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YOUR NATIVITY, O CHRIST OUR GOD, HAS SHINED THE LIGHT OF KNOWLEDGE UPON THE WORLD; FOR THEREBY THEY THAT WORSHIPPED THE STARS WERE INSTRUCTED BY A STAR TO WORSHIP YOU, THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND TO KNOW YOU, THE DAYSPRING FROM ON HIGH. O LORD, GLORY BE TO YOU.

APOLYTIKION OF NATIVITY



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## Metropolitan Nicholas' Message...

Beloved Family in Christ,

While we are all filled with joy at this blessed Season of Christmas, many are unfortunately also forced to engage again in that famous holiday game: How much do you love me?

At times it seems like a game of nerves as we try to decide exactly what position we are aiming for based on the gifts that we give.

For some, the game requires us to think back about all the Christmas gifts which people have given us. Truth be told, it is very difficult to remember what we received last year.

To be certain, there are many people who don't really engage in this game. We know that Grandma's gift to us of a new shirt is a practical expression of her love for us and her desire for us to be neat and clean.

But to those who play the Christmas Gift Game,



But my beloved friends, at Christmas, we also remember the gift that God Himself has given to us: Jesus Christ.

This special Gift is one which cannot be bought by us in any store; it cannot be ordered from a catalogue, or book, or any internet source.

In fact, this Gift is one which lasts forever, is never worn out, and never forgets about us. It is the one true Gift which is given to all and owned by none.

At this Holy Christmas Season, I pray that the Gift of the Son of God come into our hearts and homes, and that our Lord shall live and reign there forever, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. It's Christmas: come to church, and receive the Gift of God!

*Christ is Born!  
Glorify Him!*

✠ Metropolitan Nicholas



## BISHOP'S SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Please visit our website for schedule updates or changes at: [www.detroit.goarch.org/news/calendar](http://www.detroit.goarch.org/news/calendar)

### DECEMBER 2011

4	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	St. Nicholas Church—Ann Arbor, MI
5	<i>St. Nicholas Great Vespers</i>	St. Nicholas Church—Ann Arbor, MI
6	<i>Feast of St. Nicholas Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	St. Nicholas Church—Troy, MI
8 - 9	<i>Enthronement of Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh</i>	St. Nicholas Cathedral—Pittsburgh, PA
11	<i>St. Nicholas Parish Visitation</i>	St. Nicholas Church—Troy, MI
	<i>St. Spyridon Great Vespers &amp; Open House</i>	Metropolis Center—Troy, MI
12	<i>Feast of St. Spyridon Divine Liturgy &amp; Reception</i>	St. Spyridon Chapel—Troy, MI
18	<i>Ordination to Diaconate of Jeff Abel</i>	St. George Church—Bloomfield Hills, MI
24	<i>Vespers Divine Liturgy</i>	Annunciation Cathedral—Detroit, MI
25	<i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	Holy Trinity Cathedral—Toledo, OH
27 - 29	<i>GOYA Basket-Holiday Hoops Dinner Dance</i>	St. John the Baptist Church—Sterling Heights, MI
31	<i>Parish Visitation—St. Basil</i>	Metropolitan Detroit Area

### JANUARY 2012

1	<i>Parish Visitation—St. Basil</i>	Metropolitan Detroit Area
6	<i>Theophany of the Lord</i>	Assumption Church—St. Clair Shores, MI
	<i>St. John the Baptist Great Vespers</i>	St. John the Baptist Church—Sterling Heights, MI
7	<i>Feast of St. John the Baptist</i>	TBA
7 - 8	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	Holy Trinity Church—Fort Wayne, IN
12 - 13	<i>American Bible Society Retreat</i>	Dallas, TX
15	<i>Parish Visitation—Vasilopita</i>	St. George Church—Southgate, MI
20 - 22	<i>Ordination of Dcn. Paul Truebenbach to Holy Priesthood</i>	Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Church—Cincinnati, OH
27	<i>Canonical Regional Planning Committee Meeting</i>	Chicago, IL
31	<i>Clergy Synodesmos Meeting</i>	Metropolis Center—Troy, MI

### ORDINATION OF DEACON GEORGE E. CASSIS

**O**n Saturday, November 19, 2011, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas ordained George E. Cassis a deacon at the Holy Trinity Church in Grand Rapids, MI. The uplifting service was attended by a full church and clergy from the area and afar.

Born in 1949 in Grand Rapids, MI to George and Josephine Cassis of Lebanese descent, Dcn. George is married to Vasiliki (Botsis) with three children: George, Peter and Amalia. He has an Associates Degree in Business Administration and worked for forty years in the industrial supply field.

Pictures from the ordination are available here:

[www.detroit.goarch.org/photo-gallery/2011-photo-archives/ordination\\_cassis](http://www.detroit.goarch.org/photo-gallery/2011-photo-archives/ordination_cassis)





## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS by Eva Kokinos

### “Parties with a PURPOSE” - Youth Group Christmas Party Ideas

By Eva Kokinos, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

**N**aturally, Christmas is a time where we gather with family and friends to celebrate and enjoy each other's company. We gather to eat, we sing a few carols, and we exchange gifts.

But the purpose of Christmas is much more than a retail holiday or vacation time. In this beautiful season, we are given the ultimate gift of Jesus Christ. We are also blessed to have our communities, families, friends, and our youth groups. With all of these blessings, why not share in the joy? Why not make your youth group Christmas celebrations serve a greater purpose? Here are a few ideas for “Parties with a Purpose.”

#### FEED OTHERS FIRST

Before you sit down to have a Christmas party meal, make dinner and take it to a local shelter or halfway house. Or take your youth group to prepare meals at the local soup kitchen. You can also bake Christmas cookies, package them up in nice cookie tins, and deliver them to shut-ins and elderly people in nursing homes. After feeding others, then sit down to enjoy a meal together as a family.

#### GIVE TO OTHERS FIRST

Instead of having a gift exchange, contact the local shelter or children's hospital to see if there are families with wish lists. Then, as a youth group, go shopping to fulfill the needs of some of the families. Bring items back to wrap or prepare for delivery. Then after delivering the gifts, go grab a bite to eat as a group and discuss how you can contribute throughout the year.

#### BE WITH OTHERS FIRST

There are those who do not have family or friends to join at a Christmas party. So take the Christmas joy and fellowship out into your community. Have a Traveling Party... Ask your parish priests about families and individuals who could use a friendly face, a warm greeting, and a few Christmas carols.

#### Other ways to have a Christmas Party with Purpose

- 1) Ask everyone to bring a bag of canned goods to take to the local food pantry.
- 2) Connect with your parish Philoptochos or other local philanthropic organizations to organize a Christmas fundraising event. Funds can go to any charity or cause you can imagine... IOCC, OCMC, Feeding America, Make-A-Wish Foundation, etc,
- 3) Gather together and make cards/icons to send to those who serve in the Military OR to send to missionaries throughout the world.

#### WEBSITE OF CHARITIES AND PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATIONS

Feeding America Website – [www.feedingamerica.org](http://www.feedingamerica.org)  
 IOCC Website – [www.iocc.org](http://www.iocc.org)  
 Make-a-Wish Foundation Website – [www.wish.org](http://www.wish.org)  
 National Ladies Philoptochos Society – [www.philoptochos.org](http://www.philoptochos.org)  
 OCMC Website – [www.ocmc.org](http://www.ocmc.org)  
 Red Cross “Holiday Mail for Heroes” Website – [www.redcross.org/holidaymail](http://www.redcross.org/holidaymail)

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*Christ is Born! Glorify Him!*

*We wish you all a very blessed Feast of the Nativity and a happy, healthy New Year!  
 Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit — Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries*

### UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

#### DECEMBER 27-29, 2011 “Holiday Hoops” GOYA Basketball Tournament

Hosted by St. John the Baptist  
Church—Sterling Heights, MI  
[holidayhoopstournament@gmail.com](mailto:holidayhoopstournament@gmail.com)

#### JANUARY 7, 2012 Assumption GOYA Taverna Night

Hosted by Assumption Church—  
St. Clair Shores, MI  
586.779.6111

#### JANUARY 14-16, 2012 Upstate NY GOYA Winter Retreat

Hosted by St. Sophia Church—  
Syracuse, NY  
315.446.5222

#### JANUARY 14-16, 2012 St. Nicholas Summer Camp Reunion and GOYA Winter Retreat

Hosted by Panagia Pantovasilissa  
Church—Lexington, KY  
859.264.9004

#### JANUARY 15, 2012 Michigan Area GOYA Winter Retreat

Hosted by St. Nicholas Church—  
Ann Arbor, MI  
734.332.8200



## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

**By Margaret Yates**  
President

**I**t is an honor to have been elected president of the Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos Board where I served as treasurer the past four years. I grew up in Ann Arbor attending St. Nicholas Church where my parents were founding members. My husband, Bill, and I continue to worship at St. Nicholas. Like many of you, I sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, became a member of the parish council and joined Philoptochos.

I earned a BS degree in Special Education and an MA in guidance and counseling from Eastern Michigan University. My professional career ended when I retired from York Woods

Center, a residential treatment facility for emotionally impaired children and adolescents, as Director of Special Education.

The Philoptochos Board will be hosting an open house in honor of Metropolitan Nicholas' name day from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 11. The Board will also offer a reception that same evening after St. Spyridon Vespers and again on Monday, December 12 after the Divine Liturgy for St. Spyridon.

The Metropolis cookbook, "Favorites", has been reprinted in soft cover form, just in time for the holidays. Books are available at the Metropolis office or by contacting Evanthia Valassiades in Dayton, OH at 937-434-5600. They sell for twenty dollars each.

Save the date for our Spring luncheon to be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at the Annunciation Cathedral in Detroit. This is the main fundraiser for our Metropolis Philoptochos.

Philoptochos chapters throughout the Metropolis celebrated the feast day of Sts. Cosmas and Damianos, patron saints of Philoptochos, by passing a tray for the Patriarchate. The Dayton Philoptochos held a spiritual weekend led by Fr. Ari Damaskos from Toledo, OH. Fr. Ari met with GOYA members on Friday evening and with Philoptochos members and guests on Saturday. After an Artoklasia in Ann Arbor, Fr. Nicolaos Kotsis blessed the lap blankets made by members for the Oaks Adult Care Center and presented them to a repre-

sentative from Catholic Social Services for distribution.

An inspiration to us all, Eleni Zaferes stepped down as Metropolis president after four years of exceptional leadership. A hard working and dedicated member of Philoptochos, Eleni served by example. She traveled throughout the Metropolis, often accompanied by her husband Tom, offering guidance and support of various chapter activities. We offer Eleni a sincere thank you.

With the spiritual guidance of Metropolitan Nicholas and the prayers and support of the membership, I hope to at least partially fill the shoes of those who came before me in fulfilling the mission of Philoptochos. ■

## MEFGOX NEWS

**By Irene Georgantas**  
President

**O**n Saturday, November 5, a reception was held for the retirement of Metropolitan Maximos of the Pittsburgh Metropolis. When our former bishop of what was then the Detroit Diocese, Bishop Timothy, retired, Bishop Maximos

served as our Locum Tenens. Even though his tenure as Locum Tenens was not long, he became very dear to a number of us in the Detroit Diocese. Certainly for our MEFGOX Federation, Metropolitan Maximos was always supportive of our mission, activities, and attended many of our conventions. A group of our church musicians, from

both Metropolises, participated in a musical tribute to His Eminence, by singing "To Ekklisaki", a favorite song of his. We are saddened by his retirement due to his failing health. But we pray that God will grant him many more years in His service.

Now that the Christmas Lent has started and we are making preparations for this great and holy feast, it

is a time for many of our choirs to come together for Christmas musical programs. The Detroit community has a long standing tradition of presenting such a program and this year is no exception.

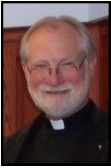
On Sunday, December 18, 2011 at 4 P.M. the Detroit Metropolis Chorus will present a Christmas

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## REMEMBERING A CHRISTMAS PAST

By Fr. Patrick Cowles\*



Some sixty years ago when I was three or four, I remember my two older sisters taking me for our annual Christmas Eve walk, a time when my parents "scheduled" the arrival of St. Nicholas at our home (I would be told much later in life that this had more to do with my parents desire to sleep in on Christmas morning than it had with Santa's scheduling problems; but this young, I simply accepted the arrangement as readily as I accepted that he couldn't come if I was home and able to see him come down the chimney; the young can believe most anything on faith.

The evening was cold, but snowless, a sharp breeze was blowing, and the clouds overhead scudded beneath a full moon. As we walked around our neighborhood, I remember being very excited, as my sisters talked to me about what they hoped Santa would bring. Suddenly, as we reached a corner close to home, my oldest sister, Moira, knelt beside me, placed one hand on my shoulder, and pointed towards the moon with the other. "Look," she said, "there's Santa in his sleigh!" And I looked and saw clouds racing before the moon that looked like a sleigh racing across the sky pulled by reindeer. "I see him, I see him!" I shouted. And big-eyed, this smiling, kind thirteen-year-old, said, "Let's run home. I bet he's just leaving from our house!" And so we ran to see the mar-

vels he had brought us. And as we ran, I recall a sensation, a feeling that the world was a wonderful place when something, someone so good was loose, flying around being kind and generous to every child everywhere.



Time has passed, and since that time, I have lost Moira, my parents, and a number of close friends and family members. As a young man, I rejected the faith of my childhood, drifted for many years, until finally by the grace of God, I found the gift of the

True Faith beautifully wrapped in the Orthodox Church. And in a sense the faith I had as a child has been restored, although changed. Santa has been replaced by Jesus Christ, toys have been replaced by the gift of the Holy Infant, and that good and generous Being loose in the world is none other than the creator of the world, giving the most wonderful of presents to all of His children: His love, His presence, His forgiveness, His healing. In the face of such generosity, how can we not want to respond, giving generously, lovingly and happily to Him and His Church, through which His gifts flow to us and to our children and their children ■

\*Rev. Fr. Patrick Cowles serves as the Presiding Priest at the Holy Spirit Greek Orthodox Church in Rochester, NY.

## MEFGOX NEWS *continued...*

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Concert at the Annunciation Cathedral in Detroit, MI. The Metropolitan Chorus is composed of directors, singers, and organists from several of the Detroit area Greek Orthodox churches. The concert itself will be presented in a "Lessons and Carols" style,

with readings by our young people reciting the prophecies of the coming Jesus and those biblical passages describing His birth. Greek Orthodox hymns and traditional carols will be interspersed with the readings. The chorus will be led by several of our area directors, including George

Raptis, Evey Simon, Maritsa Kalasz, Stan Takis, Mary Grias, and John Tangalos. The accompanists will be Ann Lyke, Antonia Levin, and Santhy Volis. There will also be opportunities for the audience to join the chorus in well-known carols. Prior to the Concert there will be three joint

rehearsals at the Cathedral, December 3, 10, and 17 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. You are all invited to join us in this beautiful way of celebrating the Birth of our Lord as one community. Christ is Born! Glorify Him! ■

**FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (AS OF DECEMBER 15, 2011)****+His Eminence****Metropolitan Nicholas****Ann Arbor, MI - St. Nicholas**

St. Nicholas Parish  
St. Nicholas Philoptochos  
St. Nicholas GOYA  
Kotsis, Fr. Nicolaos and  
Presbyteria Sandra  
Paul, Presbyteria Eva  
Bekiaries, Christopher and Margarita  
Bekiaries, Penny  
Chiatalas, Louis and Marguerite  
Daniels, Tony and Cleve  
Fry, Jack D.  
Garris, Helen  
Hadden, Donnelly and Helen  
Kales, Anthony and Joyce  
Katsikas, Chris and Pandora  
Kussurelis, Peter and Zorene  
Leontis, Artemis  
Phan, Sem and Katherine  
Pliakas, Vasilios and Kyriaki  
Radwanski, Kurt and Sophia Grias  
Yates, Billy and Marguerita

**Bloomfield Hills, MI – St. George**

Iakovides, Dimitri

**Buffalo, NY - Annunciation**

Annunciation Parish  
Annunciation Philoptochos  
Annunciation GOYA  
Annunciation Youth Council  
Christakis, Fr. Christos and  
Presbyteria Lisa  
Kallis, Fr. Perry and  
Presbyteria Cassandra  
Alethea's Chocolates  
Blakeslee, Ronald and Maria  
Cervi, Brian and Vassilia  
Couvtsakis, Paul and Linda  
Dermatis, Anastasia  
Kalambukas, Andrew and Colleen  
Kouvtsakis, Paul and Donna  
Kuvshinoff, Boris and Barbara  
Manos, Margaret  
Mastoras, Spiros and Mary

Pavlakis, Peter and Elizabeth  
Pefanis, Jerry and Athena  
Phufas, Ellene  
Scouras, George and Chrisoula  
Skaros, Nikolaos and JoAnn  
Spanos, Frances  
Tassy, Gust and Marian  
Touris, Lambros  
Vafiopoulos, Helen  
Veanes, Angelo

**Carmel, IN - Holy Trinity**

Holy Trinity Philoptochos  
Gounaris, Fr. Anastasios and  
Presbyteria Maria  
Dickos, Dennis  
Dickos, Theone  
Douvis, Harry  
Eaton, Joseph and Florie  
Hershberger, Dennis and Dawn  
Kokinos, Pete and Argie  
Karas, Gus and Maritsa  
Kourmoulis, Mario and Karen  
Kyriakopoulos, Chris  
Lafter, Chris and Toni  
Pappas, Vicki  
Zeheralis, Gail

**Chattanooga, TN –Annunciation**

Annunciation Philoptochos  
Annunciation Choir  
Annunciation GOYA  
Ballas, Fr. Stavros and  
Presbyteria Thea  
Andros, George and Maria  
Ballas, Aspasia  
Bougdanos, Maria  
Bouloukos, Dino and Maria  
Campa, Pedro  
Cornea, Paul and Ana  
Demetry, Willodene  
Dimopoulos, George and Brigitte  
Ellis, George G. and Betty M.  
Etherton, Wayne and Yolanda  
Fotiadis, Nicky  
Fox, Mrs. Ann  
Gaitanoglou, Ignatios  
Gormanos, John and Karrie

Gulas, Marion  
Gulas, Venetia  
Hopper, Richard and Chrisi  
Justice, Christina  
Kosmidis, Alex and Cheryl  
Kouris, George  
Makrinakis, Emanuel  
Mousourakis, John and Donna  
Petros, John and Voula  
Tigiros, Elias and Sharon  
Tolbert, John and Janice  
Trohanis, Bill  
Vassilev, Mikhail  
Vlasis, John and Charlotte  
Zotos, Alexander

**Cincinnati, OH -  
Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas**

HTSN Philoptochos  
HTSN GOYA  
Apostolides, Vasso  
Galanes, George  
Iatrides, Steve  
Kapourales, Louis  
Parsenios, Lewis  
Perdikakis, Gus and JoAnn  
Raptis, James and Maria  
Siegel, August  
Zaferes, Patricia  
Zaferes, Tom and Eleni

**Dayton, OH- Annunciation**

Annunciation Parish  
Annunciation Philoptochos  
Bambakidis, Gust and Elli  
Kakas, Berdi  
Jannides, Spiros  
Sempeles, Leigh  
Stamas, Elizabeth  
Valassiades, John and Evanthia

**Detroit, MI –  
Annunciation Cathedral**

Annunciation Philoptochos  
Annunciation Cathedral Pioneers  
Gaggos, James and Mary  
Tapazoglou, Nicolaos and Christine



## FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (AS OF DECEMBER 15, 2011)

### Elmira, NY – St. Athanasios

Greven, Peter  
Vardakis, Paul and Thea

### Farmington Hills, MI – Holy Cross

Holy Cross Parish  
Hountalas, Fr. Dean and  
Presbytera Olga  
Alexander, Milton and Helen  
Blough, Michael and Catherine  
Casoglos, Thomas and Mary  
Fekaris, Steve and Bettie  
George, John and E. Deborah  
Heller, James Family  
Kargilis, Alexander and Mary  
Katsias, George and Irene  
Krear, Tad and Elizabeth  
Malis, George and Annette  
Nuechterlein, Lanny and Andrica  
Peresky, Richard and Marina  
Power, Edward and Maria  
Voutsinas, Kostas and Diana

### Fort Wayne, IN - Holy Trinity

Danckaert, Keith  
Doublas, Gregory  
Gogos, George  
Hanewald, Thomas and Smaragtha  
Katsis, Maria  
Koulianos, Dionysios and Maria  
Lebamoff, George  
Maggos, Eleftherios and Voula  
Nakos, Nikos  
Rongos, Christopher and Katherine  
Spirou, Arthur and Mary  
Turner, Christian

### Grand Blanc, MI – Assumption

Chinonis, John and Linda  
Kaloydis, John and Karen  
Politis, George and Rita

### Grand Rapids, MI - Holy Trinity

Bogdan, Fr. James and Presbytera Joan  
Afendoulis, Chris and Phyllis  
Afendoulis, Clark and Katherine  
Anton, Gust J.  
Bird, Jason and Christa

Cassis, Edward and Vicki  
Christopoulos, Peter and Maria  
Georgeson, Menas and Fronsene  
Gray, Mark and Alexis  
Jenks, Timothy C.  
Kalyvas, Tim and Lina  
Karatsinides, Spiro and Paulette  
Koukios, Constantine  
Monoyios, Terry  
Neil, Chad Dimopoulos  
Nicholas, Jim and Georgia  
Sarafis, Elizabeth  
Zarafonetis, Stratton

### Indianapolis, IN – Holy Apostles

Matsigas, Gerasimos

### Ithaca, NY - St. Catherine

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

### Jamestown, NY – St. Nicholas

Zervos, Fr. George and Presbytera Anne

### Kalamazoo, MI – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish  
Annunciation Philoptochos

### Lansing, MI – Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish  
Sietsema, Fr. Mark and  
Presbytera Kathy  
Christofilis, Elaine  
Evanoff-Joseph, Yvonne  
Gavrilides, Nick and Dina  
Gavrilis, Dimitrios and Jane Arnold  
Heos, Goldie  
Heos, Pamela  
Hillary, Charles  
Mansour, George  
Mendoza, Mary  
Munk, Jerry and Jan  
Nichols, Elan Stavros  
Pascalenos, Olga  
Perentesis, Stephanie  
Pogoncheff, Carl

Rahib, Margaret  
Skorich, Dan  
Smith, Richard  
Willard, Steven

### Lexington, KY –

#### Panagia Pantovasilissa

Panagia Pantovasilissa Parish  
Panagia Pantovasilissa Philoptochos  
Wilson, Fr. George and  
Presbytera Harriet  
Annetts, Brett and Ruth  
Delviziis, Thomas  
Hostetter, Christopher and Ericka  
Kiriapopoulos, Ken and Mary

### Lexington, MI –

#### St. Panteleimon Chapel

St. Panteleimon Parish

### Little Rock, AR – Annunciation

Annunciation GOYA  
Verdaris, Fr. Nicholas and  
Presbytera Maria  
Misic, Dragi  
Skoumbourdis, C.T. and Tatyana  
Tyer, Gordon and Martha  
Verdaris, John and Marlene  
Vratsinas, Gus and Irene

### Louisville, KY – Assumption

Legakis, Fr. Larry and  
Presbytera Jennifer  
Adams, Sam and Thelma  
Geromes Marcus and Nancy  
Karageorge, Rhonda  
Makris, Mary  
Vonallmen, Penny

### Marquette, MI – Assumption

Assumption Parish  
Butler, Michelle

### Memphis, TN – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish  
Ahepa #7 – Memphis  
Daughters of Penelope (Alpheus) #180  
Apalodimas, Maria

**FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (AS OF DECEMBER 15, 2011)**

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Bagatelas, Todd and Cyndi  
Farrell, Richard and Linda  
Futris, Petro  
Graves, William and Renee  
Graves, Theodore  
Morrison, Robert and Kathryn  
Obradovic, Linda  
Poplos, Ted and Stephanie  
Ruby, Pete and Katerina  
Semos, Vasili and Luane

**Middletown, OH –****Sts. Constantine and Helen**

Sts. Constantine and Helen Philoptochos  
Retzios, Thomas and Angela

**Muskegon, MI - Annunciation**

Mot, Fr. Catalin and Presbytera Felicia  
Yankopoulos, Presbytera Ann  
Afendoulis, Alexander  
Afendulis, Phyllis  
Afendulis, Ted  
Anton, Ted and Francine Bati, John  
Bouth, Michael and Sharon  
Encelewski, Christine  
Karis, Tom and Kristi  
Katsiouras, Athanasios and Katerina  
Ladas, Paul M. and Patricia  
Lutz, Helen  
Micheil, Rich and Teresa  
Oravitan, Andre and Philip  
Soimar, Michael and Corina

**Nashville, TN - Holy Trinity**

Holy Trinity Parish  
Hohnholt, Fr. Gregory and  
Presbytera Sofia  
Sfikas, Presbytera Stella  
Andrews, Chris and Julia  
Billo, John  
Botsaris, Chris  
Carden, Kathryn  
Harman, Todd and Dawn  
Lamberson, Lambert and Helen  
Miles, Eric and Scarlett  
Miller, John  
Rogers, Helen and Larry Kamm

Sherrill, Justin and Kiki  
Taras, Nick and Donna

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

Turner, Fr. Parthenios and  
Presbytera Marion  
Derrybery, Paul  
Demmas, Constance  
Dozier, Matthew  
Sidorov, Veniamin  
Tickle, Jeffrey and Jackie

**New Buffalo, MI -****Annunciation/St.Paraskevi**

Annunciation-St. Paraskevi Parish  
Martin, Fr. Paul and Presbytera Nikki  
Kerhoulas, Mike and Louisa  
Lepeniotes, Christos and Anastasia  
Litznerski, Robert and Mariann

**Plymouth, MI -****Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Parish  
Sarelis, Fr. Charles and  
Presbytera Angela  
Demetriou, Cleo  
Kheir, Angela  
Randall, Michael and Anne  
Szlinis, John and Thekla  
Takis, Gerald and Mary

**Rochester, NY – Annunciation**

Cook, Fr. Anthony and  
Presbytera Elizabeth  
Gines, George and Maria  
Markakis, Kathryn  
Pantas, Mary  
Stathopoulos, Demetrios and Doris  
Stefanou, Constantine and Florence

**Rochester, NY – Holy Spirit**

Holy Spirit Parish  
Holy Spirit Philoptochos  
Georgantas, Irene  
Kouides, Peter  
Palis, James and Elizabeth

**Saginaw, MI - St. Demetrios**

Cox, Fr. Irenaeus and  
Presbytera Alexandra  
Bistolarides, Fr. Peter and  
Presbytera Peggy  
Ahejew, Petro and Sandra  
Bazakis, Andrew and Ann  
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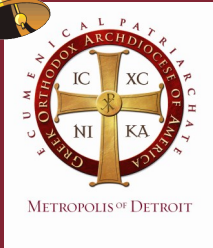
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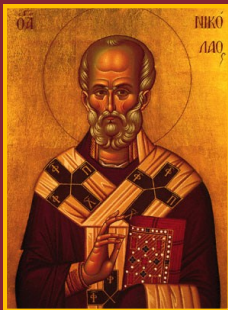
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**General:** Fully fund the expenses of the Metropolis offices, programs and travels.

**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.

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

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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

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