



The Shepherd's Staff

Bishop Nicholas' Message...

Beloved Faithful,

It is always a privilege for us to join in prayer, gathering in the House of God to offer up glory to His holy name. This Fall, it is our paternal joy to invite you to join with us for a Diocesan celebration of Great Vespers in commemoration of St. Nektarios, November 8, 2002, at the Koimesis - Assumption Church in St. Clair Shores, Mi., at 7:00 p.m.

Together with the area clergy, we will join in prayer and hymns as we ask St. Nektarios to intercede with the Lord for our speedy healing. As we know, St. Nektarios is renowned the world over for his intercessory and

healing strength especially among those who suffer from cancer. Indeed, many of us from the metropolitan area have traveled to Aegina as pilgrims to the tomb of this beloved Saint.

Because of the love of our people for this Saint of God, and in view of the power of prayer - especially intercessory prayer - we ask that you be prepared to receive holy unction that same evening.

At the conclusion of the Great Vespers and *Artoklasia*, Bishop and Clergy together will anoint the faithful with *efhailion*, invoking God's healing grace and power upon us for our spiritual and physical healing.



Extending to all our paternal prayer and best wishes, we give glory to Father, Son and Holy Spirit for your love and faithfulness.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BISHOP'S SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER, 2002

9/1-9/5 Synaxis of Hierarchs, Ecumenical Patriarchate, Constantinople

9/7-9/8 Feast Day of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, Plymouth, Michigan - Vespers and Liturgy

9/9 Philoptochos Presentation to the Ginopolis-Karmanos Endowment of the Children's Hospital of Michigan

9/11 "A Day of Remembrance", The Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

9/13 Consecration of Roman-Catholic Auxiliary Bishop Earl Boyen

9/13-9/14 Feast Day of the Holy Cross, Farmington Hills, Michigan - Vespers and Liturgy

9/15 Ford Field Ecumenical Dedication

9/17 Clergy Syndesmos Meeting - Annunciation Cathedral, Detroit

9/20 Diocese of Detroit Philoptochos Meeting - Diocesan Center

9/21-9/22 Annunciation Church, Dayton, Ohio - Visitation

9/25-9/26 Holy Eparchial Synod - New York City

9/27 Archdiocesan Council Fall Meeting - New York City

9/28 St. Sophia Church, Syracuse, New York - Visitation

OCTOBER, 2002

10/5-10/6 Holy Trinity Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana - Visitation

10/7 Visitation with Cardinal Adam Maida

10/16 Ecumenical Leaders Forum Meeting

10/19 Diocesan Council Meeting, Troy, Michigan

10/19-10/20 Holy Trinity Church, Nashville, TN - Visitation

10/25-10/26 Vespers and Liturgy for Saint Demetrios, Saginaw, MI

10/29 Clergy Syndesmos Meeting, Detroit

Youth News

By Nick H. Kotsis, Director-Youth and Young Adult Ministries

St. Timothy's Summer Camp – Upstate New York

60 young people from **Upstate New York** participated in the **St. Timothy Camp** this year. The new location was at the Oswegatchie Educational Center in the Adirondacks. It was a gorgeous setting and the kids were able to "rough it" for a week of spiritual nourishment, fellowship, and fun. They participated in the Orthros and Vespers services daily, Confession, the Divine Liturgy, arts & crafts (in which the entire group made an *incredible* quilt), mountain biking, water-skiing, field games, basketball, swimming, hiking, nature and environment tutorials, high and low ropes, a zip line, religious life, bible studies, horseback riding, a dance, canoeing, kayaking, and much more! A portable altar table and iconostasis were built in Syracuse and transported to the camp for use in the services. **Fr. James Doukas** (Buffalo, NY), **Fr. Tom Zaferes** (Syracuse, NY), and **Father Patrick Cowles** (Rochester, NY) led the spiritual life at camp, and with the help of the many counselors, programmers, and camp leaders, helped make this year's camp one of the best ever.

Southern Camp – Louisville, KY

The second year of the South-

ern Camp was a great success. The campers enjoyed a week of Orthros and Vespers (daily), Confession, the Divine Liturgy, swimming (twice a day – it gets HOT in Louisville!), high ropes, low ropes, field games, skits, religious life, music classes, arts and crafts, a dance, carnival night, and much more. The campers also learned to sing the **Parakdesis** service, which was observed at the end of the week with the campers singing all of the hymns and responses. The seniors continued last year's tradition of making a 2'x2.75' mosaic icon. They produced a beautiful depiction of the Virgin Mary of the "sweet kiss" (**glykophilousa**). Coming from Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga, Lexington, Cincinnati, Springfield (Ohio), Dayton, Indianapolis, and Fort Wayne, enrollment at camp rose by 20 campers from last year's 34 to the 54 present this year. **Fr. George Wilson** (Lexington, KY), **Fr. Dean Nastos** (Dayton, OH), **Fr. Stelios Menis** (Chattanooga, TN), and **Fr. Irenaeus Cox** all spent a week at camp (**Fr. Nicholas Nichols**—Louisville, KY—concelebrated the Divine Liturgy with the other priests) providing spiritual direction, and with the great help and leadership of the counselors and staff, helped make last summer's camp better than ever.

Upcoming Diocesan Events:

October 7 – Upstate New York Columbus Day Picnic – Letchworth State Park – 10 AM – 3 PM

October 12 – Assumption – Flint, MI – GOYA retreat (peer pressure and substance abuse) & a Youth Worker Training Seminar

November 2 – St. Nicholas – Troy, MI – 50th anniversary celebration of the Detroit Diocese Summer Camp (DDSC) at Rose City, MI

November 8-11 – GOYA trip to Hellenic College/Holy Cross – Brookline, MA – for the Metro, Central and Upstate NY districts

November 15-16 – Holy Trinity—Toledo, OH—Holy Toledo Dance Workshop Lock-In—call (419)243-9189 for details

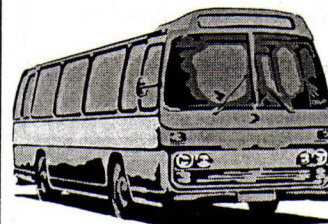
November 15-17 – Annunciation – Chattanooga, TN – Southern district retreat

December 8 – Ss. Constantine and Helen – Westland, MI – Diocese Christmas Pageant

December 27-29 – Panagia Pantovasilissa – Lexington, KY – Southern Camp reunion and "mini" winter camp

Be full of goodness, free from envy, devout, self-restrained, gentle, as generous as possible, kindly, and peaceable. For to conform to God through such qualities, and not to judge anyone or to say that he is wicked and has sinned, is to render the soul inviolate.

Saint Anthony the Great



Join us for the trip to Hellenic College/Holy Cross!

2nd Annual Detroit Diocese Charity Golf Classic

By Presbytera Thea Ballas

The beautiful grounds at Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club, in Grand Blanc, MI, was again the setting for the **2nd Annual Detroit Diocese Charity Golf Classic**. The event was held on July 8, 2002 with 96

golfers participating. Approximately \$27,000 was raised to assist the Detroit Diocese Relocation Fund. The event was a Diocese wide effort with sponsors and benefactors from across the Diocese.



The Executive Committee that labored to bring the success to this event are: **His Grace Bishop Nicholas**, Honorary Chairman; **Mr. Eli Chinonis**, Co-Chairman;

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Mr. Gus Stavropoulos, Co-Chairman; **Mr. John Chinonis**, Executive Coordinator; **Fr. Dean Hountalas**, Diocese Coordinator; **Mr. Jim Nicholas**, **Mr. Mark Stavropoulos** and **Mrs. Katherine Kotsis**, Diocese Philoptochos.

A special thank you to the Assumption Church in Flint, MI who helped coordinate the event with the Diocesan Office. We would also like to thank the Presbyteres who helped with registration and distribution of the various prizes.

The golf event was enjoyed by all the participants. At the end of the day, His Grace Bishop Nicholas, golfers, and organizers enjoyed a delicious dinner at the Warwick Hills Clubhouse.

We all look forward to next year's charity golf classic tournament!



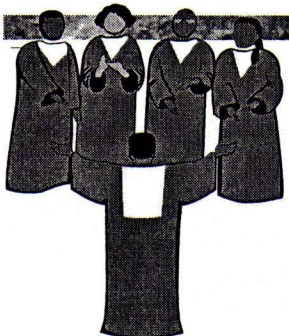
MEFGOX News

By **Chris J. Zervos**, President

The Mid-Eastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians met for its **55th annual convention** July 18-20, warmly hosted by the **St. Demetrios parish in Rocky River, Ohio**. The well-planned, 4-day gathering attracted over 160 delegates from 10 States and 35 parishes. Serving both the Diocese of Detroit and Pittsburgh, the Federation enjoyed visitations by His Grace Bishop Nicholas and His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos. During the Hierarchical Liturgy, the combined choir sang the liturgical **choral setting of Dr. Nicholas Maragos**. Dr. Maragos, along with his wife, **Connie**, were guest directors. This was the first time a husband and wife have directed a Federation Convention choir.

At its annual banquet, the Federation recognized the accomplishments of three of its Church musicians by awarding them the **National Forum's Patriarch Athenagoras I award**, the highest honor the Federation can present. Dr. Vicki Pappas, National Chair of the National Forum presented the awards to: **Hieromonk Fr. Seraphim Dedes** (St. Gregory Palamas-Hayesville, OH), **Ruth Econ** (Holy Cross --Farmington Hills, MI), and

Barbara Minton (St. George-Southgate, MI). **Dr. George Georgantas**, the Federation's Scholarship Trustee Chairman



also presented scholarships to **Nancy Chinonis** (Assumption-Flint, MI), **Alex Kosmides** (St. Demetrios-Rocky River, OH), **Alice Shukla and Kirsten Shaw** (Holy Cross-Farmington Hills, MI). The **John N. Tsolainos Scholarship** was awarded to **Mary Beth Danckaert** (Holy Trinity-Ft. Wayne, IN).

It was announced that His Grace Bishop Nicholas has agreed to permanently house the Federation's Library and Archives in the new Detroit Diocese Center just now being acquired and outfitted. It was also announced that the Federation will implement a Federation-wide initiative in Youth Music Programs. **The St. Nicholas Parish in Troy, MI received the bid to host the organization's 2003 annual convention**. Newly elected or re-elected officers for the coming year are:

Chris J. Zervos (Holy Trinity Cathedral-Toledo, OH) President; **Jess Chalker** (St. Nicholas-Troy, MI) Western Region Vice President; **Mary Ameredes** (Annunciation-Akron, OH) Central Region Vice President; **Irene Georgantas** (Holy Spirit-Rochester, NY); **Peter N. Vatsures** (Annunciation Cathedral-Columbus, OH) Treasurer; **Dr. Vicki C. Pappas** (Holy Trinity-Indianapolis, IN) Recording Secretary; **Venetia Wurst** (Holy Trinity Cathedral-Toledo, OH) Corresponding Secretary.

The National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians met in Los Angeles concurrently with the Archdiocesan Clergy Laity Congress. The National Forum endowed the Hellenic College-Holy Cross Seminary with \$278,000 to establish a Visiting Scholar program for longer term interaction with students and seminarians alike. National Forum has already donated \$100,000 to the Archbishop Iakovos Library. Further, the organization published a **Silver Anniversary Commemorative Album**, through the efforts of **George S. Raptis, Album Editor**, which chronicles the 25 year history of the organization.

October 6th, was National Church Music Ministry Sunday. Now is the appropriate time for parishes to recognize the efforts of their Church musicians. For those Friends of Church Music who are interested in supporting the ministries of the Mid-Eastern Federation or the National Forum, it is a great time to make a donation to the two organizations' scholarship funds. For more information on how you can support Church music ministries, please contact Chris J. Zervos, Federation President (419) 861-7788.



Philoptochos

by Katherine Kotsis, President

Approximately 350 Philoptochos delegates throughout the United States attended the National Philoptochos Biennial convention held in Los Angeles last July. We heard from speakers who gave various reports on Philoptochos commitments and other Philoptochos interest programs and future goals. The workshops included resolutions, budget and membership. One of the main highlights of the convention was the tribute dinner for the national president Eve Condakes. Delegates also enjoyed a day-trip touring Los Angeles. All were embraced by a strong feeling of camaraderie among those who attended.

The National Philoptochos Children's



His Grace Bishop Nicholas, Mrs. Katherine Kotsis, Diocese Philoptochos President and Mr. John Ginopolis handing a check for \$20,000 to Dr. Larry Fleishmann at Children's Hospital of Michigan

Medical Luncheon held in November, 2001, in Chicago, was a great success, raising over \$200,000. It afforded us the opportunity to assist critically ill children throughout the United States and to support hospitals that are instrumental in their care. Proceeds from this luncheon were distributed to all of the Diocesan Philoptochos'.

On September 9, 2002 the Diocese of Detroit Philoptochos Board used their share of proceeds as a gift of \$20,000 to the Ginopolis-Karmanos Endowment of the Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Chapter News:

Ann Arbor, MI - St. Nicholas Philoptochos members are actively involved in many outreach and community projects. They include Samaritan's Purse (Operation Christmas Child), Samaritan's

Purse Feed the Children, Honduras Christmas Boxes, and Book Fair, to name a few. In the Forget-Me-Not project the Philoptochos members prepare baskets of goodies and visit 25 shut-ins five times a year—truly Philoptochos!!

Detroit Diocese Summer Camp, Rose City

By Dean Niforos

The 50th Anniversary summer of the Detroit Diocese Summer Camp in Rose City, MI, was another big success. The camp averaged approximately 70 campers each of the 5 weeks, all of whom learned about the faith, made new friends, solidified existing friendships and had a lot of fun. The camp was served by well over 100 different staff members, who represented most of the churches in the northern part of the Diocese. We would like to thank each of them for taking time

away from their personal lives to be able to ensure our campers had a rewarding camp experience this past summer: Rev. Fr. Tom Michalos, Rev. Fr. Stratton Dorozenski, Rev. Fr. Mark Emroll, Rev. Fr. Taso Gounaris, Rev. Fr. Michael Varlamos and Rev. Fr. Stavros Ballas, and to His Grace Bishop Nicholas for visiting the camp during the summer and offering his blessings on our campers and staff. Pictures from this past summer can be found on the camp website: www.detroit.

goarch.org/ddsc

The camp will be hosting a 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance at the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Troy, MI, on Saturday November 2, 2002. The event will include dinner, music by The Levendes and a program to honor the 50 year history of the camp and the people who were integral to its founding and success. For more information, please see the camp website's special 50th Anniversary page.

Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked.

Psalm 82, v. 3-4



Christmas Byzantine Music Concert

The Diocese of Detroit is presenting: "*Christ in Bethlehem*", a Byzantine and Medieval Christmas Music Concert. The event will take place Friday, December 6, 2002 at 8:00 p.m., at Saint Nicholas Church in Troy, Michigan. The "*Romeiko*" Choral Ensemble, directed by Dr. George Bilalis will be performing. This ensemble is comprised of 17 vocalists and 6 instrumentalists from around the world.

Admission: \$20.00 per person. Free admission for students and children under the age of 18.