



# Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

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## THE MEETING OF OUR LORD

# ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF BROCKTON

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<b>ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ</b>	<b>ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ</b>	<b>ΤΡΙΤΗ</b>	<b>ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ</b>	<b>ΠΕΜΠΤΗ</b>	<b>ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ</b>	<b>ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
		<b>1</b> <b>Vespers of the Presentation of Our Lord</b> <b>5:30 PM</b>  <b>PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING &amp; POT LUCK DINNER</b> <b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord</b> <b>Orthros 9:00 AM</b> <b>Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM</b>  <b>Small Vespers 7pm</b> <b>Followed by Adult Religious Education</b> <i>(fast day – fish wine &amp; olive oil permitted)</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>          <i>(fast day)</i>	<b>5</b>          <b>GREAT VESPERS 6PM</b>
<b>6</b> <b>SUNDAY OF CANAANITE WOMAN</b> <b>Orthros 8:45 AM</b> <b>Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7:00PM</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Small Vespers 7PM</b> <b>Followed by Adult Religious Education</b>   <i>(fast day)</i>	<b>10</b> <b>St. Haralampos The Priest-martyr</b> <b>Orthros 9:00 AM</b> <b>Divine Liturgy 10:00 PM</b>	<b>11</b>          <i>(fast day)</i>	<b>12</b>          <b>GREAT VESPERS 6PM</b>
<b>13</b> <b>SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN &amp; PHARISEE</b> <b>Orthros 8:45 AM</b> <b>Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM</b>  <b>TRIODION BEGINS</b>  <b>JOY HAVE A HEART LUNCHEON</b>	<b>14</b>          <i>(no fasting this week – all foods permitted daily)</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Small Vespers 7PM</b> <b>Followed by Adult Religious Education</b> <i>(last class before Lent)</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>          <b>GREAT VESPERS 6PM</b>
<b>20</b> <b>SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON</b> <b>Orthros 8:45 AM</b> <b>Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM</b>	<b>21</b> <b>PRESIDENTS DAY</b> <i>(office closed)</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>          <i>(fast day)</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>          <i>(fast day)</i>	<b>26</b> <b>Saturday of Souls</b> <b>Orthros 9:00 am</b> <b>Divine Liturgy 10:00 pm</b>  <b>GREAT VESPERS 6PM</b>
<b>27</b> <b>SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGEMENT (MEATFARE SUNDAY - LAST DAY TO CONSUME MEAT BEFORE PASCHA)</b> <b>Orthros 8:45 AM</b> <b>Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM</b>	<b>28</b>          <i>(dairy products and eggs permitted each day through Cheesefare Sunday, 3/6)</i>					

# From Father Anthony

One of the twelve major feast days of the Orthodox Church is the *Meeting of Our Lord*, celebrated on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the western Christian tradition, this feast is usually referred to as the “Presentation of Our Lord” or sometimes, the “Purification of Mary.” The most accurate translation of the original Greek term for this feast (*Hypapante*) is *Meeting*, based on the Greek verb *hypan-tao*, meaning *I go or come to meet*. Let us see how this term accurately describes the main thrust of this holy feast.

Upon reading the Gospel passage from Luke describing the original event (Lk 2:22-38), one may immediately conclude that this event is focused on both the ritualistic purification of Mary, as well as the ritual of presenting the first-born male to the Temple according to Mosaic law. The Church, however, sees something deeper than what appears on the surface.

Here is an excellent example of how Orthodoxy only views the Church as the official commentator on Holy Scripture. The Holy Fathers show us clearly, that the presentation of Christ by His parents to the Temple signifies something more than the obvious. The Fathers teach us that this event was the formal meeting of the Savior with His people. In the feast of the Meeting of Our Lord, the Old and New Testaments come face to face through the persons of Jesus Christ and the Elder Simeon.

Regarding the Elder Simeon, one tradition teaches that he was the sacrificing priest of the Temple at the time, which is also found in the liturgical text of the feast. Another tradition places Simeon as either one of the official 70 translators of the Hebrew Old Testament into Greek (known as the *Septuagint*), who was allowed by God to live 250 years until the coming of the Messiah; or, that he was most likely a descendent of the 70, thus putting him into the category of a prophet. By considering both cases, we see Simeon representing both the Law and the Prophets of the Old Testament. He stands in the Temple of God on behalf of all the people of Israel, who along with him, have long been awaiting the coming of the Messiah.

The Holy Fathers have also commented on the divine *kenosis*, or *self-emptying*, *self-abasement* of the Lord during His presentation. Here we see the author of the Law now subject to the Law. Simeon holds in his arms God Incarnate who has humbled Himself to the extent of accepting human birth, appearing on earth in a form which completely veils His divine glory.

*Receive, O Simeon, Him whom Moses once saw in the cloud, granting the law on Sinai, and who has now become a child subject to the law. This is He who spoke through the law, this is He whose voice was heard by the prophets. He has become incarnate for us and saves humanity. Let us worship Him! (from the Vespers of the Feast)*

Two other aspects of the feast which are pointed out by the Holy Fathers, have to do with the persons of Joseph and the Prophetess Anna. In the icon of the feast, we see Joseph holding two turtle-doves to be offered for his wife’s ritualistic purification after giving birth. This detail clearly shows us that the Holy Family was of modest means, and could not afford a year-old lamb as the Law required. The Holy Fathers again see something deeper; the lamb is *not* missing, for Christ is the perfect sacrificial lamb – the spotless victim being offered to the world by the hands of Mary. The Fathers also ascribe a meaningful symbol to the turtle-doves, referring to them as the future Church of Israel and the Church of the Gentiles, which will become one through Christ.

Regarding Anna, she prophetically represents the women heralds of the Resurrection, who went to tell the world about the Risen Lord. She is an example of true Christian witness through her preaching, and her example of fervent prayer and fasting.

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, through the feast of the Meeting of Our Lord, hopefully we can see how certain important passages in the Holy Gospels are not just nice stories, or trivial “fillers” meant to add some “interest” to the early part of the life of Christ. By turning to the Holy Tradition of the Church, we find much deeper truths that lead us to a profound understanding of Christ and His sacred ministry upon earth. May we all celebrate this meaningful and symbolic feast of our Church with a clearer understanding of its significance. Let each one of us also meet the Lord within our souls *spiritually*, as we celebrate this holy feast.

In Christ’s love,

+Fr. Anthony

# *From Father Anthony*

## TRIODION BEGINS 2/13

As you see on the February calendar, the Triodion period this year begins on 2/13, the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee (Holy Pascha is on 4/24). The Triodion period covers the three preparatory weeks before Lent, the six weeks of Great Lent, and Holy Week. Following are traditional fasting guidelines for the first three weeks of the Triodion:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Week (2/13-19): no fasting – all foods permitted *daily*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Week (2/20-26): regular Wednesday & Friday fast
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Week (2/27-3/5): Meatfare Sunday, 2/27 – last day for meat until Pascha; remainder of week – dairy products and eggs permitted *daily*, including Cheesefare Sunday, 3/6\*

\*Note: Some sources state that fish is also permitted daily during Cheesefare Week. The general consensus is that the consumption of fish ends on Meatfare Sunday (see Archdiocesan calendar).

## SPECIAL NOTICE FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> WEEK OF LENT

Please note that each year, His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios asks that **there be no meetings or other activities during the first week of Great Lent**. For this year, that will be from the evening of Sunday, 3/6 through Saturday, 3/12. Obviously, this applies to both church and affiliated organizations. The focus during the first week of Lent should be *spiritual* – both on a personal and parish level. As I do each year, I will offer *daily* services that week in order to aid our proper entrance into Great Lent.

Also, as a general reminder throughout the calendar year, **no meetings or activities should ever be scheduled simultaneously with a church service**. When in doubt, please check with Fr. Anthony directly.

## CHRISTMAS “THANK YOU’S”

Since our combined December/January bulletin is printed and distributed in late November, our February bulletin is the first opportunity to express appreciation for the Christmas season. First of all, most of us probably don't even know who does the beautiful Christmas decorations year after year. We would like to thank the decoration chairwoman, Meri Weinberg and her committee, Ona Calogrias, Ann Langway, Maria Tsaganis Sampson, and Connie Spiros. Thanks again ladies, for bringing color and warmth into our holy temple. Also, we express gratitude to our Sunday School teachers and students for a wonderful pageant (we had many compliments for this year's performance), as well as our Greek School teachers and students who also did a great job with their Christmas program. We also thank Heidi Mason and the entire choir for the beautiful rendition of traditional carols during the pageant and on Christmas day after the liturgy. Our appreciation also goes to our Philoptochos ladies for the enjoyable family Christmas luncheon, as well as the Vasilopita cutting celebration. May the Lord bless all of the above and our entire parish family during this new calendar year!

## COMMUNION WINE NEEDED

Your past generosity had provided almost a two-year supply of communion wine. Now that we are running low, I again appeal to everyone's generosity. Please remember that the communion wine we now use is known as *Nama*, and can be purchased at *Athena International* of Brockton. This is an exceptional, lower alcohol wine produced specifically for the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please know that your anticipated donation would be a great blessing for you and your loved ones. Thank you and God bless.

# *From Father Anthony*

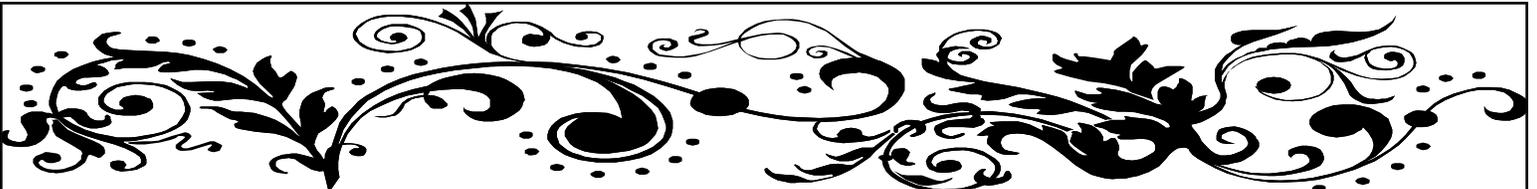
## WHAT IS CANONICAL GOOD STANDING?

As many of you know, when someone is asked to be a sponsor for a wedding or baptism, they must be in good canonical standing with the Orthodox Church. I've come to realize that many parishioners don't thoroughly understand what this means, and often times, do not realize that they may not currently be in good standing. Many think that this has to do with having pledged and paid their stewardship obligation. This is only part of the picture, since good standing has more to do with Church canon law. The majority of these situations surround marriage and divorce. Following are examples of how we fall out of good canonical standing.

- **A married Orthodox Christian must be married in the Orthodox Church**, even if the first ceremony was held in the church of another denomination. Marriage in the Orthodox Church, however, is only possible when the non-Orthodox spouse has been baptized by a recognized Christian denomination.
- **A civilly divorced Orthodox Christian must go through a process of reconciliation with the Church in order to regain good standing.** A second marriage in the Church cannot take place unless the situation is addressed.
- **Second marriages after divorcing or having widowed must also be performed in the Church.** Some of the faithful who have married a second time, for some reason, do not approach the Church to perform the sacrament.
- **The Orthodox partner of couples who are cohabitating before marriage is also out of good canonical standing until married in the Orthodox Church.**

It is very important to know that until the above situations are rectified, **one cannot receive Holy Communion, nor be a sponsor for a wedding or a baptism here or elsewhere.** The Archdiocese also requires married couples who are not in good standing to rectify their situation before baptizing their children. Please know that these situations are easily rectified once brought to the attention of your priest.

The Church, in her compassion, is always concerned about everyone's spiritual well-being and their salvation. Please do not be misguided in thinking that these guidelines are *flexible* according to the "strictness" or "leniency" of the priest. (Having said this, there are certain situations that require other considerations.) These guidelines exist in order to keep everyone in God's grace and growing toward salvation. Christ's unending love for His sons and daughters continues through His Body, the Church, which He established on earth for our salvation. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly to discuss any of these matters further.



## SERVICE CANCELLATIONS

During the winter months, service cancellations on bad weather days will be announced on the church's voice-mail system. Simply call the church and select #2 on the main menu – "*church services for the current week.*" Make sure to check before departing for church, since the decision to cancel is usually made in the morning, or late afternoon for evening services.

# *From Father Anthony*

## FROM THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

**The Hieromartyr Haralambos of Magnesia (2/10).** He was a priest during the second century in his hometown of Magnesia in Asia Minor. He preached openly and into old age during the persecutions of Emperor Servios. At the age of one hundred thirteen, Governor Lukianos who attempted to force Haralambos to renounce Christ arrested him. They tied him to a post in the town square for ridicule. They cut him with knives. He thanked the soldiers for scraping off his old body, his flesh, and renewing his soul. He healed the afflicted that were brought to him and won converts. He drove a demon out of a man who had been possessed for thirty-five years. The people protested his proposed death, so the governor sent him to the emperor. He was led through the streets with a horse's bit and crucified, but first he converted the emperor's daughter Gallina. When they ordered him executed, he prayed for the sins of all men and the abundance of the fruits of the earth, and gave up his soul before he could be beheaded. The executioners were converted and Gallina buried his body.

**Porphyrios, Bishop of Gaza (2/26).** Porphyrios was from a noble family in late fourth century Thessalonica. He left there to become a monk in a hermitage in Egypt. After only five years, he went to Jerusalem where he taught and enlightened many unbelievers. For this, the patriarch of Jerusalem ordained him to the priesthood. Later, the archbishop of Caesarea ordained him as bishop. Porphyrios worked many miracles by his prayers and brought more unbelievers to the knowledge of God. When he saw the injustice suffered by those in his diocese at the hands of the idol worshippers and heretics, he went for help to Patriarch John Chrysostom. Through channels, John led Porphyrios to the queen, and she approached the king. The king anticipated difficulties in unseating the heretic masters of Gaza, but the queen convinced him that it would be more difficult to turn down the request of this bishop. The king agreed and the idol worshippers were driven out. The king gave Porphyrios large quantities of gold with which he built churches, demolished temples, and further persecuted the heretics. Porphyrios worked in this capacity for almost twenty-five years before he peacefully gave up his soul.

## SPIRITUAL WISDOM

*With the gift of God's wisdom, I curb incontinent anger; with this, I quiet corrosive envy; with this again, I quell grief that shackles the heart; with this, I moderate hatred, but not love; the one we should moderate; the other, knows no limit.*

*St. Gregory the Theologian*

*When you hear the songs of birds in the trees in springtime, or other sweet singing, raise your mind to the sweetest songs of paradise and think how the heavens echo forever with Alleluia and other angelic praises, and pray God to let you sing His praises forever, in company with those heavenly spirits, of whom Revelation says: "And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God" (Rev. 19:1).*

*St. Theophan the Recluse*

*The holy Triodion begins with the beautiful example of the Publican and the Pharisee to instruct us that through a humble mind anyone can acquire justification, that is, the forgiveness of his sins from God. Likewise this parable reveals the great evil – pride – which acts as a mighty obstacle for the forgiveness of sins, in spite of practicing all the other virtues and especially almsgiving... From this and from many other Scriptural truths, we are taught that without humility and true repentance a person cannot be saved, even if he prospers in the other virtues.*

*Elder Ephraim of the Holy Mountain*

# Church News

## Calendar of Events

JOY HAVE A HEART LUNCHEON	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 <sup>TH</sup>
LENTEN LUNCHEON	SUNDAY, MARCH 13 <sup>TH</sup>
ANNUNCIATION VESPERS AND PHILOTOCHOS RECEPTION	THURSDAY, MARCH 24 <sup>TH</sup>
GOYA SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON	SUNDAY, MAY 1 <sup>ST</sup>
GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE	SUNDAY, TBD
169 HUNGRY FRIENDS DINNER	THURSDAY, MAY 5 <sup>TH</sup>
PHILOTOCHOS FOOD FESTIVAL	SATURDAY, MAY 14 <sup>TH</sup>
SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY	SUNDAY, MAY 15 <sup>TH</sup>
SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION	SUNDAY, MAY 22 <sup>ND</sup>
GREEK SCHOOL GRADUATION	SUNDAY, JUNE 5 <sup>TH</sup>
GOLF TOURNAMENT	MONDAY, JULY 11 <sup>TH</sup>
SUMMER PICNIC	SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 <sup>ST</sup>
ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 <sup>TH</sup> THRU SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 <sup>TH</sup>
HARVEST BALL DANCE	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 <sup>ND</sup>
FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 <sup>TH</sup>
PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 <sup>TH</sup>
PARISH COUNCIL OATH OF OFFICE AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 <sup>TH</sup>

### **2011 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

February 8, 2011  
March 15, 2011  
April 12, 2011  
May 10, 2011

June 14, 2011  
(*no July meeting*)  
August 9, 2011  
September 6, 2011

October 11, 2011  
November 8, 2011  
December 13, 2011

# Church News

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

All Submissions for the Bulletin are due 15th of the month.

## 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.

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

## 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

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

## 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.

## ADDRESS CHANGES

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

## HOLY CONFESSION

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

# Church News

## SACRAMENTS AND FUNERALS

### BAPTISMS

November 27 Kosmas  
Son of Mr. & Mrs. Charalampos Nikopoulos  
Sponsors: Dimitrios & Adriana Gouliaberis

December 19 Christos (Jaden Akai)  
Son of Mr. Christos Apostolidis &  
Ms. Tiana Kamrara - Veiga  
Sponsor: George Apostolidis

January 16 Evangelia (Eva Rose)  
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel DeCotis  
Sponsor: Victoria Panagouloupoulos

January 16 Gabriella  
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel DeCotis  
Sponsor: Vaia Bairaktaris

### FUNERALS

December 12 George J. Skordares

January 5 Harry A. Mantalos

May Their Memory be Eternal

### DONATIONS

In Memory of John Giannakoulis  
total donations - \$1,145

In Memory of Evdoxia Kotsiopoulos  
total donations - \$365

In Memory of Effie Kotopoulos  
total donations - \$2,845

In Memory of George Skordakes  
total donations - \$520

In Memory of Sofocles Kotsiopoulos  
Mrs. Sultana Kotsiopoulos - \$30

In Memory of Lillian George  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles George - \$1,000

Demoulas Foundation - \$5,000

For Irene Economos in loving memory of Anna  
Love, Thomas, Debra & Martha Sedell - \$200

Christmas Offerings - \$265

400 holy water bottles  
Anonymous donation

Decoration of icon of Nativity of Christ  
Decoration of icon of Theophany  
Mr. Constantine Savas



# *Philoptochos News & Views*

## Christmas Cards

Thanks You!! Kathy Malone for taking care of our Christmas card for us again this year!

## Philoptochos Christmas Party

Everyone enjoyed our annual Christmas party. A special thanks goes to our chairladies, Mrs. Liz Karolemeas & Mrs. Lori Stasiewski

## Christmas Decorations

A special thank you to all our Christmas decorators. The Church looked absolutely beautiful. Many thanks to Merri Weinberg (chairwoman), Sia Antoniou, Ona Calogrias, Connie Spiros, Maria Tsaganis and Ann Langway. This was their eighth year decorating our Church. Also lending a helpful hand were Penny Droukas, Kay Vzizis and Bertha Weinberg. Last but not least we would also like to thank Jim DiMarco for assisting the ladies.

## Holiday Luncheon & Toy Raffle

We would like to thank all of our friends who attended the 9th Annual Family Christmas Luncheon. Everyone enjoyed their dinner & dessert as well as the visit by Santa Claus. Special thanks to everyone who donated toys, money or prizes and to everyone that worked in the Kitchen.

## Annual Vasilopita

Our Annual Vasilopita to benefit the children of St. Basil Academy was held on Sunday, January 2, 2011. The event was coordinated by Tulla Giannaros & Sophia Koutsoumbou who did a magnificent job. The Ladies of the Philoptochos would like to thank our parishioners for their donations to St. Basil Academy. A check will be sent to St. Basil from our Philoptochos for \$1500. Thank You.

## 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 Soutlana Kotsiopoulos @ (508) 584- 8838 or our church with the information.

I would like to thank the Ladies that take time to visit our elderly and ill parishioners

## 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.

## Pot Luck Dinner Meeting (Correction from last month's bulletin)

The February Pot Luck Supper and General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 1st at 6:30 pm. Please bring an appetizer, entrée or dessert and a new member if you can. All are welcomed.

## UP COMING DATE TO REMEMBER!!!

*Saturday, May 14, & 15, 2011*  
*Philoptochos Food Festival*

*The Philoptochos Society is planning their 2nd Annual Food Festival*

*Details to follow!!*

# Annunciation Book Store



## ANNUNCIATION BOOKSTORE

*Our bookstore offers many items for the Lenten period:*

- *The Friday Night Akathist Hymn book in Greek and English that is beautifully printed and easy to follow.*
- *Holy Week books in Greek and English*
- *Lenten cookbooks*
- *Prayer books*
- *Incense*
- *Children's books*

*For those interested in architecture and New England history, we offer a beautiful hardback containing **fantastic photos of Greek Orthodox churches** throughout New England, including photos inside the churches and brief, engaging community histories. A wonderful gift for a history buff.*

*Below is a sample of our selection, but we also can order special items, so stop by the bookstore on Sundays after Divine Liturgy.*

- **Children's Bible Reader:** *Illustrated stories from the Old and New Testament for young readers.*
- **Let's take a walk through the Orthodox Church:** *A child's view of objects seen throughout our Church and their purposes*
- **Preparing for Marriage:** *An Orthodox perspective for the preparation of the Sacrament of Marriage. Includes the text of the sacrament.*
- **Living responsibly in an age of excuses:** *Focuses on moral responsibility and our actions.*
- **The Orthodox Church:** *The history of our Orthodox Church and its position in today's world.*
- **The Orthodox Church A-Z:** *Information about the Orthodox Church. History, sacraments, feast, prayers, etc. It also contains a glossary of 500 terms and definitions.*
- **Dictionary of Orthodoxy:** *400 pages of words on the Orthodox Faith, its life, faith, teaching and sacraments.*
- **Introduction to the Orthodox Church:** *For those wishing to learn more about the Orthodox Church and those considering conversion.*
- **Orthodox Bible Study:** *A bible for every Orthodox home. Includes the Old and New Testament, featuring footnotes explaining scripture passages.*
- **Living in Christ:** *A guide to spiritual growth.*
- **Growing in Christ:** *A guide to obtaining maturity in the Orthodox Faith.*
- **All Ye Saints:** *Alphabetical listing of Saints and Feastdays*
- **Cookbooks For Everyday Greek Cuisine as well as for Lenten Fast**

**Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Brockton**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
**January - December 2010**

	<u>Jan - Dec</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>			
Candles	42,220	39,000	3,220
Donations	31,498	24,000	7,498
Greek School	5,815	6,000	(185)
Miscellaneous Income	1,559	0	1,559
Monthly Bulletin	2,200	1,296	904
Other Income	29,189	0	29,189
Stewardship Pledges	117,985	120,000	(2,015)
Tray Collections	23,747	21,996	1,751
Trust Divedends	9,199	8,004	1,195
Youth Activities	0	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>263,412</u>	<u>220,296</u>	<u>43,116</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>			
<b>Expense</b>			
Archdiocese Commitment	48,000	48,000	0
Archdiocese Pension Fund	6,175	5,700	475
Clergy Laity Conference	1,206	2,496	(1,290)
Employee Taxes and Benefits	23,134	23,604	(470)
Gratuities	600	0	600
Greek School	1,627	900	727
Gross Payroll	122,385	119,892	2,493
Holy Week	541	0	541
Housing Allowance	46,992	46,992	0
Insurance	14,256	14,196	60
Maintenance and Repairs	28,700	33,000	(4,300)
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,298	504	2,794
Pastor Benefits	27,949	32,400	(4,451)
Sunday School	337	2,004	(1,667)
Supplies	15,958	12,996	2,962
Uncategorized Expenses	120	0	120
Utilities	33,250	33,996	(746)
Visiting Clergy / Cantor	2,400	3,000	(600)
Youth Activities Expense	2,253	2,004	249
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>379,181</u>	<u>381,684</u>	<u>(2,503)</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>(115,769)</u>	<u>(161,388)</u>	<u>45,619</u>



Annunciation J.O.Y. Presents  
12th Annual

**"Have A Heart"**  
Luncheon

*Sunday, February 13, 2011*  
*Immediately Following Church Services*

*All Proceeds to Benefit*  
***Hellenic Children's Cardiac Fund***

*Limited Seating Available*  
*For more information, please call*  
*the Church Office at*  
*508-559-0910*

## Acolytes/ALTAR BOYS

**Reminder: Altar boys should be in church by 9:45 am.**

## YOUTH BASKETBALL

**STEVE PASSIAS ~ [passias@comcast.net](mailto:passias@comcast.net)**

The games have started. St Catherine's of Braintree and the Annunciation children have joined to create a promising basketball season. We have 2 teams this year JOY and GOYA. Boys and girls – ages 7-18 are invited to attend and participate. Practices are on Fridays, 5:30-7pm for the Jr. Joy & Joy & 7-8:30 for the GOYA. Schedules can be picked up at the Church office.

Games are on Saturdays for the Jr. Joy & Joy, Sundays for GOYA. All games are played at the Metropolis Center, 50 Goddard Ave., Brookline

*If anyone is interested in being a volunteer coach please give me a call (508) 942-8483*

## GREEK DANCE GROUP

**Jon & Penny Buterbaugh [pnasios@nasiosandgalloway.com](mailto:pnasios@nasiosandgalloway.com)**

After a few weeks off during the Holidays we are back to dancing business! Our dancers' schedule is as follows:

**January 30<sup>th</sup> – ALL**

**February 6<sup>th</sup> – ALL** [Hellenic Nursing Home performance was cancelled we will reschedule in the spring]

**March 6<sup>th</sup> – ALL** [GOYA meeting on this date – they join practice from 1-2]

LOOKING AHEAD... We will once again be having our Candle Fundraiser throughout Great Lent, selling our beautifully decorated Pascha candles in order to support the maintenance of our existing costumes and purchase of additional costume pieces and accessories. We appreciate everyone's support our fundraising!

## GREEK SCHOOL

**TINA BOUTAS ~ ARGYRO PAPADOPOULOS ~ EVRIDIKI PAPAIOANNOU**

Please join us for our Greek Independence Day program on

**Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> following the Divine Liturgy.**

Meeting Times:

**Tuesday:** K, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grades ~ **Wednesday:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades ~ **Thursday:** 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades

## HOPE / JOY

**HELLENIC ORTHODOX PRIMARY EDUCATION / JUNIOR ORTHODOX YOUTH**

HOPE & JOY welcome the families and friends of all the children in these groups for their annual

**Have-A-Heart Luncheon - Sunday, February 13th**

We are proud to have raised over \$40,000 for  
The **Hellenic Children's Cardiac Fund** in the past 15 years  
due to the generosity of this community.

## YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Email us @ [AnnunciationYMT@yahoo.com](mailto:AnnunciationYMT@yahoo.com)

All youth are encouraged to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> Presanctified Liturgy of Great Lent on **Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.** We especially need altar boys to serve, and GOYANs for readings. The YMT will host a lenten supper after the service for all those present. Let us all start Lent in the correct spirit!

## GOYA

### GREEK ORTHODOX YOUTH OF AMERICA

GOYA accomplished a lot over the holiday season! In December we held our normal monthly meetings, as well as purchased gifts for local Brockton kids, who may not have received Christmas presents otherwise. In January, we were able to host a coffee hour for the community. We also took the time for a couple fun nights, including a trip to La Salette.

Upcoming for the month of February we are planning some fun activities over school break.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- ~ **February 6<sup>th</sup>** - Sunday - GOYA meeting
- ~ **February 25<sup>th</sup>** - Friday - Fun Night
- ~ **March 6<sup>th</sup>** - Sunday - GOYA meeting
- ~ **March 9<sup>th</sup>** - Wednesday - Presanctified Liturgy & Supper

**\*\* Save the Date \*\*** Scholarship Luncheon - Sunday, May 1st, 2011 \*\*

[Jbuterbaughjr@gmail.com](mailto:Jbuterbaughjr@gmail.com) & [ckolentsas@student.bridgew.edu](mailto:ckolentsas@student.bridgew.edu)

## JUNIOR CHOIR

[c.mason14@yahoo.com](mailto:c.mason14@yahoo.com) ~ Corinne Mason and Heidi Mason ~ [heidim50@aol.com](mailto:heidim50@aol.com)

Junior Choir Christmas Pageant rehearsals are now to be held **every Sunday morning** in the conference room @ 10:45 – 11:15 am.

## ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

Rhoda Economos ~ (508) 587-4907

**Let's meet on February 27<sup>th</sup> to register their topic and practice.** The Junior Division (grades 7 - 9) will read their 3-4 minute speech. Senior Division (grades 10 - 12) will read their 4-5 minute speech. Local Festival – **March 27<sup>th</sup>**, District Festival – April, Metropolis Festival – May, **National Festival – June 1-3 in Houston, Texas.** Please join us for practice ~ Sundays in Feb.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The **Toys for Tots** program went very well with 86 toys collected. Thank you to all that donated. The Christmas pageant was a delight. Our Sunday school children did a great job! Thank you Tina for organizing the program and thanks to our choir for the musical support and to everyone else that helped. Please refer to the Sunday school schedule in this bulletin for dates of the remaining year.

**The Sunday of Orthodoxy will be held in the church following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.** The children are encouraged to bring their own icon to participate in the procession. Please have icon marked with name and phone number incase it is misplaced.

**Sunday School Classes** will be held on:

**February 6, 13, 27 ~ March 6, 13 20 ~ April 3, 10 ~ May 1, 8, 15, 22**

**For the Sunday of The Holy Cross, March 27<sup>th</sup> -- students will remain in church with families.  
Pascha is APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011**