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Photo: Detroit 13th Annual Greek Independence Day Parade (April 6, 2014)

## Metropolitan's Message

Beloved Faithful of the Metropolis of Detroit,

It is sometimes difficult to realize how busy and preoccupied we are with the basic reality of living. Think of how many issues we must deal with in a day just to get by: work, school, spouse, children, food, mail, shopping, laundry, bills, doctors....it just seems like we don't get a break.

And yet, it is precisely at this time when our lives seem overrun by the things of this world that the Church encourages us to step back from all of these distractions and to concentrate on the one thing that is necessary: our relationship with God.

While the world spins on a merry-go-round of delusion and self-centeredness, the Church encourages us to focus intently on the one thing that matters: God and His love for us.

The Church insists on this because regardless of any temporary human conditions, it is the love of God which will transport us from corruption and

decay into Holiness and Life.

Everything on this earth will pass away, but the shocking jolt of renewed life given to us through the Resurrection of Christ from the dead will make the difference in our eternal future.

So this year, while we may play games with the children and look for Easter eggs, I would rather encourage us all to search for the Resurrected Christ. Look for Him in the liturgical services of this season and in the acts of charity we do in His name. Look for Him in the Eucharist and in the forgiveness He grants to us.

Look for Him in the proclamation that Christ is Risen! And know with certainty that He has come to save us!

With every blessing in the Risen Lord,

†NICHOLAS

Metropolitan of Detroit



*Christ is Risen*

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# Metropolitan's Schedule

For calendar updates, please visit our website at:

[www.detroit.goarch.org/news/calendar](http://www.detroit.goarch.org/news/calendar)

## April

4	Akathist Service	St. George Church—Southgate, MI
6	13th Annual Greek Independence Day Parade	Detroit, MI
12	Saturday of St. Lazarus Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	Holy Trinity Church—Lansing, MI
13	<b>AM</b> Palm Sunday Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	St. John Church—Sterling Heights, MI
	<b>PM</b> Bridegroom Service	St. George Church—Bloomfield Hills, MI
14	<b>PM</b> Bridegroom Service	St. Demetrios Church—Saginaw, MI
15	<b>PM</b> Bridegroom Service	St. Nicholas Church—Troy, MI
16	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> Holy Unction Service	Sts. Constantine & Helen Church—Westland, MI
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> Holy Unction Service	Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church—Plymouth, MI
17	<b>AM</b> Holy Thursday Divine Liturgy	St. Spyridon Chapel—Metropolis Center, Troy, MI
	<b>PM</b> Gospels of the Passion of Christ Service	St. George Church—Southgate, MI
18	<b>AM</b> Good Friday Epitaphio Visitations	Parishes in the Detroit Metropolitan Area
	<b>PM</b> Service of Lamentations	Annunciation Cathedral—Detroit, MI
19	Vesperal Divine Liturgy (Proti Anastasi)	Assumption Church—St. Clair Shores, MI
20	<b>GREAT &amp; HOLY PASCHA</b>	St. Nicholas Church—Ann Arbor, MI
	Agape Service	Sts. Constantine & Helen Church—Westland, MI
22	Feast of St. George Great Vespers	St. George Church—Bloomfield Hills, MI
23	Feast of St. George Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	St. George Church—Southgate, MI
27	Sunday of St. Thomas Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	Holy Cross Church—Farmington Hills, MI

## May

<b>Apr. 30 - 2</b>	Archdiocesan Council Meeting	Washington, DC
3	St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival—Michigan District Finals	St. George Church—Bloomfield Hills, MI
4	Parish Visitation	Holy Trinity Church—Grand Rapids, MI
8	American Bible Society Meeting	Atlanta, GA
10—11	Parish Visitation	Assumption Church—Louisville, KY
14	Meeting with the Archdiocesan Youth Director	Metropolis Center—Troy, MI
16—18	Hellenic College—Holy Cross Commencement Ceremony	Brookline, MA
20	Feast of Sts. Constantine & Helen Great Vespers	Sts. Constantine & Helen Church—Westland, MI
21	Feast of Sts. Constantine & Helen Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	Sts. Constantine & Helen Church—Westland, MI
25	Parish Visitation	Detroit Metropolitan Area
29	25th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr. Michael Varlamos	Assumption Church—St. Clair Shores, MI
<b>30—June 1</b>	Parish Visitation	Holy Spirit Church—Rochester, NY

## Save the Date:



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## Youth News

By Eva Kokinos—Konstantakos  
Metropolis Youth Director

### Incredible Turnout for Regional GOYA Lenten Retreats

Every year, the Metropolis Youth Office assists in organizing regional GOYA Lenten Retreats. It is an amazing opportunity for GOYA groups to gather with other area GOYAs to learn about God and to grow in knowledge of their Faith.

Through the generosity of the “*Friends of the Metropolis*” Program, Eva Konstantakos was able to travel to each retreat and be with the youth during this sacred time of year.

This year was a wonderful year for the Metropolis Lenten Retreats... record attendance, thoughtful topics, insightful discussions, fellowship and fun!

The **Fall Creek Falls GOYA Lenten Retreat** was hosted by Holy Trinity Church in Nashville, TN. GOYAs in

attendance participated in wonderful discussions around the theme of “Creation.” Fr. Stavros Ballas and Fr. James Berends joined Fr. Gregory Hohnholt to lead wonderful discussions. In addition, youth enjoyed sharing songs with one another, St. Nicholas Summer Camp memories, and experienced creation through hikes into Fall Creek Falls State Park. The weekend retreat concluded with everyone attending a Divine Liturgy service.

The **Upstate NY GOYA Lenten Retreat** was hosted by Annunciation Church in Rochester, NY. Youth from Buffalo, Rochester, and Syracuse joined in faith and fellowship. The theme was “*I Am an Orthodox Christian*,” focusing specifically on how Orthodox Christians observe Great Lent. Fr. Catalin Mot. Fr. Perikles Kallis, and Fr. Patrick Cowles joined Nicolaos Tzetzis and Eva Konstantakos in the Lenten discussions. The evening ended with a beautiful Lenten prayer service, led by Fr. Catalin.

The **Michigan area GOYA Lenten Retreat** was hosted by the St. Nicholas Church in Troy, MI. This was a record-breaking year with 200+ youth registered for the Lenten Retreat. The theme of the Retreat was “*I Am an Orthodox Christian*.” GOYAs donated an astounding

512lbs of assorted foods for Gleaners Food Bank, participated in discussions, learned how to make Prosforo, made blankets as a service project. A few dedicated GOYA Alumni took time out of their work and school schedules to help lead discussions and activities. Area clergy were in attendance to lead discussions and offer the Sacrament of Confession: Fr. Stratton Dorozenski, Fr. Dean Hountalas, Fr. Angelo Mago, Fr. Nicholas Marcus, Fr. Ciprian Streza, and Fr. George Manias.

His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas spent time was also in attendance, leading a discussion group in which youth could ask their own questions about faith and the Church.

Thanks to all of the parishes who hosted these incredible youth events, as well as the many GOYA advisors and parents who donated their resources and time!

For photos from the Retreats, visit  
the Metropolis Website

[www.detroit.goarch.org](http://www.detroit.goarch.org)

or visit our Metropolis Youth Office  
Facebook page

## Summer Camp Season is Here!

The Metropolis of Detroit is blessed to have three Summer Camps for the youth of the Metropolis. Our camps offer faith, fun, and fellowship to over 400 youth a year.

Camp Season is coming up very soon! Our camps fill up very quickly. So do not forget to sign up your campers for the camp in your area. Thanks to a generous grant from Leadership 100,

financial assistance is available through the Metropolis Youth Office. Financial assistance is also available through your parishes and through the Camps themselves.

For more information regarding financial assistance, please speak with your parish priest.

To learn more about our camping ministries, visit their official websites:

### MDSC

[www.gomdsc.org](http://www.gomdsc.org)

### St. Nicholas Summer Camp

[www.stnicholascamp.org](http://www.stnicholascamp.org)

### St. Timothy Camp

[www.sttimothycamp.org](http://www.sttimothycamp.org)

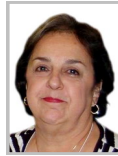
## Upcoming Events

April 26-28, 2014	Upstate NY GOYA Basketball Tournament
April 27, 2014	St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival— <i>Central</i> District Finals
May 3, 2014	St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival— <i>Michigan</i> District Finals
May 3, 2014	St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival— <i>Southern</i> District Finals
May 4, 2014	St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival— <i>Upstate NY</i> District Finals
May 17, 2014	St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival— <i>Metropolis Finals</i>
June 22—August	MDSC (Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp)
June 28—July 3, 2014	St. Nicholas Summer Camp

Annunciation Church—Rochester, NY  
Holy Trinity Church—Carmel, IN  
St. George Church—Bloomfield Hills, MI  
Annunciation Church—Memphis, TN  
Holy Spirit Church—Rochester, NY  
Holy Trinity Cathedral—Toledo, OH  
Rose City, MI  
NaCoMe—Pleasantville, TN

# Philoptochos News

By Margaret Yates—President



The weather in New York cooperated as Philoptochos members from across the country gathered for a National Board meeting and grand opening of our permanent home, The Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy. Following is a report of National Philoptochos President Aphrodite Skeadas.

“Saturday, March 1, 2014 was a day of great joy for the entire membership of our Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society. The morning began with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy led by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Manhattan. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, special prayers were offered to Almighty God for past National Philoptochos Presidents, Directors, stewards and benefactors who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy, hundreds of Philoptochos Stewards and faithful enjoyed the lovely reception and embracing fellowship offered by the Archdiocesan Cathedral Philoptochos.

Shortly thereafter, the Philoptochos Stewards and guests arrived at the front door of the Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy, awaiting His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and National Philoptochos Spiritual Advisor, His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela, to cut the golden ribbon at the iron gate entrance.

The jubilant crowd outside included the Consuls General of Greece and Cyprus, honored guests, esteemed members of the National Board from throughout the USA and our beautiful Philoptochos

sisters and staff. Excitedly and enthusiastically with electricity in the air, we followed our beloved Archbishop through the open doors and participated in the Agiasmo Service.

The Thyranoxia Grand Opening weekend was expertly chaired by the very capable National Philoptochos Second Vice President Maria Stavropoulos from the Metropolis of Detroit and Third Vice President Kathy Gabriel from the Metropolis of San Francisco.”

The Chapter Giving Tree greeted us as we entered the second floor conference area for the Agiasmo Service. The tree was larger than many of us anticipated, with each leaf on the tree inscribed with the name of each Philoptochos Chapter throughout the country. It is truly a thing of beauty.

The Center of Philanthropy mortgage will be retired by the time of the Clergy/Laity Philoptochos Conference in Philadelphia. Many, who had concerns about the debt and its influence on philanthropy, will be happy to know that more money was distributed in the past two years than ever before. This certainly is a testament to the “army of women” who have worked diligently to make this dream a reality.

## Philoptochos Donations

- ◆ NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS FOR 2012 AND 2013 - \$3,102,960
- ◆ METROPOLIS OF DETROIT WITH 24 OF 36 CHAPTERS REPORTING FOR 2012 AND 2013 - \$690,956.30
- ◆ NATIONAL COMMITMENTS FOR 2012 AND 2013 - \$295,824.06

# MEFGOX News

By Theodore Niforos—President



*Kali Anastasi!*

During July 24-27, 2014, the Mid-Eastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians (MEFGOX) will have its annual conference in Columbus, Ohio at Annunciation Cathedral. While we will engage in educational sessions through our Church Music Institutes (CMIs), the culmination of our meeting is always the Sunday Liturgy. This year and next, the combined choir will sing is a new arrangement of Presvytera Anna Gallos' Second Greek

and English settings of the Liturgy, prepared by Mefgox officers.

Presvytera Gallos is one of our preeminent Church Musicians and composers. Born in Philadelphia, her parents were Fr. John and Evangeline Gerotheou. She was married for 53 years to Fr. George Gallos, is the mother of two sons, successfully combining the challenges of motherhood, of a priest's wife and her continuous work as a church musician. Her accomplishments include developing liturgical music, choir education and training, the establishment of choir federations and being one of the founders of the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, the musical arm of our Holy Archdiocese of America.

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## Lent—365

By Father Sean Govostes

As we draw near towards the end of Great Lent, we anticipate the glorious celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The dark colors of mourning and dimmed light in the Church is replaced with whites, gold and brightness- emphasizing the joy that is Pascha.

We reflect upon the past forty days and revisit in our minds the Lenten journey that we have completed. The things that we have learned about ourselves and our faith and the prayer and self-sacrifice that we endured have helped us to grow as Orthodox Christians.

Even though the Lenten Season is over, it is vital to include all that we have learned in our everyday lives. Because as Orthodox Christians, we are not called to merely 'get through' Lent. We are called to do our best to achieve THEOSIS, which means that we are to constantly try to become more holy, more perfect, and more united with God. Theosis is a permanent struggle that we must always work towards.

The words found in the Lenten hymns and prayers are ones that we can, and should, keep with us for the whole year and not only for the days preceding Holy Pascha. For example, the profound words in the Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian,

“O Lord and Master of my life!  
Take from me the spirit of sloth,  
faint-heartedness, lust of power, and idle talk.

But give rather the spirit of chastity,  
humility, patience, and love to Thy servant.

Yea, Lord and King! Grant me to see my own errors and not to judge my brother, for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.”

teach us how to live every day of our lives, not only for a certain time during the year. To humble ourselves in asking God for the removal of the lust for power and idle talk from our minds and souls help us in our goal of becoming more holy. And to realize our sins by asking God to help us to not judge others assists us in our goal of becoming closer to Him.

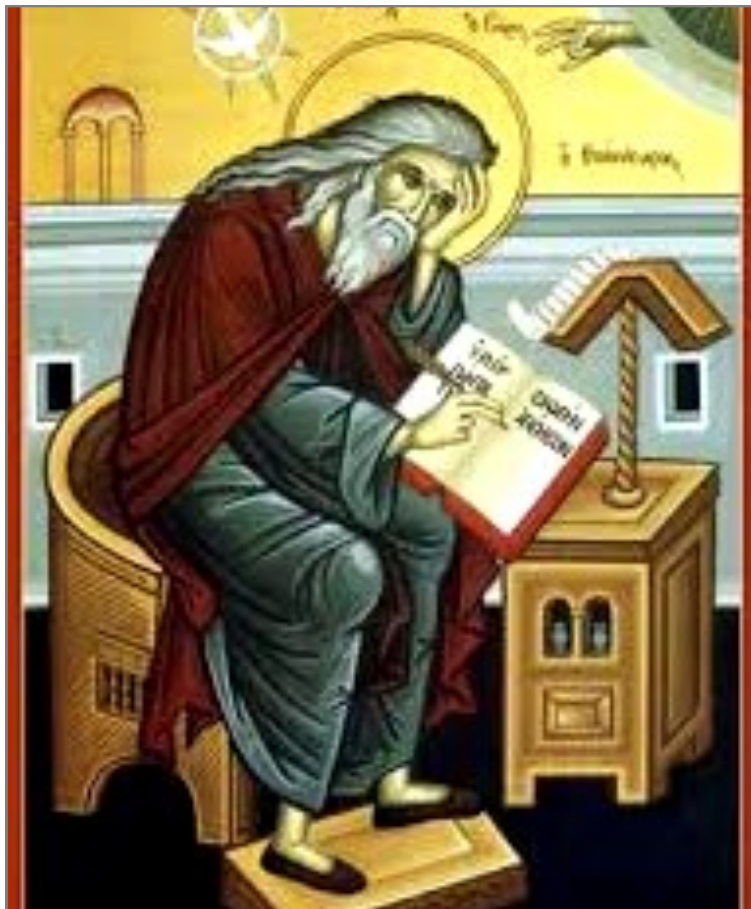
There is no denying that living this way is difficult. It is a constant struggle. Sometimes it may feel close to impossible. However, many people care for their physical self in much the same way without complaint. They exercise and eat nutritiously, often forgoing foods that they enjoy as well as enduring the sore muscles involved with exercise-

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Presvytera Gallos has published six musical settings of our Divine Liturgy, many pieces of Church music and Greek folk songs that she either composed or arranged. Her music is used throughout the world. She has received



Father Sean Govostes is the Presiding Priest at the Nativity of the Virgin Mary in Plymouth, MI.



### Saint Ephraim the Syrian

*“Grant me to see my own errors and not to judge my brother, for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.”*

knowing that there will be a payoff as their bodies become healthier.

If we can manage this, shouldn't we also care for our spiritual being in the same way? Because despite the hard work and struggles involved in caring for our spiritual health, there will also be a payoff- being closer to God.

Isn't that worth working towards?

many honors including being one of the first church musicians to be awarded the St. Romanos Medallion.

In May, 2013, the MEFGOX Federation Council decided to use Presvytera Gallos' music for its 2014 and 2015 conferences to honor this exemplary and wonderful woman.



# Metropolis of Detroit Greek Schools

## Ellinomatheia Exam

*By Anna Georginis*

The teachers of the Greek Schools of the Metropolis of Detroit proudly want to congratulate our 26 students that successfully participated in the examinations for the Certificate in Attainment in Modern Greek (Πιστοποιητικό Ελληνομάθειας) in May 2013.

The above mentioned certificates are awarded by the Greek Ministry of Education with the cooperation of the Centre for the Greek Language of University of Thessaloniki after written and oral examinations which are administered in our area at the University of Michigan. The certificates are official State certificates and are recognized by both the Greek State and the European Union as an official and objective proof of the successful candidates' proficiency in Greek language and their ability to use the Greek language efficiently in a specific place and within a specific linguistic context.

With these certificates in Greek Proficiency, our students, after many years of hard work in Greek Schools of our Metropolis, are able to prove, in any case and to any interested party, their ability to carry an effective communication in Greek, write the language in a professional way and understand oral and written Greek with a high degree of accuracy. Therefore, these certificates offer a sense of pride and accomplishment to our kids. Moreover, these Certificates demonstrate that, beyond the required courses in their High Schools, our children have excelled in a second language. And this formal

recognition of the fluency in a foreign language provides a significant advantage in today's very competitive college admissions process and later in their quest of scholarships, student exchange or study aboard programs. Also, we believe that proof of their knowledge of a second language gives our children an advantage in tomorrow's global village economy and world job market.

We, all the teachers in the Greek schools of Metropolis of Detroit are proud of the level of achievement of our students. We know that our students' success is an outstanding achievement not only for themselves but also for the entire program of the Greek schools of the Metropolis of Detroit as these prestigious certificates are the result of the hard work and dedication of our students, teachers and parents as well as the commitment of our Church Leaders, parishioners and friends to the best education possible for the children of our Greek American community. **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWESOME STUDENTS!**

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### The following were the students awarded the 2013 Certificates in Attainment in Modern Greek (Ellinomatheia):

Adonakis, Aryiri Nikole  
 Aitas, Nina Anastasia  
 Anagnostopoulos, Zoe Gabriella  
 Bernitsas, Christopher  
 Bernitsas, Marinos  
 Boules, Nicholas  
 Brylinski, Sophia  
 Buterakos, Christiana Angela  
 Clinton, Christina Colleen  
 Demetriou, Alexander  
 Demetriou, Fotini  
 Erickson, Alyssa Elaine  
 Georgakas, Panayiotis

Georginis, Peter Evan  
 Georginis, Sophia Denise  
 Kahremanis, Evngelia  
 Kitsios, Katerina  
 Levy, Christos  
 Levy, Katerina  
 Liasi, Theodora Zoe  
 Loucopoulos, Demetra Polyxeni  
 Michalakis, Athanasios  
 Nikollau, Ria Garifalia  
 Pallas, Dimitri Seraphim  
 Pardales, Charles  
 Theodoropoulos, Christina

# Friends of the Metropolis

*Donors List as of March 31, 2014*

## + His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas

### Ann Arbor, MI - St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Philoptochos  
Daniels, Tony and Clevie  
Yates, Billy and Margaret

### Buffalo, NY – Annunciation

Christakis, Fr. Christos and  
Presbyteria Lisa  
Kallis, Fr. Perikles and  
Presbyteria Cassandra  
Bechakas, Nick and Gina  
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### Carmel, IN - Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Philoptochos  
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Presbyteria Emily  
Mamalis, Presbyteria Janet  
Andros, Cheryl  
Bakas, James and Tamilyn  
Drukas, Doreen  
Hinshaw, Kathleen  
Johnson, Ronald and Sunday  
Kalyvas, Betty  
Kopsas-Kingsley, Brandie  
Kourmoulis, Mario and Karen  
Metzger, William and Anita  
Oberlies, Toulia  
Pappas, Victoria  
Pavlakos, Elias and Maria  
Tridico, Andy and Kristina  
Woodruff, Jim and Cindy

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Annunciation Parish  
Ballas, Fr. Stavros and  
Presbyteria Thea  
Ballas, Aspasia  
Dimopoulos, Dennis and  
Barbara  
Fotiadis, Nicky  
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Pagnani, Anthony and Irene  
Ramsey, Karen

Tigros, Elias and Sharon  
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Vassiliev, Mikhail

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Assaley, Lewis and Patricia

### Dayton, OH – Annunciation

Jannides, Michael

### Detroit, MI – Annunciation Cathedral

Annunciation Cathedral  
Pioneers

### Elmira, NY – St. Athanasios

St. Athanasios Parish

### Farmington Hills, MI – Holy Cross

Hountalas, Fr. Dean and  
Presbyteria Olga  
Hountalas, Chris

### Fort Wayne, IN – Holy Trinity

Nakos, Nikos  
Maggos, Eleftherios and  
Paraskevi

### Grand Blanc, MI - Assumption

Assumption Parish  
Assumption Philoptochos  
Daughters of Penelope—  
Iris Chapter  
Brown, Andy  
Chinonis, Dennis E. and  
Debra  
Chinonis, Nancy and Jeff  
Lauster  
Chinonis, Sandra  
Costa, John and Laura  
Greenberg, Camelia  
Hountalas, Dimitri  
Hountalas, Ioannis  
Hountalas, Yanni  
Jonascu Family  
Komodromos, Tessie  
Lowe, Ted and Ann  
Mersinas, Chrysafis G.  
Potsos, Emanouil  
Steinhoff, Georgia  
Yeotis, Catherine

### Grand Rapids, MI -

Holy Trinity  
Holy Trinity Parish  
Cassis, James and Christine  
Karatsinides, Spiro and Paulette  
Missler, Stephen and Maria  
Monoyios, Terry and Akrivi  
Nicholas, James and Georgia  
Triant, Linda  
Vander Schel, Connie  
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Holy Apostles Parish

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Bantuvanis, Ann  
Bezirgianian, John

### Jamestown, NY – St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish

### Little Rock, AR – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish  
Delfos, Fr. Pierre and  
Presbyteria Harriet

### Memphis, TN – Annunciation

Annunciation Philoptochos  
Daughters of Penelope –  
Memphis Chapter #180  
Caldwell, Richard  
Moore, Michael and Maria

### Muskegon, MI – Annunciation

Keat, Peppy  
Ladas, Paul and Patricia

### Nashville, TN - Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish  
Hohnholt, Fr. Gregory and  
Presbyteria Sofia  
Gaddis, Thoma and Carrie  
Lamberson, Lambert and  
Helen

### New Buffalo, MI – Annunciation-Agia Paraskevi

Kerhoulas, Mike and Louisa

### Nashville, TN - St. John Chrysostom Mission

Turner, Fr. Parthenios and  
Presbyteria Marion

### Rochester, NY – Annunciation

Annunciation Philoptochos

### Rochester, NY – Holy Spirit

Gesell, Melody

### Saginaw, MI – St. Demetrios

Bazakis, Andrew and Ann

### Southgate, MI - St. George

St. George Parish  
St. George Philoptochos  
Kircos, Louis and Paula  
Kontos, John and Marika  
Minton, Nicholas

### St. Clair Shores, MI – Assumption

Callas, Kalliopy  
Zingas, Christopher and  
Marsha

### Sterling Heights, MI - St. John

St. John Choir  
Lionas, James and Helene  
Kotsis, Harry and Katherine  
Raphtis, Mike and Betty

### Toledo, OH – Holy Trinity Cathedral

Damaskos, Fr. Aristotle and  
Presbyteria Debbie  
Biernacki, Gerald and Pauline  
Mulopulos, George and Ann

### Troy, MI - St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Philoptochos  
Constantine George Pappas  
Architecture/Planning  
Demery, Beck  
Feles, Gust and Anne  
Kardasis, Marie  
Mortis, George and Hionia  
Patches, John and Angeliki

### Vestal, NY – Annunciation

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Katerina

### Westland, MI – Sts. Constantine and Helen

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## Friends of the Metropolis



Dear Friends of the Metropolis:

God has called us to do mighty deeds for the glory of His name and for the love of His people.

You are called upon to join in this reality of "faith working through love" as we continue to manifest the love of God for His Church and His people.

When you support the Friends of the Metropolis campaign, you are part of a greater outreach that proclaims with one universal voice that God is truly our hope and our rock of salvation.

Because of your devotion and help to the Friends program, ministries and programs are implemented on a Metropolis-wide basis which strengthen and enhance our faith and our joint ministry of service.

If you have not yet become part of the Metropolis-wide effort, I would like to invite you to join forces with the faithful throughout our Metropolis in support of the ministries which are part of the Office of the Metropolitan.

Thanking you for your kind and generous response, I remain, with paternal blessing and prayers,

**+NICHOLAS**

Metropolitan of Detroit



I am pleased to support the work of Metropolitan Nicholas and the Metropolis through the Annual Metropolis Stewardship "Friends" Program

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

**Education:** Enhance scholarships and adult education programs, as well as support the Metropolis students at Hellenic College/Holy Cross.

**Support:** Develop and provide educational and instructional seminars and services to clergy and parishes.

**Youth:** Maintain and support the youth office and activities of a full-time Youth and Young Adult Ministries Director.

**Outreach/Missions:** Create opportunities to introduce our faith to society, participate in inter-Christian and inter-faith activities as well as provide quick responses to national disasters.

**Hellenism:** Develop programs for Hellenic Cultural Outreach, including language, history and arts.

**Leadership:** Organize Metropolis Clergy-Laity Conferences, Oratorical Festivals, Christmas Pageants and Adult Education Programs.

**Special Programs:** Website development, hospitality to visiting dignitaries and guests, Charity and Philanthropy.