



The Shepherd's Staff

Metropolitan Nicholas' Message...

Beloved Faithful,
 CHRIST IS RISEN!
 ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the Triumph of the Church! As simple as this is to say, the meaning and implications of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ—perfect God and perfect Man—stretch as high as the heavens are above us, and reach to the deepest abyss of the earth. The *entire* race of humanity, *all* the earth, and indeed, the *whole* of the universe is made anew.

This new creation, the new life we are given, is made manifest in the Church. As the Body of Christ, the Church secures for us, its members, all of the promises and blessings of the Lord our God.

It is through the Church that the people of God, filled with the Holy Spirit, perfect their gifts as they strive to do the will of God. It is through the Church that the Good News is spread and taught rightly. It is through the Church, that people can partake of Jesus Christ, in a real and personal way, receiving the "Bread of Life" as we remember Christ's sacrifice each and every Sunday through Holy Communion.

Christ's Resurrection is the triumph of the Church because as the bride of Christ, the Church is made Holy, so that all her members might achieve union with God

through her Bridegroom, Jesus Christ.

As we enter this most sacred and joyous season, we remember that all of our efforts, endeavors, and work in the Church are directed with one particular focus in mind — t h a t uniquely Christian truth— that *salvation, eternal life, and union with God* is ours through the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

"O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (1Cor 15:55-58)

With Paternal blessings in the Risen Lord, I remain,

Metropolitan Nicholas



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE METROPOLITAN'S SCHEDULE

MARCH, 2003

- 3/1- 3/2 - Pastoral Visit, Annunciation Church-Muskegon, MI
- 3/14-First Salutations to the Virgin Mary, Assumption Church, St. Clair Shores, MI
- 3/15-Great Vespers for the Sunday of Orthodoxy, St. George, Southgate, MI
- 3/16-Sunday of Orthodoxy Orthros and Divine Liturgy, Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, Plymouth, MI
- 3/18-Clergy Syndesmos Meeting Annunciation Cathedral, Detroit, MI
- 3/21-Second Salutations to the Virgin Mary, St. Nicholas, Ann Arbor, MI
- 3/23-Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas Orthros and Divine Liturgy, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Toledo, OH
- 3/24-3/25-Vespers and Liturgy for the Annunciation, Annunciation Cathedral, Detroit, MI
- 3/25-Mass of Rededication Sacred Heart Cathedral, Catholic Archdio-

- cese, Detroit, MI
- 3/27-Religious Leaders Forum Meeting, Detroit
- 3/28-Third Salutations to the Virgin Mary, Ss. Constantine and Helen Church, Westland, MI
- 3/30-Sunday of the Holy Cross Orthros and Divine Liturgy, Ss. Constantine and Helen Church, Westland, MI
- 3/30-Greek Independence Day Parade and Doxology Detroit, MI

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, Troy, MI
- 4/11-Akathist Hymn, Holy Trinity Church, Indianapolis
- 4/13-Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt Orthros and Liturgy, Holy Trinity Church, Indianapolis, IN
- 4/15-4/16-Meeting for Metropolis Clergy Laity-Nashville
- 4/19-4/20-Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday Orthros and Liturgy, Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas, Cincinnati, OH

Youth News

By Nick Kotsis-Youth Director

Many thanks to all of the young people, chaperones, workers, and supporters of the youth events the last several weeks. Thanks to their dedication, we had successful retreats and lock-ins at: Holy Trinity Church, Fort Wayne (Lent), Fall Creek Falls, TN – through Holy Trinity Church – Nashville (Lent), Holy Spirit Church, Rochester (relationships and sexuality), Holy Cross Church, Farmington (Friendship), and Annunciation Church, Vestal (starting youth programs at a parish – see you at camp, Vestal!!).

Don't forget to sign up for one of the Metropolis' three summer camps: Detroit Diocese Summer Camp – Rose City, MI (www.detroit.goarch.org/ddsc), St. Timothy's Summer Camp – Upstate, NY (contact ChrisTzetzis@Gallinger.com. Email to: Tzetzis@Gallinger.com or call the St. Sophia Church office at (315)446-5222 see you there Vestal!!) and the Metropolis of Detroit Southern Camp (contact the Metropolitan Youth Office at (313)864-7989 or at detroityouth@hotmail.com). All of them could use help with staff and counselors as well!

St. Timothy's Summer Camp - Upstate NY

By James Kazakis, Camper, Saint Sophia Church, Syracuse, NY

Summer time. No school. Vacation. Parties. This is what people think of when school finally ends. Time to relax, to chill with friends and eventually get ready for school again, but for the GOYAN's in upstate New York, the thought of school doesn't come into play until camp is over.

It is agreed by many GOYANs that camp is the most memorable event of the summer. The GOYANs of upstate NY attend St. Timothy's Greek Orthodox Camp. We relocated our camp a few times in the past few years - from Watson Homestead in Corning, NY to St. Basil's Academy on the Hudson River. Last year our camp director Fr. Thomas Zaferes of Syracuse, NY, decided to try out Camp Oswegatchie near Croghan, NY, in the Adirondacks State Forest. The planned discussion theme for the week of camp was creation. What better place to discuss the creation

of the Earth than on the shore of a beautiful lake surrounded completely by nature.

This was the first camp that I attended without electricity. My male friends and I didn't mind so much, but the girls...were slightly worried. The main issue of the week was "how am I gonna blow dry my hair?" Regardless, there was so much to do this year at camp that no one even had time to realize that we hadn't watched TV in a week. This camp offers more than twenty five completely different activities from capture the flag, horseback riding, to the 500 foot zip line, that anyone can do. Even my good friend Nick Kotsis can do it. The best way to direct youth is to experience what the youth actually go through in their everyday life, including a zip line. A portion of each day was spent on Orthodox Life, which is a variety of lessons and church services. Orthros and Vespers

were celebrated each day, the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, and confession was available to all the campers. An altar table and icon screen were even made to turn one of the meeting cabins into beautiful chapel in the woods.

No matter where you live, try to attend a church camp this summer. The experience at camp offers you the chance to make new friends including the counselors as well as the campers. You learn many things from the priests, and you establish memories that will never be lost.

If you have any questions regarding camp, please contact camp director Chris T z e t z i s a t : ChrisTzetzis@Gallinger.com. Email to : Tzetzis@Gallinger.com or contact the St. Sophia Church office at (315)446-5222. Hope to see you August 15-22.

Youth Activities Calendar

May 9-10 – St. John Church – Sterling Heights, MI – Metropolitan Oratorical Festival

May 16-17 – Ss. Constantine and Helen Church – Middletown, OH – Lock-In – Relationships and Sexuality

May 19-21 – Denver, CO – National Youth Director's Conference

May 31 – DDSC – Rose City, MI – Staff Orientation

June 8 – Denver, CO – National Oratorical Festival

June 17-20 – Metropolitan Clergy-Laity

July 17-20 St. Nicholas Church – Troy, MI –

MEFGOX Choir Convention

DDSC – Rose City, MI –

1st week – July 6-12,

2nd week – July 13-19,

3rd week – July 20-26,

4th week – July 27-August 2,

5th 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 (see you there Vestal!!)

"When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands... O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth!" Psalm 8:3-6, 9

Freedom Celebrated

Third Annual Greek Independence Parade

By Joan DeRonne

Despite the unusually cold day, thousands of Greek-Americans and friends participated in our Metropolis Greek Independence Day observance. Not only did the parade commemorate the freedom of Greeks from tyranny under the Ottoman empire, but our American freedom was recognized and celebrated as well.

The entire Parade Committee, under the Co-Chairmanship of George Reganis and Tom Christy, are to be congratulated for their efforts and year-long planning. Many dignitaries joined His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas in leading the parade with the Detroit Police Department Color Guard. Our churches and Hellenic organizations were well represented with several dance groups and even a marching band this year.

Hearts were warmed with the opening Doxology by Metropolitan Nicholas and with the Detroit Metropolis Choir singing the American, Canadian and Greek national anthems.

Dr. Ken Walters, Wayne State University Department Chair of Classics, in a note to Mr. Reganis, summarizes the expression

of gratitude received from many members of the community for the outstanding parade:

Congratulations to you and your committee on a very great success and on a superb celebration of the Hellenic spirit and its ever renewing vitality. Please convey these words to them.

His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas, spoke for us all today with his eloquent words.

The dancers and the musicians were outstanding. Best of all, for me personally, were the children, but I compliment all these wonderful performers on their fine performances, and their devotion to and love of their great heritage. It warmed the heart no matter what the temperature.

Visit the web site www.malista.net for exciting parade photos, a listing of the committee and details of the program, and acknowledgments of those who supported and made the event possible.

To next year.....!

Anyone wishing to serve on the committee contact your parish priest to represent your church or Hellenic organization or call the Metropolis office, 313-864-5433.

Philoptochos News

By Katherine Kotsis, President

Philoptochos is part of the Church body. The Metropolis of Detroit has approximately 1,750 Philoptochos members covering seven States. These members volunteer their time and talents to fill the philanthropic needs of our Holy Church. The word "volunteer" means to give, to donate, to offer, to undertake responsibility, to offer oneself of a service of his own free will. What a tremendous challenge! What motivates women to become Philoptochos members? The innate desire and love to serve and assist our brothers and sisters.

As Philoptochos members, it is our duty and obligation to help the needy, the destitute, the sick, the hungry, the aged, the lonely, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters; to undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church and to serve our Holy Orthodox Church.

To accomplish this, our organization has developed many ways of helping such programs as the Cardiac and Cancer Funds, Social Services, Children's Medical Fund, IOCC, St. Basil's Academy, and Hellenic College-Holy Cross, to name a few. Many chapters have developed and are engaged in outreach pro-

jects such as assisting in the feeding and clothing of the homeless, holiday baskets for the needy, assisting children's hospitals and shut-ins, providing books and other supplies for underprivileged children, and assisting handicapped and domestic abuse programs, again, just to name a few.

We express and validate our faith through our works. James 2:14-18 reads: "What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,' but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith, and I have works.' Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works."

St. George - Southgate, Michigan

St. George Philoptochos members are actively involved in many endeavors. Frequent visitations are made to those in hospitals. Christmas and Easter baskets of assorted gifts and flowers are distributed to those in nursing homes and to shut-ins. Philoptochos

sponsors the annual Macaronatha, Feather Party and Palm Sunday luncheon. On Sunday, May 11, Philoptochos will be hosting a Mother's Day luncheon. Proceeds from this luncheon will benefit the National Children's Medical Fund Luncheon. Tickets are \$10.00 for those interested in attending.

National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon - November 1, 2003, Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn, Michigan

The goals and plans for the Luncheon are progressing smoothly and rapidly. The following Metropolis hospitals serving children will be the grant recipients of this luncheon: Children's Hospital of Buffalo Foundation - Buffalo, New York; Riley Hospital for Children - Indianapolis, Indiana; Children's Hospital - Cincinnati, Ohio; Children's Hospital of Michigan - Detroit, Michigan; C.S. Mott Children's Hospital - University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The success of the luncheon depends on the dedication and teamwork of our Philoptochos members. We need and ask for your support with the underwriting of expenses such as printing and postage. All donors will be listed in our Luncheon program book. Please make checks payable to the National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon-2003, and mail to Mrs. Maria Stavropoulos, Luncheon General Chairperson, 1210 Watercliff Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302.

MEFGOX News
 By Chris Zervos, President

Rev. Fr. Mark Enroll and the Annunciation parish in Dayton, OH served as the hospitable hosts for the spring Executive Board meeting and district rehearsal of the Mid-Eastern Federation of Church Musicians on March 29th. District Supervisor Wendy Boucuvalas was the meeting coordinator. Singers from 11 parishes attended the District Rehearsal conducted by George S. Raptis.

Federation officers heard plans of the 56th Annual Convention scheduled for July 17-20. Convention Chairman Patti Chalker and her committee from the St. Nicholas parish in Troy, MI offered

details. A State of MI theme will be used for the social events.

Officers also discussed the Federation's participation in the Metropolis of Detroit Clergy Laity conference (June 18-20). Our goal is to inform clergy and lay leaders on the activities of the Mid-Eastern Federation and the National Forum. Further, we will present a youth workshop, which includes church music for parish children structured on the Summer of the Arts model developed at Holy Trinity in Toledo. Federation members will remain in Nashville to host a workshop for local Orthodox

choirs on easy-to Greek and English choral settings. Funding for this Church Music Institute will be provided by National Forum and Leadership 100. The Federation's next Council meeting will be held May 17th at the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery in Hayesville, OH.

Graduating high school students who will pursue advanced musical training at the college level may now apply for a Federation scholarship by contacting Dan Packis (440.937.9531 or e-mail dgreek@en.com). The Federation's Memorial Scholarship Fund awards will be awarded at the annual Convention.

Archimandrite Epiphanius Perialas Elected Metropolitan

On April 12th, the V. Rev. Archimandrite Epiphanius Perialas was unanimously elected as the first Metropolitan of the newly established Metropolis of Spain and Portugal.

Throughout his life, Metropolitan-Elect Epiphanius has had a love of learning and education, and a deep love and commitment to the Holy Orthodox Church. He attended Cornell University, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, and also attended Fordham University's Graduate School of Education. Later, he began his doctoral work in Speech Education at Syracuse University and also attended the Institute for Education Management at the Harvard University School of Business. In 1983 he published the work, "St. John Chrysostom: Theorist and Practitioner" and is currently working on another publication that will be entitled, "An Aristotelian View of St. John

Chrysostom's Easter Sermon." He was Assistant Professor of Speech Communication at Ithaca College (Ithaca, NY) from 1967-1985 and Vice President for Student and Campus Affairs from 1973-1977.

From the time of his graduation from Holy Cross in 1959, he has lovingly served the Orthodox Church in many capacities. He was the Youth Director, Choir Director, and English Homilist for the Transfiguration Church in Corona, NY, and a cantor and Greek school teacher for St. Sophia Church in Syracuse. In 1984 he was ordained to the Priesthood. Since then, he has served many of the parishes in upstate New York, including the parishes in Ithaca, Watertown, Buffalo, Jamestown, Syracuse, Rochester, and Vestal. At the Metropolitan level, he has aided Metropolitan Nicholas by serving the parishes in Troy, MI, Dayton, OH, and

was currently serving in St. Clair Shores, MI upon his election. He greatly assisted the Metropolis during the pastoral visit of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in the fall of 2000. Furthermore, he has helped His Eminence Metropolitan Nikitas of Hong Kong in various capacities the last few years.

Metropolitan-Elect Epiphanius is well known throughout our Metropolis and has served the Church with zeal and vigor for many years. Though we will all miss him here in the Metropolis of Detroit, we are secure in the knowledge that the Holy Spirit will guide him as he shepherds Christ's flock in the Metropolis of Spain and Portugal towards the realization of the Good News of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To our beloved Metropolitan-Elect Epiphanius, ΠΑΝΤΑ ΑΞΙΟΣ!

How Can I Help? You are the success of the Friends of the Metropolis Campaign. We appreciate your faithful and continued love and support for the Church and our Metropolis. Please consider your ability to help us meet the needs of the Metropolis. Make a decision to commit yourself as a Friend of the Metropolis.

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