February 29, 2020

**BEETREAT:** 9:30AM - 5PM
6th - 12th Grade
Parents & Youth Workers

**YOUNG ADULT ORTHODOX FORUM:** 7PM
Anyone 18 years and older

**TO REGISTER:**
y2am.org/BeeTreats

Laid by:
**STEVE CHRISTOFOROU** - host of “Be the Bee”
AND THE BEETREAT TEAM!

“Be the Bee” is a weekly YouTube series exploring how we can focus on what is good and beautiful in our lives. Visit youtube.com/y2am to learn more!
It is our pleasure to bring to your attention a Metropolis wide Youth and Adult Retreat coming to our Parish on **Saturday, February 29th**. Again, this is for all youth from 6th-12th grade and all adults. To register please visit y2am.org/beetreats. This retreat is being run by our Archdiocese Youth & Young Adult Office. They run retreats around the country and anywhere they may go hundreds of youth gather eagerly to take part in the event!

They are known for their weekly videos and podcasts that center around learning the faith in a fun and engaging way. Their “Be the Bee” video series is shared in many places around the country. These videos have graphics, content, and style that seek to hold the attention of young people and adults and having them thirsting for more.

The Director of the Youth & Young Adult office is Steve Christoforou who is a young adult who served at the Parish Council at his parish, is a graduate of Yale and Fordham Law School. He has been the Director of the Office since 2015. He is joined by Christian Gonzales who is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist who is committed to the upbuilding of the Church. The Youth and Young Adult Office is notorious for encouraging youth to develop their faith and hold it close into their Young Adult years. They are known for inspiring parents to make decisions that help our children own their faith and develop it as they grow older. Church is not looked at anymore as a chore or obligation but as the spiritual womb we go to have authentic relationships, learn, and deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ. This is all realized by many around the country in a very fun and casual that our Archdiocese facilitates!

In the evening, at 7:00PM that day there will be an Orthodoxy on Tap at Yolenis in Providence. There Steve Christoforou will address our Adults in a casual, friendly, and fun atmosphere. Food will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase.

We especially look forward to seeing our Young Adults there!

Finally, we ask you this question. Have you ever wondered about the future of the Orthodox Church? Have you been worried about the decline of youth involvement that takes place at Orthodox Churches around the country? We look forward to you joining us on Saturday, February 29th! It is going to be an awesome day that will begin at 9:30AM and end at 6:00PM. Meals and the retreat will be at no cost to the parish!

We remain excited and hopeful that many will attend!

To watch the Archdiocese “Be the Bee” videos please visit https://www.y2am.org/be-the-bee

*Thank You, Fr. Nick*
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

At the sound of the tolling midnight bell January 1, a brand new year began
Let’s raise our hopes in a confident toast, to the promise it ushers in.
May your battles be few, your pleasures many, your wishes and dreams fulfilled.
May your confidence stand in the face of loss and give you the strength to rebuild.
May peace of heart fill all your days may serenity grace your soul.
May tranquil moments bless your life and keep your spirit whole.

Continuation of Thursday Night Book Study

“The Roots of Christian Mysticism”
with Dr Craig Nichols—URI Professor
Resumes Thurs. Jan. 9, @ 7:30pm
8 - week series through Feb 27, 2020

Continuation of the NEW Adult Morning Study

This new class from November is switching
for a Wednesday to a Thursday
With PHD Candidate Cory Dupont and Fr Nick
Resumes Thur Jan. 16, @ 10:30am
7 - week series through Feb 27, 2020

Orthodoxy 101 Series To Start Up in March = 4/Part Series
Our Bi-annual series of the basics of Orthodox Christianity, ideal as a
fresher course for born and raised current Orthodox, as well as ideal for
those interested in learning of the Orthodox Faith towards potential con-
version, will run on the 4 consecutive Saturdays in March from 1-3PM,
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2020
Registration is required
Simply contact the parish office 401-942-4188, or via email
<office@annunciationri.org>
Odyssey Dance Troupe - Parathosi 2020

Our Odyssey Dance Troupe, now entering its 36th year, is proud to announce that it will be participating in its first competition. Sponsored by the Direct Archdiocesan District, Parathosi 2020 allows our youth “to come together in Orthodox fellowship and display our Hellenic heritage and pride. Held on Saturday, January 11, 2020 in Long Island, NY, Parathosi 2020 is a great opportunity for our Odyssey Dance Troupe to perform outside of Rhode Island and bring the hard work and dedication of its members to a wider audience. As this is the first time we will be participating, we will be taking only a small group of ~ 15 senior troupe members on this inaugural trip. We will be performing a suite of dances from the island of Kythira and we look forward to sharing our experience with our Annunciation community when we return.

11th Annual Annunciation Golf Tournament Thank You!

Due to the extreme heat on the original event date this summer, it was necessary to reschedule the tournament for October. This was our first year hosting the event at Cranston Country Club, and the weather and course cooperated nicely! There were a total of 82 players in the field, with the winning foursome of Stelios Trikoulis, Brendan McLane, Matt Spoeh, and Pat Patapoulis. The golf committee would like to thank this year’s tournament sponsors, Peter Vican of Home- stead Baking and Costa Marses of Royal Poultry. Peter and Costa have been long time sponsors of our tournament, and we are especially grateful for their continued support! Additional sponsors of this year’s tournament were Dennis Sampalis/Dunkin Donuts, George Coclin/Coclin Associates, and Jeffrey Cascione of Navigant Credit Union. A special thank you as well to Ed Tarbox of Tarbox Toyota Hyundai for sponsoring two hole-in-one prizes, one of which was a new car! The committee would also like to thank Costa Perdikakis and family for their event sponsorship and support over the past ten years, and for having hosted the event at Metacomet Country Club.

We remain grateful to all the players who continue to attend our event each year in support of our church. Without our annual sponsors and participants this tournament would never be the success it has been for the past 11 years! Also, a very special thank you to the volunteers who spent their Sunday afternoon helping to make things run smoothly: Theofanis Markos, Christian Frangos, Anthony George, and members of the Coclin, Marses, and Grammas families.

Due to the generous support this year’s tournament received, the golf committee was once again able to make a donation to the Interfaith Food Bank in an effort to help those in need, in addition to helping to support our parish.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you on the links again next year!

God bless.

THANK YOU / Christmas Liturgical & Floral Donors

Estelle Demars in memory of Fred Demars & Mark Davis.
Mr. & Mrs. Michael DiMaio Jr. in memory of Joanne Spires-Fay.
Dr. & Mrs. James Manis in memory of Helen & George Manis, Elpis & Elias Bassakyros.
Helen & Georgia Pappas in memory of Ernest G. Pappas.
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Papigiotis in honor of their children & grandchildren,
Theo M. Papigiotis, Martha I. Harrison, Clair E. Harrison, Alexa N. Papigiotis, Ava R. Papigiotis.
**Dr. Mary Despina Lekas Endowment Fund News**

**Financial Report for the period ending 12/26/19**
Endowment Fund Portfolio $1,100,822.67
Endowment Fund Checking Account $3,320.00

*A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:*
Carole Xanthakis in memory of Peter Kanelakos

*A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:*
The Annunciation Church Choir, M/M Ilias Antonakos, Yiota Bertrand, Helen & Georgia Pappas in memory of Konstantinos Trikoulis

*A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:*
Mary Samaras in memory of James Trigg

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**Our New Years Resolution**

Let's make a resolution to remain faithful to our commitment to support our Endowment Fund through your generous donations so that we may hasten the day when the interest earned will provide the necessary funds to cover not only our yearly budget, but beyond.

Let's bring to fruition our dream of perpetuating our Faith, Culture and Traditions of our ancestry for all time.

**Happy New Year to All!**

*Your Endowment Fund Committee,*
*Mary Samaras, Secretary*
2019 PLEDGE PROGRAM REPORT
We have to date 426 parishioners with a pledge of $233,742.00
The Actual Amount Received $228,451.00

The following parishioners pledged since our November/December issue:
M/M Matthew Anthony Jr., Olga Antoniou, M/M Ilias Arsenis, Alexis Biliouris, Nicholas Bouris, M/M John Bunch, M/M Marcus Cacchillo, Sherri Cesario, Demetra Coelin, Dr. Constantinou & Mr. Santos, Vivian Dafoulas, Stephanie DiSumma, M/M Kenneth Falcone, M/M Spiros Fotopoulos, Christian Frangos, Debra Georgeon, Matthew Janigian, Michael Janigian, M/M Theodore Kacharo, M/M Robert Leonard Sr., M/M Nicholas Liakos, M/M Kyriakos Marantidis, M/M Anthony Massimino II, M/M Andrew Mihailides, Peter Mihailides, John Mihelakos, M/M John Mitrelis, George Moragemos, M/M Craig Nichols, Vasel Papa, Anthony Pappas, Lorena Pesek, M/M Petros Petrou, M/M Paul Pliakas, Elaine Regopoulos, M/M Steven Richard, M/M Dennis Sampalis, M/M Robert Senerchia, M/M Peter Simone, M/M Robert Spagnolo, Anne Stevens, M/M Christopher Tribelli, Eleni Trikoulis, M/M Christos Tsiakiris, M/M Basilios Tsimikas, M/M Kenneth White.

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Reflection on Cranston’s Stewardship
By Paul Kallis, Member of the Parish Council

Thank you to all of our participants in the Stewardship Program. Our parish has been and is currently, dependent on the profits of the festival in order to be able to meet the operating needs of the church each year. Over the next 10 years, it would be good to achieve a goal of being able to fund the church operations without the reliance on the annual festival profits.

Achieving this goal would enable the parish to utilize the festival profits to:
- Payoff outstanding loans
- Fund future church and building improvements w/o the need for future fundraising and additional loans
- Enable the church to be on a stronger financial footing for the future

In order to take a first step in this direction I would like to set our stewardship goal for 2020 to $253,000 ($235,000 from the 2020 stewardship budget + 10% of the 2020 budgeted festival profit).

Based on 405 pledge units, the average pledge to achieve this goal would be $625. This comes out to $1.71 per day. This average pledge goal represents approximately a 10% increase over the 2019 average pledge.

Please consider increasing your 2019 pledge by 10% for the 2020 year, in order to help us achieve our 2020 goal.

The 2020 Stewardship Pledge Response Forms will be in the mail soon.
Thank You for the Thanksgiving Donations
John Alexion, Pauline Alexion, Josephine Aliferakis, M/M Stephen Antoniou, M/M Dionysius Argeris, M/M Dimitrios Arsenis, M/M Dimitrios Arsenis, Nicholas Bouris, M/M Michael Campopiano, M/M Gerald Carignan, Andrew Coclin, Demetra Coclin, M/M George Coclin, M/M Thomas Coyne, Haralambos Dafoulas, Vivian Dafoulas, Anna Demetrakas, Claire DiNobile, Rev. Andrew George, Constance Georgeadys, Argiri Ghionis, M/M Constantine Grammas, Dionisia Grammas, Carl Hague, M/M Michael Haralambides, Alexis Harritos, M/M Demetrios Harritos, James Harritos II, Julie Karahalios, M/M Arthur Kazianis, James Kriptos, M/M Spiro Kyriakakis, Niki Kyrour, Angelo Lazarides, Jason Maintanis, Dr. & Mrs. James Manis, M/M Kyriakos Marantidis, Marianthi Mastriano, M/M Emmanuel Mihailides, Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Morrissey, M/M Harry Nicolopoulos, Andrea O’Hair, Helen & Georgia Pappas, M/M Anthony Petri, M/M Kevin Phelan, John B. Quinn, Mary Quinn, M/M James Rengigas, M/M Nickiforos Revis, James Robinson, M/M Andrew Rougas, Mary Samaras, M/M Robert Senerchia, Ethel Strekouras, Virginia Strekouras, M/M Edward Tarbox, Sophia Tzanetos, Antonia Vanikiotis, David Wernette & Dr. Golfo Tzilos, Carole Xanthakis, M/M Socrates Zafiriades Jr., Maria Zaharakos, M/M Frank Zavota, Drs. John & Eleni Pappas-Zervos.

Total Amount $2,335.00

Thank You for the Christmas Donations
Josephine Aliferakis, Elaine Allendorf, M/M Christodoulou Andriotis, M/M Dionysius Argeris, M/M Gerald Carignan, M/M Thomas Coyne, Estelle Demars, Anna Demetrakas, Carolyn Evangeline, M/M George Fidas, M/M Thomas Frank, Rev. Andrew George, Constance Georgeadys, M/M Constantine Grammas, Dionisia Grammas, M/M Nicholas Hantzakos, M/M Michael Haralambides, Dr. & Mrs. Apostolos Kallis, Julie Karahalios, MM Spiro Kyriakakis, Niki Kyrour, Jason Maintanis, Peter Manis, M/M Theofanis Markos, Marianthi Mastriano, Jean Mihelakos, M/M Theodore Moran, Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Morrissey, M/M Steven Muccio, M/M Harry Nicolopoulos, Anthony Pappas, Helen & Georgia Pappas, M/M Nikolaos Petropoulos, M/M Kevin Phelan, Angela Provost, John B. Quinn, Mary Quinn, M/M Lyle Rawlinson, M/M Andrew Rougas, M/M Constantine Rougas, Mary Samaras, M/M Robert Senerchia, Christopher Sheehan, M/M Michael Sotirakos, Ethel Strekouras, M/M Edward Tarbox, Dean Trigg, M/M Aristotelis, Sophia Tzanetos, Antonia Vanikiotis, Dr. & Mrs. Michal Vezeridis, M/M Manuel Vinhaterio Jr., Leona Zachos, M/M Socrates Zafiriades Jr., M/M Frank Zavota.

Total Amount $2,385.00

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM BAHRAIN
One of our former deacons, now U.S. Navy Chaplain, Captain John Kalantzis, formerly in the Pentagon offices, is now serving as Force & Feet Chaplain for the Navy Fifth Fleet in Manama, Bahrain and send us Christmas greetings from afar remembering his time in Cranston with us.  Let us in return keep him and the entire fleet in our prayers.
Marriages 2019
Justin Kudlacik to Alexandra Reall both from Warwick, RI on June 1.
    Sponsor was Noura Daniels.
Derek Huling from North Providence, to Alexis George from Cranston, RI on September 15.
    Sponsor was Stephanie Hosey.
George Rakas to Jessica Moore both from Cranston, RI on October 6.
    Sponsor was John Rakas.
Ioanni Degaitas to Holly Wilson both from Johnston, RI on October 13.
    Sponsor was Andrew Rougas.

Marriages of Parishioners Held Out of State
Jason Lavoie to Athina Davros on July 6 at the St Andrew Parish in Chicago, IL
    Harry Koutros to Kaytelyn Slater on November 24 at the St Spyridon Parish in San Diego, CA

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Chrismations (Adult Conversion)
Robert Silva on August 4 from the Catholic Church
    Sponsor was Cory Dupont.
Sean Michael Todd on August 25 from the Catholic Church
    Sponsors were John & Janice Panagago
Phillip SanSouci on December 29 from the Catholic Church
    Sponsor was Theofanis Markos

- BEST WISHES AND BLESSINGS TO ALL -
Baptismal Listing for 2019

Payton daughter of Cody & Madison Callahan on Feb. 24.
Godparent was Charlie Stephandoulos.
Stella Nilza daughter of Artur & Nickie Amaral on March 19.
Godparent was Demetrios Typadis.
Rose Karen daughter of James & Katherine Rebello on March 30.
Godparents were Athena & Christopher Varcados.
Isabella Georgia daughter of Constantinos & Jamie Papaioannou on May 4.
Godparent was Evidiki Papaioannou.
Rosa Loren daughter of Nikolaos & Gianna Petropoulos on June 30.
Godparents were Jonathan & Thomai Dion
Godparent was Alexander Spanos.
Theofanis Dimitrios son of Dimitrios & Vanessa Markos on July 20.
Godparents were Dimitrios & Jennifer Lambris.
Godparent was Thomai Dion.
Elias Joseph son of Youssef & Sophia Rizk on July 27.
Godparent was Nicholas Fircanis.
Josefina daughter of Nicholas DiMaio & Julie Ly on August 18.
Godparent was Georgia Pappas.
Constantine Andrew son of Andrew & Stephanie Rougas on September 28.
Godparent was Angela Mares
Jacob Stephen son of Chad & Elizabeth Barnes on September 29.
Godparent was William Mihopoulos
John Vangel son of Andrew & Jennifer Otto on October 19.
Godparent was Michael Sintos
Alessia Apollonia daughter of Constantinos & Dadriana Dafoulas on October 26.
Godparent was Andriana Vanikiotis
Xena Theodora daughter of Ryan & Christina Meggison on November 3.
Godparent was Angela Thomaidis
Griffin Mark son of David & Nicole Rodin on November 10.
Godparent was Ariana Mihailides & Alexander Mihailides.
Damon Georgios son of Damon & Rhea Ray on November 16.
Godparent was Katherine Antonakos.
Victoria Isabel & Katherine Jasmine daughters of Juan & Anastasia Urrutia
on November 18. Godparent was Georgios Delis.
Lukas Konstantinos Dionisios son of Demetrios & Vanessa
on December 29.Godparents were Dimitri & Sophia Pantazopoulou.
Annunciation Youth Ministries
From the Desk of Fr. Nick

Youth News
December has been a wonderful month in regard to our Youth Ministries! As we close the books on 2019, we have a lot to be thankful for! On December 4th our GOYA hosted our HOPE/JOY in a Christmas Party. Activities were also had by our St. Symeon Play-Group. Our GOYA led their younger counterparts through various activities and even had a visit from Santa!

In addition, we enjoyed our Christmas Pageant this year with many families participating! Our Teens read prophecies of the coming of our Lord from the scriptures and our kids put on a coordinated performance of songs to the delight of our congregation. Lastly, our New Years Eve Party was wonderfully put together and attended. Everyone enjoyed a fantastic meal, dancing, children’s activities, and awesome atmosphere!

St. Symeon Playgroup (ages 0-4)
Our St. Symeon Play-Group will be having their outing to the Providence Children’s Museum on Wednesday, January 15th at 10:30AM! They will be enjoying a morning of fun, fellowship, and all the museum has to offer!

HOPE/JOY and GOYA Recreation Night
Our HOPE/JOY and GOYA Recreation is hosting a family outing to the URI Basketball game on Saturday February 15th at 12:00PM. Join us as the URI Rams take on the St. Joseph’s Hawks. Last year, our URI game was well attended and a tremendous success! Everyone wishing to attend must RSVP by January 31st. Last year we sold out of the tickets we had so please RSVP soon!

GOYA (6th-12th Grade)
Our GOYA has made the commitment to support the Inter-Faith Food Ministry every month by sending two GOYANS to assist in the efforts of food distribution and packing. They look forward to their Ice Skating and Luxe Burger Event on Sunday, January 19th following Divine Liturgy. All GOYANS are asked to bring $12 for Ice Skating while Lunch will be provided by GOYA!

Sunday School
Our Parish will be holding a Bible Bee for all Youth from 3rd-12th Grade! Students will be asked to prepare and study books of the New Testament! Fun activities will be planned for 3rd-5th and 6th-12th graders will engage in a friendly competition! To register visit the EVENTS tab at www.annunciationri.org
The Journey Continues
Speaker: Panos Coufos

6:45 pm Monday January 27th
Yoleni’s - Providence
292 Westminster St, Providence, RI,

Join our community of young adults from South East New England! Pizza is on us remember to bring a friend!
Free Parking at 357 Westminster St, Providence, RI
Ο ΘΕΟΣ ΠΑΤΕΡΑΣ ΜΟΥ

ος αναφέρεται στο Θεό: 'Η διάλυση πιστή και ή θερ-
πη πρός τον Κύριο μας είναι το πρότυπο καθώς και τον άνθρωπο.

τοίχος της υποταξικής σε θεολογική Προναία του Κύ-
ριους στη δύναμη, περιτόντος της ζωής σου όμως και
διπλούντων του Θεό και πέρη σε αντίθεση.

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όπως χαρακτίζεται

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η αναπνοή της ψυ-

της καθημερινή της Άγια Γραφή: Είναι ο νόημα του Θεού,
εμπιστευτικής μας τροφή: 'Η αλήθεια που άνευ εργάζεται
τόσο στη ζωή μας.

αξίωσε καθά Κυρίας και της μεγάλης σάρτες: 'Η λα-
έον το εξωχώρισμα της σάρτες μας προς το Θεό. 'Η
ή άμεσα του Κυρίου. 'Ο νοές, κρίσες τόσο καταλλήλω-
τα τον καθημερινό 'Ο συμβατικά και της διάθεση της ζωής συνεργά
αυτό με τον Κύριο, την καθημερινή και την παροχή, κατά τον τον άμεσα τον.

τη διάστασης ή βλασφημής ποτέ το ισχύο του Χρι-
τής Παναγία ή των Άγιων της πίστες μας. Μήπως
κάποιοι και διάβολο;
Annunciation Young Adult Ministries / From the Desk of Fr. Nick

Young Adult News

In December, our YAL Hosted our Parish in the annual St. Nicholas Brunch. We enjoyed serving the parish and enjoyed facilitating a fun and family friendly atmosphere. In December we also held our Officer Meeting and discussed our exciting upcoming events!

**College Christmas Break Outing-Thurs, Jan. 16th @ 6:30PM**

at Basil’s Pizza in Cranston

We will be meeting with all of our College Students who are on winter break and treating them to a FREE Dinner at Basil’s Pizza! They have many items including souvlaki, pizza, subs and more!

**Blood Drive-Sunday, January 26th-following Divine Liturgy**

Our YAL will be hosting their Annual Blood Drive! All participants will receive a free Gyro. They will also be available for purchase to the general public. Below are some important facts our YAL would like to share on why it is so important to donate blood!

- 4.5 million Americans would die each year without lifesaving **blood** transfusions.
- Approximately 32,000 pints of **blood** are used each day in the United States.
- Every three seconds someone needs **blood**.
- One out of every 10 people entering a hospital needs **blood**.

**Orthodoxy on Tap- Monday, January 27th at 6:45PM @ Yolenis in Providence**

Our Orthodoxy on Tap in November was incredible. We look forward to bringing the same energy at our second Orthodoxy on Tap-Providence Event at Yolenis on January 27th at 6:45PM! Panos Coufos will be our speaker again. Food will be provided, and young adults will enjoy a casual and fun atmosphere!

**Parish wide Youth and Adult Retreat-Saturday February 29th in our Demetrakas Hall**

Our Young Adults are invited to participate in the Retreat led by our Archdiocese Youth and Young Adult Ministries Office. Sessions will be run focusing on the purpose of youth ministry and encouraging our young people to develop and deepen their relationship with Christ.

**Orthodoxy on Tap-Saturday, February 29th, at 7:00PM @ Yolenis in Providence**

Steve Christoforou, the Director of the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries will be our Speaker for our February Orthodoxy on Tap!

**Orthodox Christian Fellowship**

Our Orthodox Christian Fellowship Group will resume meeting at URI and at Bryant this month. Activities range from Discussions to fun outings and events. Rides are also coordinated to our Annunciation Parish for Divine Liturgy and various events.

= PLANNING AHEAD =

**Pan-Orthodox Winter Retreat**

Our YAL Winter Retreat will be taking place on Friday March 6th-Sunday March 8th. Young Adults from various jurisdiction will participate in a weekend of fellowship, worship, skiing, skate boarding and fun activities! Please contact Cost is $177 which includes room/board and food. Fr. Nick if interested! Monetary assistance will be available as needed.
Happy New Year From Philoptochos!

Happy and Healthy New Year!

Your Philoptochos invites you to our annual Vasilopita luncheon on Sunday, January 12, 2020 after liturgy. We will have our traditional meal, cutting of the Vasilopita and our fabulous raffles. Please plan on attending this event along with your family. Reserve through Kate Silva @ 401-946-1935.

We quietly ended 2019 with visitations to our housebound parishioners and a visit to the Hellenic Nursing Home. Thank you to Elizabeth Degaitas and Roula Proyous for preparation and presentation of pastry packages and to all those who made the visitations with Father Andrew and Father Nick. Diane Mitrelis, Angela Provost, Nancy Harritos and Marianne Phelan visited the Hellenic Nursing and presented a plant and pastry for the residents.

In addition, our classroom initiatives included underwriting the purchase of hats and mittens for a classroom in Central Falls. We thank Sia Grammas for all her efforts in helping out with this project. Also, a BIG thank you to Maria Kallis for chairing the Holiday Vacation Break Breakfast Bags for 20 underprivileged families. The bags were filled with healthy food for breakfast and delivered to Edgewood Highlands School. Projects such as this are what Philoptochos is all about and we hope to continue to help where help is needed.

On a joyful note, over 40 members and guests enjoyed a fabulous Christmas party with prizes and entertainment at Cucina Rustica. We thank Maria Coclin who planned and organized this event and we appreciate all her efforts!

This new year will find us planning our visit to Amos House in February, Annunciation Vespers reception in March and other events we will, of course, keep you informed. Our biannual retreat will be the first weekend of October.

Thank you to all those who continue to support our efforts with their membership and sisterhood donations. It takes your time, your talent and your contributions to keep us viable and active. Thank you for all you do in your own way.

Marianne Phelan, President
RECENT DEATHS
Stavros Lambrakis age 84 brother of Argiri Ghionis, Antonio Vanikiotis, passed away in Greece on 11/9/19. Koula Atamian our former and long time parish secretary, age 88 of Warwick, RI passed away on 12/15/19. Her funeral and burial was on 12/19/19. Anna Raleigh age 99 of East Providence, RI passed away on 12/22/19. Her funeral and burial was held on 12/31/19.

~May their memory be eternal~

A Family that has Served Local Families for 4 Generations... Still Is.

“Our family has been a part of the Rhode Island community for over 100 years, so we know what a special place it is. As caring neighbors and close advisors, we have always been there for families through difficult times. We are committed to providing the very best service before, during, and after the funeral.”

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Church of the Annunciation Family Event

With Rhody Basketball!
Saturday, February 15th
Rhode Island vs. St. Joes
Doors Open @ 11:00am
Join us for a College Basketball Game at the
Ryan Center when URI takes on St. @ 12:00pm!
Tickets are just $15.00
Submit Ticket request by 1/31/2020
Contact James Andriotis for more info. Text 401-447-0129

Name:________________
Phone:________________
Email:_______________ #of tickets_____x$15.00 total _________
Signature:________________________
Make Checks Payable to Church of Annunciation

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday Feb 2, @ 5:00pm
An Orthodox Perspective on the Transgender Phenomenon at
St. Mary & Mena Coptic Parish sponsored by the
RI Orthodox Clergy Fellowship
Four Generations of Dignified Service for over 100 years…

We continue to serve our Thomas Gattone & Son families, formerly of Broadway, Providence at our Woodlawn Family

Michael P. Tasca, President
Susan M. Tasca, Funeral Director
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Personalized assistance with Advanced Planning

www.WoodlawnGattone.com
The Odyssey Dance Troupe Presents

GREEK GLENDI 2020

Enjoy an evening of Greek Music and Dancing in Rhode Island!

February 8, 2020 @ 7:00pm Demetrakas Hall

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Cranston RI

Music by Enosis Greek Orchestra

Tickets Adults & children over age 12: $20.00
Children 6-12: $10.00, 5 and under: Free
Cash Bar—Mezze and food options available for purchase

Children’s activities available for ages 4-10 from 7-10pm

For reservations:
Savva (401-345-7315) Alexis (401-965-1199)
odysseydancetroupe@gmail.com
## Mid-January - Mid-February 2020

**Divine Services (year round) Orthros (morning prayer) 8:15 am / Liturgy 9:30 am**

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Sun Jan 12   | Sun After Theophany / Martyr Tatiana, Martyr Mertios                 |
|            | **MEMORIAL:** Steven Drager—1/yr.                                    |
|            | Vasilopita Luncheon for the benefit of St Basil’s Academy            |
| Tue Jan 14 | Revitalization Team— 7:30PM                                         |
| Wed Jan 15 | St Symeon (Infant) Child Group— RI Children’s Museum— 10:30am       |
| Thur Jan 16| Adult Morning Study Program Resumes – 10:30am /                      |
|            | - College Student Dinner Out-6:30PM (Basil’s Pizza)                  |
|            | - Roots of Christian Mysticism Book Study —7:30pm                    |
| Fri Jan 17 | **St Anthony the Great**— services per usually morning hours         |
|            | - Recreation Night (Hope Highlands School) 7-9PM                    |

Sun Jan 19   | Sun 12 of Luke / Makarios of Egypt / Makarios of Alexandria         |
| Mon Jan 20  | Philoptochos: Board at 6:15PM / General membership at 7PM.          |
| Tue Jan 21  | Parish Council Meeting— 7:30PM                                      |
| Thu Jan 23  | Adult Morning Study— 10:30am / Roots of Christian Mysticism— 7:30PM |
| Fri Jan 24  | Recreation Night (Hope Highlands School) 7-9PM                      |

Sun Jan 26   | Sun 15 of Luke / Righteous Xenophon / Mary, Arkadios & John         |
|            | **MEMORIAL:** Nicholas Kotsiris— 1 yr / Blood Drive / Bible Bee Program |
| Mon Jan 27 | Orthodoxy on Tap— Yolenis 6:45PM                                    |
| Tues Jan 28 | Ahepa—7:00pm                                                        |
| Thu Jan 30 | **Three Hierarchs**—services per usual morning schedule             |
|            | - Adult Morning Study— 11:30am / Choir Practice— 6:30PM             |
|            | - Book Study “ Roots of Christian Mysticism”— 7:30PM                |

Sun Feb 2   | **Presentation of the Lord to the Temple (YPAPAANTE)**               |
|            | - Godparent / Godchild Observance (Goya Luncheon following)         |
|            | - Pan-Orthodox Sanctity of Life Observance-5PM (St Mary/St Mena)    |
| Thu Feb 6  | Adult Morning Study— 10:30am / Roots of Christian Mysticism— 7:30PM |
| Fri Feb 7  | Recreation Night (Hope Highlands School)- 7:30PM                    |
| Sat Feb 8  | Dance Troupe—**Presents Greek Glendi** - 7:00pm—Demettrakas Hall   |

Sun Feb 9   | **Triodion Period Starts** (10 weeks) / Publican & Pharissee Sunday |
| Thu Feb 13 | Adult Morning Study-10:30am / Roots of Christian Mysticism— 7:30PM   |
| Fri Feb 14 | Recreation Night (Hope Highlands School) 7-9PM                      |
| Sat Feb 15 | Family Youth Event with **Rhody Basketball** (Ryan Center) - 11am    |

Sun Feb 16  | Prodigal Son Sunday                                                 |
| Tues Feb 18| Parish Council—7:30PM                                               |
| Sat Feb 22 | 1st Sat of Souls—services at usual morning hours with Memorials      |
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OUR FIRST ORTHODOX BIBLE BEE PROGRAM
Open to All Youth in Grades 3-12
Sunday, January 26, 2020
Noon—1:30pm
Gyro Lunch Provided
Registration Deadline: January 12
Senior Group First Place Prize—
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Two Age Groups:  Junior / Grades 3rd-5th
Bible passages will be provided

Senior / Grades 6th-12th
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