

You were transfigured on the Mount, Christ God revealing Your glory to Your disciples, insofar as they could comprehend. Illuminate us sinners also with Your everlasting light, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. Giver of light, glory to You.

Apolytikion of The Transfiguration of Christ

August 6



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#### METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS' MESSAGE

Reloved Faithful,

Following my recent visit to Nashville, I wanted to give you an update as to the aftermath of the flood. After I landed in Nashville, Fr. Gregory Hohnholt of the Holy Trinity parish took me on a ride through some of the areas afflicted by the floods. Clearly the sight reminded me of the "Twilight Zone" series: everything appeared normal, but something was terribly wrong.

We moved through neighborhoods of homes which, at first glance, seemed to be intact. But as we got closer, it was clear that everything was empty. Peering into the windows, one could only see the wooden framing that had been put up in order to install new drywall in the homes. Entire neighborhoods have been displaced. We could see the white permit signs that were affixed on every window indicating that the owners could rebuild.

Fr. Gregory explained that right after the floods dissipated, the yards were filled with piles of trash and debris. Everything, including the kitchen sinks, was being thrown out.

We visited a home of one of

the parishioners. The owner indicated that the water reached five feet high in her home. And since her home was a single story, that meant everything had to be removed. Nothing was left... no more photos, no documents, no clothes, no furniture — nothing of value. However, she was more fortunate than others because she has family in the area who can offer her a home and support. Many people do not have that extended family in the area.

An additional problem is that since flooding had not been anticipated in that area, most of the families did not have flood insurance; they only had tornado and storm insurance.

To give you a point of reference in terms of the destruction, those of you who attended the Nashville Clergy -Laity Congress will remember the beautiful Gaylord Opryland Hotel which was our Congress venue. Because of the flood, the hotel sustained significant damage due to the up to 12 feet of water on the first floor. As a result, the hotel is currently closed, and more than 7,000 people are out of work.

The communities of Holy Trinity and St. John Chrysostom will be coordinating a plan to help the parishioners affected by the floods as well as the wider Nashville community.

On behalf of our Metropolis Clergy and the Metropolis Council, I would express our profound gratitude to all those who assisted us in our fundraising efforts for the needs of the Nashville community.

To date, we have received donations which total about \$60,000 for the philanthropic efforts in Nashville. I would express my sincere thanks to the National Philoptochos Society which gave an initial emergency grant of \$15,000 for this relief effort, as well as to the many parishes and individuals from throughout the United States who have contributed to this effort.

Together, as the family of God, we will work to rebuild hope and to rebuild the lives of those people who were affected by this disaster.

God bless you all!

+ Metropolitan Nicholas

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#### BISHOP'S SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

# **AUGUST**

1	Parish Visitation	Nativity Church - Plymouth, MI
1 - 14	Parish Visitations - Dormition Fast	Detroit Metropolitan Area
3 - 6	Pastoral Visits	Upstate New-York (Binghamton, Vestal and Ithaca Parishes)
8	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy & 3 yr. Memorial Service for Mr. Tom Demry	St. Nicholas Church - Troy, MI
14	Great Vespers for the Dormition	Assumption Church - St. Clair Shores, MI
15	Dormition Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	Assumption Church - St. Clair Shores, MI
25 - 2 Sept.	Meeting of the Holy & Sacred Synod	Ecumenical Patriarchate, Turkey

#### September

5	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	Nativity of the Virgin Church - Plymouth, MI		
7	Nativity of Theotokos Great Vespers	Nativity of the Virgin Church - Plymouth, MI		
8	Nativity of Theotokos Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	Nativity of the Virgin Church - Plymouth, MI		
8 - 11	American Bible Society Board of Trustees Meeting New-York, NY			
12	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	Holy Cross Church - Farmington Hills, MI		
13	Holy Cross Great Vespers	Holy Cross Church - Farmington Hills, MI		
14	Holy Cross Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	Holy Cross Church - Farmington Hills, MI		
16	Clergy Syndesmos	Annunciation Cathedral - Detroit, MI		
17 - 19	Holy Trinity Parish Centennial Anniversary	Holy Trinity Church - Indianapolis, IN		
24 - 1 Oct.	Meeting of the Holy & Sacred Synod	Ecumenical Patriarchate, Turkey		

# MEFGOX News by Barbara Minton

he National Forum Church Musicians held its annual meeting in Atlanta in conjunction with the Clergy-Laity Congress July 4-8, 2010. The delegation representing our Mid-Eastern Federation includ-Georgantas, Irene Rochester, NY; Barbara Minton, Southgate, MI; Peter Vatsures, Colum- the National Forum, pre- er term as National Chairbus, OH. Vicki Pappas,



sided over the meetings man. The National Forum

Carmel, IN, Chairman of and was elected for anoth- Delegates and members

were part of the choir and chanters for the Divine Liturgy, 4th of July Doxology on Sunday and the Opening Ceremony on Monday. The delegates also performed a short musical program at the National Forum reception. Some of deliberations included discussions planning for Church Music Institutes to further musical/chanting skills and li-

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# YOUTH NEWS by Eva Kokinos

#### SUMMER CAMP IN THE METROPOLIS OF DETROIT

Summer is almost over... But the youth of our Metropolis will carry their priceless camp memories with them throughout the year! Here is just a glimpse into the amazing activities at MDSC and St. Nicholas Summer Camp. Photos from St. Timothy Summer Camp will be available soon! Visit our camp websites for more photos and information about this year's camping season!

#### MDSC (Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp) - www.gomdsc.org

St. Nicholas Summer Camp – www.southerncamp.com

St. Timothy Summer Camp - www.sttimothycamp.org





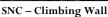


- Week 3 Group Photo

SNC – Arts and Crafts

SNC - Group Photo







MDSC - Campfire and Sing-a-long



MDSC - Camp Dance

#### **CALENDAR OF YOUTH EVENTS**

MDSC

Rose City, MI

June 27 – August 7, 2010

St. Timothy Summer Camp

Oswegatchie Educational Center - Croghan, NY

August 7 - 13, 2010

**GOYA Holiday Hoops Basketball Tournament** 

December 27-29, 2010

Hosted by St. John Church – Sterling Heights, MI

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## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS by Eleni Zaferes

**¹**h e National L Philoptochos Convention took place in Atlanta, GA, July 4-7 in conjunction with the 40<sup>th</sup> Clergy Laity Congress. The Metropolis of Detroit was represented by 33 delegates from the National and Metropolis Boards and 15 of the 39 chapters. The Convention's emphasis centered on Membership and Leadership. This was very informative and productive for the delegates.

The Detroit Metropolis Philoptochos was highlighted throughout the Convention. The AGAPE Award for the Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos was given to Presvytera Eva Paul of St. Nicholas Church in Ann Arbor, MI for her many years of service of devotion and love

Philoptochos. to Chapter Challenge "Blessings in a Backpack" by St. Nicholas, Troy, MI was given special recognition (see page 7). Mr. Stan founder Curtis, "Blessings in a Backpack", was humble and thanked Philoptochos for the work done by the St. Nicholas chapter. National Philoptochos presented Mr. Curtis with a check for \$10,000 to assist feeding the children of America. The next Chapter Challenge was awarded to Annunciation chapter of Memphis, TN.

Chapters of the Detroit Metropolis were rewarded for their diligent work with many awards. Commitment awards went to 23 of the 39 Metropolis chapters for their 100% participation. Special Project awards went to Middletown, OH - Most Creative Project; Syracuse, NY - Most Unique Outreach Project and to Westland, MI - Most Notable Project with Special Awareness. Twenty seven of the 107 projects submitted to the National office for the Convention came from the Detroit Metropolis. BRAVO!

The future of Philoptochos has been solidified with a Capital Campaign for a Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy. The goal is to raise \$2-3 million dollars for a Center that will house not only the National offices but will be a Center to help those in need feel comfortable and safe. Archbishop Demetriwas pleased Philoptochos will increase its philanthropy and ser-

vices. At the Convention, delegates and Metropolis pledged Presidents \$76,000 added to the \$475,000 already pledged by individuals for a total to date of \$551,000. We are asking members, chapters and individuals to assist Philoptochos realize this future Center.

Guidelines for the official use of the Philoptochos LOGO and a new Social Services reference guide were presented at the Convention. To receive more information about the LOGO and Social Services Guide go to the National Philoptochos website: www.philoptochos.org.

We hope everyone enjoys a wonderful summer. know We that Philoptochos women will be eager to begin their

#### MEFGOX NEWS continued...

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turgical knowledge, publishing guides and music for use by parishes, and instituting youth initiatives.

The annual MEFGOX Convention was held July 15-18 in Canonsburg, PA. The chant-style music of Nancy Takis, directed by Stanley Takis was prac- Nick Loutsion; When You

Sunday Divine Liturgy. The convention included several workshops Singing: Good, Better – or Your Best? and Getting the Most Out of Your Directing with Bill Christoff, Holy Trinity/Carmel, IN; Learning to Chant Orthros with Protopsaltis Peter Papadakos Protopsaltis ticed and presented for the Have to Sing for Your Sup-

per with Dr. Jon Wardner, St. Nicholas/Ann Arbor; Praying the Liturgy as a Church Musician: Challenges and Solution and Paraklesis: The Small Supplicatory Canon - What, Where, and Why? with Father Steylios Muksuris. The convention registrants participated in a congregational chanting of the Paraklesis Service at the

Chapel of Archangel Michael at Angels Acres Park followed by a picnic dinner. The weekend ended with the Divine Liturgy and a farewell luncheon. The 2011 MEFGOX will be hosted by the Saint Nicholas/Ann Arbor choir and parish♦

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## ON FINDING THE LORD IN UNLIKELY PLACES by Fr. Iakovos Olechnowicz



of Meeting... Numbers 1:1

them find themselves sud- youth. denly thrust into poverty, relationships. We are se- the desert that the Israelites no circumstance, there

ised Land. Interspersed in ritual, and community. continues to speak there. the story line we discover Our generation, like the When we feel lost in the the sharing of the Law re- generation of Israel in the wilderness, we can rememvealed on Sinai. We might wilderness, is struggling to ber that Moses heard the In the first day of the expect the travels for the rediscover the beauty and voice of the Eternal One in second month, in the Exodus people to be rela-spiritual fulfillment that is that same wilderness; persecond year following the exodus tively easy. After all, Israel the Orthodox expression of haps we can, too. An anfrom the land of Egypt, the is accompanied by God dur- Christianity. Our hunger cient Hebrew midraash Lord spoke to Moses in the wil- ing its trek across the desert. leads us away from the Holy writes that David, the derness of the Sinai, in the Tent Moses communicates with Services and the ascetical psalmist and prophet said, the Holy One in the tent of disciplines of fasting, prayer "My fear comes from my Our nation, and most es- meeting. Yet even God's and almsgiving. Our thirst joy, and my joy comes from pecially our Metropolis finds presence cannot pacify leads us to spirits and other my fear, but my love rises itself in a situation driven by the people. Fear of bat- artificial means of feeling higher than both." Times the most serious economic tle, hunger, thirst, jealousy, good in our world. Our such as these provide imdownturn since the Great and political aspirations desire to assimilate leads us mense opportunity for us to Depression. Over the past combine to lead Israel to to abandon our rituals, holy turn our eyes and hearts year to two years the State complain, assimilate and days, and the fulfillment of towards the Lord. As each of Michigan (which repre- rebel. Ancient Israel faces the covenant in Christ Jesus. of us imitates the people of

tion of our parishes and peo- training ground, and they do meet God! How quickly we "desert" in search of the ple) finds itself running first not fare extremely well. decide, when we are faced Promised Land, may we in the nation in terms of Truly, this Promised Land with uncongenial circum- have ears to hear and an unemployment and eco- must have seemed far away, stances that we are not like- heart eager to understand nomic devastation. Persons almost mythical to them in ly to be able to communi- the inscrutable will of the who have lived their lives much the same way that our cate with God! How often Holy One as He reveals "according to the rules" and own far-off destinations may do we quickly and glibly Himself to us◆ in expectation that the social sometimes seem dream-like defend our spiritual obtusecontract would work for to us, especially in our ness by pointing to unfavourable conditions and sit- Fr. Iakovos Olechnowicz is Is the socio-cultural wil- uations! The Book of Num- the presiding priest at the Archwant and the accompanying derness in which we live bers reminds us that there angel Gabriel Greek Orthodox disintegration of family and today all that different from is no condition, there is Church in Traverse City, MI.

verely tested. Perhaps we traversed? Foul language, is no travail in which feel as desolate and alone as drugs, insecurity, instability, people cannot hear the those who found themselves violence, a vanishing morali- voice of God if they are wandering the desert thou- ty, materialism, secularism determined to hear it. sands of years ago. Where is and lack of ethics confront Out in the desert, with all this Promised Land? What us every day. The lure of the its dangers, came multiple happened to my "milk and American dream seems to encounters with the Divine place objects, idolatry, Presence as Israel made his The Book of Numbers relates wealth, sports, music, and way to the Promised Land. the wanderings of Israel the mall above the strength It is not an accident that that from the wilderness of Sinai of the Holy Faith as ex-voice spoke in the desert to the borders of the Prom- pressed in Holy Tradition, and desolate places and it

sents the primary concentrathe wilderness, the people's What an unlikely place to Israel in traversing our

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# FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (AS OF JULY 31, 2010)

#### His Eminence +Metropolitan Nicholas

#### Ann Arbor, MI - St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish St. Nicholas Philoptochos Kotsis, Fr. Nicolaos and Presbytera Sandra Paul, Presbytera Eva

Bekiares, Penelope A. Fry, Jack D.

Grias-Radwanskim Sophia Kales, Anthony and Joyce Vlahadamis, Kosta

#### Bloomfield Hills, MI St. George

St. George Parish

#### **Buffalo**, NY - Annunciation

Christakis, Fr. Christos and Presbytera Lisa

#### Carmel, IN - Holy Trinity

Gounaris, Fr. Anastasios and Presbytera Maria Douvis, Harry Pappas, Vicki

#### Chattanooga, TN Annunciation

Mousourakis, Donna Soufleris, Adam and Nickie

#### <u>Cincinnati, OH</u> <u>Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas</u>

HTSN Philoptochos Assaley, Lewis and Patricia Moraites, Dena Parsenios, Lewis

#### <u>Farmington Hills, MI</u> <u>Holy Cross</u>

Hountalas, Fr. Dean and Presbytera Olga Stefanakis, George and Terrie

#### Fort Wayne, IN - Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Philoptochos Doublas, Gregory Spirou, Arthur and Mary Turner, Christian

#### <u>Grand Rapids, MI</u> <u>Holy Trinity</u>

Monoyios, Terry Nicholas, Jim and Georgia Schel, Connie

#### <u>Indianapolis, IN</u> <u>Holy Apostles</u>

Gus Karozos

#### Ithaca, NY - St. Catherine

Bantuvanis, George and Ann Bezirganian, John

#### **Lansing, MI - Holy Trinity**

Holy Trinity Parish Joseph, Yvonne Smith, Richard L. Sweeney, Evie Zois

#### <u>Lexington, KY</u> <u>Panagia Pantovasilissa</u>

Panagia Pantovasilissa Parish Hostetter, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Kiriacopoulos, Ken and Kate Pandaru, Andronica

#### Memphis, TN - Annunciation

Gallagher, Evangelia

#### Muskegon, MI - Annunciation Plymouth, MI

Annunciation Parish
Mot, Fr. Catalin and Presbytera
Felicia
Yankopoulos, Presbytera Ann
Achterhoff, Christina
Afendoulis, Alexander J.
Afendoulis, Magdalene
Afendulis, James
Afendulis, Phyllis G.
Afendulis, Ted
Baker, Georgia J.

Baker, Georgia Baldas, Voula Bati, John Bouth, Mike

Clark, Ken and Nicci Davros, Nickolas J. and Family Douville, Farrell and Mary

Dreleozis, George Encelewski, Christine D. Hoopes, Kenneth and Maria

Karis, Othon and Kristi Ladas, Paul and Patricia Lutz, Helen Innis

McNutt, Angela C. Micheil, Rich and Teresa

Nace, Doru Oravitan, Ionut Pallas, Tom

Peliotes, Gust and Ethel Riekse, Max and Nelly Roldan, Martha Soimar, Michael and Corina Stathas, Nick and Rita

Nashville, TN - Holy Trinity

Hohnholt, Fr. Gregory and Presbytera Sofia Sfikas, Presbytera Stella

Vaporis, Fr. George and Presbytera Kalliopi

Kirk, Benedict Rogers, Helen and Lawrence

#### Nashville, TN St. John Chrysostom Mission

Turner, Fr. Parthenios and Presbytera Marion

#### New Buffalo, MI Annunciation/St.Paraskevi

Martin, Fr. Paul and Presbytera Nikki

Hahn, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Polymeris, Spiros and Donna

# Plymouth, MI Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Parish Sarelis, Fr. Charles and Presbytera Angela Estate of Fr. Efstathios Metallinos

#### Rochester, NY - Annunciation

Gines, George Family Stefanou, Gus and Florence

#### Rochester, NY - Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit Philoptochos
Cowles, Fr. Patrick and Presbytera
Mary
Chilas, Diane
Gesell, Melody
Ginis, Panos
Kouides, Peter and Ruth
Sexton, Katherine L.

#### Saginaw, MI - St. Demetrios

St. Demetrios Philoptochos Cox, Fr. Irenaeus and Presbytera Alexandra Ahejew, Petro and Samdra Caldwell, Larry and Peggy Ostler, Dennis and Soula

#### Southgate, MI - St. George

Kircos, Angelo and Sophia

Kircos, John and Violet Kircos, Louis and Paula Kontos, John and Marika Minton, Barbara Minton, Charles Minton, Nicholas Nanos, Vasiliki

#### St. Clair Shores, MI Assumption

Genematas, Toula

#### Sterling Heights, MI St. John

Georgios Salonikas and Nicoleta Vekos

#### Syracuse, NY - St. Sophia

Smith, Fr. David and Presbytera Donna

#### <u>Toledo, OH</u> Holy Trinity Cathedral

Damaskos, Fr. Aristotle and Presbytera Debbie Anagnos, Joyce Sieben, Paul

#### Traverse City, MI Archangel Gabriel

Olechnowicz, Fr. Iakovos and Presbytera Joleen

#### Trov, MI - St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish Demery, Beck

#### Vestal, NY – Annunciation

Michalopulos, Presbytera Magdalena Demetry, Helen Gianakouros, Dino and Mary Ivan, James Tzivanis, Thomas and Florence

#### Watertown, NY - St. Vasilios

St. Vasilios Parish

# Westland, MI Sts. Constantine & Helen

Sts. Constantine and Helen Parish Sts. Constantine and Helen GOYA

#### Other Friends

Bartz, Fr. Bill and Presbytera Emily, Dumfries, VA ♦

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#### METROPOLIS NEWS

s the hierarch from the Archdiocese of America participating on the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Patriarchate, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas has been traveling to the Ecumenical Patriarchate monthly to participate in the meetings of the Holy Synod. Metropolitan Nicholas's term of appointment to the Patriarchal Synod began in March 2010 and will conclude in February of 2011.

July marked Metropolitan Nicholas' first visit to Constantinople with clergy and lay members of the Metropolis of Detroit. There were seven participants on this visit, including: Fr. Philemon and Presbytera Helen Karamanos from the St. George Church in Southgate, MI; Fr. Parthenios and Presbytera Marion Turner from the St. John Chrysostom Mission Church in Nashville, TN; Mr. Gus and Mrs. Flor-

ence Stefanou from the Annunciation Church in Rochester, NY; and Ms. Harriet Stoukas, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Metropolitan.

The guided visits began on Sunday with attendance at the Divine Liturgy at the

them some mementos of their visit. His All Holiness then invited the group to enjoy lunch at the Patriarchate – a rare treat for everyone.

After lunch, the sightseeing tour of Constantinople began. The next three



Hagia Sophia drawing c. 1876

Patriarchal Church of St. George. After the Divine Liturgy, His All Holiness formally received the group from Detroit in his private office where he also offered days were a whirlwind of sights and sounds. Among these highlights, the group visited Hagia Sofia, the Basilica Cisterns of Justinian, the Church of Chora, Topkapi Palace Museum, Halki Theological Seminary, Prince Island, the Churches of Vlaherna and Balukli (the Life-Giving Fountain), the Egyptian (Spice) Market, the Blue Mosque, the Bosphorus, and the Grand Bazaar. Each tour program will vary based on the group and the specific tour dates.

Each day the group was escorted in a minivan with a driver and a professional guide. All of the arrangements in Turkey were made through Mr. Stratos Dolcinyadis at Opus Tours.

Individuals interested in participating in the next exciting tour are invited to contact the Metropolis Office for further information. They would need to arrive no later than August 28<sup>th</sup> for the tour portion of the program ◆

# 2010 NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS CONVENTION - ATLANTA, GA

The St. Nicholas Parish of Troy, MI, received special recognition at the *National Philoptochos Challenge* that took place in Atlanta, GA. St. Nicholas, through its chapter project *Blessings in a Backpack*, donated 120 backpacks (of 495 total). Amisha Harding, Director of Development & Communications - *Communities in Schools of Atlanta*, stressed the importance of this program saying:

I am so glad Philoptochos provides amazing opportunities to make a difference in the community. We truly appreciate St. Nicholas Philoptochos of Troy, MI and look forward to leveraging the momentum you have all created around **Blessings in a Backpack** to serve deserving young children.

Thank you so much for everything! "Communities in Schools of Atlanta" has met a group of angels in Philoptochos. I do not believe in coincidences and truly believe you and the lovely ladies of Philoptochos are God sent.





¶ St. Nicholas of Troy, MI: Front Row L-R: Amisha Harding of Communities in Schools of Atlanta, Paula Kalevas Beauchamp-1st Vice President of St. Nicholas Philoptochos, Back Row L-R: Orestis Kaltsounis, Parish Council President; Rev. Fr. Stratton Dorozenski-Proistamenos; Stan Curtis founder of Blessings in a Backpack, Liz Murray author of Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard, Maria Kokkinakis-President of St. Nicholas Philoptochos; Alexandra Pajak-CIS Coordinator and Kessie Kaltsounis, St. Nicholas Philoptochos Member and Blessings in a Backpack of Michigan Advisory Board.

¶ St. Nicholas Philoptochos Members with Diane Tseckares-National Philoptochos Board Member and a Conference Chairman along with Helen Lavorata-Director of National Philoptochos Office, Stan Curtis, Liz Murray, Amisha Harding & Alexandra Pajak.



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olis offices, programs and travels.

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Youth: Maintain and support the youth office and activities of a full-time Youth and Young Adult Ministries Director.

General: Fully fund the expenses of the Metrop- Outreach/Missions: Create opportunities to introduce our faith to society, participate in inter -Christian and inter-faith activities as well as provide quick responses to national disasters.

> Hellenism: Develop programs for Hellenic Cultural Outreach, including language, history and

> Conferences, Oratorical Festivals, Christmas Pageants and Adult Education Programs.

> Special Programs: Website development, hospitality to visiting dignitaries and quests, Charity and Philanthropy.

# Dear Friends of the Metropolis:

Dear Friends of the Metropolis:

God has called us to do mighty deeds for the glory of His name and for the love of His people.

You are called upon to join in this reality of "faith working through love" as we continue to manifest the love of God for His Church and His people.

When you support the Friends of the Metropolis campaign, you are part of a greater outreach that proclaims with one universal voice that God is truly our hope and our rock of salvation.

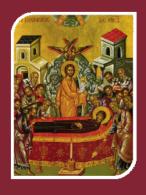
Because of your devotion and help to the Friends

program, ministries and programs are implemented on a Metropolis-wide basis which strengthen and enhance our faith and our joint ministry of

If you have not yet become part of the Metropoliswide effort, I would like to invite you to join forces with the faithful throughout our Metropolis in support of the ministries which are part of the Office of the Metropolitan.

Thanking you for your kind and generous response, I remain, with paternal blessing and prayers,

+NICHOLAS Metropolitan Of Detroit



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