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CHRIST IS RISEN! XPICTOC ANECTI!

Icon of the Resurrection - St. George in Southgate, MI



Photo: His Eminence Serves at the Resurrection Liturgy
April 8, 2018 | Assumption Church, St. Clair Shores, MI

Metropolitan's Message

My Beloved Family in Christ,

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

It is with the full joy and love of all of our Clergy, our Metropolis Council, and our Metropolis Philoptochos that I have this opportunity to extend the Paschal greeting to you and your families.

We have come through a period of fasting and self-examination, of self-denial and quiet, a period of reflection and prayer, and now we have arrived to this blessed period of Pascha when we proclaim the joy of the Resurrection of Christ. Indeed, this unique event in human history has effectively changed the world. From a small group of people who lived and walked and talked with Jesus – the group of people that now calls Him Lord covers the world. Mighty is His name!

It is my prayer that in this joy you and I will have felt a change in our hearts and in our lives. In offering Himself for us, our Lord gave the ultimate sacrifice of the Divine so that our human frailty and mortality could be changed and uplifted.

And so we are called upon to consider how we may have been changed by the love and self-sacrifice of God for us.

Have we actually understood that God has changed our lives forever? Have we recognized that with each Pascha we are called upon to be raised up from the darkness of the sin of our human mortality into the Light of the Eternal Kingdom of God?

Before we come to the end of the 40 days of Jesus on earth and his Ascension into the heavens, I would ask that each of us stop and consider how our minds, hearts, and souls can now be renewed. In truth, the Lord has opened the door of change for us – but we must we willing to walk through that door.

In these next forty days, as we share the greeting “Christ is Risen!” with each other, please remember that this greeting is our own personal call to change and growth. Each of us has been called out of the darkness of our own personal sin and mortality into the reality of the Kingdom.

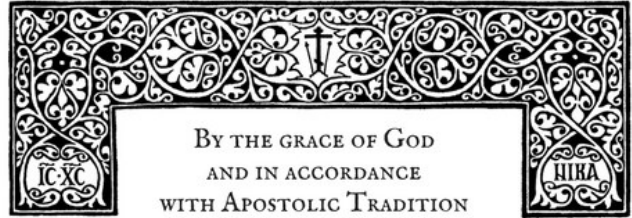
In these next days, let us find those with whom we are at odds and proclaim our unity in the Risen Christ! Let us confirm our commitment to our Holy Faith and Church by truly reflecting in our actions and behaviors what it means to be a child of God. And above all, let us remember to thank and glorify Him who made this change possible.

For truly, the Lord is Risen, and we are with Him!

METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS OF DETROIT

Metropolis News

- ❖ Christ Is Risen! We hope that you all had a blessed Lent and Holy Week! Metropolitan Nicholas had the opportunity to visit ten different parishes over the course of Holy Week. Pictures are available at: www.photos.detroit.goarch.org
- ❖ Metropolitan Nicholas' tenure as *locum tenens* of the Metropolis of Chicago has come to an end. Welcome and Αξιως! to Metropolitan Nathanael who was enthroned in Chicago on April 24. Είς Πολλά ἔτη Δέσποτα!
- ❖ The Metropolis of Detroit is expanding its involvement in social media!
 - ◆ You can now follow us on Instagram @MetropolisOfDetroit
 - ◆ and Twitter @Metropolis_TheD



HIS EMINENCE
METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS OF DETROIT
WILL ORDAIN THE SERVANT OF GOD

BRYCE VASILIOS BUFFENBARGER

TO THE HOLY DIACONATE
THROUGH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018
ORTHROS AND HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY
9:00 A.M.

SAINTS CONSTANTINE & HELEN
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
36375 JOY ROAD
WESTLAND, MICHIGAN 48185

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Metropolitan's Schedule

NOTICE: Metropolitan Nicholas' schedule is subject to change. Please visit our website for updates: www.detroit.goarch.org/calendar.

April

21	SJCOF Southern District Finals	Holy Trinity Church, Nashville, TN
22	SJCOF Upstate NY District Finals	Annunciation Church, Buffalo, NY
22	Archangel Gabriel Groundbreaking	Archangel Gabriel Church, Traverse City, MI
23	Feast of St. George	TBD
28	SJCOF Michigan District Finals	Assumption Church, Grand Blanc, MI
30	Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos Meeting	Metropolis Offices, Troy, MI

May

3-4	Archdiocesan Council Meeting	Pittsburgh, PA
5	Ordination to the Diaconate - Bryce Buffenbarger	Sts. Constantine & Helen Church, Westland, MI
15	Clergy Synodes Meeting	Metropolis Office, Troy, MI
18-19	SJCOF Metropolis Finals	St. John Church, Sterling Heights, MI
19	AHEPA District #10 Grand Banquet	St. Nicholas Church, Ann Arbor

Youth News

BY EVA KONSTANTAKOS

IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT SUMMER CAMP!

Orthodox Christian Summer Camps... are they worth it? In short... absolutely! We are blessed to have three wonderful Orthodox Christian summer camps in our own Metropolis. MDSC (Rose City, MI), St. Nicholas Camp (Leitchfield, KY), and St. Timothy Camp (Croghan, NY). Each one of our camps is unique in character and history, but they all share one main unifying trait... they all strive to help young people grow in their relationship with Christ.

In addition to fun activities, campers spend time getting to know Christ through discussions, prayer, and active involvement in the sacramental life of the Orthodox Church. Camp is a community of young Orthodox Christians who are learning, growing, and transforming in Christ!

Camper Registration is open now for MDSC (Michigan) and St. Nicholas Camp (Kentucky). Soon, registration will be open for St. Timothy Camp (Upstate NY). Our summer camps are open to ALL the youth in our Metropolis. However, they each mainly serve the youth geographically nearest to them.

Each of our camps is also looking for hard-working, fun, faithful adults to serve the youth as cabin staff, medical staff, activities coordinators, etc. Our camping ministries cannot function without these incredible volunteers who give of their time, talent, and treasure for these vital ministries to the youth.

Financial assistance is available through the *Friends of the Metropolis* program, as well as a generous camping ministries grant from Leadership 100. Requests for financial assistance should be made through the parish priest.

For information regarding camper registration, staff opportunities, and ways you can donate/support the camping ministries of our Metropolis, email youth@detroit.goarch.org or visit their respective websites to learn more about each program.



MDSC (Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp)

www.gomdsc.org



St. Timothy Summer Camp

www.sttimothycamp.org



St. Nicholas Summer Camp

www.stnicholascamp.org



MICHIGAN AREA GOYA LENTEN RETREAT

On Saturday, March 20, 2018, over 130 GOYAnS from Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio gathered at Sts. Constantine and Helen Church in Westland, MI for the Michigan GOYA Lenten Retreat. His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas was present, leading a session with the GOYAnS. There were GOYA and Adult sessions led by various clergy and lay leaders. In addition, Eric Shanburn from FOCUS Detroit led the group in a service project to feed young people in the Detroit area.

Thanks to our hosts and all attendees!

Upcoming Events

April 21	Southern District Oratorical Finals
April 22	Upstate NY District Oratorical Finals
April 28	Michigan District Oratorical Finals
May 19	Metropolis Oratorical Festival Finals

Holy Trinity Church, Nashville, TN
Annunciation Church, Buffalo, NY
Assumption Church, Grand Blanc, MI
St. John Church, Sterling Heights, MI

Philoptochos News

BY THEONE DICKOS

Χριστός Ανέστη!

May the blessings of our Resurrected Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you always.



Throughout the Lenten Season, the Philoptochos chapters were busy hosting Lenten events. Many of the events help to sponsor the March National Commitment which benefits Hellenic College Holy Cross School of Theology.

On March 10th, the Philoptochos from Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Carmel, IN partnered with the Ladies from St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of Indianapolis, IN to host an annual Lenten Retreat. Father Joseph Gingrich, from the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Dayton, OH delivered a thought provoking presentation on "The Antichrist, Apostasy, and Apocalypse."

Also on March 10th, a retreat sponsored by Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Church of Cincinnati, OH featured two Sisters from the Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration of Ellwood, PA. Sister parishes and Philoptochos chapters from Ohio and Kentucky areas attended for a day of fellowship and spiritual nourishment. One of the Sisters presented on "The History of the Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration and the life of its founder Mother Alexandra, Princess Ilena of Romania.

Charities continue to benefit from the work of our chapters. In early February, St. George Philoptochos of Bloomfield Hills, MI hosted a "Souper Bowl" pop tops soup cans event for Focus Detroit. This program helps feed the hungry of Detroit.

Holy Cross Philoptochos of Farmington Hills, MI donated 100 meals to Grace Center of Hope in Pontiac, MI on February 13th. The food was made by chapter members and donations were made by Whole Foods, Macaroni Grill and Olive Garden. Grace Center of Hope is a committed community which reaches out to individuals whose lives have been damaged by addictions and self-destructive behavior.

By now, you have received your invitation either through Facebook or by email to the "Royal Tea," a non-attendance fundraising event. There are so many people in need. The Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos offers assistance through "The Partners in Philanthropy Fund" and the "Emergency Fund." The Partners Fund offers short term assistance and the Emergency Fund helps victims of catastrophic natural disasters worldwide. To continue funding these two worthy charities, please join us as we marvel at the Royal Wedding celebration. Please share your love and blessings with the gift of a charitable donation.

Donating through PayPal is quick and easy. Visit the Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos web page at:

<http://www.detroit.goarch.org/philoptochos.html>

or make checks payable to:

The Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos
(memo: Royal Tea)

send to:

Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos,
Attn: Debbie George
2560 Crooks Rd
Troy, MI 48084

The 2018 Philoptochos Biennial Convention is being held in the Holy Metropolis of Boston in the great city of Boston, MA from July 1 through July 5. His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America has chosen the convention theme, "All Things Are Possible to the One Who Believes in Christ (Mark, 9:23)." We hope for and encourage 100% chapter participation.

2017 Total Contributions

- ❖ National Philoptochos - \$1,800,000
- ❖ Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos - \$37,000
(This does not include the donations of our Metropolis Chapters.)

MEFGOX News

BY VICKI PAPPAS, PRESIDENT

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ Is Risen!



Al Maseeh Qam! Hristus A Inviat!

Now that the musically busy days of Holy Week, Pascha, and Bright Week are over, we take this time to mark the contributions made by all church musicians - clergy, chanters, choir directors and singers - during the beautiful services we all experienced. The preceding weeks were times of many special hymns, many additional services, and many hours of rehearsals. In addition to their regular participation in Divine Liturgies and sacraments, our church musicians served at Wednesday Presanctified liturgies, Friday Heretismoï services, and Saturdays of the Souls during Lent; they offered hymns and prayers at more than 20 services during Holy Week; and they were the first to proclaim "Δεύτε Λάβετε Φως"/"Come Receive the Light" and "Χριστός Ανέστη"/"Christ is Risen" to congregations anticipating the Resurrection in darkened churches. The past several months were indeed marathons of love and service!

Now our members turn to their next large endeavor: the annual MEFGOX Convention. This year, our 71st continuous year of being established, our convention is being hosted by the choir and parish of Annunciation in Dayton, Ohio. It will occur on the weekend of July 19th – 22nd.

What does such a convention entail? In short, MEFGOX conventions are a combination of

musical, educational, spiritual, and friendship-building events. The aim is to provide resources and experiences that participants can take home to their parishes.

Almost immediately upon arrival, conventioners are immersed in workshops that serve a variety of purposes: through them, they will learn new ideas about congregational participation, use of *a cappella* singing, and increasing involvement of young adults and new parishioners in church music; they will practice musical techniques to take home for choir improvement; they will learn more about their faith and its hymnology. Spiritually, convention participants are afforded the opportunity to interact more closely with our two hierarchs (Metropolitan Nicholas and Metropolitan Savas) and to participate in a Hierarchical Liturgy with a choir larger than they may ever experience at home. Participants also encounter a taste of new music repertoire, this year under the leadership of an experienced and excellent guest director, Maritsa Madias-Kalasz from Sts. Constantine and Helen Church in Westland, Michigan. Because MEFGOX is blessed with a jurisdiction that includes parishes from both the Detroit and Pittsburgh Metropolises, convention participants have the wonderful opportunity to interact with diverse church musicians from a variety of parishes with an array of ideas about church music – coming away with new ideas, useful resources, and opportunity for long-lasting friendships across parish and metropolis lines!

We hope that all our parishes will see how advantageous it is to support and send representatives to this year's MEFGOX Convention in Dayton. All are invited, and all are promised a productive, satisfying weekend of singing, learning, and enjoyment. Registration and hotel information as well as other convention details are available on the MEFGOX website: www.mefgox.org.

Coming Soon! Save the Date!

SPRING CONCERT

Sunday evening, June 3rd

at Annunciation Cathedral in Detroit

Join the choirs of the Detroit Metro area for an evening of beautiful church music.

More information coming soon!



Photo: Paschal Liturgy April 8, 2018 | Assumption Church, St. Clair Shores, MI

Reach Hither Your Finger...

BY FR. PARTHENIOS TURNER

Christ is risen!

Beloved, have you seen death? Have you known the unforgiving touch of stone? Have you experienced the unfathomable emptiness of lost hope? Have you ever borne inexpressible grief? Have you once stared into the incomprehensible depth of an abyss?

Today, out of death comes Life! Out of unforgiving stone, comes Forgiveness for all. Out of emptiness, the Plenitude of Grace. Out of grief, there comes a trembling joy, out of the abyss, an Abyss of Compassion. Out of the existential certitude of death, there stands before us today, an 'unbelievable' image of wounds, and... Life! Today, through closed doors, the Lord enters into the midst of the disciples as the stunning Radiance of a luminous, metaphysical reality. Cognizant of our fears, He gives us His Peace. He stands before us, Who is the absolute certainty of Hope. Here stands the tangible expression of Joy reclaimed.

Here before our eyes, are traumas too great to be comprehended... "Reach hither thy finger, and put it into the mark, reach hither thy hand, and THRUST it into my side, and be not faithless, but believing". "Then," say the scriptures, "were the Disciples glad when they saw the Lord". What is this gladness they experienced at seeing the Life of all bearing such traumas triumphantly? What is this sense of anticipation, as the twin dared to touch the sacred sub-structure of Life?

And yet, "He breathed on them", and said, "receive the Holy Spirit". He gave them authority to bind and to loose. Why now? Why at this point, after Himself being bound, does He give to the disciples the imperative to bind and loose? Why does He now reassure us that whatever we bind and loose on earth, will be bound and loosed in Heaven? Having been bound Himself, He looses. He gives His Peace liberally to those bound by fear. He binds them together who were scattered when He was smitten. He enjoins us to co-create with Him a new heaven and a new earth. The Resurrection of All bids us to untie the great 'knot' of our life.

Without binding, there is no potentiality of loosing. Without retaining sins, there is no potential for forgiveness. Without justice, there can be no mercy. He invites us now to probe His hands and His side more deeply... to investigate His righteous judgements, and to be in awe of the well-spring of His mercy. He bids us to penetrate more deeply into life, to be bold enough in our doubts, to be certain beyond measure in the confession of our Faith. And, to know beyond seeing that He is indeed, our Lord and God!

Truly He is risen!

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Presbytera Silvana
Pliakas, Fr. Vasilios and
Presbytera Kyriakoula
Baldwin, James and Mary Suzanne
Daniels, Tony and Cleve
Yates, Margaret

Binghamton, NY – Holy Trinity

Bahlatzis, Fr. Michael and
Presbytera Kimberly

Bloomfield Hills, MI – St. George

Abell, Fr. Christopher and
Presbytera Alice
Iakovides, Dimitri

Buffalo, NY - Annunciation

Pappas, Victoria

Carmel, IN - Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Holy Trinity Choir
Bartz, Fr. William and
Presbytera Emily
Christensen, Fr. Lucas and
Presbytera Stacey
Mamalis, Presbytera Janet
Brochhagen, Curt and Renee
Churchill, Bill and Patti
Conrad, William and Kathleen

Dimos, Jim and Kathy
Dine, Robert and Diana
Dunbar, Pete and Lea
Eleftheri, Anthony and Jill
Eleftheri, Lawrence and Beth
Emmanoelides, Melinda
Johnson, Ronald and Sunday
Kirages, George and Susan
Kollias, Stephen and Gail
Nicholos, Sam and Dawn
Oberlies, Toula
Pappas, Leon and Andrea
Pavlakos, Elias and Maria
Pease, John and Maria
Saran, Nicholas
Sofianopoulos, Nick and Vickie
Vitsas, Constantine and Sondra
Vitsas, James
Vitsas, Jon
Vitsas, Vanessa
Waterbury, Anthony and Kristen
Woodruff, Jim and Cindy

Chattanooga, TN - Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Ballas, Fr. Stavros and
Presbytera Thea
Bougdanos, Maria R.
Bouloukos, Dino and Maria
Bundros, Tom and Lara
Fotiadis, Nicky
Fox, Ann F.
Gaitanoglou, John and Jane
Hopper, Richard and Chrisi
Kouris, George
Mastilovic, Mick and Lynn

Monk, Grace
Simpson, Joseph and Jillian
Tolbert, John and Janice

Cincinnati, OH

Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas
Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Parish
Assaley, Lewis and Patricia
Perdikakis, Gus and JoAnn
Stringas, Emanuel

Dayton, OH - Annunciation

Gingrich, Fr. Joseph
Abboud, Fayez and Maria
Alex, Sandra
Barron, John Jr. and Cynthia
Bouris, Harry and Linda
Caras, Gregory and Maria
Casey, David and Andrea
Castleman, Maria
Couchot, Christine
Daskalakis, Tom and Theodora
Davell, Constantine and Phyllis
Derksen, James and Leah
Fote, Alex and Photini
Hurst, Evonna
Jackson, Michael and Ioanna
Keilholz, Mark and Cynthia
Kordalis, George and Katina
Morris, Chrisoula
Nakis, George
Nicholas, Joanne
Pacilio, Dennis and Vickie
Panagouleas, Maria
Polychronis, Maria
Redovian, Karen

Russell, Nelson and Theona
Searles, John and Mary
Speros, Gregory and Jane
Spyrou, Elias and Kathy
Stamas, James and Elizabeth
Tsatalis, Catherine
Zalants, Anthony and Irene
Zavakos, James and Ruthann
Zois, Nick and Michelle

Detroit, MI

Annunciation Cathedral

Bennert, Constance
Gaggos, Harry and Irene
Kazolis, Koula
Politis, Dean L.

Farmington Hills, MI - Holy Cross

Hountalas, Fr. Dean and
Presbytera Olga
Artemas, Fr. John and
Presbytera Nikie
Casoglos, Thomas and Mary

Fort Wayne, IN - Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Walsh, Fr. Andrew and
Presbytera Sophia

Grand Blanc, MI - Assumption

Assumption Parish
Maggos, Fr. Angelo and
Presbytera Teri
Chinonis, Dennis and Debra
Kalatzis, Athena
Kallis, Agape
Kaloydis, John and Karen
Karabinas, Pavlos and Ruth
Schultze, JoAnne
Yeotis, Catherine

Grand Rapids, MI - Holy Trinity

Berends, Fr. James and
Presbytera Anne
Afendoulis, Angelynn
Gray, Mark and Alexis
Monoyios, Terry and Akrivi
Nicholas, James S.

Ithaca, NY - St. Catherine

Bezirgianian, John

Jamestown, NY - St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish
Russell, Fr. Jarrod
Cheronis, James and Christine

Lansing, MI – Holy Trinity

Sietsema, Fr. Mark and
Presbytera Katherine

Lexington, KY

Panagia Pantovasilissa

Arimes, Vickie
Minor, Tom and Delores

Louisville, KY - Assumption

Wingenbach, Fr. Gregory
Blackford, Charles and Patricia
Makris, Mary

Muskegon, MI - Annunciation

Annunciation Philoptochos
Encelewski, Christine Danigelis
Ladas, Paul and Patricia

Nashville, TN - Holy Trinity

Hohnholt, Fr. Gregory and
Presbytera Sofia
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Billo, John and Kassiani
Harman, Todd and Dawn
Miller, John M.
Taras, Nick and Donna

Nashville, TN - St. John Chrysostom

Courington, Christopher and
Shelley
Wagner, Charles and Edith

Plymouth, MI

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Nativity of the Virgin Mary
Philoptochos
Tsaprazis, Peter and Diane
Wernette, David and Golfo

Rochester, NY - Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Pink, Kenneth J.

Rochester, NY - Holy Spirit

Marcantoni, Fr. Michael and
Presbytera Katherine

Saginaw, MI - St. Demetrios

Cook, Fr. Timothy and
Presbytera Catherine
Barris, Thomas and Angela
Bazakis, Andrew and Ann
Caldwell, Larry and Peggy
Houpis, Evan and Candance
Ostler, Dennis and Soula
Rouman, George and Frances
Stamas, Jim and Marsha

Southgate, MI - St. George

St. George Parish
St. George Philoptochos
Cook, Fr. Anthony and
Presbytera Elizabeth
Anonymous
Colovos, Bill and Julie
Danckaert, Seraphim and Anne
Diamantis, John and Christin
Dionyssopoulos, Stavros and Eleni
Kontos, Chris and Frances
Kontos, John and Marika
Kotronis, George and Stella
Liakos, Michael and Karen
Minton, Barbara
Minton, Nicholas
Moody, Rick and Kim
Tougas, Christian and Lauren

St. Clair Shores, MI - Assumption

Varlamos, Fr. Michael and
Presbytera Tina
Hatzichronoglou, Lena
Manos, Chris and Kathy

Sterling Heights, MI - St. John

Kotsis, Andrew and Irene

Traverse City, MI

Archangel Gabriel

Poumade, John and Nicola
Underwood, Robert and Theresa

Troy, MI - St. Nicholas

Karmanos, Peter and Danialle
Liakonis, Chris and Labrini
Zotos, Gregory

Vestal, NY - Annunciation

Bahlatzis, Fr. Michael and
Presbytera Kimberly
Gianakouros, Harry and Katie

Westland, MI

Sts. Constantine and Helen

Sts. Constantine and Helen Parish
Sts. Constantine and Helen
Philoptochos
Alexandris, Athanasios and Athena
Lembesis, Dino
Skotanis, Bill and Fay
Wulff, Monty S.

Other Friends:

Buffenbarger, Bryce and Elyse

Photo Highlights



Lazarus Saturday
St. George Church, Southgate, MI
March 31



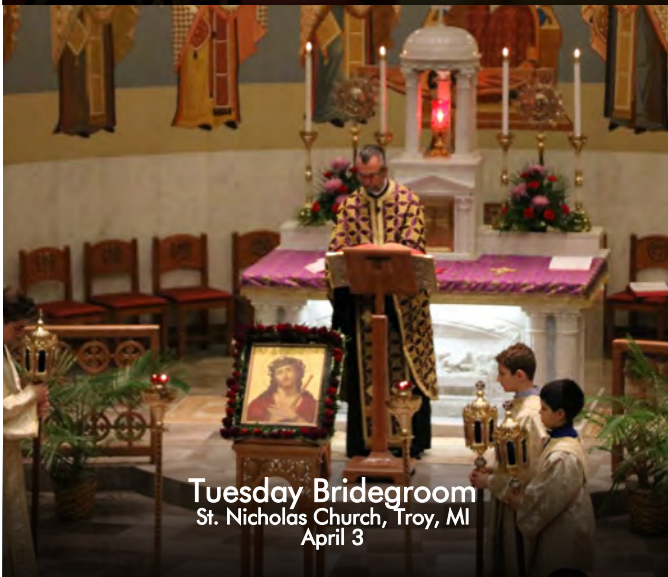
Palm Sunday
St. John Church, Sterling Heights, MI
April 1



Sunday Bridegroom
Holy Trinity Church, Lansing, MI
April 1



Monday Bridegroom
Holy Trinity Church, Grand Rapids, MI
April 2



Tuesday Bridegroom
St. Nicholas Church, Troy, MI
April 3



Holy Unction
Sts. Constantine & Helen Church, Westland, MI
April 4

Holy Week 2018



Holy Unction
Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, Plymouth, MI
April 4



Twelve Gospels
Holy Trinity Cathedral, Toledo, OH
April 5



Lamentations
Annunciation Cathedral, Detroit, MI
April 6



Proti Anastasi Liturgy
Assumption Church, Grand Blanc, MI
April 7



Resurrection Liturgy
Assumption Church, St. Clair Shores, MI
April 7-8



Agape Vespers
Sts. Constantine & Helen Church, Westland, MI
April 8

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Dear Friends of the Metropolis

You made a tremendous impact in our Metropolis of Detroit for the year 2017. Because of your love and support for the Friends of the Metropolis program, we have been able to fully fund the continued operation and ministries of our Metropolis. Please know that the Metropolis of Detroit has always had an open financial accounting of our income and expenses.

Every gift to our Metropolis has been spent in accordance with the needs, work, and ministry of our Office for the benefit of our Parishes, our Clergy, our Faithful, and all of our individual ministries

If you are getting ready to give a donation for the 2018 Friends of the Metropolis program, please remember how your donations are used:

- ❖ **YOU** made it possible for Metropolitan Nicholas to accept Archbishop Demetrios' request for him to be the Metropolitan Locum Tenens of Chicago;
- ❖ **YOU** have helped us to pay all the normative operational expenses of the Metropolis Office including: building maintenance and repair; heat; lights; postage; technology; and supplies;
- ❖ Through **YOUR** support, Metropolitan Nicholas was able to attend the meeting of the Eparchial Synod with the Ecumenical Patriarch in August;
- ❖ **YOU** have made it possible to cover the travel expenses incurred during our pastoral visitations to the Metropolis parishes;
- ❖ **YOU** helped make certain that we are able to contribute to student loan payments for our clergy

and church workers who graduated from the Hellenic College/Holy Cross and serve in our Metropolis parishes;

- ❖ **YOU** have assured that there is a summer youth camp available to all of our young people;
- ❖ **YOU** helped support the annual regional youth lenten retreats;
- ❖ **YOU** have been the helping hands who gave through our office to those in need of shelter, clothing, food, and medical supplies;
- ❖ **YOU** helped us upgrade our technology systems so that live video conference calls can include clergy and faithful from Arkansas to New York;
- ❖ **YOU** have made it possible for us at the Metropolis to repair the water leaks in the basement of our Metropolis Office;
- ❖ **YOU** helped us donate money to rebuild the Ionian Village;
- ❖ **YOU** helped Metropolitan Nicholas assist people in emergency situations in need of financial support;

Thank you for your great stewardship!

God be praised!

Thank You!

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