The Blessing of the Five Loaves of Bread
Is a brief service of thanksgiving through which we express our gratitude for all the blessings of life.

May Everyone Enjoy A Blessed Thanksgiving
ARTOKLASIA (The Blessing & Breaking of the Loaves)
The Artoklasia ("the breaking of bread") which involves five loaves of bread as well as wine and olive oil, is one of Orthodoxy’s liturgical expression of THANKSGIVING. It is an offering usually celebrated at Great Vespers in the context of a prayer vigil. It is connected to the five loaves which were multiplied by our Lord to feed the five thousand men (plus women and children) who were listening to him in the wilderness (Luke 9:10-17). The priest prays that Christ bless these loaves just as he blessed the five loaves in the wilderness, and that He multiply them, that is, continue to provide food for us and for the whole world. In the context of a Vigil Service, these loaves are broken, dipped in the wine and distributed to the faithful as a "liturgical snack" to sustain them for the remaining hours of prayer, for vigils last several hours through the night and into early morning.

In current parish practice, an Artoklasia often occurs at the Vespers of a great feast or sometimes within the Divine Liturgy. A family wishing to initiate and Artoklasia provides the loaves (sweet bread), wine and olive oil together with a list of names of the living whom they wish to be commemorated. The Artoklasia Service is often called a “Service of Thanksgiving” which is offered in celebration of name days, anniversaries, blessings received and the like and serves as an opportunity to share with the parish community in their joy through the distribution of the bread to each person present.

Bread is valued by the Orthodox Church not simply as a basic food which it is, but also as the supreme symbol of Christ. Christ has been repeatedly designated in the Bible as the ‘Bread of Life” and also as “the Bread which came from heaven.” Bread also symbolizes the Church of Christ, which as spread all over, using the words of the early Christmas work the Didache, “as the wheat on the mountains which was gathered by Christ into one body.” Thus, bread has been given a mystical meaning according to which it constitutes the essence of the spiritual life of a Christian.

Each Artoclasia Service ends with this most up-lifting hymn from the Book of Psalms:

“The wealthy have become poor and hunger, but those who seek the Lord, shall not lack any good thing.” (Psalm 33 (34):10)
ASSIGNMENT COMPLETE
Our transition with our second priest (now to be full time instead of just 2 days a week) has been finalized by His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios. Assigned to us is Nicholas Lanzourakis (see bio enclosed). He began on Oct 22 still as a layman in his duties as Youth & Young Adult Coordinator and will be ordained in quick succession in Mid-November (also see enclosed) when he will begin to assume priestly and liturgical duties assisting Fr Andrew. You will notice on the calendar page that we will serve numerous weekday liturgies ahead giving him practicum opportunities. May our ever gracious Lord continue to bless our parish with this enhanced ministry ahead.

Office Courtesy/Please
Please be aware that Fr. Andrew will be training the new priest assigned to our parish. With that Fr. Andrew will be very busy over the next couple months and in and out of the office. If you have any need of Fr Andrew’s time or need any type of documentation from the office that would need Fr. Andrew’s approval and signature, please notify the office with advanced notice (1-2 weeks).

Appointment setting with a priest, also needs a courtesy call so we may schedule you in. The office is very busy with the changes going on so please be patient when you arrive.

Also, when arriving at the office……

Please have a seat in the hallway and we will call you in.
Whether you are here to see one of the priests, secretary or the bookkeeper, we want every parishioner to be able to come to the offices and have the privacy they deserve.

What is Service on the Parish Council all about?
Register to attend one of two seminars that will answer the question:
either Tue Nov 13 or Wed Nov 14 at 7:30PM

RECENT DEATHS
James Rosaki age 88 of Cranston, RI passed away on 10/5/18. His funeral and burial was held on 10/15/18. Sue Cimino age 105 of Narragansett, RI passed away on 10/6/18. Her funeral and burial was held on 10/19/18. Zoe Kazianis of Cranston, RI passed away on 10/11/18. Her funeral and burial was held on 10/17/18.

Remember Our VETERANS—
Sunday 11/11
Every Veteran is a HERO & we
**THANK YOU**
Ιερείς ή κληρικοί είναι οι χριστιανοί που διαλέχτηκαν από τον επίσκοπο για την αρετή, το ήθος και την αφοσίωση τους στον τριαδικό Θεό και χειροτονήθηκαν, δέχθηκαν δηλαδή με το Μυστήριο της Ιεροσύνης πλούσια τη Θεία Χάρη και το ιδιαίτερο χάρισμα να τελούν τα Μυστήρια. (Χειροτονία: ο επίσκοπος επιθέτει τα χέρια του πάνω στο κεφάλι αυτού που χειροτονείται και επικαλείται τη χάρη του Αγίου Πνεύματος). Κανένας άνθρωπος, όσο ενάρετος και προσεχτικός και πιστός κι αν είναι, δεν είναι άξιος να τελεί τα Μυστήρια και μάλιστα αυτό της Θείας Ευχαριστίας. Ο Χριστός είναι ο Μεγάλος Αρχιερέας. Αυτός τελεί τα Μυστήρια και μας προσφέρει δωρεάν τη Θεία Του Χάρη, τα θεϊκά δώρα, χρησιμοποιώντας ανθρώπους, τους ιερείς. Κι εμείς τιμούμε και σεβόμαστε τους ιερείς, (ακόμα κι αν ξέρουμε ότι ως άνθρωποι κάποιες φορές σφάλλουμε και αμαρτάνουμε), επειδή γίνονται φορείς της Θείας Χάρης. Ο Θεός εμπιστεύεται σ’ αυτούς την τέλεση των Μυστηρίων. Στην Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία υπάρχουν τρεις βαθμοί ιεροσύνης: α) ο βαθμός του Διακόνου β) ο βαθμός του Πρεσβυτέρου γ) ο βαθμός του Επισκόπου Ο Διάκονος, όπως δηλώνει η λέξη, είναι βοηθός του Πρεσβυτέρου και του Επισκόπου. Ο Πρεσβυτέρος τελεί τα Μυστήρια εκτός από αυτό της Ιεροσύνης. Ο Επίσκοπος τελεί όλα τα μυστήρια κι επιπλέον έχει την ευθύνη για την ορθή διδασκαλία και την πνευματική πρόοδο των πιστών.

Το Μυστήριο της Ιεροσύνης – πιο απλά η χειροτονία, όπως συνηθίζουμε να λέμε – τελείται μέσα στη Θεία Λειτουργία. Για τη χειροτονία επίσκοπου χρειάζονται τρεις επίσκοποι. Οι πιστοί φωνάζουν δυνατά “Αξίος” την ώρα της χειροτονίας, αν αναγνωρίζουν την καταλληλότητα του χειροτονούμενου για την πολύ σπουδαία αποστολή που αναλαμβάνει. Υπάρχουν και κατόπιν εκκλησιαστικά αξίωματα που δίνονται από τον επίσκοπο με χειροθεσία, όπως την αναγνώσθη και τον υποδιακόνο, υποδιακόνο, υποδιακόνο. Στη χειροθεσία ο επίσκοπος επιθέτει τα χέρια του στο κεφάλι αυτού που χειροθετεί και εύχεται στον Θεό να τον φωτίξει και να τον καθοδηγεί στην επιτέλεση των καθηκόντων του.
2018 PLEDGE PROGRAM REPORT
We have to date 385 parishioners with a pledge of $192,419.00
The Actual Amount Received is $167,733.62

Since our last newsletter, the following pledges have been received for 2018:
M/M Michael Balasco, Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Carr, M/M James Hosey III,
M/M Theodore Kacharo, M/M Charles Lazarakis, Kristen Melanis,
M/M Dimitrios Sterpis, Alexa Tribelli, M/M George Tsimikas, M/M Aristotelis Tsonis.

FINANCIAL CORNER

It is important to note that our church has reached a “Milestone” in our history. As many of you may know we have been paying each month on our church mortgage.

This mortgage was needed to complete the many projects associated with our Capital Improvement Phase I. Our church established a loan with the Navigant Credit Union on August 12, 2004. The amount of the loan was $750,000.00.

Our mortgage premium each month was $4,725.90. On behalf of all our parishioners I am pleased to announce that we have finally paid this loan off after 14 years.

I have attached a picture of the check that represents our last monthly payment.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE! This is exciting news.

Submitted by James Silva
A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
M/M Emmanuel Mihailides, M/M Polydoros Petrou, Gail Sullivan

In memory of Zoe Kazianis

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
M/M Kevin Phelan

In memory of James Rosaki

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
Zaharoula Agakos, M/M James Degaitas, Anna Demetrakas, Rosemary Demetriou, Argiri Ghionis, John Gionis, M/M Emmanuel Mihailides, M/M Michael Papigiotis, Helen & Georgia Pappas, M/M Polydoros Petrou, M/M Constantine Rougas, Antonia Vanikiotis, M/M John Vanikiotis, M/M Peter Vassilopoulos

In memory of Sue Cimino

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
M/M Emmanuel Mihailides, M/M Michael Papigiotis, M/M Arthur G. Pappas, Helen & Georgia Pappas, M/M Polydoros Petrou, M/M Constantine Rougas, M/M Garry Stanislaw, M/M Peter Vassilopoulos, M/M Peter Vican, M/M Manuel Vinhateiro, M/M Frank Zavota

In memory of Louis Dostou

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
Robert Catauro, M/M Thomas Coyne, M/M James Degaitas, The Devonis Family, April Guilbault, Paul, Elena, Andrew, Henry Haveles, Julie Karahalios, Dorothy & Marjorie Maietta, Lea Koveos & Robert Mirandola, M/M Kenneth Morrissey, M/M Michael Papigiotis, M/M Arthur G. Pappas, M/M Christopher Pappas, Helen & Georgia Pappas, M/M Costantinos Perdikakis, M/M Kevin Phelan, M/M Gus Proyous, M/M Dennis Ratcliffe, Christine Robinson, M/M Andrew Rougas, M/M Aristotelis Tsonis, M/M Manuel Vinhateiro, M/M Frank Vasiliadis, M/M Peter Vassilopoulos, Drs. John & Eleni Pappas-Zervos

In memory of Michael Haveles

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
M/M George Coclin, M/M Arthur G. Pappas, M/M Gus Proyous, Al Psilopoulos

In memory of Ernest Pappas

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
M/M Thomas Coyne, Julie Karahalios, Jean Mihelakos, Carol Xanthakis

In memory of Apostolos Stappas

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A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
M/M Michael Papigiotis, M/M Arthur G. Pappas, Helen & Georgia Pappas, Mary Samaras
In memory of Janet Kanelos

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
M/M Gregory Demetrakas
In memory of Marsha Chris

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
Mary Samaras
In memory of Christine Chifotides

Heart

TO OUR PARISHIONERS

Your response has been heart-warming
Many, many thanks!

Respectfully Yours, Mary Samaras,
Endowment Fund Secretary

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PHASE 2
Our Capital Improvement Fund Raising efforts continue. Since the printing of last month’s Annunciation we have received two new pledges donations from
Dr. Michael & Mrs. Vezseridis and Mr. James A. Vose Sr.
Thank you for your donations.

Please note that Michael & Kassiane Campopiano have decided to increase their original pledge amount which now places them into the “Sponsor” category level. Thank you very much.
Others may also want to do similarly and increase their level of giving.

Currently we have received 159 pledges totaling the $292,662.00 of which $277,579.00 has been paid and deposited. That really is fantastic.

There are several projects that are ongoing and not completed yet the new furnace and the AC upgrade in the spring. We still need additional donations. We still require another $153,000 to complete these projects. Every donation we receive will reduce the amount of money we will need to borrow from the bank.

If you have not yet submitted a pledge donation, please do.
If you have not yet fulfilled your pledge donation, please do.
Thank you all for your continued support of your church.

Submitted by James Silva
THE PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP 2018/2019 FOR GREEK-AMERICAN COLLEGE STUDENTS:

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation will once again offer $250,000 in scholarship awards to 40 exceptional Greek-American undergraduates. Twenty awards of $10,000 each will be given based on academic merit and financial need, two of which are allocated solely for Music and Arts Majors. Twenty awards of $2,500 each will be awarded based solely on academic achievement. The scholarship application can be completed online on their website www.panhellenicsf.org and the deadline is Thursday, January 31, 2019. The scholarships will be distributed at the Awards Ceremony on Saturday, June 15, 2019. To be eligible to apply for a scholarship, applicants must be US Citizens or US permanent residents; must be of Hellenic descent; must be a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited 4-year university in Fall 2018; and must have a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA.

For more information, you can call their office at 312-357-6432 or email Peter Korbakes, Director of Scholarships at pkorbakes@panhellenicsf.org.

St. Photios Greek Orthodox Shrine Annual Essay Contest

The St. Photios Foundation, Inc invites all 13-19 year old's to submit a 1000 word essay to the St. Photios Essay Committee for the annual Essay Contest.

Writers can choose between two topics:

1. There are many historic and sacred sites throughout the world. What makes St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine a historic and significant site for Greek Orthodox Christians?

2. Virtually every American born in the United States can trace their history to an ancestor who was first to arrive in America. Compare and contrast your family’s immigrant history with the immigrant history of the Greeks who came to the New World under the British Indentured Servitude Act in 1768.

PRIZES ARE AWARDED TO THE TOP THREE ESSAYS:

1st Place wins $500.00 / 2nd Place wins $250.00 / 3rd Place wins $100.00

The committee accepts submissions through January 7, 2019. Results will be posted February 1, 2019.

Visit www.stphotios.org for additional rules and details.

St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine is an institution of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. It is an exempt organization as described in Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
P O Box 1960 ST. Augustine, FL 32085 info@stphotios.com
Dear Parishioners,

We are pleased to announce the upcoming Parish Assembly. This Assembly will be held at the Mihailides Center on Sunday, December 2, following coffee hour. We urge all our parishioners to attend this Assembly for you will have the opportunity to nominate Parish Council Members for the upcoming elections, and act upon the Proposed 2019 Budget while being informed directly on various important topics listed below.

As always, only our parishioners, Baptized or Chrismated in the Orthodox Church, who are in ecclesiastical order, and are financially in good standing with the parish, may vote at this Assembly; your 2017 stewardship pledge must have been paid in full prior to the meeting and a stewardship pledge form for 2018 must have been submitted. These can also be executed the day of the Assembly, but it is strongly encouraged to do this through the office well before the meeting to avoid confusion at the registration table.

~Parish Assembly Agenda – Sunday, December 2, —after coffee hour~

The Agenda is as follows:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Election of Assembly Officers
3. Approval of the Minutes of the last Regular Assembly (June 10, 2018)
4. President’s Report – Kevin Phelan
5. Priest’s Report – Fr. Andrew George
6. Auditor’s Committee Report for 2017 Financials – Maria Markos
7. Presentation of the Proposed 2019 Budget – James Silva
   ~Proposed Budget will be available after November 26, 2018
8. 145-151 Oaklawn LLC Report – George Coclin
9. Dr. Mary Lekas Despina Endowment Report – Peter Manis
   ~Nominations for the new term on Endowment Committee – Alex Carr
12. Unfinished Business:
13. New Business:
14. Closing Prayer

We look forward to welcoming you at the Parish Assembly on December 2, 2018.

Faithfully yours,

Kevin Phelan
Parish Council President

Elaine Otto
Parish Council Secretary

Fr. Andrew G. George
Protopresbyter
Welcome to our soon to be Ordained Second Priest

**Nicholas Lanzourakis** was raised in the Chicago area and attended as well as participated in the ministries of Holy Taxiarhai and St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church in Niles, IL. He was a student at DePaul University in Chicago, IL and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies in 2012. During this time, he served at various camp and ministries at the Parish, Metropolis, and Archdiocesan level including Ionian Village, Fanari Camp of the Metropolis of Chicago, and St. Nicholas Camp of the Metropolis of San Francisco. He also served as Vice President and helped to successfully restart after a long hiatus the Orthodox Christian Fellowship ministry of DePaul. In addition, he worked as a football/basketball referee and facility supervisor as well as a reading and homework tutor at various Chicago Public Schools.

Following his time at DePaul he was given the blessing to attend Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and earned his Masters of Divinity in 2015. During his time at Holy Cross he served as a Sonia Belcher Ambassador and facilitated retreats at various Parish and Metropolis Events in the Archdiocese. He also served as a Domestikos in the Holy Cross Chapel worship services, as a referee of intermural sports, and assisted in the Holy Cross Bookstore. In his second year he was assigned to STS Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Cambridge, MA.

Upon graduating, he served as a Pastoral Assistant at the Metropolitan Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. John the Theologian in Tenafly, NJ. In this role he assisted in the day to day operations of the Cathedral, youth ministry, as well as Metropolis sponsored events. Specifically, he led the HOPE/JOY ministry and held GOYA retreats and meetings at the Parish as well as District level. He also conducted classes for boy/girl scouts who sought to earn religious medals. He managed the sacramental registry, parish calendar, parish bulletin, as well as kept the community informed through periodic e-mail communications. Nicholas assisted in pastoral visitations, bible study, senior ministry, and also conducted wedding rehearsals. He particularly enjoyed facilitating positive experiences for youth as well as collaborating with other volunteers and young adults to provide successful ministries.

On May 7th, 2017 he was married to Eleni Klironomos at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England and relocated to the Boston area. During this time, he has assisted the Annunciation Cathedral and the Metropolis of Boston directly. Nicholas was also a member of the 2018 Clergy-Laity Host Committee and served in the Hierarchical Liturgy, assisted with the arrival/departure of Hierarchs, as well as helped to coordinate transportation for clergy and volunteers.

Nicholas and Eleni have a six-month old son named Polydoros, and are thrilled to be joining the Church of the Annunciation family.
By the Grace of God
and through the Apostolic Tradition of the Laying on of Hands, the servant of God

Nicholas Lanzourakis

Will be ordained by

His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios

Of Boston

to the Holy Diaconate on
Sunday, November 11th, 2018
The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England
514 Parker St, Boston MA 02120
Orthros 8:30AM | Divine Liturgy 10:00AM &
to the Holy Priesthood on
Sunday, November 18th, 2018
Church of The Annunciation
175 Oaklawn Ave, Cranston RI 02920
Orthros 8:15AM | Divine Liturgy 9:30AM

Please call the Church of the Annunciation Office 401-942-4188 or email office@annunciationri.com to RSVP for Luncheon following the Divine Liturgy on November 18th.
Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 14th.

Your Presence and Prayers are Humbly Requested
HELLO EVERYONE - PARENTS & YOUTH
This is Nick (the future Fr Nick),
the new Parish Youth & Young Adult Coordinator

GOYA
Our GOYA had their kick-off event on Saturday October 27 which included icebreakers, movie, (Evan Almighty) discussion, games, as well as fellowship and food.
There were twenty GOYANS in attendance and they look forward to a fruitful and successful year.
They also had a successful Officer/Advisor meeting on the 29th to plan events for the coming months.

Sunday November 11h-GOYA Meeting, Pizza and Leaf Raking
Following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 11th the GOYA will have a fellowship meeting and then will be venturing out to rake leaves of homes of some of our elderly. They will meet in the GOYA Room in the Church Hall basement before proceeding out.

Saturday, November 24th Dance for all Parish Teens
The Dance will have a “Greek Theme.” The youth of our parish look forward to an evening of fellowship, food, and dance. The price per ticket will be $15. The Dance will be held from 7:00PM-11:00PM and will feature DJ Niko from Kefi FM. All who are interested should RSVP to Nicholas Lambros at 401-368-2292.

Regional Teen Dances
There will also be a dance at STS Constantine and Helen in Andover, MA on Saturday, November 10th from 7:00PM-11:00PM which is semi-formal with a cost of $10. Another dance will be held at St. Catherine in Braintree, MA on December 15th from 7:00PM-11:00PM. Cost is $10 with a semi-formal attire. All who plan on attending should contact the offices of both of the Parishes.

Saturday, December 8th LaSalette Shrine
This Event will have our GOYA visit LaSalette Shrine to see the beautiful display of Christmas lights. Following we will be gathering at Bliss Ice Cream for fellowship. We will meet at 3:30PM at the Church and carpool to the Shrine. Parents who can help to drive, please contact me. The event will last until 6:30PM. Activities include trolley and hot chocolate. Entry into LaSalette is free. Attendees are asked to bring funds for Ice Cream at Bliss.

Basketball
Our Basketball team began practice on Friday November 2nd. If interested please contact Stephen Sterpis at (401)-226-3116 directly. The three teams are Elementary (ages 5-8) Junior Team (ages 8-14) Senior Team (ages 15-18).

POSTPONEMENT OF PEDIATRICIAN DR PAPPAS
The previously announced “Family Night” program for Sat Nov 17, with Dr Pauline Pappas is being re-scheduled due to the Ordination that has since been scheduled for Sun Nov 18 in our parish. New date will be announced soon.
ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS
OCF CONTINUES AT BROWN UNIVERSITY AND URI KINGSTOWN:

AT BROWN: Meetings are at room 503 of J. Walter Wilson (now Page Robinson) from 8-9 PM every 4th Monday (so Nov 19th, Dec 17th, etc.). I hope that fits your schedule! Clergyman is Fr Elie Estephan and youth coordinator is Matt Kovoor <Matthew_Konovor@brown.edu. Open to all college aged students, not simply students of Brown.

AT URI: forming now...contact Fr Aaron Walker at <fraaronwalker@gmail.com>
Open to all college aged students, not simply students at URI.

ORTHODOXY ON TAP
FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS & YOUNG ADULTS INTO THEIR MID 30s
THOUGHOUT NEW ENGLAND:
This Metropolis of Boston coordinated event will be held at UNOS / Kenmore SQ / 645 Beacon St. Religious themed discussion and fellowship. Thursdays Nov 15 and Dec 20 - 7PM. Come join the conversation. The pizza is on the Metropolis and remember to bring a friend!

CRANSTON YAL NEWS
Let’s gather together with the soon-to be Fr Nick and re-energize our long standing Yal Group.

YAL Meeting and Elections
Our YAL will meet on Tuesday, November 13th at 7:30PM for a meeting and their elections.

The St. Nicholas Brunch is set on Sunday December 9th following the Divine Liturgy. Eggs, various breads / pan cakes / oatmeal & more!
Adult Donation: $8 / Children under 12: $4

Save the Date-YAL Ski Weekend
YAL will be holding their Ski Weekend Retreat in New Hampshire on Friday, January 18th through Sunday, January 20th (Martin Luther King Jr Weekend). Cost and other pertaining details are soon to follow.
Board & General Meeting – Monday, November 19th 6pm Board; 7pm General:
Join us at our next meeting for a meaningful business agenda as well as an informative Guest Speaker, Elaine Zetes, President of the Executive Board of the Boston Metropolis Philoptochos, who will present the Metropolis Agape Award to our Bessie Papigiotis. Elaine will also update us on the activities of the Boston Metropolis Philoptochos. A social hour will follow!

Successful Pavlo Concert & Reception! Over 100 attendees enjoyed a wonderful evening at the October 20th Pavlo Concert at the Park Theatre. The music was beautiful and the reception organized by our Chapter was lovely and delicious! Thanks to all of our hard-working members who made this event possible!

AGAPE Tea: The Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos held a heart-warming AGAPE Tea on Sunday, October 21st at St. Spyridon Cathedral to honor eight outstanding women who embody the true spirit of Philoptochos: Presbytera Anthe Athas, Debra Ciejek, Bessie condakes, Rhoda Economos, Marianna KouISIS, Venetia Mitropoulos, Cleo Tsolas and OUR OWN BESSIE PAPIGIOTIS! Our Chapter was well represented by 27 of our members - wonderful support!

Share the Warmth With Those Less Fortunate – Friday, November 23rd: The Providence “Buy Nothing Day” Coat Exchange will take place on the front lawn of the RI State House. Each year, there is a growing need for coats, scarves, hats, gloves, sweaters, sweatshirts and other winter gear for our State’s homeless and low-income population. Please spread the word and donate your “gently used” items by November 17th at a designated box in the Demetrakas Hall.

Sisterhood Contributions: We extend our gratitude to the following members for their generous contributions to the St. Basil Sisterhood: Georgia Carignan, Niovi Constantinides, Anna Demetrakas, Dionisia Grammas, Despina Kartson, Liza Petrou, Marianne Phelan, Elaine Sardella, Katie Silva.

Annual Vasilopeta: January 13, 2019, details to follow.

Philoptochos Christmas Event
HOLIDAY POPS
Featuring
The Claflin Hill Symphony Orchestra & Greater Milford Community Chorus

Woonsocket Stadium Theatre
Friday, December 7th 8pm

Tickets $32: Contact Georgia Pappas 529-6526 or Carol Rothemich 787-5496
no later than November 14th
Members & Spouses are Welcome!

If we don’t see you at this event, we wish you a Merry Christmas & Blessed New Year!
See you at our January 21st Meeting!
Save the Date for our
Family New Years Eve Gathering
Monday December 31, 2018!!!
Christmas Card Coupon / Please reply by Dec. 4, 2018

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• Internal Auditing
• Bank Consulting
Mid-November thru Mid-December 2018
Divine Services (year round) Orthros (morning prayer) 8:15 am / Liturgy 9:30 am

Sun Nov 11—Sun 8 of Luke / Menas of Egypt, Victor of Italy / Vincent of Spain
MEMORIALS: James Rosaki-40 days / Zoe Kazianis– 40days
Diaconate Ordination for Nick Lanzourakis at Boston Cathedral
WE HONOR WITH GREAT RESPECT OUR VETERANS

Tues Nov 13—St John Chrysostom—services at usual morning hours
Yal Meeting and Elections—7:30PM
Interest in Parish Council Seminar—7:30PM (pre-registration required)

Wed Nov 14—Apostle Philip of the 12—services per usual morning hours
RESERVATIONS DUE FOR THE ORDINATION LUNCHEON
Interest in Parish Council Seminar—7:30PM (pre-registration required)

Thu Nov 15—ADVENT BEGINS (First Day of the 40-day Christmas Lent)
Senior Citizens Luncheon— 12 Noon
Last Bible Study of this series (Book of Psalms) - 7:30PM

Fri Nov 16—Apostle & Evangelist Matthew—services per usual morning hours

Sat Nov 17—Deadline to submit Coats for the Philoptochos Coat Drive

Sun Nov 18—Sun 9 of Luke / Great Martyr Plato / Martyr Romanos
VISITATION OF METROPOLITAN METHODIOS / PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION WITH THE HIERARCHICAL LITURGY
Luncheon following -BY ADVANCE RESERVATION (due 11/14)

Wed Nov 21—ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS—per usual morning hours

Thurs Nov 22 & Fri Nov 23—OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

Sat Nov 24—Buy Nothing Day Coat Exchange Day—State House Lawn
Goya Dance—7-11PM

Sun Nov 25—Sun of 13th Luke / Great Martyr Katherine / Church School Thanksgiving Obs
MEMORIALS: Anastasia (Xiarhos) LeClair– 3yrs / Bessie Poulos-7yrs /
William Poulos– 10yrs

Mon Nov 26—St Stylianos Intercessor for childless couples—per usual morning hours

Tue Nov 27—AHEPA—7PM

Thu Nov 29—Eve of St Andrew—Patriarchal Feast/ Great Vespers 6PM

Fri Nov 30—St Andrew the 1st called Apostle—services per usual morning hours

Sun Dec 2—Sun 14 of Luke / Prophet Habakkuk / Martyr Myrope of Chios
MEMORIAL: Sue (Gionis) Cimino—40days / “Gifts of St Nicholas” Due
Autumn Parish Assembly

Tue Dec 4—Sts Barbara & John of Damascus—services per usual morning hours

Thu Dec 6—St Nicholas the Wonder-worker-services per usual morning hours

Sun Dec 9—Sun 10 of Luke / Conception of Theotokos by St Anna
MEMORIALS: Helen Psikakos– 1yr / Nikolaos Psikakos—10 yrs
St Nicholas Brunch—sponsored by YAL
Advent Prayer for The Lord to Come

Prayer is a wonderful way to help cut away from distractions of the season and open your heart to prepare for the joy and hope of Christ's birth. Here is a sample prayer to use during the Christmas Lent to focus your heart and mind for the birth of Jesus Christ.

This Advent, Lord, come to the manger of my heart.
Fill me with Your presence from the very start.
As I prepare for the holidays and gifts to be given,
Remind me of the gift You gave when You sent Your Son from Heaven.
The first Christmas gift, it was the greatest gift ever.
You came as a baby born in a manger.
Wrapped like the gifts I find under my tree,
Waiting to be opened, to reveal Your love to me.
Restore to me the wonder that came with Jesus' birth,
When He left the riches of Heaven and wrapped Himself in rags of earth.
Immanuel, God with us, Your presence came that night.
And angels announced, "Into your darkness, God brings His Light."
"Do not be afraid," they said, to shepherds in the field.
Speak to my heart today, Lord, and help me to yield.
Make me like those shepherd boys, obedient to Your call.
Setting distractions and worries aside, to You I surrender them all.
Surround me with Your presence, Lord, I long to hear Your voice.
Clear my mind of countless concerns and all the holiday noise.
Slow me down this Christmas, let me not be in a rush.
In the midst of parties and planning, I want to feel Your hush.
This Christmas, Jesus, come to the manger of my heart.
Invade my soul like Bethlehem, bringing peace to every part.
Dwell within and around me, as I unwrap Your presence each day.
Keep me close to You, Lord. It's in Your wonderful Name I pray.

Preparing for Christmas begins November 15 begins Advent