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METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS' MESSAGE

*"This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased,"
... And we have the prophetic
word made more sure. You will
do well to pay attention to this
as to a lamp shining in a dark
place, until the day dawns and
the morning star rises in your
hearts.*

(II Peter 1:17, 19)



TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

AUGUST 6

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*B*eloved in the Lord,

How quickly those days of summer pass us by! Almost as soon as we return from vacation, we come face to face with the reality that the carefree days of summer are ending, and soon we will be back to the regular day-to-day affairs of everyday life.

But what is this regular day-to-day activity that occupies our time?

For the children it may be going back to the academic year—and almost as soon as school begins they count off the days before their next vacation!

For some of our young adults, their regular life may simply be an attempt to distinguish between their time at college or university before they finally have to figure out "what they want to do when they grow up." And so these young people are in a perpetual state of preparing to prepare to begin their lives.

And the adults, having returned to their tasks of everyday life, look at the repe-

titious cycle of hours, minutes, days, and wonder what it's all for?

And that really is the question! What are we doing? Where are we going?

For this reason, I would like to offer a simple suggestion



Metropolitan Nicholas
delivering his Homily at the
Ecumenical Vespers Service for
the Feast of St. Anna
(July 25, 2012).

about something to do as we return to our post-vacation lifestyle: go to Church regularly.

Every week our parish family comes together in order to hear and remember the story of God's unending love for us.

In the Vespers, Orthros,

Liturgy, and Sacraments we hear the story of our God who came to heal, bless, and save us by His own sacrifice and through His love.

And in our life of prayer, worship, and liturgy, the incarnated Lord meets us on our journey to the Kingdom of God. He walks with us in our struggles; He hears us when we cry out in pain or joy; He blesses us as we give thanks to God for everything we have.

And this reality gives a divine focus and purpose to our lives: to bless and praise God as we emulate His own selflessness for the glory of His Church.

As we praise and glorify Him who gave us being, what are we called to do? We are called to do His will on the earth—helping and caring for all of creation.

And in doing this, we understand where we are going: we are going home—and we are on the road to His Kingdom! See you in our Father's house!

+ Metropolitan Nicholas

BISHOP'S SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

For calendar updates, please visit our website at: www.detroit.goarch.org/news/calendar

AUGUST

5	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	Annunciation Church—Muskegon, MI
6	<i>Transfiguration of our Lord Divine Liturgy</i>	St. Spyridon Chapel—Troy, MI
8-9	<i>Holy Cross Diaconate Program</i>	Holy Cross School of Theology—Boston, MA
12	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	Holy Trinity Church—Lansing, MI
14	<i>Dormition of Theotokos Great Vespers</i>	Assumption Church—St. Clair Shores, MI
15	<i>Dormition of Theotokos Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	Assumption Church—Grand Blanc, MI
16	<i>Assumption Church Greek Festival</i>	Assumption Church—St. Clair Shores, MI
19	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	Annunciation Cathedral—Detroit, MI
20	<i>Parish Council Meeting</i>	St. Demetrios Church—Saginaw, MI
25-26	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	Annunciation/St. Paraskevi—New Buffalo, MI

SEPTEMBER

1-2	<i>Zembillas & Kalouris Wedding</i>	Archangel Michael Church—Campbell, OH
6-9	<i>Annunciation Church Centennial</i>	Annunciation Church—Buffalo, NY
9-12	<i>Assembly of Bishops Meeting</i>	Hilton Hotel—Chicago, IL
13	<i>Elevation of Holy Cross Great Vespers</i>	Holy Cross Church—Farmington Hills, MI
14	<i>Elevation of Holy Cross Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	Holy Cross Church—Farmington Hills, MI
16	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	Annunciation Cathedral—Detroit, MI
23	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church—Plymouth, MI
25-26	<i>Dr. David Trobisch Lectures</i>	Sts. Constantine & Helen Church—Westland, MI
30	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	St. Nicholas Church—Troy, MI

MEFGOX NEWS



By Irene Georgantzas

President

By the time you receive this we will have celebrated our 65th annual convention in Rocky River, Ohio,

at St. Demetrios Church. The four days there are spent in workshops (Church Music Institutes) to promote the education and excellence of our church musicians. This year, as in the past several years there were three “tracks”: one for vocal technique, one for Byzantine chant, and one to learn more about our faith and

Orthodox liturgical repertoire. We are fortunate that wherever we go in the Federation, we have talented presenters and this year is no exception. Gabriella Martinez of Rocky River will conduct the CMI on Vocal Techniques; the Very Rev Archimandrite Nicholas Hughes of Columbus’ Annunciation on chant; and Father Dean

Dimon of Cleveland’s Annunciation and Pana Mastro of Steubenville, Ohio on the repertoire and” Spiritual Explanation of the Megalynaria”. The National Forum of Church Musicians sponsors these institutes with a grant from Leadership 100.

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YOUTH NEWS *by Eva Kokinos*

“Letting Your Light So Shine” in a New Ecclesiastical Year

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16

It is a new year... a new scholastic year and a new ecclesiastical year. Going back to school means that we have an opportunity to show our faith through the way we live, the way we treat others, and the way we make decisions. So how do we “let our light shine” as it says in the Gospel of Matthew? How do we show Christ in all that we do?

Letting your light shine means not hiding your Orthodox Christian identity from others. Imagine always hiding your name from people. People might not ever get to know who you are. If we don’t show who we are, we might be mistaken for someone else.

At times, we do not behave in a way that shows we are Christian. But when we put ourselves above the peer pressure, bullying, and general mean attitudes, we become like that city on a hill. Everyone will notice that you are different... you are original... you are a Christian! Here are some simple ways to be a witness to your faith:

PRAY UNCEASINGLY

Jesus Christ always found time to pray and give thanks. Prayer is a very simple, but important way you can let your light shine. Whether it is before you eat, or before an exam, it will give people a chance to see you living your faith. God is a part of every aspect of your life. Don’t know what to pray for or how to pray...? **CHALLENGE:** Make sure to pick up a prayer book at your parish bookstore and try to pray in the mornings and before bedtime.

SHOW KINDNESS

Jesus Christ showed mercy and kindness, even to those who were outcast by society. As Christians, we should always be kind to each person. Whether they are new students or old friends, everyone has been created in the image of God. We don’t have to be “BFFs” (Best Friends Forever) with every person at school. But we are called to love and respect all people. **CHALLENGE:** Find the Greatest Commandment in LUKE, write it down, and post it somewhere so you will see it every day!

SET AN EXAMPLE

Jesus Christ talked the talk AND walked the walk. People know Christians by their words AND actions. If you see someone being bullied, stand up for them. If your friend is struggling to make the right decision, be a role model. If you have talents, make sure to use them! Your example can help people see that it IS possible to live a Christian life. **CHALLENGE:** Pick one way a day to use witness your faith through example, through word OR deed.

The St Photios Foundation Announces the 2012 Seventh Annual Essay Contest

The contest is open to all **high school students**. It is FREE to participate. Participants must write an 1,000 word essay responding to this year’s essay theme.

First prize is an **iPad 2**. The Deadline is **November 9, 2012**.

Please visit <http://www.stphotios.com/Essay%20Contest.html> for more details

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL ARCHDIOCESE FINALS

The Archdiocese Finals of the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival were held June 8-10, 2012 in Bethesda, Maryland.

We are very proud of our two participants from the Metropolis of Detroit.

ATHENA CHAPEKIS, from St. Nicholas Church in Ann Arbor, MI, received **2nd Place** in Junior Division. She was awarded \$1,500 scholarship and an additional FAITH Endowment Scholarship.

GEORGE GEMELAS, from Holy Trinity Church in Carmel, IN, received **Honorable Mention** in the Senior Division. He was awarded an iPad 2 and a scholarship provided by the FAITH Endowment.

Congratulations to both of our Metropolis representatives on a job well done! For more information about the Oratorical Festival program, please contact Eva Kokinos at (248) 823-2411 or youth@detroit.goarch.org.

EXCITING NEWS for 2013!!!

The Metropolis of Detroit will be hosting the 2013 Archdiocese Finals of the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival! Keep an eye out for details about next year’s Festival!

CORRECTION: In our last issue, **Christian Eveleigh** (one of the Senior Division speakers at the 2012 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival), was incorrectly listed as a member of Annunciation Church in Buffalo, NY. **Christian Eveleigh is a member of Annunciation Church in Rochester, NY.** We apologize for the oversight!

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

By Margaret Yates
President

Eighty years of caring, eighty years of sharing, eighty years of philanthropy". The thirty delegates from the Metropolis of Detroit gathered with delegates from across the country to attend the National Philoptochos Society Biennial Convention in Phoenix and celebrate our 80th Anniversary. Throughout the week, beginning with the keynote address of Archbishop Demetrios and, as we deliberated over budget, commitments, resolutions, grant applications, etc., we were continually reminded of the theme of the 41st Clergy-Laity Congress, "*Chosen and appointed by God to go and bear fruit*".

Our delegates enjoyed an early morning breakfast on Monday with Metropolitan Nicholas where we were able to discuss topics of interest and get to meet and know each other. Following breakfast we were enlightened by the keynote address of the Archbishop and, following a short break for lunch, Hierarchal sessions with the Metropolitans. Later that evening the congress journeyed to Pinnacle Peak Patio for steak, chicken and cowboy beans.

We enjoyed a presentation on leadership by our National Philoptochos spiritual advisor, His Grace Bishop Se-



L-R: Dr. Elaine Brown (Ann Arbor Public Schools Director of Student Special Services) and Margaret Yates (Philoptochos President)

vastianos of Zela, a panel discussion on domestic violence led by Paulette Geanacopoulos, from our Philoptochos social work department, a dynamic presentation by Presvytera Pat Tsagalakis from Holy Apostles Church, Shoreline, Washington entitled, "Are You a Martha or a Mary", on how we can serve Christ in this rushed world that we live in and how we should take the time to enjoy the natural things in life. We were joined, via Skype, by Lucas Metropulos who informed us of his project, started while still in high

school, to teach disadvantaged youth in the state of Florida how to fish. Lucas has gained national recognition for this project which has expanded into other communities. Nick Katsoris, an attorney from New York and author of five Loukoumi books, addressed the delegates and spoke of his inspiration, goals, and encouragement from his late aunt to follow his dreams. Other speakers spoke on how Philoptochos impacted their lives with both emotional and monetary support. **His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas addressed the**

delegates expressing his thanks and pride for all we do. He also gave President Aphrodite Skeadas his stewardship to become an auxiliary member of Philoptochos. We welcome men into our society and hope you will follow his example.

At the very beautiful Musical Instrument Museum on Tuesday evening, AGAPE Awards (All Generations Accomplishing Philanthropic Endeavors) were presented to one member from each Metropolis. This prestigious award, established in 2008, is presented to those Philoptochos members who have been tireless workers for their Chapter and have inspired their Chapter members through their actions and beyond the parish community. **Z. Dolores Revelos, from Saints Constantine and Helen Church in Middletown, Ohio, was the recipient from our Metropolis.**

Dolores joined Philoptochos sixty two years ago and has held many offices, chaired many activities and inspired and mentored younger mentors. In addition, she served as Diocese (Metropolis) President and as a Metropolis Board Member. She continues as an Honorary Board Member to this day. We are all very proud of Dolores and con-

CONFERENCE GRANTS \$228,000

⇒ \$10,000 to North Star Reach (Ann Arbor, MI) for support of a summer camp for children with serious health challenges and their families;

⇒ \$7,000 to Ann Arbor Public Schools Educational Foundation to purchase iPads for communication and educational tools for children with autism spectrum disorder.

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WOMEN DISCIPLES

By Fr. Nicholas Pathenos*



On Wednesday, August 15th all Orthodox Christians everywhere will be commemorating and venerating Mary, the Theotokos, the Holy Mother of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We consider her to be first amongst all of the saints precisely because she exercised her free will, and fully and freely coincided her will with the will of God. In so doing, she radically affected and altered all generations throughout time.

However, we mustn't lose sight of the biblical reality concerning the integral role that many other wom-

en played in the life and ministry of our Lord. While Martha and Mary hosted Jesus at home, there were other women who are reported to have traveled with Him, at least some of the time.

After this Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God. The twelve were with Him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases, Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means. (Luke 8:1-3)

The names of some of these other women disciples have been lost to history.

The reality that women disciples were prominent in Jesus' band of followers certainly would have been contrary to expectations. Women had far fewer rights than men in the traditional patriarchal

culture of the Middle East, and were assumed to be inferior to men. There is no evidence that other teachers of that time and culture had women disciples. But Jesus sought to embody within His community of followers the reality of the age to come, in which all kinds of distinctions of privilege and superiority over subservience and inferiority would cease to exist.

We, the faithful of the Holy Metropolis of Detroit, are a community of varied people with varied gifts and graces. It is our sacred mission to discover and embrace our personal graces, and to freely share those gifts with our fellow parishioners, as well as with the community at large. May we be ever mindful of the holy example of the Mother of our Lord and her free will cooperation with the will of God in her holy life ■

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At the convention several memorial scholarships are awarded; candidates from the Detroit Metropolis have applied and may very well be the recipients. There will be some changes in the coming year. At our last meeting on May 5th, it was decided that beginning with our September issue of the "Byzantine Echo", our communication will be

totally electronic. With 80% of our 98 choirs accessible to us through the internet, it was determined that it was time for us to begin with this form of communication. The remainder of the 15-20 choirs will be contacted by mail. Of course communication to each choir member will continue regarding all of our meetings and updates in the form of the electronic "Mini-Echo" on

a more frequent and timely basis. There are 700+ members on that list. If you are not currently receiving these and wish to, contact your local State Representative.

I have completed my fourth year as President of the Federation. Elections are held at the convention annually and at this point I cannot tell you who your new officers will be. But they will carry on the torch

to maintain MEFGOX. I thank all the officers of the 2011-2012 Executive Board who have supported and assisted me this past year. And I wish the new Board every blessing and success in the New Year. I am hopefully anticipating that next year's convention will be hosted in the Detroit Metropolis ■

FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS *(as of July 31, 2012)*

His Eminence

+Metropolitan Nicholas

Ann Arbor, MI - St. Nicholas

Kotsis, Fr. Nicolaos and
Presbytera Sandra
Baldwin, James and Mary Suzanne
Bekiaries, Penelope Ann
Daniels, Tony and Cleve
Fry, Jack D.
Garris, Steven and Stamatia
Pardon, Carl
Tziahanas, Tom and Doreen

Bloomfield Hills, MI

St. George

Iakovides, Dimitri
Sislock, Stella

Buffalo, NY - Annunciation

Christakis, Fr. Christos and
Presbytera Lisa
Kallis, Fr. Perikles and
Presbytera Cassandra
Cervi, Brian and Vassilia

Carmel, IN - Holy Trinity

Belous, Alexandra
Karas, Gus and Maritsa
Kazmierski, Maria Hristova
Pappas, Vicki

Chattanooga, TN

Annunciation

Cornea, Paul and Ana
Dimopoulos, Dennis and Barbara
Fotiadis, Nicky
Gulas, Marion
Hopper, Richard and Chrisi
Kouris, George
Moore, James and Fannie
Mousourakis, John and Donna
Tigiros, Elias and Sharon

Cincinnati, OH

Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas

HTSN Parish
HTSN Philoptochos
Assaley, Lewis and Patricia
Stringas, Emanuel

Dayton, OH - Annunciation

Emroll, Fr. Mark and
Presbytera Ginny
Castleman, Maria
Derksen, James and Leah
Heisey, Jeffery and Chrisanne
Moraites, John and Barbara
Pangos, William and Irene

Detroit, MI

Annunciation Cathedral

Gaggos, Jim and Mary
Lianos, William and Ethel
Papas, John G.

Farmington Hills, MI

Holy Cross

Fekaris, Steve and Bettie
Ganas, James S.
Rambus, Michael

Fort Wayne, IN - Holy Trinity

Doublas, Gregory
Koulianos, Dionysios and Maria
Maggos, Eleftherios and Voula
Turner, Christian M.

Grand Blanc, MI

Assumption

Chinonis, Nancy and Jeff Lauster
Kallis, Agape and Family –
In Memory of Harold Kallis

Grand Rapids, MI

Holy Trinity

Bogdan, Fr. James and
Presbytera Joan
Cassis, Deacon George and
Diaconissa Vicki
Anonymous
Gray, Mark and Alexis
In Memory of
Demetra Georgacopoulos
Lange, Ginger
Monoyios, Terry
Nicholas, Jim and Georgia

Indianapolis, IN

Holy Apostles

Holy Apostles Parish
Crabtree, Georgia

Ithaca, NY - St. Catherine

Parthenakis, Fr. Athanasios and
Presbytera Cathy
Bantuvanias, Ann
Bezirgianian, John

Jamestown, NY – St. Nicholas

Pappas, Elizabeth

Lansing, MI – Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Munk, Jerry and Jan
Rahib, Margaret
Skorich, Dan

Lexington, KY

Panagia Pantovasilissa

Panagia Pantovasilissa Philoptochos

Little Rock, AR - Annunciation

Verdaris, Fr. Nicholas and
Presbytera Maria
Tyer, Gordon and Martha
Verdaris, John and Marlene

Louisville, KY – Assumption

Adams, Sam and Thelma

Memphis, TN - Annunciation

Kay, John and Nancy
Meng, James and Susan
Moore, Michael and Maria
Sousoulas, James

Middletown, OH

Sts. Constantine and Helen

Anagnostou, Elias
Canada, William
Comminos, Steve and Beth
Ford, Matthew
Formakes, George
Formakes, John
Gordon, Kiki Demetriou
Hasselbusch, Aaron
Mathews, Mike
McNeely, Ed
McNeely, Nestor and Niki
Revelos, George
Revelos, Mike
Ververis, Chris
Ververis, Nicholas

Muskegon, MI – Annunciation

Annunciation Philoptochos
Yankopoulos, Presbytera Ann
Encelowski, Christine
Ladas, Paul M. and Patricia

Nashville, TN - Holy Trinity

Hohnholt, Fr. Gregory and
Presbytera Sofia
Billo, John and Kassiani
Gore, Jim and Stacy
Harman, Todd and Dawn
Hayes, Litsa
Labrec, Robert and Ithaca
Lamberson, Lambert and Helen
Rogers, Helen and Lawrence Kamm

Nashville, TN

St. John Chrysostom Mission

Turner, Fr. Parthenios and
Presbytera Marion
Barber, Jill
Calvert, Patrick

Courington, Christopher and
Shelley

Derryberry, Paul
Dozier, Matthew
Duke, Naomi
Dunn, Robert and Laura
Gharavi, Parissa
Knox, David
Stein, Matt and Dana
Thomas, Gordon
Tickle, Jackie
Williams, Nina
Winter, Lindsey

New Buffalo, MI

Annunciation/St.Paraskevi

Martin, Fr. Paul and
Presbytera Nikki
Anton, Gust J.
Garrison, Richard
Hahn, Elizabeth
Lepeniotis, Christos and Anastasia
Litznerski, Robert and Mariann

Plymouth, MI

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Govostes, Fr. Sean and
Presbytera Pamela
Sarelis, Fr. Charles and
Presbytera Angela
Bazakis, James and Marisa
Peluras, Nick
Randall, Michael and Anne
Zervos, George and Lisa

Rochester, NY - Annunciation

Gines, George and Maria
Stathopoulos, Demetrios and Doris
Stefanou, Gus and Florence

Saginaw, MI - St. Demetrios

Cox, Fr. Irenaeus and
Presbytera Alexandra
Bazakis, Andrew and Ann
Bristley, Mark and Anastasia
Caldwell, Larry and Peggy
Metropoulos, Katherine
Rouman, George and Frances

Southgate, MI - St. George

Anonymous
Cranford, Joanne
Kircos, Angelo and Sophia
Kircos, John and Violet
Kircos, Lou and Paula
Kontos, John and Marika
Tassis, James

Springfield, OH - Assumption

Haby, Fr. John and

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Presbytera Kandice
Lagos, Thomas and Matina

St. Clair Shores, MI

Assumption

Carson, Charles and Maria
Dallas, John and Elizabeth
Genematas, Toula
Gust, Georgiana
Hatzichronoglou, Lena
Niforos, Theodore and Anna
Pangalos, Despo
Phillips, Peter and Toula –
In Honor of Daispena Raptis

Sterling Heights, MI - St. John

St. John Choir
George, Bessie
Karamanos, Peter and Mary
Kotsis, Harry and Katherine
Lionas, Jim and Helene

Patouhas, Spyros and Katina
Raphitis, Mike and Betty
Salonikas, Georgios and Nicoleta

Syracuse, NY – St. Sophia

Stark, Michael
Theodore, Eleanor

Toledo, OH

Holy Trinity Cathedral

Damaskos, Fr. Aristotle and
Presbytera Debbie
Biernacki, Gerald and Pauline
Proestou, Maria

Traverse City, MI

Archangel Gabriel

Streza, Fr. Ciprian and
Presbytera Sinziana
Knapp, Helen Contos

Troy, MI - St. Nicholas

Athans, John and Aristeia
Bollas, Jobel
Corombos, Mark and Molly
Deligianis, Leonidas
Deligianis, William
Demery, Beck
Feles, Paul
Korstanje, Ingmar and Marlo
Lavrakas, John
Simon, Basil and Evey
Smith, William
Zographos, Athan and Mary
Zotos, Gregory

Vestal, NY – Annunciation

Gianakouros, Harry D.
Yacalis, Vasili G.

Westland, MI

Sts. Constantine and Helen

Petrutiu, Fr. Teodor and
Presbytera Roxana
Balaskas, Dorthe
Dougekos, P. Becky
Kasotakis, Paul and Nanette
Simakas, Pete

Other Friends

Bartz, Fr. William and
Presbytera Olga
Demetris, Olga (Dolly)
In Memory of
Iakovos (Jack) Demetris
In Memory of Tess Gakis
Koumarelos, Bill
Radulescu, Alexandru
Totan, Silvana
Walsh, Andrew and Catherine

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS *continued...*

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gratulate her on this well-deserved honor.

We also congratulate the chapters in the Metropolis who were awarded certificates for 100% National Ministry Commitments: Holy Trinity, Carmel, IN; Panagia Pantovasilissa, Lexington, KY; St. Nicholas, Ann Arbor, MI; St. George, Bloomfield Hills, MI; Annunciation Cathedral, Detroit, MI; Sts. Constantine and Helen, Westland, MI; St. Nicholas, Troy, MI; Holy Cross, Farmington Hills, MI; Assumption, Flint, MI; Holy Trinity, Grand Rapids, MI; St. George, Southgate, MI; Annunciation, Muskegon, MI; St. Demetrios, Saginaw, MI; Nativity of the Virgin Mary, Plymouth Township, MI; St. John, Sterling Heights, MI; Holy Trinity & St. Nicholas, Cincinnati, OH; Annunciation, Dayton,

OH; Holy Spirit, Rochester, NY; Sts. Constantine and Helen, Middletown, OH; Holy Trinity Cathedral, Toledo, OH; Annunciation, Buffalo, NY; Annunciation, Rochester, NY; St. Sophia, Syracuse, NY; Annunciation,, Chattanooga, TN; Holy Trinity, Nashville, TN; Annunciation, Memphis, TN.

At the convention in Atlanta, Annunciation of Memphis was chosen to represent our Metropolis in the Chapter Challenge. Stephanie Storgion Poplos M.D. president of the chapter, reported on their project to assist dementia and Alzheimer's patients at the Page Robbins Adult Day Care Center. Annunciation Philoptochos from Dayton, OH was selected for the next chapter challenge and will report on their chosen project in two years.

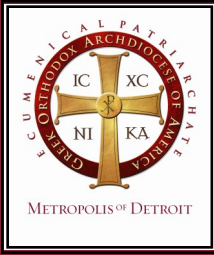
We were overwhelmed with an outpouring of love and commitment for the Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy. There wasn't a dry eye in the room as, one by one, Metropolis Presidents, Chapter Presidents and delegates lined up behind the microphones, each pledging \$1,000 or more for a gold leaf for the giving tree which will be located at the Philoptochos Center of Phi-

lanthropy. In just an hour, **\$205,000** was pledged. In addition, a "hat" was passed by one of the delegates and another \$7500 was raised.

These were just some of the highlights of the convention. The delegates were energized beyond belief, and are looking forward to implementing new and "borrowed" ideas. We can't wait until September! ■



L-R: Clevie Daniels (Ann Arbor Philoptochos President), Patrick Smith (North Star Reach Development Director), Margaret Yates (Metropolis Philoptochos President) and Fr. Nicolaos Kotsis (St. Nicholas of Ann Arbor Proistamenos).



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OF THEOTOKOS

AUGUST 15

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FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS

What Does Friends of the Metropolis Support?

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.

Dear 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.

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

+NICHOLAS
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