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Fr. James Honeycutt

Annunciation Church, Muskegon, MI



Fr. Timothy Cook

St. Demetrios Church, Saginaw, MI

REFLECTION

"If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it."

Mark 8:34-35

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Metropolitan's Message

Beloved in the Lord,

"Trust in the Lord forever..." Is. 26:4

These past few months have seen many changes in our Metropolis especially with regard to the transfer and assignment of clergy to serve the parish families.

And in this process, as we struggled to see what the outcomes would be, the only measure of surety has been that of trust in God.

As the faithful of the Metropolis have watched the changes occurring, some of you have asked me: "Well, what is the plan now?" In truth, that is a very practical and reasonable question.

But you were also surprised that in many cases I had to tell you that we will wait and see how God will show us the way.

And so it has been by the blessing of God that this year, four of our recent graduates from Holy Cross School of Theology have petitioned for ordination and His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios has given us blessing for all

four of these young men to be ordained for service in the Metropolis of Detroit.

You have already been witnesses of the ordinations of Fr. James Honeycutt and Fr. Timothy Cook to both the diaconate and priesthood.

Fr. James and Presbytera Juliana Honeycutt are now serving the faithful at the Annunciation Church in Muskegon, MI.

Likewise, Fr. Timothy and Presbytera Catherine Cook are now serving the faithful at the St. Demetrios Church in Saginaw, MI.

In the coming weeks, with the blessing of the Archbishop, the ordinations to the diaconate and priesthood for John Sakellariou and William Redmon will also be scheduled.

We have trusted in the Lord, and so He has blessed us all!

†NICHOLAS

Metropolitan of Detroit

Metropolitan's Schedule

August

- 3 Ordination to Diaconate of James Honeycutt
- 9 Ordination to Priesthood of Fr. James Honeycutt
- 10 Ordination to Diaconate of Timothy Cook
- 16 Ordination to Priesthood of Fr. Timothy Cook

For calendar updates, please visit our website at:

www.detroit.goarch.org/news/calendar

- Holy Trinity Church—Nashville, TN
- Annunciation Church—Muskegon, MI
- St. George Church—Southgate, MI
- St. Demetrios Church—Saginaw, MI

September

- 5—6 Fr. Michael Bahlatzis' Retirement from Air Force Reserve
- 6 Visit to the Greek American Festival
- 7 Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
Nativity of the Theotokos Great Vespers
- 8 Nativity of the Theotokos Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
- 13 Elevation of the Holy Cross Great Vespers
- 14 Elevation of the Holy Cross Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
- 15—18 Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops
- 20 Baptism of Skevos Zembillas
- 21 Hierarchical Divine Liturgy—Recognizing Fr. George Hatz
- 25—27 American Bible Society Benefit Golf Outing
- 28 Divine Liturgy

- Syracuse, NY
- Toledo, OH
- Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church—Plymouth, MI
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- Holy Cross Church—Farmington Hills, MI
- Holy Cross Church—Farmington Hills, MI
- Dallas, TX
- Archangel Michael Church—Campbell, OH
- St. Nicholas—Troy, MI
- New York, NY
- Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church—Plymouth, MI

MEFGOX News

By Vicki Pappas—Newly Elected President



An important ministry of the Detroit Metropolis is church music! This includes our choirs and chanters, our Church School hymnology programs, and in fact, all our parishioners. Why is this ministry so important, you might ask? Church music is a crucial part of parish life because the hymns of our Church carry the theology of our faith! They **teach us** about being Orthodox, our feast days, and our saints! Church music also provides opportunities for young and old **to serve** their church, to offer talents and time in service of choirs, chanting, and/or leading young people in the study and singing of our hymns. Church music also offers opportunities for **fellowship within the parish**. Last but not least, a vibrant church music ministry is one way to **engage our children and young people** in being, and remaining, active in their faith!

It's the mission of the Mid-Eastern Federation to support parishes in both Metropolises of Detroit and Pittsburgh, helping them develop and strengthen their

church music programs. We offer assistance, helpful ideas, music, educational workshops, and publications that help strengthen choirs and chanters, encourage congregational singing, and support those all-important youth programs – hymnology in the church schools and development of junior choirs.

At our Convention this past July, we elected officers to carry out this mission. Most important to parishes are our **State Representatives** who are situated locally to assist you: Detroit Metro (Elaine Charalambopoulos - delenichar05@yahoo.com), Outstate MI (Anna Kroondyk - ckroondyk@gmail.com), Indiana/Kentucky (Vicki Pappas - pappas@indiana.edu), New York (Rachael Brashier - rsrachelstroy@gmail.com), NW and SW Ohio (Valerie Baker - vcbakeraua@gmail.com), and Tennessee/Arkansas (Samuel Herron - herron.samuel@gmail.com). In addition, Barbara Minton from St. George/Southgate is our Detroit Metropolis Liaison (barbmint@wideopenwest.com) and Ted Niforos of Assumption/St. Claire Shores is Past President (anntheo46@gmail.com). Please contact us whenever you need assistance and visit us on our website: www.mefgox.org. And when your State Rep calls, I hope you'll respond!

Youth News

By Eva Kokinos—Konstantakos
Metropolis Youth Director

Thanks for the Memories!

Another Successful Year for our Metropolis Summer Camps

Back-to-school preparations have begun and vacation tans are beginning to fade. But the wonderful memories of summer camp will endure for a lifetime...

The Metropolis of Detroit is blessed with three incredible summer camping ministries. Each program is unique... providing a variety of activities, discussions, beautiful surroundings, and traditions. But each program is connected through Christ and the teachings of the Orthodox Church.

Each camp provides opportunities for our young people to experience the fullness of Orthodox life everything they do. In addition to daily worship, Orthodox education discussions, Arts & Crafts, and Outdoor Field/Athletic activities, campers are giving a chance to participate in the sacramental life of the Church through Holy Confession and the Holy Eucharist.

It was another very successful year for our Metropolis Camps. Together, our camps served over 500 young people across the Metropolis of Detroit. We want to thank His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas for his never-ending support and love for the youth ministry program of our Metropolis. May God grant him many years!

Although our Metropolis camps are some of the most affordable camps in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, it can still be a challenge for many families to send their children to camp. But through the generosity of the Metropolis parishes, the Friends of the Metropolis program and Leadership 100, the Metropolis Youth Office was able to provide financial assistance to families who needed the help. Thank you to all who donated and we encourage you to keep giving for this worthwhile ministry!

We would like to thank all those who dedicate many hours to serve our camps: the Clergy, Directors, Staff, Cabin Counselors, Parent Volunteers, and the countless other individuals who work for our beloved programs. Camp would not be possible without their tireless efforts.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our campers. There are so many things that

kids can choose to do over the summer. We are grateful for those kids who, time and time again, beg their parents to attend MDSC, St. Nicholas Summer Camp, or St. Timothy Summer Camp. Please keep our camping ministries in your prayers and we hope to see everyone again NEXT SUMMER!

SUPPORT OUR CAMPS!

Want to support our summer camps, and all youth and young adult ministries of our Metropolis? Join the **Friends of the Metropolis** program TODAY! When you become a **Friend of the Metropolis**, your contributions help our Summer Camps,, Lenten Retreats, Youth Worker Training, and much more. For more information, see the last page of this Shepherd's Staff issue!

CAMP PHOTOS

You can visit www.detroit.goarch.org for links to the camp photos. But you can also visit the camp websites for the photos!

MDSC

<http://gomdsc.smugmug.com/Camp2014>

St. Nicholas Summer Camp

www.stnicholascamp.org

St. Timothy Summer Camp

www.sttimothycamp.org

OCF—First Forty Days Program

Research has shown that many college students form the habits and social groups that they will maintain for the entirety of their college career in the first six weeks of their freshman year. Thus, OCF knows it is critical to personally contact every first-year Orthodox college student so that they know that an Orthodox family awaits them on campus during these crucial formative weeks. Through **OCF's First Forty Days Initiative**, local OCF student leaders, spiritual advisors, and lay coordinators

introduce themselves to all new incoming students, making sure that they know about Orthodoxy on campus and nearby Orthodox parishes. These students also receive a summer mailing directly from the North American Office with information and materials to help them navigate their freshman year of college as Orthodox college students. So, make sure your college freshman (or ANY college students who are NOT yet registered) register TODAY.

Visit <http://www.ocf.net/parents-parishes/connect-students/> to learn more and to find valuable resources for college students AND parents!



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Philoptochos News

By Margaret Yates—President



A record number of delegates (440) attended the Philoptochos Conference in Philadelphia in early July. Many first-time delegates were amazed at the agenda that seemed a little overwhelming at first glance. It was four full days and evenings of meetings, discussions, decision-making, budget review, committee reports, workshops and speakers.

We were enlightened by a panel discussion on mental illness entitled, "Our Community's Journey to Understanding, Compassion and Hope". Other presentations included human trafficking, the environment (On Earth As It Is In Heaven), family health and nutrition, emerging servant leaders, social services, literacy and "Our Orthodox Treasure/Friends of the Poor", to name a few.

Nine resolutions were presented to the delegates with six being defeated, one tabled for future consideration after more research, and two being approved.

First, the Cancer Fund be changed to the "Cancer and Other Major Illnesses Fund" and that the Fund be used for the purpose of financially assisting those experiencing cancer as well as other major illnesses.

The second resolution that passed was to Section 4 of the National Philoptochos Bylaws and shall now read:

"Following the election, and upon receipt of the ratification, the Parish Priest shall install the newly elected Chapter Board by administering the Oath of Office."

The first sentence of Section 5(c) shall now read:

"Within 14 days of the election of the Chapter Board, the names of the newly-elected Chapter Board shall be sent to the National Office for ratification".

If approved by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, these changes to the Bylaws will be uploaded on the Philoptochos website. These changes will have the greatest impact on chapters who have not submitted their election results in a timely manner in past years.

The 2014 Chapter Challenge was presented for the Metropolis of Detroit by Nikki Burns and Cindy Keiholz from the Annunciation Church in Dayton, OH. Their outstanding project, "American Heroes", was dedicated to all Veterans and those men and women currently serving our country. Every church organization got involved in this project with the VA Hospital in Dayton especially impacted by their generosity. The 2016 Chapter Challenge nominee is the Annunciation Philoptochos in Buffalo, New York.

The tears shed during the American Heroes presentation were just a warm-up! "The Brave Ones, Past and Present: A Tribute to Those Who Safeguard our Freedom" was a slide and patriotic music presentation to honor men and women who have served their country. Nearly 1,000 pictures of our Philoptochos military family from WWI to the present graced the screen, including former marine Metropolitan Isaiah of the Metropolis of Denver who was at the presentation.

Awards were presented to twenty-eight of our thirty-six active chapters in the Metropolis for completing all National Commitment obligations (Chicago and New Jersey were at

100%). In addition, the Soteria Chapter in Dayton received a first place award for Most Successful Fundraiser Project and the Philoptochos chapter in Buffalo, NY received a 1st Place Runner-up Membership Growth and Participation Award for chapters with 100 to 199 members.

From the many nominations, from chapters throughout the Metropolis, one member is selected to receive the AGAPE Award (All Generations Accomplishing Philanthropic Endeavors) at the conference. The 2014 recipient from the Metropolis of Detroit was Evanthia Valassiades from Dayton, OH. Evanthia, a tireless worker for both her chapter and the Metropolis where she has served on the Board for many years, is truly deserving of this prestigious award that epitomizes the true spirit of philanthopia.. Congratulations Evanthia!

In recognition of National President Aphrodite Skeadas's final term of office, all delegates, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, the Metropolitans and special guests gathered early on Wednesday morning for a breakfast in her honor to thank her for her outstanding leadership over the past six years. She has truly been an inspiration to all of us.

Each Metropolis received \$20,000 in grant monies to be distributed by the Metropolis President or her designee. Dr. Stephanie Poplos presented the grant to the Forrest Spence Fund in Memphis for needs of critically ill and chronically ill children and their families, Eleni Zaferes to the International Rett Syndrome Foundation in Cincinnati for medical research to develop treatments for Rett Syndrome, and Margaret Yates to the North Woodward Community Foundation in Troy for their Blessings in a Backpack program.

As an update to the Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy in NYC, the building is mortgage free, generating a monthly income, and set up with a \$100,000 evergreen fund to address future needs of the Center. The next undertaking for Philoptochos is to offer support to the resurrection of Saint Nicholas Church, destroyed on 9/11, as a National Shrine. The National Philoptochos Executive Board and Metropolis Presidents have already begun discussions on a plan of action to support this initiative.

In closing, I would like to include the words of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios from a letter he sent to Mrs. Skeadas, the convention leadership and Ladies of Philoptochos. "I have come to know of the many highlights of your deliberations and decisions and I must commend you for the manner in which you carry out your ministry as Ladies of Philoptochos. You are organized, focused, thorough and filled with godly zeal and enthusiasm. Congratulations for your ability to mobilize the God given talents and resources of thousands of women across the country in a continuous mission of God's mercy and compassion."

Philoptochos Donations

- ◆ \$5,000 TO THE FORREST SPENCE FUND
- ◆ \$5,000 TO THE INTERNATIONAL RETT SYNDROME FOUNDATION
- ◆ \$10,000 TO THE NORTH WOODWARD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

My Soul Magnifies the Lord

By Father Catalin Mot



Father Catalin Mot is the Presiding Priest at the Annunciation Church in Rochester, New York.

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed"

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Biblical text which I quoted above is taken from the Gospel of Saint Luke, chapter 1 verses 46-48. In our Church, we offer a great veneration to the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ. And that veneration is expressed in various ways: in prayers, in hymns, in litanies / ektenias, in canons of prayers such as The Akathist and the Paraklesis to the Virgin, etc. I will highlight some aspects of our faith, in order to explain why do we do certain things, and why we venerate the Holy Virgin Mary.

The first reason is stated above, in the text I just quoted from, when the Virgin Mary exclaims: "All generations will call me blessed!" She is called blessed because she submitted herself totally to the will of God and was the first person in the world to accept Christ, offering an example to all of us of what does it mean to commit and to submit without question to the will of God.

Secondly, we venerate her because she accompanied our Lord, her beloved Son, everywhere He went, listening and accepting everything He said and did. Remember the wedding in Cana of Galilee, where the first miracles took place, when Jesus changed the water into wine, that it was she who said to Him: "They have no wine."

When Jesus was on the Cross, she was there with Him, alongside the women disciples and Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist. When Jesus saw them, He said to John: "Son, behold your Mother!" and to Her, "Woman, behold your son!" By saying that, the Lord made His own Mother, the Virgin Mary, the Mother of all humankind and this is another reason why we have such a great devotion to her. She is our Mother who protects, prays and intercedes for us sinners before the face of her beloved Son, to have mercy on us.

In my personal experience and devotion to the Virgin Mary, I have always felt protected and fortified in my faith when I performed a service dedicated to her



Luke 1: 46-48

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed"

either at church or at home, when I kneel down before her icon and pray to her, and that's the way how all of us should feel, because she is "our shelter and protector," as we say in the service of Paraklesis.

During this blessed season of the Dormition Fast, let us all unite with each other in prayer and say: "Υπεραγία Θεοτόκε, Σώσον ημάς / Most Holy Theotokos, save us!"

Friends of the Metropolis

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Nashville, TN - Holy Trinity

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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



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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.