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A Message From The Bishop...

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Tragedy has struck our nation. I would like to take this opportunity to express on behalf of the entire Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Detroit, my deepest sympathy to all those who have lost family members and friends to the events of September 11th.

In the spirit of Christian love and Charity, which characterizes our Holy Greek Orthodox Church, we have begun a major campaign to offer our strong moral and financial support to those in need. The goal of our Diocese is to offer a minimum of \$100,000 to this effort through our Archbishop. If you have not yet had the opportunity to offer a contribution, please contact your parish priest so that we can show our love and support as a Church.

May our loving Lord continue to bless all of us with every good thing, I remain

With hands uplifted before God,

+ Bishop Nicholas

Diocesan Clergy - Laity to be held in Buffalo, NY...

The biannual Clergy-Laity Conference of the Diocese of Detroit will be held on October 3 - 5 in Buffalo, NY. The Conference will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo. The conference theme is "Servants of Christ, and Stewards of the Mysteries of God." I Cor. 4:1.

Welcome

His Grace Bishop Nicholas is please to announce the following additions to our Detroit Diocese Family:

Rev. Ari Damaskos
Holy Trinity - Toledo, OH
Rev. Demetri Tonia
Holy Trinity - Fort Wayne, IN
Rev. Nicholas Nichols
Assumption - Louisville, KY
Rev. Dn. Teodor Petrutiu
Diocese Office - Detroit, MI

His Grace is also pleased to announce the following transfers:

Rev. Stratton Dorozenski
St. Nicholas - Troy, MI
Rev. George Savas
Assumption-St. Clair Shores, MI

Rev. Dean Nastos
Annunciation - Dayton, OH
Rev. Patrick Cowles
Holy Spirit - Rochester, NY
Rev. Stylianos Menis
Annunciation - Chattanooga, TN
Rev. Stavros Ballas
Assumption - Flint, MI

Church Musicians Meet for Annual Conference

By Barbara Minton

Church Musicians from the Detroit and Pittsburgh Dioceses met in Harrisburg, PA on July 19-22, 2001, at the annual conference of the Mid-Eastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians where the combined choirs sang the musical arrangement of the Divine Liturgy by Dr. Nicolas Maragos, in Greek and English, under the direction of Dr. Maragos of Rochester, MN. A chant group, instructed and led by Dr. Jessica Suchy-Pilalis, chanted the Orthros on Sunday morning. The choirs rehearsed on Friday and Saturday in preparation for the culmination of the conference – the Divine Liturgy, celebrated on Sunday, July 22, 2001.

In addition to the rehearsals, a workshop entitled

So You're Singing in English? Can Anyone Tell? was conducted by Steven Karidoyanes of Boston; Mr. Karidoyanes offered tips and techniques for better pronunciation when singing in English. On Saturday, conference participants discussed the topic ***The Changing Role of the Choir in the 21st Century*** with a panel made up of area clergy and Dr. Maragos, Mr. Karidoyanes, and Dr. Suchy-Pilalis.

Other highlights of the conference included the Grand Banquet, during which some special presentations were made. The Patriarch Athenagoras Medal for Distinguished Diocesan Service was awarded to Mr. Terry N. Jonethis of St. Nicholas in Jamestown, NY. He received the honor for his nearly 75 years of service to the church. Throughout those years, he served as psalti and choir director. His knowledge and love for church music were the things that motivated others to follow in his path. Mr. Jonethis mentored and taught many others who went on to become psalti and choir directors. Father George Bartz and Miss Angie Angelos of the Pittsburgh Diocese also received medals.

Five Memorial Scholarships were awarded. The Charles M. Michaels Scholarship was given to Karen Scanlon of Lancaster, PA; the John N. Tsolainos Scholarship was given to Teresa Hadgis of Annunciation, Rochester, NY; three scholarships in memory of

deceased Federation Members were awarded to Alexander Kosmidis of St. Demetrios, Rocky River, OH, Alice Shukla of Holy Cross, Farmington Hills, MI, and Maria Mihalitsas, Annunciation, Rochester, NY.

Mr. Chris Zervos, Holy Trinity in Toledo, Ohio, was elected as the new President. Anyone interested in learning more about the Mid-Eastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians can reach Chris at 419/861-7788 or ZervosBldr@aol.com.

Announcements...

His Grace Bishop Nicholas would like to congratulate Rev. and Mrs. Mark Sietsema (Holy Trinity - Lansing, MI) on the birth of their son Alexander.

Congratulations also goes to Father Nicholas Verdaris on the completion of his Doctorate Degree in Ministry.

Great Summer Camp Season!

By Nick Kotsis

Rose City, MI - We had a very successful camping season again this year, with over 340 campers and 100 staff participating at DDSC. We thank very much all of the staff for the dedication and commitment to the camp. We also thank Fr. Stratton Dorozenski, Fr. Mark Emroll, Fr. Stelios Menis, Fr. Dean Hountalas, and Fr. Stavros Ballas

for offering their invaluable time and ministry to the campers and staff. We will be updating the camp website in the near future (<http://detroit.goarch.org/ddsc>), so keep checking in. Next year, we are looking forward to celebrating the 50th anniversary of the DDSC!

Upstate NY - We had another great year at camp with 53 campers, 17 campers from St. Basil's Academy, and 10 staff. Also, Fr. James Doukas, Fr. Tom Zaferes, and Fr. George Savas also offered their time and ministry to the camp. The campers participated in a service project on the grounds of St. Basil's Academy by collecting money for play-area ground cover and by putting it in place. Next year, St. Timothy's camp will be from Aug. 16th-22nd at the Oswegatchic Educational Center in Croghan, NY.

Southern Camp, Louisville, KY - For the first time, the Diocese of Detroit sponsored a camp for the southern areas of the Diocese. 36 Campers, 7 staff, and four priests participated in this excellent inaugural year. Campers came from Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Louisville, Lexington, Nashville, Memphis, and Chattanooga. Fr. Taso Gounaris, Fr. Patrick Cowles, Fr. George Wilson, and Fr. Irenaios Cox all spent the week at the camp with the kids. Thank you to all of those dedicated and faithful people who helped make this camp a success. Everyone is looking forward to next year's camp!