



The Shepherd's Staff

Metropolitan Nicholas' Message...

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE METROPOLITAN'S SCHEDULE

JANUARY, 2005

- 6-7 American Bible Society - Translations Committee, New York City
- 9 St. John the Baptist Church, Sterling Heights, MI-Pastoral Visitation
- 10 Clergy Syndesmos Meeting, Troy, MI
- 13 Metropolis of Detroit Council Meeting-Conference Call
- 16 Ordination to Priesthood of Rev. Deacon Peter Bistolarides
St. George Church - Southgate, MI
- 28-30 St. Photios National Shrine Pilgrimage, St. Augustine, FL

FEBRUARY, 2005

- 9 Funeral of Fr. Steve Yankopoulos, Annunciation Church Muskegon, MI

Beloved Faithful,

"Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming." *Matthew 24:42*

The People of God live by nature in a state of excited anticipation for the day when the Lord will return and the Kingdom of God will be forever and everywhere seen.

This state of anticipation is reflected in the words of the Lord as quoted above, reminding us to always "watch" for the time and hour when Jesus is to return.

Likewise, we know that it is not possible for any of us to know the mind of God so as to anticipate the date of His exact return. For this reason, we are always held in anticipation of the Second Coming of the Lord.

So how is it that we cope with this period of waiting? In the life of the Church, we are taught that it is our goal to be united with God — to become by grace what He is by nature — and to make this possible through our love and faith in Him.

But love and faith in God are not barren objects. They are signs of the reality of the faith which we possess. It is for this reason that while the Church proclaims that we saved by God's grace alone, we also know that in order to be saved we must choose to be saved: God

- 15 Clergy Syndesmos Meeting, Troy, MI
- 16 - 18 SYNOD Meeting, New York City
- 20 Assumption Church-Springfield, OH, Hierarchal Liturgy
- 27 Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas Church, Cincinnati, OH - Pastoral Visit

MARCH, 2005

- 4 - 5 Archdiocese Finance Committee Meeting, Metropolis Center - Troy, MI
- 8 - 11 Meeting of Bishops and Leadership 100 Conference, Phoenix, AZ
- 19 Great Vespers for the Sunday of Orthodoxy,

has no desire to force us into His Kingdom against our will.

And in choosing to be saved, we are confident that certain outward signs of our faith are tangible reflections of our earnest desire.

During this period of great prayer and fasting, let us re-

member to share our blessings with those less fortunate, to pray without ceasing for those in need, to fast from the temptations of this world and to feast at the Table which the Lord prepares for us. Let us bless without cursing, give without receiving, and help without expecting anything in return.

For we do not know when the Lord is coming, but come He shall ... and to those who know His voice and have labored in His vineyard on earth, the doors of His heavenly Kingdom shall be opened.

A blessed Pascha to all of You!



Metropolitan Nicholas

- Sts. Constantine and Helen Church-Westland MI
- 20 Sunday of Orthodoxy, Annunciation Church - Muskegon, MI
- 20 Sunday of Orthodoxy - Pan Orthodox Vespers, Holy Trinity Church -Grand Rapids, MI
- 24 Great Vespers for the Annunciation, Annunciation Cathedral - Detroit, MI
- 25 Divine Liturgy for the Annunciation, Annunciation Cathedral - Detroit, MI
- 27 Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas, Annunciation Church - Kalamazoo, MI
- 29 Parish Council Meeting, Sts. Constantine and Helen - Battle Creek, MI

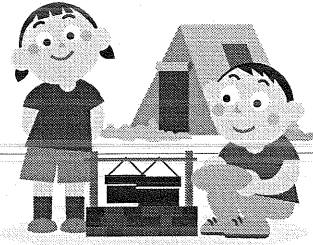
Schedule for His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas

(Through May 2005)

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| <i>March 29</i> | Parish Council Meeting - Sts. Constantine and Helen, Battle Creek, MI |
| <i>March 31</i> | Parish Council Meeting - Assumption, Louisville, KY |
| <i>April 1</i> | 3rd Salutations - Holy Trinity, Nashville, TN |
| <i>April 2</i> | National Clergy-Laity 2006 Meetings - Holy Trinity, Nashville, TN |
| <i>April 3</i> | 3rd Sunday of Lent Veneration of the Cross - Holy Trinity, Nashville, TN |
| <i>April 8</i> | 4th Salutations - Holy Cross, Farmington Hills, MI |
| <i>April 10</i> | 4th Sunday of Lent St. John of the Ladder - St. Nicholas, Troy, MI |
| <i>April 10</i> | Greek Independence Day Parade - Downtown Detroit |
| <i>April 14</i> | Funeral Services for Archbishop Iakovos - New York City, NY |
| <i>April 15</i> | Funeral Services for Archbishop Iakovos - Boston, MA |
| <i>April 17</i> | 5th Sunday of Lent St. Mary of Egypt - Sts. Constantine and Helen, Westland, MI |
| <i>April 20</i> | Pre-sanctified Liturgy - Metropolis Chapel, Troy, MI |
| <i>April 23</i> | Saturday of Lazarus - Holy Trinity Cathedral, Toledo, OH |
| <i>April 24</i> | Palm Sunday - Holy Trinity, Grand Rapids, MI |
| <i>April 24</i> | 1st Bridegroom - St. Demetrios, Saginaw, MI |
| <i>April 25</i> | Holy Monday 2nd Bridegroom - Assumption, Flint, MI |
| <i>April 26</i> | Holy Tuesday 3rd Bridegroom - Sts. Constantine and Helen, Westland, MI |
| <i>April 27</i> | Holy Wednesday Holy Unction/Youth Retreat - St. Nicholas, Ann Arbor, MI |
| <i>April 28</i> | Holy Thursday Institution of the Eucharist - Metropolis Chapel, Troy, MI |
| <i>April 28</i> | Holy Thursday Twelve Gospels - St. John, Sterling Heights, MI |
| <i>April 29</i> | Good Friday/Descent From the Cross - Visitation to Area Parishes, MI |
| <i>April 29</i> | Good Friday Epitaphios - Annunciation Cathedral, Detroit, MI |
| <i>April 30</i> | Holy Saturday, First Resurrection - Nativity of the Virgin Mary, Plymouth, MI |
| <i>April 30</i> | Orthros and Liturgy of Holy Pascha - St. George, Bloomfield Hills, MI |
| <i>May 1</i> | Pascha - Vespers of Agape - Assumption, St. Clair Shores, MI |
| <i>May 2</i> | Vesperal Divine Liturgy for St. George - St. George Church, Bloomfield Hills, MI |
| <i>May 8</i> | Sunday of St. Thomas - Annunciation Cathedral, Detroit, MI |
| <i>May 10-14</i> | Eparchial Synod and Archdiocesan Council Archdiocese - New York City |
| <i>May 15</i> | Sunday of the Myrrhbearers - St. George, Southgate, MI |
| <i>May 18-19</i> | American Bible Society, Board of Trustees Meeting - New York City |
| <i>May 20</i> | Parish Assembly - Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, IN |
| <i>May 21-22</i> | Sts. Constantine and Helen - Sts. Constantine and Helen, Middletown, OH |
| <i>May 23-25</i> | National Presbyters Council - Metropolis Offices, Troy, MI |

Youth News

By Eva Kokinos-Youth Director



SHEPHERD'S STAFF – NEWS FROM THE YOUTH OFFICE

Eva Kokinos, Metropolis Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

JOY PRE-LENTEN RETREAT

If you look around, you will notice an increasing number of younger children in your churches in 3rd-6th grade. Many of our teens are moving on past high school and into college. So we need to provide more programs and youth ministry activities to keep these younger people involved and learning.

On March 4, 2005, St. Nicholas Church in Troy, MI hosted a JOY Pre-Lenten Retreat. For one evening, JOY groups from throughout the Michigan area gathered to learn about Orthodoxy, share their artistic talent, and have a good time! The theme of the retreat was "The Colors and Symbols of Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha". Participants learned about different colors and symbols used during this important time of the year for Orthodox Christians. Each one of the participants made a mini-kouvouklion (the bier symbolizing the tomb of Christ that is prominent during Holy Week). The whole evening was a great success, with all of our participants making important connections between what we see and do during Lent and Holy Week.

LENTEN RETREATS IN KEEP ROLLING!

How does one steer away from the March Madness and Spring Insanity? Our GOYAns have an opportunity to stop their busy schedules and focus on their Lenten journey at our Annual GOYA Lenten Lock-Ins and Retreats! At these Lenten Retreats, youth learn different facts about our faith and have an opportunity to discuss current issues in their lives. For example, we discussed the importance of the Panagia as our humble hero and role model at this year's Central District Lock-In. These Lock-Ins and Retreats have been a great success so far this year, as they have in the past.

Our Central, Southern, and NY Districts have already held their Lenten Lock-In events for this year. Our final GOYA Lock-In will be April 15-16, 2005 at Assumption Church in St. Clair Shores, MI. It is FREE for ALL GOYAns in Michigan and Toledo, OH. If you would like more information about this Lenten Lock-In, please contact Andriana Kiriazis at andrianak@comcast.net or call Assumption Church at 586-779-6111.

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL NEWS

Part of the focus of Youth Ministry is not only to educate our youth about Orthodox Christianity, but to encourage them to witness their knowledge and faith to others. The St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival offers youth an opportunity to learn about an aspect of the Orthodox Christian faith, research it, and to present their information through the art of public speaking.

Most parishes have already completed their local parish level festivals. This means most of this year's participants have already been chosen. But, this does not mean you have to miss these amazing presentations. You may attend the Oratorical Festival in your District or attend the Metropolis Oratorical Festival at St. Nicholas Church in Ann Arbor, MI on May 14, 2005. Our Metropolis Festival will produce two finalists who will represent the Metropolis of Detroit at the National St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. This year's festival will be held from June 3-5, 2005 in Camp Hill, PA. Please check the Metropolis Youth Calendar or email Eva Kokinos at youth@detroit.goarch.org for District Festival locations, dates, and other information.

Calendar of Events for the Youth Office

March

18-20 → Central District Lenten Retreat—Annunciation Church, Dayton, OH

25-26 → NY District Lenten Retreat—Holy Spirit Church—Rochester, NY

25-28 → Fall Creek Falls Retreat—Fall Creek Falls, TN

April

2 → Metro Area, Central, and NY District Oratorical Festivals See Report for Host Parishes

7-10 → National Altar Boy Retreat—Hellenic College/Holy Cross—Brookline, MA

10 → Southern District Oratorical Festival—Holy Trinity Church—Nashville, TN

15-16 → Metro Detroit District Lenten Retreat—Assumption Church—St. Clair Shores, MI

May

13-14 → St. John Chrysostom Metropolis Oratorical Festival St. Nicholas—Ann Arbor, MI

June

3-5 → St. John Chrysostom National Oratorical Festival Holy Trinity Church—Camp Hill, PA

26- Aug. 6 → MDSC Camp Season—Rose City, MI

July

23 → St. Nicholas Summer Camp Staff Orientation—Cedar Ridge Camp—Louisville, KY

24-30 → St. Nicholas Summer Camp Season—Cedar Ridge Camp—Louisville, KY

August

14-20 → St. Timothy Summer Camp—Oswegatchie Educational Center—Croghan, NY

MEFGOX News**By Chris Zervos, President**

The Mid-Eastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians is in full preparations as it prepares for its 58th annual convention, July 14-17, in Greater Pittsburgh. The Executive Board has been at work planning convention details. A regional rehearsal schedule is in place as singers begin learning the new bilingual liturgical setting arranged by Federation President, Chris Zervos of the Holy Trinity Cathedral parish in Toledo, Ohio.

Rev. Fr. John Chakos and the Holy Cross parish, Mount Lebanon, PA, have offered their facilities to the Federation for rehearsals and the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. Convention business site is the Radisson Greentree Hotel, a short distance from Pittsburgh's sports and cultural center. Andriana Kolendrianos of Santa Barbara, CA (formerly of Flint, MI) will be our Guest Director. Andriana is a well respected professional musician and music educator who has guided several Federations in convention liturgies, including the 2002 Archdiocesan Clergy Laity Congress in LA. In 2004, the Metropolis of San Francisco Church Musicians awarded her its highest honor, the St. Cosmas the Melodist and St. John Damascene medallion for significant contribution to her Diocese. MEFGOX is pleased to have the charming Andriana Kolendrianos in Pittsburgh July 14-17.

Regional rehearsals have already begun. The schedule of rehearsals in the Metropolis of Detroit follows. Other regional rehearsals will occur in Columbus Ohio and Mt Lebanon, PA.

Metro Detroit Area - Contact: Barbara Minton (313) 383-0466

Sat., April 9, Holy Cross, Farmington Hills, 1 -4 pm

Sat., May 7, Sts. Constantine and Helen, Westland, 10 am - noon

Wed., June 8, 15, 22, 29, St. George, Southgate, 7pm

Sun., July 10 9:30 am. Sts. Constantine and Helen, Westland

Up-State New York - Contact: Irene Georgantas (585) 473-2339

Sat., June 19 10 - 3 Holy Spirit, Rochester

To facilitate the learning process, professionally produced, part-amplified recordings in CD format will assist singers to learn this new music. MEFGOX will be the first Federation in the Archdiocese to premier this new liturgical setting.

Several groups of MEFGOX musicians were active this winter. The Greek Orthodox Choir of Greater Pittsburgh participated in the Pittsburgh Christmas Festival, Dec. 13th, in the magnificent Heinz Concert Hall. Directed by Larry Tavarides, 40 singers performed the Tchaikowsky/Bortniansky Cherubic Hymn in Greek and English. Accompanied by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, they joined 400 singers of ecumenical Christian faiths in traditional Christmas carols. Some 2500 concert-goers, including His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos, enjoyed the evening's music.

The Parish of the Holy Spirit in Rochester, NY hosted a weekend workshop in early December which featured com-

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Philoptochos News**By Katherine Kotsis, President**

In December, 2004, the world witnessed a historical catastrophe. The devastation and destruction caused by an earthquake and the tsunami was incomprehensible as it left hundreds of thousands of victims homeless and in despair. As of April 1, 2005, the National Philoptochos has received a total of \$103,805 in relief targeted monies from chapters throughout the country. The following three chapters topped the list with very commendable donations: Koimisis tis Theotokou, Brooklyn, New York, - \$5,000; Sts. Constantine and Helen, Annapolis, Maryland, - \$4,500 and St. John, Sterling Heights, Michigan, - \$2,700. Over 11,000 "Gifts of the Heart" health kits were received to help relieve the pain and distress of those afflicted from this tragedy.

Annunciation, Dayton, OhioSharing the Faith - Greek Orthodox Materials Gifted to Public Libraries

The public libraries of Montgomery County, Ohio, (Dayton region) were pleased to receive a substantial addition to their selections of Greek Orthodox materials thanks to the Philoptochos Society of the Annunciation parish.

The parishioners responded with generous donations when the idea of gifting a substantial variety of books and videos regarding the faith was introduced by Philoptochos chairwomen Evanthia Valasiades and Chris Makaritis.

After researching the current holdings of the main library and its

branches, a list of materials was compiled by the committee with the assistance of Rev. Father Mark Emroll. Library selection managers chose titles they thought would be of interest to their patrons. Multiple copies of basic books insured that every branch had at least the basic information regarding Greek Orthodoxy. The interest and wide range titles selected by the managers were most heartwarming.

The library acknowledged the generous gift by issuing a bookplate for each donated item acknowledging the Philoptochos Society of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Dayton, Ohio.

St. Sophia, Syracuse, New York

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Philoptochos News, continued

The CNY Children's Hospital at the Upstate Medical University in Syracuse was the recipient of three gifts totaling \$10,900 from the St. Sophia parish in Syracuse. The gift was made through the efforts of the Ladies Philoptochos Society, the Sophian Players and the parish council under the leadership of Rev. Father Thomas Zaferes.

A St. Sophia parish theater group donated \$5,100 from profits from a musical presentation directed by William M. Harmand, M.D.; St. Sophia parish council's gift of \$2,500 resulted from profits from their 2004 Greek Festival. In addition, St. Sophia Ladies Philoptochos Society raised \$3,300 through an art auction held last October. Through several years of vigorous fund raising, the Philoptochos Society raised an additional \$5,000 for a Children's Hospital family sleep room.

Annunciation, Little Rock, Arkansas –

MEFGOX News, continued

poser, Kevin Lawrence, as clinician. The parish recently dedicated its iconostasis to the memory of George Georgantas, of blessed memory. The Annunciation parish in Rochester, NY hosted a March 5-6 workshop of Anna Gallos music. Presbyter Anna was guest clinician.

The St. Nicholas parish in Ann Arbor,

Holy Trinity, Nashville, Tennessee

During the Philoptochos 2004 convention, the National Board disbursed to the Metropolis boards monies from the Children's Medical and Cardiac Funds for distribution to children's hospitals. The Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos was awarded \$30,000. Rev. Father Nicholas Verdaris and Philoptochos leaders Becca Mashing and Janet Alley of the Annunciation Church, presented \$15,000 to the Arkansas Children's Hospital foundation for their Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit. Also, \$15,000 was presented to the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, Children's Miracle Network, by Rev. Father Mark Arey and Philoptochos leaders Lisa Solon, Presvytera Stella Sfikas, Stephanie Davis and Alexandra Pappas of the Holy Trinity Church in Nashville.

MEFGOX is committed to preparing

An Upcoming Philoptochos Event

The Metropolis Philoptochos board will be hosting a "Fellowship Luncheon" on Saturday, June 4, at the Assumption Cultural Center, St. Clair Shores, Michigan. We are honored to have as our guest, Hope Mihalap, who will entertain us with laughter.

As she captures her audiences with entertainment, Hope leaves them with valuable insights into communication and good relationships. She is a writer, former newspaper columnist, an announcer on public radio and the voice behind hundreds of commercials heard coast to coast. She has received the Speaker Hall of Fame award, the Oscar of the speaking profession.

All are welcome to join us for this luncheon on June 4. Please phone Harriet Stoukas for reservations at (248) 823-2400.

the next generation of church musicians. To that end it offers scholarships to worthy high school graduates pursuing music education at the college level. Please encourage those in your parish who qualify to apply for one of our scholarships. And remember to make a donation to the MEFGOX Memorial Scholarship Fund.

2004 -2005 Friends

(a/o 3/31/05)

His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas

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“...but I have called you friends...”

John 15:15