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Christ is Born! Glorify Him! Χριστὸς Γεννᾶται! Δοξάσατε!

*Behold, I bring
you good news of a
great joy that will be
for all the people. For
unto you is born this
day in the city of David
a Savior, who is Christ
the Lord. And this will
be a sign for you: you
will find a baby
wrapped in swaddling
cloths and lying in a
manger.*

Luke 2:10-12



Metropolitan Nicholas' Message

Beloved in the Lord,

The Season of the Search is here! Without fail, as soon as the skies begin to gray and the weather turns cold, the game of “search and find” begins.

Some years the game begins when we think of the things we want to get at Christmas — and how we can drop enough hints to let people know what we want and ‘need.’

Other years, the game is played by the brightly lit and fully stocked stores explaining why what we bought or received last

year at Christmas is no longer ‘top of the line,’ and why something new would be better.

But if this is truly the Season of the Search, then perhaps we need to remember the real reason for Christmas. Yes, there is a search going on—but it is really God searching for his lost people, who like wandering sheep have gone astray.

This is the time when the Church remembers the depth of God’s love: He loves us so much that God became a human being in order to find us and bring us back to Him.

My friends, this is truly the Season of the Search. Sit back, reflect and pray, and let the God of all Love and Peace enter our hearts and homes, just as he entered the manger in Bethlehem. My beloved family in God, this year — instead of searching for the perfect gift — let the Perfect God find us in His home and His Kingdom.

Merry Christmas!

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

With every blessing,

✠ *Metropolitan Nicholas*



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Bishop's Schedule

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

December

2	<i>Holiday Hoops Basketball Tournament</i>	St. John Church—Sterling Heights, MI
	<i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	St. John Church—Sterling Heights, MI
5	<i>St. Nicholas Great Vespers</i>	St. Nicholas Church—Troy, MI
6	<i>St. Nicholas Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	St. Nicholas Church—Ann Arbor, MI
9	<i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	St. Nicholas Church—Troy, MI
	<i>Metropolitan Nicholas' Name Day & Open House</i>	Metropolis Center—Troy, MI
11	<i>St. Spyridon Great Vespers</i>	St. Spyridon Chapel (Metropolis Center)—Troy, MI
12	<i>St. Spyridon Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	St. Spyridon Chapel (Metropolis Center)—Troy, MI
13 - 14	<i>American Bible Society Meeting</i>	New-York, NY
15 - 16	<i>Archdiocesan Choirs Benefit Concert</i>	Carnegie Hall—New-York, NY
17 - 21	<i>Visit to the Ecumenical Patriarchate</i>	Istanbul, Turkey
23	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	Assumption Church—St. Clair Shores, MI
24	<i>Vesperal Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	Holy Trinity Cathedral—Toledo, OH
25	<i>Nativity of the Lord Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	Annunciation Cathedral—Detroit, MI

January 2013

1	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	TBD
6	<i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	TBD
	<i>St. John the Baptist Great Vespers</i>	St. John Church—Sterling Heights, MI
7	<i>St. John the Baptist Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	St. John Church—Sterling Heights, MI
12 - 13	<i>Pastoral Visitation</i>	Annunciation Church—Dayton, OH
15 - 25	<i>Clergy-Laity Conference of the Archdiocese of Australia</i>	Sydney, Australia
27	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	TBD

MEFGOX News

THEODORE NIFOROS
MEFGOX
President



On behalf of the Mid-Eastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, we wish to all of you *Καλά Χριστούγεννα και Ευτυχές το Νέον Έτος*, Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year, and to His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas, *Χρόνια Πολλά*,

Many Years on the celebration of his name day!

For all of our Church Musicians who receive The Shepherd's Staff, I wanted to refer you to a web site where you might find excellent arrangements of Greek carols:

www.newbyz.org. There, you can scroll down to the section entitled

"Christmas and New Year Carols". Nancy and Stan Takis have provided unison and four-part arrangements of the Christmas Kalanda, an arrangement of the New Year's Kalanda and arrangements of several other traditional carols.

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Youth News

39TH ANNUAL DAYTON GOYA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Dayton, Ohio is proud to host the 39th Annual GOYA Basketball Tournament

on President's Day Weekend, February 15th, 16th and 17th, 2013.

All GOYA members, families, and advisors are invited for a weekend full of Fellowship, Sportsmanship, and Fun! Furthermore, non-basketball players, friends and family from your community are welcome too.

The 39th Annual Dayton GOYA Basketball Tournament information and registration will ONLY be ONLINE this year.

Please go to daytonannunciation.org where you will be able to register online, as well as download team/advisor rosters and hotel rooming list.

Please direct questions or requests for more information, such as the Tournament Informational Letter and Tournament Flyer, please contact:

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ST. NICHOLAS SUMMER CAMP REUNION AND YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

JANUARY 18-20, 2013

Join us in the historic city of Memphis to celebrate 12 years of faith, fellowship, and fun at the Annual St. Nicholas Summer Camp Reunion and Winter Retreat.

The Winter Retreat/Reunion will be hosted by Annuncia-

tion Church in Memphis, TN January 18-20, 2013.

All youth ages 8-18 are invited to attend. We also encourage all St. Nicholas Summer Camp Alumni to join us!

Details regarding registration, cost, accommodations and activities will be posted on the

official SNC camp website and on Facebook.



www.southerncamp.com or www.facebook.com/StNicholasSummerCamp

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."
- Matthew 18:20

NEWS ABOUT OCF (ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP)

New Chapter /Central Michigan University

An OCF Chapter has been formed on the campus of Central Michigan University. Spread the word. Email ocfcmu@gmail.com for more information!

2012 OCF College Conference

Conferences are currently held at the Antiochian Village in Pennsylvania and St. Nicholas Ranch in California. To register, visit: <http://www.ocf.net/wikis/programs/college-conference.aspx>

2013 OCF Real Break

OCF organizes both domestic and international trips to give College students the opportunity to serve those less fortunate and to do something "real" for themselves and for God. To register, visit: <http://www.ocf.net/wikis/programs/real-break-program.aspx>





Philoptochos News



MARGARET YATES

**Philoptochos
President**

Several Orthodox families in the Metropolises of New York and New Jersey have lost their homes and need our assistance.

Congratulations to Alexander Burke, Marko Ifandis and Elena Zois, three of the ten finalists in the "Make a Difference with Loukoumi" National Contest. These youngsters, from Dayton, OH, drew pictures of how they could make a difference in the lives of others and were posted on facebook. The contest winners will win a box of Loukoumi books for their school or favorite charity. The Philoptochos chapter in Carmel, IN also participated in the "Make a Difference with Loukoumi" program by raising funds for literacy awareness. One book per Loukoumi book sold was also donated to kids in need of books.

In 2011, the Metropolis of Detroit became one of the first to sponsor a luncheon benefiting the proposed Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy. Since that time, "Open the Door" events have taken place throughout the country. As reported in the last issue of the Shepherd's Staff, the gold leaf initiative was introduced at the Philoptochos conference in Phoenix and begun in earnest in September. The goal was to have each active chapter in the country represented on the Tree of Giving that will greet visitors when they visit the

PCOP. Amazingly, this goal has been reached. The final papers were signed on Tuesday, November 27 for a property in Manhattan with a minimal mortgage because every Metropolis in the country achieved 100 per cent participation. The Jaharis Foundation matched each \$1,000 pledged. Several smaller chapters were helped by individual donations, large chapter donations, and Metropolis Boards. **THERE WILL BE NO MORE FUNDRAISING!!**

"Fashion Across the Decades" was the theme of the charity fundraising event for the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation co-sponsored by St. John in Sterling Heights and Assumption in St. Clair Shores on October 28. This elegant affair, held at the Atheneum Hotel in Detroit and attended by over 300 men and women, featured a silent auction, "strolling appetizers", dinner and a fashion show featuring clothing from different decades. An incredible amount of money was raised by these Philoptochos chapters. Congratulations!

A benefit luncheon for the Karmanos Cancer Institute and other Philoptochos charities was held at the St. Nicholas Church in Troy, MI in early November. Guests were

greeted by an amazing display of beautifully decorated tables. What a wonderful way to usher in the holiday season as well as help this world-renowned cancer treatment and research center.

Philoptochos members (and friends) across the Metropolis have been busy preparing for holiday bake sales as a means to earn funds for philanthropy. Please support them. Many chapters have already sent funds to assist those devastated by Hurricane Sandy. Several Orthodox families in the Metropolises of New York and New Jersey have lost their homes and need our assistance. Funds can be sent to the National Philoptochos office for distribution.

We will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, December 9 at the Metropolis Home in Troy in celebration of Metropolitan Nicholas' Name Day. We will also be hosting a reception following St. Spyridon Vespers on December 11 and again on December 12 following the Divine Liturgy for St. Spyridon.

On behalf of the Metropolis Board, I wish everyone a blessed Christmas, a happy and healthy New Year and a hope that the joys of the season remain with you throughout the coming year ■

Philoptochos Donations

- ◆ St. John, Sterling Heights and Assumption, St. Clair Shores, \$31,292.37 to the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation
- ◆ St. Nicholas, Troy, MI \$5,000 to the Karmanos Cancer Institute
- ◆ St. Nicholas, Ann Arbor, MI \$4,000 to the Wounded Warrior Project
- ◆ Annunciation, Dayton, OH \$1,333 to the Alzheimer's Association

The Mystery of Christmas



FR. NICOLAOS KOTSIS*

“A strange and most wonderful mystery do I see: the cave is heaven; the Virgin the throne of the Cherubim; the manger a room, in which Christ, the God whom nothing can contain, is laid. Him do we praise and magnify.” (From the *Irmos* of the 9th Ode from the *Orthros* of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ)

Indeed, isn't it strange that the God, Who created the universe and all that is in it, is born as a man in a manger in a cave? Isn't it peculiar, that the dwelling place of God, heaven, is now a cave

in the earth, and that the throne of God, the cherubim, is now the Virgin mother? Isn't it strange, that the God Who is beyond all comprehension is wrapped tightly and contained in swaddling?

This image of Christ, the God Who became Man, is paradoxical. As the creative instrument of the universe, the very stars of heaven were forged by the Word of God, Jesus Christ. Yet, He is now born quietly in a cave next to the animals.

St. Athanasios says that the Son of God became man so that man could become like God. However, this requires great action on our part. As God descended and humbled Himself to take our form as a babe in swaddling clothes, conversely, we are to tear off the swaddling clothes which confine our progress and growth to-

ward the goal of becoming like God. When we lie, we mock the image of Christ which is in our neighbor, and wrap ourselves tightly in the dirty linens of deceit. When we gossip, we mock the image of Christ and adorn ourselves in the dirty laundry of pride, arrogance, and slander. When we ignore the poor, the oppressed, and the needy, we mock the image of Christ and cloth ourselves with the soiled garments of sloth, self-righteousness, and avarice.

When we seek to express the truth, we make known the image of Christ in humanity through faith and are unfettered by the chains of falsehood. When we say good things about people and refrain from gossip, we uplift our brothers and sisters in Christ, and cut loose the ropes of self-righteousness and malice. When we help the poor and those in need, we execute the will of God and express our love to our fellow man,

“A strange and most wonderful mystery do I see: the cave is heaven; the Virgin the throne of the Cherubim; the manger a room, in which Christ, the God whom nothing can contain, is laid.”

and break the bonds of hate and selfishness.

As we celebrate this joyful and blessed season, we must continually strive to rid ourselves of the swaddling cloths that confine us and limit our abilities to reach the heavenly heights. In so doing, we will free ourselves to God's limitless love, which is made incarnate through His birth from the Virgin Mary.

**Fr. Nicolaos Kotsis is the Presiding Priest at the St. Nicholas Church in Ann Arbor, MI.*

MEFGOX News Continued...

For most of its existence, MEFGOX has published its printed newsletter, the *Byzantine Echo*, two to three times each year, and mailed it to Church Musicians throughout our Federation. Last spring, the Federation Council decided that beginning with the forthcoming issue, all future *Echos* would be sent in electronic form by email to all those on our email list. The reasons for the change were both economic and

practical. Since all except a very few of our MEFGOX members had email, and with increased mailing costs, it made more sense to use electronic publication of the *Echo*. We also could be more flexible with the size and content of each issue. Not forgetting members without email, we ask those in each parish to download each issue and provide copies. For those Church Musicians not already receiving the *Echo*, please send a

message with your email address to MEFGOX Secretary Vicki Pappas: pappas@indiana.edu.

As we come to the joyous celebration of the Lord's birth at our churches and with our families, we also hope you enjoy it with the wonderful music of our Greek Orthodox faith and with the traditional carols we hear, both Greek and those of our American heritage ■





Friends of the Metropolis (as of 11-30-12)

+ His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas

Ann Arbor, MI - St. Nicholas

Kotsis, Fr. Nicolaos and
Presbytera Sandra
Paul, Presbytera Eva
Baldwin, James and Mary Suzanne
Bekiares, Penelope Ann
Chapekis, Nicholas and Anna
Daniels, Tony and Clevie
Fry, Jack D.
Garris, Steven and Stamatia
Gutierrez, Jarvis
Hall, Diane
Katsikas, Chris and Pandora
Kleanthous, Costas and Sylvia
Pardon, Carl
Pliakas, Vasilios and Kyriakoula
SRK Investments
Tziahanas, Tom and Doreen

Bloomfield Hills, MI - St. George

Allen, Kaleope
Iakovides, Dimitri
Pamel, Esther
Sislock, Stella
Talmers, Vicky

Buffalo, NY - Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Christakis, Fr. Christos and
Presbytera Lisa
Kallis, Fr. Perikles and
Presbytera Cassandra
Apostolakos, John and Jean
Bison Painting and
Decorating Corp.
Blakeslee, Ronald and Maria
Cervi, Brian and Vassilia
Couvtsakis, Paul and Linda
Danakas, George
Economou, Nicholas
Gianiodis, Constantine and Barbara
Gioulekas, Goldie
Hiczewski, Peter and Michele
Katsinis, Alex
Krestos, Thomas

Kouvoutsakis, Paul and Donna
Kuvshinoff, Boris and Barbara
Liaros, Joanne
Mastoras, Spiros and Mary
McDaniels, Joyce
Rossiter, Michael and Ann
Tassy, Gust and Marian
Touris, Lambros
Veanes, Angelo

Carmel, IN - Holy Trinity

Belous, Alexandra
Eaton, Joseph and Florie
Karas, Gus and Maritsa
Kazmierski, Maria Hristova
Kourmoulis, Mario and Karen
Pappas, Vicki
Turner, Glenn
Torney, Harry and Helen

Chattanooga, TN - Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Choir
Ballas, Fr. Stavros and
Presbytera Thea
Andros, George and Maria
Ballas, Aspasia
Bouloukos, Dino and Maria
Campa, Pedro
Cornea, Paul and Ana
Dimopoulos, Dennis and Barbara
Dimopoulos, George and Brigitte
Etherton, Wayne and Yolanda
Fairbanks, Bobby and Voula
Fotiadis, Nicky
Gulas, Marion
Gulas, Venetia
Hopper, Richard and Chrisi
Justice, Christine
Kalanzis, Angela
Kouris, George
Martin, Martin
Moore, James and Fannie
Mousourakis, John and Donna
Petros, Voula
Ramsey, Karen
Tigros, Elias and Sharon
Trohanis, J.A.
Tsioukas, Eugenia

Zotos, Alexander and Jennifer

Cincinnati, OH

Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas

HTSN Parish
HTSN Philoptochos
Andreadis, Sophie
Apostolides, Vasso
Assaley, Lewis and Patricia
Beltsos, Sam
Brown, William R.
Caneris, Anthony and Antoinette
Carumpalos, Constantine
Christoforidis, Alexander
Galanes, George
Kapourales, Louis
Landers, Lauren
Misali, Akila
Perdikakis, Gus
Polychroniou, Constantine
Raptis, James and Maria
Spanorigas, Nicholas and Becky
Stringas, Emanuel
Zaferes, Patricia
Zaferes, Tom and Eleni

Dayton, OH - Annunciation

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

Detroit, MI

Annunciation Cathedral

Annunciation Cathedral
Philoptochos
Gaggos, Jim and Mary
Glikas, Marie
Karathanasis, Helen
Lianos, Ethel
Papas, John G.
Tapazoglou, Nicolaos and Christine
Vlami, George and Denise

Elmira, NY – St. Athanasios

Scott, Fr. Richard James
Vardakis, Paul

Farmington Hills, MI – Holy Cross

Hountalas, Fr. Dean and
Presbytera Olga
Alexander and Angelas, PC
Andris, Theodore and Elaine
Boudouris, Constantino and Joanne
Casoglos, Thomas and Mary
Culley, George and Katherine
Fekaris, Steve and Bettie
Ganas, James S.
George, John and Eleni D.
Liadis, Kathleen
Pesaros, Panayotis and Sonia
Rambus, Michael
Shukla, Margarita
Stassinopoulos, Peter and Esther

Fort Wayne, IN - Holy Trinity

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

Grand Blanc, MI – Assumption

Chinonis, Elias and Katie
Chinonis, Nancy and Jeff Lauster
Kallis, Agape and Family – In Memory
of Harold Kallis
Kallis, Agape – In Honor of Father
Tom George Retirement
Kaloydis, John and Karen
Politis, George and Rita

Grand Rapids, MI - Holy Trinity

Bogdan, Fr. James and Presbytera Joan
Cassis, Deacon George and
Diaconissa Vicki
Afendoulis, Chris and Phyllis
Afendoulis, Clark and Katherine
Anonymous
Bird, Jason and Christa
Georgeson, Menas and Fronsene
Gray, Mark and Alexis
In Memory of
Demetra Georgacopoulos
Lange, Ginger
Monoyios, Terry and Akrivi
Neil, Chad

Nicholas, Jim and Georgia
Sellas, Chrisa
Slott, Leonard and Emili
Spero, Stamatia
Triant, Linda
VanderSchel, Connie

Hot Springs, AR – Zoodochos
Peghee

McCrary, Robert and Stella

Indianapolis, IN – Holy Apostles

Holy Apostles Parish
Crabtree, Georgia

Ithaca, NY - St. Catherine

Parthenakis, Fr. Athanasios and
Presbytera Cathy
Bantuvanias, Ann
Bezirgianian, John
Stoenescu, Caterina
Tselekis, George

Jamestown, NY – St. Nicholas

Zervos, Fr. George and
Presbytera Anne
Pappas, Elizabeth
Tsitso, Spiro

Kalamazoo, MI – Annunciation

Cavas, Anastasia
Quinn, Patrick and Sophia
Stamos, Peter

Lansing, MI – Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Sietsema, Fr. Mark and
Presbytera Kathy
Farran, Richard and Pamela
Gavrilis, Dimitris and E. Jane Arnold
Hillary, Charles and Nadean
Kaliyanakis, Helen
Kavalaris, Gus and Connie
Munk, Jerry and Jan
Pascalenos, Olga
Perentesis, Stephanie
Pogoncheff, Carl M.
Rahib, Margaret
Sine, Daniel and Spiridoula
Skorich, Dan

Lexington, KYPanagia Pantovasilissa

Panagia Pantovasilissa Philoptochos
Kargas, George and Amanda
Kiriacopoulos, Ken and Kate
Thompson, John and Christina

Little Rock, AR - Annunciation

Verdaris, Fr. Nicholas and
Presbytera Maria
Alley, Sam and Janet
McDowell, Lynn and Susan
Tyer, Gordon and Martha
Verdaris, John and Marlene
Vratsinas, Gus and Irene

Louisville, KY – Assumption

Wingenbach, Fr. Gregory C.
Adams, Sam and Thelma

Memphis, TN - Annunciation

Cook, Fr. Anthony and
Presbytera Elizabeth
Bagatelas, Todd and Cyndi
Buring, Jacob and Michele
Capadalis, Peggy
Cotros, Charles and Connie
Gallagher, Evangelia
Grayes, Theodore
Kay, John and Nancy
Koplin, Ron and Pauline
Meng, James and Susan
Moore, Michael and Maria
Obradovic, Mitch and Linda
Ogbasion, Asmelash and Asmeret
Poplos, Theodore and
Stephanie Storgion
Semos, Evangeline
Semos, Vasili and Luane
Sousoulas, James
Tobias, Richard and Angela

Middletown, OHSts. Constantine and Helen

Sts. Constantine & Helen Philoptochos
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
Afendoulis, Alexander
Afendulis, James
Afendulis, Phyllis
Afendulis, Theodore
Anton, Ted and Francine
Baker, Georgia
Burnett, Jim and Diane
Clark, Kenneth and Nicci
Danigelis, George
Danigelis, Gust and Mary
Davros, Nicholas
Dreleozis, George and Pota
Encelewski, Christine
Hanichen, Andrew and Karen
Karis, Othon and Kristi
Katsiouras, Sakis and Katerina
Kotos, Kimon
Ladas, Paul M. and Patricia
Maniates, George and Margaret
McNutt, Angela
Micheil, Richard and Teresa
Niotis, Peter and Stephanie
Oravitan, Andre and Philip
Peliotes, Ethel
Richardson, Patricia L.
Roldan, Martha
Russell, Joseph and Ismene
Sayen, Chad and Sophia
Soimar, Michael and Corina
Stathas, Nicholas and Rita

Nashville, TN - Holy Trinity

Hohnholt, Fr. Gregory and
Presbytera Sofia
Billo, John and Kassiani
Botsaris, Chris
Brown, Michael and
Laurie Kerhoulas
Coutras, Chris
Davis, Stephanie
Gore, Jim and Stacy

Harman, Todd and Dawn
Hayes, Litsa
Labrec, Robert and Ithaca
Lamberson, Lambert and Helen
Rogers, Helen and
Lawrence Kamm
Vaughn, James

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
Wagner, Charles and Edith
Williams, Nina
Winter, Lindsey

New Buffalo, MI

Annunciation/St.Paraskevi

Martin, Fr. Paul and
Presbytera Nikki
Anton, Gust J.
Casten, Lillian
Garrison, Richard
Hahn, Elizabeth
Kerhoulas, Mike and Louisa
Lepeniotes, Christos and Anastasia
Litznerski, Robert and Mariann
Poulos, Louis
Stotis, Bill and Anna

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

Szlinis, John and Thekla
Zervos, George and Lisa

Rochester, NY - Annunciation

Gines, George and Maria
Sarganis, Lefteris
Stathopoulos, Demetrios and Doris
Stefanou, Gus and Florence
Vangellow, Eric
Vangellow, Theodore

Rochester, NY – Holy Spirit

Georgantas, Irene
Gesell, Melody
Palis, James and Elizabeth
Pink, Kenneth and Anastasia

Saginaw, MI - St. Demetrios

St. Demetrios Philoptochos
Cox, Fr. Irenaeus and
Presbytera Alexandra
Bazakis, Andrew and Ann
Bristley, Mark and Anastasia
Caldwell, Larry and Peggy
Kookootsedes, Gust and Mary
Metropoulos, Katherine
Ostler, Dennis and Soula
Rouman, George and Frances

Sault Ste. Marie, MI – St. George

Gianakura, Peter and Georgia

Southgate, MI - St. George

Anonymous
Athens, William and Angie
Cranford, Joanne
Galanis, Sam J.
Kircos, Angelo and Sophia
Kircos, John and Violet
Kircos, Lou and Paula
Kontos, Chris and Frances
Kontos, John and Marika
Minton, Barbara
Minton, Charles
Minton, Nicholas
Tassis, James

Springfield, OH - Assumption

Assumption Parish
Haby, Fr. John and
Presbytera Kandice
Lagos, Thomas and Matina

Loukoumidis, Dimitrios and
Despina

St. Clair Shores, MI – Assumption

Varlamos, Fr. Michael and
Presbytera Tina
Carson, Charles and Maria
Dallas, John and Elizabeth
Gaggos, George and Anna
Genematas, Toula
Gianoplos, Sam and Georgia
Gust, Georgiana
Harlaftis, Panagiotis
Hatzichronoglou, Lena
Niarhos, Anthony J.
Niforos, Theodore and Anna
Pangalos, Despo
Phillips, Peter and Toula –
In Honor of Daispena Raptis
Samaras, Robert and Marietta
Voumvakis, John
Yanoulaki, Katherine

Sterling Heights, MI - St. John

St. John Parish
St. John GOYA
St. John Choir
Kyritses, Fr. Nicholas
Anton, John and Evdoxia
George, Bessie
Karamanos, Peter and Mary
Kotsis, Harry and Katherine
Lionas, Jim and Helene
Patouhas, Spyros and Katina
Raphthis, Mike and Betty
Salonikas, Georgios and Nicoleta
Tangalos, John and Mary
Vekos, Gloria

Syracuse, NY – St. Sophia

Boucounis, Andrew
Ganotis, John
Kazakis, Elaine
Stark, Michael
Sterio, Dimitrio and Krystyna
Theodore, Dorothea
Theodore, Eleanor

Toledo, OH

Holy Trinity Cathedral

Holy Trinity Cathedral Philoptochos
Damaskos, Fr. Aristotle and
Presbytera Debbie

Biernacki, Gerald and Pauline
Gangas, Angelo
Kanios, Nicholas and Maria
Manton, Thomas and Sandra
Papadimos, Peter
Papadimos, Steven J.
Photos, Thomas M.
Proestou, Maria
Tzanakis, Maria
Zervos, Chris G. and Kalliope

Traverse City, MI

Archangel Gabriel

Archangel Gabriel Philoptochos
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