, Jesus draws near, He illumines the heart; for remembrance of Him confers on us spiritual enlightenment and the highest of all blessings. (St. Philotheos of Sinai)*

*If God suffers in the flesh when He is made man, should we not rejoice when we suffer, for we have God to share our sufferings? This shared suffering confers the Kingdom on us. For he spoke truly who said, 'If we suffer with Him, then we shall also be glorified with Him' (Rom. 8:17). (St. Maximos the Confessor)*

*Godlessness and love of praise are the worst and most incurable disease of the soul and lead to her destruction. The desire for evil signifies a lack of what is good. Goodness consists in doing with all our heart whatever is right and pleasing to the God of all. (St. Anthony the Great)*

# Church News

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY                                     | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH |
| PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS                                  | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH  |
| PARISH COUNCIL OATH OF OFFICE<br>AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH |

## 2010 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 9, 2010

DECEMBER 14, 2010

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

All Submissions for the Bulletin are due on 15th.

## COFFEE HOUR

If you are interested in sponsoring a coffee hour, please call Bertha Weinberg at (508) 586-1030, or the Church Office at (508) 559-0910.

## Holy Confession

Every Saturday after Great Vespers, or during office hours by appointment.

## CHURCH SERVICES

|           |                 |          |
|-----------|-----------------|----------|
| SATURDAYS | GREAT VESPERS   | 6:00 PM  |
| SUNDAYS   | ORTHROS:        | 8:45 AM  |
|           | DIVINE LITURGY: | 10:00 AM |
| WEEKDAYS  | ORTHROS:        | 9:00 AM  |
|           | DIVINE LITURGY: | 10:00 AM |

**THE CHURCH NEEDS  
YOUR SUPPORT.  
REMEMBER TO SEND  
IN YOUR PLEDGE.  
PLEDGES ARE THE  
GREATEST SOURCE  
OF INCOME FOR OUR  
CHURCH**

## HALL RENTAL

Do not forget that our church gymnasium and / or lounge area are available for your special functions. Please call the church office for details.

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| ΤΑ ΣΑΒΒΑΤΑ ~      | ΜΕΓΑΣ ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ: | 6:00 ΜΜ  |
| ΤΙΣ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΕΣ ~    | ΟΡΘΟΣ:           | 8:45 ΠΜ  |
|                   | ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ: | 10:00 ΠΜ |
| ΤΙΣ ΚΑΘΙΜΕΡΙΝΕΣ ~ | ΟΡΘΟΣ:           | 9:00 ΠΜ  |
|                   | ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ: | 10:00 ΠΜ |

## ADDRESS CHANGES

Please notify the church office if you are moving, so we may update our database in order to serve you better.

# Church News

## SACRAMENTS AND HOLY SERVICES

### BAPTISMS

- October 3 Gnosia Penelope (Soula Penelope)  
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Antonios Iosifidis  
Sponsor: Matthew & Rhea Gavriel
- October 17 Helena Irene  
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Maxouris  
Sponsor: Emmanuel & Crystal Lambrakis

### FUNERALS

- October 4 Mary (Trabazan) Le Clair
- October 8 Evdoxia Kotsiopoulos
- October 16 John Giannakoulis
- October 23 Effie Kotopoulos
- May Their Memory be Eternal

### DONATIONS

In Memory of Mary Xixis  
Mr. & Mrs. Christos Liapopoulos - \$150

In Memory of Mary Xixis  
Mr. & Mrs. George Xixis - \$200

In Memory of Mary Xixis  
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Lucas - \$100

In Memory of Mary Xixis  
Mr. & Mrs. Orestes Demetriades - \$100

In Memory of Mary Xixis (3mths)  
Mrs. Maria Theofilou - \$100

### DONATIONS

In Memory of Victor Fields (1yr)  
Mrs. Maria Theofilou - \$100

In Memory of Peter and Barbara Rumbos  
Mrs. Brenda Hunter - \$100

In Memory of Effie Paraskis  
The Jacoubs Family - \$100

In Memory of Effie Paraskis  
Mr. & Mrs. John Juris - \$25

In Memory of Evdoxia Kotsiopoulos  
total donations - \$215

In Memory of John Giannakoulis  
total donations - \$830

In Memory of Vasiliki Karantonakis  
Mr. Tony Karantonakis - \$700

In Memory of Ernestine Pappas  
Mr. Peter Pappas - \$200

In Memory of L. Jeannie Kahl  
Ms. Irene Sarharis - \$50

In Memory of Parents  
Protopresbyter Panteleimom and Presbyteria Anastasia  
Mr. Seraphim Papajiannis - \$200

In Memory of John T. Mavrelion  
Ms. Lillian (Sue) Mavrelion - \$1000

In Memory of Parents  
Elizabeth and Thomas & Violet and Stanley  
Ruth and George Capernaros - \$100

donation  
Ms. Lillian (Sue) Mavrelion - \$1000

Kosta and Theodora Vzivzis  
Candle Fund Interest - \$1611.50

(All liturgical items donated for the consecration will be acknowledged in the commemorative album, to be published after the consecration.)

# *Philoptochos News & Views*

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Consecration Vesper Reception memorable!!

## GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting of the Philoptochos Society is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 2010 @ 7:00PM. In the church lounge. Hope to see you there!

## VISIT SHUT - INS

The Ladies Philoptochos Society will be making their annual visits to our senior citizens who are unable to get out from their homes. If you would like to add a name to our list please contact Sultana Kotsiopoulos @ (508) 584- 8838 or our church with the information.

## KOLIVA

For Koliva please call the church office @ (508)559-0910. We would appreciate one week's notice in advance of the memorial service to prepare your koliva. The cost is \$85 and checks should be made payable to the Philoptochos Society.

## ANNUAL PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS CARD

The request for the Annual Philoptochos Christmas card sponsored by the Philoptochos will be mailed to your homes shortly. If you would like your name included this year, please send a check for \$20 and the name (s) as you would like it to appear in the card to:

Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos Society  
457 Oak Street



## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND GIANT TOY RAFFLE

The 11th Annual Family Christmas Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 19, 2010 immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Children and adults are encouraged to attend and not to miss the fun this year. A full course dinner will be served as we await the long anticipated Giant Toy Raffle. Anyone wishing to donate a toy towards the raffle, or purchase tickets for the event please contact Ethel Savas @ (508) 586-9409.

# *Bookstore News*

The bookstore is open every Sunday after the Divine Liturgy. It contains books for those learning about our faith and for those who want to expand their knowledge of Orthodoxy. Icons of patron saints and of guardian angels for boys and girls, children's books, cookbooks, auto visor clips, and many other items of interest are offered. Candles for baptisms will soon be available. Please visit us soon!

HOPE & JOY'S  
THANKSGIVING FAMILY  
FEAST

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2010



MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

*Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos Presents...*

# Family Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 19, 2010

Immediately following Church services



Menu includes Lenten Pastichio dinner with Greek Appetizer, Salad, rolls, and dessert. Santa will be coming again to host the long awaited event. Giant toy raffle with tons of prizes for everyone!!

Children \$12/Adults \$15



November 1, 2010

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

The Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos Society is again preparing its Annual Christmas Card and asking all parish members and friends of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church to participate in this most appropriate Christmas idea. Instead of mailing cards separately, a donation of \$20.00 (\$25.00 for businesses) places your name in the Christmas Card that will be mailed to all members of the parish.

Please join the many families and friends of the Annunciation Church in expressing Christmas greetings to our entire Church family. This annual fundraiser defrays the cost of decorating the Church for Christmas and the Annual Sunday School Christmas Communion Breakfast.

You may use the form below to print the name/s as you wish them to appear on the card. Please send this form with your check payable to Annunciation Philoptochos Christmas Card for \$20.00 (\$25.00 for businesses) in the enclosed envelope by December 3, 2010.

Please join us in making this card a success again this year. Best wishes for a joyous Christmas season.

In Christ,

*The Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos Society*

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Please include the following name/s on the 2010 Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church Christmas Card.

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October 17, 2010

Dear Parishioner:

Please join us for the following:

Sunday November 7, 2010 following Church Service we will conduct a brief follow up meeting to discuss the 2010 Food Festival.

On Sunday November 14, 2010 following Church Service we will hold our Fall General Assembly. Agenda enclosed.

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
FALL GENERALY ASSEMBLY  
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2010

AGENDA

Secretary's Report – Spring General Assembly

Treasurer's Report:

Financial 2010 Year to Date (1/1/10-10/31/10)

2010 Festival

Consecration

President's Remarks:

Fr. Anthony Evangelatos Remarks:

New Business:

Board of Elections

Board of Auditors

2011 Budget

We also have enclosed a copy of the application for parish council members elections. The deadline for submission is Sunday November 14, 2010.

Fr. Anthony Evangelatos  
Presbyter

George Alexis  
Parish Council President

## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections for the Parish Council will be held on Sunday, December 5, 2010 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. All qualified members of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church are encouraged to submit their names as candidates for the Parish Council elections.

This year eight (8) members will be elected to serve a term of (2) years.

### APPLICATIONS FOR ELECTIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL OR IN PERSON TO THE CHURCH NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2010

In view of the desire and responsibility to properly and effectively conduct the elections, the following information and reminders are submitted from the Uniform Parish Regulations of Archdiocese.

#### Eligibility

Article 25, Section 2: A candidate for the Parish Council must be a parishioner in good standing of the Parish for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election and must live his or her life in accordance with the Faith and canons of the Church. The Priest determines whether the Parishioners are in canonical and financial good standing as specified in Article 18, Sections 1 through 3.

Article 18, Section 1: Every person who is baptized and chrismated according to the rites of the Orthodox Church is a parishioner. The religious, moral and social duties of a parishioner are to apply the tenets of the Orthodox Faith to his/her life and to: adhere to and live according to the tenets of the Orthodox Faith; faithfully attend the Divine Liturgy and other worship services; participate regularly in the holy sacraments; respect all ecclesiastical authority and all governing bodies of the Church; be obedient in matters of the Faith, practice and ecclesiastical order; contribute towards the progress of the Church's sacred mission; and be an effective witness and example of the Orthodox Faith and Traditions to all people.

A parishioner in good standing practices all the religious and moral duties as described in this Section 1. At a minimum, a parishioner in good standing must: be eighteen years of age or over; be current in his or her stewardship and other financial obligations to the Parish; abide by all the regulations herein stated; and cooperate in every way towards the welfare and well being of the Parish.

### APPLICATION FOR PARISH COUNCIL CANDIDACY

I wish to be a candidate for the Parish Council of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Brockton, Massachusetts.

Επιθυμώ να υποβάλλω υποψηφιότητα για το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο της Εκκλησίας μας, του Ευαγγελισμού του Μπρόκτον.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: To avoid mistakes on the ballot, please give us the following information:*

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Applications for Parish Council Candidacy must be submitted by mail or in person at the Church Office no later than SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2010

Αιτήσεις υποβάλλονται, μέχρι και τη ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 14 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ 2010

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