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Metropolitan's Message

My Beloved Clergy and Faithful of Detroit,

It's that time again! Indeed, we are close upon the beginning of Great Lent — and on February 23rd we will have arrived to Clean Monday.

From a very practical standpoint, it is true that sometimes we can see the period of Great Lent from the lens of "boredom." I say that because if all we really examine during this period is the Sunday theme — then it is nothing more than a repetition of the years gone by. We can begin to name the Sundays by heart: Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee; Sunday of the Prodigal Son; Judgment Sunday/Meatfare Sunday, etc. And we remember that we are not supposed to eat certain foods during this period (gone are the burgers and hotdogs). And so the question becomes: What is the point of this repetition?

Beloved family in Christ, the joy in this repeated cycle is that we are given yet another opportunity to prepare ourselves afresh and anew for the coming celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord. And yes, through the liturgical and prayerful preparation in the weeks preceding Holy Week, we are again brought from darkness into light about our own selves — our personal individual self as well as our family and community selves.

Instead of questioning the repetition, perhaps we should ask ourselves the real question: How are we changing? How are we different this year from last year? Are we more loving and caring, more forgiving and thankful, more conscious of our own failings before we demand perfection in others? The time is here for us to change — and while we cannot change others, I pray that we can change ourselves into a purer reflection of the very brilliance of God, so that through us, the Lord will be seen.

A Blessed Lent to all,

† Metropolitan Nicholas
† NICHOLAS
 Metropolitan of Detroit



MEFGOX News

By Vicki Pappas

HELPING PARISHES GROW IN CHURCH MUSIC

A major purpose of the Mid-Eastern Federation is to help parishes develop and expand their church music programs. We do this by presenting training programs, providing resources, and offering assistance to clergy, choirs, chanters, and congregations. Carrying out this purpose has been an important MEFGOX priority this year in both Metropolises of our jurisdiction: Detroit and Pittsburgh.

Along with providing individual assistance to church musicians and clergy as they request it, we have also implemented two special initiatives this year: one to reinvigorate church music programs of parishes in the Greater Pittsburgh area and another to offer church music experiences to young people in Western New York. Both of these were pilot programs which we hope to make available in other areas as well.

PITTSBURGH INITIATIVE: We had been noticing a decline in this area's participation in MEFGOX conferences and training activities. So in November, with the blessings of Metropolitan Savas, we successfully convened a "Futures Planning" day for clergy, choir directors, chanters of the parishes in Pittsburgh and in nearby Ohio and West Virginia. Thirty-six people participated, representing 9 parishes. They spent the day looking beyond "typical" problems that we all face (aging choirs/chanters, lack

of commitment to church music, lack of education, difficulty recruiting, low rehearsal attendance, time and travel constraints, lack of youth involvement, etc.).

Instead, participants focused on envisioning an ideal parish church music program, such as:

- As much importance is placed on the church music ministry as other church ministries.
- Parishioners live day by day and through the church year through our hymns - church music is used to teach both youth and adults.
- Choir singers and congregation understand the hymns.
- Everyone in the congregation sings along as best they can, and music used allows for this.
- Music enhances worship, and is not a concert of complicated music – clergy are able to say, "Worship was good today" instead of "The choir/chanter was good today."
- Church School incorporates church music in all classes.
- Youth choirs sing during the Divine Liturgy and other services.
- People attend Orthros.

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Metropolitan's Schedule / [updates at detroit.goarch.org/calendar](http://updates.at.detroit.goarch.org/calendar)

FEB	2015	
8	Pastoral Visitation	Holy Trinity Church—Grand Rapids, MI
10-14	Leadership 100 Conference	Orlando, FL
14	Dayton GOYA Basketball Tournament	Annunciation Church—Dayton, OH
15	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	Annunciation Church—Dayton, OH
17-19	Metropolis Clergy Retreat	Holy Trinity Church—Carmel, IN
21-22	Pastoral Visitation	Annunciation Church—Memphis, TN
23	Clean Monday/Koulouma Luncheon	Sts. Constantine & Helen Church—Westland, MI
28	Upstate New York Lenten Retreat	Annunciation Church—Rochester, NY
MAR	2015	
1	10:00am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 06:00pm Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers	Holy Spirit Church—Rochester, NY Annunciation Church—Vestal, NY
6	1st Salutation Service	Holy Trinity Church—Lansing, MI
8	Pastoral Visitation	St. Demetrios Church—Saginaw, MI
13	2nd Salutations Service	St. George Church—Bloomfield Hills, MI
14-15	Pastoral Visitation	Holy Apostles Church—Indianapolis, IN
20	3rd Salutations Service	Holy Trinity Church—Nashville, TN
21-22	Pastoral Visitation	St. John Chrysostom Church—Nashville, TN
24	Feast of the Annunciation Vespers	Annunciation Cathedral—Detroit, MI
25	Feast of the Annunciation Liturgy	Annunciation Cathedral—Detroit, MI
27	Akathist Service	Annunciation Church—Chattanooga, TN
28-29	Pastoral Visitation	Annunciation Church—Chattanooga, TN

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Once these ideals were identified, participants worked in small groups to identify action steps that they could take to realize them in their parishes. They left the day re-enthused about making changes in their home parishes! MEFGOX hopes to replicate this type of "futures planning" in other metropolitan areas of our two Metropolises.

WESTERN NEW YORK YOUTH INITIATIVE: MEFGOX members have long worried about the low participation of youth in church music, both locally and at MEFGOX Conventions. We recognized the importance of strengthening youth involvement local parish church music before they would be comfortable attending choir conventions. So on January 24th, we stimulated a pilot program, inviting youth from the Buffalo, Rochester, and Jamestown parishes to attend "An Orthodox Church Music Event for Western New York Youth."

The event was hosted by Annunciation Church in Buffalo, and was coordinated by a team of youth music educators from the various parishes. Seventeen elementary school-aged youth attended, along with several parents and clergy. Buffalo's Father John Sakellariou gave an opening talk that inspired the young people of the important stewardship they offer as church musicians. The youth learned to sing Metropolitan

Nicholas's Fimi and the Lenten hymn "To You, O Champion (Ti Ipermacho). Two additional workshops illustrated some fun vocal techniques. The day ended with a swim party. To commemorate the day, each young person was given a lapel pin of St. Romanos, patron saint of church musicians, and the "Orthodox Songbook"

Most important, the adults brain-stormed ideas for a follow-up workshop given the enthusiasm for this one! They hope to host a similar event later this year in one of the other parishes and to expand invitations to Syracuse youth. This is exactly what MEFGOX had hoped for in piloting this type of youth program! MEFGOX is ready to also replicate this "Youth Initiative" with parishes in other areas of the Federation.

ANNUAL CONVENTION: An upcoming event that further illustrates how we provide education and assistance about church music is the MEFGOX Annual Convention. This event includes a wealth of educational workshops for participants, rehearsals, and social events. On Sunday, the Convention program culminates in a massed choir singing in the Divine Liturgy, this year with the music of Anna Gallos. Sts. Constantine and Helen in Westland, MI has graciously taken on the responsibility of hosting this year's Convention on July 16th-19th, which is MEFGOX's 68th consecutive one. We look forward to enriching the Detroit area with this event!

Philoptochos News

By Margaret Yates



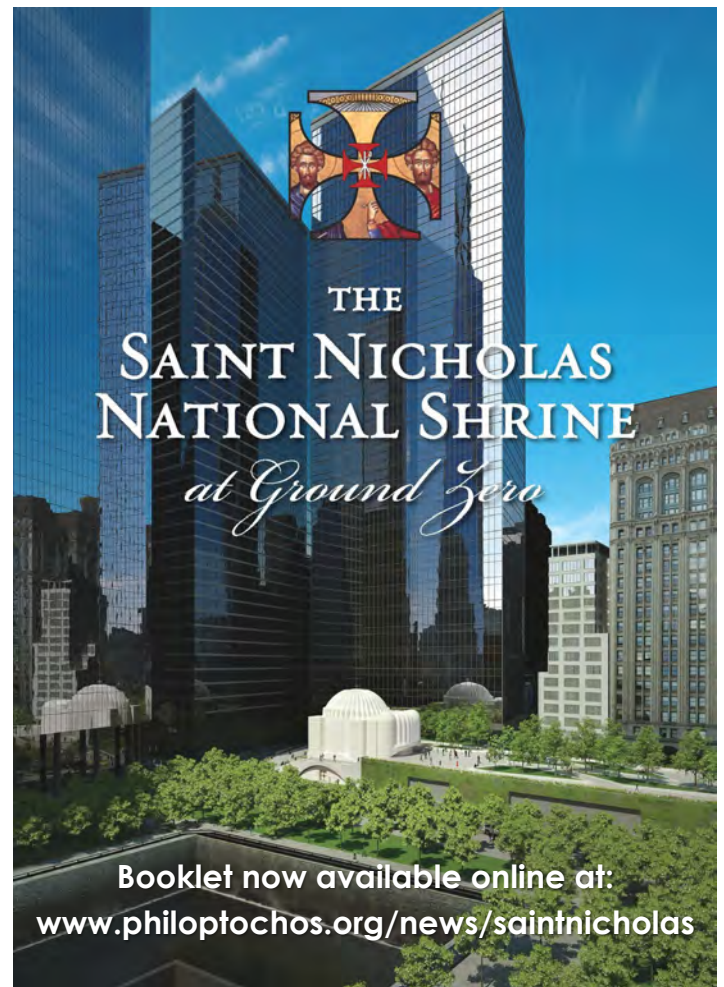
We tend to hear from our larger chapters in the Metropolis as their fundraising efforts are often quite massive due to the number of members involved. Also, these chapters are in metropolitan areas where they can draw from a larger population. Today I would like to highlight one of our smaller chapters. St. Nicholas, in Jamestown NY, has a membership of 19 compared to our largest chapter which numbers 186. The Philoptochos is led by Athena Constantine, who has served as president for a total of thirteen years. St. Nicholas was the first Philoptochos chapter to send a check for the St. Nicholas National Shrine. They recently held a successful Christmas bazaar and luncheon featuring a raffle and white elephant sale of Christmas items. They hold rummage sales in May and October and are planning a style show and tea. Unfortunately, recruitment of younger members in the community has been difficult. We hope that will change and St. Nicholas will continue to be viable.

The new election procedures take effect this year and we are waiting for a guideline booklet from the National Philoptochos office. Six of our Metropolis Board members have been assigned as liaisons so each chapter will have someone available to answer questions and guide them through the process, if needed. The main change in the procedure is that those elected are not to be sworn into office until a chapter has been ratified. Election results are to be submitted within two weeks of the election.

The National Board members in our Metropolis have been assigned as liaisons to chapters for the St. Nicholas National Shrine at Ground Zero initiative. This is a monumental undertaking and the suggested donation of one hundred dollars from each Philoptochos member of concern. Each chapter will be contacted by a liaison to offer assistance and encouragement for the success of this initiative. It is imperative that each chapter president acknowledge gifts received from members. I will be sending a sample letter to each president in the near future with suggested guidelines. All monies collected at the local level should be documented and ONE check sent to our treasurer, Pat Ladas in Muskegon. Pat will then consolidate the funds and send ONE check to the National Philoptochos. The next collection period is January-March 2015 and funds submitted by April 15.

Budgets for each chapter should have been approved by their members in January. As we have done in the past, we encourage all chapters to put the Friends of the Metropolis as a line item in the budget along with National and Metropolis commitments. If you haven't done so already, it's not too late.

The National Philoptochos Board will have its first meeting of 2015 from January 22-24 in Coral Gables, Florida. The agenda is full so there will be no time to "play". As the meeting will have taken place after this article was due, I will report in the next issue of the Shepherd's Staff.



Youth News

By Eva Konstantakos

FIVE WAYS FOR YOUTH TO PREPARE FOR GREAT AND HOLY LENT

Great Lent can seem like an overwhelming time of year when it comes to our spiritual lives. It seems we have so much to work on: prayer, fasting, service, almsgiving, etc. But there is no need to get frustrated... just be prepared! Here are five simple ways to prepare for this important spiritual journey:

- 1) **Understand what Great and Holy Lent is all about!** – Check out the great Lenten information at www.lent.goarch.org. Talk to your parish priest. Make sure to attend the nearest Youth or Young Adult Lenten Retreat. Learning about Great Lent will make it a more meaningful and beneficial spiritual journey.
- 2) **Check your parish calendar for the Lenten services** – Most parishes post a schedule for the Lenten services well in advance. So, check that out! Also, consider planning a night where your youth/young adult group attends one of the Lenten services together. Afterward, plan a Lenten potluck or go out for a Lenten meal.
- 3) **Add “PRAYER” to your daily schedule and get a Prayer Book** – No, seriously! Actually write it down in your calendar or make a reminder on your smartphone. Prayer is an essential part of Orthodox Christian living and Great Lent is the perfect time to work on this discipline. Don't know how to pray or what to say? Go to your parish bookstore and get a prayer book to help you.
- 4) **Pick a book to read for Lent** – Talk to your parish priest about the books he might recommend for your Lenten reading! Make it a point to read this book instead of watching T.V., spending time on social media, or playing video games.
- 5) **Plan to fast** – Talk to your priest about what is appropriate and how to prepare. Go grocery shopping with your parents, encouraging them to purchase foods that are appropriate for the Fast. Making sure you have Lenten foods in the house will help you to be successful in following the Fast.

GOYO – GREEK ORTHODOX YOUTH OLYMPICS – GRAND RAPIDS, MI – JANUARY 31, 2015

Approximately 180 youth from Michigan, Indiana, and Windsor, Ontario gathered together to participate in the first Greek Orthodox Youth Olympics (GOYO). The event held Saturday, January 31, 2015 and was hosted by Holy Trinity Church in Grand Rapids, MI.

Youth participated in mixed Olympic teams rather than individual church teams. GOYO began with the Parade of Teams, lighting of the Kandyli, and a prayer. Teams competed in relay games, individual events, and full-team events. At the Apokriatiko Dinner/Dance, GOYO concluded with the Presentation of Medals and “Ethos” awards (given to an outstanding competitor from each team). We thank Fr. Nicholas Marcus and the Holy Trinity parish for hosting a wonderful event. A special thanks goes to Christy Buck and Esther Koukios who chaired and organized this event.



GOYO OPENING CEREMONY

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 13-15, 2015: GOYA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (Hosted by Annunciation Church/Dayton, OH)

FEBRUARY 28, 2015: UPSTATE NY GOYA LENTEN RETREAT (Hosted by Annunciation Church/Rochester, NY)

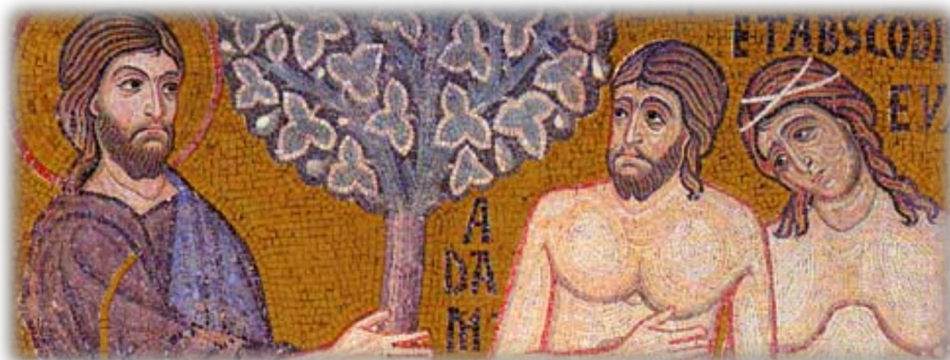
MARCH 7, 2015: MICHIGAN AREA GOYA LENTEN RETREAT (Hosted by St. Nicholas Church/Ann Arbor, MI)

MARCH 20-22, 2015: FALL CREEK FALLS LENTEN RETREAT (Hosted by Holy Trinity Church/Nashville, TN)

Mankind's Royal Priesthood and Creation

By Fr. Joseph Gingrich*

The first man Adam, like all men, was created in the image and likeness of God. He was called to live as a priest in Paradise. All of creation was given to him as a free gift. In return Adam was to offer creation back to God in thanksgiving and love. Unfortunately Adam chose to eat the forbidden fruit and at that very moment he abandoned his priestly vocation, and distorted his image and likeness towards God. Adam, through his God gifted self-



determination chose to be the first consumer and take God's creation and use it for his own selfish gratification.

The opposite of Adam is Noah. Noah acted as a priest when he built an altar out of obedience to God, and offered sacrifices which were pleasing to Him. The Lord was so delighted with Noah that he blessed him abundantly and promised him that He would never again curse creation. Noah's priestly sacrifices and blessings in thanksgiving to God for all that He had done was a partial reversal of the result of Adam's disobedience in Paradise.

By virtue of baptism all Orthodox Christians share in the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ. As royal priests we assemble facing the altar in our parishes to worship the Most Holy Trinity within the sacrifice of the Divine Liturgy. During the Divine Liturgy we take two fruits of creation, bread and wine, and we offer them back to God in love. In return God the Son blesses us by manifesting Himself perfectly into them, and they become Holy Communion. While the bread and wine truly become the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ, they also symbolically represent creation, and the need for all of creation to be perfected through Christ. While Paradise was distorted through Adam, it has been regained through Christ, and at the end of time creation will again be eternal and without death.

The vocation in life of every Orthodox Christian is to grow more into God's image and likeness by participating in His uncreated love and sharing this love with all. A natural result of this process of perfection will be that creation will be cared for because the more a person grows in the image and likeness of God, the more he realizes that creation is a gift to be utilized for spiritual growth. As Christians we must steep our lives in the image and likeness of God. We must elevate them and the natural world to the Divine. We must take our lives and all of creation and offer them back to God in Thanksgiving. The word Eucharist itself means Thanksgiving. In this Mystery par excellence of the Church we take wheat/bread and grapes/wine and offer them back to God and by so doing we actualize our royal priesthood and become partakers through grace of His Divine Nature.

To be royal priests of God's creation and Kingdom means we nurture one another and creation. It means we build up God's Kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven." The earth should reflect the Kingdom of Heaven, and where it does not it is due to our own fallen human nature and sinfulness. Other people, the animals, and everything that breathes and lives needs our love and care. We should all shudder to think of an earth which no longer produces wheat, wine, water, and oil for the Sacraments of God. Because of human environmental abuse people go hungry, soils are depleted and poisoned, water is unsafe to drink; and there is seemingly no end currently in sight to the man made destruction of this sacred planet which does not belong to us, the government, or any corporation. No one can own the natural world except God, and God alone. And as God did not create us or the world to die we must also not kill others or the created world which has been so graciously gifted to us. We are gifts to one another and the earth is a gift to all.

When our Saviour became a man He took flesh from His most pure Mother our Lady. This flesh came from the earth. The very first miracle Christ performed was to take the most fundamental element of creation, water, and turn it into wine. When Christ made a blind man see He took His own spittle and mixed it with dirt and anointed him. This clay was made from the earth. At the Mystical Supper Christ took bread and wine and transformed them into His own Body and Blood imbued with His Divinity. Christ was crucified for us on a tree so that we can be partakers of eternal life. God saves and sanctifies us through the elements of His creation. Because of this reality we must do all that we can to protect, sustain, and nurture the earth for the sacred gift that it is. By so doing we actualize the gift of Christ's royal priesthood not only in our lives and the lives of others, but throughout all of creation too. We are called not to be consumers of creation, rather as the modern Elder Cleopa of Romania would say, "Paradise is to consume us".

*Fr. Joseph Gingrich is currently serving at the Panagia Pantovasilissa Church in Lexington, Kentucky.

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His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas

Ann Arbor, MI – St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish
St. Nicholas Philoptochos
Kotsis, Fr. Nicolaos and
Presbytera Sandra
Paul, Presbytera 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
Mitropoulos-Rundus, David and
Demetra
Phan, Sem and Katherine
Polopolos, Holly
Radwanski, Kurt and Sophia Grias
Yates, Billy and Margaret

Battle Creek, MI –

Sts. Constantine and Helen Chapel

Sts. Constantine and Helen Chapel

Binghamton, NY – Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish

Bloomfield Hills, MI – St. George

Abell, Deacon Christopher and
Diakonissa Alice
Bouchar, Barsoum and Joanna
Challis, Sylvia
Iakovides, Dimitri
Pamel, Esther
Pappas, John and Stella
Sislock, Stella
Sisson, Rocky and Connie
Tsouris, Mary

Buffalo, NY – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Youth Council
Christakis, Fr. Christos and
Presbytera Lisa
Kallis, Fr. Perikles and
Presbytera Cassandra
Anas, Alexandros and Tina
Apostolakos, John M.
Bechakas, Nick and Gina
Blakeslee, Ronald and Maria
Cervi, Brian and Lea
Couvutsakis, Paul and Linda
Ganioidis, Barbara
Jousma, Thomas and Ellene
Koutsandreas, Milton
Kuvshinoff, Boris and Barbara
Mellas, Constantine and Beth
Pavlakis, Peter and Elizabeth
Rossiter, Michael and Ann
Skaros, Nikolaos and JoAnn
Surlas, Virginia
Veanes, Angelo A.

Carmel, IN – Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Holy Trinity Choir

Bartz, Fr. William and
Presbytera Emily
Mamalis, Presbytera Janet
Andros, Cheryl
Antonopoulos, Dean
Apostoles, Stacey E.
Bagios, Jim and Marika
Bakas, James and Tamilyn
Baker, Dan J.
Batalis, Melanie
Bekas, Kathy Michalaris
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, Dennis
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, Tola
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
Spirison, Andrew and Michelle
Theohares, Nick and Anne
Tom, Matt
Tridico, Andy and Kristina
Vitsas, Constantine
Vitsas, James, Jonathan,
and Vanessa
Vitsas, Sandra
Woodruff, Jim and Cindy
Young, Michael and Helen
Young, Steven and Irene
Zeheralis, Gail

Chattanooga, TN – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Annunciation Choir
Ballas, Fr. Stavros and
Presbytera Thea
Awala, Berih and Akberet Hadgu
Ballas, Aspasia
Bougdanos, Maria
Bouloukas, Dino and Maria
Dimopoulos, Dennis and Barbara
Dimopoulos, George and Brigitte
Etherton, Wayne and Yolanda
Fotiadis, Nicky
Fox, Ann
Gulas, Venetia
Hopper, Richard and Chrisi
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
Mousourakis, John and Donna –
In Memory of Tom Zaferes
Pagnani, Anthony and Irene
Petros, Kathy Maria
Ramsey, Karen
Tigiros, Elias and Sharon
Tolbert, John and Janice
Trohanis, Bill
Vassiliev, Mikhail
Zotos, Alexander and Jennifer

Cincinnati, OH –

Holy Trinity – St. Nicholas

Holy Trinity–St. Nicholas Philoptochos
Holy Trinity – St. Nicholas GOYA
Redmon, Fr. William and
Presbytera Elizabeth
Apostolides, Vasso
Assaley, Lewis and Patricia
Beltsos, Sam – Price Hill Chili
Brown, William
Carey, Efstratia
Carumpalos, Constantine
Fekkos, Haralambos and Loella
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

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Emroll, Fr. Mark and
Presbytera Ginny
Accu-Grind and Manufacturing Co.
Bambakidis, Gust and Elli
Castleman, Maria
Gustin, Eileen
Jannides, Michael
Kakas, Berdi
Moraites, John
Valassiades, John and Evanthia

Detroit, MI – Annunciation Cathedral

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

Elmira, NY – St. Athanasios

St. Athanasios Parish
Scott, Fr. Richard
Greven, Peter

Farmington Hills, MI – Holy Cross

Holy Cross Parish
Holy Cross Philoptochos
Holy Cross GOYA
Hountalas, Fr. Dean and
Presbytera 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
Power, Edward and Maria
Rafaill, 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
Maggos, Fr. Angelo and
Presbytera Teri
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, Chrysaifis G.
Politis, George and Rita
Potsos, Emanouil
Steinhoff, Georgia
Yeofis, Catherine

Grand Rapids, MI – Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish
Marcus, Fr. Nicholas and
Presbytera Liza
Bogdan, Fr. James and
Presbytera 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
Dimitriou, Angelo and Patsy
Fotieo, Themis and Linda
Karatsinides, Spiro and Paulette
Kroondyk, Henry and Anna
Missler, Stephen and Maria
Monoyios, Terry and Akrivi
Nicholas, James and Georgia
Pena, Francisco and Kellie Stathas
Petricevic, Mark and Ljiljana
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

St. Catherine Parish
Parthenakis, Fr. Thomas and
Presbytera Cathy
Bantuvanlis, Ann

Bezirgianian, John
Lambrou, Gus and Family

Jamestown, NY – St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish
Zervos, Fr. George and
Presbytera Anne
Cheronis, James and Christine
Getska, Thomas
Giopulos, John and Shirley
Marano, Anthony and Nancy

Kalamazoo, MI – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Theoharis, Fr. Theoharis
Cavas, Anastasia
Doe, Joseph and Alice
Ingalls, Bob and Andriana
Quinn, Patrick and Sophia
Stamos, Peter

Lansing, MI – Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Sietsema, Fr. Mark and
Presbytera Katherine
Anonymous
Brown, Alex and Mary
Evanoff-Joseph, Yvonne
Farran, Richard and Pamela
Frangos, Philip and Tula
Gavrilides, Nick and Dana
Gavrilis, Dimitrios and Jane Arnold
Heos, Pamela
Hillary, Charles
Karagoulis, Michael and Lynne
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Shuff, Charles
Simatacolos, James and Christine
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Marquette, MI – Assumption

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Memphis, TN – Annunciation

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McCormick, Donald and Mary Lou

Muskegon, MI – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
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Honeycutt, Fr. James and
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Yankopoulos, Presbytera Ann
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Afendulis, James
Afendulis, Phyllis G.
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Karis, Othon and Kristi
Keat, Peppy
Ladas, Paul and Patricia
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Soimar, Michael

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Holy Trinity Parish
Hohnholt, Fr. Gregory and
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Gaddis, Thoma and Carrie
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Demetriou, Cleo
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In Memory of Presbyteria Angela B. Sarelis
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Presbyteria Peggy
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Kelso, Ronald and Constance
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Metropoulos, Pete and Maria
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Ostler, Dennis
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Minton, Nicholas
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Poulos, George and Marika
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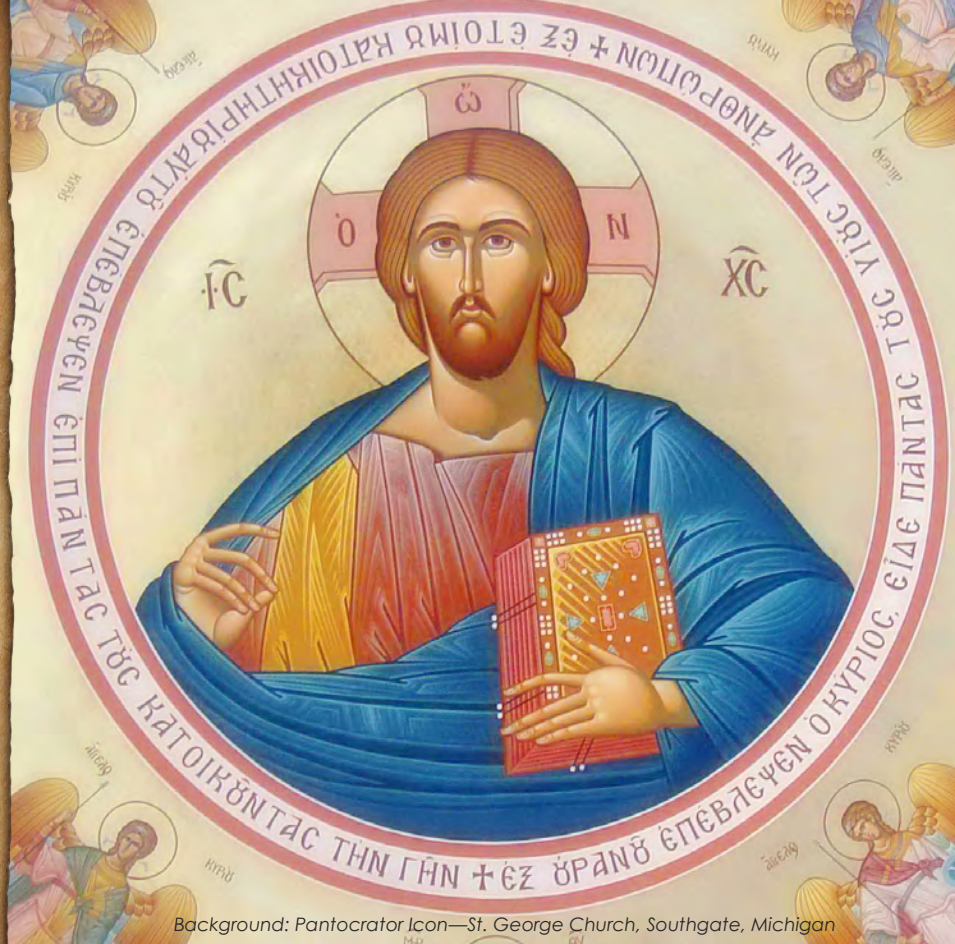
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