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Work in Process
On Memorial Day afternoon, we experienced a fire in our church...that was basically at the back of the altar table and went down onto the carpeted floor and through the floor boards. There were items destroyed with the altar area and an open hole in the floor as reported in specific in previous emails.

But the biggest issue is the soot and the smell throughout the church. Thus, our church physically will be closed for a stretch of time providing for the proper cleaning and repairs to take place.

WE DO HAVE A RESTORATION COMPANY IN PLACE ALREADY as you see in the photo on our cover...BUT it will take some time...the carpet replacement will PROBABLY be the biggest challenge...still under assessment.

BUT last week...we also had GOOD NEWS, this being the ASCENSION OF THE LORD BACK TO HEAVEN. Good news...that He departed the earth???. Yes, for in departing, He promised to send us the COMFORTER....the Holy Spirit. Which of course happened on what we call Pentecost...just ahead on June 7. In a live stream prayer and talk we did on Friday...Fr Nick noted how we need to ASCEND in facing this fire episode...both as concerns holding on to Christ in the height of it and also in our response of actions...movement upwards...to it...in the ways possible in solving it for each of us.

I used the phrase Jesus departing from us. Think for a moment on the word...departed .... The Lord departed from earth on what we call in history - Ascension Day. As a parish we have now departed our church edifice, our spiritual house....Connect this to the series of passages in John 17, quoting Jesus of course...

I go to prepare a place for you....

Although this sacred text applies to heavenly life after earthly death, I wish to connect it to our current circumstance...CHRIST is with us – although not on earth physically, He has not abandon us and when we return back into church “He will receive us .... unto Himself“ ... under the dome in His warm embrace and protection!

I think we all need the comfort that comes from above in a special way currently with this ACHE IN OUR HEARTS over the fire. With the Lord’s comfort, always comes strength as well, to overcome the challenges in life...whatever they be...knowing, trusting and believing that Christ will support our efforts,

and welcome and receive us back joyously! Fr. Andrew
DEAREST RELATIVES & FRIENDS OF ANDREW & DIANE MITRELIS

The recent passing of Andrew Mitrelis has left a void in our lives that can never be filled by anyone or anything else. His larger than life personality made him one of a kind. His love, caring and generosity that he expressed to everyone around him will never be forgotten. His life long hard work and many accomplishments will live on throughout his legacy.

His wife Diane, daughter Tammy and Family
“Sincerely we Thank All of you very much for your Condolences and Memorial Donations”

Long Life to You and Your Families,
God Bless

Diane Mitrelis & Family
What in the World is Orthros?

Our Live Stream Services have given us immense opportunities to broadcast all over the world! With this opportunity comes the fact that individuals are tuning in earlier than when they would usually come to our usual Sunday Divine Liturgy. We begin Orthros at 8:15AM and begin the Divine Liturgy at 9:30AM. With individuals watching earlier this begs the question, “What is Orthros?”

Orthros is the service held before the Divine Liturgy. It has a skeleton but many variable hymns and prayers. It is a standalone service but is normally served before the Divine Liturgy. There is no communion distributed and the service focuses on living in the reality that the church offers us. This includes, the hope of the resurrection, praise of the saints celebrated on a particular day, thanksgiving to God, and prayers which focus on asking Christ to work through our limitations as human beings.

The service begins with the invocation “Blessed is our God” and petitions are chanted that pray for God’s love, mercy, compassion, and which glorify the Holy, Consubstantial, Life Giving, and Undivided Trinity! Following this is a reading of 6 psalms. (Psalms 3, 38, 63, 88, 103, and 143.) These psalms key in on our need for God and how lost we are without him! Realizing this is integral to our understanding of ourselves as human beings. We may triumph in many ways in our personal lives, but we are nothing without God.

During the reading of the six psalms, the priest prays that the faithful may gather with love, worship, joy, and praise as the body of Christ. As clergy, we pray for those who are awakening after a good night’s sleep to have a day that is filled with the grace of God and for all those near and far. It is wonderful to reflect during these services on all the blessings that result from us gathering as a Church.

Each Orthros has a theme that includes the commemoration of Saints of the particular day but on Sunday mornings we commemorate and remember the Resurrection first and foremost. Each Sunday Orthros is like a “mini Pascha” as we proclaim the Lord’s victory over death, the cross, and destroying Hades. This includes a gospel reading exclusively on the resurrection. Regarding the Saints, we sing hymns and prayers commemorating human beings that have cooperated with the grace of God and are glorified in Christ. They are human beings with exemplary courage, faith, love, and fervor. We hope to imitate them. The Theotokos and Mother of our God has a special place and honor among the saints and receives hymns that are dedicated simply for her!

Finally, the Orthros concludes with a Doxology praising God for his great glory, his wonderful works, and for the new day. In serving Orthros together we learn that we do not just ask for things from God, but we acknowledge our role as members of the body of Christ and reflect on so many aspects of the Church. We hope to see many of you there! Per our Covid-19 guidelines, you may attend this service in lieu of the Divine Liturgy of any posted date. When you sign up for a service, please indicate which service you would like to attend for both are posted on our signup sheet.

God bless, keep, and protect you, today and always! Fr. Nick +
**This Year’s Challenge—10% Increase Over your 2019 Giving**

**2020 Pledge Program Report as of 5/29/2020**
**We have to date 298 parishioners with a pledge of $173,355.00**
**The Actual Amount Received $140,281.00**

Since our last newsletter, the following pledges have been received for 2020
Jon Alexion, M/M Michael Balasco, M/M Steve Daras, M/M Thomas Day,
M/M Hercules Fircanis, Nicholas Fircanis, M/M Thomas Frank, Alex Gabriel,
Dr. & Mr. John Grossomanides, Stavros Hantzopoulos, M/M Spiro Kyriakakis,
Catherine Louth, M/M George Masganas, Evridiki Metakos, M/M Michael Papigiotis,
Stephen Quinn, Asimina Rodopoulos, Dr. & Mrs. Peter Sardella, Haido Titelis,
M/M Aristotelis Tsonis, M/M Michael Wood, Maria Zaharakos.
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Thank You
We would like to thank Anna Demetrakas for her kind donation of the palms &
floral arrangement used to decorate the church for Holy Week
in memory of Gregory Demetrakas.
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Additional Thank You’s for Easter Donations
M/M Michael Haralambides, Maria Kotsiris, M/M Paul Lanzourakis, Jason Maintainis,
Dr. & Mrs. James Manis, M/M Theofanis Markos, Marianthi Mastriano,
M/M George Melanis, M/M Frank Zavota.

Additional Thank You’s for Epitafios Donations
M/M Michael Haralambides, Dr. & Mrs. James Manis, M/M Frank Zavota

Donations—Electronic Giving—Thank You
During this time we greatly appreciate the giving of everyone, please if you are giving for
 candles electronically, be specific about your request. We want to make sure we fulfill your
request. All donations may be done electronically to various funds or items.

SOMETHING NEW—In this issue
Well known in Cranston has been the Oakdale Farm Stand at Whole Foods at Garden City op-
erated by our parishioner Cody Callahan (part of the Stephanopoulos & Leite families of long
ago). This summer you can pick up your Oakdale Farms CSA Farm Share from our
church parking lot. The program begins June 25 and continues through the beginning
of October. The pick up spot will be by the basketball pole 4-6PM. To stay up to date
with recipes, nutrition, and what we are harvesting, follow us on social media.
Facebook and Instagram See is this issue our flyer or click on the link below to see
details about sizes, prices and to fill out the online membership form. Oakdale Farms
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6459 / Email—oakdale.cody@gmail.com Website: www.oakdalefarmscountrybarn.com
Dr. Mary Despina Lekas Endowment Fund News

Financial Report for the period ending 5/29/2020
Endowment Fund Portfolio: $1,166,135.18
Endowment Fund Checking Account: $9,870.00

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
M/M Lakis Andriotis, Annunciation Church Choir, The Staff at the APC 1ST Floor Lab, Robert Brown, Carolyn Brown, M/M Gerald Carignan, M/M Stephen Carr, Efthimia Cavas, James Cimino, George Cooper III, Vivian Dafoulas, M/M James Desgaitas, M/M Rocco DeLuca, Robert DeSimone, Helen DiMaio, Dr. Jean Dostou, William Frangos, Argiri Ghionis, Katherine Gountanis, Stephanie Gountanis, Dionisia Grammas, M/M Michael Haralambides, M/M James Harritos, John Haveles, M/M Donald Hearn, M/M Thomas Hichar, Julie Karahalios, Arthur Kazianis, Kelly, Souza, Rocha & Parmenter PC, Dr. & Mrs. Michael Kulakis, Dr. & Mrs. Robert Janigian Jr., Charles Lehourites, M/M Ronald Maggiacomo, Dr. & Mrs. Melvin Mancini, M/M James Maintainis, William Martin, M/M Robert Masiello, M/M Paul Masse, M/M George Mihailides & Peter Mihailides, M/M George Mihailides Jr., Jean Mihelakos, M/M Ronald Mikucki, Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Morrissey, New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation, Mary Cay Nilsen, M/M Christo Pakuris, M/M Michael Papigiotis, M/M Gus Pappas, Sara Penn & Peter Tarqueno, M/M Constantinos Perdikakis, M/M Polydoros Petrou, Rhode Island Golf Course Superintendents Association, M/M Mark Rodin, M/M Mark Richard, M/M Steven Rothemich, M/M Andrew Rougas, M/M Constantine Rougas, Jean Sabela, The Samaras Family, M/M James Silva, M/M Edward Skiber, Pashalia Strekouras, Virginia Strekouras, M/M Aristotelis Tsonis, M/M John Turini, M/M Peter Vassilopoulos, M/M Michael Wood, Carole Xanthakis, M/M Frank Zavota
in memory of Manny Mihailides

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
M/M James Degaitas, M/M Steven Rothemich, Mary Samaras in memory of Kathleen Feia

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M/M James Degaitas, M/M Constantine Rougas, M/M Frank Zavota
in memory of Demetrius Sampalis

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M/M James Degaitas, Angela Floru, M/M Michael Haralambides, John, Christine, John Jr., Anthony, Andriana, Alexander & Christopher Vanikiotis, Maria Zaharakos,
in memory of Antonia Vanikiotis

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
M/M Frank Zavota in memory of Mary Kanelos

Graduates—Send Fr. Nick Your Photo
We would like to do a “Virtual Internet Display” on our Traditional Graduate Sunday Parish Observance this year, Sun. June 21. since, we cannot gather in person.
Please send your Graduation Photo with cap & gown directly to <fr.nick @annunciationri.org> by June 15.
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Dates: Thursdays, June 25th - October 8th

Time: 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Sizes: Full Share (weekly, 16 weeks)
Half Share (biweekly, 8 weeks)

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WELCOMING YOU TO "IN PERSON SERVICES"

We live in very different & difficult times as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. The love of the Church through our bishops has been in unity with governmental guidelines to lessen the curve of spreading the virus and thus the churches were “closed” to in-person attendance. We missed the 2nd half of Lent, all of Holy Week and most of the Pentecostarion period. Clearly this has been difficult for it is the Church that we run to in our greatest trials and anxieties, but health and safety towards prevention of illness was the intent. In our parish in particular, we have the added complication of the fire on May 25th, Memorial Day Monday which set us back in the re-opening preparations.

In RI a Phase II easing of restrictions has started and we can begin to gather for worship…up to 25% of the structural capacity.

**SOON** WE WILL ANNOUNCE A START DATE VIA EMAIL TO RETURN

(As we go to press on June 2…..there are a few loose ends remaining).

Our first concern is to offer our parishioners a safe way to worship. We will still continue to live stream our Holy Services on YouTube and Facebook for we know some people still prefer to stay at home and this is fine…no one should feel guilty in doing so. Anyone that may be in a vulnerable population, especially the elderly and those with underlying physical conditions, are urged actually to stay home and pray through the live stream at the icons in the house.

Enclosed in this issue is the protocol and guidelines to ensure the safety of laity and clergy alike, church staff and volunteers who will assist at the entry doors and in seating.

We can no longer put our spiritual needs on hold – but –

**IT WILL BE DIFFERENT**… 6ft apart and wearing masks…plenty of hand sanitizing.

THE MOST DIFFERENT ASPECT IS THAT WE NEED TO “RESERVE” OUR ATTENDANCE AHEAD OF TIME FOR BY STATE MANDATE, WE CANNOT GO BEYOND THE ALLOTTED NUMBER and THIS INCLUDES THE CLERGY < AND ALL WHO MAKE THE SERVICE POSSIBLE < NOT JUST THE PEOPLE IN THE PEWS.

WE WOULD LIKE TO CLOSE OFF RESERVING BY 3PM EACH THURSDAY

+ A few weeks ago we already requested through email to assess who and how many would want to attend the first re-opening service.

(We are just about at quota from that outreach, for the opening Sunday).

So you will see as noted in the May 31st Sunday Bulletin already – others can come for Orthros as a stand alone service (8:15am-9:15am). Orthros is a non-Communion Service, and normally no sermon, thus shorter in length.

We also showcased a “DEMO” of an internet sign up form in the Sunday Bulletin. If you do not do the internet, you can call the parish office. On a Sunday with a Memorial, preference will be given to that family in the numbers count.

Please review the guidelines in this issue that have been put together from federal, state, and Metropolis authorities in cooperation with our Parish Council.

We ask you to please be patient and open-minded as we start to reopen.

This is, of course, new territory for all of us and we are doing our best.
Thank you in advance for your patience, understanding and cooperation.

Our focus is the spiritual nourishment through worship, but also physical health.
Phase 1: Worshiping Together Again

General Guidelines

1. In accordance with RI State guidelines, all parishioners and parish council members MUST wear masks when attending church services.

2. Clean hands help prevent the spread; please sanitize your hands prior to entering the building and before touching common items.

3. In accordance with State guidelines, we will limit attendance to 75 total people in the Demetrakas Hall.

4. Chairs will be set up at appropriate intervals to help ensure distancing.

5. The live stream will still be available for those who wish to worship with us from home.

6. To protect our beloved clergy and fellow parishioners, if you, or anyone in your household is ill or does not feel well, PLEASE continue to worship via the live stream.

7. Please use the online form, or call the office to “sign up” so we know who will be coming.

8. We encourage those parishioners who are in high risk categories (65 & older, preexisting conditions, etc.) to continue to worship from home via the live stream.

9. Please follow the instructions of the parish council members; they will let you know when/where to go to keep everyone as safe as possible.
Entering the Hall

1. The front doors of the Demetrakas Hall will remain open at all times to prevent contact with the door handles.

2. Parishioners will line up outside the Hall using the tape marks fixed to the sidewalks to maintain an appropriate distance and enter the church at the direction of the parish council.

3. At the pangari there will be a box to place money for candles. Please bring exact change; the parish council will NOT be making change.

4. A parish council member (wearing gloves) will pass you the number of candles that you request for you to light; please do not reach for them yourself.

5. **THERE WILL BE NO** venerating the icons, please limit this to a bow and making the sign of the Cross with NO kissing of the icons; the icons will be roped off to prevent kissing.

6. A parish council member will open the doors into the main Hall, where an additional parish council member will direct you to a seat; please wait to be escorted to your seat.
Receiving Holy Communion

1. For those desiring to receive Holy Communion, we will approach the chalice row-by-row and **KEEPING THE 6ft Distancing**

2. A parish council member will direct each row at an appropriate interval to maintain a safe distancing; please wait for the direction from the parish council member before leaving your seat

3. Please use hand sanitizer prior to approaching the chalice and touching the Communion Cloth

4. Please do not touch the Communion Cloth to your lips or mouth while receiving, or after receiving Holy Communion

5. After receiving Holy Communion, you may then receive pre-bagged antidoron from an altar server; please do not take it, he will pass it to you with tongs
Exiting the Hall

1. Similarly to Holy Communion, a parish council member will direct parishioners, again row-by-row and keeping the 6 ft distancing.

2. You may then receive pre-bagged antidoron from an altar server.

3. While keeping an appropriate safe distance, proceed down the center aisle and exit the Hall through the foyer.

4. Please do NOT congregate in the Hall, foyer, or outside of the Hall or church in any manner; there will NOT be coffee hour.

5. The parish council will not pass the offering tray through the seats, but rather a stationary tray will be placed at the Hall doors; your continued financial support is greatly welcomed.

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. The Church of the Annunciatio ("the Church") has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Church cannot guarantee that no one will become infected with COVID-19 and cannot legally be held responsible. By attending services or other activities, you understand and voluntarily assume a risk.
Recent Deaths

Debra Georgeon age 55 of Cranston, RI passed away on 3/30/20. Her burial was private.
Angelo Baldinelli brother of Josephine Aliferakis passed away on 4/28/20.
Kathleen Feia age 73 of Pinon Hills, CA mother of Beth Nichols passed away on 5/2/20.
Lori Ann Rosaki age 61 of West Greenwich, RI passed away on 5/8/2020. Her funeral and burial was private on 5/14/20.
Emmanuel (Manny) Mihailides 88 of Cranston, RI passed away on 5/13/20. His funeral & burial was private on 5/19/20.
Spiros Varras age 75 of Haverhill, MA., father of Tina, Nikki & Nicholas Varras passed away on 5/19/20.
Mildred Cardillo age 91 of Cranston, RI (mother of Lillian Maintanis & grandmother of John Jr, Jason & Rhea Maintanis) passed away on 5/24/20.
Olga Antoniou age 97 of Greenville, RI passed away on 5/28/20. Her funeral & burial was private on 6/2/20.
**In Honor of Our Graduates 2020**

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our 2020 graduates. They have accomplished a great deal in completing an important segment of their education. We pray that the Lord our God continues to bless their future, with much happiness and greater achievements.

**During this Pandemic adjusting to a new phase of social distancing & learning, has also been an accomplishment to all.**

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Congratulations
Alexandra Nichols is one of the recipients of the National PanHellenic Scholarship!
A quote from her congratulations letter:
“\textit{You have competed against the best and brightest of the Greek American
Community, and being selected indicates that you are the leaders of that group.}”

Orthodoxy on Tap Providence / For Young Adults 18-30s
\underline{\textbf{Monday, June 8th, at 8:00PM via Zoom}}
Topic: For the peace of the whole (broken) world
Speaker: Constantinos Magimbi, a previous Boston Metropolis OOT Co-Ordinator

Join our Orthodoxy on Tap Providence Community via Zoom for an evening of thought provoking discussion. We will discuss the epidemics and illnesses that affect our world today, that are both spiritual and physical.
We look forward to seeing you on-line. For Zoom Link please RSVP to Fr. Nick at fr.nick@annunciationri.org

Concerning Parish Scholarships
Applications for the “\textbf{Annunciation Scholarships}” (which encompasses the Christelis Goya, Stella Pappas, George Pakuris and Andrew/Helen Vican Awards) are due on June 15. The application process includes the submittal of the academic transcript and the writing of an essay.

\textbf{The Savvas Savvides Scholarship is a separate standing application process} administered by a different committee as it has been for the past 40 plus years. These applications will also require an academic transcript. Deadline date to submit is June 15.
Note that the local \textbf{Ahepa Scholarship is also} a separate application process, handled by the Sophocles 106 Chapter themselves. Contact Lakis Andriotis directly at (401) 451-1046.

\underline{\textbf{Metropolis Award—Sunday June 14}}
\underline{\textbf{Airing online at: “Boston.goarch.org” at 7PM}}
The Parish Council has selected Mr. & Mrs. Gaby & Hoda Daiaa to be this years recipient from our parish of the Metropolis of Boston Award. In recognition for their dedicated service to our parish and their long time volunteering in so many ways since their arrival to our parish 14 years ago, doing so a full family.

Due to Coronavirus restrictions this years program will be a virtual event. The traditional $75 donation for an in person meal this year will be used to benefit food banks, homeless shelters and healthcare workers. Our Metropolis has partnered with Lombardo’s to prepare and deliver 7 meals for every ticket purchased. Send your donation to Metropolis of Boston / 162 Goddard Avenue / Brookline, MA 02445
Greek Language School Graduation 2020

Harrison Barakos, Virginia Barakos, Arianna Fotopoulos, Calista Leroux, Lucas Leroux, Christian Santos, Steven Sterpis

Dear Graduates, Take pride in how far you have come and have faith in how far you can go. You’re off to great places!!!!
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HAPPY FATHER’S DAY

Dads & Grandpa’s

Boys can learn how to be men by watching their fathers or grandfather’s. It’s not necessarily what their fathers or grandfathers say, but what they do that can show children how an honorable man conducts himself.

Much of what a boy does when he grows up is learned as a child from his father—grandfather, so their example (either good or bad) will play a huge role in the man his son will be.

Children (son or daughter) can also develop confidence through interactions with their fathers and grandfathers. The time they invest in their children's life shows them that they matter and as they get older can take on the world. Those with fathers who abandon or neglect them will often have issues with self-worth. So fathers and grandfathers who spend time with their children encouraging them and praising their efforts can have a profound effect on their confidence.

Don’t just see this Father’s Day as a day to send a card. Take a serious look at your father and the enormous influence he has had in your life. A lot of who you are today is because of what he did for you and the examples he set.

If you didn’t have a father who set this example for you then focus on your: Heavenly Father and how you can strengthen your relationship with Him!

May we all Pray for the Father’s and Grandfather’s who are not with us today.

Your examples & strength in life have showed us the way.

Thank You from your
**Mid June—Mid July 2020**

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

Sun June 14—All Saints Day / Sun of 1st Matthew– Prophet Elisha/ Methodios, P of CP  
Mon June 15– Apostles Lent Begins (runs through June 28)  
Tues June 16- Parish Council ZOOM Meeting– 7:30PM  
Thu June 18– Orthodoxy on Tap-Boston / via zoom—8PM  

Sun June 21 - Sun of 2nd Matthew / Martyr Julianos / Terentios of Iconium  
- **FATHER’S DAY / Graduates Sunday**  
  MEMORIAL: Emmanuel Mihailides– 40 days  
Wed June 24– **NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST—services per usual morning hours**  
Thu June 25- 1st pick up date of Oakdale Farms Summer CSA / 4-6PM  

Sun June 28—Sun of 3rd Matthew / Transposition of Relics/ Sts Kyros & John  
Tue June 30– **FEAST OF THE 12 APOSTLES—services per usual morning hours**  

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Sun July 2- Sun of 4th Matthew / Athanasios of Mt. Athos / Righteous Lampados  
- **MEMORIAL: Lori Rosaki-40days**  
Mon July 6- **OFFICE IS CLOSED/Ref. to 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY**  

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Sun July 12- Sun of 5th Matthew / Proklos & Hilarion / Veronica w/hemorraghe  
Fri July 17- **ST MARINA THE GREAT MARTYR—services per usual morning hours**  

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Sun July 19- Sun of 6th Matthew / Righteous Makrina (sister of Basil the Great)  
Wed July 22 - STS M. MAGDALENÊ & MARKELLA—Services per usual morning hours  

Sun July 26- Sun of 7th Matthew / Sts Paraskevi & Hieromartyr Hermolaos

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**SUMMER HAPPENINGS / Summer Fun**

**Separate...But United! Metropolis Summer Camp**  
We will all certainly miss camp as we have known it this year, but we are working diligently to bringing our camp culture alive through the technological means we have available, virtually …  
Orthodox life sessions, video contest, cabin devotionals, online via Zoom Video conferencing.  
July 6-12 / July 13—19

**Vacation Church School is ON! ONLINE, that is!**  
Mon August 3—Fri August 7th, we will have brief sessions each day.  
We will still gather our children together virtually to build their Faith with Bible Stories, Music, Games, Chat—even Crafts. Organized by Beth Nichols email: nichols22@verizon / sign up ASAP thru her.

**12th Annual Annunciation Golf Tournament**  
Coming this summer, Cranston Country Club, make a plan and get your foursome ready.  
This year we need a day of outdoor activity, from being inside for so long.  
Image how we now appreciate these events, so take advantage of this day.  
**Sunday, August 23rd, 2020**
Statement of Metropolitan Methodios of Boston on the Death of George Floyd

It is indeed tragic to witness in Boston and in cities throughout America the consequences of injustice, inequality, and hopelessness which have been exacerbated by the horrific killing of George Floyd.

For several months we have been battling the dangerous pandemic of the Covid-19 virus and are now confronted with an even more dangerous pandemic — that of racism. Many brethren feel dehumanized, humiliated, frustrated and angry. Since the killing of George Floyd, we have watched crowds expressing their outrage through protests which they hope will bring attention and meaningful change to a broken and unjust society. Respecting his memory, they expressed their condolences and their pain in a manner consistent with our nation’s history of peaceful protest inspired by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He believed that we should never return hate with hate, nor repay violence with violence. They recall his words, “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies in a descending spiral of destruction.” Surely he would abhor the criminal acts of arson, the violent acts of rage, the senseless ransacking and destruction of property — crimes committed by those who have allowed their anger to turn to vandalism and violence.

Let us pray for the courage and strength necessary to become instruments of love. Let us work together harmoniously to bring about justice in the face of inequality and discrimination. Let us become “peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.” (Matthew 5:9) Let us recognize that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God. Let us love our neighbors regardless of their color, their creed or their race. Let us recognize that they are our brothers and sisters — they “are members of the household of God” (Eph. 2:19).

I pray that we emerge from this difficult period in our nation’s history as one united family, “one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty, and Justice for all.”