

JOHN 15: 12-15

THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. GREATER LOVE HAS NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS. YOU ARE MY FRIENDS IF YOU DO WHAT I COMMAND YOU. NO LONGER DO I CALL YOU SERVANTS, FOR THE SERVANT DOES NOT KNOW WHAT HIS MASTER IS DOING; BUT I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS, FOR ALL THAT I HAVE HEARD FROM MY FATHER I HAVE MADE KNOWN TO YOU.



ST. DEMETRIOS  
THE MYRRHBEARER  
OCTOBER 26

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## GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DETROIT

# THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

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### METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS' MESSAGE

Beloved Family in Christ,

In the United States, November is usually a time of reflection and choice with regard to the legal and cultural norms and goals of our country. It is the time of elections and voting — and our belief is that by participating in this process, we will have an opportunity to express a direction for our lives and country.

Perhaps the most amazing thing about the ability for us to cast our vote is the fact that we can either be convinced of the wisdom of our previous choices — or we can be free to change our minds. In this manner, the collective experience and goals of the entire population are meant to be taken into account so that “we the people” can be reflected in the manner in which our country is run.

We as Orthodox Christians must not forget that we are also called upon to make choices. Oftentimes



people think that the only choices that we make as parishioners are those which concern the day-to-day operations of a parish and important as these choices might be, they are not the most significant matter at hand for us Orthodox Christians.

As Christians every day is election day. We are called upon each day to choose to follow Christ. It is not enough that we should be simply, as party members, waving our Christian flag. On the contrary, each day we are called upon to choose to renew our commitment to God and His Holy Church.

We are called upon to cast a vote towards our ultimate goal of the Kingdom of God. This is not a yearly choice or change: each day we are called upon to sign ourselves with the cross and to dedicate our lives to Jesus Christ; each day we are called upon to choose to return good for evil; each day we are called upon to help those in need; each day we are called upon to say the name that is above every other name, the name of Jesus, and to bless ourselves and our families with our love and devotion to Him.

Here in the United States, where the rest of the society votes once a year, we are called upon to vote every day, to choose to follow Christ, and to be the emissaries of His love.

Let us make our votes for Him in our life count every day.

With every blessing,

✠ *Metropolitan Nicholas*

## BISHOP'S SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

## OCTOBER

2	<i>Wedding Joanna George &amp; Jeff Hadsell</i>	Annunciation Cathedral - Detroit, MI
3	<i>Pastoral Visit</i>	Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church - Plymouth, MI
4 - 5	<i>Trisaghion &amp; Funeral Thomas G. Thomas</i>	Assumption Church - St. Clair Shores, MI
7	<i>Endowment Committee Conference Call</i>	Metropolis Center - Troy, MI
8	<i>Philoptochos Board Meeting</i>	Metropolis Center - Troy, MI
10	<i>Pastoral Visit</i>	Holy Trinity Church - Lansing, MI
12 - 14	<i>Fall Meeting of the Holy Eparchial Synod</i>	Archdiocese Headquarters - NYC
15	<i>Executive Committee &amp; Archdiocesan Council Meetings</i>	NYC
17	<i>Pastoral Visit</i>	St. Nicholas Church - Ann Arbor, MI
23	<i>Metropolis Council Meeting</i>	Metropolis Center - Troy, MI
24	<i>Pastoral Visit</i>	St. Demetrios Church - Saginaw, MI
25	<i>St. Demetrios Great Vespers</i>	St. Demetrios Church - Saginaw, MI
26	<i>St. Demetrios Divine Liturgy</i>	St. Spiridon Chapel - Metropolis Office - Troy, MI
29 - 31	<i>2010 Archon Weekend &amp; Assembly of the Order of St. Andrew</i>	NYC
31	<i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy &amp; Investiture of the new Archons</i>	Holy Trinity Archdiocesan Cathedral - NYC

## NOVEMBER

1 - 6	<i>Meeting of the Holy &amp; Sacred Synod</i>	Ecumenical Patriarchate, Turkey
8	<i>7:00 pm St. Nektarios Great Vespers</i>	Assumption Church - St. Clair Shores, MI
10 - 13	<i>American Bible Society Board Meeting</i>	NYC
13 - 20	<i>International Archon Religious Freedom Conference</i>	Brussels - Belgium, Europe
21	<i>Pastoral Visit</i>	St. George Church - Southgate, MI
23	<i>Clergy Syndesmos Meeting</i>	Metropolis Center - Troy, MI
27 - Dec. 5	<i>Meeting of the Holy &amp; Sacred Synod</i>	Ecumenical Patriarchate, Turkey



## METROPOLIS WEBSITE RE-LAUNCHED

After a long period of time, our website has been redesigned and re-launched. The site includes new elements like: featured articles, online resources, multimedia, Q&A forms, maps, useful resources and links, an online bookstore, online donations via PayPal, Google search, etc.

Please visit us at: [www.detroit.goarch.org](http://www.detroit.goarch.org) and subscribe to the news and events of our Metropolis and access the Shepherd's Staff Newsletter latest issue and Archive ■

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS *by Eva Kokinos*

### 2010 GOYA "Christ Encounter Retreat" Annunciation Church Little Rock, AR

Fr. Nicholas Verdaris and the GOYAnS of the Annunciation Church in Little Rock, Arkansas held their annual "Christ Encounter Retreat" on Saturday, October 2, 2010.

Eva Kokinos, the Metropolis Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, is invited every year by Fr. Nicholas and Annunciation parish to come and lead this GOYA retreat. The goal of the retreat is to offer the young people an opportunity to encounter Christ through study of the Holy Scriptures, discussions about current issues, participation in service projects, and fellowship with one another.

The theme of the retreat was "Survivor: Making It Through Life for Eternal Life." Led by Eva Kokinos, the GOYAnS discussed some of the pressing issues facing teens today and how to navigate through those challenges according to the Church. Some of the topics included peer pressure, technology and

internet safety, sexual purity, and drug/alcohol abuse.

The participants spent time studying the Holy Scripture and in prayer during "Alone with God" time.

As an integral part of their retreat, the Annunciation GOYA selects a service project to which they will offer their time and talent. This year, the GOYAnS prepared dinners for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House of Little Rock. Through their efforts, twenty-five families were able to enjoy a delicious enchilada dinner, with Spanish rice and dessert.

Of course, the retreat included lots of fun and fellowship, punctuated by the annual Board Game Tournament.

GOYAnS completed a beautiful weekend by attending Divine Liturgy the next day and continued the retreat discussion during Sunday School class.

Kudos to the GOYAnS at Annunciation for making an effort to grow closer to God, to each other, and to the community at large.



*If you have a wonderful youth event that you would like to showcase in future issues of the Shepherd's Staff, please email a short article with one or two photos to [youth@detroit.goarch.org](mailto:youth@detroit.goarch.org).*

### DID YOU KNOW??

#### Join the Metropolis Youth Office ListServ, the MDYM e-Update!

Would you like to keep up with the latest news regarding youth and young adult ministries? Join the official e-Newsletter of the Metropolis Youth Office. To join, please visit the [www.detroit.goarch.org/youth-office/](http://www.detroit.goarch.org/youth-office/)

#### We're on FACEBOOK

The Metropolis Youth Office now has a FACEBOOK FAN PAGE. We already have almost 600 fans!!! If you have a FACEBOOK account, you can get updates, pictures, and other information! Search Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit—Youth and Young Adult Ministries and become a FAN!

#### St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Topics are NOW AVAILABLE!

Make sure to visit <http://www.goarch.org/archdiocese/departments/religious/sjcof> to download the 2011 SJCOF Topics. Metropolis of Detroit Festival Dates are coming soon!

#### The CrossRoad Program at HC/HC now accepting applications!

Visit [http://www.hchc.edu/hellenic/campus\\_life/vocation/crossroad/about.html](http://www.hchc.edu/hellenic/campus_life/vocation/crossroad/about.html) to download the application. Applications must be post-marked by March 1, 2011.

#### 2011 Orthodox Christian Camp and Youth Worker Conference

Make sure to save the date: January 27-29, 2011. The conference will be held in Dallas, TX. More details coming soon. Also visit [www.orthodoxcamps.org](http://www.orthodoxcamps.org) for the most up-to-date information.

### SAVE THE DATE!!! UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUTH!!!

<b>October 16, 2010</b>	<b>GOYA Dodgeball Tournament</b> Assumption Church—St. Clair Shores, MI
<b>October 23, 2010</b>	<b>St. Nicholas Church Glendi</b> St. Nicholas Church—Troy, MI
<b>October 30, 2010</b>	<b>St. John Church GOYA Dinner/Dance</b> St. John the Baptist Church—Sterling Heights, MI
<b>December 27-29, 2010</b>	<b>"Holiday Hoops" GOYA Basketball Tournament</b> St. John the Baptist Church—Sterling Heights, MI
<b>January 8, 2011</b>	<b>Assumption GOYA Dance</b> Assumption Church—St. Clair Shores, MI
<b>January 29, 2011</b>	<b>Greek Folk Dance Workshop</b> St. Nicholas Church—Troy, MI
<b>February 18-20, 2011</b>	<b>Dayton GOYA Basketball Tournament</b> Annunciation Church—Dayton, OH
<b>March 5, 2011</b>	<b>MI Area GOYA Lenten Retreat</b> St. Nicholas Church—Ann Arbor, MI
<b>April 1-3, 2011</b>	<b>Fall Creek Falls GOYA Lenten Retreat</b> Holy Trinity Church—Nashville, TN

**MORE EVENTS AND DATES COMING SOON! Visit [www.detroit.goarch.org](http://www.detroit.goarch.org) for the most up-to-date event listing. To add events to the Metropolis Youth Calendar, please email [youth@detroit.goarch.org](mailto:youth@detroit.goarch.org).**

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS by Eleni Zaferes

Philoptochos chapters throughout the Metropolis support many outreach programs and charities in their local communities. The following are examples of the diligent work being accomplished to spread the philanthropic arms to those in need.

**SOUTHGATE, MI:**

Monthly support of "Fish and Loaves", the local food pantry. Support is also given to the local help centers as Guidance Center, Good fellows, Penrickton for the Blind, The Information Center and Christnet, a local organization for the homeless. To support these charities the Southgate Philoptochos women host 4 fundraisers, a Feather Party, Vasilopeta, a Makaronatha dinner and Palm Sunday Fish Fry. The entire community supports these endeavors through their generosity.

**DAYTON, OH:** The Annunciation Philoptochos provides support to the greater Dayton area with its Community Care Ministry. In the past, they have supported children's charities as Kids in Dependent Situations; Juvenile Diabetes; Special Needs for Deaf Kids; Big Brother/

Big Sister programs and Day-break for runaway children. In 2010, concentration was made to assist with food, clothing and shelter to House of Bread, Day Break, St. Vincent, The Other Place, Arte-

pants, T-shirts and snacks are provided for homeless patients when they are released from the hospital. Assistance was given to flood victims during the recent floods. Many victims were members

will be assisting the Salvation Army, shopping for children at Christmas, sewing bed pads for Arbor Hospice, making Christmas wreaths and other fundraisers to benefit the National ministries.

At the recent Biennial Philoptochos Convention held in Atlanta, GA, the National Greek Orthodox Philoptochos Society awarded \$15,000 to the Autism Society of Middle Tennessee. This grant money will go towards the cost of a School/ Family Partnership Program. The mission or vision of the program is to be an advocate for the children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their parents within the middle Tennessee area during IEP (Individual Educational Plan) process to assist these children to receive the best support through their school within the current legal requirements. This pilot program would initially service 3 of the 44 counties of Middle Tennessee.

We invite all Orthodox women in every parish to join Philoptochos and be a part of our mission to assist those in need ■



*Eleni Zaferes and Amanda Peltz (Executive Director of the Autism Society) with the ladies of Nashville Philoptochos for the presentation of the National grant to the Autism Society of Middle, TN*

mis House and the Food Bank. For 2011 they have declared it the "Year of the Women" providing support to women.

**NASHVILLE, TN:** During the winter months, the chapter provides lap blankets, warm socks and toiletries for the elderly in County Nursing Homes for indigent people. At the County hospital, sweat

of the community. Clothing, furniture and household items were collected and delivered to the Coptic Orthodox Church whose families (92) had lost everything thing in the flood.

**ANN ARBOR, MI:** The St. Nicholas Philoptochos have a very busy schedule planned with activities to help those in need. This year they

## SAVE THE DATE!

Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos Presents: "An Afternoon with Vefa"

The First Lady of Greek Cuisine

*Vefa Alexiadou*

Saturday, April 2, 2011

More details to follow!

## RELIGIOUS HOMESCHOOLING *by Fr. Gregory Hohnholt*

*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

*Proverbs 22:6*

Recently on National Public Radio, a news report was given on a film produced by Gugenheim on education. The film was covering the topic of public schools, charter schools and teachers' unions. The film ran as a case study of a story of a young girl from Los Angeles who wants to become a doctor. According to the film, this young woman's chances of going to medical school and becoming a doctor are slim to none in today's educational climate, simply due to the poorer socio-economic neighborhood her family lives in, and what public school that is zoned to. What was interesting to me in this segment of news reporting were the responses, of which they also reported

some on NPR. There was an early statement about the chances of a child's education and success was based primarily on how good the teacher is, not so



*Fr. Gregory teaching at the 2010 St. Nicholas Summer Camp in Pleasantville, TN*

much the school. Then came responses to that particular statement concerning the worth of teachers, a powerfully made one that no one could really retort: study after study has shown that a child's success in education and school relies very heavily on how involved the parents are in the process. Schools and teach-

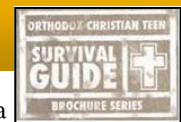
ers make a difference for sure. But, the reality is, the more parents take an interest in their child's education and get directly involved in the education

process, the better children tend to do no matter what their external circumstances. The more a parent helps with homework, helps them study, reads with them, takes an interest in what their children are learning in school and engages them about it, the better off they are. If that is true for "secular" education,

how much more so for religious education! Here is the point: take an involved and strong interest in your child's religious education. Ask them what they talked about in Church school that Sunday. Talk to them about the feast days of the Church. Read the daily Gospel reading to them and explain what happened. Here is where you are called to exercise the "priesthood of all believers." If you want your child to grow up a faithful member of the Orthodox Church, don't rely exclusively on the priest at Church or the Church School teacher; get involved, teach your child at home, in the way he should go, and he will not part from it when he is older ■

Fr. Gregory Hohnholt is the Presiding Priest of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Nashville, TN.

## ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN TEEN SURVIVAL GUIDE



The Youth and Young Adult Ministries Department of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America has just launched its latest resource, the **Orthodox Christian Teen Survival Guide Brochure Series** which is available for download at [www.goarch.org/archdiocese/departments/youth/youthworkers/survivalguide](http://www.goarch.org/archdiocese/departments/youth/youthworkers/survivalguide). Each brochure offers teens the information they need to navigate through tough issues: facts and statistics, the Church's response, Q&A's, and resources for more information. These one-page handouts are great for starting discussions, GOYA gatherings, Sunday School, or even your church bookstore. The following topics are available for download in pdf format: Sexual Purity, Pornography, Managing Stress, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Peer Pressure ■

## MY TRIP TO ISTANBUL by Presbytera Kimberly Maria Bahlatzis

There are many places you may visit in your lifetime. However, the experience of having visited Constantinople (Istanbul, Turkey), will leave a lasting impression that will touch my heart forever. This city is not only rewarding culturally but also spiritually.

Attending Liturgy at the Phanar was quite surreal. It was captivating to watch the Ecumenical Patriarch His All-Holiness Bartholomew standing on his throne and the many tourist groups that arrived during the Liturgy just to catch a glimpse of His All-Holiness. After the service, we received antidoron from His All-Holiness. Lastly, Metropolitan Nicholas arranged for our group to meet with His All-Holiness in the Throne Room. There we anxiously awaited the arrival of the Patriarch. Finally, His All-Holiness entered the room and greeted his guests. It was truly a moment I will never forget meeting such a power-

ful spiritual leader who protects the Faith and guides 300 million Orthodox Christians worldwide.

We also attended many of the city's most captivating places such as: the Chora/Kariye museum (Chora Monastery), the Topkapi Palace, and the Blue Mosque. But, the most spiritually-fulfilling visit was definitely Haghia Sophia. Our guide was incredibly knowledgeable and gave us a complete history lesson to every site we visited. He told us that Haghia Sophia would touch us emotionally. When I arrived into the church, I kept wondering why I wasn't feeling anything. Then once we walked upstairs and witnessed the beautiful mosaics uncovered and revealed after many years of having been plastered over, my emotions could not be controlled. I prayed for several people while there, and let me just say it was hard to fight back tears. The tears were for people who cannot prac-

tice our Orthodox faith, and tears for a beautiful Orthodox church that was now a museum. Lastly, tears of joy to witness such an architectural wonder.

The trip to Istanbul, Turkey, was one I will never forget, and I thank His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas for inviting us. I wish everyone had the opportunity to witness and experience all that Istanbul, Turkey has to offer ■

Presbytera Kimberly Maria Bahlatzis from the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation - Vestal, NY.



## THANK YOU LETTER FROM NASHVILLE

After the record floods of May in Nashville, TN, many people lost their homes and everything they had in just a few days. In our previous issues we had reported on the Metropolis of Detroit and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese's efforts to collect relief funds to be distributed to those affected. Our Metropolis contributed with about \$66,600. Here is a thank you letter from someone who received financial help from us:

August 12, 2010

*Your Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas,*

*You recently visited the Holy Trinity Greek Church in Nashville. At that time, you and Father Gregory came to my condo to see what damage the flood had caused.*

*Father Gregory gave me a check of \$7,500 to help me with my rebuild. I'm writing to thank you and tell you how I deeply appreciate the money. There will not be a day, no matter how busy I am, that I won't forget what you have done for me and will be forever grateful.*

*Sincerely,*

*Julie Foreenderry*

## CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY - HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OF INDIANAPOLIS

By Fr. Anastasios Gounaris (Proiestamenos)

Holy Trinity of Indianapolis celebrated its Centennial September 17-19, 2010 – led by their Eminences Archbishop Demetrios and Metropolitan Nicholas.

The weekend began on Friday evening with an informal clergy dinner hosted at Meridian Hills Country Club by event chair Dr. Dennis Dickos, Council President Gail Zeheralis and the Parish Council.

On Saturday evening over 650 parishioners and guests attended the Centennial Gala at Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the Indianapolis Colts. Centerpieces of the event were the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, renowned opera soprano Stella Zambalis – and a specially-produced video retrospective entitled “A Century of Witness to Two Millennia of Faith.” Both hierarchs moved the assembled crowd with their heartfelt words.

A twenty thousand dollar check was pre-

sented to Archbishop Demetrios to benefit Holy Cross School of Theology in honor of Fr. Anastasios and Presbytera Maria Gounaris. For almost two decades Father and Presbytera have served the parish with love and dedication, since Father Anastasios was assigned to Indianapolis by the late Bishop Timothy in 1991. A five thousand dollar was also presented to Metropolitan Nicholas as a contribution to the Friends of the Metropolis program.

Holy Trinity was honored to host two former pastors – Fathers Chris Hadgigeorge and James Rousakis. Fr. Nicholas Samaras, son of the late Bishop Kallistos – another influential former Holy Trinity pastor – honored his father’s memory with his presence. Fathers Soterios Rousakis and Mark Lichtenstein also took part. Fr. Soterios grew up at Holy Trinity and Fr. Mark came to Orthodoxy via the parish

in 1990. A number of other clergy representing Central Indiana Orthodox parishes were also in attendance.

On Sunday both hierarchs celebrated an inspired Archierarchical Liturgy assisted by the assembled clergy. Holy Trinity’s Choir, directed by William Christoff, and Chanter Constantine Maniakas provided their glorious accompaniment. Special guest – and former parish Chanter Dr. Jessica Suchy-Pilalis – led a group that provided an outstanding presentation of the day’s Orthros. Philoptochos offered an elegant brunch after Liturgy before Archbishop Demetrios’ departure for Chicago to take a flight to Constantinople for meeting Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I.

Holy Trinity looks forward to its next century of service to both God and man – and as the leader of the Orthodox community of central Indiana ■



## FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 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  
Baldwin, James  
Bekiares, Penelope A.  
Daniels, Tony and Clevie  
Fry, Jack D.  
Grias-Radwanskim Sophia  
Kales, Anthony and Joyce  
Kleanthous, Costas and Sylvia  
Raphael, Joan  
Vlahadamis, Kosta

#### Bloomfield Hills, MI

##### St. George

St. George Parish  
Iakovides, Dimitri

#### Buffalo, NY - Annunciation

Annunciation Parish  
Annunciation GOYA  
Annunciation Youth Council  
Christakis, Fr. Christos and  
Presbytera Lisa  
Blakeslee, Ronald and Maria  
Danakas, George T.  
Gikas, Sam  
King's Court, Inc.  
Pefanis, Jerry and Lea

#### Carmel, IN - Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish  
Gounaris, Fr. Anastasios and  
Presbytera Maria  
Douvis, Harry  
Eaton, Joseph and Florie  
Hershberger, Dawn  
Pappas, Vicki  
Payne, Martha

#### Chattanooga, TN

##### Annunciation

Andrews, George  
Berros, James and Susan  
Campa, Pedro  
Cornea, Paul and Ana  
Dimopoulos, Barbara  
Ellis, George and Betty  
Fairbanks, Bobby and Voula  
Fotiadis, Nicky  
Gulas, Ani  
Gulas, Marion  
Gulas, Venetia

Hopper, Richard and Chrisi  
Kosmidis, Alex and Cheryl  
Mousourakis, John and Donna  
Soufleris, Adam and Nickie  
Swansbrough, Robert and Mary  
Tingirou, Eleni  
Trohanis, Jean  
Zotos, Alex and Jennifer

#### Cincinnati, OH

##### Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas

HTSN Philoptochos  
Apostolides, Vasso  
Assaley, Lewis and Patricia  
Boulmetis, Samuel  
Caneris, Anthony and Antoinette  
Galanes, George  
In Memory of Marion Mavridoglou  
Kapourales, Louis  
Moraites, Dena  
Parsenios, Lewis  
Raptis, James  
Zaferes, Patricia

#### Dayton, OH - Annunciation

Annunciation Philoptochos  
Sempeles, Leigh  
Stathopoulos, Alex

#### Detroit, MI - Annunciation

##### Cathedral

Annunciation Philoptochos  
Gaggos, James and Mary  
Papas, John and Rebecca

#### Elmira, NY - St. Athanasios

Greven, Peter and Georgia  
Vardakis, Paul

#### Farmington Hills, MI

##### Holy Cross

Hountalas, Fr. Dean and  
Presbytera Olga  
Alexander, Milton and Helen  
Blough, Michael and Catherine  
Casoglos, Thomas and Mary  
Collias, Rosemary  
Fekaris, Steve and Bettie  
Heller Family  
Hountalas, Christos  
Kourtakis, George and Audrey  
Krear, Elizabeth  
Malis, George and Annette  
Nuechterlein, Lanny and Andrica  
Pesaros, Panayotis and Sonia  
Rafaill, Chris and Lynn  
Shukla, Margarita  
Stefanakis, George and Terrie  
Williams, Katherine

#### Fort Wayne, IN - Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Philoptochos  
Doublas, Gregory  
Gogos, George  
Hanewald, Thomas and Smaragtha  
Maggos, El and Voula  
Spirou, Arthur and Mary  
Turner, Christian

#### Grand Blanc, MI - Assumption

Chinonis, John and Linda  
Kaloydis, John and Karen

#### Grand Rapids, MI

##### Holy Trinity

Afendoulis, Chris and Phyllis  
Afendoulis, Clark and Katherine  
Christopoulos, Peter and Maria  
Georgeson, Menas and Fronsene  
Gray, Mark and Alexis  
Kalyvas, Tim and Lina  
Koukios, Constantine  
Monoyios, Terry  
Neil, Chad Dimopolous  
Nicholas, Jim and Georgia  
Sarafis, Elizabeth  
Schel, Connie  
Sellas, Deno  
Zarafonetis, Stratton

#### Hot Springs, AR

##### Zoodochos Peghe

Fotioo, Peter

#### Indianapolis, IN

##### Holy Apostles

Karozos, Gus  
Stevens, Georgia

#### Ithaca, NY - St. Catherine

Bantuvanias, George and Ann  
Bezirgianian, John

#### Jamestown, NY - St. Nicholas

Zervos, Fr. James and  
Presbytera Anne

#### Lansing, MI - Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish  
Colovos, Nicholas  
Economy, George and Stella  
Gavrilides Management  
Heos, Pamela  
Joseph, Yvonne  
Malvetis, Anastasios  
Pascalenos, Olga  
Perentesis, Stephanie  
Pogoncheff, Carl

Pridnia, David and Liana  
Skorich, Dan and Cathy  
Smith, Richard L.  
Sweeney, Evie Zois  
Vlahakis, Louis and Mary  
Zachos, Terri

#### Lexington, KY

##### Panagia Pantovasilissa

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

#### Little Rock, AR

##### Annunciation

Verdaris, Fr. Nicholas and  
Presbytera Maria  
Alley, Sam and Janet  
Roy, Frederick  
Sargent, David and Eva  
Tyler, Gordon and Martha  
Verdaris, John and Marlene  
Vratsinas, Gus and Irene

#### Louisville, KY - Assumption

Wingenbach, Fr. Gregory  
Adams, Sam and Thelma  
Geromes, Nancy  
Vonallmen, Penny

#### Memphis, TN - Annunciation

Order of Ahepa - Memphis  
Christy, Fr. Paul and  
Presbytera Mary  
Farrell, Richard and Linda  
Gallagher, Evangelia  
Graves, William and Renee  
Graves, Theodore  
Morrison, Robert and Kathryn  
Semos, Vasili and Liane  
Sinis, Harry and Magda  
Taras, Dimitri and Mary Katherine  
Taras, Kosta and Loretta

#### Middletown, OH

##### Sts. Constantine and Helen

Sts. Constantine and Helen  
Philoptochos

#### Muskegon, MI - Annunciation

Annunciation Parish  
Annunciation Philoptochos  
Mot, Fr. Catalin and  
Presbytera Felicia  
Yankopoulos, Presbytera Ann  
Achterhoff, Christina  
Afendoulis, Alexander  
Afendoulis, Magdalene



## FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2010)

Afendulis, James  
 Afendulis, Phyllis G.  
 Afendulis, Theodore  
 Anton, Ted and Francine  
 Baker, Georgia  
 Baldas, Voula  
 Bati, John  
 Bouth, Mike  
 Clark, Ken and Nicci  
 Danigelis, George  
 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.  
 Michel, Rich and Teresa  
 Nace, Doru  
 Oravitan, Ionut  
 Pallas, Tom  
 Paris, John and Patricia  
 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  
 Presbyteria Sofia  
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Assumption Parish

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#### Assumption

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 Yanoulaki, Katherine

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 Vekos  
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 Theodore, Eleanor

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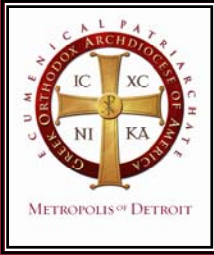
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**General:** Fully fund the expenses of the Metropolis offices, programs and travels.

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