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Christ is Born! Glorify Him!
Χριστός Γεννᾶται· Δοξάσατε.

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

(Matt. 1:22-23)

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Metropolitan's Message

Beloved in the Lord,

Have you ever thought about how many times we change our minds about things we want to do or plans we put into place? As human beings, we become accustomed to making these changes because we believe that all of a sudden we have thought of a better way to accomplish our goal.

And if something goes awry with our plan or idea, we think that we can make some on-the-spot correction and get it all back in order. Our experience tells us that sometimes this works — and sometimes it doesn't.

When we consider how we can change plans in mid-course, surely we must marvel at the perfect plan of God for His creation!

From the first moment of time, God truly envisioned a world in which His glory would be the foundation on

which everything would depend.

And even when human beings rejected the initial plan of God for us to live in Paradise, God had already made it possible for us to be saved and to come back to him.

Sometimes the world sees God as removed from our day to day lives. But in truth, it is God who has given us purpose and meaning for our journey on this earth. What we see and witness with our earthly eyes is the divine plan of God to bring His creation back home. Join with us during these Christmas days to hear the voices of the prophets recorded in Scripture. And with the angels, let us give glory to Him, who is from everlasting to everlasting!

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+ Nicholas J. ...

†NICHOLAS
Metropolitan of Detroit

Metropolitan's Schedule

December

1	<i>Metropolis Archons Honored</i>
2—7	<i>Archons Religious Freedom Conference</i>
8	<i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i> <i>St. Nicholas Open House</i>
11	<i>St. Spyridon Great Vespers</i>
12	<i>St. Spyridon Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>
15	<i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>
22	<i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>
24	<i>Nativity of the Lord Vespers Liturgy</i>
25	<i>Nativity of the Lord Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>
27	<i>Feast of St. Stephen Pastoral Visitation</i>
29	<i>Pastoral Visitation</i>

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

Sts. Constantine & Helen Church—Westland, MI
Berlin, Germany
St. John Church—Sterling Heights, MI
Metropolis Center—Troy, MI
Metropolis St. Spyridon Chapel—Troy, MI
Metropolis St. Spyridon Chapel—Troy, MI
Sts. Constantine & Helen Church—Westland, MI
St. Nicholas Church—Troy, MI
Holy Trinity Cathedral—Toledo, OH
St. Nicholas Church—Ann Arbor, MI
TBD
TBD

January 2014

5	<i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>
6	<i>Holy Epiphany</i> <i>Great Vespers for the Feast of St. John the Baptist</i>
7	<i>Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. John the Baptist</i>
8—10	<i>American Bible Society Meeting</i>
12	<i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy & Vasilopita</i>
13—18	<i>Visit to the Ecumenical Patriarchate</i>
19	<i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy & Vasilopita</i>
21	<i>Clergy Syndesmos</i>
25	<i>Baptism of Gabriel Alexander Radulescu</i>
26	<i>Pastoral Visitation</i>
30	<i>Pastoral Visitation</i>

St. George Church—Bloomfield Hills, MI
Assumption Church—St. Clair Shores, MI
St. John Church—Sterling Heights, MI
St. John Church—Sterling Heights, MI
Pompano Beach, Florida
St. Nicholas Church—Ann Arbor, MI
Constantinople (Istanbul) Turkey
St. George Church—Southgate, MI
Metropolis Center—Troy, MI
Sts. Constantine & Helen Church—Westland, MI
Holy Trinity Church—Lansing, MI
TBD

MEFGOX News

By Theodore Niforos—President



We first wish to wish His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas, *Hronia Polla* for his Nameday on December 6. As I reported in an earlier issue, at our annual Conference in July in Cincinnati, His Eminence presented a wonderfully spiritual and informative session on the preparation of Prosforo. He has been a strong supporter of the work that our Church Musicians Federation does and we honor him for these efforts.

There is another individual in our Federation who celebrated a meaningful birthday earlier this month, and whom we also honor. George Raptis has been directing choirs at Detroit area churches for almost 70 years, has directed choirs and workshops at many Church Musicians Federations conventions, has served as President of Mefgox, edited its publication, the *Byzantine Echo*, contributed greatly to the formation of the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, composed music for our church, and has contributed so greatly to the continuation of music for our faith. For these and many other efforts, he was made an Archon of our church and was awarded the St. Romanos Medallion for

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Youth News

By Eva Kokinos-Konstantakos
Metropolis Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

DELIBERATE ACTS OF KINDNESS

Random acts of kindness...Why must they be random? Now, don't get me wrong! It is great that people will randomly pay for someone's coffee at the local coffee shop. It is awesome that people will leave unexpected notes of Christmas cheer at their neighbor's doorstep. But have we limited our spirit of giving and kindness to fleeting, spontaneous feelings of generosity?

We must remember that God's mercy and love were never random or fleeting thoughts. God's love and mercy is deliberate... or with a purpose. Therefore, our love for God and each other should be the same. Generosity, almsgiving, and caring for our neighbor is supposed to be part of our every day Christian life and reality. So Christmas is a great time to begin putting this Christian discipline into practice. Let's spend the rest of the year making it a way of life!

Here are some Scriptural passages and reflections to further understand how we can use our God-given talents and treasures.

READ AND REFLECT: Consider the Scriptural quote from Matthew 10:8 "Freely you have received, freely give." List as many blessings as you can think of in your life. Whether you've been given one blessing or 100 blessings, take a moment to consider those who might be

without even one of those blessings. For example, consider what it might be like for those who do not have a home. Consider what it might be like for those who do not have any family to be with at Christmas or any other holiday. Now... consider what you can do for those who go without these blessings. How can you (your youth group, your family) make a deliberate choice to give of your own gifts out of the gifts/blessings you have been given?

READ AND REFLECT: Read and discuss the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)

The good Samaritan did more than give the man money. He tended to his wounds, took him to an inn, and provided for his needs until he was well. Why do we sometimes turn away from those in need? What are our assumptions about those who are poor or in need? What are some of the things we can do for others who are in need? How can you (your youth group, your family) make a deliberate choice to provide for those in need?

READ AND REFLECT: Read and discuss the Parable of the Sheep and Goats (Matthew 25:32-46) We all were created in the image of God. Jesus Christ says that the way we treat each other is the way we treat Him. The parable talks about providing basic, essential things... food, clothing, shelter, love,

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."

Galatians 5:22-23

companionship, etc. Who is our neighbor? Why do we turn away from our neighbor, even though we are given the commandment to love them? How can you (your youth group, your family) make a deliberate choice to love your neighbor?

READ AND REFLECT: Read and discuss the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25: 14-30). Everyone has some type of talent or special gift, it just might not be obvious to you. Grab a friend or two (or sit down as a family). List the talents or gifts you think you have and discuss them with your family or friends. They might add a few things you might not have considered. Talents or gifts are not always the same as having riches or wealth. You might not be rich or powerful, but you might be great at cooking, you might be a natural leader, or you might be very talented at music or sports. How can you (your youth group, your family) make a deliberate choice to use your talents and gifts to help others and for the glory of God?



January 18-19, 2014

Youth Winter Retreat and St. Nicholas Summer Camp Reunion
Holy Trinity Church—Nashville, TN

January 23-25, 2014

Inter-Orthodox Camp and Youth Worker Conference
Antiochian Village—Bolivar, PA

February 14-16, 2014

Dayton GOYA Basketball Tournament
Annunciation Church—Dayton, OH

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Philoptochos News

By Margaret Yates—President



We want to thank our retiring Metropolis Board Members, Perry Katsikas from Ann Arbor who served for four years, and Thalia Laventzis from Springfield, OH who served for six years. A warm welcome to newly elected Board members, Barbara Kuvshinoff from Buffalo, NY and Paula Kalevas-Beauchamp from Troy, MI.

In addition to Barbara and Paula, the following were re-elected: Florence Stefanou, Theone Dcikos, Michelle Zois, Helen Torney, Patricia Ladas, Eleni Zaferes, Presvytera Thea Ballas, Pauline Biernacki, Cindy Crosson, Mary Kotsis Gaggos, Presvytera Eva Paul, Stephanie Storgion Poplos, Harriet Stoukas, Evanthis Valassiades and Margaret Yates. Re-appointed by Metropolitan Nicholas were Beck Demery, Anne Feles, Katherine Kotsis and Maria Stavropoulos.

Save the Date letters were recently sent out for our Biennial Spring Luncheon Fundraiser, "A Celebration of Caring", to be held at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Toledo on April 26, 2014. More information will be forthcoming after the first of the year. Past Philoptochos presidents will be honored on that day.

Once again our Philoptochos members have been busy raising funds for our brothers and sisters in Greece and Cyprus, victims of Typhoon Taiyan which devastated the Philippines, and members of our home communities who need financial assistance in these difficult times.

The Annunciation Philoptochos in Buffalo recently held two fundraisers..."A Taste of Greece" luncheon and Theme basket auction, and "Glitz, Glamour & Generosity, a jewelry party at a local shop where the owner donated a portion of the evening's profits back to the chapter. Additionally, the chapter held a special coffee hour reception on their Founder's Day to honor their church custodian of 25+ years, Osvaldo Padilla.

"A Taste of Greece" was also the theme of the luncheon held in Grand Rapids on November 13 and 14. This event, held twice a year, also featured a bake sale and drive-thru pick-up..

Soteria chapter in Dayton recently held a Veteran's Day celebration as part of their American Heroes project. The chapter was nominated to participate in the National Philoptochos chapter challenge and is representing our Metropolis (each Metropolis president chooses one chapter to participate). Attending the Vet-

eran's Day celebration was His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas. The chapter has an ongoing program to honor our servicemen and women and will make a presentation at the National Philoptochos Conference in Philadelphia next July. The members have been very busy with a multitude of activities since the beginning of the Eccleasical year.

November 16 was the date of the 6th Annual Christmas Gathering Luncheon for the Detroit Area Philoptochos chapters hosted by St. Nicholas in Troy, MI. Guest speaker was Ryan Hertz from the South Oakland Shelter, beneficiary of the luncheon. Entertainment was provided by the Troy Community Chorus.

St. Nicholas in Ann Arbor held their annual spaghetti dinner on Nov. 7 with the profits benefiting those in need in the community. Food certificates were divided between the Catholic Social Services and Salvation Army. Members will soon be taking disadvantaged children shopping for warm winter clothing and have adopted a classroom in Ypsilanti, MI where the students will be given books, mittens and scarves. Members, along with parishioners, will again be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on December 4.

The Dayton Philoptochos, at their annual Christmas gathering, asked members to bring a book and pajamas for children in the Homeless Education Program at Xenia Community Schools.

As you can see, these are just a few of the chapters in our Metropolis who are spreading cheer during the Christmas season.

The Metropolis Board wishes everyone a joyous Christmas and blessings in the New Year. We hope that you will join us at the Name Day celebration for Metropolitan Nicholas on December 8 and again on December 11 and 12 as we celebrate the Vespers and Divine Liturgy for St. Spyridon.

Philoptochos Donations

- ◆ \$17,789.00 — AID TO GREECE AND CYPRUS
- ◆ \$3,000 — GIFT CARDS FROM CARMEL INDIANA
- ◆ \$1,804 — GIFT CARDS FROM ANN ARBOR
- ◆ \$9,148 — SOUTH OAKLAND SHELTER FROM DETROIT AREA PHILOPTOCHOS CHAPTERS
- ◆ \$500 — GIFT CARDS TO THE LINDA VISTA PROGRAM AND \$500 WORTH OF LINENS TO A NURSING HOME IN GREECE FROM DAYTON

The Love of the Incarnate God

By Father Christos Christakis



Father Christos Christakis is the Presiding Priest at the Annunciation Church in Buffalo, New York.

It was Christmas Eve in 1991, when as a young graduate student of Theology in London, England, I entered the Russian cathedral for the Christmas Liturgy. I still remember the sermon by Metropolitan Anthony (Bloom) and I try to keep it close to my heart every Nativity season.

That night Metropolitan Anthony invited those present to cast a glance at the people involved in the glorious, mysterious night of the Incarnation:

The **Mother of God**, perfectly given to God in all Her purity and in all Her humility. “We all are called,” he said, “to open ourselves to God, we all are called to let God enter into our lives, fill each of us.”

Joseph who is bewildered both by the message of the Angel and by what is happening; How did he face his doubt and still remain in wonder? With faith, he accepted the fact that there are many things which cannot be understood with the intellect, but can be experienced. And he did, indeed, experienced what was going on: he saw the presence of the God Who have become man.

Then, Metropolitan Anthony invited the people to think of the Magi and of the shepherds.

The **Magi** were people of knowledge; but it is not science that gave them wisdom; because they were full of wonder, because they were open to the discovery of the unthinkable, they were brought to that place, where the unthinkable has taken place: the incarnation of God.

The **shepherds** were men without knowledge, but men who had purity of heart; they had simplicity; they were capable of listening to the message which the angels brought not only with their ears, but with their inmost self; they recognized the truth of the message because it gave them life, joy, hope – and they found Christ.

That night I realized that I needed to look at the world



“We all are called to open ourselves to God, we all are called to let God enter into our lives, fill each of us.”

in a radically different way. When we face the world that surrounds us, which is dark and mysterious, we need to learn to look at it with wonder. And this we can do ultimately only if we learn to have a pure heart, to cleanse ourselves from selfishness, from hatred, from everything that is darkness in our souls and in our lives.

From time to time, we will find ourselves face to face with the love of God, offering itself to us, awaiting from us a response: let us then give a response of our own love. This response is to be given not only to God Whom we do not see, but to everyone who surrounds us, because Christ has said to us, “Whatever you have done to one of these, you have done to Me.” It is by loving concretely and actively those whom God sends us that we can learn the love of the Incarnate God.

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Exemplary Archdiocesan Service. Perhaps the best part of his legacy lies with us, all of the Church Musicians he has mentored, trained and influenced over his decades of service. This is but a small summary of what he means to us. George, *Na Ekatostisis*.

At this time of the year, we Church Musicians perhaps like to think of ourselves as earthly representatives of the heavenly choirs who sang glories at the birth of our Lord. Following the uplifting words of one of our Hymnographers, we will sing Christos Yennate Doxasate (Christ is Born, Rejoice). A wonderful Christmas and New Year to all.

Friends of the Metropolis

Donors list as of November 30, 2013

+ 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
Baldwin, James
Daniels, Tony and Cleve
Fry, Jack D.
Garris, Steven and Stamatia
Melzian, Stevan and Joy
Mitropoulos-Rundus, David and Demetra
Pliakas, Vasilis and Kyriaki
Radwanski, Kurt and Sophia Grias
Steers, Gordon and Thelma
Tziahanas, Tom and Doreen
Vlahadamis, Kosta
Yates, Bill and Margaret

Bloomfield Hills, MI – St. George

Bouchar, Barsoum and Joanna
Challis, Sylvia
Livieratos, Spyros and Chrisanthi
Nicholas, Gust and Kay
Pamel, Esther
Pappas, John and Stella
Sislock, Stella
Tate, Jay and Angelina
Yaksich, Moshoula

Buffalo, NY – Annunciation

Annunciation Philoptochos
Christakis, Fr. Christos and Presbyteria Lisa
Kallis, Fr. Perikles and
Presbyteria Cassandra
Blakeslee, Ronald and Maria
Candiliotis, Nicholas and Priscilla
Cervi, Brian and Vassilia
Couvutsakis, Paul and Linda
Gioulekas, Goldie
Hiczewski, Peter and Michele
Krestos, Thomas and Mary
Kuvshinoff, Boris and Barbara
Manos, Margaret
Pavlakis, Peter and Elizabeth
Phufas, Ellene
Rossiter, Michael and Ann
Scouras, Paul and Chrisoula
Spanos, Francis

Tassy, E. Dean
Veanes, Angelo A.

Carmel, IN - Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish
Holy Trinity Choir
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Bartz, Fr. William and Presbyteria Emily
Mamalis, Presbyteria Janet
Andros, Cheryl
Antonopoulos, Dean
Bakas, James and Tamilyn
Boutselis, Alex
Brochhagen, Curt and Renee
Brown, Jerome and Beverly
Carlson, David
Christy, Nancy - *In Memory of Chris Christy*
Churchill, William and Patricia
Cortese, Thomas and Nia
Dickos, Theone
Dimos, Jim and Kathy
Doney, Tom and Irene
Drukas, Doreen
Eleftheri, Lawrence and Beth
Filis, Anthony and Marian
Freudenberg, Cynthia
Genetos, Philip
Houseman, Helen
Howland, Greg and Nan
Johnson, Ronald E. and Sunday K.
Kollias, Stephen
Kourmoulis, Mario and Karen
Lisch, Michael and Jean
Maltby, Ray and Bessie
Mangas-Florea, Jacqueline
Metzger, William and Anita
Moe, Jeffrey and Panayiota
Mudis, Wendy
Nicodemus, Wayne
Oberlies, Toula
Pantzer, Holly
Pappas, Nicholas and Tracy
Pappas, Victoria
Pasyanos, Liberty
Payne, Martha J.
Pease, John and Maria
Siamas, Georgia
Siamas, John
Smyrnis, Nick
Theohares, Nick and Anne
Torney, Harry and Helen

Tournier, Johanna
Turner, Glenn
Vitsas, Constantine and Sondra
Vitsas, J.
Woodruff, Jim and Cindy
Young, Michael and Helen

Cincinnati, OH – Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas

Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Parish
Cox, Fr. Irenaeus and Presbyteria Alexandra
Andreadis, Sophie
Apostolides, Vasso
Assaley, Lewis and Patricia
Caneris, Anthony and Antoinette
Carey, Efstratia
Carumpalos, Constantine G.
Galanes, George
Georgescu, Dan and Cristiana
Kapourales, Louis
Klug, Maria
McKay, Betty Jo
Moraites, John and Barbara
Moulas, Dean
Perdikakis, Gus
Polychroniou, Constantine
Raptis, James J.
Zaferes, Patricia J.
Zaferes, Patricia P.
Zaferes, Thomas and Eleni

Chattanooga, TN – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Choir
Ballas, Fr. Stavros and Presbyteria Thea
Andros, George and Maria
Awala, Berih
Ballas, Aspasia
Bougdanos, Maria
Bouloukos, Dino and Maria
Cornea, Paul and Ana
Dimopoulos, Dennis and Barbara
Dimopoulos, George L. and Brigitte
Fairbanks, Bobby and Voula
Fotiadis, Nicky
Fox, Ann F.
Gaitanoglou, Ignatios and Jenny
Gulas, Venetia
Hopper, Richard and Chrisi
Kalanzis, Angela
Kosmidis, Alex and Cheryl
Kouris, George
Lee, Ronald and Constance
Mena, Michael and Vicky
Moore, James and Fannie
Mousourakis, John and Donna
Pagnani, Irene

Ramsey, Karen
Tigros, Elias and Sharon
Trohanis, J. A.
Zotos, Alexander and Jennifer

Dayton, OH – Annunciation

Annunciation Philoptochos
Bambakidis, Gust and Elli
Castleman, Maria
Heisey, Jeffrey
Keilholz, Mark and Cynthia
Luke, David and Paula
Stamas, Elizabeth

Detroit, MI – Annunciation Cathedral

Annunciation Philoptochos
Annunciation Pioneers
Bennert, Constance
Cook, Pelayia
Gaggos, Harry and Irene
Gaggos, James and Mary
Gaggos, Mary
Glikis, Maria
Lianos, Ethel
Lianos, Will and Kim
Inempolidis, Evelyn
Panson, Anthony S.
Pervanis, Koula
Politis, Dean L.
Tapazoglou, Nicolaos and Christine

Elmira, NY – St. Athanasios

Scott, Fr. Richard

Farmington Hills, MI – Holy Cross

Holy Cross Parish
Holy Cross Philoptochos
Hountalas, Fr. Dean and Presbyteria Olga
Blough, Michael and Catherine
Boudouris, Constantino and Joanne
Brock, Angel
Casoglos, Thomas and Mary
Fekaris, Steve and Bettie
George, John and Eleni
Krear, Tad and Elizabeth
Liadis, John
Liadis, Kathleen
Nuechterlein, Lanny and Andrica
Pesaros, Panayotis and Sonia
Shukla, Margarita
Stassinopoulos, Peter and Esther

Fort Wayne, IN - Holy Trinity

Gogos, George and Eleftheria
Koulianos, Dionysios and Maria
Maggos, Eleftherios and Paraskevi

Rongos, Christopher and Katherine
Spirou, Arthur and Mary

Grand Blanc, MI - Assumption

Assumption Parish
Chinonis, Elias and Katie
Chinonis, John and Linda
Hountalas, John
Kalatzis, Athena
Kallis, Agape
Kaloydis, John and Karen
Politis, George and Rita
Yeotis, Catherine G.
Yeotis, Thomas and Magdalene

Grand Rapids, MI - Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Marcus, Fr. Nicholas and Presbyteria Liza
Bogdan, Fr. James and Presbyteria Joan
Cassis, Deacon George and Diaconissa Vicki
Afendoulis, Angelynn
Afendoulis, Chris and Phyllis
Afendoulis, Clark and Katherine
Ahnens, Pearl
Anton, Gust
Christopoulos, Peter and Maria
Everse, Douglas and Georgia
Farran, Richard and Pamela
Gray, Mark and Alexis
Lakos, Marina
Lange, Ginger
Limber, Andrew and Alice
Keil, Michael and Susan
Kelber, Robert and Mary
Monoyios, Terry and Akrivi
Nicholas, James and Georgia
Sellas, Chrisa
Sweeney, Evelyn
Theodore, Johnny and Mary

Indianapolis, IN – Holy Apostles

Holy Apostles Parish
Karozos, Gus A.

Ithaca, NY - St. Catherine

Parthenakis, Fr. Athanasios and
Presbyteria Cathy—
In Memory of Harriet Giannelis
Bantuvanias, Ann A.
Bezirgianian, John
Lambrou, Nick

Jamestown, NY – St. Nicholas

Zervos, Fr. George and Presbyteria Anne
Cheronis, James G.

Duro, Christian

Kalamazoo, MI – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Theoharis, Fr. Theoharis
Cavas, Anastasia
Quinn, Patrick and Sophia
Stamos, Peter

Lansing, MI – Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Sietsema, Fr. Mark and Presbyteria Kathy
Brown, B. Alex and Mary
Evanoff-Joseph, Yvonne
Gavrildes, Nick and Dana
Gavrillis, Dimitrios and Jane Arnold—
In Memory of their Parents
Heos, Pamela
Hillary, Charles and Nadean
Munk, Jerry and Jan
Pascalenos, Olga
Perentesis, Stephanie
Pogoncheff, Carl
Rahib, Margaret
Skorich, Dan and Cathy Harris
Vlahakis, Louis and Mary

Lexington, KY – Panagia Pantovasilissa

Wilson, Fr. George and Presbyteria Harriet
Dallas, Dora
Karounos, Dennis and Chrisi
Kiriacopoulos, Ken and Kate
Pepps, Mary
Sawaya, Peter and Kallie

Little Rock, AR – Annunciation

Annunciation GOYA
Verdaris, Fr. Nicholas and Presbyteria Maria
Delfos, Fr. Pierre and Presbyteria Harriet
Diggins, Patricia
Fotioo, Peter
Huckabay, Christopher
McCrary, Robert and Stella
Misic, Dragi
Pappas, James and Eva
Siganos, James and Carla
Tyer, Gordon and Martha
Verdaris, John
Vratsinas, Gus and Irene

Louisville, KY – Assumption

Legakis, Fr. Larry and Presbyteria Jennifer
Wingenbach, Fr. Gregory
Adams, Sam and Thelma

Caneris, Thomas and Joanna
 Digenis, Emily
 Geromes, Marcus and Nancy
 Vassiliades, Constance

Marquette, MI – Assumption

Butler, Michele

Memphis, TN – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
 Berends, Fr. James and Presbytera Anne
 Ahepa, Order of – Memphis, TN
 Anonymous
 Austin, Larry
 Caldwell, Richard
 Farrell, Richard and Linda
 Gallagher, Evangelia
 Graves, William and Renee
 Grayes, Theodore
 Looney, Charles and Maria
 Kay, John and Nancy
 Koplín, Ron and Pauline
 Matika, Yolanta
 Montgomery, Mary
 Moore, Michael and Maria
 Morrison, Robert and Kathryn
 Obradovic, Milan and Linda
 Poplos, Theodore and Stephanie Storgion
 Tobias, Richard and Angela

Middletown, OH –

Sts. Constantine and Helen

Sts. Constantine and Helen Philoptochos

Muskegon, MI – Annunciation

Yankopoulos, Presbytera Ann
 Anton, Ted and Francine
 Bati, John
 Encelewski, Christine
 Ladas, Paul and Patricia
 Micheil, Richard and Teresa

Nashville, TN - Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Philoptochos
 Hohnholt, Fr. Gregory and Presbytera Sofia
 Billo, John and Kassiani
 Botsaris, Chris
 Brown, Michael and Laurie Kerhoulas
 Carden, Kathryn
 Duncan, Angelia
 Harman, Todd and Dawn
 Hayes, Martin and Litsa
 Jabbour, Kareem
 Kafoglis, Nicholas and Patricia
 Lamberson, Lambert and Helen
 Miller, John M.

Rogers, Helen and Lawrence Kamm
 Taras, Nicholas and Donna
 Vaughn, James and Debby

Nashville, TN -

St. John Chrysostom Mission

Turner, Fr. Parthenios and
 Presbytera Marion
 Courington, Christopher and Shelley
 Dozier, Matthew
 Marchetti, John and Linda
 Pittman, Michael
 Wagner, Charles and Edith
 Williams, Heath and Nina

New Buffalo, MI – Annunciation-

St. Paraskevi

Martin, Fr. Paul and Presbytera Nikki
 Kerhoulas, Mike and Louisa
 Lepeniotis, Christos and Anastasia
 Litznerski, Robert and Mariann
 Stotis, Bill and Anna

Plymouth, MI – Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Govostes, Fr. Sean and Presbytera Pamela
 Sarelis, Fr. Charles –
In Memory of Presbytera Angela
 Demetriou, Cleo
 Randall, Michael and Anne
 Szlinis, John and Thekla

Rochester, NY – Annunciation

Annunciation GOYA
 Destounis, Stamatia and Manuel Matos
 Eveleigh, Stephen and Julie
 Markakis, Kathryn
 Mokhiber, Amiel
 Monna, Calliope
 Sanchez, J. Michael and Dorothea
 Stefanou, Constantine and Florence
 Vasho, George and Maria

Rochester, NY – Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit Philoptochos
 Georgantas, Irene
 Gesell, Melody
 Palis, James and Elizabeth
 Spyralatos, Zoi

Saginaw, MI - St. Demetrios

St. Demetrios Parish
 St. Demetrios Philoptochos
 Bistolarides, Fr. Peter and
 Presbytera Peggy
 Ahejew Petro and Sandra
 Bazakis, Andrew and Ann

Caldwell, Larry and Peggy
 Kookootsedes, Gust and Mary
 Metropoulos, Katherine
 Metropoulos, Pete and Maria
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