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ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ	ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ	ΤΡΙΤΗ	ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ	ΠΕΜΠΤΗ	ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ	ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<i>(meat not permitted this week; dairy & eggs permitted daily thru Sunday, 3/6)</i>	1 Philoptochos Meeting 7:00 PM	2	3	4	5 Memory of the Ascetic Saints Orthros 9:00AM Divine Liturgy 10:00AM followed by Trisagion Great Vespers 6PM
6 Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare) Orthros 8:45 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Vespers of Forgiveness 5PM <i>(last day for animal products until Pascha ; see bulletin entry for guidelines)</i>	7 Clean Monday GREAT LENT BEGINS Lenten Orthros 10:00 AM Great Compline w/ 1st part of Great Canon 7 PM	8 Great Compline w/ 2nd part of Great Canon 7 PM	9 The 40 Martyrs of Sebasteia 9th Hour 5:15 PM Youth Participation Presanctified Liturgy 5:30 PM Followed by Lenten supper 3rd part of Great canon (without Compline) after supper	10 Great Compline w/ 4th part of Great Canon 10 AM	11 9th Hour 9:45 AM Presanctified Liturgy 10:00 AM Salutations to the Theotokos 7 PM	12 St. Theodore of Tyre (miracle of kollyva) Orthros 9:00AM Divine Liturgy 10:00AM followed by Trisagion Great Vespers 6PM
13 Sunday of Orthodoxy Orthros 8:45 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM	14 Great Compline 7 PM	15 Parish Council Meeting 7 pm	16 9th Hour 5:15 PM Presanctified Liturgy 5:30 PM	17	18 9th Hour 9:45 AM Presanctified Liturgy 10:00 AM Salutations to the Theotokos 7 PM	19 Great Vespers 6PM
20 Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas Orthros 8:45 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM	21 Great Compline 7 PM	22	23 9th Hour 5:15 PM Presanctified Liturgy 5:30 PM	24 Great Vespers of the Annunciation 7 PM <i>followed by Philoptochos reception</i>	25 The Annunciation of the Theotokos (Parish Feast Day) Orthros 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00AM Vespers of the Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel w/ 3rd stanza of Salutations to the Theotokos 7 PM	26 Great Vespers 6PM
27 Sunday of the Holy Cross Orthros 8:45 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM	28 Great Compline 7 PM	29	30 Regional Presanctified Liturgy w/ Metropolitan Methodios at St. Catherine, Braintree 6:00 pm followed by Lenten Supper	31		

From Father Anthony

Whenever we read Orthodox authors on the topic of Great Lent, we are constantly reminded that Lent is something we *live* and *experience*. They typically point out that the Fast is not meant to be a time of mere legalistic compliance, but rather, a temporary change of lifestyle and attitude, so that our primary focus will be on God and our relationship with Him. Our Holy Tradition has given us this gift of Great Lent so that we may be spiritually cleansed and renewed in preparation for Holy Pascha. In order to truly celebrate a pure and holy Pascha, we must preface it with a sincere and fruitful Lenten experience.

Over the years, I have seen a variety of approaches to Great Lent. Some of our brethren have the idea that Lent basically means eating a certain way, or at least trying to make the various dietary accommodations, especially during the first week and Holy Week. Others shun the practice of fasting, thinking that it is an archaic and impractical burden. Some seem to be inspired by certain Lenten services, and begin coming to church regularly for one or more of these services. A great number of Orthodox Christians only come on the Sundays of Great Lent, thinking that Lent is somehow encapsulated within the Sunday morning services alone. (Ironically, there is hardly anything “Lenten” about the Saturdays and the Sunday mornings of Lent, so this group never experiences Great Lent, liturgically speaking.) Now here, a question must be asked: In all cases, do we attempt to make Great Lent a *daily* and *life-transforming* experience?

In reality, a truly thorough Lenten experience would incorporate much more than changing one’s diet, and attending church periodically. To take Lent seriously, one would need to have prepared for the coming Fast during the three preparatory weeks prior to the commencement of Great Lent. As we’ve mentioned many times, this three-week period presents the basic Lenten themes through Gospel parables and the rich hymnography of the Church. If we have taken these themes to heart, by the time Clean Monday arrives we should be in the right mind-set for the ascetic struggle ahead.

Those who take Great Lent seriously know that it is necessary to make various alterations to one’s daily routine. A “Lenten lifestyle” must include ample time for quality prayer opportunities. Prayer is definitely the starting point, because without God’s help we are setting ourselves up for failure and frustration before even getting close to Holy Week. Let us remember that sincere prayer is *communion* with God. During Lent, we curb entertainment and other worldly distractions in order to rediscover and accentuate this inborn need for communion with the Creator. Besides private prayer though, we must remember that prayer *par excellence*, occurs in the divine services of the Church. For Lent to be a prayerful experience, it goes without saying that we must find it in ourselves to strive for greater liturgical participation during the various weekday Lenten services.

During our Lenten journey, the venerable practice of fasting must co-exist with our prayer life. If we insist on ap-

proaching the Fast with negativity each year, then this proves that we still haven’t found within ourselves how to prayerfully and joyfully prepare for Great Lent. Through proper preparation, we hopefully can begin to understand the immense spiritual benefits of fasting. It must be emphasized that appropriate guidance and direction from our spiritual father are definitely needed when we are inexperienced with fasting. As I have stated in the past, if we’ve never really fasted during Lent, then perhaps it would be wise to attempt a Monday, Wednesday and Friday fasting routine as a starting point. Guidance is also necessary in situations where there are health concerns, or when one is married to a non-Orthodox spouse with different or non-existent Lenten traditions.

Charitable giving and good works are another important aspect of our Lenten experience. If we are to *grow* in Christ during this holy season, we must *see* Christ in our fellow man. Lent is not a time for us to curl up into our own private cocoon. The ascetic struggle of Great Lent must include good works. We were reminded of this very clearly by the Gospel reading on the Sunday of the Last Judgment: “...’Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’...’Truly I say to you, inasmuch as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me’...” (Mt 25:44-45).

Lastly, beloved in Christ, there can be no fruitful result from our Lenten experience without *repentance and forgiveness*. The last Sunday before entering Lent is called the Sunday of Forgiveness, in order to remind us of the need to forgive others and ask for forgiveness prior to entering the Fast. If we do not enter Great Lent with the humbled and repentant heart of both the Publican and the Prodigal Son, nor seek reconciliation with God during the Fast through Holy Confession, then any effort we put into Great Lent will be for naught. The entire Lenten struggle is meant to cleanse the soul in order to regain Paradise through the Crucified and Resurrected Christ. Everything mentioned above will aid in bringing about this cleansing, which can only be sealed through the Holy Mystery of Confession. Sadly, the majority of us are completely remiss in our participation in this saving act.

Beloved in Christ, hopefully we have come to realize that Lent is truly comprised of various labors, none of which is overly difficult or impossible to accomplish. The goal of Lent can be achieved through our personal commitment to Christ and our salvation. We were created with a free will with the ability to choose good or evil, right or wrong. If we are truly seeking salvation and the Kingdom of Heaven, then let us all pick up our cross and embark on the true Lenten journey offered by the Church, and not some alternate journey of our own creation.

Wishing a blessed Lent to all,

+Fr. Anthony

From Father Anthony

MAKING LENT MEANINGFUL AT HOME

Great Lent is the most significant time of the year in the spiritual life of Orthodox Christians. As parents, we have an opportunity to teach and reinforce its importance and significance to our children, so that they may always love and appreciate this holy period. Here are some things to consider...

- Purchase an Orthodox prayer book if you don't have one, and use it.
- Plan which services you can realistically attend each week as a family (try for at least one).
- Parents, read a book on Great Lent to understand it better (see Fr. Anthony for suggestions).
- Try as much as possible to keep the fast in an appropriate way for your family (perhaps try keeping a strict fast on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays if you can't do more).
- Curb television, movies, etc.; replace with biblical movies, or read Scripture or other spiritually edifying materials (especially the first week of Lent and Holy Week).
- Periodically light incense and keep a lit candle or vigil lamp in front of the holy icons, to create a more spiritual atmosphere in the home.
- Plan on going to confession as a family during Lent (parents are the example in everything to their children – don't rob them of this spiritually beneficial opportunity).
- If properly prepared, receive Holy Communion more frequently as a family during Lent.
- Choose one or more charities that the family would like to support financially or otherwise (involve children as much as possible with this process).

SPECIAL YOUTH PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY & SUPPER

Unfortunately, many of our faithful are completely unaware of, and unfamiliar with the various Lenten services. These services are completely different in feel and character from the Sundays of the Fast. One such service, which can be described as the *heart* of Great Lent, is the *Presanctified Liturgy*. We would like to give families an opportunity for meaningful participation in this beautiful service, by offering a *special "family worship" Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday, March 9th, with the participation of our youth*. We would like to have the participation of altar boys, as well

as GOYANS to offer the many readings in the early part of the service. A short service of preparation (the 9th Hour) will begin at 5:15 pm, followed by the Liturgy at 5:30 pm. A Lenten supper will follow in the Lounge for all in attendance, sponsored by the Annunciation YMT (Youth Ministry Team).

LENTEN FASTING GUIDELINES

Many pious Orthodox Christians seek to uphold the Lenten fast each year as best as possible. Following are traditional guidelines that are widely accepted and practiced within the Church. These guidelines are also illustrated on your 2011 Archdiocesan calendar. Let me stress again this year, that these are the ideal guidelines for a full and proper fast, which not everyone can follow. Remember, our Lenten journey is much more than a revision of dietary habits – it is a beautiful time of spiritual discipline which cleanses and strengthens both body and soul, helping us seek repentance, and to grow closer to God as we approach Holy Pascha. Whichever way we follow the Fast, let it be a spiritually enriching effort which includes intensified prayer, increased church attendance, almsgiving and other charitable works.

Cheesefare Week: 2/28-3/6 – dairy products, eggs, wine & olive oil permitted daily

Great Lent: Begins 3/7 – strict fast from all animal products (including fish), wine (all alcoholic beverages) and olive oil, with the following exceptions:

- for March, wine & olive oil are permitted each Saturday & Sunday, and on 3/9 – the Feast of the 40 Martyrs of Sebasteia
- fish, wine & olive oil are permitted on the feast of the Annunciation (3/25)
- many substitute vegetable oil for olive oil on strict fast days
- shellfish is permitted every day of the Fast
- fasting is always relaxed for those with health issues (especially diabetics), expectant or nursing mothers, growing children, travelers, and other such situations (seek out your spiritual father for guidance when in doubt)

From Father Anthony

SPIRITUAL WISDOM

These are the works of righteousness: fasting, alms, vigils, holiness, and the rest of such works performed with the body. Love for one's neighbor, humility of heart, forgiving those who have sinned, recollection of good things, investigation of the mysteries concealed in the holy Scriptures, the mind's occupation with good works, the bridling of the soul's passions, and the rest of such virtues, are performed in the soul. All these require knowledge, for knowledge guards them and teaches their order.

St. Isaac the Syrian

It is truly astounding how the incorporeal (bodiless) mind can be defiled and darkened by the body. Equally astonishing is the fact that the immaterial spirit can be purified and refined by clay (the human body).

St. John Climacus

Through repentance the filth of our foul actions is washed away. After this, we participate in the Holy Spirit, not automatically, but according to the faith, humility and inner disposition of the repentance in which our soul is engaged. For this reason it is good to repent each day as the act of repentance is unending.

St. Symeon the New Theologian

LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

During Great Lent, Fr. Anthony will be available to hear confessions as follows:

- each Monday evening after Great Compline
- each Friday evening after Salutations (up to 4/8)
- each Saturday evening after Vespers (all year)
- during office hours by appointment (all year)

Please take advantage of this most healing mystery (sacrament) of love and forgiveness, as you make your spiritual journey toward Holy Pascha.

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.

IN APPRECIATION

I would like to take this opportunity to thank this year's *Have a Heart Luncheon* committee – Maria Fitopoulos, Barbara Mantalos, and Paula Tsitsopoulos, for another wonderful event benefiting the *Hellenic Children's Cardiac Fund*. As always, much help came from some of our Philoptochos ladies and other members of the parish, which we also greatly appreciate. A special *thank you* goes to our JOY and HOPE children, and our GOYANS who so graciously served our guests as they do every year. May God bless all our children, and most especially, those who are aided by the Cardiac Fund!

From Father Anthony

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

(The following is taken from The Complete Book of Orthodoxy, by George W. Grube, Regina Orthodox Press, 2001)

Great Lent - the 40 day season of penance and preparation which precedes the Holy Feast of Pascha. It begins on Clean Monday and ends on the sixth Friday before Lazarus Saturday and the Feast of the Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday). Holy Week is so sacred it is in a special sense a part of the Great Fast and yet, apart from it.

“The Fast of Lent has no advantage to us unless it brings about our spiritual renewal. It is necessary while fasting to change our whole life and practice virtue. Turning away from all wickedness means keeping our tongue in check, restraining our anger, avoiding all gossip, lying and swearing. To abstain from these three things, herein is the true value of the Fast” (St. John Chrysostom).

Fasts/Fasting – in the Orthodox Church fasts are a way of increasing one’s spiritual growth by attacking the desires for physical pleasures. The early church practiced fasting as a response to Christ’s example and teaching. The earliest fasts were held on Wednesdays and Fridays, and occasionally on Saturday. The Eastern Church observes fasting periods based on the writings of Isaiah 58:6-7, I Corinthians 7:5, St. Matthew 17:21 and Joel 2:12. Fasting should be from food and iniquities. Rules are guideposts by which we are to judge our own fasting practices, and we are continually reminded not to hold our Lenten enterprise over the heads of others as a means of pride, or to flaunt our ‘good works’ in order to extol our own supposed virtue.

“There are three things, my brethren, by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting and mercy. Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, fasting and mercy; these three things are one, and they give life to one another” (St. Peter Chrysologus, Fifth century).

Church News

2011 Fundraiser Events and Committees

As part of our 2011 goals for the parish, we've reorganized several committees in order to expand and implement new ideas for the church. The following Events and Committees are available for participation:

Events

Lenten Luncheon
Greek Independence Parade
Hungry Friends
Greek School / Sunday School Picnic
Golf Tournament
Summer Picnic
Food Festival
Harvest Ball Dance
Other Social Gatherings

Committee

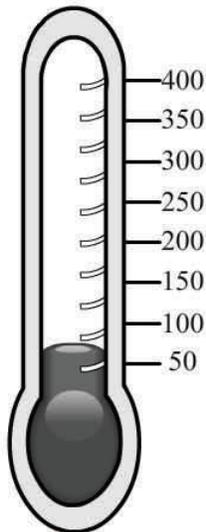
Stewardship
Finance
Contracts / Legal / Church By Laws
Building / House and Grounds
Youth Activity Support
Scholarship
Ecclesiastical
Website & Technology
Book Store

If you have interest or a talent in the following areas, please contact the church office. The groups are just formalizing and schedules will be published on monthly basis with times and dates for the meetings. We look forward to your participation!

John Karolemeas
Parish Council President

2011 Total Goal

Stewards



400 Total Stewardship Goal

57 Pledges
Pledged number of Stewards as of January 31, 2011



**\$150,000 Total
Goal Amount**

150K Total Goal



\$20,355 Amount Raised

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ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΙΕΡΩΝ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΤΕΣΣΑΡΑΚΟΣΤΗΣ

ΠΡΩΤΗ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΑ

<u>Κυριακη, 6/3:</u>	Κατανυκτικός Εσπερινός, 5 μμ
<u>Καθαρά Δευτερα, 7/3:</u>	Ορθρος, 10 πμ. Μεγα Αποδειπνον με το α' τμημα του Μεγ. Κανονος, 7 μμ
<u>Τριτη, 8/3:</u>	Μεγα Αποδειπνον με το β' τμημα του Μεγ. Κανονος, 7 μμ
<u>Τεταρτη, 9/3:</u>	<u>Των εν Σεβαστεια 40 Μαρτυρων</u> , 9η Ωρα 5:15 μμ, Προηγιασ- μενη Λειτουργια 5:30 μμ (Σαρακοστιανη τραπεζα ακολουθει). Γ' τμημα του Μεγ. Κανονος (ανευ αποδειπνο) μετα του δειπνου
<u>Πεμπτη, 10/3:</u>	Μεγα Αποδειπνον με το δ' τμημα του Μεγ. Κανονος, <u>10 πμ.</u>
<u>Παρασκευη, 11/3:</u>	9η Ωρα 9:45 πμ, Προηγιασμενη Λειτουργια 10 πμ. Χαιρετισμοι της Θεοτοκου, 7 μμ
<u>Σαββατο, 12/3:</u>	<u>Του Αγ. Θεοδωρου Τηρωνος</u> (θαυμα των κολλυβων), Ορθρος 9 πμ, Θεια Λειτουργια 10 πμ με Τρισαγιον. Μεγας Εσπερινος, 6 μμ

ΥΠΟΛΟΙΠΕΣ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΕΣ

<u>Δευτερα:</u>	Μεγα Αποδειπνον, 7 μμ
<u>Τεταρτη:</u>	9η Ωρα 5:15 μμ, Προηγιασμενη Λειτουργια 5:30 μμ (εκτος 30/3)
<u>Παρασκευη:</u>	9η Ωρα 9:45 πμ, Προηγιασμενη Λειτουργια 10 πμ. (εκτος 25/3). Χαιρετισμοι της Θεοτοκου, 7 μμ (μεχρι 8/4)
<u>Σαββατο:</u>	Μεγας Εσπερινος, 6 μμ

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΕΞΟΜΟΛΟΓΗΣΕΩΣ

- Καθε Δευτερα μετα το Αποδειπνο
- Καθε Παρασκευη μετα τους Χαιρετισμους
- Καθε Σαββατο μετα τον Εσπερινον (ισχυει ολο το χρονο)
- Ωρες γραφειου με ραντεβου (ισχυει ολο το χρονο)

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 #5 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.

Church News

Calendar of Events

LENTEN LUNCHEON	SUNDAY, MARCH 13 TH
ANNUNCIATION VESPERS AND PHILOTOCHOS RECEPTION	THURSDAY, MARCH 24 TH
SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY	SUNDAY, APRIL 3 RD
GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE	SUNDAY, APRIL 10 TH
GOYA SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON	SUNDAY, MAY 1 ST
169 HUNGRY FRIENDS DINNER	THURSDAY, MAY 5 TH
PHILOTOCHOS FOOD FESTIVAL	SATURDAY, MAY 14 TH
SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION	SUNDAY, MAY 22 ND
GREEK SCHOOL GRADUATION	SUNDAY, JUNE 5 TH
GOLF TOURNAMENT	MONDAY, JULY 11 TH
SUMMER PICNIC	SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 ST
ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 TH THRU SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 TH
HARVEST BALL DANCE	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 ND
FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 TH
PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 TH
PARISH COUNCIL OATH OF OFFICE AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 TH

2011 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

COFFEE HOUR

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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

- January 30 Marcos Ambrosios
Son of Mr. & Mrs. Spyros Giannaros
Sponsor: Soula Lymberopoulos
- February 6 Spyridoula (Skylar)
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lank
Sponsor: Maryanne Georgantas
- February 20 Nicholas
Son of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Badavas
Sponsor: Vicky Dutkiewicz

CHRISMATION

- January 23 Kristen Barrows, who took the name Christina
Sponsors: Jon Jr. & Penny Buterbaugh

FUNERALS

- January 29 Stavroula "Stella" Panagouloupoulos
- January 31 Eleni Rizopoulou
- February 8 Theodore L. Mihos
- February 14 Catherine "Kay" Yaitanes
May Their Memory be Eternal

DONATIONS

In Memory of Stavroula "Stella" Panagouloupoulos
Total donations to date ~ \$4,055

In Memory of Catherine "Kay" Yaitanes
Total donations to date ~ \$130

In Memory of Stavroula "Stella" Panagouloupoulos
Special Items Account
Mrs. Victoria Hatsiopoulos ~ \$500

In Memory of Natalia Stamboulidis
Mr. & Mrs. Themis Stamboulidis ~ \$100

In Memory of Vinnie Zaccardi
Ms. Anna Zentackos ~ \$100

In Memory of Nicholas Terzakis
Mrs. Sophia Terzakis ~ \$100

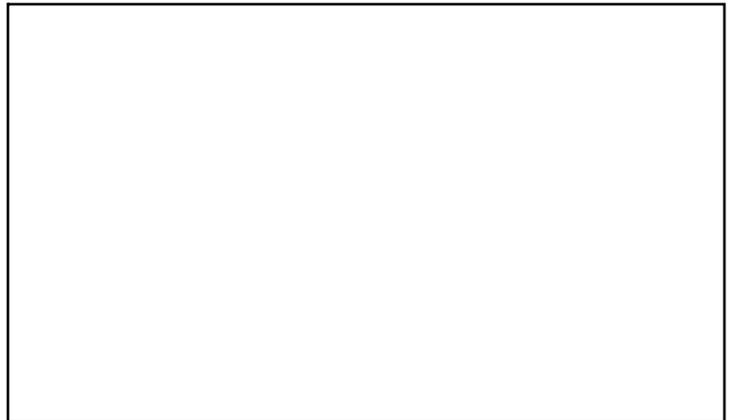
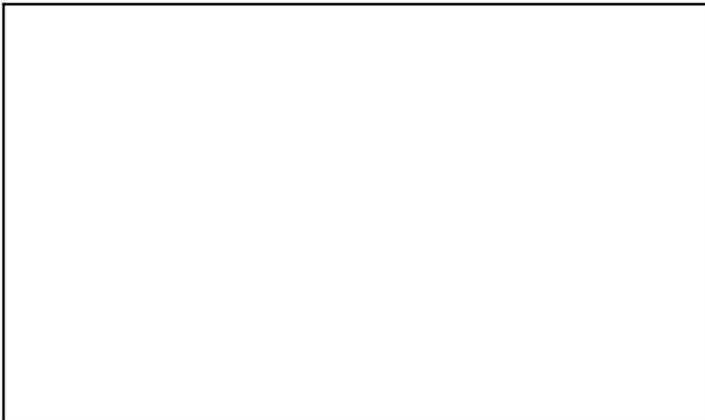
Two new computers, mice & keyboards for office
Anonymous Donor

Two cordless phones for both offices
Anonymous Donor

Icon Flower Donations
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Lucas ~ \$60
Mr. & Mrs. Ilias Potsis ~ \$60

CORRECTION

In Memory of Sofocles Kostopoulos
Mrs. Soultana Kotsiopoulos &
Chris Kotsiopoulos ~ \$100



Philoptochos News & Views

Pot Luck Supper & Meeting

Our Pot Luck supper & meeting was held on Thursday, February 1st 2011. I like to thank Tina Boutas and Kathy Malone for chairing the event. Thank you all for attending the meeting.

Vesper Service Reception

On the Eve of the Annunciation (Thursday, March 24, 2011) there will be Vesper Service at our church at 7:00 PM. A reception hosted by the Philoptochos will follow.

Easter Preparations

Egg Coloring & Decorating ~ Thursday, April 21st, 2011
All night church vigil ~ Holy Thursday evening, April 21st
following church services, all are welcomed.
Epitaphios Preparations ~ Friday, April 22nd at 9:00 AM

Up Coming Dates to Remember !!!

March 1st ~ Meeting at 7 PM
April 5th ~ Meeting at 7 PM
May 3rd ~ Meeting at 7PM



**Annual Philoptochos
Palm Sunday
Bake Sale
Sunday, April 17, 2011**

Tsourekia & Koulouria

Easter Baskets

Greek Pastries

To order Tsourekia & Koulouria in advance please call the office

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.

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

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 2011

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Income			
Candles	3,528	3,668	(140)
Donations	5,645	2,333	3,312
Greek School	0	500	(500)
Miscellaneous Income	0	0	0
Monthly Bulletin	1,000	125	875
Other Income	1,325	167	1,158
Stewardship Pledges	20,355	10,000	10,355
Tray Collections	1,914	2,083	(169)
Trust Divedends	0	667	(667)
Youth Activities	0	0	0
Total Income	<u>33,767</u>	<u>19,543</u>	<u>14,224</u>
Gross Profit			
Expense			
Archdiocese Commitment	4,200	4,200	0
Archdiocese Pension Fund	500	500	0
Clergy Laity Conference	0	0	0
Employee Taxes and Benefits	2,805	2,204	601
Gratuities	0	67	(67)
Greek School	0	75	(75)
Gross Payroll	10,147	10,350	(203)
Holy Week	0	0	0
Housing Allowance	4,125	4,392	(267)
Insurance	0	1,042	(1,042)
Maintenance and Repairs	2,928	3,333	(405)
Miscellaneous Expenses	510	208	302
Pastor Benefits	550	2,000	(1,450)
Sunday School	0	0	0
Supplies	2,902	1,333	1,569
Utilities	2,558	2,833	(275)
Visiting Clergy / Cantor	0	250	(250)
Youth Activities Expense	0	125	(125)
Total Expense	<u>27,025</u>	<u>32,912</u>	<u>(5,887)</u>
Net Income	<u>6,742</u>	<u>(13,369)</u>	<u>20,111</u>

ANNUNCIATION GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH

ANNUAL
LENTEN LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 13, 2011

Shrimp Dinner \$20.00

Pizza Dinner \$5.00

*Immediately Following
The Divine Liturgy*

Greek Independence Day



Flag Raising Celebration

Date: Friday, March 25, 2011

Place: City Hall

Time: 1:00 PM ~ 1:30 PM

***ΤΗ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ 25 ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ @ 1:00 ΣΤΟ ΔΗΜΑΡΧΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ BROCKTON ΘΑ
ΑΝΑΡΤΗΘΕΙ Η ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΣΗΜΑΙΑ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΕΠΕΤΕΙΟ ΤΗΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΗΣ ΜΑΣ
ΠΑΛΙΓΓΕΝΕΣΙΑΣ. ΣΤΗ ΤΕΛΕΤΗ ΑΥΤΗ ΠΡΟΣΚΑΛΟΥΝΤΑΙ ΟΛΟΙ ΟΙ ΕΝΟΡΙΤΕΣ
ΜΑΣ***

**The Honorable Linda Balzotti
Mayor of the City of Brockton**

Is Hosting The

**Greek Independence Day Celebration
Brockton City Hall
45 School Street**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2011
1:00 – 1:30 PM**

EVERYONE IS INVITED!!

**All children should be dressed in costumes or blue and white outfits.
All children should be at city hall by 12:45 PM**



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Beloved Parishioners,

Our community has witnessed record breaking snow fall levels this season. Our church sets aside a limited budget to cover snow removal. This season we have expenditures in excess of \$6,750. The winter season is still not over. Furthermore, our fifteen year old snow blower that we use to clean the sidewalks for safety ceased to operate, costing us \$1,099. These costs could not be foreseen and are unsustainable to our limited financial budget.

We ask that all parishioners in our community help us with the costs by donating \$25 per family. While we know some of our faithful will donate generously above this \$25 limit, it is the entire parish we ask help with on this cause. Collectively, we will make a difference.

As always, we thank our faithful for their continuous support of our beloved church. We are truly blessed to have these facilities in our possession. We welcome all ideas and support on ways to help us further mitigate church expenditures. Our church was built by our parents and grandparents with hard work and dedication. It is our duty to maintain these grounds for our children.

Thank you and God bless,

Fr. Anthony Evangelatos
Proistamenos

John Karolemeas
Parish Council President



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Αγαπητοί μας ένοριτες,

Όπως όλες οι περιοχές της Μασσαχουσέτης, έτσι και ή ενορία μας υπέφερε έ φέτος από την υπερβολική χιονόπτωση. Η έκκλησιά μας προσδιορίζει κατ' έτος εις τόν προϋπολογισμό της ένα ποσόν για την απομάκρυνση του χιονιοϋ ώστε να διευκόλυνθι ή διακίνηση τών ένοριτών και ή στάθμευση τών αυτοκινήτων των.

Έφέτος, μέχρι και σήμερα, η κοινότητα έχει ήδη δαπανήσει περισσότερα από \$6, 750 και ή περίοδος του χειμώνα δέν έχει ακόμη λήξει. Ταυτόχρονα, τό δεκαπεντάχρονο μηχανήμα για την έκκαθάριση του χιονιοϋ από τις πεζόδρομιακές διαβάσεις κόστισε \$1, 099 για έπιδιορθώσεις. Όλες αυτές οί δαπάνες υπερέβησαν τά προϋπολογισθέντα έξοδα.

Γιά το λόγο αυτό επικαλούμεθα την βοήθεια τών ένοριτών μας. Τό ποσό πού ζητού με είναι μόνο \$25 κατά οικογένεια, μολοντί δέν αμφιβάλλουμε ότι πολλοί από τούς ένοριτες μας θά θελήσουν να συνδράμουν την έκκλησία μας στην παρούσα ά ανάγκη μέ πιό γεναιόδωρη προσφορά. Με τή βοήθεια όλων ειμαστε βέβαιοι, ότι θά ύ περπηδήσουμε και αυτό το εμπόδιο.

Σας ευγνώμονοϋμε για την συνεχή στήριξη της έκκλησίας μας. Δεχόμεθα κάθε καλοπροαίρετη υπόδειξη και ύποστήριξη για το καλό, τή πρόοδο και τή προκοπή της ένορίας μας. Οί πατέρες μας έμόχθησαν να κτίσουν τό περικαλλέστατο ναό μας και έμεις έχουμε το χρέος να τόν διατηρήσουμε και να τόν παραδώσουμε περικαλλεστερο σ' αυτούς πού θά μας διαδεχθούν.

Μέ τις εύλογίες του Ίερατικώς Προϊσταμένου
π. Αντωνίου Ευαγγελάτου

Ιωάννης Καρολεμέας
Πρόεδρος Έκκλ. Συμβουλίου

Acolytes/ALTAR BOYS

Altar boys are encouraged to participate in the Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday, March 9th starting at 5:30 pm.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

STEVE PASSIAS ~ passias@comcast.net

The games have been fun. St Catherine's of Braintree and the Annunciation children have joined to create a wonderful season. The JOY made it into the playoffs and did very well. Join us for their last game at the Metropolis Center, 50 Goddard Ave. in Brookline. Please contact Steve or the church office for the date & time of these last games.

If anyone is interested in being a volunteer coach for our summer or fall program please give Steve a call (508) 942-8483

GREEK DANCE GROUP

Jon & Penny Buterbaugh pnasios@nasiosandgalloway.com

There will be no Dance Practices in the month of March. Previously scheduled March practices are cancelled due to conflicts with other Church events.

We will once again be having our Candle Fundraiser throughout Great Lent, selling our beautifully decorated Pascha candles. We appreciate everyone's support in our fundraising endeavors!

GREEK SCHOOL

TINA BOUTAS ~ ARGYRO PAPADOPOULOS ~ EVRIDIKI PAPAIOANNOU

Please join us for our Greek Independence Day program on
Sunday, March 20th following the Divine Liturgy.

Meeting Times:

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

HOPE / JOY

HELLENIC ORTHODOX PRIMARY EDUCATION / JUNIOR ORTHODOX YOUTH

HOPE & JOY would like to thank our community for making the Have-A-Heart luncheon something that we all hold dear in our hearts. We have children that for a whole generation have participated and understood the love of charity. We are all truly blessed to be part of this program.

All children are invited to help us make kouroulakia and paksemathia (biscotti) to be served at coffee hour every Sunday during Lent.

The Third Annual
Bake-4-Lent

On March 6th, following Liturgy

GOYA

GREEK ORTHODOX YOUTH OF AMERICA

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ~ February 24th - Thursday - Trip into Boston
- ~ March 6th - Sunday - GOYA meeting
- ~ March 9th - Wednesday - Presanctified Liturgy & Supper
- ~ March 18th to 20th - Weekend Ski Trip

April 1st - The GOYA Scholarship completed applications must be submitted to the office.
The applications and associated guidelines are now available at the church office.

**** Scholarship Luncheon - Sunday, May 1st, 2011 ****

We are looking for new members to join our youth ministry. If you know anyone in grades 7 – 12, please have them attend an upcoming GOYA meetings listed above.

jbuterbaughjr@gmail.com ~ ckolentsas@student.bridgew.edu ~ kbarrows1106@post03.curry.edu

JUNIOR CHOIR

c.mason14@yahoo.com ~ Corinne Mason and Heidi Mason ~ heidim50@aol.com

Junior Choir 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 27th 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 27th**, District Festival – April, Metropolis Festival – May, **National Festival – June 1-3 in Houston, Texas.** Please join us for practice ~ Sundays in Feb.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Sunday School Classes will be held on: (Teachers meeting on February 27th)

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

Sunday of Orthodoxy

The children of our parish are encouraged to bring an icon from home that they can use during the procession of icons. The procession marks the victory of many years that icons were banned from the church. Children will gather in the church lounge immediately after Holy Communion. We ask that any icon from home be clearly marked on the back with name.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Email us @ AnnunciationYMT@yahoo.com

All youth are encouraged to participate in the 1st Presanctified Liturgy of Great Lent on **Wednesday, March 9th 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!