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Metropolitan's Message



PHOTO: Metropolitan Nicholas speaking at the Toledo Cathedral Centennial Celebration Banquet

My Beloved Clergy and Faithful,

This past summer we saw another milestone in the life of our Metropolis as we celebrated the Centennial Anniversary of the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Toledo, OH. Foremost among the guests was His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios; but equally important from the clergy were the faces of Fr. Chris Hadgigeorge, retired Dean of the Cathedral, and Fr. Larry Legakis, new Cathedral Dean. These faces, together with the impressive participation of the Cathedral faithful, helped us consider the past, present, and future of our Metropolis and the Church in America.

Needless to say, the first one hundred years of our Church in America were foundational. Gathered together very often as Greek communities, it was the intent of our forbears to bring Greece to America. Most of our first immigrants held the thought that at one time they would return back "home." But then the unexpected happened — they married, had families, built businesses, had jobs — and they realized that this New World was now their new home.

And so our communities and parishes were founded — just like Holy Trinity — over a hundred years ago. But now we face a new challenge. Having become part of America, having more than not lost our immigrant accents and habits — we are at a transitional point in our American experience. While we were always Orthodox by cultural reality from our homes, we must now renew our Orthodoxy by our own conviction and choice. We are called upon to share the life-giving witness of our faith with those around us.

We live in this brave new world of modern America — and our greatest gift to ourselves and our country is to renew our calling to holiness and faithfulness to God and His Church. Join with us, as we renew our commitment to God and His Church, and share His love with all.

Metropolitan Nicholas
 † NICHOLAS
 Metropolitan of Detroit

Metropolitan's Schedule

updates at detroit.goarch.org/calendar

AUG	2015	
6	Feast of the Transfiguration Divine Liturgy	St. Spyridon Chapel—Metropolis Center, Troy, MI
8—9	Pastoral Visitation	Archangel Gabriel Church—Traverse City, MI
14	Dormition of the Theotokos Ecumenical Vespers	Assumption Church—St. Clair Shores, MI
15	Dormition of the Theotokos Hierarchical Divine Liturgy Ordination to Diaconate of Michael Manos	Assumption Church—St. Clair Shores, MI
17	St. John Parish Benefit Golf Outing Dinner	Rochester, MI
23	Ordination to Diaconate of Jarrod Russell	Annunciation Church—Little Rock, AR
24-SEP 3	Synaxis of Bishops - Ecumenical Patriarchate	Ecumenical Patriarchate—Turkey

SEP	2015	
7	Nativity of Theotokos Great Vespers	Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church—Plymouth, MI
8	Nativity of Theotokos Divine Liturgy	Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church—Plymouth, MI
13	Divine Liturgy Elevation of the Holy Cross Great Vespers	Sts. Constantine & Helen Church—Westland, MI Holy Cross Church—Farmington Hills, MI
14	Elevation of the Holy Cross Divine Liturgy	Holy Cross Church—Farmington Hills, MI
14—17	Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops Meeting	Chicago, IL
20	Ordination to Priesthood of Dcn. Jarrod Russell	Holy Trinity Church—Carmel, IN
27	Ordination to Priesthood of Dcn. Michael Manos	St. Nicholas Church—Troy, MI
30-Oct 3	Metropolis Clergy-Laity Conference	Troy, MI

OCT	2015	
4—11	Meeting of the Holy & Sacred Synod	Ecumenical Patriarchate, Turkey
12—14	Holy Eparchial Synod Meeting	Archdiocesan Center—New York, NY
15—16	Archdiocesan Council Meeting	Archdiocesan Center—New York, NY
17	Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet	New York, NY
18	Archons Investiture Archiepiscopal Divine Liturgy	Holy Trinity Archdiocesan Cathedral—New York, NY
23	St. Iakovos Divine Liturgy	St. Spyridon Chapel—Metropolis Center, Troy, MI
25	10:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm St. Demetrios Great Vespers	St. Demetrios Church—Saginaw, MI
26	St. Demetrios Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	St. Demetrios Church—Saginaw, MI

Metropolis Clergy-Laity Conference | OCT 1-3, 2015

Location:

Somerset Inn
2601 West Big Beaver Road
Troy, MI 48084



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detroit.goarch.org/CL2015

Philoptochos News

by Margaret Yates—President

The National Philoptochos Membership Committee has adopted the above “tagline” and developed a list of “25 Ways to Increase Philoptochos Membership”, as challenged by National President Maria Logus. This year twenty chapters in our Metropolis increased their membership. Congratulations to the chapters in Chattanooga, Farmington Hills, Flint/Grand Blanc, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis/Carmel, Ithaca, Jamestown, Lansing, Lexington, Little Rock, Louisville, Memphis, Muskegon, Rochester Annunciation, Saginaw, Springfield, Sterling Heights, Toledo, Traverse City and Westland. Kudos to Little Rock and Louisville who had the greatest percentage of increase in membership.

Plans are well under way for our conference in October. Our Metropolis is strong and being led by an outstanding group of energetic and innovative women. Thank you to all who came forward to lead your chapters over the next two years and to those who have committed to a second term.

During the past year our energies have gone to two important initiatives; raising funds to resurrect the St. Nicholas Church and National Shrine in New York and to feeding the hungry through hands-on philanthropy. I believe we will surpass the challenge of providing 250,000 meals nationwide by next July.

The fundraising for the St. Nicholas Church and National Shrine has gotten off to a slower start, but the momentum is increasing. Our goal is to have every chapter in our Metropolis participate in this initiative, even if unable to fulfill the Archbishop’s suggestion of \$100 per member. These two initiatives are in addition to the nineteen National Commitments and five Metropolis Commitments. The 25 chapters who paid all National Commitments and 32 chapters who paid all Metropolis Commitments in 2014 are to be commended.

The election procedures that took effect this year were somewhat confusing, but the majority of our chapters were able to comply correctly. All but one chapter has been ratified, with our Metropolis leading the way.



Per Capita was due the end of April and was to be submitted under a new format with forms to be downloaded from the National Philoptochos website and sent via email. This procedure is an attempt to get email addresses of members for communication purposes as we continue in our efforts to go green. The National office has only 8,000 names on their email list serve out of approximately 26,000 members.

We wish everyone a successful year and look forward to seeing you at the Philoptochos Conference in October.

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DONATIONS

Metropolis Philoptochos*

St. Nicholas National Shrine \$26,422
Benevolence \$500

Annunciation—Dayton, OH

Hannah's Treasure Chest \$1,065
Homeful \$100

St. Nicholas—Ann Arbor, MI

Project Mexico tuition for Paul \$1,300
IOCC \$2,206

Metropolis Board

Children's Medical Fund \$1,000

*Hundreds of meals for the homeless

Youth News

by Eva Kokinos-Konstantakos—Director

GROWING IN CHRIST

EASY WAYS TO GROW IN FAITH THIS NEW ECCLESIASTICAL YEAR

On September 1st, we celebrated the beginning of a new ecclesiastical year. Many of us make a long list of ecclesiastical new year's resolutions to strengthen/improve our spiritual lives. But by September, we find ourselves already consumed by our typical routine...work, school, activities, etc. So, let's make a few simple goals for growing in Christ that we can easily achieve. Pick one spiritual discipline to focus on or choose to work on more than one. The main goal is to GROW IN CHRIST!

Pray! – We all pray. But do we have regular prayer discipline? If you already pray in the mornings and at night, make sure to pray at dinnertime or make your prayer time a little longer. Pick up an Orthodox Prayer Book at your parish bookstore or your favorite online bookstore. Download the e-Book edition of Orthodox Prayer Book to your e-reader by visiting the [Mobile Apps and Mobile Technology](#) page of the GOA website!

Serve! - Read and reflect on [Matthew 25:31-46](#). What does this passage mean to you regarding service and helping one's neighbor? Consider organizing a project or offering more of your time and talent to these efforts. Looking for more charity/service opportunities? Ask a Philoptochos member of your parish for ideas. Charity is more than just giving money. Charity might mean offering your time or your talents, or providing supplies for areas torn by natural disaster or war.

Worship! - If you already attend Divine Liturgy and other services pretty frequently, make a more focused attempt to be on time or make it even earlier for the Orthros (Matins) service. Are you not sure about the meaning of some services? Check out this link for more information about [Worship in the Orthodox Christian Church](#). We are more willing to participate in the Divine Liturgy and other services when we truly understand what we experience. So, check out the awesome Zine from the Department of Religious Education, [Heaven on Earth: The Divine Liturgy](#).



Read/Learn! – You might be bogged down with school and work. But take an hour out of your video game or Facebook time to read something that is relevant to your Orthodox Christian faith. Talk to your priest for recommendations. The Holy Scriptures are also a GREAT place to start. Purchase a copy of the Orthodox Study Bible from your parish bookstore. You can even sign up to receive the [Daily Scripture Readings](#) via email.

Love! – Love is not just a noun, it is also a verb... an action! Take a moment to read and reflect on [1Corinthians 13](#) about the Greatest Gift... Love! Also, read and reflect on [Matthew 22: 35-40](#) about the Greatest Commandment. Who is our neighbor? How can we show our love for God through loving our neighbor? Make an effort to love your neighbor by respecting rather than judging. Make an effort to love your family by learning how to be patient and understanding, even when they get on your nerves! Make an effort to love those who might be different than you because they, too, were created in God's image.

A BLESSED ECCLESIASTICAL YEAR TO ALL!

Summer Camps a Success!

The Metropolis of Detroit is blessed with three exceptional summer camping ministries for the youth of our parishes (MDSC, St. Nicholas Camp, St. Timothy Camp). Each one offers campers incredible activities, meaningful discussions, precious memories, and Christian friendships that will last a lifetime. This year, over 300 young people from throughout our Metropolis attended summer camp. We would like to say thank you to those who make summer camp a success!



- HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS... for his unwavering support of our Metropolis camps and youth ministries.
- THE METROPOLIS CLERGY... for serving our camps and teaching our youth about Christ and the beauty of Orthodoxy.
- THE FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS... for their generosity which directly benefits our camping ministries.
- THE LEADERSHIP 100 FOUNDATION ... for providing scholarships and program support to our camps.
- THE CAMP DIRECTORS, STAFF, AND VOLUNTEERS... for their hard work, year-round, to provide a transformative program that is safe, fun, and centered in Christ!
- THE CAMPERs AND PARENTS... for choosing to participate in our beloved summer camps. Our incredible campers make all of the planning, organizing, and work worthwhile!

To learn more about each camp program or to view photos from this summer, visit their websites:

MDSC—www.gomdsc.org

ST. NICHOLAS CAMP—www.stnicholascamp.org

ST. TIMOTHY CAMP—www.sttimothycamp.org

MEFGOX News

by Vicki Pappas—President



This past July 16-19th, the Mid-Eastern Federation of Church Musicians convened at Sts. Constantine and Helen Church in Westland, MI for a weekend of spiritual, musical, educational, and social activities. Church musicians from seven states participated. Besides rehearsing to sing the music of recently departed Presvytera Anna Gallos during the Divine Liturgy, they attended educational workshops about musicality, Byzantine chant, and the Ecumenical Councils, presented by Evey Simon, Christina Stavros, and Metropolitan Nicholas. The Federation awarded six church music scholarships at the Grand Banquet and also awarded Ann and Ted Niforos the Patriarch Athenagoras Medal for Outstanding Metropolis service.

NEXT YEAR, the Federation convenes in Nashville on June 30th—July 3rd, and will sing at the Opening Liturgy of the Clergy-Laity Congress.



Metropolis News

Congratulations to our newly ordained clergymen:



(L) DCN. MICHAEL MANOS from the Assumption community of St. Clair Shores, Michigan. He will be ordained a Priest on September 27 and serve as an Assistant at the Saint Nicholas Church in Troy, Michigan.

(R) DCN. JARROD RUSSELL from the Annunciation Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. He will be ordained a Priest on September 20 and serve as an Assistant at the Holy Trinity Church in Carmel, Indiana.



Blessed is the Entrance of Your Saints!

by Fr. Anthony Cook—Priest of the St. George Church in Southgate, Michigan



The Divine Liturgy which we celebrate each Sunday dates back to the earliest days of the Church, and many of the actions and movements of the Liturgy trace back to the liturgical practice of different places and times over the years. Few are more perplexing, however, than what we now call the Small Entrance, in which the priest, preceded by acolytes carrying candles, carries the Gospel around the altar, through the left side door, to the center of the Solea, and back into the Altar. In the course of this he pauses and sings, "Σοφία! Ὁρθοί! Wisdom! Attend! – Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who arose from the dead! We sing to you: Alleluia!"

But this does not seem like an entrance to us. It looks like an exit, for the sole sake of making an entrance again. Later commentators have discussed how the carrying of the Gospel into the Altar represents the entrance of Christ into the world. But this remains inconsistent with the priest's silent prayer during the procession: "Blessed is the entrance of Your Saints, always, now and ever, and to the ages of ages." And so we remain perplexed.

If we look, however, to the ancient practice of the Church, we find an answer. In the time of St. John Chrysostom, the Liturgy began in one of the public squares in the city, and continued with a procession towards the Church through the streets of Constantinople. The hymns of the beginning of the Liturgy were sung in the course of that procession. We can easily imagine people waking up, leaving their homes as the procession passed by, and joining in the river of humanity going to the Church. When the procession arrived, it entered Hagia Sophia through the great center doors, led by the Patriarch, who, as he entered, said the same prayer: "Blessed is the entrance of Your Saints...". Hence, the Small Entrance is not the Entrance of the Clergy or of the Gospel, but of all the People of God. The later statement that it is the entrance of Christ remains true, but in the sense that it is the entrance of the Body of Christ, of the Assembly of the Faithful called by His Name.

The relevance of this piece of trivia might seem unclear, however. No one in these days would suggest that the Sunday Liturgy begin with a procession that winds its way from the city park through the local neighborhoods to finally arrive at the Church (although it makes for an interesting mental image). But it is worth noting that the Small Entrance marks the point by which we should have arrived - and the spirit in which we should come to the Church.

As each week comes to an end, we are called to begin in our hearts our approach, our procession to the Church. We are called to enter the Church as the assembled Body of Christ, gathered there to offer ourselves to Him and to commune with Him. If we come in this way, then we will be entering more fully into the spirit of worship to which we are called by the Liturgy, and by the Faithful whose entrance into the Church has been blessed through all the ages.



Friends of the Metropolis | January 1—August 31, 2015

His Eminence
Metropolitan Nicholas

Ann Arbor, MI – St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish
St. Nicholas Philoptochos
Kotsis, Fr. Nicolaos and
Presbyteria Sandra
Pliakas, Fr. Vasilios and
Presbyteria Kyriakoula
Daniels, Tony and Clevie
Hadden, Donnelly and
Helen
Yates, Bill and Margaret

Bloomfield Hills, MI – St. George

St. George Philoptochos
Abell, Fr. J. Christopher and
Presbyteria Alice
Iakovides, Dimitri

Buffalo, NY – Annunciation

Annunciation Philoptochos
Christakis, Fr. Christos and
Presbyteria Lisa
Sakellariou, Fr. John and
Presbyteria Pavlina
Alethea's Chocolates
Besseghini, Victoria
Blakeslee, Ronald and
Maria
Candiliotis, Nicholas and
Priscilla
Couvutsakis, Paul N. and
Linda
Danakas, George and
Maria
Dermatis, Anastasia
Hiczewski, Peter and
Michele
Jousma, Thomas and Ellene
Kouvoutsakis, Paul P. and
Donna
Kuvshinoff, Boris and
Barbara
Manos, Margaret
Perdicas and Rossiter Families

Carmel, IN – Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish
Holy Trinity Choir

Bartz, Fr. William and
Presbyteria Emily
Mamalis, Presbyteria Janet
Andros, Cheryl
Antonopoulos, Dean
Apostoles, Stacey
Bagios, Jim and Marika
Baker, Dan and Sylvia
Bekas, Katherine
Michalarias
Brochhagen, Curt and
Renee
Christoff, Bill and Karen
Conrad, William and
Kathleen
Cortese, Tom and Nia
Dervenis, Nicholas and
Sharon
Dickos, Greg
Dimos, Jim and Kathy
Drukas, Doreen
Dunbar, Pete and Lea
Eaton, Joe and Florie
Eleftheri, Lawrence and
Beth
Freudenberg, Jim and
Cindy
George, Charles S.
Graffeo, Barry and Matina
Hostetler, Duane and Eleny
Johnson, Ronald and
Sunday
Julovich, Christy
Kollias, Stephen
Kourmoulis, Karen
Lisch, Michael and Jean
Mudis, Ernie and Wendy
Oberlies, Toulia
Pappaioanou, George and
Marjorie
Pappas, Donna
Pappas, Leon and Andrea
Pappas, Nicholas and Tracy
Pappas, Victoria
Pasyanos, John and Liberty
Pavlakos, Elias and Maria
Payne, Martha
Rowlas, Julie
Sofianopoulos, Nick and
Vickie
Woodruff, Jim and Cindy
Xidias, Paraskevi
Young, Michael and Helen

Zeheralis, Chris and Becky

Chattanooga, TN – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Ballas, Fr. Stavros and
Presbyteria Thea
Bouloukos, Dino
Dimopoulos, Barbara
Fox, Ann
Kosmidis, Alex
Kouris, George
Mena, Michael
Merritt, Steve and Venetia

Cincinnati, OH – Holy Trinity–St. Nicholas

Holy Trinity – St. Nicholas
Parish
Assaley, Lewis and Patricia

Dayton, OH – Annunciation

Annunciation Philoptochos

Detroit, MI – Annunciation Cathedral

Bennert, Constance
Gaggos, Jim and Mary
Kazolis, Koula
Lianos, Will and Kim
Politis, Dean
Tapazoglou, Nicolaos and
Christine

Farmington Hills, MI – Holy Cross

Hountalas, Fr. Dean and
Presbyteria Olga
Boudouris, Constantino and
Joanne
Casoglos, Thomas and Mary

Fort Wayne, IN – Holy Trinity

Walsh, Fr. Andrew and
Presbyteria Sophia
Byzyka, Edison and Angela
Fliotsos, William
Maggos, Eleftherios and
Paraskevi
Poursanidis, Haralambos
and
Trisha
Spirou, Arthur and Mary

Turner, Christian

Grand Blanc, MI – Assumption

Assumption Parish
Daughters of Penelope, Iris
Chapter #242
Chinonis, Dennis E. and
Debra
Chinonis, Sandra
Hountalas, Dimitri
Hountalas, Yanni
Kallis, Agape
Kaloydis, John and Karen
Karabinas, Pavlos and Ruth
Potsos, Emmanouil
Schultze, Joanne
Steinhoff, G. Olga
Yeotis, Catherine
Yiannatji, Helen

Grand Rapids, MI – Holy Trinity

Berends, Fr. James and
Presbyteria Anne
Bogdan, Fr. James and
Presbyteria Joan
Cassis, Dcn. E. George and
Diaconissa Vicky
Gray, Mark and Alexis
Nicholas, James and
Georgia

Indianapolis, IN – Holy Apostles

Holy Apostles Parish

Ithaca, NY – St. Catherine

Bantuvanias, Ann
Bezrganian, John

Jamestown, NY – St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish
Cheronis, James and
Christine

Kalamazoo, MI – Annunciation

Ingalls, Bob and Andriana

Lansing, MI – Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish

Holy Trinity Philoptochos

Lexington, KY –

Panagia Pantovasillisa

Panagia Pantovasillisa
Philoptochos
Sicoe, Fr. Cosmin and
Presbytera Mihaela
Karounos, Dennis and Chris
Smither, Steven and
Eugenia

Little Rock, AR –

Annunciation

Verdaris, Fr. Nicholas and
Presbytera Maria
Delfos, Fr. Pierre and
Presbytera Harriet
Pappas, James and Eva

Louisville, KY – Assumption

Boukis, Fr. Jon and
Presbytera Doreen
Wingenbach, Fr. Gregory C.
Balakos, Michael and Lori
Blackford, Charles and
Patricia
Makris, Mary
Taylor, Robert

Memphis, TN – Annunciation

Annunciation Philoptochos
Daughters of Penelope,
Memphis #180
Thomas, Fr. Simon and
Presbytera Stephanie
Futris, Steve and Zoe
McKee, James
Smith, James and
Georgia Scarmoutsos
Tobias, Richard and Angela
Vergos, Anastasia

Muskegon, MI –

Annunciation

Honeycutt, Fr. James and
Presbytera Juliana
Ladas, Paul and Patricia

Nashville, TN – Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Hohnholt, Fr. Gregory and
Presbytera Sofia
Billo, John and Kassiani
Gaddis, Jim and Tasoula
Lamberson, Lambert and
Helen
McNeil, Larry

Taras, Nick and Donna
Weeks, Timothy and Teresa

Nashville, TN –

St. John Chrysostom

Turner, Fr. Parthenios and
Presbytera Marion
Demmas, Constance
Derryberry, Paul
Dozier, Matthew
Gore, James and Stacy
Light, Oxsana
Marchetti, John and Linda
Pappas, Tom and Lisa
Tickle, Jeff and Jackie

New Buffalo, MI –

Annunciation-St. Paraskevi

Martin, Fr. Paul and
Presbytera Nikki

Plymouth, MI –

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Nativity of the Virgin Mary
Parish
Kheir, Angela
Kyriacou, Costis and
Kathleen
Randall, Michael and Anne
Takis, Jerry and Mary

Rochester, NY –

Annunciation

Moukous, Sylvia
Gines, George and Maria
Stefanou, Constantine and
Florence

Rochester, NY – Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit Parish
Cowles, Fr. Patrick and
Presbytera Mary
Gesell, Melody

Saginaw, MI – St. Demetrios

St. Demetrios Philoptochos
St. Demetrios GOYA
Cook, Fr. Timothy and
Presbytera Katherine
Bistolarides, Fr. Peter and
Presbytera Peggy
Bazakis, Andrew and Ann
Caldwell, Larry and Peggy
Metropoulos, Katherine
Stamas, James and Marsha

Southgate, MI – St. George

St. George Parish

St. George Philoptochos
Constantakis, Clarence R.
Cook, Fr. Anthony and
Presbytera Elizabeth
Cranford, Joanne
Dionysopoulos, Stavros and
Eleni
Galanis, Sam
Golematis, Demetrios and
Maria
Kircos, Angelo and Sophia
Kircos, Louis and Paula
Kontos, Chris and Frances
Kontos, John and Marika
Kozaitis, Mina
Liakos, Michael
Makarounas, Panormitis and
Kyriaki
Minton, Nicholas
Papalas, Mary
Vougiouklakis, Peter and
Christina

Springfield, OH –

Assumption

Lagos, James H. Lagos
Company, Inc.

St. Clair Shores, MI –

Assumption

Assumption Parish
Varlamos, Fr. Michael and
Presbytera Tina
Athanassopoulos, Nick and
Sarah
Callas, Kalliopy
Niarhos, Anthony
Niforos, Theodore and Anna
Thomas, Tom and Lynn

Sterling Heights, MI – St.

John

St. John Choir
Kotsis, Andrew and Irene
Kotsis, Harry and Katherine
Lionas, James and Helene
Raphitis, Mike and Betty
Salonikas, George and Niki
Tangalos, John and Mary

Syracuse, NY - St. Sophia

Smith, Fr David and
Presbytera Donna

Toledo, OH -

Holy Trinity Cathedral

Holy Trinity Cathedral
Philoptochos

Anagnos, Joyce
Biernacki, Gerald and
Pauline
Photos, Thomas M.
Proestos, Kypros

Traverse City, MI –

Archangel Gabriel

Archangel Gabriel
Philoptochos
Streza, Fr. Ciprian and
Presbytera Sinziana
Underwood, Robert and
Theresa Stamos

Troy, MI – St. Nicholas

George, Christian
George, John and Marlo
George, Jordan
Mortis, George and Hionia
Xydias, Spiros

Vestal, NY – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Gianakouros, Harry and
Katerina

Watertown, NY – St. Vasilios

St. Vasilios Parish

Westland, MI –

Sts. Constantine and Helen

Sts. Constantine and Helen
Parish
Ochadleus, William and
Georgene

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Alexandru and
Diaconissa Silvana





Feast of the Elevation of the Holy and Venerable Cross

September 14

Dear Friends,

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

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