Why Exhaust Yourself, This is not what Christmas is all about!
ON OUR COVER

PREPARE AHEAD FOR CHRISTMAS WISELY – BUT DON’T PRECELEBRATE

This fun photo on our cover was found by our office secretary Fran. Great job - for this photo says so much in the way of what is ahead with both the beginning of the Christmas Fast (i.e. Advent) on Nov 15 and Christmas itself on December 25. I am under the impression that so many people are exhausted at Christmas, largely because they wait to the last minute to prepare for it. Thus I am writing this article on October 22 to urge people to plan gradually and smoothly for the marvelous event of God’s love for mankind by coming to be with us on earth as the infant Jesus, so we can truly feel HIS presence and love on December 25th (and the following 12-Days of Christmas) and not be uptight, stressed and half asleep.

Everything we do in Orthodoxy is so wise and meaningful; one such example being the 40days of preparation before December 25th. Use them for your shopping and your wrapping, your card addressing and the like….but start doing these things early on in the 40day process, don’t wait to the last 8 or 10 days! Along the way, read spiritual orientated writings, to keep yourself focused on the REAL MEANING FOR THE SEASON. Read especially the Old Testament prophecies of the coming of the Lord.

But in your early preparatory days in Advent, as your priest, I urge you all to AVOID pre-celebrating Christmas. Again, our Orthodox Church in it’s wisdom is so complete, even into humanity’s psyche. Before any major church feast, we are encouraged to fast. This is so because you feast better after fasting. This “American graze” of all these loud and sumptuous Christmas parties held everywhere in early December is so contrary to what Christmas is all about. Yes- Christmas should be joyous on all levels, BUT ON CHRISTMAS, not on Dec 15 or 18 and the like. By saying the words “on Christmas” I mean, December 25 ONWARD for the (true) 12 Days of Christmas that run Dec 25 – Jan 5. Again, our Orthodox faith has this built in from centuries ago. That is the time for family gatherings, friends gathering and even business associate’s dinners. The American approach to this topic is really very harmful and distorts the time frame and the good intentions and creates instead headache and heartache for when Christmas should really be celebrated…..we are so burnt out!

Add to this, the decorating of our homes and Christmas trees. I notice that more and more people seem to be decorating their Christmas trees on thanksgiving weekend and they are then out on the curb of their home for the garbage man on Dec 26 and 27. Hopefully you can guess what my comment will be next. I urge that you not do that. Although Christmas trees are not really a 1st century or even 5th century practice, it is something Orthodoxy adopted (and they are beautiful – I love them)! But if you have it up in your home or business so early on in the season, you are tired of it by December 25th. And if you put up a real tree, you risk a fire hazard of the needles being so dry.

So, I end as I began – My pastoral advice is

“PREPARE AHEAD FOR CHRISTMAS WISELY – BUT DON’T PRE- CELEBRATE

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2019 CRANSTON GREEK FESTIVAL RAFFLE WINNER

PETER & SUSAN DEMAS

Peter Demas lives in New York with his wife Susan. They came to RI on the weekend of our Greek Festival to visit their son, Christopher Demas, who is a 3rd year med student at Alpert Medical School at Brown University, AND who happens to be one of our Odyssey Dance Troupe dancers AND his mentor is Savvas Rougas! Small world!

Peter commented on how well organized our Greek Festival was; the delicious food and pastry; and said it was the best Festival he had ever attended. He was very surprised to receive the phone call Sunday night (9/8) from Father Andrew, that he won the $5,000 Gift Certificate, mainly because he said:

“he never wins and was just donating to the Church!”!

Peter is a Program Manager for SAAB and Susan is a Physical Therapist, who has her own business doing private home care. They also have another son, Nickolas Demas, who lives in Watertown MA with his wife Nozomi Nakajima. Nickolas just received his PhD from MIT in Mechanical Engineering and his wife is working on her PhD at Harvard.

Peter and Susan will be back in Rhode Island the weekend of October 26th to attend a concert at Brown University that Christopher will be performing in (he plays the violin). They will be joining us at church and then coffee hour on Oct 27th. How wonderful to connect with our Greek Orthodox parishioners from New York!!

Niki Kyrou * Raffle Chairman

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Thank You Festival Product Donors
Cumberland Farms—chips, water, ice and refrigerated truck
Tom Demakes—25 cases of Loucanico
Fr. Andrew George—Food for pre-festival workers
Emmanouil Georgiladakis—Expresso Pizza—Pizza for the Dance Troupe
Michael Giouras—Donation towards tents
Homestead Bakery—baking products, diners rolls, hot dog & hamburger buns
Matthew Izzo—Mulch throughout the property in memory of his wife Despina
Stephen Morrisey—Food for pre-festival workers
Silver Lake Pizza—Andronikos Fidas—Food for pre-festival workers
Christopher Tribelli—4 Light Towers

*If we neglected to put your name in the listing, we apologize, please call the office so we are aware of your donation. (401-942-4188)*
Summer Coffee Thank You
To the Parish Council for serving the summer coffee hours. Also a special thank you to Paul & Jean Pliakas who served most of the weeks for the summer months and accommodated all the parishioners with their requests.
Our parishioners look forward to the coffee hours for conversation and fellowship with our priests, other parishioners and guests.

Candles for Sacraments
Please be reminded that our parish sells candles for Baptisms and Weddings. No need to go to secular businesses (who jack up the price greatly) nor to get them even from Greece or Greek specialty stores. The candles from Greece tend to be inferior in quality and make a mess. Thus I wish to ban them for use in our parish. Keep in mind as well that the “size” of the candle does not matter. The average 12-22 inch candles are the best...no need for the 4 and 5 footers!

Ear Buds in Church
Be reminded that we have “hearing ad units” for use with the PA system in church, called “EAR BUDS” which the user places directly in their ear. These units include a hand size control box which fits easily into a pocket, which enables the volume magnitude needed to hear better. Simply ask for this as you arrive in the narthex for services.

ADULT CLASS on GREEK CULTURE IN PAWTUCKET
Beginning Monday, November 4th to December 16th, an adult class will be offered on Aeschylus' classical masterpiece, "Prometheus Bound". Aeschylus' Prometheus is a universal archetype-symbol of a compassionate god who feels great sympathy for the suffering humanity and in his effort to bring knowledge and civilization, he violates the orders of the tyrannical lord of heaven. For the sake of justice and compassion he trespasses the forbidden line and receives severe punishment. He bears heroically his pains for the good of humanity. The archetypal-mythological character of Prometheus symbolizes the breakthrough of the human consciousness and the birth of civilization in the course of evolution.

The class will be held at the Community Center of the Assumption every Monday from 6:00-8:00 PM.
For more information, please call John Lyssikatos at 401-7284452 after October 9th.

Flu Shots @ Church Being Planned Again
Sunday, November 10th we have a tentative date set for Flu Shots. The shot will be available for ages 19 and up. Although anyone over 65 can receive the regular shot if there is no “high dose” one available at this date.
Please contact Nancy Harritos email: (nharritos@yahoo.com) if any questions.
Dr. Mary Despina Lekas Endowment Fund News
Financial Report for the period ending 10/17/2019
Endowment Fund Portfolio: $1,065,387.00
Endowment Fund Checking Account: $2,000.00

In case you Forgot:
Each Donation is a “Building Block”
as we build a solid financial foundation
that will protect and preserve
our Parish, our Faith, our Heritage
for this generation and for generations to come!

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
M/M James Degaitas, Sylvia Ghionis, Anna Gountra, Dionisia Grammas,
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RECENT DEATHS
James Trigg age 104 of Pittsburgh, Penn., father of Dean Trigg passed away in Pittsburgh.
Konstantinos “Gus” Trikoulis age 78 of Johnston, RI passed away on 10/10/19. His funeral
and burial was held on 10/16/19.

~May their memory be Eternal~
2019 PLEDGE PROGRAM REPORT

We have to date 367 parishioners with a total pledge of $203,652.00
The Actual Amount Received is $177,555.00
Since our last newsletter, the following pledges have been received for 2019

M/M Gerald Carignan, M/M Ioanni Degaitas, Constance Georgeadys,
Efstathia Hantzopoulos, Linda Limperis, M/M George Masganas,
Jennifer Harris, M/M Christopher Pappas, Linda Pappola,
Konstantina Sampalis, M/M Dimitrios Sterpis, M/M Aristotelis Tsonis.

Remember: The most important things in life aren’t things
and the best things in life are always free.
No one has ever become poor by giving, so when you give to God,
you discover that God gives to you.

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Family Matters / Refocusing on Christmas Traditions

With the holidays fast approaching, can you give me some tips on how to make this season memorable for my kids?

Answer: You can do several things to turn holidays into meaningful opportunities to share your faith with your children.

- Get involved. Make time to get involved in your church’s Christmas program. Don’t leave the programs to the Sunday school and youth group to perform. Set a positive example by taking an active role in these important church celebrations. Find a role that suits you and get plugged in.

- Don’t be heavy-handed. Santa and his reindeer get too much credit when it comes to holiday fun.

Do your best to make the Christian symbols of Christmas as enjoyable as the secular symbols. An excellent way to do this is to focus your celebrations around historic Christian traditions, such as Advent, the twelve days of Christmas, or setting up the nativity scene.

- Do unto others. Christmas and Thanksgiving are excellent times to teach your children about helping people who are less fortunate. When you’re doing this, keep in mind while it is good to teach your children to share with others, this should add to their joy and experience, not be at the expense of it. The time or money you donate to charity should be above and beyond what you do for your children.

- Start new traditions. Make a family tradition of reading Christmas stories together. This tradition can be combined with games and food to make it a fun time for everyone. Find a time that works for your family and adds to your children’s celebration instead of colliding with other parts of it.

- Watch it on video. As the holiday season approaches, make a tradition of watching your family’s favorite film about the holiday. You can make this a fun event by including food, friends and discussions afterward.

(Adapted from Parents’ Guide to the Spiritual Growth of Children, general editors John Trent, Rick Osborne and Kurt Bruner.)
ΖΩΗ

'Η ευάρεστη στὸν Θεὸ θυσία

'Η ἀτομικὴ προσευχή καὶ ἡ κοινὴ λατρεία, μὲ ὅλο τὸ δηλώθηκε τὸ σῶμα τῆς Ἐκκλησίας στοὺς ἱεροὺς ναοὺς, ἔχει πρωτεύουσα θέση στὴν παράδοσή των πιστών. Δὲν μπορεί να υπάρξει πυρπολητικὴ εξέλιξη, αἱ ἄνθρωποι δὲν ζωγονούνται απὸ τὴν προσευχή καὶ τὴν εν πνεύματι λατρεία καὶ δὲν τροφοδοτείται ἀπὸ τὴν ψυχική τροφή τῆς θείας Εὐχαριστίας. Πλαί τις άλλα, την κ. Υπερευκονομική προσευχή καὶ λατρεία, ὑπάρχει καὶ ἡ 'ἰονική λατρεία', γιὰ τὴν ὅπως κάνει ἰδιαίτερο λόγο ὁ ἀπόστολος Παύλος. Μπορεῖ ὁ αὐτὴ τὴν λατρεία σταθῆκαι μὲ θαυμασμό καὶ αὐτοὶ ἀκούσαν ὅτι άδιάφοροι η σοβαρή της πίστης. Εἶναι ἀκόμα ἐν οὐρανίῳ τοῦ Χριστιανοῦ που τους ἀναγκάζει νὰ κάνουν συγκλονιστικὲς ὁμολογίες. Μᾶς τέτοια μποροῦμε νὰ θαυμάσουμε στὸν ὅρθολογο Ῥενάν, ὁ ἐφίλη εἰς τὸν Χριστιανότητα καὶ σὲ ἀντίθεση μὲ τὶς ὑποτελείς τελετὲς τῆς παλαιὰς ἑορτής, δὲν περιορίζονται στὴν προσφορὰ ἱδρῶν, ἀλλὰ σὲ κάτι βαθύτερο καὶ ὅπως κατ' ἐπιτίμησιν. Ἐφράψη φοιτὼν: «Μᾶς ἰδέα ἀπολύσει νέα, ἡ ἰδέα τῆς λατρείας, που στήρισαται στὴν ἀγνοία τῆς θείας καὶ σὲ τὴν ἀνθρώπινη ἀδέλφια, ἐκατερὰ μὲ τὸν Χριστιανὸ τὴν εἰσόδο τῆς στὸν κόσμον».

Πραγματικά ἰδέα ἀπολύσει νέα, που στήρισαται στὴν ἀγνοία τῆς θείας καὶ σὲ τὴν ἀνθρώπινη ἀδέλφια, εἶναι ἡ Χριστιανική λατρεία. Τὸν Θεὸ, δηλαδὴ, τὸν ἀνθρώπους ἐλεημόνεις δὲ μὲ ἐκεῖνης καὶ ὑποτελεῖς, ἀλλὰ που θυσιάζουμε πάθη, ἀδυναμίες, ἐλαττώματα. Καὶ περισσότερο, ἡ λατρεία παρίσταει τὴν ἀληθινής τῆς διαστάσεως, ὅτι η καρδιὰ γίνεται καθαρό ὑποστήριο ἀπὸ ὅπου ἀναβαίνει, καὶ ἐν εὐαρέστῃ στὸν Ἰησοῦ λατρεία, τὸ ἀρχώμενο τῆς εἰλικρινοῦς ἀγάπης.

Ἄλλοτι ἰδέα ἀπολύσει νέα, ἀνάλυτη στὴν εἰσδοξαλατρικὴ ἁρξαστική, ἡ λογικὴ λατρεία καὶ οἱ πνευματικὲς ὑποκίνησες που καίγονται στὴν ψυχή τῆς ἀγάπης. Τὸν Θεὸ νὰ εἶναι πνεύμα, μᾶς λέει ὁ ἱδεῖος ο Κύριος, πρέπει νὰ τὸν προσκυνοῦμε «ἐν πνεύματι καὶ ἀληθείας» (Ἰωάν., δ’ 24). Τὸν Θεὸ τὸν διάκρισαμε δὲ μόνο μὲ ὅριους καὶ διοικητικούς. Τὸν διάκρισαμε, ὅπως γράφει ὁ ἀπόστολος Παύλος, «ἐν τῷ σώματι ἡμῶν καὶ ὑμῶν» (Α’ Κορινθ. στ’ 20), ὅτι ζωμένοι μὲ τὸ Θεὸ καὶ κάνουμε τὰ εὐαρεστή ἐν καθενῶν Του. Δὲν ὑπάρχει ἀγιότητος ναὸς καὶ καθαρότερο θυσιαστείο ἀπὸ τὴν ἀγνή σκέψη, τὸ καθαρό, «ἐν πνεύματι καὶ σώματι καὶ πνεύματος» (Β’ Κορ. 2: 1).
Big Screen Movie Night—Sat. Nov. 16, @ 7:00pm
Admission is Free—Sponsored by The Revitalization Initiative Team
Featuring “Beautifully Broken”

Beautifully Broken is an amazing, heart-grabbing movie with scope and universal truth based on the true story of the convergence of a refugee’s escape, a prisoner’s promise, and a daughter’s painful secret. In this touching, authentic true story of hope, three fathers fight to save their families. Their lives become intertwined in an unlikely journey across the globe, where they learn the healing power of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Beautifully Broken is a true story of three fathers (one American and two Rwandan) who will stop at nothing to protect their children. In this true story, a child sponsorship through Compassion International changes real lives of real people, who include the giver and the recipient.

The story begins with William Mwizerwa who is a father who with his family, are fleeing the Rwandan Genocide. William, his wife, and his daughter barely narrowly escape death from soldiers’ machetes and guns. In a Kenyan refugee camp, William learns that he can participate in a program that can take him to America, where once he establishes residency, he can bring his family. A Blessing through forgiveness will result!

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 can be obtained from our parish office or 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:

Wed. Nov 13 -or- Thurs. Dec. 5
which would run from 7:30-9pm.

Parish Assembly Set for Sun Dec 1

Plan the time attend our next Parish Assembly which will include review of the 2020 Proposed Budget, various important reports and the submittal of nominee names for the Parish Council. Agenda to be sent soon.
Our visit with Jesse Brandow, OCMC Missionary to Guatemala during Divine Liturgy on October 13th

On Sunday, October 13th, the Annunciation Parish was blessed with a visit from Jesse Brandow, OCMC long-term Missionary to Guatemala. Jesse spoke to the children before communion during Divine Liturgy teaching them about missionaries. Jesse explained that just as one seed planted sprouts a plentiful tree of many apples, so too is the work of missionaries and for the faithful at home who reach out to others in love spreading God’s love.

Jesse has been serving as a long-term missionary to Guatemala since 2015, and is currently traveling the U.S. thru mid-November raising awareness, prayer partners and financial support. His visit provided a valuable opportunity for the Faithful to hear how God is moving through the Orthodox Church to the Guatemala people. Following Liturgy in the Demetrakas Hall, a harvest themed luncheon fundraiser was provided and well attended.
Thank You!
Annunciation

for your warm welcome and support to Jesse!
To ALL who contributed their time, talent and treasure while generously supporting our fundraising effort - God bless you! When we support our Orthodox missionaries, we answer our call to missions, giving those around the world the opportunity to hear the life-saving message of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

In Him,

Carolyn Evangeline
OCMC Ambassador
Annunciation Youth Ministries
From the Desk of Fr. Nick

Youth News
Our Youth Ministry programs started out with a bang! We held our Youth Ministries Registration and offered a BBQ complete with fun and games! Our GOYANS and their Advisors helped serve food and dessert. James Andriotis of our HOPE/JOY and GOYA Recreation Night ran games for our youth.

In addition our Parish had a showing of Screenagers which shows the affects of Cell-Phone use on our Youth. We thank our Sunday School for sponsoring the event as well as GOYANS and their Advisors for helping with food. Our St. Symeon Group also went Apple Picking in September! Still more...we had our first GOYA Meeting and Mini Golf Event. This was well attended by a large number of GOYANS!

St. Symeon Playgroup  (ages 0-4) - is growing well.
Our St. Symeon Play-Group will have a gathering on Saturday, October 26th at 12:30PM at Confreda’ s Fall Festival in Hope, Rhode Island. Please RSVP to Presvet-era Eleni at 617-943-6984 or by email at eklanz17@aol.com

HOPE/JOY (PRE-K-5th Grade) October & November Events
On November 14th at 7:00PM our HOPE/JOY will be having their Thanksgiving “Turkey Derby Activity” during HOPE/JOY and GOYA Recreation Night. Thanksgiving Themed Activities will be offered as well as other activities. Please also Save the Date for the GOYA sponsored HOPE/JOY Christmas Party on Saturday, December 7th from 12:00PM-4:00PM. Please RSVP to Fr. Nick!

GOYA (6th-12th Grade) - Pizza Meeting-Out on Nov. 4
Our GOYA will have their open meeting and Pizza Night on Tuesday, November 4th @ 7:00PM at Tony’s Pizza Palace in Cranston. To RSVP please contact Goya President Nick Lambros at 401-368-2292.

HOPE/JOY and GOYA Friday Recreation Night—Starts Nov. 8
Our Recreation Night will be gearing up soon! All of our children are invited to play basketball as well as other activities! Starting Fri., Nov.8th at 7-9pm at Hope Highland School, Cranston. A fun time is sure to be had by all!
   (contact Jimmy Andriotis) at (401)-447-0129.
Orthodoxy on Tap—here in RI on Monday, Nov. 4

Our first Pan-Orthodox On Tap-Providence will take place on Monday, November 4th at 6:45PM at Yoleni’s in Providence. This Event is for all 18-30s! Our Speaker will be Panos Coufos and the Topic will be. Faith in Action. Let the Adventure begin! There will be free pizza, drinks available, as well as free parking a block away at 357 Westminster St. You won’t want to miss it!

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)

Our OCF Chapter at Bryant University has had two meetings with discussions! College Students from URI, Bryant, and Brown have been attending our Sunday Liturgies. If you see them please say hello! Walk them down to coffee hour and introduce them to others. Offer to give them a ride back to campus and to pick them up for the next Sunday Liturgy. Another OCF soon to form we are also in the process of beginning a chapter at Providence College as well.

College Alumni Needed

Are you an alumni of URI, Bryant, Providence College or any other Rhode Island based School and would like to help us? Please let us know! Students at all these schools can attend the OCF meetings at all the various locations. Contact Fr. Nick for meeting dates/times/locations as they become known 847-942-8103—email:fr.nick@annunciationri.org

OCF Christmas Break Retreats

College Conference East will take place on Friday, December 27th—Monday, December 30th at the Antiochian Village near Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. It will be attended by more that 400 college students! Please register at https://www.ocf.net/college-conference/

Save the Date

Our YAL sponsored Blood Drive will take place on January 26th, 2020. Our YAL is focused on the needs of the Rhode Island Hospital! Please plan on participating!

Ski Trip

Our YAL Ski Trip dates will be announced soon. Please look for more info!
PHILOPTOCHOS UPCOMING EVENTS

Remaining Bazaar Items Needed

WHITE ELEPHANT
We have been collecting all year and our POD is filled with treasures but please continue to bring in your gently used items for sale. Your chair ladies, Eleni Trikoulis and Marianne Phelan will be on hand during the bazaar weekend to sell, sell and SELL!

FESTIVE THEMED BASKETS
Our chair ladies, Angela San Souci, Emily Sullivan and Ethel Strekouras are asking for your themed basket donations. Create one by yourself or with your friends. Tickets will be 6 for $10 and we hope it will exceed last year’s sales record.

RAFFLES!
This year will be raffling off a beautiful handmade quilt and wreaths as well as sports tickets.

Cash Donations towards the Taverna Food Products & Supplies are always welcomed

Hope to see you at the Greek Food Fair & Christmas Bazaar
Philoptochos Society
Saturday Nov. 3, 10am-9pm
Sunday Nov. 4, 11:30am—4:00pm
Greek foods, pastry, jewelry, handcrafts, religious book store, white elephant, vintage treasures, gift baskets & raffles…..
don’t miss out on some great items!

BUY NOTHING DAY—11-29-2019
We will once again be collecting gently used winter gear for the “Buy Nothing Day Coat Exchange” held on the Rhode Island State House Lawn. Boxes will be in the Demetrakas Hall entryway. We thank Gail Erinakes for coordinating this important outreach program.

CHRISTMAS EVENT—Thurs Dec 12
SAVE THE DATE: This event will be open to men as well and will be held at Cusina Rustica here in Cranston. Thank you to Maria Coclin for coordinating this activity. Details to follow soon!

STEWARDSHIP DUES AND ST. BASIL SISTERHOOD DONATION
Please mail your separate Stewardship & St. Basil Sisterhood checks payable to ‘Philoptochos’ to the church office. Call Mary Samaras at 401-781-5528 If you have any questions about your Stewardship and Ann Heberg 401-884-2746 about your St. Basil Sisterhood
Oh Gracious Lord

For the times we were resistant to inevitable change, especially as it pertains to summer’s end, the coming of autumn, for the times we felt deep foreboding about the coming winter; for our times of doubt and worry, and for the times we held any resentments or had any jealousy around what others had as compared to what we had – and all that resonated down into our families, relations, and lineage as a result – please help us all to forgive each other and forgive ourselves. Please forgive us for any time we doubted Your wisdom and guidance.

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A Prayer that needs to be said and spread to all our people out there this year that have been victimized by horrific attacks or their home, business or shelter destroyed by a hurricane or earthquake and fire. May God be with them at this time to re-strengthen and re-build.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Gracious God.
We pray for peace in our communities this day.
We commit to you all who work for peace and an end to tensions.
And those who work to uphold law and justice.
We pray for an end to fear.
For comfort and support to those who suffer.
For calm in our streets and cities.
That people may go about their lives in safety and peace.
In your mercy, hear our prayers, now and always.
Amen

Memorial Bench
To all the families of deceased relatives, just a reminder that we still have space for a Memorial Bench on the Church property. Please call or email the office if you are interested in purchasing a space for your loved one that has passed.
(401-942-4188) office@annunciationri.org

Church is a place of Mercy & Hope, where everyone is Welcomed, Loved & Forgiven!
Congratulations
Fr. Nick
*11-18-2018*

We at Annunciation Parish have enjoyed having Fr. Nick here for his first year into the Priesthood.

May Fr. Nick have many more years continuing on with the blessings of God to perform his sacred duties and spiritually direct us in God’s Great Love and Encourage a Strong Walk in Faith.
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Mid October / Mid November 2019

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

Fri Oct 25 - Great Vespers at St Demetrios Parish Fall River—6:30PM
Sat Oct 26 - St Demetrios the Great Martyr—services per usual morning hours
Revitalization Focus Group —after Liturgy (in the library)
St Symeon Play Group (ages 0-4) - Confreda Farm: 12:30-

Sun Oct. 27—Sun of 7th Luke / Martyr Nestor of Salonica / Prokla, wife of Pilate
OCHI DAY COMMEMORATION PRAYERS
Revitalization Focus Group —after Liturgy (in the Library)

Mon thru Fri (Oct 28—Nov 1) = Fr Andrew at National Archdiocese Clergy Retreat, in TX
Tue Oct 29 - AHEPA—7PM
Sat Nov 2 - Philoptochos Sponsored Greek Food Fair & Christmas Bazaar: 10am—9PM
Sat. Nov. 2 — 12:00 Midnight—Daylight Savings Time—Turn clocks BACK (1) Hour……

Sun Nov. 3—Sun of 5th Luke / Akepsimas & Joseph / Transferal of the Relics of St. George
- SPECIAL TEACHING LITURGY—especially geared to our church school families-
  - Greek Food Fair & Christmas Bazaar—11:30am—4pm
Mon Nov 4 - RI’s ORTHODOXY ON TAP—6:45PM @ Yolenis in Providence
  (all those aged 18-30s) “Faith in Action” with Panos Coufos
Tue Nov 5 - Open Goya Meeting—7PM (Tony’s Pizza Palace—Cranston)
Revitalization Team—7:30PM
Wed Nov 6 - NEW PROGRAM—“Adult Morning Study” 10:30—11:30am
Thu Nov 7 - Sr Citizens—12 Noon / Book Study “Roots of Christian Mysticism” 7:30PM
Fri Nov 8— Archangels Feast & St Nektarios’ death—per usual morning hours
  - START UP - Friday Recreation (Basketball)- 7PM at Hope Highlands Cranston
Sat Nov 9 - Metropolis of Boston Clergy/Laity Assembly—10am Weston, MA

Sun Nov 10—Sun of 8th Luke / Apostles Olympas, Sosipatros, Rodion, Erastos (of the 70)
Mon Nov. 11—Veterans Day—Office IS Open
Wed Nov 13 - St John Chrysostom—Services per usually morning hours
  - Adult Morning Study (special time today) 11:30am-12:30PM
  - SEMINAR: What is Serving on the Parish Council all about? 7:30-9PM - (must pre-register)
Thu Nov 14 - Choir Practice: 6:30PM / Book Study “Roots of Christian Mysticism” 7:30PM
Fri Nov 15 - 40 Day Christmas Lent Begins—ADVENT
Sat Nov 16 - BIG SCREEN MOVIE NIGHT “Beautifully Broken” 7PM

Sun Nov 17—Sun of 9th Luke / Gregory of Neocaessaria / Gennadios, Patriarch CP
MEMORIALS: Gus Trikoulis-40 days / Ellie Strekouras—1 yr
Mon Nov 18—Happy Anniversary Fr. Nick—1/year in the Priesthood “Many Years!”
  - Philoptochos Meeting—7PM

Tuesday Nov 19—Tuesday 26: Fr Andrew will be out of state on vacation
Tue Nov 19—Parish Council Meeting—7:30PM
Thu Nov 21 - THE ENTRANCE OF THE VIRGIN MARY TO THE TEMPLE
  + TA EISODIA—Services per usual morning hours
Adult Morning Study

With Fr. Nick and Cory Dupont (PHD Candidate)

“Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us” - Luke 24:32

10:30AM-11:30AM

Beginning Wednesday, November 6th

November 13th – will begin at 11:30AM

Due to Divine Liturgy commemorating the Feast Day of St. John Chrysostom.

November 20th

December 4th

December 11th