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Photo: Gus Stroplos

Photo: Metropolitan Nicholas with clergy of the Metropolis attending the Clergy-Laity Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.

REFLECTION

"I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. (...) If anyone loves Me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him." (John 14:6, 23)

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Metropolitan's Message

Beloved Family in Christ,

Having finished our Clergy-Laity Assembly and Philoptochos Conference a few weeks ago in Cincinnati, I am pleased to have this opportunity to address you with a few after-thoughts.

At the outset, I would express my appreciation to all those who attended this important gathering of our Metropolis. The turnout was certainly among our highest for this event -- and the number of people who attended the Grand Banquet honoring our Metropolis Lay People was a blessing. Our kudos go out to the Cincinnati community which oversaw this important Metropolis-wide meeting.

Likewise, I was grateful for the presence and comments of Archbishop Demetrios, who particularly noted with paternal appreciation that the participants remained at the banquet during the testimonial honors to our lay people. You demonstrated a respect

for yourselves and each other that was noticed by all.

Many of our faithful have also commented on the Bible Study led by our Archbishop -- he is truly a remarkable scholar and we are proud of his paternal wisdom and leadership.

I am also appreciative of the increased attendance and participation that has occurred in our Learning Sessions. The five clergy who led these sessions had an opportunity to be known in a unique way by our parishes and our Church family. They all presented information and engaged in dialogue about our faith which uplifted the Metropolis. Thank you to the clergy presenters and the attendees.

Thank you and congratulations to all for a Clergy-Laity and Philoptochos Conference that was well-done.

God bless you all,

+METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS

Metropolitan's Schedule

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

October

- 6 *Holy Trinity Parish Visitation*
- 8—9 *Meeting with Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver*
- 13 *Hierarchical Divine Liturgy*
Wedding of Eva Kokinos & Sarantos Konstantakos
- 14 *COLUMBUS DAY—OFFICE CLOSED*
- 15—18 *Holy Eparchial Synod & Archdiocesan Council Meeting*
- 20 *Divine Liturgy*
- 26 *Wedding of Aubrey Catanach & Stelianos Elenis*
- 27 *Hierarchical Divine Liturgy Guest Homilist*

Holy Trinity Church—Grand Rapids, MI
 Denver, CO

Holy Trinity Church—Carmel, IN

Archdiocesan Center—New York, NY

Annunciation Cathedral—Detroit, MI

Assumption Cathedral—Denver, CO

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November

- 6—8 *American Bible Society Meeting*
- 8 *St. Nektarios Great Vespers*
- 9—10 *Honoring the Veterans*
- 11—14 *Archdiocesan Strategic Planning Meeting*
- 16 *Greater Detroit Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon*
- 17 *Parish Visitation*
- 24 *St. Catherine Parish Visitation*
- 28 *THANKSGIVING—OFFICE CLOSED*

Bible House—New York, NY

Assumption Church—St. Clair Shores, MI

Annunciation Church—Dayton, OH

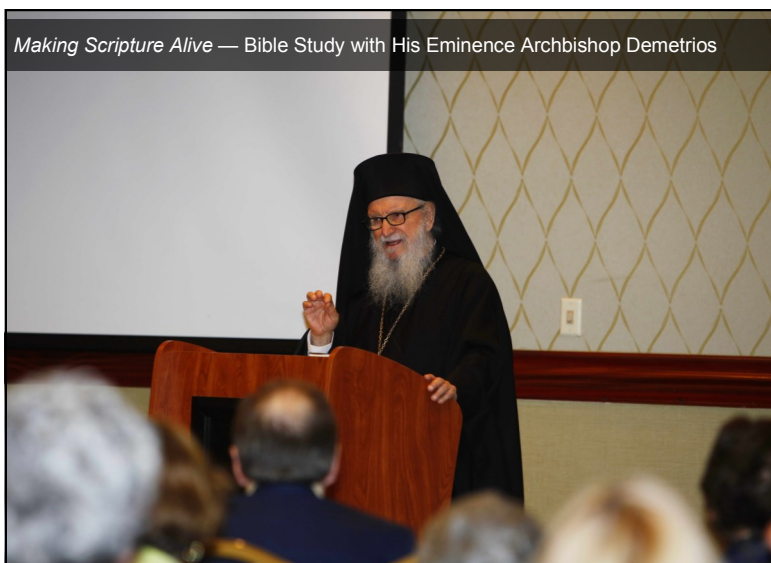
New York, NY

St. Nicholas Church—Troy, MI

TBA

St. Catherine Church—Ithaca, NY

Metropolis Clergy-Laity Conference 2013 Highlights



His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas — Holy Unction Service

OCTOBER — Bullying Prevention Awareness Month

Youth News

By Eva Kokinos—Youth Director

October is designated as *Bullying Prevention Awareness Month*. Bullying is an ever-present issue in the lives of teenagers. This bullying happens for many different reasons: race, sexuality, gender, appearance, disabilities, and much more. U.S. News and World Report states that “more than 62% of American students are bullied because of the way they look and or the way they speak.”

For some young people, they endure the bullying and move on. For others, the bullying results in emotional distress and social withdrawal. But the most startling trend is for young people to commit suicide as a result of bullying. It's what's being more widely-accepted as “bullycide.” And some say it is contributing to the rising statistic that suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death among 16-25 year olds.

We've heard the horrible, heart-breaking stories and we know the statistics. So, the question is... what can we DO to prevent bullying? Are we teaching youth to know and do the right thing?

Before embarking on a discussion, make sure you are prepared with potential tips for helping youth deal with this epidemic.

Visit www.dosomething.org to get started! In addition, make sure to have Scripture references that are relevant to the discussion. Here are some questions and suggestions that youth workers can use to begin a discussion about bullying:

1) What is bullying? How do you see bullying happen among your peers and friends?

2) Do you know bullies at school or in your other activities? If so, what do they do?

3) Have you ever been a victim of bullying? (Ask for volunteers to speak about their experiences)

4) Why do you think people bully other people?

5) What should you do if you or someone you know is being bullied?

6) Do you think you might have been a bully? How can we bullies, maybe without knowing it? (*Judging others, gossip, not being inclusive, etc.*)

7) What are some of the effects of bullying? (*Depression, self-esteem issues, separation, anger and violent retaliation,*

sometimes self-violence or suicide, etc.)

8) In what ways can Christ and the Church help an individual who might be a victim of bullying? (*Discuss the importance of community and how the youth group is a no-tolerance zone for bullying, discuss how the Church is full of trusted individuals that will listen to your concerns, discuss God's unconditional love, discuss Christ's own humiliation at the hands of those who He has come to save, etc.*)

9) What does the Church say about how we should treat others? Should we EVER be bullies? (*Read and discuss any of the following and how it pertains to bullying: The Greatest Commandment, the Parable of the Last Judgment, Luke 6:31-36 “Do unto others...” etc.*)

Mark 10: 14

“Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them: for of such is the Kingdom of God.”

OCF News

REAL BREAK 2014 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!

OCF's "Real Break" aims to prepare college students to be socially informed Orthodox Christian citizens of this world, while directing their focus on the world to come, the kingdom of heaven. Built on a foundation of fellowship, education, worship, and service, Real Break provides students the opportunity to

understand the true meaning of seeing Christ in the other – traveling to all parts of the world deepening their faith, serving those in need, and cultivating relationships with like-minded peers.

Registration is now open and spots are going VERY quickly. In fact, there are

trips that are already full!!!

Visit <http://www.ocf.net/wikis/programs/real-break-program.aspx> for more about trips, dates, registration, tips on how to fundraise, and much more! **SIGN UP TODAY!!!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 19, 2013—GOYA Dodgeball Tournament
Assumption Church—St. Clair Shores, MI

November 8, 2013—MDSC Camp Reunion Dance
St. Nicholas Church—Troy, MI

November 15-17, 2013—GOYA Holiday Hoops Basketball Tournament
St. John the Baptist Church—Sterling Heights, MI

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Philoptochos News

By Margaret Yates—President



The beginning of the Ecclesiastical year is always busy, and this year was no exception. Several chapters collected school supplies over the summer for distribution at the start of the school year for disadvantaged and homeless youth. Mid-September was dedicated to raising funds for Holy Cross, and the month ended with the Clergy/Laity Assembly and Philoptochos Conference.

Our forty-nine registered delegates enjoyed two full days of camaraderie, education and sharing ideas. We heard nothing but praise for the hospitality and organization offered by the conference committee and members of the Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas community. We were pleased that many delegates were first timers who brought a lot of energy to the conference. Some of the highlights are shared below.

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" was the theme of the conference and the keynote address delivered by Metropolitan Nicholas. Following, delegates broke into three common sessions to further explore the topic.

National Board member Pam Argyris, from the Metropolis of Chicago, conducted an educational workshop on National Commitments, explaining the importance of each and responding to questions from the membership.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and Metropolitan Nicholas joined us for our Philoptochos Breakfast where they offered "words of wisdom" and helped to pass out certificates to chapters who met all Metropolis Commitments (29), had the greatest increase in membership, best fundraising and best outreach projects. Following the breakfast all delegates convened for a Bible study, "Making Scripture Come Alive", offered by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios.

A session on Human Trafficking was offered by Erin Meyer, Human Trafficking Coordinator from the Salvation Army in Cincinnati.

Following Dr. Jim Gore's presentation on The St. Samson Project to the assembly, he and Fr. Gregory Hohnholt attended the Philoptochos meeting where he answered questions about

this unique program.

Two Resolutions were passed. The first, offered by the Metropolis Philoptochos Board, was to make Partners in Philanthropy a Metropolis Commitment with a discretionary amount. The second, offered by St. John in Sterling Heights, was to designate September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. This resolution, with the approval of Metropolitan Nicholas, will be submitted to National at the conference in Philadelphia next summer.

Our rotating charity drawing of \$500 each went to the Flaum Eye Center in Rochester NY, and to Blessings in a Backpack, submitted by Sts. Constantine and Helen in Westland MI.

A president's meeting was held where packets of information were distributed, reviewed, and members given the opportunity to ask questions and interact with one another. This, too, was a very productive meeting.

A scheduling conflict prevented our Friends of the Metropolis coordinators from attending our meeting, so Eleni Zaferes and Margaret Yates reviewed the importance of the program and encouraged chapters to include this as a line item in their budgets.

Space does not allow a full report in the Shepherd's Staff, so in the next issue I will introduce you to the Metropolis Board who will serve from 2013-2015.

Philoptochos Donations

- ◆ SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS' WORTH OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- ◆ \$500 TO THE SAMSON PROJECT
- ◆ \$500 TO THE FLAUM EYE CLINIC
- ◆ \$500 TO BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK
- ◆ \$100 TO THE SALVATION ARMY
- ◆ NINE ST. TIMOTHY CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS FROM BUFFALO
- ◆ \$4,366.55 FROM DAYTON TO COMMUNITY CARE MINISTRIES

MEFGOX News

By Theodore Niforos—President



On Sunday, October 6, 2013, National Church Music Sunday, we celebrated our church musicians who contribute so much to our worship. From the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, we received the beautiful poster honoring St. Cosmas, the Melodist. Among other hymns, he composed the canons of Lazarus Saturday, Palm Sunday and the first canon of the Nativity.

St. Cosmas' works speak to a special Church service. We know many of you serve in Philoptochos, on parish councils, on festivals, in GOYA and other areas. Yet, we are experiencing a decline in many choir memberships, among chanters and organists. A high percentage of our choirs and chanters are seniors with long years of climbing stairs or standing on the solea. We have a good number of young people of middle and high school ages in our choirs, but few return once they have left for college or careers. Many of our young people have musical experience, either through singing in high school programs or having learned instruments.

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Do Over

By Father Dean Hountalas



Father Dean Hountalas is the Metropolis Chancellor and the Presiding Priest at the Holy Cross Church in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

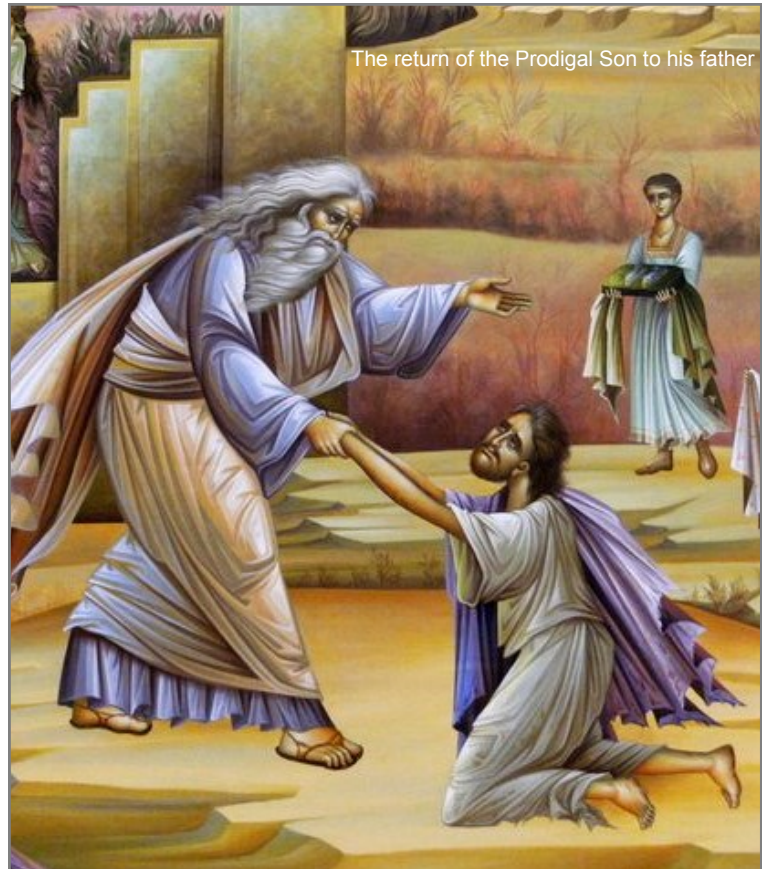
When we were kids playing and we knew the game, the rules, and the way to play, sometimes we didn't do it the right way, so we needed and called for a "do-over". Our friends usually allowed it because friendship was more important than the game. In Faith, our Lord established a sacrament for us to have do-overs. Our Orthodox Faith has a sacrament that has just the same thing for our lives and soul: our do-over is the Sacrament of Confession. It is the Sacrament that is not seasonal but available to us when we need it.

In Tertullian's beautiful treatise *On Repentance*, this Church Father explains this idea to the believers. Tertullian's logic is simple: sin offends God. Our flesh and spirit, which are intimately tied to our being, are intertwined in life, in death, and in the resurrection. Sin of our actions, our thoughts, or our will is what we do in God's sight. When sin is repetitious it becomes a bad habit. This condition brings sadness and misery to the soul and heart. Sin, in separating us from God, becomes hell. God's judgment is chastisement, punishment, and condemnation.

But the misery of sin can be treated. Just as in medicine, healing by unpleasant means has to be done to benefit the cure. Aside from the shame, what can be keeping you from being right with God? Care about your salvation? Remember in our prayers that quote from Ezekiel (18: 23, 32. 33:11), "God has no pleasure in the death of a sinner but that the sinner turn from his way and live..."

We have been given the Truth in Christ Jesus. Our Lord gives us the Way through Repentance and Confession. That change of heart, our repentance, is made manifest through the discipline of Confession. God grants us a means of restoration through this holy sacrament. As we stand before God in this discipline with the spiritual father, heartily sorrowful, we are enjoined in a demeanor of receiving mercy.

And the results are truly liberating! This discipline of *exomologesis*, as Tertullian explains, humbles the penitent and yet raises him up: while the penitent unveils the squalor of his acts in confession, he is nevertheless rendered clean by the grace and mercy of God. While he accuses himself of sin, God grants healing and pardon; while he stands condemned, God absolves him. Truly as we are stringent



The return of the Prodigal Son to his father

Ezekiel 33: 11

"I have no pleasure in the death of a sinner but that the sinner turn from his way and live..."

with ourselves, God will grant to us greater forgiveness. Confession heals and gives peace. The Christian is moved from soulful sadness to heartfelt gladness. We move from offending God to honoring Him.

So here's your chance for a do-over. Don't limit this sacrament to a seasonal thing, take the do-over throughout your life and do it right!

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We urge our parishioners to consider another avenue of service, as a church musician. Being a choir member or a youth music director is another form of stewardship. If you don't have singing experience, this is not an obstacle. Many of our current musicians learned "on the job." Even for aspir-

ing chanters, the National Forum and other church organizations can provide training materials.

With the beauty of our Byzantine heritage, the spiritual rewards of leading a congregation in the musical aspects of our worship are many.

Friends of the Metropolis

Donors list as of September 30, 2013

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St. Nicholas GOYA
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Daniels, Tony and Cleve
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Mitropoulos-Rundus, David and Demetra
Pliakas, Vasilis and Kyriaki
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Presbytera Cassandra
Blakeslee, Ronald and Maria
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Gioulekas, Goldie
Spanos, Francis
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Holy Trinity Parish
Holy Trinity Choir
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Oberlies, Toula
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Pappas, Victoria
Smyrnis, Nick
Turner, Glenn
Young, Michael and Helen

Cincinnati, OH – Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas

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Apostolides, Vasso
Assaley, Lewis and Patricia
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Carey, Efstratia
Carumpalos, Constantine G.
Galanes, Georger
Raptis, James J.

Zaferes, Patricia P.

Chattanooga, TN – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Bougdanos, Maria
Fotiadis, Nicky
Gulas, Venetia
Hopper, Richard and Chrisi
Kouris, George
Lee, Ronald and Constance
Mousourakis, John and Donna
Ramsey, Karen
Tigiros, Elias and Sharon
Zotos, Alexander and Jennifer

Dayton, OH – Annunciation

Annunciation Philoptochos
Castleman, Maria
Keilholz, Mark and Cynthia
Luke, David and Paula
Stamas, Elizabeth

Detroit, MI – Annunciation Cathedral

Annunciation Philoptochos
Annunciation Pioneers
Gaggos, Harry and Irene
Gaggos, James and Mary
Glikis, Maria
Lianos, Ethel
Lianos, Will and Kim
Panson, Anthony S.
Tapazoglou, Nicolaos and Christine

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Koulianos, Dionysios and Maria
Maggos, Eleftherios and Paraskevi
Rongos, Christopher and Katherine
Spirou, Arthur and Mary

Grand Blanc, MI - Assumption

Assumption Parish
Chinonis, John and Linda
Hountalas, John
Kallis, Agape
Yeotis, Catherine G.
Yeotis, Thomas and Magdalene

Grand Rapids, MI - Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Bogdan, Fr. James and Presbytera Joan
Cassis, Deacon George and Diaconissa Vicki
Afendoulis, Clark and Katherine
Ahnens, Pearl
Christopoulos, Peter and Maria
Everse, Douglas and Georgia

Gray, Mark and Alexis
Lakos, Marina
Kelber, Robert and Mary
Nicholas, James and Georgia

Indianapolis, IN – Holy Apostles

Holy Apostles Parish
Karozos, Gus A.

Ithaca, NY - St. Catherine

Parthenakis, Fr. Athanasios and
Presbytera Cathy
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Bantuvanias, Ann A.
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Lambrou, Nick

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Kalamazoo, MI – Annunciation

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Cavas, Anastasia

Lansing, MI – Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Philoptochos
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Munk, Jerry and Jan
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Pogoncheff, Carl
Rahib, Margaret
Skorich, Dan and Cathy Harris
Vlahakis, Louis and Mary

Lexington, KY – Panagia Pantovasilissa

Dallas, Dora
Sawaya, Peter and Kallie

Little Rock, AR – Annunciation

Annunciation GOYA
Verdaris, Fr. Nicholas and Presbytera Maria
Delfos, Fr. Pierre and Presbytera Harriet
Fotioo, Peter
Huckabay, Christopher
Tyer, Gordon and Martha

Louisville, KY – Assumption

Legakis, Fr. Larry and Presbytera Jennifer
Wingenbach, Fr. Gregory
Caneris, Thomas and Joanna
Digenis, Emily
Geromes, Marcus and Nancy
Vassiliades, Constance

Marquette, MI – Assumption

Butler, Michele

Memphis, TN – Annunciation

Berends, Fr. James and Presbytera Anne
Ahepa – Order of – Memphis, TN
Anonymous
Austin, Larry
Caldwell, Richard
Farrell, Richard and Linda
Graves, William and Renee
Graves, Theodore
Kay, John and Nancy
Koplin, Ron and Pauline

Moore, Michael and Maria
Morrison, Robert and Kathryn
Poplos, Theodore and Stephanie Storgion

Middletown, OH –
Sts. Constantine and Helen
Sts. Constantine and Helen Philoptochos

Muskegon, MI – Annunciation
Yankopoulos, Presbyteria Ann
Anton, Ted and Francine
Encelewski, Christine
Ladas, Paul and Patricia
Micheil, Richard and Teresa

Nashville, TN - Holy Trinity
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Hohnholt, Fr. Gregory and Presbyteria Sofia
Billo, John and Kassiani
Brown, Michael and Laurie Kerhoulas
Harman, Todd and Dawn
Hayes, Martin and Litsa
Jabbour, Kareem
Lamberson, Lambert and Helen
Rogers, Helen and Lawrence Kamm
Vaughn, James and Debby

Nashville, TN -
St. John Chrysostom Mission
Turner, Fr. Parthenios and Presbyteria Marion
Courington, Christopher and Shelley
Dozier, Matthew
Marchetti, John and Linda
Pittman, Michael

New Buffalo, MI –
Annunciation-St. Paraskevi
Martin, Fr. Paul and Presbyteria Nikki
Litznerski, Robert and Mariann

Plymouth, MI – Nativity of the Virgin Mary
Govostes, Fr. Sean and Presbyteria Pamela
Sarelis, Fr. Charles
In Memory of Presbyteria Angela
Demetriou, Cleo
Randall, Michael and Anne

Rochester, NY – Annunciation
Destounis, Stamatia and Manuel Matos
Monna Calliope
Sanchez, J. Michael and Dorothea
Vasho, George and Maria

Rochester, NY – Holy Spirit
Gesell, Melody
Palis, James and Elizabeth

Saginaw, MI - St. Demetrios
St. Demetrios Parish
St. Demetrios Philoptochos
Cox, Fr. Irenaeus and Presbyteria Alexandra
Bazakis, Andrew and Ann
Caldwell, Larry and Peggy
Kookootsedes, Gust and Mary
Metropoulos, Pete and Maria
Zubulake, George

Southgate, MI - St. George
St. George Parish
Cook, Fr. Anthony and Presbyteria Elizabeth
Bass, John and Panagiota
Cranford, Joanne A.

Galanis, Sam J.
Kircos, Angelo and Sophia
Kircos, Louis and Paula
Kontos, John and Marika
Makarounas, Panormitis and Koula
Minton, Nicholas
Vougioulakis, Peter and Christina

Springfield, OH – Assumption
Assumption Parish
Lagos, James H. and Nike
Lagos, Thomas and Matina
Loukoumidis, Dimitrios and Despina

St. Clair Shores, MI – Assumption
Varlamos, Fr. Michael and Presbyteria Tina
Callas, Kalliopy
Champane, Dean
Gaggos, George and Anna
Genematas, Toula
Gianoplos, Samuel and Georgia
Halafitis, Panagiotis
Milonas, John
Niforos, Theodore and Anna
Petrouleas, George and Jan
Phillips, Peter and Toula
Samaras, Robert and Marietta
Thomas, Tom J. and Lynn

Sterling Heights, MI - St. John
St. John Parish
St. John Choir
St. John GOYA
Kyritses, Fr. Nicholas
George, Bessie
Kotsis, Andrew and Irene
Kotsis, Harry and Kathy
Lionas, Jim and Helene
Raphitis, E. Mike and Betty
Souris, Bernice
Tangelos, Philip and Alexandra
Tangelos, Theodore and Mary
Vekos, Gloria
Zotos, George

Syracuse, NY – St. Sophia
St. Sophia Parish
Kazakis, Elaine
Theodore, Dorothea
Theodore, Eleanor
Trovato, Diana

Toledo, OH – Holy Trinity Cathedral
Holy Trinity Parish
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Damaskos, Fr. Aristotle and
Presbyteria Debbie
Anagnos, Joyce
Biernacki, Gerald and Pauline
Dedes, George and Mary
Gangas, Angelo
Mulopulos, George and Anastasia
Papadimos, Steven
Proestou, Maria
Resch, Charles and Katherine
Sares, Margaret
Sieben, Paul
Zervos, Chris and Kalliope

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Troy, MI - St. Nicholas
Athans, Aristeia
Becharas, Stefanos and Irene
Bollas, Jobel
Chalker, Jess and Patricia
Demery, Beck
Feles, Andrea
Feles, Gust and Anne
Feles, Paul
George, Christian
George, John and Marlo
George, Jordan
Karniotis, Stephen P.
Kiouisis, Olga
Korstanje, Ingmar and Marlo
Lafter, Mary
Malis, Alexis
Martin, Helen Kalevas
Mortis, George and Hionia
Papathanasopoulos, D.
Patches, John and Angeliki
Pervolarakis, Calliope
Psihas, George and Bess
Strumbos, Peter W.
Yanoulaki, Peter
Xydas, Spiros and Alyssa
Zotos, Gregory

Vestal, NY – Annunciation
Bahlatzis, Fr. Michael and
Presbyteria Kimberly
Gianakouros, Harry and Katerina
Ivan, Lynda

Watertown, NY – St. Vasilios
St. Vasilios Parish

Westland, MI – Sts. Constantine and Helen
Petritiu, Fr. Teodor and Presbyteria Roxana
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Dougekos, P. Becky
Frango, Louis and Family
Katsarelas, Sophie
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Skotanis, Bill

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Filarecki, Robert
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Garofalo, Anna
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Constantine Georgountzos
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Friends of the Metropolis



Dear Friends of the Metropolis:

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



I am pleased to support the work of Metropolitan Nicholas and the Metropolis through the Annual Metropolis Stewardship "Friends" Program

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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.