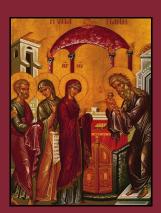


# For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he

LUKE 18: 14

WHO HUMBLES HIM-

SELF WILL BE EXALTED.



Presentation of our Lord in the Temple

FEBRUARY 2

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#### METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS' MESSAGE

Beloved in the Lord,

So many of the traditions which we have in our Orthodox Church are reflections of Holy Scripture. So it is with the Presentation of Christ to the Temple which we celebrate on February 2nd.

In our everyday pracwe imitate this event of Christ being brought to the Temple by Mary and Joseph forty days after the birth of a While people child. know that this is the beginning of the child's relationship with the community of faith, we sometimes forget that this visible act of returning to the Church is equally as important for the mother.

In the context of our prayer, we give thanks for the health of the mother having given birth to a new life; and just as we pray for her continued health and strength, we also pray for the well-being of the baby.

In reflecting on this simple story of a child being brought to the Church by its parents, we come to



recognize that this unique bond — memorialized forever in time and space by the priestly prayer establishes the unique relationship of order and faith for every Christian.

From the start, the actions and prayers of the parents are inextricably bound with the health and spiritual welfare of the child.

Recognizing this fundamental truth of our own being, we understand why it is important for the parents to be the religious leaders in the household.

This is why the religious life of the parents is so important to the young people: they must see the living example of their mothers and fathers as people of faith. They must learn to say their prayers along with Mom and Dad. Our young children desperately need strong examples of faith and trust in God.

My beloved, our young people need to see us speak God's truth with our lips, extend His mercy with our hands, and walk in His ways. And it all begins from that first visit to God's house. We must be what we ask our children to become — all by God's grace and love.

+ Metropolitan Nicholas

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#### **MEFGOX News**

By Irene Georgantas President



hope you all experienced a blessed Nativity with your family and loved ones. By the time you receive this, we will have entered the Triodion and anticipating Great Lent. The forthcoming season is the greatest season of the year and begins February 27<sup>th</sup>. It provides us many opportunities for spiritual growth with all of its additional services. I hope that as Church Musicians you will challenge yourselves musically and spiritually this Great Lent. The Saturday of

Souls services precede and lead us into Great Lent, followed by the Compline Services, Pre-Sanctified Liturgies, and Heretismi. Although more popular I believe in the Russian or OCA tradition, the Canon of St Andrew is done in some of our parishes the first week of Lent. For our choirs the most memorable Pan-Orthodox service is of course the Sunday of Orthodoxy, a beautiful way for us to come together as Orthodox brothers and sisters, share some of our unique musical traditions. I hope that you take advantage of that opportunity or create the opportunity yourselves to participate in such a service.

Again I remind you that the MEFGOX membership does have a broad level of experience and expertise about the special hymns and substitutions that are done during this season. Our website

(mefgox.org) can direct you to numerous resources. And any other information is an email or phone call away.

Our next meeting will take place on March 31st in Cleveland. We are looking forward to continuing the planning of this year's 65th annual convention that will be hosted by the community of St. Demetrios in Rocky River, Ohio. There are a number of rehearsals that will be planned in the coming months in your area so that we can all learn or "refresh" our knowledge of the Desby liturgical arrangement. Your local State Representatives and Choir Directors will keep you informed about the details.

I wish you "Kali Dhinami" or "Good Strength" as we approach and begin Great Lent ■

#### Ordination of Dcn. Jeffrey (Christopher) Abell



**December 18, 2011**—His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas ordained Mr. Jeffrey (Christopher) Abell to the Holy Diaconate at St. George Church in Bloomfield Hills, MI. His Eminence was assisted by Fr. Bill Bartz (Chancellor) and Fr. Nicholas Pathenos (Proistamenos).

A member of St. George since 1995, Dcn. Abell continued his service as the altar boy leader, parish council member, and high school Sunday School teacher under the guidance of Fr. Pathenos.

Dcn. Jeffrey is married to Alice and they have

two boys: Christopher and James. His biography is available on our website at the following link: <a href="https://www.detroit.goarch.org/metropolis-of-detroit/clergy/dcn.-christopher-jeffrey-abell">www.detroit.goarch.org/metropolis-of-detroit/clergy/dcn.-christopher-jeffrey-abell</a>

#### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS by Eva Kokinos



#### 2012 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

Introduced in 1983, the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival provides Greek Orthodox teenagers the opportunity to write and talk about their faith. The Oratorical Festival Program begins at the Parish Level and is divided into two divisions: the Junior Division for students in the 7th to 9th grades and the Senior Division for teenagers in the 10th to 12th grades.

The top speakers in each division advance to the district level and, if selected, become one of two finalists in their division to represent their district at their Metropolis Oratorical Festival. The top speaker in each division is then selected to participate in the Archdiocese Finals, which is hosted by a different Metropolis each year.

The Archdiocese Oratorical Festival Scholarship Foundation provides college scholarships in the amount of \$2000, \$1500, and \$1000 to the top three speakers in each division. In addition, those finalists who receive a rank of Honorable Mention are awarded a \$500 United States Savings Bond.

The Metropolis of Detroit also offers a \$500.00 scholarship to the Junior Division speaker and Senior Division speaker who move on to the Archdiocese Finals. These scholarships are only possible through the generous donations of the Metropolis parishes, Philoptochos chapters, and individual donors.

If you would like to donate to the Metropolis of Detroit St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Scholarship Fund, please send your donation by **May 1, 2012** to: <u>Metropolis of Detroit</u>, Attn: SJCOF SCHOLARSHIPS, 2560 Crooks Road, Troy, MI 48084. Please make checks payable to the *Metropolis of Detroit*.

#### 2012 SICOF DATES AND LOCATIONS

#### DISTRICT FESTIVALS

Central District: Saturday, April 28, 2012—Assumption Church—Louisville, KY Michigan District: Saturday, April 21, 2012—Holy Cross Church—Farmington Hills, MI NY District: Sunday, April 22, 2012—Annunciation Church—Buffalo, NY

Southern District: TBA METROPOLIS FESTIVAL

May 11-12, 2012—Sts. Constantine and Helen Church—Westland, MI

ARCHDIOCESE FESTIVAL

June 8-10, 2012—Bethesda, Maryland

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dayton GOYA
Basketball Tournament
February 17-19, 2012
Annunciation Church
Dayton, OH
Contact: Church Office at
(937) 224-0601

GOYA Pre-Lenten Retreat Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012 Holy Trinity Church Ft. Wane, IN Contact: Chris Rongos at fwmexgrocr@yahoo.com

MI Area GOYA Lenten Retreat
Saturday, March 10, 2012
St. John Church
Sterling Heights, MI
Contact: stjohngoc@sbcglobal.net

NY Area GOYA Lenten Retreat
Saturday, March 17, 2012
YMCA Camp Arrowhead
Pittsford, NY
Contact: Panos Ginis at
ginisp@hotmail.com

Fall Creek Falls
GOYA Lenten Retreat
Marc h 30—April 1. 2012
Fall Creek Falls State Park
Pikeville, TN
Contact: Leslie Richard at
leslier@madisonacademy.com

#### 2012 SUMMER CAMP DATES ANNOUNCED



**MDSC**—Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp

June 24—August 4, 2012

Contact: 248-909-MDSC (6372)/gomdsc@gmail.com/www.gomdsc.org

St. Nicholas Summer Camp

July 7—13, 2012

Contact: (248) 823-2411/snsc@detroit.goarch.org/www.southerncamp.com

St. Timothy Summer Camp

August 11-17, 2012

Contact: (315) 446-5222/www.sttimothycamp.org

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#### PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

By Margaret Yates
President



ay the peace and joy of the Christmas season be with you throughout the year, and may the year be filled with an abundance of blessings and good health.

The Philoptochos was pleased to host the Name Day open house and reception for Metropolitan Nicholas on December 11. This event was coordinated by Anne Feles, Harriet Stoukas and Kyria Anna, who provided us with much of the great food. As in years past, guests were welcomed to the Metropolis with the beautiful Christmas decorations assembled by Anne Feles. Following St. Spyridon Vespers that evening another reception was held for those in attendance. Metropolis Board members provided refreshments for that reception as well as the reception on the 12<sup>th</sup> following the Liturgy for St. Spyridon. We are blessed to have had Kyria Anna, who worked so tirelessly, preparing for these events. A heartfelt thank you to Kyria Anna for all she does!

The first event of the New Year for all chapters in the Metropolis is for the benefit of Saint Basil Special trays Academy. were passed, along with the cutting of the Vasilopeta in most communities. As St. Basil Academy is a National commitment, all money collected is sent to National for distribution. What a wonderful way to start the year!

Many chapters are in the throes of planning fundraising events to benefit chapter charities. The first (to my knowledge), is the Grecian Carnival, a festive evening which will be held on Feb. 25 at the Ritz Charles in Carmel,

IN with a Mardi Gras theme. This year a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Aiden Brown Foundation, which supplies i Pads to children undergoing cancer treatment.

Plans are progressing for the Metropolis biennial luncheon to be held on April 21 at the Annunciation Cathedral in Detroit.

Holy Trinity/St Nicholas in Cincinnati is plan-

ning a luncheon and fashion show on May 5 to benefit their chapter charities. Also on May 5, the St. Nicholas Philoptochos in Ann Arbor is planning a luncheon and children's fashion show. All proceeds will be given to a children's charity in the area. We hope that you will support these events as we fulfill the mission of Philoptochos

#### **OUTREACH PROJECTS:**

#### **Thanksgiving Donations:**

⇒\$5,000 - Holy Trinity (Carmel, IN) - the donation was offered in Kroger gift cards to families throughout the area;

⇒\$1,100 - Annunciation (Rochester, NY) - the money went to the "Smiles for Christmas" program and collected toys, books, games and new clothing for St. Joseph's Villa, an organization that houses children with varying difficulties.

⇒\$1550 - St. Nicholas (Ann Arbor, MI) - donated for food gift cards to the Salvation Army and Catholic Social Services to be distributed to needy families; members of the chapter also took families in the area shopping for warm clothing through the "Warm the Children" program.

#### PHILOPTOCHOS APPEAL

February 7, 2012

NEW YORK — National Philoptochos President Aphrodite Skeadas on January 17, 2012 issued an immediate appeal to all Philoptochos Presidents, members nationwide and their respective communities to support a drive for the welfare of the people of Greece. For more information, follow this link: <a href="https://www.goarch.org/news/philoptochosappeal-02072012">www.goarch.org/news/philoptochosappeal-02072012</a>

#### FORGIVENESS IS KEY

By Fr. Paul Martin\*



n His commentary on The Lord's Prayer (Mt 6:14-15, read on Cheesefare Sunday), Jesus stresses the importance of forgiveness:

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Forgiveness, then, is the key. It is the first step on the road to repentance. This is why the Church

begins Great Lent with the Vespers of Forgiveness and the Rite of Forgiveness.

As a volunteer chaplain, I serve the Forgiveness Rite at a maximum security prison in Indiana. It is a place of utter darkness, but I am constantly finding the Light of Christ in the men of our brotherhood. More than most, these men are aware of the need for forgiveness - from God, from society, from each other, from us. They know how crucial it is to forgive, how necessary it is to be forgiven.

Years ago, one of the men who had been an observer for quite some time — a "lifer", a burly man with a "show me" attitude and an air of silent contempt rushed up to me after the Rite of Forgiveness. He said he had considered all the other faith options at the prison and remained unconvinced, but this was different. This was real. This was the True Faith. He was now convinced. He asked to join our catechumens, was eventually baptized, and since has become a leader of our brotherhood as well as an inspiration to me.

Forgiveness is powerful. When we forgive and ask forgiveness of one another, we are demonstrating God's mercy and spreading the good news. In fact, being a forgiving people can be the best kind of evangelism. If we Orthodox would practice forgiveness from the heart, wouldn't we become beacons to the world?

Wouldn't our families and our parishes deepen spiritually?

Let's start this great season of repentance by practicing forgiveness. Let's put aside all earthly cares and begin again, so that Great Lent 2012 may be the best So that we may please God and defeat the spirit of division within our families and our congregations. So that, with the coming of Pascha, we may look inside of ourselves and find the Resurrected Christ revealed, reflected in our pure hearts, all of our trespasses forgiven, ever joyful. Amen ■

\*Fr. Paul Martin is the Presiding Priest of the Annunciation/St. Paraskevi Church in New Buffalo, MI

#### Ordination of Fr. Paul Truebenbach



January 21, 2012—His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas ordained Dcn. Paul Truebenbach to the Priesthood at the Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Church in Cincinnati, OH. Assisting His Eminence were Rev. Fathers: William Cassis (Proistamenos), Constantine Efstathiu, Anastasios Gounaris, George Wilson and Larry Legakis.

Father Paul is a graduate of Holy Cross School of Theology with an M.Div. (2010). He is married to Lavinia (Suciu) of Sibiu, Romania, also a graduate of Holy Cross. Ordained a deacon in 2011, he has been serving the community of Cincinnati since December 1, 2011. He will serve as an Assistant Priest at Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas. For more about Fr. Paul, follow this link:

www.detroit.goarch.org/metropolis-of-detroit/clergy/fr.-paul-truebenbach

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#### FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (2011)

#### +His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas

#### Ann Arbor, MI St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish St. Nicholas Philoptochos St. Nicholas GOYA Kotsis, Fr. Nicolaos and Presbytera Sandra Paul, Presbytera Eva Bekiares, Christopher and Margarita Bekiares, Penny Chiatalas, Louis and Marguerite Daniels, Tony and Clevie Fry, Jack D. Garris, Helen Hadden, Donnelly and Helen Kales, Anthony and Joyce Katsikas, Chris and Pandora Kussurelis, Peter and Zorene Leontis, Artemis Phan, Sem and Katherine Pliakas, Vasilios and Kyriaki Radwanski, Kurt and Sophia Grias Yates, Billy and Marguerita

#### Bloomfield Hills, MI St. George

Pathenos, Fr. Nicholas Iakovides, Dimitri

#### Buffalo, NY Annunciation

Annunciation Parish Annunciation Philoptochos Annunciation GOYA Annunciation Youth Council Christakis, Fr. Christos and Presbytera Lisa Kallis, Fr. Perry and Presbytera Cassandra Alethea's Chocolates Blakeslee, Ronald and Maria Cervi, Brian and Vassilia Couvutsakis, Paul N. and Linda Danakas, George and Maria Dermatis, Anastasia Kalambukas, Andrew and Colleen

Kouvoutsakis, Paul P. and Donna Kuvshinoff, Boris and Barbara Manos, Margaret Mastoras, Spiros and Mary Mellas, Constantine and Beth Pavlakis, Peter and Elizabeth Pefanis, Jerry and Athena Phufas, Ellene Scouras, George and Chrisoula Skaros, Nikolaos and JoAnn Spanos, Frances Tassy, Gust and Marian Touris, Lambros Vafiopoulos, Helen Veanes, Angelo

#### Carmel, IN - Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish Holy Trinity Philoptochos Gounaris, Fr. Anastasios and Presbytera Maria Dickos, Dennis Dickos, Theone Douvis, Harry Eaton, Joseph and Florie Hershberger, Dennis and Dawn Karas, Gus and Maritsa Kokinos, Pete and Argie Kourmoulis, Mario and Karen Kyriakopoulos, Chris Lafter, Chris and Toni Pappas, Vicki Zeheralis, Gail

#### Chattanooga, TN Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Annunciation Choir
Annunciation GOYA
Ballas, Fr. Stavros and
Presbytera Thea
Andros, George and Maria
Ballas, Aspasia
Berros, James and Susan
Bougdanos, Maria
Bouloukos, Dino and Maria
Campa, Pedro
Cornea, Paul and Ana
Demetry, Willodene
Dimopoulos, George and

Brigitte Ellis, George G. and Betty M. Etherton, Wayne and Yolanda Fotiadis, Nicky Fox, Mrs. Ann Gaitanoglou, Ignatios Gormanos, John and Karrie Gulas, Marion Gulas, Venetia Hopper, Richard and Chrisi Justice, Christina Kosmidis, Alex and Cheryl Kouris, George Makrinakis, Emanuel Mousourakis, John and Donna Petros, John and Voula Petros, Kathy Ramsey, Karen Soufleris, Adam and Nickie Tigiros, Elias and Sharon Tolbert, John and Janice Trohanis, Bill

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

Vlasis, John and Charlotte

Vassilev, Mikhail

Zotos, Alexander

HTSN Philoptochos
HTSN GOYA
Apostolides, Vasso
Brown, William
Galanes, George
Iatrides, Steve
Kapourales, Louis
Parsenios, Lewis
Perdikakis, Gus and JoAnn
Raptis, James and Maria
Siegel, August
Stringas, Emanuel and
Katherine
Zaferes, Patricia
Zaferes, Tom and Eleni

#### Dayton, OH Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Bambakidis, Gust and Elli
Jannides, Spiros
Kakas, Berdi
Retzios, Thomas and Angela

Sempeles, Leigh Stamas, Elizabeth Valassiades, John and Evanthia

#### <u>Detroit, MI – Annunciation</u> <u>Cathedral</u>

Annunciation Philoptochos Annunciation Cathedral Pioneers Gaggos, James and Mary Pervanis, Koula Tapazoglou, Nicolaos and Christine

#### Elmira, NY St. Athanasios

Greven, Peter Vardakis, Paul and Thea

#### Farmington Hills, MI Holy Cross

Holy Cross Parish Holy Cross GOYA Hountalas, Fr. Dean and Presbytera Olga Alexander, Milton and Helen Blough, Michael and Catherine Casoglos, Thomas and Mary Fekaris, Steve and Bettie George, John and E. Deborah Gordan, Dave and Andrea Heller, James Family Hountalas, Christos Kargilis, Alexander and Mary Katsias, George and Irene Krear, Tad and Elizabeth Malis, George and Annette Nuechterlein, Lanny and Andrica Peresky, Richard and Angie Power, Edward and Maria Stassinopoulos, Peter and Voutsinas, Kostas and Diana

#### Fort Wayne, IN Holy Trinity

Danckaert, Keith Doublas, Gregory Gogos, George Hanewald, Thomas and

#### FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (2011)

Smaragtha
Katsis, Maria
Koulianos, Dionysios and
Maria
Lebamoff, George
Maggos, Eleftherios and Voula
Nakos, Nikos
Rongos, Christopher and
Katherine
Spirou, Arthur and Mary
Turner, Christian

## Grand Blanc, MI Assumption

Chinonis, John and Linda Kaloydis, John and Karen Politis, George and Rita

#### Grand Rapids, MI Holy Trinity

Marcus, Fr. Nicholas and Presbytera Liza Bogdan, Fr. James and Presbytera Joan Cassis, Deacon Edward and Diakonissa Vicki Afendoulis, Chris and Phyllis Afendoulis, Clark and Katherine Anton, Gust J. Bird, Jason and Christa Christopoulos, Peter and Maria Dimitriou, Angelo and Pat Georgeson, Menas and Fronsene Gray, Mark and Alexis Jenks, Timothy C. Kalyvas, Tim and Lina Karatsinides, Spiro and Paulette Koukios, Constantine Monovios, Terry Neil, Chad Dimopoulos Nicholas, Jim and Georgia Petricevic, Mark and Lili Sarafis, Elizabeth Sellas, Deno and Chrisa Van Kuiken, Ray and Marilyn

Zarafonetis, Stratton

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

Matsigas, Gerasimos

#### Ithaca, NY - St. Catherine

Parthenakis, Fr. Tom and Presbytera Cathy Bantuvanis, Ann Bezirganian, John

#### <u>Jamestown, NY</u> <u>St. Nicholas</u>

St. Nicholas Parish Zervos, Fr. George and Presbytera Anne

#### Kalamazoo, MI Annunciation

Annunciation Parish Annunciation Philoptochos Theoharis, Fr. Theoharis

#### Lansing, MI Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish Holy Trinity Philoptochos Sietsema, Fr. Mark and Presbytera Kathy Brown, Alex and Mary Christofilis, Elaine Evanoff - Joseph, Yvonne Gavrilides, Nick and Dana Gavrilis, Dimitrios and Jane Arnold Heos, Goldie Heos, Pamela Hillary, Charles Karagoulis, Michael and Lynne Mansour, George Mendoza, Mary Munk, Jerry and Jan Nichols, Elan Stavros Pascalenos, Olga Perentesis, Stephanie Pogoncheff, Carl Rahib, Margaret Skorich, Dan Smith, Richard Willard, Steven

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

Panagia Pantovasilissa Parish Panagia Pantovasilissa Philoptochos Wilson, Fr. George and Presbytera Harriet Annetts, Brett and Ruth Arimes, Vickie Delvizis, Thomas Hostetter, Christopher and Ericka Kiriacopoulos, Ken and Mary Radulescu, Vlad C.

#### <u>Lexington, MI</u> <u>St. Panteleimon Chapel</u>

St. Panteleimon Parish

#### Little Rock, AR Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation GOYA
Verdaris, Fr. Nicholas and
Presbytera Maria
Harb, Ron and Joyce
Misic, Dragi
Pappas, James and Eva
Skoumbourdis, C.T. and
Tatyana
Tyer, Gordon and Martha
Verdaris, John and Marlene
Vratsinas, Gus and Irene

## Louisville, KY Assumption

Legakis, Fr. Larry and Presbytera Jennifer Adams, Sam and Thelma Geromes Marcus and Nancy Karageorge, Rhonda Makris, Mary Vonallmen, Penny

#### Marquette, MI Assumption

Butler, Michelle and Clark Lambros

#### Memphis, TN Annunciation

Annunciation Parish Annunciation Philoptochos Ahepa #7 – Memphis
Daughters of Penelope (Alpheus)
#180
Apalodimas, Maria
Bagatelas, Todd and Cyndi
Farrell, Richard and Linda
Futris, Petro
Graves, William and Renee
Grayes, Theodore
Morrison, Robert and
Kathryn
Obradovic, Linda
Poplos, Ted and Stephanie
Ruby, James and Katerina
Semos, Vasili and Luane

## Middletown, OH Sts. Constantine & Helen

Sts. Constantine and Helen Philoptochos

#### Muskegon, MI Annunciation

Mot, Fr. Catalin and Presbytera Felicia Yankopoulos, Presbytera Ann Afendoulis, Alexander Afendulis, Phyllis Afendulis, Ted Anton, Ted and Francine Bati, John Bouth, Michael and Sharon Danigelis, George Encelewski, Christine Karis, Tom and Kristi Katsiouras, Athanasios and Katerina Ladas, Paul M. and Patricia Lutz, Helen Micheil, Rich and Teresa Oravitan, Andre and Philip Soimar, Michael and Corina

#### Nashville, TN Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish Hohnholt, Fr. Gregory and Presbytera Sofia Sfikas, Presbytera Stella Andrews, Chris and Julia Billo, John Botsaris, Chris

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Carden, Kathryn
Davis, Mark
Harman, Todd and Dawn
Lamberson, Lambert and
Helen
Miles, Eric and Scarlett
Miller, John
Rogers, Helen and
Larry Kamm
Sherrill, Justin and Kiki
Taras, Nick and Donna
Weeks, Timothy

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

Turner, Fr. Parthenios and Presbytera Marion Demmas, Constance Derrybery, Paul Dozier, Matthew Light, Oksana Marchetti, John and Linda Sidorov, Veniamin Tickle, Jeffrey and Jackie Wagner, Charles and Edith

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

Annunciation/St. Paraskevi Parish Martin, Fr. Paul and Presbytera Nikki Kerhoulas, Mike and Louisa Lepeniotis, Christos and Anastasia Litznerski, Robert and Mariann

#### <u>Plymouth, MI - Nativity of</u> <u>the Virgin Mary</u>

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Parish
Sarelis, Fr. Charles and
Presbytera Angela
Demetriou, Cleo
Kheir, Angela
Randall, Michael and Anne
Szlinis, John and Thekla
Takis, Gerald and Mary

#### Rochester, NY Annunciation

Cook, Fr. Anthony and Presbytera Elizabeth Gines, George and Maria Markakis, Kathryn Pantas, Mary Stathopoulos, Demetrios and Doris Stefanou, Constantine and Florence

#### Rochester, NY Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit Parish Holy Spirit Philoptochos Georgantas, Irene Kouides, Peter Palis, James and Elizabeth

## St. Demetrios

Cox, Fr. Irenaeus and Presbytera Alexandra Bistolarides, Fr. Peter and Presbytera Peggy Ahejew, Petro and Sandra Bazakis, Andrew and Ann Caldwell, Larry and Peggy Kalivas, Karen Kookootsedes, Gust and Mary Metropoulos, Katherine Metropoulos, Pete and Maria Rouman, George and Fran Walker, Sandra

#### Sault Ste Marie, MI St. George

Gianakura, Peter and Georgia

#### Southgate, MI St. George

St. George Parish
St. George Philoptochos
Karamanos, Fr. Philemon and
Presbytera Helen
Anonymous
Bass, John and Panagiota
Constantakis, Clarence
Cranford, Joannne
Galanis, Sam
Karamanos, Peter and Mary

Kircos, Angelo and Sophia Kircos, John and Violet Kircos, Lou and Paula Kontos, Chris and Frances Kontos, John and Marika Linardos, James Minton, Barbara Minton, Nicholas Nanos, Vasiliki Papadopoulos, Anastasios and Toula Pappas, Andrew and Barbara Tassis, James

#### Springfield, OH Assumption

Assumption Parish Green, Lance and Sharon Lagos, James

#### St. Clair Shores, MI Assumption

Assumption Parish Assumption Philoptochos Assumption Senior Citizens Assumption GOYA Varlamos, Fr. Michael and Presbytera Tina Callas, Kalliopy Campbell, Delphine DeWaele, Robert and Chris Gaggos, George and Anna Genematas, Toula Gianoplos, Sam and Georgia Harlaftis, Panagiotis Jordan, Thomas Kastran, John Malian, William and Blair Niarhos, Anthony Niforos, Theodore and Anna Pangalos, Despo Pantos, Theodore and Nana Petrouleas, George Samaras, Robert and Marietta Verras, George Vlahantones, Louis and Toni Voudoukis, Ignatios and Penny Zoto, Mary

#### Sterling Heights, MI St. John

St. John Parish

St. John Philoptochos St. John GOYA Kyritses, Fr. Nicholas Burdalas, Peter and Chrisy Karamanos, Peter and Mary Klaus, Nicole Kotsis, Andrew and Irene Kotsis, Harry and Katherine Kotsonis, Steve and Angela Lionas, James and Helene Patouhas, Spyros and Katina Salonikas, Georgios and Nicoleta Souris, Bernice Tangalos, John and Mary Tangalos, Philip and Alexandra

#### Syracuse, NY - St. Sophia

St. Sophia Parish
St. Sophia Philoptochos
Smith, Fr. David and
Presbytera Donna
Anonymous
Boucounis, Andrew
Calender, Chris
Ganotis, John
Kazakis, Elaine
Paul, James
Theodore, Dorothea
Theodore, Eleanor

## Toledo, OH Holy Trinity Cathedral

Damaskos, Fr. Aristotle and Presbytera Debbie Biernacki, Gerald and Pauline Melonakos, Anthony and Paula Paterakis, Sophie Stathulis, Yanula

#### Traverse City, MI Archangel Gabriel

Arch. Gabriel Parish
Arch. Gabriel Philoptochos
Streza, Fr. Ciprian and
Presbytera Sinziana
Bemis, Steve and Pam
Dalbo, Helen A.
Ealy, Ray
Husby, Elizabeth
Kain, Karen

## FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (2011—January 2012)

Kaly, Anthony and Barbara Knapp, Helen Psaros, John and Donna Stamos-Underwood, Theresa Weston, Judith

#### Troy, MI - St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish St. Nicholas Philoptochos Dorozenski, Fr. Stratton and Presbytera Denise Dalamangas, Fr. Chris and Presbytera Niki Arsman, Steve and Anita Asher, Michael Athans, John and Aristea Bournias, James and Evangeline Carson, James Crosson, Patrick and Cindy Demery, Beck Feles, Andrea Feles, Gust and Anne Feles, Nicholas and Melanie Gryparis, Stratis and Ermione Haddad, Michael and Corry Karmanos, Peter and Danialle Korstanje, Ingmar and Marlo Lafter, Mary Liakonis, Chris and Lambrini Malis, Alexis Malis, Katherine Mortis, George and Hionia Papp, Gregory and Martha Pervolarakis, Calliope Simon, Basil and Evey Smith, William Spounias, Christopher and Tsiatalas, George and Eva Xydas, Spiros and Alyssa

#### Vestal, NY Annunciation

Yanoulaki, Peter

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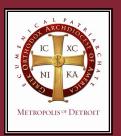
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