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Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Nativity Icon in the Prothesis
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Metropolitan's Message

*Arise, shine, for thy light is come,
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
Isaiah 60:1*

Beloved faithful of the Metropolis of Detroit,

Along with year's end come our long winter nights. Early sunsets and late dawns—these can bring a sense of bleakness and gloom to the season. But there is something as well about dark winter skies that draws our eyes upward. Above our heads, of course, is a galaxy of glory and beauty at all times. But we see these wonders only in the hours of deepest darkness.

So it was many years ago for those Wise Men from the East. God spoke to them as they could best understand, in the language of the celestial bodies. But it was not by the light of the noonday sun that Good News came to the Magi. It was in the blackness of night that they witnessed the rising of a new star, the herald of a new King. They needed the dark to see the Light.

We are entering a season that many have predicted will be “a dark winter” for our world. They foresee illness, death, and economic hardship, bringing stress and distress throughout society. These woes will touch our own towns and cities, our neighborhoods and

parishes, and each one of our families. We will all be affected by the dark winter to come.

And yet this darkness also draws the eyes of our souls to the one true source of light and hope: our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. He came into our world to heal and to save us. He taught us the power of selfless love. He gave us the medicine of immortality. He built His Church to be our comfort and haven. Even in these dark times of isolation and fear, we have the saints and angels as protectors and guides; we have one another as brothers and sisters.

In times of health and prosperity, we might not fully appreciate the blessings of our life in Christ. Like the Wise Men of old, we need the dark to see the Light. That Light is always, always there, if only we lift up our hearts and eyes to behold the glory of the Lord that has risen upon us.

Beloved in the Lord,

May the Light of Bethlehem shine in your hearts in the days ahead and in all your celebration of the Lord's holy birth. Merry Christmas to all and a Blessed New Year!

With Christmas blessings and thanks,



+METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS OF DETROIT



Metropolitan Nicholas at Vespers for the Feast of the St. Demetrios.
Nativity of the Theotokos, Monday, September 8, 2020

Youth News

BY EVA KONSTANTAKOS

SUPPORT YOUR SUMMER CAMPS: Camp Sunday – February 7, 2021

Our three exceptional Metropolis summer camps bring faith, joy, and friendship to campers, staff, and clergy from across the Metropolis. Most importantly, these vital programs offer all participants an opportunity to grow in Christ – individually and as a camp family! Therefore, it is essential that we raise awareness and support for these incredible ministries.

The Metropolis Youth Office has designated Sunday, February 7, 2021 as “Camp Sunday.” On this specific Sunday, or any Sunday in February, parishes are asked to promote the respective camp of their area. More information will be sent to the parishes outlining the various ways they can support the Orthodox Christian summer camps of our Metropolis. Feel free to contact the Metropolis Youth Office (youth@detroit.goarch.org) with questions.

MDSC – www.gomdsc.org

ST. NICHOLAS SUMMER CAMP – www.stnicholascamp.org

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2021 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVALS

The St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival is an incredible program of the Archdiocese and Metropolis that encourages teens to learn about and witness their faith through the art of public speaking. For the 2021 SJCOF season, the Metropolis Youth Office is working on guidelines for conducting virtual Oratorical Festivals. Parishes will receive easy-to-follow protocols for conducting virtual festivals and for submitting speaker presentations.

Should in-person festivals be permitted in the new year, please see the dates and locations for our District and Metropolis Festivals. All parishes should complete their parish festivals (whether virtual or in-person) by the end of March.

Central District Festival - Saturday, April 10, 2021: Annunciation Church – Dayton, OH

Michigan Area District Festival - Saturday, April 10, 2021: Assumption Church – Grand Blanc, MI

Southern District Festival - Saturday, April 10, 2021: Annunciation Church – Memphis, TN

Upstate NY District Festival - Saturday, April 10, 2021: St. Nicholas Church – Jamestown, NY

METROPOLIS FINALS – Saturday, May 15, 2021: Holy Trinity Cathedral – Carmel, IN

Please direct questions regarding the Oratorical Festival to youth@detroit.goarch.org.

More information will also be available at the following links.

<https://www.detroit.goarch.org/sjcofresources>

<https://www.detroit.goarch.org/metropolissjcof.html>



2021 REGIONAL GOYA LENTEN RETREATS

The Metropolis of Detroit annually sponsors regional GOYA Lenten Retreats, gathering youth during the important period of Great and Holy Lent to learn, worship, and grow closer to God.

Due to the continuing limitations and concerns surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic, the ability to have in-person retreats remains uncertain. However, the Metropolis Youth Office is working on possible virtual alternatives in case in-person gatherings are not allowed by that time. Details will be sent to parishes via email regarding the respective retreats being offered in their area. Feel free to direct questions to youth@detroit.goarch.org.



SUPPORT ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (OCF)

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) is the official campus ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. This vital ministry of our Archdiocese and Metropolis provides meaningful and transformative ministry to young adults on college campuses across the United States. During these difficult times, OCF has been a leader in providing virtual ministry opportunities for college students. As we close out this year, consider making a gift to OCF to help them continue this integral ministry. No gift is too small and every gift is a blessing! Visit www.ocf.net for more information.

We wish everyone a blessed Nativity and a happy, healthy New Year!

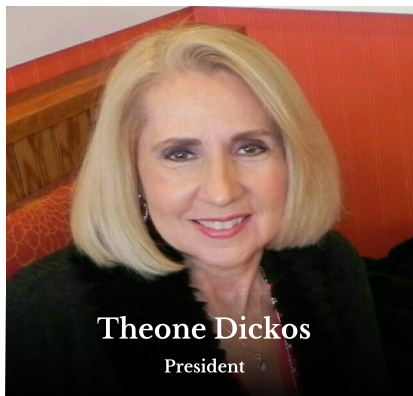
Philoptochos News

BY THEONE DICKOS

GOD IS WITH US

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35



Greetings, and may the beauty of this joyous Season be with you always. Philoptochos ladies have received many blessings in their lives, but our biggest blessing is the ability to assist those who are less fortunate.

We thank God for all things that are good. Philoptochos ladies wanted to meet in person to enjoy the camaraderie and exchange ideas with our Philoptochos sisters at the 2020 National Philoptochos Convention in Cleveland, OH, but God had other plans for us. On August 21 and 22, over 600

delegates and observers participated in the first Virtual National Philoptochos Convention. All business was conducted with innovation technology and social distancing. Our beloved Metropolitan Nicholas participated in both days of the convention, and thanked the Philoptochos for their kindness that is extended to all especially to those who are in need.

One of the highlights of the Convention was the Agape Awards Presentation. Philoptochos has many dedicated women who have devoted decades in serving their church, the Philoptochos Society and the less fortunate. **Congratulations to Margaret Manos who is the Agape Award winner from the Metropolis of Detroit.** Margaret attends Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Buffalo, NY. Even at age 84, Margaret is a source of inspiration for all the chapter members with her tireless energy, outgoing personality and broad knowledge of all things Philoptochos. We recognize the seven other nominees from the Metropolis of Detroit who also serve as role models for all generations. They are as follows: **Harriet Ellis**, Annunciation, Dayton, OH, **Theodora Bageris**, Nativity of the Virgin Mary, Plymouth, MI, **Christine Encelewski**, Annunciation, Muskegon, MI, **Catalina Gianakouros**, Annunciation, Vestal, NY, **Georgene O Chadleus**, Saints Constantine and Helen, Westland, MI, **Liberty Pasyanos**, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Carmel, IN, **Asimina Sideris**, Holy Trinity St. Nicholas, Cincinnati, OH. We thank all these special ladies for their dedicated service.

In October of 2020 Archbishop Elpidophoros appointed the new Philoptochos Executive Board and National Board Members. Congratulations to our own **Harriet Stoukas** becoming Assistant Treasurer. Congratulations also go to the following ladies who were appointed to the National Board: **Cindy Crosson**, **Theone Dickos**, **Andrea Feles-Katsimbaris**, **Debbie George**, **Katherine Kotsis**, **Maria Stavropoulos**, **Evanthia Valassisades**, **Margaret Yates**, and honorary National Board Member **Anne Feles**.

Philoptochos News (continued)

BY THEONE DICKOS

The Detroit Metropolis Philoptochos Chapters continue to find ways to extend a helping hand during this most unusual time. The chapters continue to embrace the National Philoptochos Operation Classroom Initiative. Ann Arbor, MI , Dayton, OH, Fort Wayne, IN, Muskegon, MI, and Vestal, NY chapters just to mention a few have provided school supplies, coats, toiletries, and shoes to impoverished students. The chapters also continuously support the **Feeding the Hungry Initiative** providing assistance and help at Soup Kitchens. Meals are packaged for the safety of the patrons.



The Metropolis of Detroit is honored and excited to be the Host Metropolis for the 18th Biennial National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon on November 6, 2021 in the city of Indianapolis. His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros will be in attendance, so be sure to keep this day open on your calendars. The Children's Medical Fund Luncheon was established in 1989, and has impacted the lives of children throughout the United States and throughout the world by donating 4.2 million to medical programs and facilities that offer care, treatment, innovative research and cures.

Wishing you a blessed holiday season.

METROPOLIS CONTRIBUTIONS

Benevolence through Partners in Philanthropy - \$1,853

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**BLESSINGS OF THE NATIVITY SEASON
FROM THE CHURCH MUSICIANS OF OUR METROPOLIS**



As we as Orthodox faithful move closer to the beautiful feast of the Holy Nativity this month, the church musicians of the Metropolis of Detroit, choir members and chanters alike, extend heartfelt good wishes to Metropolitan Nicholas, our Reverend Fathers, and to all the members of our parishes.

During this joyful season, you will hear the chanting of the beautiful prayers which make up the special hymns of the Nativity Feast – join us as we praise the birth of our Lord!

The Festal Antiphon:

Your birth, O Christ our God,
dawned the light of knowledge upon the earth.
For by Your birth those who adored stars, were taught by a star,
to worship You, the Sun of Justice and to know You, Orient from on High. (*Ἡ Γέννησή Σου*)
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**The Festal Kontakion:**

Today, the Virgin bears Him who is transcendent,  
and the earth presents the cave to Him who is beyond reach.  
Angels, along with shepherds, glorify Him.  
The Magi make their way to Him by a star.  
For a new child has been born for us, the God before all ages. (*Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον*)  
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The Festal Communion Hymn:

The Lord has sent Redemption to His people. Alleluia! (*λύτρωσιν*)
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**Katavasia from Orthros:**

Christ is born, Glorify Him! (*Χριστός Γεννάται*)

From all of us to all of you, we wish you a Merry Christmas – *Καλά Χριστούγεννα* – and a Happy New Year!



# Christmas List

BY FATHER MICHAEL MARCANTONI

In every culture solemn occasions are observed in connection with music specifically befitting the occasion. This is true both for civic observances, for instance the patriotic songs surrounding national days of independence, as well as religious ones. In our society it can be said that even non-church going individuals are still familiar with the words and themes connected with Christmas carols and indeed even many atheistic households mark the season in some way.

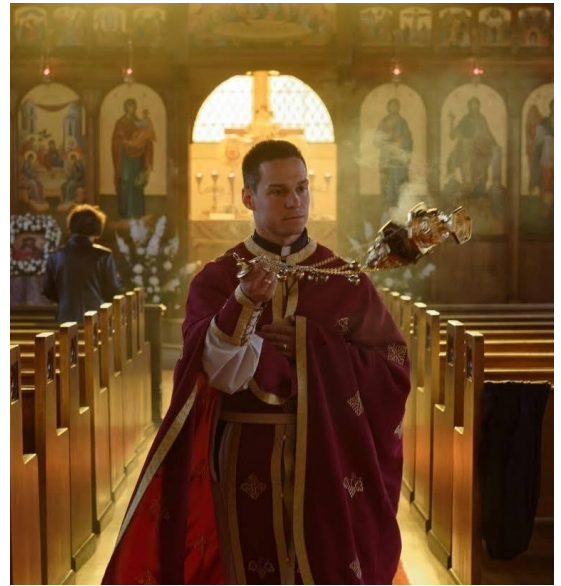
One of the most well known of these carols tells children that Santa Claus/Saint Nicholas makes a list of naughty and nice children and checks it diligently to ascertain how a given child will be rewarded or penalized based on their behavior. One element of the Christmas season that has rightly been scrutinized both within and outside the bounds of the Church is the very commercial nature that has developed around the priorities connected with the Christmas season.

The sort of carrot and stick approach that is implied in a naughty or nice list, rests, in this case, on the reward of gifts for attendant “good behavior” being the ultimate focus. While this may have begun in a well-intentioned spirit, it has so morphed the Christmas season into such a large scale commercial event that it can and is often viewed entirely divorced from its spiritual implications by many.

The giving of gifts at Christmas takes its starting point in the gifts brought to the infant Christ Child by the Magi of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. We are told nothing about the quantity of these items and suppose that it was at least in such a quantity to fulfill the items’ prophetic function of announcing the Christ as true Priest, Prophet and King.

Rather than focusing on the issue of gifts, the Gospel Narrative focuses on the coming of Christ fulfilling the Prophecy that “Those who sat in Darkness saw a Great Light.” In this vein it bears mentioning that the Christmas season is very often a time of great darkness for many. According to the Mayo Clinic website seasonal depression and isolation increases around the holidays for a variety of factors. The Holiday Season is also the time where long standing family divisions and feuds can be in starker relief, many people turn to substances to cope (especially alcohol) and these yearly trends are currently compounded by the additional isolation of COVID quarantines and restrictions.

Rather than a list of hot seasonal gifts and their recipients we should prioritize a list of the isolated and depressed. Our list this year should be those isolated, rejected and neglected within our own circles who sit in great darkness and who at this time need most of all the great dawning light of the Orthodox Gospel. It need not be expensive, it need not be lengthy, but prioritize the list of those sitting in darkness, isolation and loneliness. Your gift or perhaps the briefest of phone calls can in fact be the difference between life and death and the Light of Christ to those sitting in great darkness.



Merry Christmas, Kala Xristougenna,

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## Dear Friends of the Metropolis,

You made a tremendous impact in our Metropolis of Detroit for the year 2019. 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 assured that there is support for creating virtual summer youth camp opportunities to all of our young people;
- ❖ **YOU** helped support monthly continuing education webinars for clergy, Sunday School Teachers, and Parish Youth Workers.
- ❖ **YOU** have been the helping hands who gave through our office to those in need of shelter, clothing, food, and medical supplies;
- ❖ **YOU** helped Metropolitan Nicholas assist people in emergency situations in need of financial support;
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