Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. His love endures for ever.

(Psalm 107:1)

Happy Thanksgiving to All
AS THANKSGIVING DAY APPROACHES

One of the main highlights of November is the observance of Thanksgiving Day, a wonderful federal holiday of the USA which stresses the All giving lord, our Savior Jesus Christ. As often stated, however, we must not only observe Thanksgiving Day one day of the year, but daily through our giving as an expression of true Thanksgiving, leading to thankful living. Below is a meditation of great importance.

ON THE RIGHTNESS OF ALMSGIVING

Taken from the Prologue from Ochrid

“Withhold no good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of Thine hand to do it.” (Proverbs 3:27)

God does not deny you what you need; so you, O man, do not you, whom God has sent to encounter others in order to test your heart, do not you deny their needs. If a poor man stretched out his hand to you once in your life, give to him and do not refuse him. Remember how many years there are in your life, how many hours in a day and how many minutes in an hour. Every minute, day after day, you stretch out your hand to the Lord, and the Lord gives and does not refuse. Be mindful of the mercy of God, and your lack of mercy will burn you like live coals, and will give you no peace until you repent and your heart is softened.

Never say: What a bore these beggars are!” So many millions of people live on this earth, and all are beggars before the Lord; whether they be kings or hirelings, rich men or slaves, all are beggars before the Lord. The Lord never says: “What a bore these beggars are!”

O man, be thankful to God that there are those who seek good of you, whether material or spiritual. That means that God trusts you with some of His goods, for all is God’s. Show yourself worthy of that trust; show yourself worthy in small things that you may be entrusted with greater.

O most rich Lord, soften our hearts and enlighten our understanding, that we may be merciful with the goods with which thou,

O most merciful One, Who has entrusted us.
To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JIM LIMPERIS
ON HIS FIVE YEAR
“ANGELVERSARY” 10-20-2020

F is for forever
I will be empty, heartbroken
and sad
The silence is deafening
An echo of the rich and full life
we had.

I is for impossible
To understand this earthly life
I am so grateful for our love
And 33 years of being your
wife.

V is for vivacious and valiant
You will never know the difference you made
You created eternal ripples of inspiration
And your memory will never fade.

E is for your energy
It surrounds me every day and every night
How I long for you to hold me
And make this crazy world feel right.
I miss you and love you sooooo much.

I Love You Always, Your Koukla
Thank You to All the Greek Fest Express Volunteers

In such a short amount of time, an event was planned, volunteers were ready and off it went into a memorable successful event for 2020. With the state regulations because of Covid-19 our 3-day Annual Greek Festival was not an event that we could of hosted this year. So we decided to offer a little of the Greek cooking and baking to our parishioners and the friends that come out to celebrate every year. Express style pick-up and go. We appreciate everyone that came out to volunteer (largely generated by a good number of middle aged parishioners) and the people that participated by purchasing our fine foods and baked items. There were in fact 1,595 customers that generated 1,869 orders.

All went extremely well. Thank You to All.

*A Greek Fest Express financial report will follow*

Christmas Card Coupon

Please note that without Sunday coffee hours this coming Holiday Season, the Christmas Card coupon to be used is located on page 15. If you would like to participate in this years card, please fill out (legibly please) and send to the office, ASAP. **The deadline date is firm, we need time to have it printed and mailed out.** Thank you for participating.

Yearly November Philoptochos Bazaar

We regretfully announce there will be no Philoptochos Bazaar this year in November. The Covid 19 restrictions will not allow us at this time to do it. It is an indoor event, close contacts, so, it is in the best interest of everyone to wait till next year.

Flu Shots @ Church Being Planned Again

**Sunday, November 8th** The shot will be available for ages 19 and up. Please bring your Insurance Card.

Shots will be available after Library, in the library corridor section of the Mihailides Center

Please contact Nancy Harritos email: (nharritos@yahoo.com) if any questions

**Social distancing will be required and Masks must be worn.**
Despite a year marked by extraordinary challenges, the golf tournament committee was extremely thankful that we were able to hold the event this year. The weather was beautiful, and golfers enjoyed our new venue of Valley Country Club. Congratulations to the winning foursome of Dimitrios Markos, Dean Perdikakis, Rob Felici, and Dan Lovejoy!

The golf committee is especially thankful for this year's tournament sponsors, Costa Marses, Dean Perdikakis, and Peter Vican. Their support is integral to the success of this event each year. We would also like to thank Bill Melanis who sponsored the tournament this year at Valley Country Club. It was a beautiful venue and we look forward to many more years there! Additional major sponsors of this year's tournament were Dennis Sampalis, George Coclin, Edward McElroy and Jeffrey Cascione/Navigant Credit Union.

We remain grateful to all the players who continue to attend our event each year in support of our church, particularly during this pandemic. Without our annual sponsors, volunteers, and participants, this tournament would not be a success. A very special thank you to the volunteers who spent their Sunday afternoon helping to make the event run smoothly: Theofanis Markos, Kevin Phelan, Marianne Phelan, Anthony George, Emile Sarkis, Maria & Anastasia Coclin, and Jim & Emily Grammas and family.

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 Ministry in an effort to help those in need during these extremely difficult times, in addition to helping to support our parish.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you again next August! God Bless.
A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund in Honor of Elizabeth Degaitas’ Birthday by Mary Samaras

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
M/M Michael Papigiotis, Helen Pappas, Georgia Pappas, M/M Constantine Rougas, Mary Samaras, M/M Michael Slosberg, M/M Peter Vassilopoulos, Drs. John & Eleni Pappas-Zervos, in memory of Bessie Mihailides

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
Jean Mihelakos, Haralambos Dafoulas, M/M Michael Papigiotis, Helen Pappas, Georgia Pappas, M/M Constantine Rougas, Mary Samaras, Carole Xanthakis in memory of Calliope Sotirakos

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
M/M David Rawlinson, M/M Constantine Rougas in memory of Lyle Rawlinson

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
M/M Michael Papigiotis, M/M Constantine Rougas, Mary Samaras in memory of Lillian Markarian (sister of Anna Demetrakas)

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
M/M Michael Slosberg, M/M Stephen Soscia in memory of Emmanuel Mihailides

Mary Samaras, Secretary, Endowment Fund Committee

Recent Deaths
Lyle Rawlinson age 79 of Johnston, RI (husband of our parishioner Betty Rawlinson) passed away on 9/17/20. His funeral and burial was held privately on 9/22/20. Bessie Mihailides age 89 of Cranston, RI passed away on 9/24/20. Her funeral and burial was held on 10/14/20. Ourania (Saliveros) Carriker age 71 of Severna Park, MD passed away on 10/10/20. Her funeral and burial was held on 10/19/20 (in Wakefield, thru our parish in that one of her daughters reside in RI).
CHOIR MEMBERS IN WEDNESDAY WEBENAR STUDY

With the Coronavirus Guidelines, choirs throughout the nation have not been ministering in their local parishes. But in an effort to keep them “in tune” various members of our Annunciation Choir are participating in a Virtual Church Music Institute series sponsored by the National Forum of our Archdiocese, called “Singing with and for Spiritual Vitality” presented by Christopher Kypros of Norfolk, VA. The series is currently running and takes place over six Wednesday nights (and can be accessed at other times for those unable to do it on Wednesday night). A modest registration fee applies and our parish’s Choir Fund is covering the registration fee. This is a creative idea in light of the Covid-19 reality and a wonderful opportunity for choirs across America (and beyond) to remain musically and spiritually engaged, while furthering their understanding of the Divine Liturgy that nourishes our souls each week.

SPIRITUAL READING DURING CORONAVIRUS

Remember our parish bookstore (and our parish library) for enrichment during this time that many spend extra hours at home. We have a good variety of texts for various ages of people (young to old) both English or Greek materials. Of course there are also other items in the bookstore, icons, prayer ropes, the Orthodox Study Bible, prayer books, night lights, incense, charcoal and the like. Call ahead to the parish office to set a time to come in, or make your purchases before or after any church service…in the Demetrakas Hall. Purchases are made in the “honor system” when the bookstore is unmanned.

Advent Study Book Club

With Dr. Craig Nichols

In his Introduction to St. Athanasius’ classic little book, On the Incarnation, C. S. Lewis writes, “When I first opened his De Incarnatione I soon discovered by a very simple test that I was reading a masterpiece. … Only a master mind could, in the fourth century, have written so deeply on such a subject with such classical simplicity. … The whole book, indeed, is a picture of the Tree of Life — a sappy and golden book, full of buoyancy and confidence.”

We could all use an extra dose of “sap” from the Tree of Life these days — a reminder that the Light still shines in the darkness of winter, of pandemics, of political unrest, and the general confusion of our age. I invite you to join us for a 4 week devotional study of the main themes expressed by this great Father of the Church. In the midst of our current challenges, Athanasius reminds us of the great hope we have in God's love for us.

**Dates are 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10.**

**Via zoom from 7-8pm.**

Those desiring to join the group, please contact Craig Nichols at: nichols22@verizon.net
This Year’s 2020 PLEDGE PROGRAM REPORT

We have to date 366 parishioners with a pledge of $222,308.27
The Actual Amount Received is $203,560.71

Since our last newsletter, the following pledges have been received for 2020
M/M Stephen Antoniou, M/M Charles Bradshaw II, Travis Drappi,
M/M Ray English III, M/M George Fidas, M/M George Mihailides, Peter Mihailides,
M/M Spyridon Papaioannou, M/M Athanasios Petropoulos, Dorothea Stergis,
M/M Edmund Sullivan, M/M Christopher Tribelli, Dr. Walsh & Mrs. Lascarides
Walsh, Katherine Xiarhos, M/M Jason Xynellis.

END OF THE YEAR STEWARSHIP MESSAGE

During this unprecedented time of the coronavirus in our country and the fire in our church, our parish was faced with many challenges. However, the Church is no stranger to challenges; in 2 Timothy, St Paul reminds us that we will have to endure hardships. Throughout the centuries, we have faced struggles, but as Christ teaches the Apostles, even the very gates of hell shall not prevail against His Church!

Why is that? Because we don’t struggle alone.
We rely, first and foremost, on Christ through whom we derive immeasurable strength, but we also rely on EACH OTHER.

In struggles of past centuries, the Church rallied to support, not only the faithful, but the surrounding community as well. Just as during those struggles, we the Church here and now, are doing just the same thing and meeting the challenge of the coronavirus pandemic and the restoration of our Church head on.

In order to be able to continue our efforts and meet our goals in this unprecedented time we need the help of all those who have not as yet made a 2020 stewardship pledge. We therefore invite you to prayerfully consider supporting this important mission.

For those who have already done so, perhaps you may be able to increase your pledge….our theme this year has been the 10% increase (unrelated to coronavirus.)

Our current stewardship challenge goal is $260,000 and to date we are at $222,308 This goal was set prior to the unforeseen events of this year, it is even more important that we meet or exceed that goal given that many of our fundraising activities have had to be cancelled or scaled back.

Let us struggle together making sure our parish remains on a strong financial footing through our generous support before the year ends.

In Christ, Alex Carr & Paul Kallis, Stewardship, Co-Chairs
Η αγάπη προς τους άλλους
-Γέροντας Ευστράτιος Γκολοβάνσκι

Ποιο είναι το περιεχόμενο της αγάπης προς τους εχθρούς;

Αν αγαπάμε πραγματικά τους εχθρούς μας, όπως θέλει ο Θεός, τότε δεν αισθανόμαστε αντιπάθεια και
dεν τρέφουμε μνησικακία γι’ αυτούς, αλλά τους
βλέπουμε σαν αδερφούς μας, που πλάστηκαν
σύμφωνα με την εικόνα του Θεού και
εξαγοράστηκαν από τον Ιησού Χριστό, σαν
ανθρώπους για τους οποίους, όπως και για μας,
προορίστηκε από τον Κύριο η αιώνια μακαριότητα. Τους τιμάμε και τους σεβόμαστε. Τους
συμπονάμε και τους συμπαραστεκόμαστε στη δυστυχία ή την αρρώστια τους. Τους
συγχωρούμε ολόψυχα για τις αδικίες που μας έκαναν και προσευχόμαστε εγκάρδια για τη
διόρθωση και την επιστροφή τους στον Θεό.

Μια τέτοια αγάπη είναι γνώρισμα των αληθινών χριστιανών. Ο Κύριος δεν είπε μόνο, «Να’
αγαπάτε τους εχθρούς σας», αλλά και συμπλήρωσε: «Να δίνετε ευχές σ’ αυτούς που σας
dίνουν κατάρες, να ευεργετείτε αυτούς που σας μισούν, να προσεύχεστε γι’ αυτούς που σας
κακομεταχειρίζονται και σας καταδιώκουν» (Ματθ. 5:44).

Γιατί ο καθένας μας έχει χρέος να αγαπάει τους άλλους;

Τέσσερις είναι οι βασικές αιτίες του χρέους της αγάπης προς τον πλησίον.

Πρώτον, όλοι οι άνθρωποι έχουμε την ίδια φύση. Το να αισθάνεται αγάπη προς τον πλησίον, θα έπαυε και
να είναι άνθρωπος.

Δεύτερον, όλοι μας είμαστε πλασμένοι σύμφωνα με την εικόνα του Θεού (Γεν. 1:27). Δεν
μπορούμε, λοιπόν, να αγαπάμε τον Θεό και να μην αγαπάμε τον πλησίον μας. Ακριβώς αυτό
μας λέει ο ευαγγελιστής Ιωάννης: «Αν κάποιος πει, “Αγαπώ τον Θεό”, μπορείς να μην αγαπάς τον αδερφό
του, είναι ψεύτης. Γιατί, πραγματικά, αυτός που δεν αγαπάει τον άνθρωπο, του οποίου δεν βλέπει,
pώς μπορεί να αγαπάει τον Θεό, τον οποίο βλέπει; Αυτή την εντολή μας έδωσε ο Χριστός:
Όποιος αγαπάει τον Αδερφό του, πρέπει να αγαπάει και τον άνθρωπον» (Α’ Ιω. 4:20-21).

Τρίτον, όλοι οι ορθόδοξοι χριστιανοί είμαστε μέλη του σώματος του Χριστού (Α’ Κορ. 12:12-13),
όλοι αναγεννηθήκαμε με το ίδιο Βάπτισμα, όλοι κοινωνούμε το ίδιο Σώμα και το ίδιο Αίμα του
Κυρίου, όλοι έχουμε τα χαρίσματα του ίδιου Αγίου Πνεύματος.

Τέταρτον, ο Θεός είναι αγάπη (Α’ Ιω. 4:8, 16). Και αφού όλα στον κόσμο ζουν μέσα στον Θεό,
όλα ζουν μέσα στην αγάπη. Όπου, λοιπόν, δεν υπάρχει αγάπη, δεν υπάρχει αληθινή ζωή. Και
όποιος δεν αγαπάει, δεν έχει γνωρίσει τον Θεό (Α’ Ιω. 4:8), που είναι η ζωή. Όποιος,
apεναντίας, αγαπάει, και τον Θεό έχει γνωρίσει (Α’ Ιω. 4:7).
2019 Financials
The Coronavirus reality has delayed many things in our individual lives and in our parish as well, one of these being the issuing of the Financial Report of the 2019 year. This normally would occur in the spring parish assembly, which of course was never held. This report was just recently sent out through the parish list serve. If you are not on the list serve and would like a copy, please contact Fran in the office and she will send you one to your hard mail address.

Nominations for Parish Council
Each year a portion of our parish council is elected for the new civil year, in a two-year term of office. Serving on the Council is a wonderful witness to the Lord in enabling the local parish to function in a witness of love and sacrifice. There are eligibility requirements which include: being over age 18, active in the worship life of the parish, contribute to the stewardship program yearly, if married, married in the Orthodox Church, if divorced, had received an ecclesiastical divorce, adhere to the moral teachings and canons of the church and the Archdiocese regulations. A full list of eligibility requirements are online at the <goarch.com>

Those desiring to submit their name in nomination are encouraged to do so, to the Chairman of the Board of Elections (John Psikakos - 401-944-6856.)
They should also schedule with the parish office to attend an Orientation Seminar with Fr. Andrew, for one of the following dates:
Mon. Nov 23 –or– Tues. Nov 24
which would run from 7:30-9pm.

Parish Assembly Set for Wednesday Dec 2—VIA ZOOM @ 7:30PM
Plan the time attend our next Parish Assembly which will include review of the 2021 Proposed Budget, various important reports and the submittal of nominee names for the Parish Council. Agenda to be posted soon.
Because this assembly will be held via zoom, attendees MUST PRE-REGISTER for the zoom link, through the following address <fr.nick@annunciationri.org>

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Pop (Grades 11-12) Sat., Oct 31
Sun., Nov. 15 (please select one)

Crackle (Grade 9-10) Sat., Nov. 14

Snap (Grade 6-8) Sun., Nov.
Parents Activities (visit our website for more)

Space is limited to 35 campers per session
All programs run from 9:30am to 6:00pm

Visit metropolisofbostoncamp.org or
Email: mbcamp@boston.goarch.org

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Church School News

For the month of November, Church School classes will be dedicated to teaching about our Divine Liturgy.

Each Student will have the wonderful opportunity each and every class to discover exactly what makes our worship so special as Orthodox Christians.

The culmination of this immersive experience will be our Teaching Divine Liturgy which will be held specifically for our Church School families. This will take place in lieu of classes, on Saturday, December 5th, at 9:15AM.

Teen Readers Sought
Sunday Epistles, please sign-up through Fr. Nick
fr.nick@annunciationri.org
Our first zoom meeting of 2020-2021 was held on Monday, October 19th and was very well virtually attended. We continue the donations for our National and Metropolis obligations as indicated in our budget. Please visit our National and Metropolis websites for convention highlights and upcoming Metropolis online events in which we made donations to ‘Feed the Hungry Initiative and the 2020 Virtual Dream Gala.

We wish to thank Mary Samaras for her many years as membership chair and welcome Maria Kallis to this position. In addition, we also want to thank Nikki Samaras for her many years of being our corresponding secretary and now welcome Jenn Carr to this position.

Operation Classroom will continue and we will partner with the Robert F. Kennedy in Providence, RI this year. We plan to continue with Thanksgiving gift cards for 15 needy families and will collect hats, socks, gloves and scarves for the children. Please, if you are out and about shopping remember these needy children and monetary donations will also be appreciated and happily accepted.

The membership voted on a monetary donation to the House of Hope for toiletry supplies and the organization also requested hats, and gloves for the adult women whom many have fled from their abusive situations with just the clothes on their backs. Please drop these items by the office door and we will gladly handle the rest.

All committee events and activities have been suspended for the time being but remember Philoptochos Sunday is November 1, 2020 and our donation to the Ecumenical Patriarchate will continue. An exploratory committee was formed to review the cost of replacing the rug in the church hall as well as the library and the offices. Demetria Carr and her committee includes Ann Heberg, Elizabeth Degaitas and Stella Vassilopoulos. If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, please contact Demetria Carr.

Our next zoom board and general meeting is scheduled for November, 16 2020 and zoom information will be emailed and mailed to our current members as well as posted on social media for those interested in becoming a member.

With sisterly love, Marianne Phelan
Partner with OCF to support college students!

From October 1 to November 19, donations to OCF specifically from parishes, organizations, and businesses will be matched if we reach our goal of raising $25,000.00.

College Students need us NOW. They want to live faithfully. They want to be engaged in their faith. They want their faith to engage them.

OCF's ministry is dependent on the support of donors, and your gift matters NOW during this Matching Grant Opportunity.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship offers opportunities for college students to encounter Jesus Christ and His Church and be engaged with their faith while in college. Learn more at www.ocf.net.

Thank you for partnering with OCF to ensure that ministry to college students not only exists, but thrives.

*Matching Grant generously provided by The Renaissance Fund. Your donation up to $500 will count towards the matching grant opportunity until the $25,000 match goal is met. To 2019-2020 supporters of OCF, we thank you for your support of our ministry. For donors who gave in 2019 or 2020, your donation will be matched if the amount given towards this campaign exceeds your previous 2019/2020 donation.

This provides you with the opportunity to increase your support for OCF as well as invite friends to learn about and support OCF’s ministry.

+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++HERE IN RHODE ISLAND+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++ 

We had a Virtual Rhode Island OCF gathering that involved Orthodox College students from various schools in Rhode Island. This was led by Costa Vergados who is the Program Director of our MBC Camp and Fr Nick...18 collegians were on line. We had introductions, played a game, as well as had a discussion. We will continue this pattern for the entire semester. We look forward to our upcoming OCF virtual gatherings ahead on Thursdays, November 5th, 19, December 3, & 17 at 8:00PM.
November Youth News
Our 2020-2021 Ecclesiastical Year has gotten off to an encouraging start as we navigate the challenges that the COVID-19 Virus presents. Our Church School Program is up and running with virtual classes on Saturdays for our students in Pre-K-6th Grade. In regard to our 7th-12th Grades they are now meeting on Tuesday Evenings. This new program is titled Church Chat. Both of our Church School Groups are off to a great start and enjoying wonderful participation. Our Greek School began their year with an in-person Agiasmo Service and honored last year’s graduates by giving them their Diploma’s. In addition, our GOYA had their first Officers/Advisors Meeting of the year on October 7th. The group expressed great enthusiasm and look forward to a great year.

GOYA
Our GOYA Officers and Advisors will be officially installed on Sunday, November 1st at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Following Liturgy, they will have their Pumpkin Carving Event with fellowship and pizza. Event will be in-person, socially distanced, and following all COVID-19 Guidelines.

HOPE/JOY
HOPE/JOY structured their first in person “Trunk or Treat Event for Sat. November 7th. However, that had to be cancelled due to the recent COVID-19 guideline developments. In lieu of this event, HOPE/JOY will hold a Virtual Thanksgiving Retreat on Sat. November 14th at 2:00PM.

St. Symeon Playgroup
We are currently structuring our first get-together and weighing the pros/cons of an in personal or virtual gathering. Look out for more information soon!
A Family that has Served Local Families for 4 Generations...
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“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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A Prayer for Neighborhood Families

I pray to you, Lord, for the families of my neighborhood. Visit them. Throw their troubles out of them and bring hope. Make the daily cares that devour the heart disappear. Present solutions to life’s problems. Settle the disturbed relationships among members of different families whom I know or do not know.

O Lord, remind the people of our area that You exist, that You are a strong and loving Protector. Keep away, Lord, anything that causes the disappearance of peace from souls and the escape of sleep from our eyes. Stay a little while more tonight in our neighborhood.

Spread peace along with the night. Let the harshness of the day and its struggles not spread over the night too, God. +Archbishop Demetrios

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New Director Appointed @ Metropolis

Metropolitan Methodios announced the appointment of Cassandra Garibaldi as the new Director of the Metropolitan’s Office and Religious Education effective October 1.

At the same time, the Metropolitan expressed the gratitude and appreciation of clergy and laity alike to Eleni Kalioras who is transitioning out of her current role at the Metropolis to begin a new career path. Eleni served our Metropolis faithfully and will continue to be involved in our special events and ministries, including the Philoxenia House. We pray that the Lord will bless Eleni with good health and joy as she begins this new and exciting chapter in her life.

Cassandra Garibaldi is a native of Dracut, Massachusetts, and grew up attending the Transfiguration Church in Lowell, MA. She was actively involved in the youth ministries of the Transfiguration parish including GOYA and Vacation Church School as well as serving the parish as a chanter. She has been a staff member at the Metropolis of Boston Camp since 2009.

Cassandra is a graduate of Hellenic College with a degree in Religious Studies and Elementary Education, graduating with honors. She served the college as an Admissions Ambassador and Resident Advisor. After completing Hellenic College, she continued her studies at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, graduating with a Masters in Divinity.

During these years, Cassandra taught Church School at the Saint Nicholas Church in Lexington. She served as an intern at the Metropolis for five years, assisting with various tasks and ministries, including the Registry Office. Cassandra has served the Metropolis of Boston Camp (MBC) for the past ten years as a staff member and Girl’s Director. She assisted in the preparation of the Orthodox Life sessions for our campers.

For the past four years, Cassandra worked in the Archdiocesan National Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, creating three curricula for parishes, OCF, and families. She also created and executed summer camp staff trainings for Metropolis camps across the country. She served the national office of Camping Ministries, creating and providing resources, training, and Orthodox Life sessions for metropolis summer camps across America.

In addition to serving as the new Director of the Metropolitan’s Office, Cassandra will work closely with Panos Coufos, the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries/MBC Director in coordinating religious education programs for young and old alike throughout our 62 parishes. Pano and Cassandra have already begun reaching out to our clergy and Sunday School teachers to begin the conversation on how we can work together to strengthen our catechetical ministry. We welcome Cassandra back to our Metropolis office and look forward to her ministry wish us!
November 2020
Divine Services (year round) Orthros (morning prayer) 8:15 am / Liturgy 9:30 am

Sun Nov 1—DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS / National Philoptochos Sunday
  Sun of 5th Luke / Sts Kosmas & Damian the Physicians
  - Goya Installation & pumpkin carving following on church grounds
Tue Nov 3- ELECTION DAY (It’s our civic duty to vote)

Sun Nov 8—Sun of 7th Luke / Synaxis Michael, Gabriel, Raphael & all the Heavenly Hosts
  Memorial: Bessie Mihailides—40/days
  Flu Shots available after church service
Mon Nov 9—St Nektarios the Wonderworker—services per usual morning hours
  - Parish Council Budget Making Meeting—7:30PM—zoom
Wed Nov 11—Veterans Day—OFFICE IS OPEN
Thurs Nov 12—Advent Study Book Club—via zoom 7-8 pm

Mon Nov 16—Philoptochos Board-6:30pm / General Membership-7”30PM (both Zoom)
Tues Nov 17—Parish Council—7:30PM Zoom
Thurs Nov 19—Advent Study Book Club—via zoom 7-8pm
Sat. Nov. 21—Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple (TA EISODIA)
  - Services per usual morning hours

Sun Nov 22—Sun of 9th Luke / Apostle Philemon (of 70) / Martyr Cecilia
Wed Nov 25—St Katherine the Great Martyr/ services per usual morning hours
Thurs Nov 26—THANKSGIVING DAY—OFFICE IS CLOSED
Fri. Nov 27—OFFICE IS CLOSED - (in place of Veteran’s Day 11/11/20)

Sun Nov 29—Sun of 13 Luke / Paramonos & 370 companions / Dionysios of Corinth
  - 6PM—Great Vespers (Eve of St Andrew)
Mon Nov 30—Apostle Andrew the First called—service per usual morning hrs.
Thurs Dec 3—Advent Study Book Club—via zoom 7-8pm
Sat Dec 5—CHURCH SCHOOL FAMILY TEACHING LITURGY (St Savva)
  - Services per usual morning hours
  -6PM— Great Vespers (Eve of St Nicholas)

Sun Dec 6—Sun of 10th Luke / St Nicholas the Wonderworker /
  - GIFTS OF ST NICHOLAS
Wed Dec 9—Conception by St Ann of the Theotokos—usual morning hours
Thurs Dec 10—Advent Study Book Club—via zoom 7-8pm
Fri Dec 11—Eve of St Spyridon—Great Vespers in Newport—6PM

Holidays of Caution/Uncertainty

How do we even start to begin to enjoy Holidays with the loss of so many people this year. Loss of loved ones, jobs, social life, a confined lifestyle. The list goes on and on for each one of us personally. Every person has a story of the good and bad they have experienced with this new way of living, behind a mask.

Children being stopped in the middle of their growing years adapting to a whole new way of learning and socializing.

But we all need to pull it together for the love of one another, your family and friends. Stay strong, the strong do survive. With prayer all is possible.

So we will do our best to make the Holidays as normal as possible for one another. God has a reason why this came upon us and if you think back, I'm sure there is at least one thing you were thankful for during this pandemic, that changed your life for the better.

God will make a way when there seems to be no way. Don’t give up, God can hear you, just keep a strong Hope in Him. These coming Holidays could be the best you have ever had. Prayer, Hope, & Faith will get you through.

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Those Who Wait Upon the Lord

After starting a new diet I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery. I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and as I approached, there in the window were a host of goodies. I felt this was an accident, so I prayed... “Lord, it’s up to you, if you want me to have any of those delicious goodies, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery.” And sure enough, the eighth time around the block there it was! God is so Good!”