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*Christ is Born!
Glorify Him!*

Metropolitan's Message

Beloved in Christ.

It's true, my friends, "we're almost there!"

It seems that every year there is a countdown to the day of Christmas: it is the only holiday for which even the stores help us remember how many days are left before that special day. It is an inexorable march in American culture to this day: Yes, "we're almost there!"

But if we put ourselves back in time, back to the announcement of the Angels to Mary and Joseph that the Christ child would be born — and that they were a part of the plan of God — what would they have thought? As people of faith, Mary and Joseph also experienced the thought that the plan of salvation was coming true: Yes, "we're almost there!"

Even as they prepared to leave their homes so that they might

register according to the law, the Spirit of God in their hearts let them know: "We're almost there!"

As two travelers, protected under God's grace, they trekked toward Bethlehem, and as they saw the city from a distance they knew: "We're almost there!"

Together in the stable, as the Christ child was born, Mary and Joseph knew that God's will was being fulfilled. "We're almost there."

And as the Shepherds gave praise and the Magi gifts of worship, they all knew: "We're almost there!"

So now too, we who celebrate the birth of Christ, know that "we're almost there!"

Beloved family in Christ, as you celebrate Christmas and give thanks for your time with each other, please remember that we are all on a journey to God's kingdom,

and as we strive to find the little child born in Bethlehem, "we're almost there!"

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

With paternal blessings and prayers,

†NICHOLAS

Metropolitan of Detroit

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St. Spyridon Chapel—Metropolis Center, Troy, MI
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St. George Church—Bloomfield Hills, MI St. Nicholas Church—Troy, MI
Holy Trinity Cathedral—Toledo, OH
Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church—Plymouth, MI
Sts. Constantine & Helen Church—Westland, MI
TBD

Metro Detroit Area
Panagia Pantovasilissa Church—Lexington, KY
Annunciation Cathedral—Detroit, MI St. John Church—Sterling Heights, MI
St. John Church—Sterling Heights, MI
St. John Church—Sterling Heights, MI
St. George Church—Southgate, MI
Holy Trinity Church—Fort Wayne, IN

MEFGOX News

By Vicki Pappas—Newly Elected President



As we set about preparing resolutions for the New Year, may I suggest you consider the church music ministry as one of your priorities? Serving in the choir or as a chanter is a special role available to adults and young people alike. It is special because the role of church musicians is a time-honored and integral position that sits squarely within the liturgical life of our Church. Their role is simple and direct: to lead the congregation in prayer, to help establish an atmosphere of worship, to assist the priest in creating a "heaven on earth." In fact, the singers of our Church represent the angels singing praises around the throne of God!

Many people see serving in the choir as the domain of professional musicians, but this is far from the fact. First and foremost, singing our hymns is a way of praying! Every hymn can be traced to the Bible or the prayers of our Church Fathers, and many come directly from the Book of Psalms.

Second, most church singers are not professionals, but simply people who enjoy singing and willing to learn more about it. Most choir members do not read music, they learn by rote. Many do not speak or read Greek; phonetics are written when Greek is used. Many say they don't have time, but in reality, singing during the Divine Liturgy occurs when you are already in church; rehearsals vary, sometimes for about an hour or so; sometimes on Sundays, and others, periodically.

But the real truth about using your "time and talents" is the benefit of being involved in a church music ministry. As a choir member or chanter, you are an active participant in the services and you are making a meaningful contribution to your parish. Think of what Sunday Liturgies would be like without hymn-singing — our services are nearly 100% sung, chanted, or cantillated! We can also learn more about our faith through hymn-singing — our hymns teach us basic tenets of Orthodoxy ("Only Begotten Son and Word of God...."); they tell us of the lives of the saints we celebrate each day ("O Father, God-bearer, Spyridon, you were proven a champion and Wonder Worker of the First Ecumenical Council"); and they guide us through the feast days of the liturgical year ("On this day the Virgin comes to a cave to give

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Youth News

By Eva Kokinos—Konstantakos
Metropolis Youth Director

Remembering the TRUE Reason for the Season!

The Feast of the Nativity of Christ is right around the corner. Many of us have shopping lists ready to go. One-by-one, we check off each gift on the list. But have we made a checklist of things we should do for our spiritual lives and for our neighbor? Here are five simple ways we can recapture the true spirit of this feast. Don't worry... you don't have to do all of these things BEFORE Christmas! We can and should remember the true meaning of Christmas before AND after December 25th!

HOPE – In today's society, with all of the suffering and tragedy that happens on a daily basis, it is easy to give up on hope. Hope is more than a general concept... It is a deeply-rooted faith that the impossible is possible through Christ. **CHALLENGE:** Regardless of what happens during your day, trust in God and have faith and hope in His mercy and love. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

CHARITY – During the Christmas season, we get caught up in all of the

things we will "get" for Christmas. However, this is a time to remember the ultimate gift... Christ Himself. The Magi did not come to ask Jesus for gifts. Instead they came and offered gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **CHALLENGE:** Take a portion of your shopping budget to donate to a charity or purchase something for a needy family. "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." (Matthew 25:40)

LOVE – Sometimes we have grudges, or anger, or struggles that make it hard to love our families or our neighbor. But during the Christmas season, those things tend to fade away... even if for a few days. This is the season where we can truly remember that it is because of God's love that we were given the Savior. So maybe we can return the favor **CHALLENGE:** Make sure to tell family, friends, and those who are dear to you that you love them. We never realize how important those three words (I love you!) can be to someone else. "And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13)

PEACE – We hear tragic news every single day... shootings, protests, crime, etc. There is turmoil throughout the world. In fact, there is even turmoil in our own families. But the Nativity of Christ is that one time of year when, through the

Prince of Peace born in Bethlehem, we learn that love is the answer and the peace of eternal life is attainable. **CHALLENGE:** Keep the peace! Instead of fighting and arguing, take a step back and move away from any discord or confrontation. If we become instruments of peace, we can be an example to others. "Acquire a peaceful spirit and then thousands of others around you will be saved." (St. Seraphim of Sarov)

WORSHIP – Many of us will get to the stores bright and early to take advantage of the best Christmas sales. We must ask ourselves... are we making that same effort to show up at God's house, ready to receive the gift of the Lord? The Magi adjusted their travels, coming from far away to witness the Nativity. During Christmas (and all year long) we can follow the example of the Magi... making every effort to be in the presence of the Savior. **CHALLENGE:** During this Christmas season, start by making the Christmas service THE priority instead of Christmas dinner or opening gifts. The food and the presents will still be there when you return from Church! Also, make a plan (or New Year's Resolution) to be more active in the Liturgical life of the Church. "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20)

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2015 Dayton Basketball Tournament

The GOYA of Annunciation Church in Dayton, OH would like to remind you that registration is open for their GOYA Basketball Tournament. Now in its 41st year, this tournament annually hosts approximately 400 GOYAs, along with their advisors. The tournament dates are **February 13-15, 2015. Team Registrations will be accepted until**

January 9, 2015. They are accepted on a "first come-first served" basis. So, do not delay in registering your team. Visit www.daytonannunciation.org for more information or to download important tournament documents. Questions? Please contact Joanne Karras at 937.554.2100 or jochanna@earthlink.net.

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January 31—February 1, 2015

GOYA Olympics

Holy Trinity Church—Grand Rapids, MI

February 13-15, 2015

Dayton GOYA Basketball Tournament

Annunciation Church—Dayton, OH

www.daytonannunciation.org

February 28, 2015

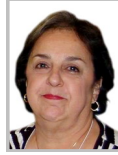
Upstate NY GOYA Pre-Lenten Retreat

Location: TBA

Check out the entire Metropolis Youth and Young Adult Ministries Calendar. Visit www.detroit.goarch.org/youth/calendar

Philoptochos News

By Margaret Yates—President



Everyone is invited to attend the open house on December 7 as we celebrate the name day of Metropolitan Nicholas, hosted by your Metropolis Philoptochos Board. Later in the week we will host the receptions following the St. Spyridon Vespers and Divine Liturgy on December 11 and 12.

Philoptochos members continue to be busy. Our outreach projects are varied and guided by love and dedication to our mission. In addition to these projects, chapters are in discussion on how to meet the goal of raising the equivalent of \$100 per member for the St. Nicholas National Shrine at Ground Zero, while also meeting their National and Metropolis Commitments. National Board members have been assigned as liaisons to each chapter in our Metropolis to assist them when guidance is needed.

As October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Holy Trinity—St. Nicholas Philoptochos in Cincinnati arranged for the UC Health Mammogram mobile van to be at the church on October 18 to screen women for mammograms. Additionally, they sent flyers to local churches inviting them to participate. This was a first time endeavor and was quite successful. The chapter also held an event for Dress for Success and, in addition to providing clothing for women entering the workforce, they raised \$1,000.

St. Demetrios in Saginaw welcomed their new priest, Fr. Timothy Cook, and are helping him acclimate to the community. They have been busy making hugging heart pillows for the heart unit at the Covenant Hospital in Saginaw. Because of the economic conditions in the area, they have been more involved in the local community. Their Christmas luncheon and auction is devoted to projects either through the local schools, the local soup kitchen, women's shelter and for families in need. They will also be taking orders for spanakopita, tiropita and baklava to raise funds for their philanthropy.

The Elpis chapter in Memphis has been collecting food items for the Highland Heights Food Pantry that will be delivered on December 1. They will be selling Thanksgiving dressing and rice pudding, hosting an annual Thanksgiving luncheon for parishioners, packing Blessing Bags for those in need, and feeding those in need in the community through More than a Meal. They are also sponsoring a Blessing of the Pets and hosting a Christmas Eve reception on December 24 following the Christmas Eve Service.

St. Catherine in Ithaca, NY has just committed to the initiative for Feed Our Starving Children and have involved the whole church community in this project. It is very heartwarming to see these partnerships between Philoptochos and either the church or community agencies.

St. Nicholas Philoptochos in Ann Arbor has had an incredibly busy October and November. They made 1100 trays of spanakopita and 450 trays of baklava for their holiday bake sale. In early November they sponsored their annual

spaghetti dinner with proceeds used to purchase food certificates for those in need, made and sent dresses for little girls in Africa which were blessed by Fr. Nicolaos Kotsis in Church on November 16, rang the bell for the Salvation Army, made knit hats and scarves for a classroom in a poor section of Ypsilanti, made lap blankets for Arbor Hospice and shopped for warm winter clothing for children through the Warm the Children program. On November 15 they partnered with the Ann Arbor Public Schools Rec and Ed Department in a 5k Run for Rick's Kids, named after a member of the parish and beloved physical education teacher who succumbed to cancer last year. All monies earned go toward scholarships for youngsters who are unable to participate in sports because their parents are unable to afford it.

These are just a few examples of how Philoptochos reaches out to those in need, as every chapter is involved in trying to make life a little brighter for those less fortunate.

As we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord, we wish everyone a blessed holiday season and a happy and healthy 2015. Our first event of the New Year will be the Vasilopita celebrations throughout the Metropolis.



St. Nicholas Philoptochos volunteers at the 5k Run for Rick's Kids.

Philoptochos Donations

CINCINNATI:

- \$1,000 DRESS FOR SUCCESS

ANN ARBOR:

- \$500 PHILABUNDANCE
- \$2094 IOCC SUMMER DRIVE
- \$2333 FOOD CERTIFICATES
- \$500 RICK'S RUN FOR KIDS



Emmanuel: God with Us

By Father James Honeycutt

For as long as I can remember, the winter holiday season has been my favorite time of year. It still brings to mind images of sitting next to my grandmother's fireplace with hot cocoa in hand, watching the twinkling lights, playing in the snow, and enjoying traditional Christmas movies with family and friends while hoping for that perfect gift I not-so-subtly suggested to my parents. For a growing number of people in our country today, the Nativity plays no significant role in the holiday, with simple pleasures like those listed above taking the lead as the "reason for the season." Of course, there is nothing wrong with sharing in such wonderful blessings; and yet, as Orthodox Christians, we must be vigilant in seeing these events through the lens of our faith: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ..."

Emmanuel (or Immanuel) means "God with us" in Hebrew, and it is found in chapters seven and eight of Isaiah; the Gospel of Matthew (1:23) later explains that this was a foreshadowing of the Messiah's virgin birth. The early leaders of the Church wrestled with the topic of Christ's divinity and humanity, largely because the prevailing philosophy at the time argued that only spiritual things were good and material things were evil.

One of the earliest heresies was called Docetism (from the Greek word meaning "to seem"). This group argued that God only appeared to be born and suffer in human form, because it was absurd for them to imagine a holy God that would take on an evil material body. This heresy was condemned in the First Ecumenical Council, with Saint John having laid the ground work: "By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God" (1 Jn. 4:2, italics mine).

We benefit from the efforts of those who have preceded us—men and women of great faith who assure us, through the Spirit, that we have a God of such overflowing love and compassion that He emptied Himself and fully took on our burdens, to speak with the simple words of a man, literally touch the suffering, redeemed us by His death,

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birth to God the Word...). And one of the last benefits of being a church musical is the fellowship it provides, connecting you to others in a church family of people interested in serving the Church and praising God through our hymns.

Given these thoughts, I hope that one of your resolutions for 2015 is to find a way to become involved with church music a little more this year. It is a valuable ministry and a worthwhile arena for your stewardship! For instance, you might volunteer to join the choir – they would love to have you! Or you might



Father James Honeycutt is the newly assigned Priest at the Annunciation Church in Muskegon, Michigan.



“By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God” (1 Jn. 4:2)

and yet remains with us. In the midst of this season's food, family, and frivolity, we must not forget to turn our attention towards the Lord. As we hear the carol playing in the shopping mall, our hearts sing along: "O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

encourage your children to sing hymns at home or in the car more often, and as they get a little older, interest them in joining the choir or learning to chant. As a Church School or Greek School teacher, or a youth leader, you might add some hymn-singing to your classes and activities. As a communicant in the pews, you might simply sub-sing along with the choir. No matter which method you choose, you have the opportunity to grow your faith and make a difference! I hope you take advantage of this magnificent resource our Church provides for us!

On behalf of all the church musicians in our Metropolis, I wish you a Merry Christmas – *Καλά Χριστούγεννα* – and a Happy New Year!

Friends of the Metropolis

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His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas

Ann Arbor, MI – St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish
St. Nicholas Philoptochos
Paul, Presbyteria Eva
Pliakas, Deacon Vasilios and
Diakonissa Kyriakoula
Baldwin, James
Daniels, Tony and Cleve
Fry, Jack D.
Garris, Steven and Stamatia
Karam, Abe A.
Kiningham, Robert and Vicki
Kolias, John and Helen
Kussurelis, Peter and Zorene
Polopolos, Holly
Radwanski, Kurt and Sophia Grias
Yates, Billy and Margaret

Binghamton, NY – Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish

Bloomfield Hills, MI – St. George

Abell, Deacon Christopher and
Diakonissa Alice
Bouchar, Barsoum and Joanna
Challis, Sylvia
Sislock, Stella
Sisson, Rocky and Connie

Buffalo, NY – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Youth Council
Christakis, Fr. Christos and
Presbyteria Lisa
Kallis, Fr. Perikles and
Presbyteria Cassandra
Anas, Alexandros and Tina
Bechakas, Nick and Gina
Blakeslee, Ronald and Maria
Ganiodis, Barbara
Koutsandreas, Milton and Sophia
Kuvshinoff, Boris and Barbara
Pavlakis, Peter and Elizabeth
Phufas, Thomas and Ellene
Skaros, Nikolaos and JoAnn
Surlas, Virginia

Carmel, IN – Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Holy Trinity Choir
Bartz, Fr. William and Presbyteria Emily
Mamalis, Presbyteria Janet
Andros, Cheryl
Antonopoulos, Dean
Apostoles, Stacey E.
Bagios, Jim and Marika
Bakas, James and Tamilyn

Baker, Dan J.
Batalis, Melanie
Bekas, Kathy Michalarias
Boutselis, Alex and Andrea
Carlson, David
Catavolos, George and Tona
Christoff, Bill and Karen
Christy, Nancy
Churchill, William and Patricia
Conrad, William and Kathleen
Dallas, Christopher and Teresa
Dervenis, Nick
Dickos, C. Greg
Dickos, Theone
Dimos, Jim and Kathy
Dine, Robert and Diana
Doney, Tom and Irene
Drukas, Doreen
Dunbar, Pete and Lea
Eleftheri, Lawrence and Beth
Freudenberg, Jim and Cindy
George, Charles S.
Gounaris, George and Sarina
Greisl, Chris
Hinshaw, Kathleen
Hostetler, Duane and Eleny
Houseman, Helen
Hughes, Anthony and Tula
Jannetides, Nick
Johnson, Ronald and Sunday
Kalyvas, Betty
Kapsalis, Andrew
Kokinos, Pete and Argie
Kollias, Gail
Kopsas–Kingsley, Brandie
Kourmoulis, Mario and Karen
Linos, Constantine
Lisch, Michael and Jean
Martine, Gary and Niki
Metaxas, John and Paula
Metzger, William and Anita
Michelson, Gary
Moe, Jeffrey and Panayiota
Mudis, Wendy
Nicodemus, Wayne
Oberlies, Toula
Pancol, Doreen
Papakosmas, Alex and Hionoula
Pappaioanou, George and Marjorie
Pappas, George and Mary
Pappas, James
Pappas, Leon and Andrea
Pappas, Nicholas and Tracy
Pappas, Victoria
Pasyanos, John and Liberty
Pavlakos, Elias and Maria
Payne, Martha
Pease, Greg and Mary
Pease, John and Maria
Perry, Kevin and Victoria

Reckas, Menelaos
Rowlas, J.L.
Sarris, Irene
Seat, Tony and Sheri
Simopoulos, Greg and Zoi
Sofianopoulos, Nick and Vickie
Spirrison, Andrew and Michelle
Theohares, Nick and Anne
Tom, Matt
Tridico, Andy and Kristina
Vitsas, Constantine
Vitsas, James, Jonathan, and Vanessa
Vitsas, Sondra
Woodruff, Jim and Cindy
Young, Michael and Helen
Young, Steven and Irene
Zeheralis, Gail

Chattanooga, TN – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Ballas, Fr. Stavros and Presbyteria Thea
Ballas, Aspasia
Bougdanos, Maria
Bouloukos, Dino and Maria
Dimopoulos, Dennis and Barbara
Dimopoulos, George and Brigitte
Etherton, Wayne and Yolanda
Fotiadis, Nicky
Fox, Ann
Gulas, Venetia
Hadgu, Akberet and Berih Awala
Hopper, Richard and Chrisi
– *In Memory of Tom Zaferes*
Jones, Helen K.
Kosmidis, Alex
Kouris, George
Mena, Michael
Moore, Trey and Fannie
Mousourakis, John and Donna
Pagnani, Anthony and Irene
Ramsey, Karen
Tigros, Elias and Sharon
Trohanis, Bill
Vassiliev, Mikhail

Cincinnati, OH – Holy Trinity–St. Nicholas

Holy Trinity – St. Nicholas GOYA
Redmon, Fr. William and
Presbyteria Elizabeth
Apostolides, Vasso
Assaley, Lewis and Patricia
Beltsos, Sam – Price Hill Chili
Brown, William
Carey, Efstratia
Carumpalos, Constantine
Galanes, George
Kanaris, Irene
Landers, Lauren
Perdikakis, Gus and JoAnn
Raptis, James and Maria
Siegel, August C.
Spanorigas, Nicholas
Stringas, Emanuel
Wright, Duane and Stacy

Zaferes, Patricia J.

Dayton, OH – Annunciation

Emroll, Fr. Mark and Presbyteria Ginny
Accu-Grind and Manufacturing Co.
Castleman, Maria
Gustin, Eileen
Jannides, Michael
Moraites, John
Valassiades, John and Evanthis

Detroit, MI – Annunciation Cathedral

Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos
Annunciation Cathedral Pioneers
Annunciation Parish Council
Annunciation Choir
Annunciation Sunday School
Manias, Fr. George and Presbyteria Maria
George, Fr. Athanas and
Presbyteria Jeanne
Bennert, Constance
Bertolis, Sevasti
Chengges, Steven
Gaggos, Harry and Irene
Gaggos, Jim and Mary
Gaggos, Mary
Glikis, Mary
Inempolidis, Evelyn
Kazolis, Koula
Lianos, Ethel
Lianos, William and Kim
Pervanis, Koula
Politis, Dean
Tapazoglou, Nicolaos and Christine

Elmira, NY – St. Athanasios

St. Athanasios Parish
Scott, Fr. Richard

Farmington Hills, MI – Holy Cross

Holy Cross Parish
Holy Cross Philoptochos
Hountalas, Fr. Dean and Presbyteria Olga
Andris, Theodore and Elane
Anonymous
Boudouris, Constantino and Joanne
Brock, Angel
Casoglos, Thomas and Mary
Fekaris, Steve and Bettie
Ganas, James
George, John and Debbie
Hountalas, Chris
Liadis, Kathleen
Nuechterlein, Lanny and Andrica
Pesaros, Panayotis and Sonia
Rafail, Chris and Angelynn
Shukla, Margarita

Fort Wayne, IN – Holy Trinity

Collis, Eva
Maggos, Eleftherios and Paraskevi
Nakos, Nikos
Spirou, Arthur and Mary

Grand Blanc, MI – Assumption

Assumption Parish
Assumption Philoptochos
Daughters of Penelope – Iris Chapter #242
Brown, Andy
Chinonis, Dennis E. and Debra
Chinonis, John and Linda
Chinonis, Nancy and Jeff Lauster
Chinonis, Sandra
Costa, John and Laura
Greenberg, Camelia
Hountalas, Dimitri
Hountalas, Ioannis
Jonascu Family
Kalatzis, Athena
Kallis, Agape
Kaloydis, John and Karen
Komodromos, Tessie
Lowe, Ted and Ann
Mandelaris, John and Pauline
Martorelli, Sophia
Mersinas, Chrysafis G.
Politis, George and Rita
Potsos, Emanouil
Steinhoff, Georgia
Yeotis, Catherine

Grand Rapids, MI – Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish
Bogdan, Fr. James and Presbyteria Joan
Cassis, Deacon George and
Diakonissa Vicki
Afendoulis, Angelynn
Afendoulis, Chris and Phyllis
Afendoulis, Cynthia
Afendoulis, Katherine
Anton, Gust
Cassis, James and Christine
Christopoulos, Peter and Maria
Crosser, Ronald and Susan
Fotio, Themis and Linda
Karatsinides, Spiro and Paulette
Missler, Stephen and Maria
Monoyios, Terry and Akrivi
Nicholas, James and Georgia
Richardson, Patrick
Sellas, Chrisa
Theodore, Mary G.
Triant, Linda
Vander Schel, Connie
VanKuiken, Raymond and Marilyn
Zarafonetis, Stratton

Indianapolis, IN – Holy Apostles

Holy Apostles Parish

Ithaca, NY – St. Catherine

Parthenakis, Fr. Thomas and
Presbyteria Cathy
Bantuvanias, Ann
Bezirianian, John
Lambrou, Gus and Family

Jamestown, NY – St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish
Cheronis, James and Christine
Getska, Thomas
Giopulos, John and Shirley

Kalamazoo, MI – Annunciation

Cavas, Anastasia
Doe, Joseph and Alice
Ingalls, Bob and Andriana
Stamos, Peter

Lansing, MI – Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Sietsema, Fr. Mark and
Presbyteria Katherine
Anonymous
Evanoff-Joseph, Yvonne
Farran, Richard and Pamela
Frangos, Philip and Tula
Gavrilides, Nick and Dana
Gavrilis, Dimitrios and Jane Arnold
Heos, Pamela
Hillary, Charles
Munk, Jerry and Jan
Pascalenos, Olga
Perentesis, Stephanie
Platsis, George J.
Priggooris, Peter
Rahib, Margaret
Sinadinis, James P.
Skorich, Dan
Spalding, Robert and Eleanor
Tolas, George
Tolas, Petro
Vlahakis, Louis and Mary

Lexington, KY –

Panagia Pantovasillisa

Kiriocopoulos, Ken and Kate
Radulescu, Vlad and Aurelia

Little Rock, AR – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Verdaris, Fr. Nicholas and
Presbyteria Maria
Delfos, Fr. Pierre and Presbyteria Harriet
McCoy, Terry and Crystal
McDowell, James
Misic, Dragi
Pappas, James and Eva
Tyer, Gordon and Martha
Verdaris, John and Marlene
Vratsinas, Gus and Irene

Louisville, KY – Assumption

Boukis, Fr. Jon and Presbyteria Doreece
Wingenbach, Fr. Gregory C.
Adams, Sam and Thelma
Blackford, Charles and Patricia
Caneris, Thomas and Joanna
Geromes, Marcus and Nancy
Leathers, Ryan and Laura
Lococo, Christina
Makris, Mary

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Shuff, Charles
Taylor, Robert
Zady, Madelon

Marquette, MI – Assumption

Butler, Michele

Memphis, TN – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Ahepa – Memphis Chapter #7
Daughters of Penelope – Memphis Chapter #180
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