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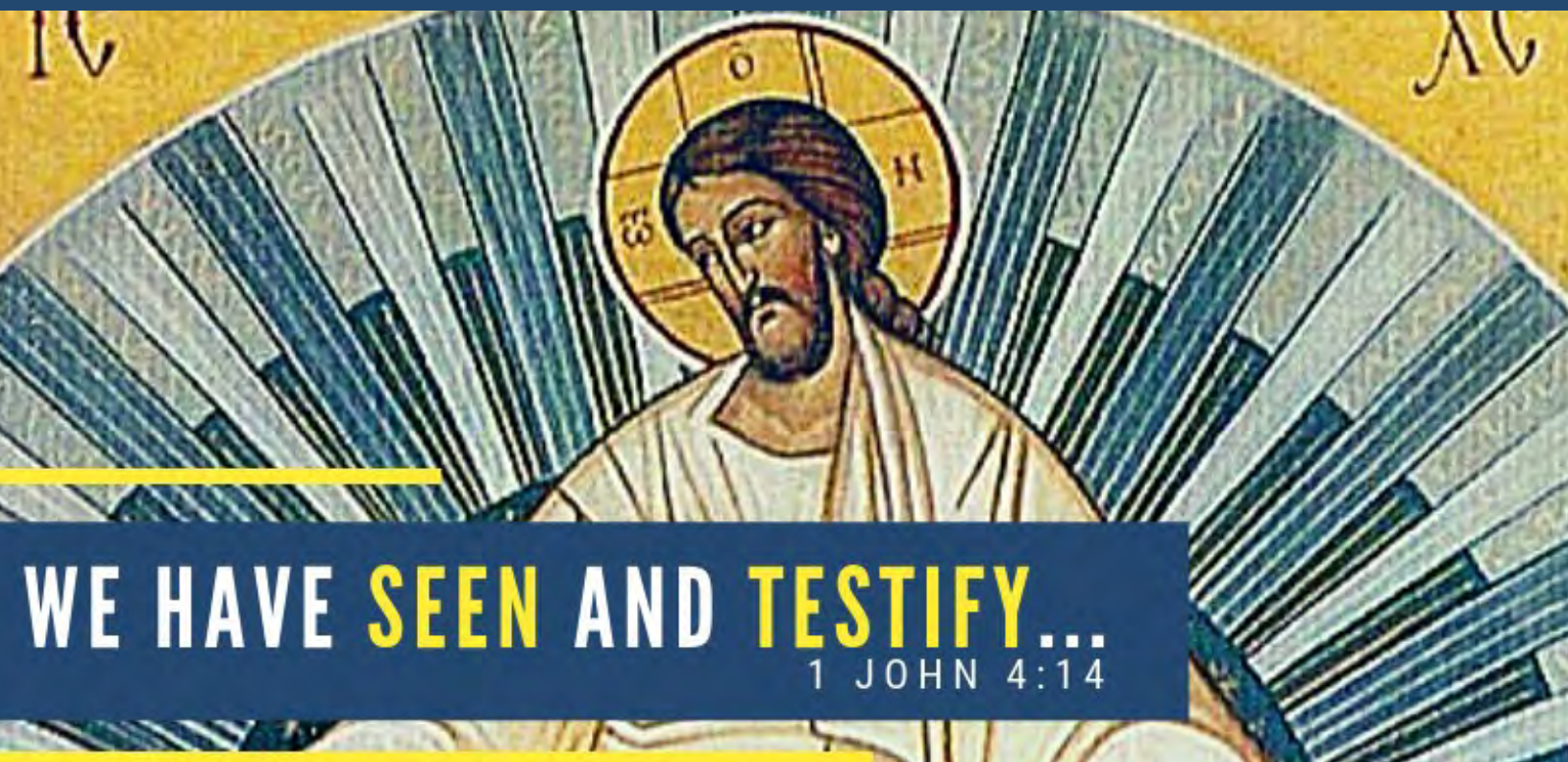
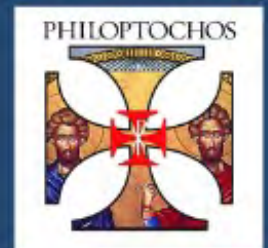
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1 JOHN 4:14

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Metropolis & Youth News

❖As the semester gets going, please keep our seminarians in your prayers. Spiro Morris and Zachary Heller from Holy Cross in Farmington Hills, Michigan, Alex Malian from the Assumption Church in St. Clair Shores, Michigan, and Alyssa Eliopoulos from the Assumption Church in Louisville, Kentucky.



METROPOLIS OF DETROIT HELLENIC DANCE FESTIVAL – Registration Open



Registration is open now for the first **Metropolis of Detroit Hellenic Dance Festival (Detroit HDF)**, which will be held October 11-13, 2019 at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Toledo, OH.

This festival is not a competition, but rather a celebration of the art of Greek folk dance – a weekend filled with workshops, performances, and fellowship. The event is open to all parishes in the Metropolis of Detroit. **Dance Group and Hotel Registration has been extended to September 23, 2019.**

The official Registration Info Packet is available at www.detroit.goarch.org/DetroitHDF. The packet includes the event schedule, guidelines, hotel information, and more. **REGISTER TODAY!**

PARISH YOUTH SAFETY POLICIES – Fr. Earl Cantos to Present at Metropolis Clergy Laity

We are pleased to announce that Fr. Earl Cantos, the Director of the GOA Department of Youth Safety, will be joining us at this year's Metropolis of Detroit Clergy Laity Conference in Troy, MI. He will be addressing all of the clergy and delegates on Thursday, September 26, 2019 regarding the Youth Safety Policies Roll Out and will answer questions regarding its application and implementation.

Eva Konstantakos, the Director of Young and Young Adult Ministries of our Metropolis, will be serving as the Metropolis of Detroit Youth Safety Administrator. The Metropolis has been given a rollout timeline from the GOA Department of Youth Safety, and the Metropolis Youth Safety Administrator will be reaching out to parishes regarding the next steps for implementation and compliance. Please direct any questions regarding the Policies for the Safety of Children and Youth to Eva Konstantakos at youth@detroit.goarch.org.



Clergy-Laity Tentative Schedule

Wednesday, September 25

3:00p - 9:00p	Registration	Location TBD
1:00p	Clergy Syndesmos Meeting	Location TBD
6:00p - 7:30p	Dinner - Clergy, Metropolis Council, and Philoptochos Board	Location TBD
7:30p - 9:00p	Metropolis Council Meeting	Location TBD
7:30p - 9:00p	Metropolis Philoptochos Board Meeting	Location TBD

Thursday, September 26

All events at St. Nicholas Church - Troy

8:30a - 10:00a	Divine Liturgy, & Anointing of Delegates	
10:00a - 12:00p	Registration	
10:00a - 10:45a	Continental Breakfast	
10:45a - 11:30a	Opening of Assembly & Keynote by His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas: <i>"We have seen and testify."</i>	
11:45a - 1:00p	Common Sessions led by Fr. Mark Sietsema, Fr. Nicolaos Kotsis, Fr. Stavros Ballas, Fr. Larry Legakis	
1:00p - 2:00p	Lunch	
2:00p - 3:30p	Fr. Earl Contos - Youth Protection Manual Update	
3:30p - 5:00p	Financial Meeting	
2:00p - 5:00p	Philoptochos Sessions	
5:00p - 6:00p	Afternoon Reception	
	Free Evening	

Friday, September 27

8:00a	Orthros		Location TBD
9:00a - 10:00a	Philoptochos Breakfast		Location TBD
9:00a - 10:00a	Delegate Breakfast		Location TBD
10:00a - 11:45p	Philoptochos General Assembly		Location TBD
10:00a - 11:30a	Learning Session I “Branding Ourselves for Christ” Fr. Simon Thomas	Location TBD	Learning Session III “Living & Learning the Sacraments” Fr. Nicholas Verdaris
11:30a - 1:00p	Learning Session II “My Brother is My Life: Fostering a Welcoming Spirit in our Communities” Fr. Timothy Cook	Location TBD	Learning Session IV “Engaging an Ever- Changing Culture with a Never-Changing Faith” Fr. Christo Christakis
12:00p - 1:00p	Lunch		Location TBD
1:00p - 5:00p	Philoptochos General Assembly - Discussion Groups & Reports		Location TBD
1:00p - 2:15p	Committee Meeting Religious Education	Location TBD	Committee Meeting Administration
2:20p - 3:35p	Committee Meeting Youth & Young Adult Ministry	Location TBD	Committee Meeting Greek Language & Culture
3:40p - 5:00p	Committee Meeting Stewardship	Location TBD	Committee Meeting Outreach & Evange- lism
6:00p - 11:00p	Grand Banquet in honor of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas		Location TBD

Saturday, September 28

8:00a	Orthros		Location TBD
9:00a - 1:00p	Clergy Laity Plenary Session and Elections		Location TBD
9:00a - 1:00p	Philoptochos General Assembly and Election of Metropolis Board		Location TBD

Philoptochos News

BY THEONE DICKOS

As summer draws to a close, we look forward to a new Ecclesiastical year with anticipation and excitement in growing our mission of helping those who are less fortunate.



Speaking of excitement, it is building for the Metropolis Clergy-Laity and Philoptochos Conference which will be held from September 26-28 at the Somerset Inn in Troy, Michigan. Plans are well underway with an innovative agenda and an opportunity to share new ideas with your Philoptochos sisters. ***The highlight of the convention is the “20 Year Enthronement Anniversary Banquet” celebrating His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit on Friday, September 27, 2019.***

Our Metropolis is strong, and led by an outstanding group of energetic and innovative women. Thank you to all who have come forward to lead your chapters over the next two years and to those who have committed to a second term. We thank the past presidents for their leadership and guidance. It is a huge responsibility, and your efforts are appreciated. You have made a difference, and you continue to make a difference.

The Metropolis of Detroit is very grateful to the Stefanou family for offering the Florence G. Stefanou Memorial Scholarship to a deserving young adult. There were many qualified applicants, and the Stefanou family had a

difficult task in choosing a recipient. Florence was a dedicated Philoptochos member on all levels, locally, Metropolis and National. She was a past Metropolis Philoptochos Board President.

Elizabeth Martine of Zionsville, Indiana was awarded the first Florence G Stefanou Scholarship. Elizabeth is a member of Holy Trinity Cathedral in Carmel, Indiana, and is the daughter of Gary and Niki Martine. She will be attending Indiana University in the Fall. We wish Elizabeth and all the scholarship applicants success as they pursue their higher educational goals.

The Chapters of the Metropolis continued to serve throughout the summer. Many of our chapters have embraced the new National Philoptochos project “Operation Classroom.” This project is designed to assist teachers and students in underserved schools. Over 94% of public school teachers provide school supplies for their classrooms out of their own resources without any expectation of reimbursement. If every chapter throughout the Metropolis and throughout the country adopted an underfunded school, just think of all the lives that could be impacted. The Metropolis of Detroit is well on its way in helping the teachers and their students.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Metropolis Clergy Laity and Philoptochos Conference. As we work together to help those in need, friendships are formed and grow. I cannot wait to see all of you at the end of September in Troy, Michigan!

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Ficchi, Diana M.
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You made a tremendous impact in our Metropolis of Detroit for the year 2018. 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

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- ❖ 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;
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