



# The Shepherd's Staff

## Metropolitan Nicholas' Message...

*Beloved Faithful,*

One of the great joys of the summer season is that most of us can look forward to a few days of relaxation with our families, leaving behind the day to day worries of our homes and jobs. It seems that summer is virtually synonymous with 'vacation' for many of us.

While it is certainly our paternal desire that you have an opportunity to spend some restful and relaxing time with your families - in between all the 'special' projects that most of us seem to find for this period - it is still our prayer that you and your families will not take a vacation from the House of God.

While many of the regular programs and ministries in a parish may take a holiday during the summer months, the Sunday liturgical worship of the Church is a blessed opportunity for us to keep our lives focused on the presence of God in our lives throughout the year.

Please know that this summer we are planning to begin moving our Offices from the historic Diocese Home on Renfrew Road to

the new Metropolitan Office located in Troy, Michigan. I apologize in advance if we are not able to answer all your phone calls during this period. When we have finished our move, we will certainly look forward to assisting you from our new headquarters.

As we extend our best wishes to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew on his recent nameday, we also extend to you our best wishes for the summer months, and look forward to greeting you with Archbishop Demetrios at our Clergy-Laity and Philoptochos Metropolitan Assembly in Nashville on June 18-20.

With paternal prayers and love,



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**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE METROPOLITAN'S SCHEDULE APRIL, 2003**

- 4/1- 4/2 Holy Eparchial Synod - New York City
- 4/3-4/5 Archdiocesan Council Meeting - Washington D.C.,
- 4/6 Sunday of St. John Climakos St. Nicholas Church, Troy, MI
- 4/11 Akathist Hymn Holy Trinity Church, Indianapolis, IN
- 4/13 Sunday of St. Mary the Egyptian Orthros and Liturgy Holy Trinity Church, Indianapolis, IN
- 4/15-4/16 Meeting for Metropolitan Clergy Laity-Nashville, TN
- 4/20 Palm Sunday Orthros and Liturgy Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas Church, Cincinnati, OH
- 4/20 First Bridegroom Service Panagia Pantovasilissa Church, Lexington, KY
- 4/21 Holy Monday-Second

- Bridegroom Service - Annunciation Church, Dayton, OH
  - 4/22 Holy Tuesday-Third Bridegroom Service Sts. Constantine and Helen Church, Middletown, OH
  - 4/23 Holy Wednesday-Holy Unction Service Holy Trinity Church, Fort Wayne, IN
  - 4/24 Holy Thursday-Twelve Gospels Service Saint George Church, Bloomfield Hills, MI
  - 4/25 Good Friday Service-Annunciation Cathedral, Detroit, MI
  - 4/26 Holy Saturday Morning-Orthros and Liturgy Assumption Church, St. Clair Shores, MI
  - 4/26 Holy Resurrection Service and Divine Liturgy Saint John the Baptist Church, Sterling Heights, MI
  - 4/27 Easter Sunday Agape Service Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church-Plymouth, MI
  - 4/28 St. George Vespers Liturgy - Bloomfield Hills, MI
  - 4/29 Executive Council Meeting - Metropolis of Detroit
- MAY, 2003**
- 5/1-5/8 Ordination of Metropolitan Epiphanius Ecumenical Patriarchate, Constantinople
  - 5/9 Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos Meeting Detroit, MI
  - 5/10 Metropolis of Detroit Oratorical Festival St. John the Baptist Church-Sterling Heights, MI
  - 5/13 - 5/14 Clergy Syndesmos Meeting Grand Rapids, MI
  - 5/20-5/21 Vespers and Liturgy for Sts. Constantine and Helen, Westland, MI
  - 5/25 Pastoral Visit, Holy Spirit - Rochester, NY

## Youth News

By Nick Kotsis-Youth Director

Send your kids to one of the 3 Greek Orthodox Summer Camps in the Metropolis of Detroit! There is no better opportunity for them to learn about their faith, make friends with other Orthodox Christians, and enjoy God's creation than by leaving behind their TV's, video games, and computers and attending one of these camps.

At the Clergy-Laity Conference in Nashville, the Youth Committee, among other issues, will be discussing forming regional committees to help with the youth work at the parishes. These regions are currently defined as the Upstate New York, Metro, Central, and Southern Districts. All of us, through our various gifts and talents, should be able to give assistance to youth ministry, a vital component of the Church's ministry in general. Please speak to your parish priest or contact the Metropolis Youth Office if you are interested in helping with youth work at the parish or District level — (313)864-7989 or [detroityouth@hotmail.com](mailto:detroityouth@hotmail.com).

## Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp - Rose City, MI

By Dean Niforos

The "Detroit Diocese Summer Camp" (DDSC), is finalizing camper registration, staff recruitment and preparations for the upcoming summer. Weeks for the 2003 camp season are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> week: July 6-12, 2<sup>nd</sup> week: July 13-19, 3<sup>rd</sup> week: July 20-26, 4<sup>th</sup> week: July 27-Aug. 2, 5<sup>th</sup> week: Aug. 3-9. As of June 5<sup>th</sup>, over 300 camper "weeks" had been registered. While some weeks do close each year, there is always room in other weeks for any late registrations. Please con-

tact the camp office at (248) 269-9130 for information.

Throughout each week, campers participate in Orthodox life, swimming lessons, arts & crafts, Greek culture, and a variety of exciting program activities. One highlight of this year will be to obtain the input of the campers and staff to determine a new name for the camp. Since the Diocese was elevated to a Metropolis in December, it only makes sense to change the name from

"Detroit Diocese Summer Camp."

With the outstanding administrative staff and counselors who will be serving throughout the summer, and hundreds of young campers, we anticipate yet another outstanding summer filled with faith, friendship, and fun! Look for pictures from this summer which will be posted on a weekly basis on our website ([www.detroit.goarch.org/ddsc](http://www.detroit.goarch.org/ddsc)).

## Metropolis Oratorical Festival

By Presbytera Thea Ballas

You only have 3 to 5 minutes. You must be concise. You must display confidence and good posture. All eyes are upon you, including the judges'. You may be thinking this is some type of sporting event. With great emphasis on interscholastic sports, we often overlook what some of our youth are accomplishing in the parishes. The ability to deliver an original speech and to be judged on its content and delivery is no easy undertaking. A most rewarding challenge, the Archdiocese ministry known as the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, provides our youth the invaluable opportunity to do just that and grow as an Orthodox Christian in the process.

This year the Metropolis of Detroit St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival was held at **St. John Church in Sterling Heights, MI** on May 10, 2003. This year's winners are as follows: **Junior Division:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place **Constance Taras**, Holy Trinity, Nashville, TN; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place **Crist Stilianos**, St. Nicholas, Troy, MI; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place **Penelope Filyo**, St. George, Southgate, MI; Honorable Mention: **Adrianna Alley**, Annunciation, Little Rock, AR; **Christina Abboud**, Annunciation, Dayton, OH; and **Reem Habash**, Sts. Constantine & Helen, Middletown, OH. **Senior Division:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Nicholas Moniodis**, St. Nicholas, Ann Arbor, MI; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Theresa Mellas**, Annunciation, Buffalo, NY; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **James Munk**, Holy Trinity, Lansing, MI; Honorable Mention: **Nicole Alex** and **Sia Zois**, Annunciation, Dayton, OH; and **Laura Meti** and **Athena Pappas**, Annunciation, Little Rock, AR. (Continued on page 3)

## Youth Activities Calendar

**June 17-20** – Metropolitan Clergy-Laity

**June 26-29**—GOYA/JOY retreat—Memphis, TN

**July 17-20** St. Nicholas Church – Troy, MI – MEFGOX Choir Convention

**DDSC – Rose City, MI –**

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5<sup>th</sup> week – August 3-9.

**Metropolis of Detroit Southern Camp – Louisville, KY – July 27-August 2**

**St. Timothy's Summer Camp – Upstate NY – August 15-22**

**Sept. 26-28** - Southern retreat and camp promotion — Little Rock, AR

*Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "I pray for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You: that they also be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one."*

**John, 17 : 1,9,16-23**

## Metropolis of Detroit Sweeps at Archdiocesan Oratorical Festival

Nicholas Moniodis, senior division participant, and Constance Taras, junior division participant, each took 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Archdiocesan (National) Oratorical Festival in Denver, CO, on June 6-8.

Nicholas Moniodis is from St. Nicholas Church in Ann Arbor, MI, and his presentation was "How does the Orthodox faith direct your conviction about the ethical questions currently being debated about genetic research?" Nicholas graduated from Salem High School the day after the Oratorical Festival competition in Denver and will be attending Eastern Michigan University in the fall. Nicholas won the junior division at the Diocesan and Archdiocesan (National) levels in 2000.

Constance Taras is from Holy Trinity Church in Nashville, TN. Her presentation was entitled, "How does the parable of the Good Samaritan affect your behavior?" Constance is a 9<sup>th</sup> grader, has excelled academically, and has been participating in the Oratorical Festival for 3 years. In 2001, Constance participated in the Diocese of Detroit Oratorical Festival.



Participants in the Metropolis of Detroit Oratorical Festival (from left to right): Adrianna Alley (Little Rock, AR), Christina Abboud (Dayton, OH), Theresa Mellas (Buffalo, NY), Sia Zois (Dayton, OH), Nicole Alex (Dayton, OH), Nicholas Moniodis— Senior Division National winner (Ann Arbor, MI), His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, Constance Taras - Junior Division National winner (Nashville, TN), Laura Meti (Little Rock, AR), James Munk (Lansing, MI), Athena Pappas (Little Rock, AR), Penelope Filyo (Southgate, MI), Reem Habash (Middletown, OH), and Crist Stilianos (Troy, MI).

### Philoptochos News By Katherine Kotsis, President

On Mother's Day we recognize the Mother of mothers, the Odigitria, the shower of the way who points us to Christ. Christ, Who is the Lover of mankind, has taught us that if we feed the hungry, dress the naked, attend the ill, we do these things for Him, also. In this manner Philoptochos imitates Christ in helping children who are hospitalized. This is our goal. Philoptochos members, whether they are young or elderly, single or married, are all mothers. As a mother loves, nurtures and

cares for her child, likewise Philoptochos members also have a profound love for the well-being of children, especially those who are ill and those in need.

Following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 11, (Sunday of the Myrr-bearers and Mother's Day), the St. George Philoptochos of Southgate hosted a beautiful luncheon in honor of Mother's Day, the proceeds of which benefit the National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon. There were over 200 in attendance. Mistress of ceremonies,

Jan Poulos, spoke on her experience and perceptions, from a personal point of view, with critically ill children — as did Council President Nicholas Minton. His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas spoke on the importance of the Children's Medical Luncheon, and Father Karamanos also gave us an overview on the works of Philoptochos. The afternoon ended with the children's dance troupe performing authentic Greek dances.

#### St. Demetrios – Saginaw, Michigan

Philoptochos members recently listened to Dr. Risty Kalevas speak on the topic of "Women and Heart Attacks." During this

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