



METROPOLIS
OF DETROIT

"Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" (...) Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. (...) And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."

(Luke 1: 28, 31, 38)

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On January 20-23, 2013 His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas represented the Ecumenical Patriarchate at the Clergy-Laity Conference of the Greek Orthodox Church of Australia. Metropolitan Nicholas was received by His Eminence Archbishop Stylianos (primate of the Church of Australia).

Metropolitan Nicholas' Message

*B*eloved in the Lord,

Greetings from Australia!

It was my honor to represent our Ecumenical Patriarch at the IIth Clergy-Laity of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia.

Accompanied on this trip by Fr. Teodor Petrutiu, we were both warmly welcomed by His Eminence Archbishop Stylianos of Australia and all the clergy and faithful of Australia during our 10 day visit.

A special unexpected highlight of the Clergy-

Laity was the Skype message and participation of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew which occurred on the opening evening of the Congress.

Archbishop Stylianos also had an opportunity to make a live response to the address of the Ecumenical Patriarch.

It was clear that although we are separated by a great distance, Greek Orthodox faithful worldwide share their common Hellenic history of faith and culture — of language and of vision.

The Greek community of Australia is vibrant and continues to reflect the spirit of *philoxenia* from our homelands.

Included in their many accomplishments are the unity of the parishes, the numerous schools, colleges, nursing homes, and senior welfare centers established through the Greek Orthodox community.

From all our Australian friends and relatives "Down Under" we extend to you their greetings:

G'day mates!

+ *Metropolitan Nicholas*

Bishop's Schedule

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

February

3	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	St. Demetrios Church—Saginaw, MI
4 - 8	<i>Leadership 100 Meeting</i>	Laguna Niguel, CA
8 - 10	<i>Parish Visitation & Baptism of Nektarios Truebenbach</i>	Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Church—Cincinnati, OH
15 - 17	<i>GOYA Basketball Tournament</i>	Annunciation Church—Dayton, OH
18 - 25	<i>Pastoral Visits</i>	Metropolis Southern Parishes

March

3	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	Metro Detroit Area
	<i>Baptism of George Kotsis</i>	St. Nicholas Church—Ann Arbor, MI
6 - 8	<i>Clergy Retreat</i>	Sts. Constantine & Helen Church—Westland, MI
10	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	TBD
16 - 20	<i>Ecumenical Patriarchate</i>	Istanbul, Turkey
24	<i>Annunciation Great Vespers</i>	Annunciation Cathedral—Detroit, MI
25	<i>Annunciation Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	Annunciation Cathedral—Detroit, MI
31	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	TBD

MEFGOX News

THEODORE NIFOROS

MEFGOX President



We extend our best wishes for the New Year to all of our Greek Orthodox brethren in the Detroit Metropolis.

We look forward to our activities in the coming months as we celebrate our 65th year of continuous service as a church organization for our Church Musicians. Sadly, however, we must look back and honor some of our Musicians who have joined the Lord in heaven with the celestial choir. Three wonderful women were part of this group. In December, we lost Mary Ameredes, of the

Akron, Ohio, Annunciation Church Choir. Mary was one of the founders of the Federation in 1948 and served her Church, her Metropolis and our Holy Archdiocese for all of the years since, including three years as Mefgox President. In November, Elizabeth Sarafis, of Grand Rapids Holy Trinity Church left us. She was the long time choir director at her parish and for many years was the Federation's District Supervisor and later State Representative, keeping in contact with all of the Outstate Michigan parishes on behalf of Mefgox. Earlier, one of the mainstays of the St. Clair Shores Assumption Church Choir, Helen Arambages, fell

asleep in the Lord. Helen served her Church in the choir and in church organizations for many years. More recently, in January, Steve Davlantes, one of the stalwarts of St. Clair Shores Assumption parish joined his Church Musician sisters. Steve was President of Mefgox in 1960-61. He spent many years as parish council member, including as President, served as chair of the parish's pre-school committee and was an honored educator.

May their memories be eternal. They will again be honored at our forthcoming Convention banquet as we remember all of our Church Musicians who now sing from the heavens ■

Youth News

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL NEWS



It's that time of the year again! Parishes and young speakers are getting ready for another year of the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival program.

As many of you know, our Metropolis is honored to be hosting the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

Archdiocese Finals June 7-9, 2013 at Annunciation Church in Memphis, TN

We need YOUR help to raise funds for the Oratorical Festival and the Scholarship Fund. Contact us if you would like to submit an ad or simply offer a monetary donation for the Oratorical Festival.

Contact us at: youth@detroit.goarch.org for more information.

SJCOF - District and Metropolis Locations/ Dates:

Central District Finals
(Central OH, IN, KY)
April 20 or April 21, 2013
Location Coming Soon!

Michigan District Finals
(Michigan and Toledo, OH)
Saturday, April 20, 2013
St. John the Baptist Church
- Sterling Heights, MI

NY District Finals
(Upstate NY)

Sunday, April 21, 2013
Annunciation Church
Rochester, NY

Southern District Finals
(TN/AR)
April 20 or April 21, 2013
Holy Trinity Church
Nashville, TN

METROPOLIS FINALS
May 17-18, 2013
St. George Church
Southgate, MI

QUESTIONS? Email us at youth@detroit.goarch.org

ST. NICHOLAS SUMMER CAMP REUNION AND YOUTH WINTER RETREAT



2013 St. Nicholas Summer Camp Reunion and Winter Retreat
Annunciation Church - Memphis, TN/January 18-20, 2013

JANUARY 18-20, 2013

Youth from Kentucky, Indiana, and Tennessee were present at this year's St. Nicholas Summer Camp Reunion and Winter Retreat held at Annunciation Church in Memphis,

Tennessee.

In addition to the Orthodox Life sessions lead by Fr. Jim Berends and Fr. George Wilson, participants had lunch at the famous Rendezvous restau-

rant before going on an exciting photo scavenger hunt to see historic sites like the Peabody Hotel, the Orpheum Theater and the Civil Rights Museum. The evening wrapped up with a delicious dinner and the annual Camp Reunion

Dance!

On Sunday, everyone gathered one last time for the Divine Liturgy and luncheon sponsored by the local AHEPA chapter. A fitting end to a fantastic weekend!

A big "Thank You" goes out to the Annunciation parish in Memphis, along with all of the countless volunteers, parents and GOYans, who made the weekend a GREAT success! ■

Check out photos from the event by visiting:

[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com)

StNicholasSummerCamp

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 15-17, 2013
39th Annual GOYA Basketball Tournament
Annunciation Church—Dayton, OH

March 16, 2013
GOYA Pre-Lenten Retreat
Holy Trinity Church —Fort Wayne, IN

March 23, 2013
Michigan Area GOYA Lenten Retreat
Holy Trinity Church—Grand Rapids, MI

April 12-14, 2013
Fall Creek Falls GOYA Lenten Retreat
Hosted by Holy Trinity Church—Nashville, TN

April 20 and 21, 2013
St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival—District Finals
*Check your local parish for your regional festival

May 17-18, 2013
St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival—Metropolis Finals
St. George Church—Southgate, MI

Philoptochos News

The giving of gifts is not something (wo)man invented. God started the giving spree when he gave a gift beyond words, the unspeakable gift of His Son. -Robert Flatt

You can't put a price tag on the joy our Philoptochos chapters gave to people of all ages during the Christmas season. In addition to helping members of their home parishes who are in need, their outreach to the community was monumental. Here are a few who shared their Christmas traditions with us.

The Holy Trinity Cathedral in Toledo hosted a dinner for Aurora House, a comprehensive housing and life skills program that empowers homeless women and their children to achieve self-sufficiency and independence. Residents enjoyed a chicken dinner with all the trimmings. The women re-

ceived scarves, purses and cosmetics, and the children received stuffed animals, books, crayons and fleece blankets. Everyone was overjoyed and thankful for everything. As Fr. Ari stated, "Their faces said it all." They also purchased seventy-seven pieces of clothing for first graders at an elementary school and filled 173 gift bags for senior citizens.

St. George Philoptochos in Bloomfield Hills hosted a Christmas luncheon on December 3rd for Detroit area Philoptochos members. The Detroit Area Diaper Bank was the designated charity, and 260 packages of diapers for infants, elderly and people with disabilities were collected for distribution. Many guests also made monetary donations. The guest speaker was Marybeth Levine, the founder of the organization. Musical entertainment was provided by "The Jills", from a local high school.

The Annunciation Philoptochos in Buffalo sent gifts of collared shirts

to each of the boys at St. Innocent's Orphanage (Project Mexico), sent gift cards to each of the children at St. Basil Academy, provided gifts for specific children identified by the social worker at Bronhava, which serves children with disabilities thru the "Be an Angel" program. They also provided needed items to the parent(s) and siblings of these children so they could also experience Christmas. The members host a yearly Service of Remembrance and reception for families from the Children's Hospital who have lost a child during the year. Six hundred Christmas cards were sent to veterans and soldiers serving overseas, and the Orthodox Action group collected toiletries and needed items for disabled and homeless veterans who are housed a few blocks from the church. The gifts were delivered with an accompaniment of Christmas carols sung by parishioners. Not to be overshadowed, the Seniors group, which includes Philoptochos members, sponsored a Mitten Tree.

Dayton's Annunciation Philoptochos collected pajamas and books at their Christmas luncheon to donate to local homeless and domestic violence centers. They adopt families from within their church community and from the community at large and purchase gifts. They also sponsor an underwear and sock drive to help children in need in the local school district.

In Traverse City MI, each year the Archangel Gabriel Philoptochos makes Christmas special for three families in the community. They provide gift cards to two families in need from the local school district and also adopt an entire family thru the Salvation Army. Additionally, they decorate a Christmas Giving Tree with ornaments that have first names and items requested by each family member.

Rochester NY Annunciation has an annual "Christmas Tree Angel Project", receiving names from local service agencies for families in need. They

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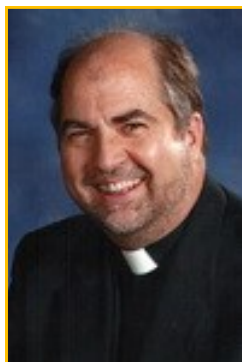


MARGARET YATES
Philoptochos
President

Philoptochos Donations

- ◆ ST. CATHERINE, ITHACA NY - \$330 TO HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF
- ◆ HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, TOLEDO OH - \$500 TO SHERMAN SCHOOL TO PURCHASE UNIFORMS,
- ◆ \$200 TO IOCC TO PURCHASE LEATHER FOR SHOES IN ETHIOPIA, \$100 HURRICANE SANDY
- ◆ RELIEF AND \$1375 TO OTHER PROJECTS FROM SEPT. TO DEC.
- ◆ ST. NICHOLAS, ANN ARBOR MI - \$10,790 NATIONAL COMMITMENTS, \$1656 METROPOLIS COMMITMENTS, \$12,402.53 IN DONATIONS FOR 2012
- ◆ CHRISTMAS JOY - PRICELESS

The Christ-Haunted South



FR. JAMES BERENDS*

“The Christ-haunted South.” That is how the noted Georgian author, Flannery O’Connor referred to her native domicile. As a Catholic born and bred in an area heavily populated by religious fundamentalists and zealots, she more than appreciated their spiritual fervor. The types became primary characters in her stories.

Today, the message from Madison Avenue is to conform to an image that

is attractive, sweet-smelling and uncommitted. People will like us better and perhaps accept the message that we espouse. Hollywood actor types have understood this, casting their influence on the impressionable masses.

This is not to say that zealotry automatically affirms the message as truth. Quite to the contrary, misguided zeal is colorful, but still misguided. Accept truth on its merits, not its packaging. John the Forerunner ate locusts and appeared to many to be a wild man.

In the twenty-first century, the South is far more sophisticated in the presentation of its beliefs.

The specter of Christ permeates, with a plethora of parishes dotting the landscape. Church attendance is high, most claim to be Christian and hold a political position that most associate with Christianity. It is so haunted by the specter of Christ in our traditions, history and unexamined beliefs, that the popular Christianity espoused is a watered down version of the faith.

This is the challenge for the Orthodox Christian living in the American South. Practicing an ancient and universal faith (for all at all time) in the context of a popular religion that interprets the Church, the Scripture, the Tradition and Salvation differently. This is most commonly felt when a well-intentioned individual asks of the unsuspect-

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ing Orthodox, “Are you Saved?” The question is delivered by an individual, well-versed in popular misconceptions of the faith. Conceptions passed down from generations, accepted as truth because of their popularity and then haunting others, all in the name of Christ ■

**Fr. James Berends is the Presiding Priest at the Annunciation Church in Memphis, TN.*

Philoptochos News *Continued...*

create ornaments for each person with their requested item. The entire church contributes with items ranging from gift cards to special toys wrapped and delivered directly to the families.

For fifteen years, the Philoptochos in Carmel IN has partnered with Martin Luther King Service Center to provide gifts for 100 children in the community who would otherwise go

without. The parishioners purchase gifts according to the wishes of the children; last year they also provided four beds for a family in need.

Kalamazoo MI Annunciation has been participating in a community-giving program called “Be a Santa to a senior”. The entire church community comes together to provide for the needs of these seniors, purchasing thermal socks, hats, gloves,

books, shirts and non-perishable food items.

St. Catherine Philoptochos in Ithaca NY participated in the Salvation Army’s Adopt a Family Project, providing gifts, food and monetary donations to two needy families in the community. They collected over twenty bags of food for a food pantry experiencing a severe shortage. Together with the Sunday School students they do-

nated over one hundred items to the local domestic violence shelter as well as caroling and ringing the Salvation Army bell at the local mall.

This army of Philoptochos women is truly amazing. The above is just a small sample of the giving that occurs one month out of twelve. I hope we got some ideas that our own chapters can adopt in the future ■

Friends of the Metropolis (2012)

+ His Eminence

Metropolitan Nicholas

Ann Arbor, MI - St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Philoptochos
Kotsis, Fr. Nicolaos and Presbyteria Sandra
Paul, Presbyteria Eva
Baldwin, James and Mary Suzanne
Bekiares, Penelope Ann
Chapekis, Nicholas
Daniels, Tony and Cleve
Fry, Jack D.
Garris, Steven and Stamatia
Gutierrez, Jarvis
Hall, Diane
Katsikas, Chris and Pandora
Kleanthous, Costas and Sylvia
Pardon, Carl
Phan, Sem and Katherine
Pliakas, Vasilios and Kyriakoula
SRK Investments
Tziahanas, Tom and Doreen
Yates, Bill and Margaret

Bloomfield Hills, MI – St. George

Pathenos, Fr. Nicholas
Allen, Kaleope
Iakovides, Dimitri
Pamel, Esther
Sislock, Stella
Talmers, Vicky
Tate, Angelina
Tsouris, Mary S.

Buffalo, NY - Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Christakis, Fr. Christos and Presbyteria Lisa
Kallis, Fr. Perikles and Presbyteria Cassandra
Apostolakis, John and Jean
Bechakas, Nick and Gina
Besseghini, Victoria
Bison Painting and Decorating Corp.
Blakeslee, Ronald and Maria
Cervi, Brian and Vassilia
Colomvakos, Froso
Couvtsakis, Paul and Linda
Danakas, George
Economou, Nicholas
Gianiodis, Constantine and Barbara
Gioulekas, Goldie
Hiczewski, Peter and Michele
Katsinis, Alex
Krestos, Thomas
Kouvoutsakis, Paul and Donna
Kuvshinoff, Boris and Barbara

Liaros, Joanne
Mastoras, Spiros and Mary
McDaniels, Joyce
Mellas, Constantine and Beth
Rossiter, Michael and Ann
Sippel, Stamatoula
Skaros, Nikolaos and JoAnn
Spanos, Frances
Surlas, Virginia
Tassy, Gust and Marian
Touris, Lambros
Vafiopoulos, Helen
Veanes, Angelo

Carmel, IN - Holy Trinity

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

Chattanooga, TN – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Annunciation Choir
Ballas, Fr. Stavros and Presbyteria Thea
Andros, George and Maria
Ballas, Aspasia
Berros, James and Susan
Bougdanos, Maria
Bouloukos, Dino and Maria
Campa, Pedro
Cornea, Paul and Ana
Dimopoulos, Dennis and Barbara
Dimopoulos, George and Brigitte
Etherton, Wayne and Yolanda
Fairbanks, Bobby and Voula
Fotiadis, Nicky
Gaitanoglou, Ignatios
Gulas, Marion
Gulas, Venetia
Hopper, Richard and Chrisi
Justice, Christine
Kalanzis, Angela
Kosmidis, Alex and Cheryl
Kouris, George
Martin, Martin
Moore, James and Fannie
Mousourakis, John and Donna
Petros, Kathy Maria
Petros, Voula

Ramsey, Karen
Tigiros, Elias and Sharon
Tolbert, John and Janice
Trohanis, J.A.
Tsioubkas, Eugenia
Vassilev, Mikhail
Vlasis, John and Charlotte
Zotos, Alexander and Jennifer

Cincinnati, OH - Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas

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

Dayton, OH - Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Emroll, Fr. Mark and Presbyteria Ginny
Bambakidis, Gust and Elli
Castleman, Maria
Danopoulos, Damian
Derksen, James and Leah
Heisey, Jeffery and Chrisanne
Moraites, John and Barbara
Pangos, William and Irene
Retzios, Thomas and Angela
Valassiades, John and Evanthia

Detroit, MI – Annunciation Cathedral

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

Elmira, NY – St. Athanasios

St. Athanasios Parish
 Scott, Fr. Richard James
 Greven, Peter and Iro
 Vardakis, Paul

Farmington Hills, MI – Holy Cross

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

Fort Wayne, IN - Holy Trinity

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

Grand Blanc, MI – Assumption

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

Grand Rapids, MI - Holy Trinity

Marcus, Fr. Nicholas and Presbyteria Liza
 Bogdan, Fr. James and Presbyteria Joan
 Cassis, Deacon George and Diaconissa Vicki
 Afendoulis, Chris and Phyllis
 Afendoulis, Clark and Katherine
 Anonymous
 Bird, Jason and Christa
 Dimitriou, Angelo
 Georgeson, Menas and Fronsene
 Gray, Mark and Alexis
 Gregory, Paul and Joanne
 In Memory of Demetra Georgacopoulos
 Ingalls, Robert and Andriana
 Lange, Ginger
 Metropoulos, Tina
 Monoyios, Terry and Akrivi
 Neil, Chad
 Nicholas, Jim and Georgia
 Sellas, Chrisa

Slott, Leonard and Emili
 Spero, Stamatia
 Triant, Linda
 VanderSchel, Connie

Hot Springs, AR – Zoodochos Peghee

McCrary, Robert and Stella

Indianapolis, IN – Holy Apostles

Holy Apostles Parish
 Crabtree, Georgia

Ithaca, NY - St. Catherine

Parthenakis, Fr. Athanasios and
 Presbyteria Cathy
 Bantuvanias, Ann
 Bezirgianian, John
 Stoenescu, Caterina
 Tseleki, George

Jamestown, NY – St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish
 Zervos, Fr. George and Presbyteria Anne
 Cheronis, Jim and Chris
 Pappas, Elizabeth
 Tsitso, Spiro

Kalamazoo, MI – Annunciation

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

Lansing, MI – Holy Trinity

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

Lexington, KY – Panagia Pantovasilissa

Panagia Pantovasilissa Parish
 Panagia Pantovasilissa Philoptochos
 Wilson, Fr. George and Presbyteria Harriet
 Douglas, Nicholas
 Kargas, George and Amanda
 Karounos, Dennis and Christa
 Kiriacopoulos, Ken and Kate
 Thompson, John and Christina

Little Rock, AR - Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
 Verdaris, Fr. Nicholas and Presbyteria Maria
 Alley, Sam and Janet
 Clift, Steven and Anna
 Harb, Ron and Joyce
 McDowell, Lynn and Susan
 Pappas, James and Eva
 Tyer, Gordon and Martha
 Verdaris, John and Marlene
 Vratsinas, Gus and Irene

Louisville, KY – Assumption

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

Memphis, TN - Annunciation

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

Middletown, OH – Sts. Constantine and Helen

Sts. Constantine and Helen Philoptochos
 Anagnostou, Elias
 Canada, William
 Comminos, Steve and Beth
 Coons, Greg
 Demetrios-Gordon, Kiki
 Ford, Matthew
 Farmakes, George
 Farmakis, John
 Gordon, Kiki Demetriou
 Habig, Mary
 Hasselbusch, Aaron and Kay
 Mathews, Mike
 McNeely, Ed
 McNeely, Nestor and Niki
 Papadopoulos, Anthony and Nectaria
 Papadopoulos, Irene
 Revelos, Dolores
 Revelos, George
 Revelos, Mike and Tina
 Ververis, Chris
 Ververis, Nicholas

Muskegon, MI – Annunciation

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

Nashville, TN - Holy Trinity

Hohnholt, Fr. Gregory and
 Presbytera Sofia
 Andrews, Chris
 Billo, John and Kassiani
 Boonstra, Jerry
 Botsaris, Chris
 Brown, Michael and Laurie Kerhoulas
 Coutras, Chris
 Davis, Stephanie
 Duncan, Angelia
 Gore, Jim and Stacy
 Harman, Todd and Dawn
 Hayes, Litsa
 Hnarakis, Emanuel
 Labrec, Robert and Ithaca
 Lamberson, Lambert and Helen
 Miller, John M.
 Rogers, Helen and Lawrence Kamm
 Vaughn, James

Nashville, TN

St. John Chrysostom Mission

Turner, Fr. Parthenios and
 Presbytera Marion
 Barber, Jill
 Calvert, Patrick
 Courington, Christopher and Shelley
 Derryberry, Paul
 Dozier, Matthew
 Duke, Naomi
 Dunn, Robert and Laura
 Gharavi, Parissa
 Hamm, Clint and Liz
 Knox, David
 Pittman, Michael L.
 Stein, Matt and Dana
 Thomas, Gordon
 Tickle, Jackie
 Wagner, Charles and Edith
 Williams, Nina
 Winter, Lindsey

New Buffalo, MI

Annunciation & St. Paraskevi

Annunciation & St. Paraskevi Parish
 Martin, Fr. Paul and Presbytera Nikki
 Anton, Gust J.
 Arvan, John and Pitsa
 Casten, Lillian
 Corcoran, Barbara
 Garrison, Richard
 Hahn, Elizabeth
 Kerhoulas, Mike and Louisa
 Lepeniotis, Christos and Anastasia
 Litznerski, Robert and Mariann
 Poulos, Louis
 Stotis, Bill and Anna

Plymouth, MI

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Parish
 Govostes, Fr. Sean and Presbytera Pamela
 Sarelis, Fr. Charles and Presbytera Angela
 Bazakis, James and Marisa
 Kheir, Angela
 Kyriacou, Costis and Kathleen
 Peluras, Nick
 Randall, Michael and Anne
 Szlinis, John and Thekla
 Zervos, George and Lisa

Rochester, NY - Annunciation

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

Vangellow, Theodore

Rochester, NY – Holy Spirit

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

Saginaw, MI - St. Demetrios

St. Demetrios Philoptochos
 Cox, Fr. Irenaeus and Presbytera Alexandra
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