

15th Sunday of Luke January 22, 2012

Hymns Following the Gospel (Small) Entrance

1. **The Resurrection Apolitikion** of the 7th Tone found on page 172 of the Maroon Divine Liturgy Book.
2. **The Apolitikion of our Church:** “Today is the Crown of our salvation, and the revelation of the mystery planned from eternity; the Son of God becomes the Virgin’s Son, and Gabriel announces the Grace. Wherefore, we along with him, cry out to the Theotokos: “Hail O full of grace, the Lord is with you.”
3. **Kontakion:** Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

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***Please note: The Office Hours have changed.**
Bessie will be in the office from 9:00 am till 12:00noon
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday till further notice.

Year	2011	2010
	12 Months	12 Months
As of	Dec 31, 2011	Dec 31, 2010
Total Pledges	\$110,711.00	\$111,296.00
Offerings Received	\$106,861.00	\$108,904.00
Pledges Due	\$ 3,850.00	\$ 2,392.00
No. Stewards Pledging	242	252
Average Pledge	\$457.48	\$441.65

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE FORMS

2012 pledge forms have been mailed if you did not receive one please pick one up in the Narthex of the office; fill it out and return it as soon as possible. This will enable us to bring our stewardship mailings up to date.

*If you have not fulfilled your 2011 stewardship Please send in your check today
Write your “CATCH-UP” check Today! “Annunciation of the Virgin Mary”*

Your pledge maintains OUR Church!

RCC Fundraising Committee

There will be a meeting of the RCC Fundraising Committee on Thursday, February 2nd @ 7:00 in the Bibilos Library. We will be making plans for fundraising for 2012 & beyond. We heard in the last general assembly that the Building Fund will be depleted within a few years. We need to make plans to ensure that we can continue to pay our monthly mortgage payments. The scope of this mortgage is very large. We need a LARGE committee to support this effort, can we count on you? Should you have any questions, please talk to Mike Bibilos.

Religious & Cultural Center: Planning a reception anytime soon? Our beautiful Religious and Cultural Center is available for all your banquet needs. Whether you’re planning a Wedding, Christening, Birthday/ Anniversary/ Christmas/ Corporate party, a Private Memorial fellowship or any type of event, our hall is available. Come in and take a look. Annunciation Stewards receive discounted rental rates! For more information, please call Maria Roberto at: 617-733-9458

Parish Council News:

Congratulations to our new Parish Council Members for 2012!

President: John Klesaris
Vice President: Taki Lambropoulos
General Secretary: George Stamos
Treasurer: Jim Kouripines
Assistant Treasurer: Phil Spanos
Recording Secretary: Ellie Mavredakis

Additional Members

George Feizidis
Wilma Thomas
Demetrius Papapanayiotou

Sunday School News:

The Sunday School children should be in Church by 10 AM and sit in the front left side of the Church with their classmates and Teachers.

Upcoming events:

February 12th, we will have our **Annual Bake Sale** to raise funds for the Sunday School.

February 12th is also **Godparent Sunday**. The children will be excited to have their Godparents come to Sunday School class with them.

February 26th Cheesefare Sunday. The Sunday School will hold the spaghetti luncheon.

Thank you! Amelia & Elena

Upcoming Philoptochos Events:

"The next meeting of Philoptochos will be held on Sunday, Feb. 5 after liturgy. We will be observing "Go Red for Women Sunday" and will be sponsoring the fellowship that day.

There will be literature there with information about heart disease in women. The program for the day will be a slide presentation by John Klesaris on his recent trip to Mt. Athos. The entire community is invited to come and enjoy this presentation."

*Note to members: Philoptochos Stewardship is collected from January 1st thru April 1st. Your Dues will be dispersed as follows: \$10 will go to the National Philoptochos, \$5 to the Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos and the remainder to our treasury.

GOYA Buzz

We are planning our first games night for January 28th here at our RCC. The Goya is looking forward to having more game nights, helping at local food pantries and shelters, and collaborating with other GOYA's in the Metropolis.

Happy New Year! Paula



Epistle Reading

The Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15

TIMOTHY, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Please pray for the following:

Irene P.	Mike P.	Harold	Demetria	Sandy
Matthew	Vasiliki	David	Bob W.	Mary Jane
Fr. Nick	Harry	Chuck	Katina	Maki Hardy
Peter	Georgia	George	Steve	

Nick Mochi and the 182nd Infantry of the Mass National Guard

**The Nicene Creed will be recited in English every Sunday
and the Lord's Prayer will be recited in Greek & English every Sunday.**



Gospel

15th Sunday of Luke

The Reading is from Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

Next week's readings January 29

Matins: John 21:14-25

Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Welcome to this gathering of the family of God. As Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we extend the hand of friendship to all who are present today. Please join us after the Divine Liturgy for coffee fellowship.

Prophoro Baker today is Joanne Martinos

The Altar, Christ, and Virgin Mary Candles are open to be offered.

The Weekly Bulletin is offered in loving memory of *Lola Geraniotis and Kalipso Pappas*.

Altar Boys serving this morning are Captain Theodore Carellas, Dominick Gravante, Michael Gravante and Nicolas Roberto.

In Pangari today are Jim Efstathiou, George Yeomelakis, and Phil Spanos.

Death: On Friday, January 13, 2012 *Marie Bibilos* fell asleep in the Lord after a long illness, she was 83. Marie was active member of the Annunciation for many years. Funeral was here at the Annunciation on Wednesday, January 18.

May god grant peace to her soul and comfort to her family.

Ordination of Dn. Andrew Kearns (Formerly 'Greg') to the Holy Priesthood

Dn. Andrew Kearns will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood by His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah on Saturday January 21 at St. Catherine Church in Greenwood Village, CO. Dn. Andrew wanted to express to the parish his love and gratitude for all of the years of spiritual guidance and care that it has provided that have prepared him for this awesome responsibility. He writes, "Thank you to everyone in the Annunciation community, who throughout the years have helped to teach me what it means to live the Orthodox Life. We miss you all. Pray for us; God Bless."

METROPOLIS PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIAL SERVICES

The Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos Society has established a Social Services Fund to serve the needs of Greek Orthodox adults. The types of eligible services include: Medication, Medical Equipment/Supplies, Transportation, Temporary Housing, Utility, Food, Clothing, etc. See Fr. Peter for the complete description of the Guidelines and Application Forms.

Sunday School Caring and Sharing:

Update on class project:

As of Jan 8, 2012 the kindergarten class with the help of our parish has collected "85" pieces of canned goods.

The food pantry for the Council of Social Concern still needs our help. Therefore we are asking our parish to continue your helping hand in bringing a canned good of any kind each week for those in need.

There is a box outside the Kindergarten Class for your donations.

Thank you for your support Ms. Nina & Ms. Melanie

Metropolis of Boston Winter Camps

GOYA Camp (ages 12-18) February 17-20 suggested donation: \$175 per camper

Family Camp February 24-26 Suggested donation \$225 for up to 3 campers \$50 for each additional camper.

Call 603-746-4400 or e-mail mbcamp@tds.net for more information.

Register on line at www.mbcamp.org *Scholarships available*

CYA Study in Greece: Summer Courses 2012

1st Session May 28 –June 23 2nd Session June 25- July 21

go to www.cyathens.org for more information or call (617) 868-8200

Cross Road

The office of Vocation & Ministry at Hellenic College is now accepting applications for its CrossRoad summer institute. Due to overwhelming interest, CrossRoad now offers two sessions.

CrossRoad is an exciting summer vocation exploration program designed for high school juniors and seniors to help students discern their life callings and match their God-given gifts with the needs of society.

Download application and view a promotional DVD at: www.crossroad.hchc.edu

Or contact the Crossroad office at 617-850-1309

Ionian Village

Ionian Village 2012 programs for young people grades 7 through 12 for more information visit www.ionianvillage.org or call 212-570-5536.

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

It is time once again for young people throughout our Archdiocese to step forward and participate in the Oratorical Festival. This is a wonderful opportunity for young people in our parish to speak on various aspects of our rich heritage, and to become eligible for a scholarship. It is also an occasion to grow in confidence and self-esteem. There are the Junior Division (Grades 7-9), and the Senior Division (Grades 10-12). The topics are based on the Bible and current issues in society as understood according to our Orthodox faith.

Fr. Peter has received from our Archdiocese the necessary relevant materials, including a helpful list of topics, tips, and resources.

He will be working with the interested young people on their speeches.

The local Parish Festival will take place between January and March of 2012; the District Festival, between March and April; the Metropolis Festival, between April and May.



The Blessing of our Homes

It is customary, following the Feast of Theophany or Epiphany, for all the faithful to have their homes and businesses blessed. If you wish to receive this blessing, please clip and return the form at the bottom of this page and mail it to the Church and to Father Peter's attention. Father will then call you to group houses in the same area.

i.e. One day, Father will do all the Woburn homes, the next day all Melrose homes, etc.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Is there a date or time that might be better for you? _____

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