

LUKE 2: 29-32

"LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT GO IN PEACE ACCORDING TO YOUR PROMISE, BECAUSE MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION WHICH YOU HAVE PREPARED BEFORE THE FACE OF ALL PEOPLES, A LIGHT TO BRING REVELATION TO THE GENTILES, AND THE GLORY TO YOUR PEOPLE ISRAEL."

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METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS' MESSAGE

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of the Metropolis of Detroit:

It is surely a true saying that in order to know where we are going to, we must know where we are coming from.

Some people see the world in terms of a physical cycle of events, e.g., the Big Bang Theory and evolution. In this vision, the world is oftentimes no more than an accident which has happened. It is without any fundamental purpose or need.

Others contemplate a vision that has no beginning and no end: such people think in terms of the passage of time in terms of a persistent circular movement of life which has its end in nothingness and the elimination of being.

But the Christian understanding of creation and life is very different. Everything has come into being by the direct act of God; in fact, we are the creation



made by God's own hands. (Psalm 117/118: 73)

Therefore, we have a godly start and beginning, and are not accidental but a part of God's plan of creation.

We are called upon to see the passage of time not as a meaningless cycle of events. Rather, for the Christian, time is the gift which God gives us to do His work on the earth.

Time gives us the opportunity to change and to fulfill our divine calling. By imitating the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, time allows us to exercise our call to

holiness.

Time also is given to us to share the Good News of the Gospel. Time is not just for personal prayer and reflection: each day we are offered the opportunity to tell others of His mighty deeds.

And time is also given to us to share in the work of God on this earth: to offer help, hope, and mercy to all in need, emulating the life of our Lord. We are to be beacons of hope in the midst of darkness.

Having entered a new period of time with this decade of 2010, we pray that all of us will make time for God in our lives; that our clocks will be set by the peal of His Heavenly Kingdom; and that because of our love for Him, we will love each other!

With time for every prayer,

+Metropolitan Nicholas

HAITI APPEAL

In accordance with the Encyclicals of the Archdiocese and the Metropolis, the parishes of the Metropolis of Detroit have begun to collect funds for the needs of the people of Haiti.

Following this horrific earthquake, in which unknown thousands of people were buried under the rubble of concrete and steel, the worldwide community

has joined in an effort to offer help and hope to this beleaguered nation.

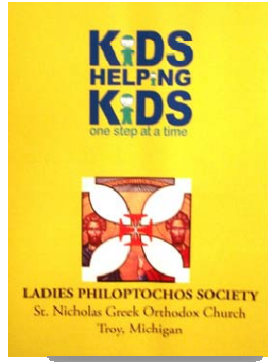
The Ecumenical Patriarchate has also released an urgent appeal for assistance and relief to be gathered throughout the world to be sent to Haiti.

In addition to collecting funds needed for the rescue and aid efforts, some of the parishes of the Metropolis have also be-

gun assembling sanitary boxes for the people.

The contents for these boxes are collected by the parishes and then forwarded to IOCC for distribution to those in need.

Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers; remember the victims, the rescuers, and all who have opened their hearts to help. ♦



Ladies Philoptochos Fundraiser
St. Nicholas Church, Troy, MI
December 1, 2009



Metropolis of Detroit
Philoptochos Board Meeting
December 11, 2009



Metropolis' Choir caroling
guests at the St. Nicholas Open
House on December 6, 2009

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

By Eleni Zaferes

The Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos Board extends our best wishes for the very best in 2010.

On Saturday, April 10, 2010, the Metropolis Philoptochos Board will host its biennial Spring fundraiser, "Festival of Flowers" at St. Nicholas Greek Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The 2010 fundraiser theme, "Festival of Flowers", reflects the beginning of spring with the blooming of colorful flowers. The event includes Sponsors; Table Hostesses; entertainment and a raffle. Sponsor donations will assist to underwrite the event. Table Hostesses will be asked to create a fresh flower arrangement for their table to enhance the theme. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. The day begins at 11:00 am with fellowship followed by lunch. We invite everyone to join us for a lovely day to begin the Spring season.

The "Partners in Philan-

thropy" program instituted last year was very successful. Funds are still available to assist those in need and affected by the economic crisis. Contact your local Philoptochos chapter or Parish Priest for the guidelines and application forms. The Metropolitan office will also be able to assist you.

The recent earthquake in Haiti reminds us of the blessings we experience daily. Philoptochos chapters and the Metropolis Philoptochos Board contributed to the appeal for assistance made by Metropolitan Nicholas through the Archdiocese and the National Philoptochos.

Soon Philoptochos chapters will begin Lenten activities in their local communities with Lenten dinners, lecture series, projects and parish events. It is during these events that Philoptochos extends their hands to assist the Church.

The Philoptochos mission to help those in need is successful only with the dili-

gent work of the devoted members and support of others. Chapters not only work for their local parish but also for the National and Metropolis philanthropies including local outreach food banks, hospitals, etc. Philoptochos chapters are a wealth of projects and resources distributing thousands of dollars annually.

Over the holiday season, the Metropolis Board hosted receptions for the St. Nicholas and St. Spyridon open houses and made their yearly donation to the Detroit Rescue Mission. Thank you for the continued support shown by all so that Philoptochos may extend open arms to those in need.

Again, we extend an invitation to everyone to attend the "Festival of Flowers" Spring Luncheon on Saturday, April 10, 2010 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

We wish all of you a blessed Lenten season and Kalo Pascha! ♦

BISHOP'S SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 2010

- 1 - 4 **Coronado, CA:** Meeting with the Archdiocesan bishops;
- 17 - 19 **Orlando, FL:** American Bible Society Retreat;
- 20 **Westland, MI:** Great Vespers at Sts. Constantine and Helen Parish celebrating the Sunday of Orthodoxy;
- 21 **Toledo, OH:** Great Vespers at Holy Trinity Cathedral celebrating the Sunday of Orthodoxy;
- 23 - 26 **Sundance, UT:** Speed of Trust Meeting.

YOUTH NEWS



**ST. NICHOLAS
SUMMER CAMP
CELEBRATES ITS
10TH
ANNIVERSARY**

By Eva Kokinos

The St. Nicholas Summer Camp, established in 2000, celebrated its 10th Anniversary with a Reunion and Dinner/Dance in Lexington, KY. The weekend festivities began on Friday, January 15, 2010 with a wonderful evening mixer sponsored by the Ladies Philoptochos of the Panagia Pantovasilissa Church.

Over 170 participants attended the Anniversary Banquet on Saturday, January 16th at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Lexington, KY. The evening was filled with memories, laughter as attendees reflected on the first ten years of the St. Nicholas Summer Camp.

His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas was honored, along with Fr. Nicolaos Kotsis of St. Nicholas Church in Ann Arbor, MI and Mr. John Vlasis from



Eva Kokinos with honorees Fr. Nicolaos Kotsis, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit, and Mr. John Vlasis

Annunciation Church in Chattanooga, TN for their pivotal roles in the growth and success of the St. Nicholas Summer Camp program.

Fr. George Wilson of Panagia Pantovasilissa Church in Lexington, KY and Dr. Adam Soufleris from Annunciation Church in Chattanooga, TN



"Perfect Attendance" Acknowledgements for Dr. Adam Soufleris and Fr. George Wilson

were also recognized for their "perfect attendance," serving as camp staff for all ten years.

Proceeds from this event went to the St. Nicholas Camp Scholarship Fund. Over \$4,000 was raised through donations and a silent auction, which included gift baskets and a handmade quilt by Cindy Nicholas of Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas Church in Cincinnati, OH.

The weekend concluded with Divine Liturgy, followed by a farewell brunch with the famous cinnamon rolls from Chief John Vlasis.

Our deepest gratitude to Fr. George and the Panagia Pantovasilissa community for their "southern hospitality" and support! We also thank the Anniversary Planning Committee for their hard work and dedication.

May the blessings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continue to bless and protect the St. Nicholas Summer Camp for years to come! ♦

DID YOU KNOW??

We're on FACEBOOK
The Metropolis Youth Office now has a FACEBOOK FAN PAGE. If you have a FACEBOOK account, you can get updates, pictures, and other information! Search [Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit—Youth and Young Adult Ministries](#) and become a FAN!

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Dates have been SET!
Dates for the District and Metropolis St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festivals have been set. Details coming to your parishes soon! Also email youth@detroit.goarch.org for more details.

Join the Metropolis Youth Office ListServ, the MDYM e-Update!
Would you like to keep up with the latest news regarding youth and young adult ministries? Join the official e-Newsletter of the Metropolis Youth Office. To be added, please email us at youth@detroit.goarch.org and type SIGN ME UP in the subject line!

The CrossRoad Program at HC/HC now accepting applications!
Visit http://www.hchc.edu/hellenic/campus_life/vocation/crossroad/about.html to download the application. Applications must be post-marked by March 1, 2010.

2010 SUMMER CAMP NEWS
Dates have been set for all the Metropolis Summer Camps! Make your summer plans now! Staff needed and campers welcome!! Visit the following websites for updates and contact information.

MDSC
www.gomdsc.org
St. Nicholas Camp
www.southernrcamp.com
St. Timothy Camp
www.sttimothycamp.org

SAVE THE DATE!!! UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

February 12-14, 2010	Dayton GOYA Basketball Tournament Annunciation Church—Dayton, OH
February 27, 2010	NY Area GOYA Lenten Retreat Camp Arrowhead—Rochester, NY
March 5-6, 2010	MI Area GOYA Lenten Retreat St. Nicholas Church—Troy, MI
March 19-21, 2010	Fall Creek Falls GOYA Lenten Retreat Sponsored by Holy Trinity Church—Nashville, TN
April 17, 2010	St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival—MI DISTRICT FINALS St. Nicholas Church—Ann Arbor, MI
April 18, 2010	St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival—NY DISTRICT FINALS St. Sophia Church—Syracuse, NY
April 18, 2010	St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival—SOUTHERN DISTRICT FINALS Holy Trinity Church—Nashville, TN
April 25, 2010	St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival—CENTRAL DISTRICT FINALS Annunciation Church—Dayton, OH
May 15, 2010	St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival—METROPOLIS FINALS Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas Church—Cincinnati, OH

THANK YOU FROM CHINA

By Alex Radulescu

A Thank You comes from a Christian student in China who was blessed by God in a special way. Here is the story:

It all happened in 2008 when Metropolitan Nicholas, during his trip with the American Bible Society in China, had an opportunity to visit the Amity Printing Press and the Nanjing Union Theological Seminary. Here, His Eminence was invited to see the facilities and meet with the students and faculty. While visiting with the students, the Dean asked those who are in the first year to raise their hands. The first to do so was Ji-long



Shi. Metropolitan Nicholas was extremely impressed with the students' dedication to Christ, despite their limited possibilities and therefore decided to financially assist

at least one of the students throughout their entire period of studies at the seminary through the support of the Metropolis of Detroit; seeing Ji-long raise his hand first was the answer to the question of whom the Metropolis would support. Sponsoring our Chinese seminarian is a gift of love that transcends the boundaries of religion and culture in a country where Christianity is coming to light with a brilliant radiance.

It is the hope of Metropolitan Nicholas to invite Mr. Ji-long Shi to visit the Metropolis of Detroit sometime in the future and to get to know the Greek Orthodox Church in America. ♦

MEFGOX NEWS



By Barbara Minton

The Metropolis of Detroit, through our Bishop and the Mid-Eastern Church Music Federation (MEFGOX), is a very active participant and supporter of the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, our Archdiocese's national ministry for church music. The National Forum was established in 1978 by Archbishop Iakovos through the leadership of Niki Kalkanis of Detroit and is governed by a Coordinating Committee which is made up of five official representatives from each of the Metropolis Federations, including MEFGOX. The National Chairman is from our Metropolis, Dr. Vicki Pappas from Indianapolis, who has headed the National Forum since 1982.



Just last July, MEFGOX and the Metropolis of Detroit hosted the National Forum for its Annual Meeting. The delegates met for four days to discuss, plan, and monitor progress in the following areas: assistance to choirs, assistance to chanters, development of youth music programs, assistance to clergy and their parish church music program, and publication of manuals and guides to aid clergy and church musicians. Representing the Detroit Metropolis at the

meeting, in addition to Dr. Pappas, were Irene Georgantas, MEFGOX President from Rochester, NY; Barbara Minton, Southgate, MI; Ted Niforos, St. Clair Shores, MI; George Raptis, Troy, MI; Stan Takis, St. Clair Shores, MI; and Chris Zervos, Toledo, OH.

On the first evening, as delegates from all eight Metropolises of the Archdiocese arrived in Detroit, they were treated to a picnic hosted by the Saint George (Southgate)

choir and parish at the Father Philemon Karamanos Park. The delegates then moved to the parish of the Assumption (St. Clair Shores) where the Annual Meeting was opened with a prayer service offered by Father Michael Varlamos. Metropolitan Nicholas addressed the delegation, after which a dinner and a workshop about the Paraklesis service and its music was held for all the church musicians in the Detroit area. Father Anthony Cook, St. Clair Shores and Nancy Takis were the guest presenters. On Sunday, several of the delegates were able to stay to chant the Divine Liturgy with the Assumption church musicians. This coming July, the National Forum will conduct its Annual Meeting in Atlanta, in conjunction with the Archdiocese's Clergy-Laity Congress. ♦

FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009)

His Eminence

Metropolitan Nicholas

Ann Arbor, MI – St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish
Bekiars, Penelope
Daniels, Col. and Mrs.
Guibert, Nellie
Opple, Chris
Phan, Sem and Katherine
Pliakas, Vasilios and Koula
Buffalo, NY - Annunciation
Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Annunciation Youth Council
Annunciation GOYA
Christakis, Fr. Christos and Presbyteria Lisa
Alethea's Chocolates - Dean Tassy
Blakeslee, Ronald and Marie
Cervi, Vassilia
Couvutsakis, Paul
Hatzipetros, George
Kokinios, Helen
Koutsandreas, Milton and Sophia
Kuvshinoff, Boris and Barbara
Mastoras, Mary
Pavlakis, Peter and Elizabeth
Pefanis, Jerry
Scouras, George
Spanos, Frances
Tassy, Gust and Marian
Tzimas, Jesse

Carmel, IN - Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity- Choir
Gounaris, Fr. Anastasios and Pres. Maria
Belous, Alexandra
Dickos, Dennis
Douvis, Harry E.
Hershbeger, Dennis and Dawn
Karoos, Gus
Paikos, Lazaros
Pappas, Vicky
Torney, Harry and Helen

Chattanooga, TN- Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Annunciation GOYA
Annunciation Choir
Ballas, Fr. Stavros and Presbyteria Thea
Berros, James and Sue
Bougdanos, Maria
Bouloukos, Dino and Maria
Campa, Pedro
Demetry, Mrs. Danny
Dimopoulos, Dennis and Barbara
Ellis, George and Betty
Ethernon, Wayne
Fairbanks, Bobby and Voula
Ford, Kevin and Allyson
Fotiadis, Nick and Lilly
Fox, Ann F.
Gaitanoglou, Takis and Jenny
Gulas, Pete and Ani
Gulas, Marion
Gulas, Venetia
Hopper, Richard and Chrisi

Kalanzis, Nicholas and Angela
Kouris, George and Politimi
Lee, Constance and Ronald
Mena, Michael and Vicky
Mousourakis, John and Donna
Murry, Brant and Maria
Petros, John and Voula
Petros, Kathy
Soufleris, Adam and Nickie
Tigiros, Elias and Sharon
Tingirou, Eleni
Trohanis, Bill and Jean
Tzavaras, Lena
Vassilev, Mikhail
Xoinis, John and Stavroula
Zotos, Alex and Jennifer
Cincinnati, OH
Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas
Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas Philoptochos
Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas GOYA
Streza, Fr. Ciprian and Presbyteria Lavinia
Carumpalos, Constantine
Zaferes, Tom and Eleni

Dayton, MI - Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Emroll, Fr. Mark and Presbyteria Ginny
Anagnoston, Linda
Maxis, Ike
Trohatos, Peter

Detroit, MI-Annunciation Cathedral

Annunciation Parish

Elmira, NY – St. Athanasios

St. Athanasios Parish
Farmington Hills, MI Holy Cross
Holy Cross Parish
Holy Cross Philoptochos
Holy Cross GOYA
Hountalas, Fr. Dean and Presbyteria Olga
Alexander, Milton and Helen
Barr, Anthony
Blough, Michael and Catherine
Boudouris, Tino and Mary Jo
Collias, Rosemary
Fekaris, Steve and Bettie
Gaggos, Angelo and Sophia
Ganas, James
Garber, Doug and Helene
Gordon, Dave and Andrea
Heller, James and Maria
Kargilis, Alexander
Krear, Tad and Elisabeth
Liadis, John G.
Mackris, Gus and Niki
Malis, George and Annette
Morris, Georgia
Nuechterlein, Lanny and Andrica
Pesaros, Pangiotis and Sonia
Power, Edward and Maria
Rafaill, Chris and Lynne
Rambus, Mike
Rittinger, Theodore and Elizabeth
Sinanis, Apostolos and Heather
Sitaras, James and Bonnie
Stassinopoulos, Peter
Theodorou, Thomas and Paraskevi

Voutsinas, Kostas and Diana

Flint, MI - Assumption

Assumption Parish
Fort Wayne, IN Holy Trinity
Bebis, Fr. Paul and Presbyteria Theresa
Brosch, Evelyn
Doublas, Gregory
Gogos, George and Eleftheria
Katsis, Maria
Maggos, Eleftherios and Voula
Makris, Antonia
Nakos, Nikos
Pappas Commercial Center Athanasios Pappas
Pappas Furs, Athanasios Pappas
Rongos, Cristopher and Katherine
Toskos, Tom

Grand Rapids, MI Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Holy Trinity GOYA
Bogdan, Fr. Jim and Presbyteria Joan
Marcus, Fr. Nicholas and Presbyteria Liza
Afendoulis, Athena
Afendoulis, Chris and Phyllis
Afendoulis, Clark and Katherine
Dimitriou, Angelo and Pat
Gray, Mark and Alexis
Herweyer, John and Gloria
Kalyvas, Tim and Lina
Katsoris, Helen
Kontos, Katherine
Koukios, Constantine
Lange, Ginger
Neil, Chad Dimopolous
Nicholas, Christina A.
Nicholas, James and Georgia
Petricevic, Mark and Lili
Sarafis, Elizabeth
Sellas, Deno
Triant, Linda
Van Kuiken, Ray and Marilyn
Zarafonetis, Stratton

Hot Springs, AR Zoodochos Peghee

Zoodochos Peghee Parish
Delfos, Fr. Pierre and Presbyteria Harriet
McCrary, Rob and Stella

Indianapolis, IN Holy Apostles

Holy Apostles Parish
Kratsios, Emmanuel, Irene, and Barbara
Stevens, Georgia

Ithaca, NY - St. Catherine

Bantuvanias, George and Ann
Bezirgianian, John and Sophia

Jamestown, NY St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish

Kalamazoo, MI - Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos

Lansing, MI - Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Sietsema, Fr. Mark and Presbyteria Kathy
Brown, Alex and Mary
Economy, R. George and Stella
Gavrilides, Dimitris
Gavrilides, Nicholas and Dana

Karagoulis, Michael and Lynne
Kosal, Curt and Leslie
Mansour, George
Nicolou, Varnavas and Koula
Pascalenos, Olga
Perentesis, Stephanie C.
Pogoncheff, Carl
Pogoncheff, Metodi and Marcia
Smith, Richard L.
Vlahakis, Louis and Mary

Lexington, KY Panagia Pantovasilissa

Panagia Pantovasilissa
Wilson, Fr. George & Presbyteria Harriet
Annetts, Brett and Ruth
Douglas, Katina
Douglas, Nicholas
Pepps, Mary S.
Sawaya, Peter
Smither, Eugenia and Steven
Stefanis, Frances

Little Rock, AR Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Verdaris, Fr. Nicholas and Presbyteria Maria
Alley, Essa and Grace
Alley, Haitham and Tina
Alley, Michael
Alley, Naimeh and Family
Alley, Sam and Janet
Alley, Wayne and Clair
Cantrell, Paul
Coman, Mihaela
Daly, James
Faneck, Haitham
Fotioo, Peter
Fugate, Ed and Medina
Ging, Fofe
Ging, Ray and Lea
Haddad, Naim
Haidar, Jean
Harb, Ron and Joyce
Hronas, Helen
Johnson, Sharon
Kassissieh, Rami
Miron, Philip and Janet
Mistic, Dragi
Pappas, James and Eva
Paslidis, Nick
Roy, Hampton
Rutter, Mike
Sargent, David and Eva
Skoumbourdis, C.T.
Tadros, Raef
Tyer, Gordon and Martha
Verdaris, John and Marlene
Vratsinas, Gus and Irene
Weatherly, Jack
Louisville, KY Assumption
Assumption Philoptochos
Kapsalis, Stephen and Carol

Memphis, TN Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos

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FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009)

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Christy, Fr. Paul and Presbyteria Mary
Daughters of Penelope- Chapter #180
Apalodimas, Chris and Constance
Bagatelas, Todd and Cyndi
Cotros, Charles and Connie
Futris, Steve and Zoe
Hoover, Ken and Vicki
Jennings, Albert and Tina
Nichols, Nicholas and Linda
Obradovic, Milan

Poplos, Theodore and Stephanie
Semos, Vasili and Luane
Taras, Loretta and Kosta
Theodore, Sophie
Tobias, Richard and Angela
Vergos, Charles and Tasia

Middletown, OH

Sts. Constantine & Helen

Sts. Constantine and Helen Philoptochos

Muskegon, MI Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Mot, Fr. Catalin and Presbyteria Felicia
Yankopoulos, Presbyteria Ann
Anton, Ted and Francine
Chippewa, Cliff and Linda
Danigelis, George
Encelewski, Christine Dault
Katsiouras, Athanasios and Katerina
Ladas, Paul and Patricia
Paris, John and Patricia

Nashville, TN Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish
Hohnholt, Fr. Gregory and Presbyteria Sofia

Billo, John and Kassiani

Ekimogloy, Iordanis

Harman, Todd

Mooney, Sonny

Taber, David and Carol Ann

Taras, Nick and Donna

Nashville, TN St. John Chrysostom

Turner, Fr. Parthenios and Presbyteria Marion

Anonymous

Bayers, Edward and Lynn

Courington, Christopher and Shelley

Demmas, Constance

Demmas, Nancy

Gordon, Thomas

Hamm, Clinton and Elizabeth

Kelley, Gillian

Knox, David

Marchetti, John

Stein, Matt and Dana

Tickle, Jeffrey and Jackie

Wagner, Charles and Edith

Williams, Heath

New Buffalo, MI

Annunciation/St.Paraskevi

Martin, Fr. Paul & Presbyteria Nikki

Stamas, Fr. Basil

Arvan, John and Pitsa

Arvanitis, Angelo

Fillis, John

Garrison, Richard

Hahn, Herbert and Elizabeth
Hilltop Café/George Bouzas
Kerhoulas, Properties
Kerhoulas, Mike and Louisa
New Nicholsons Restaurant /Nick Gellis
Olympus Restaurant/Christos Lepeniotis
Polymeris, Spiros and Donna
Poulos, Louis
Stotis, Bill and Anna

Plymouth, MI

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Vaporis, Fr. George and Presbyteria Kalliopi

Kheir, Angela

Takis, Gerald and Mary

Zervos, George and Lisa

Rochester, NY Annunciation

Annunciation Parish

Markakis, Kathryn

Stefanou, Dimitri and Maja

Stefanou, Gus and Florence

Rochester, NY - Holy Spirit

Georgantas, Irene

Gesell, Melody

Lyttle, Douglas

Palis, James and Elizabeth

Saginaw, MI St. Demetrios

Cox, Fr. Irenaeus & Presbyteria Alexandra

Bistolarides, Fr. Peter & Presbyteria Peggy

Bazakis, Andrew and Ann

Southgate, MI - St. George

St. George Parish

St. George Philoptochos

Karamanos, Fr. Philemon & Presbyteria Helen

Anonymous

Cranford, JoAnne Armelagos

Galanis, Sam

Golematis, Giorgios and Maria

Hadjicharalambous, Neophytos

Hailer, Dorothea

Haralambis, Pete and Dina

Hionis, Gust

Karamanos, Peter and Mary

Kircos, Angelo and Sophia

Kircos, John and Violet

Kircos, Louis and Paula

Kircos- Sophia's Bakery

Kontos, Chris and Frances

Kontos, John and Marika

Linardos, James

Makarounas, Panormitis and Koula

Minton, Charles

Minton, Nicholas

Papalas, Mary Marino

Papadopoulos, Anastasios

Pappas, Andrew

Stathakis, Chris

Tassis, James

Springfield, OH Assumption

Assumption Parish

St. Clair Shores, MI Assumption

Assumption Parish

Assumption Philoptochos

Assumption GOYA

Assumption Senior Citizens
Varlamos, Fr. Michael & Presbyteria Tina
Cook, Fr. Anthony & Presbyteria Elizabeth
Ahee, Edmund
Carson, Charles J.
Christopher, John and Alithea
Constantine, Jane
DeWaele, Robert and Chris
Genematas, Tula
George, Krisanne

Jordan, Thomas

Kohl, David and Chrysanthe

Koukios, Jim and Mary

Niarhos, Anthony

Niforos, Theodore and Anna

Pantos, Theodore

Samaras, Robert

Theros, Spero

Thomas, Tom and Lynn

Tsangalias, Steve

Vlahantones, Louis

Voudoukis, Ignatios and Penny

Zoto, Mary

Sterling Heights, MI St. John

St. John Parish

St. John Philoptochos

St. John GOYA

St. John Choir

St. John Sunday School

Aretakis, John & Suzanne

Burdalas, Peter and Chrisy

Gogonis, Nick and Angela

Karamanos, Peter and Mary

Kotsis, Harry and Katherine

Lionas, James and Helene

Mengios, Georgios

Patouhas, Spyros I.

Salonikas, Georgios and Nicoleta Vekos

Souris, Bernice

Tangalos, John and Mary

Tangalos, Philip

Toledo, OH-Holy Trinity Cathedral

Damaskos, Fr. Aristotle & Presbyteria Debbie

Ballas, Constantine

Melonakos, John

Stathulis, Yanula

Stylianides, Frixos

Traverse City, MI-Archangel Gabriel

Archangel Gabriel Parish

Olechnowicz, Fr. Iakovos & Presbyteria Joleen

Bemis, Stephen and Pamela

Bethea, Charles and Theresa

Dalbo, Helen

Dunlap, Roger and Angelica

Ealy, Ray and Martha

Everett, Denyse

Fickling, Robert and Donellen

Foster, Andrew and Sharon

Haggerty, Kim

Husby, Elizabeth

Kain, Karen

Kaly, Anthony and Barbara

Knapp, Helen C.
Kokinakes, John and Nancy
Long, Stephanie
Lysaght, Leon and Pamela
Lucero, Carlos and Mary
Olechnowicz, Rebekah
Olszewski, Holly
Partlo, Doug and Tina
Psaros, John and Donna
Rennie, Harriet

Sebestyen, Thomas and Evridiki

Sobkowski, Nikoletta

Stavros, Dennis and Katerina

Underwood, Robert and Theresa

Weston, Judith

Troy, MI - St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish

St. Nicholas Philoptochos

Dorozenski, Fr. Stratton

Athans, John

Chucalac, In Memory of Kyriaki

Crosson, Patrick and Cindy

Demery, Beck

Feles, Gust and Anne

Feles, Nick and Melanie

Joanou, George and Frances

Kastrantas, Nick

Kitakis, Sophie

Korstanje, Ingmar and Marlo

Lafter, Mary

Lavrakas, John and Catherine

Liakonis, Chris and Labrini

Manolias, Tony and Maria

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CLERGY DISTINCTIONS:

Elevated to Ekonomos:

- *Axios!* Rev. Fr. Iakovos Olechnowicz (November 15, 2009);
- *Axios!* Rev. Fr. Nicolaos Kotsis (December 5, 2009);
- *Axios!* Rev. Fr. Mark Sietsema (December 13, 2009).

PARISHES STATUS UPDATES:

Advanced to Parish Status:

- Archangel Gabriel -Traverse City, MI (November 15, 2009).

ST. NICHOLAS OPEN HOUSE:



The St. Nicholas Open House Reception was held on Sunday, December 6, 2009 celebrating the nameday of Metropolitan Nicholas. The Metropolis was beautifully decorated for Christmas by Anne Feles and her family. The Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos hosted the reception in honor of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas. With love and paternal affection, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas warmly welcomed all who attended this wonderful event. The great news of Christmas was heralded by the Metropolis' Choir led by Mr. George Raptis. Friends from all corners of the diocese joined their spiritual shepherd in fellowship and good spirits. May the Lord bless our Metropolitan Nicholas!

ST. SPYRIDON OPEN HOUSE:



On Friday, December 11, 2009, The Metropolis Center held its annual *St. Spyridon Open House* in honor of its chapel's patron, St. Spyridon. Clergy and faithful joined His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas in celebrating the Vespers Liturgy. The evening of worship, of songs of praise and incense filling the air, brought about a sense of *koinonia*, reminding us of those early days when the Apostles were joined in prayer in the Upper Room. A reception followed hosted by the Ladies Philoptochos.



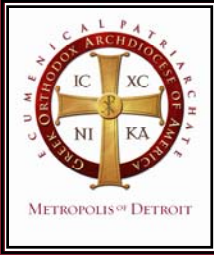
CLERGY ANNIVERSARIES:

Rev. Fr. George Prassas (Holy Trinity - Binghamton, NY):

On December 6, 2009, Fr. Prassas celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination to the Holy Priesthood. The event took place at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church amidst family, friends and parishioners. Congratulations and thank you, Fr. George, for all your efforts and service in the Holy Archdiocese and the Holy Orthodox Church! *Axios!*

Rev. Fr. Pierre Delfos (Zoodochos Peghee - Hot Springs, AR):

On January 24, 2010, Fr. Delfos celebrated his 40 Years of Priesthood Anniversary at the Annunciation Church in Little Rock, AR, in the presence of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, family, friends and parishioners from Little Rock and Hot Springs. May God bless you, father Pierre, for all your years of dedication to God in the Holy Archdiocese of America! *Axios!*



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What Does Friends of the Metropolis Support?

General: Fully fund the expenses of the Metropolis offices, programs and travels.

Education: Enhance scholarships and adult education programs, as well as support the Metropolis students at Hellenic College/Holy Cross.

Support: Develop and provide educational and instructional seminars and services to clergy and parishes.

Youth: Maintain and support the youth office and activities of a full-time Youth and Young Adult Ministries Director.

Outreach/Missions: Create opportunities to introduce our faith to society, participate in inter-Christian and inter-faith activities as well as provide quick responses to national disasters.

Hellenism: Develop programs for Hellenic Cultural Outreach, including language, history and arts.

Leadership: Organize Metropolis Clergy-Laity Conferences, Oratorical Festivals, Christmas Pageants and Adult Education Programs.

Special Programs: Website development, hospitality to visiting dignitaries and guests, Charity and Philanthropy.

Dear Friends of the Metropolis:

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

You are called upon to join in this reality of "faith working through love" as we continue to manifest the love of God for His Church and His people.

When you support the Friends of the Metropolis campaign, you are part of a greater outreach that proclaims with one universal voice that God is truly our hope and our rock of salvation.

Because of your devotion and help to the Friends

program, ministries and programs are implemented on a Metropolis-wide basis which strengthen and enhance our faith and our joint ministry of service.

If you have not yet become part of the Metropolis-wide effort, I would like to invite you to join forces with the faithful throughout our Metropolis in support of the ministries which are part of the Office of the Metropolitan.

Thanking you for your kind and generous response, I remain, with paternal blessing and prayers,

+NICHOLAS

Metropolitan Of Detroit

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