Join us at Greek Fest!

This year the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England is hosting their annual GREEK FEST 2015 on the beautiful grounds of the “Cathedral Center” located at 162 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA on SEPTEMBER 18, 19, and 20. This is a terrific opportunity for all to gather together and share in the tastes and sounds of Greece.

Come and sample delectable Gyro and delicious Lamb Shank & Roasted Leg of Lamb roasted to perfection with the Cathedral chefs’ famous herbs and spiced tomato sauce. Satisfy your sweet tooth with a variety of pastries including the Philoptochos ladies’ famous Baklava & Galaktobouriko! Enjoy the music and dancing. Other attractions include: raffle prizes, a special door prize, a variety of fine boutiques – including jewelry and Attic Treasures— and, for the children, a variety of activities which includes face painting, balloon animals, bouncy houses, and so much more!

This year’s Greek Fest will be held at the Cathedral Center located at 162 Goddard Avenue in Brookline, MA located across from the Park School just past Larz Anderson Park. There is ample parking behind our chapel, at the Park School across from the Cathedral Center, and at Hellenic College just down the street. Shuttle vans will be available continuously between both remote locations.

We need volunteers to help at this year’s Greek Fest. Contact the church office at (617) 731-6633 or at acoffice@verizon.net and let us know the days and times you are able to assist us in this major fundraiser of our Cathedral. Make sure to tell your family and friends about the Festival so they can join us in Brookline for a great weekend of family, food, and fun. Opa!


From the Dean’s Desk

The Seasons of Life

Every year, after the Fourth of July holiday, there are those who proclaim, “Well, now summer is over.” Certainly, such a proclamation, when our children are barely a week out of school, seems a little severe but, as with many prophecies, one day the prediction is fulfilled. For our school children, such a prediction, at such an early date, can indeed be terrifying.

However, the day that summer vacation ends and school begins is now upon us and the speed with which it arrived seemingly places a knowing smile on the faces of the early July prognosticators of summer’s demise.

Every year, however, is filled with such seasons. The summer begins with so much anticipation of days at the beach reading that book we have been meaning to read for far too long. Then the weeks pass by, the days escape us, and the cool winds of autumn blow us away from summertime pursuits. Whether or not that book is read is immaterial, there is a joy at the onset of a season, the memories of the good times therein, and then the inevitable lament as the season passes into the ether. At that moment, however, we begin to reconcile ourselves to the new reality (resilient creatures that we are) and we become excited about the new season that awaits us. For the school children there is the pilgrimage to the office supply store for new backpacks and binders, the excitement of seeing old friends and meeting new ones, and the anticipation of that new homeroom.

And when that excitement has finally worn off, we begin to look forward to the holidays that will soon be upon us and thoughts of Thanksgiving and Christmas and all the joy associated with those twin feasts. If we are entirely honest with ourselves, even the snow (about which we complain mightily) is something we look forward to—at least on Christmas day if nothing else. Then, there is the inevitable sadness which sets in once the holidays pass and the grey of winter falls upon us. Despair never lasts too long, however, because the first tree buds awaken our anticipation of spring.

Life is no different. Our youth seems to be over before we have had the chance to experience it (no doubt, those who proclaim summer’s demise on the Fourth of July also lament that youth is wasted on the young). One day our children are in diapers and seemingly the next day they are moving into their college dorms. One season of life gives way to the next and far too quickly. The danger, however, is that we fall into the Fourth of July lament that “summer is over” and in doing so miss the joy that lies before us and the new joy that will follow. It is easy to become depressed about the end of a season but we must never allow that inevitability to prevent us from enjoying that which God has given us. We can enjoy it with the understanding that there is always a new joy just around the corner. Sure enough, our children will be out of diapers but there is always the joy of grandchildren. Sure enough, summer will fade away but there are autumn leaves and apple cider, Halloween candy and Thanksgiving turkey, and gingerbread houses and Christmas presents that await us.

Christ our God came in the flesh to give us the Good News that, although we have great blessings in the here and now, and that one day the summer of our life in this world will pass away, there is a greater light and new joy just around the corner. Our task is to enjoy the summer days of our lives that God has given us and revel in the joy of eternal days yet to come. The saints of the church witnessed to this reality. The saints understood the joy of the here and now but never lamented the coming day because they knew that God would provide a new season and they looked forward to that new season with the greatest of joy. This September we step into a new season once again. We will enjoy it for as long as it lasts with the understanding that there is another season of joy just around the corner.

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The Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

The pagan Roman emperors tried to completely eradicate from human memory the holy places where our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ suffered and was resurrected for mankind. The Emperor Hadrian (117-138) gave orders to cover over the ground of Golgotha and the Sepulchre of the Lord, and to build a temple of the pagan goddess Venus and a statue of Jupiter.

Pagans gathered at this place and offered sacrifice to idols there. Eventually after 300 years, by Divine Providence, the great Christian sacred remains, the Sepulchre of the Lord and the Life-Creating Cross were again discovered and opened for veneration. This took place under the Emperor Constantine the Great (306-337) after his victory in the year 312 over Maxentius, ruler of the Western part of the Roman empire, and over Licinius, ruler of its Eastern part. In the year 323 Constantine became the sole ruler of the vast Roman Empire.

In 313 he had issued the Edict of Milan, by which the Christian religion was legalized and the persecutions against Christians in the Western half of the empire were stopped. The ruler Licinius, although he had signed the Edict of Milan to oblige Constantine, still fanatically continued the persecutions against Christians. Only after his conclusive defeat did the 313 Edict of toleration extend also to the Eastern part of the empire. The Holy Equal of the Apostles Emperor Constantine, having gained victory over his enemies in three wars with God’s assistance, had seen in the heavens the Sign of the Cross, and written beneath: “By this you shall conquer.”

Ardently desiring to find the Cross on which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, St Constantine sent his mother, the pious Empress Helen (May 21), to Jerusalem, providing her with a letter to St Macarius, Patriarch of Jerusalem.

Although the holy empress Helen was already in her declining years, she set about completing the task with enthusiasm. The empress gave orders to destroy the pagan temple and the statues in Jerusalem. Searching for the Life-Creating Cross, she made inquiry of Christians and Jews, but for a long time her search remained unsuccessful.

Finally, they directed her to a certain elderly Hebrew by the name of Jude who stated that the Cross was buried where the temple of Venus stood. They demolished the pagan temple and, after praying, they began to excavate the ground. Soon the Tomb of the Lord was uncovered. Not far from it were three crosses, a board with the inscription ordered by Pilate, and four nails which had pierced the Lord’s Body (March 6).

In order to discern on which of the three crosses the Savior was crucified, Patriarch Macarius alternately touched the crosses to a corpse. When the Cross of the Lord touched the dead one, he came to life. Having beheld the raising of the dead man, everyone was convinced that the Life-Creating Cross was found.

Christians came in a huge throng to venerate the Holy Cross, beseeching St Macarius to elevate the Cross, so that even those far off might reverently contemplate it. Then the Patriarch and other spiritual leaders raised up the Holy Cross, and the people, saying “Lord have mercy,” reverently prostrated before the Venerable Wood. This solemn event occurred in the year 326.

During the discovery of the Life-Creating Cross another miracle took place: a grievously sick woman, beneath the shadow of the Holy Cross, was healed instantly. The elder Jude and other Jews there believed in Christ and accepted Holy Baptism. Jude received the name Cyriacus and afterwards was consecrated Bishop of Jerusalem.

During the reign of Julian the Apostate (361-363) he accepted a martyr’s death for Christ (see October 28). The holy empress Helen journeyed to the holy places connect- ed with the earthly life of the Savior, building more than 80 churches, at Bethlehem the birthplace of Christ, and on the Mount of Olives where the Lord ascended to Heaven, and at Gethsemane where the Savior prayed before His sufferings and where the Mother of God was buried after her death.

St Helen took part of the Life-Creating Wood and nails with her to Constantinople. The holy emperor Constantine gave orders to build at Jerusalem a majestic and spacious church in honor of the Resurrection of Christ, also including under its roof the Life-Giving Tomb of the Lord and Golgotha. The temple was constructed in about ten years. St Helen did not survive until the dedication of the temple, she died in the year 327. The church was consecrated on September 13, 335. On the following day, September 14, the feast celebration of the Exaltation of the Venerable and Life-Creating Cross was established.

Another event connected to the Cross of the Lord is remembered also on this day: its return to Jerusalem from Persia after a fourteen year captivity. During the reign of the Byzantine emperor Phocas (602-610) the Persian emperor Khozroes II in a war against the Greeks defeated the Greek army, plundered Jerusalem and captured both the Life-Creating Cross of the Lord and the Holy Patriarch Zachariah (609-633).

The Cross remained in Persia for fourteen years and only under the emperor Heraclius (610-641), who with the help of God defeated Khozroes and concluded peace with his successor and son Syroes, was the Cross of the Lord returned to the Christians.

With great solemnity the Life-creating Cross was transferred to Jerusalem. Emperor Heraclius in imperial crown and royal purple carried the Cross of Christ into the temple of the Resurrection. With the emperor went Patriarch Zacharias. At the gates by which they ascended Golgotha, the emperor suddenly stopped and was not able to proceed farther. The holy Patriarch explained to the emperor that an angel of the Lord was blocking his way. The emperor was told to remove his trappings and to walk barefoot, since He Who bore the Cross for the salvation of the world from sin had made His way to Golgotha in all humility. Then Heraclius donned plain garb, and without further hindrance, carried the Cross of Christ into the church.

In a sermon on the Exaltation of the Cross, St Andrew of Crete (July 4) says: “The Cross is exalted, and everything true gathers together, the Cross is exalted, and the city makes solemn, and the people celebrate the feast”.

September 14
From Constantine Kechris, Parish Council President

Greek Fest Tops a Busy Autumn

First of all I would like to thank the parishioners of this great Cathedral for giving me the opportunity to serve as president. I hope you have all had a great summer but let’s not forget the main event that is coming up, the Cathedral Festival is this September 18, 19, and 20. We are planning a great Picnic environment with three popular bands, Taximi, Orpheas, and Ta Delina. We will have also two DJ’s Chris and George Athas and Kosta and Mike Blathras.

Also for the children, an assortment of children’s activities such as face painting, bouncy houses, and of course the playground area of the Cathedral Center. Many outside vendors will offer an assortment of wares. We will have great food prepared by the Cathedral parishioners with the leadership of Teddy Papasilis. We will also have an assortment of cold drinks and beverages. Don’t forget the gyros and souvlakia. The Ladies of Philoptochos have prepared their luscious pastries. A Greek taverna will serve Greek and American coffee. Please fill out a volunteer form so we can plan for this three day gala event.

Also this Fall, we will begin our series of Friday Night Family events. We begin the season with an Ice Cream Social on September 25 at 6:30 pm at the Center Hall in Brookline. These events are offered to bring all of our families together. All are invited: children and friends, parents and grandparents. Next month we will have our Fall Festival on October 30 at 6:30 pm. The Fall Festival is a time when our children can show off their costumes and enjoy an evening of candy, games, and fun. We encourage all of our families to attend these important fellowship events that help bring our community closer together.

Finally, the National Ladies Philoptochos will hold their annual Children’s Medical Fund Luncheon here in Boston at the Renaissance Waterfront Hotel on Saturday, October 30. Our Cathedral Philoptochos chapter will naturally play an important role in this major event. Our Cathedral will also be blessed on the following day, November 1, when His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America will preside at the Divine Liturgy. Join us as we welcome Archbishop Demetrios along with His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston and His Grace Bishop Sebastianos of Zela, Spiritual Advisor of Philoptochos.

From Dr. Calliope Galatis, Philoptochos President

New Board Begins New Year

With the start of the new Ecclesiastical Year on September 1, our Ladies Philoptochos, along with our Church, begins a new year of ministry. It will indeed be a busy new year for our ladies as we begin our many programs in our mission to help Christ’s Church and those in need. There are many big events on the horizon this Fall and we ask for the support which the faithful of the Cathedral have always shown us. Elections were held this past June for a new Board. The newly elected board members for 2015-1017 are:

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Our meetings are usually held the first Monday of every month. Our first meeting of the year is Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mansion. At our monthly meetings, the Board sets to work to organize the many events which we have planned for the upcoming year.

Among the many activities we have planned, some of the prominent events include: the Cathedral Greek Fest to be held September 18, 19, 20. Our ladies have been working hard these past weeks baking our famous Greek pastries. The Metropolis of Boston is honored this year to host the National Philoptochos Medical Fund Luncheon which will be held on October 31. Rounding out the events for 2015 is our annual St. Nicholas Celebration to be held on December 6. This Christmas celebration is a major fund raiser for our group. We look forward to seeing you and serving our community.
## ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL OF NEW ENGLAND
### SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH CALENDAR

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Commemorating a Feast with the Service of Artoklasia

One of the traditions of our Church is the Service of Artoklasia which is typically done on major feasts during the Great Vespers on the evening before the feast or, alternatively, at the end of the Divine Liturgy of the feast.

Five loaves of bread are brought to Church, blessed and distributed to the faithful. The family preparing the offering will provide the priest with a list of names of the living (family members, relatives, friends). These names are read in the service as we pray for their, and our, health and salvation. Together with the five loaves (symbolic of Christ’s feeding the 5000) are offerings of wheat, wine and oil.

During the service, the priest will offer the following prayer:

*Lord Jesus Christ our God, You blessed the five loaves in the wilderness, and from them fed five thousand. Will You likewise bless these loaves—the wheat, the wine and the oil—and multiply them in this city and parish, and in all Your world; and bless Your faithful servants who partake of them.*

The next time you, or one of your family members, has their name day, consider preparing the bread for Artoklasia so that you may be blessed as the five thousand were.

### Upcoming Events

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Constantine "Dean" Limberakis, Archon Primikirios, is our choirmaster and adjunct instructor of western music at Hellenic College Holy Cross. In July Dean attended the National Forum of Church Musicians' Conference which was held in Indianapolis and Dean is also a member of the Executive Board and a life member.

He has written and composed the music for the Divine Liturgy which is chanted by our choir. This music is also chanted by some of the church choirs of the Metropolises' of Boston, New Jersey, Atlanta, and in 2016 in Detroit at the 2016 Metropolis of Detroit Federation of Church Musicians' Conference in Nashville where he will be the guest conductor.

Choir Activities
- Choir will once again begin chanting the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 13.
- Chanting the Hierarchal Liturgy on November 1 with His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America, officiating and also in attendance will be His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston and His Grace Bishop Sebastians of Zela.
- November 6-8 attend the Metropolis of Boston Federation of Church Musicians' Conference in Brockton and our choirmaster will be the guest conductor.
- Present a Christmas Program on Sunday, December 13 following the Divine Liturgy.

Roberto Poli is our organist and has been with us for some 10 years. Roberto is a well-known international concert pianist, author, lecturer, Director of the Piano Department at the Rivers School Conservatory of Weston, and a rising exponent of the music of Frederic Chopin, which he has comprehensively studied through manuscript and original editions and widely performed throughout the world.

If you enjoy singing, then our choir is the "place" for you! We always welcome NEW members. We extend a warm "welcome" and "thank you" to our present choir members for their dedication and enthusiasm in chanting each Sunday the Divine Liturgy.

SAVE THE DATE
Fifteenth National Philoptochos Children’s Medical Fund Luncheon
Saturday, October 31, 2015
Renaissance Waterfront Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts

St. Romanus the Melodist
Saint Romanus the Melodist was born in the fifth century in the Syrian city of Emesa of Jewish parents. After moving to Constantinople, he became a church sacristan in the temple of Hagia Sophia. The monk spent his nights alone at prayer in a field or in the Blachernae church beyond the city. St Romanus was not a talented reader or singer. Once, on the eve of the Nativity of Christ, he read the kathisma verses. He read so poorly that another reader had to take his place. The clergy ridiculed Romanus, which devastated him. On the day of the Nativity, the Mother of God appeared to the grief-stricken youth in a vision while he was praying before her Kyriotissa icon. She gave him a scroll and commanded him to eat it. Thus was he given the gift of understanding, composition, and hymnography. That evening at the all-night Vigil St Romanus sang, in a wondrous voice, his first Kontakion: “Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One...” All the hymns of St Romanus became known as kontakia, in reference to the short scroll. He was also the first to write in the form of the Oikos, which he incorporated into the all-night Vigil at his places of residence (In Greek, “oikos”). Until his death in 556, the Romanus composed nearly a thousand hymns, many of which are still used by Christians to glorify the Lord. His feast day is October 1.
Family Ice Cream Social

Annunciation Cathedral of New England
162 Goddard Ave, Brookline, MA 02445
Friday, September 25, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Create your own ice cream sundae!

This event kicks off our series of monthly Youth/Family Events!!!

Bring your family and friends to the Cathedral Center in Brookline for our first ever Ice Cream Social!

Please RSVP to the church office at
617.731.6633 or acoffice@verizon.net

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FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2015

6:30—8:30 p.m.

Pumpkin Decorating

Pizza and drinks

Desserts

Music

Face Painting

Games

Costumes

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at

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The Annunciation Cathedral of New England held its Annual Veteran’s Memorial Day Program on May 24, 2015 to honor its over 500 deceased veterans. The Cathedral welcomed many distinguished guests in a very solemn memorial service following the Divine Liturgy, led by the Rev. Dr. Demetrios Tonias, Dean of the Cathedral. Participating in the service were the Hanscom Field Cadet Color Guard, the George K. Menichios Post 324 American Legion, branches of the Armed Forces, and Evzones from the Hellenic American Societies of New England.

The service included a wreath presentation, a descriptive flag folding, “Taps,” a singing of the “Our Father” and “Proud To Be An American,” by choir-members Colleen Palmer and Stephen D’Amico.

The Memorial Service was followed by the dedication of two Veteran’s Plaques designed by Alex Mavradis, displaying the photos of 27 Killed in Action, 64 Purple Heart recipients, 3 POW’s and 1 MIA. The plaques were placed next to a larger plaque with 840 Cathedral Veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces from WWI to the present conflicts. A large eagle on an American Flag embellished the upper area of the plaques on the Cathedral Veterans Wall of Honor.

A tribute to the many sacrifices and heroic bravery by veterans in defense of our freedom was made by Boston’s Commissioner of Veteran Affairs, Giselle Sterling and Dr. Christopher G. Gussis, Chair of the Cathedral’s Veteran Program.

The Cathedral choir, under the direction of choirmaster Dean Limberakis, concluded the festivities with a medley of patriotic music. The Cathedral Veteran’s Carillon, dedicated in memory of the veterans, played “Let There Be Peace on Earth” as attendees filed out. The Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos Society then hosted a warm reception in the patriotically decorated Davis Fellowship Hall. A wealth of photographic displays of veterans by Alex Mavradis and numerous other amenities were exhibited showcasing and honoring the contributions of the Cathedral Veterans to the cause of defending American freedom.

Upon entering the Cathedral, veterans and their family members were given a special cross pin of distinction by the Cathedral youth. After the Service, group photographs were taken of the guests and Veterans.

Those in attendance were deeply moved and left with a greater appreciation of the many sacrifices and heroic bravery in defense of our freedom by the 840 Cathedral Veterans. In the new ecclesiastical year our Veterans ministry will continue to honor the service our veterans have offered our nation.
AHEPA Region 4
Regional Banquet

Invited Honorees include
The Honorable Charlie Baker, Governor of Massachusetts
The Honorable Martin J. Walsh, Mayor of the City of Boston
His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios, Metropolis of Boston
Robert P. Badavas, CEO at PlumChoice

Friday, November 6, 2015
7PM Social Hour, 8PM Dinner
Cathedral Center
162 Goddard Avenue
Brookline, Massachusetts

Tickets are $55 per person.
Please mail responses to:
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