



# The Shepherd's Staff

## Metropolitan Nicholas' Message...



*Beloved Faithful,*

While God is above the limitation of time, for us the calculation of time as reflected in a year helps us to give perspective to human life: it is this marking of the passage of time which requires us to reflect on our accomplishments of the year gone by - in order to look with hope to the year to come.

Now at the beginning of 2003 we must glorify and thank God for His abundant blessings and grace throughout the past year. For all blessings seen and unseen, known and unknown, we give thanks to our Heavenly Father Who poured out His grace upon us as individuals, families, parishes, communities, and our Metropolis and Archdiocese.

We also thank our many generous supporters and benefactors through whose gifts of love we have continued to work for the glory of God. We thank our Millennium Benefactors who have made possible the purchase of our new Center; and we gratefully thank our *Friends of the Diocese* supporters who have ultimately provided

for our day to day operational expenses. May God bless you all!

This new year of 2003 presents us in the faith community with other challenges as we strive to fulfill the Gospel mandate to care for the poor and needy, to care for the spiritual needs of the communities, to administer the sacraments, and to commit more for the needs of our Beloved Church.

I am also privileged to convey the many warm blessings of our Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, to all of our people. I would also like to thank all of our Clergy, Parish Council Members, the Members of Philoptochos, our Catechism Teachers and Youth Workers, our Volunteers, our Chanters and Choirs, and all of our organizations for their continued love and support. I would especially thank you for your many letters, greetings, and prayers.

As we begin this new year, I express to you the same love of St. Paul to the flock of Christ:

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all ... for God is my witness ... that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers, making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you ... that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.  
*Romans 1:8-12*

Praying that our Lord Jesus Christ continue to enlighten us all to the will of God the Father through the grace of the Holy Spirit, I extend to you my best wishes for a new year filled with peace, health, and spiritual discernment, and every good gift,

With paternal prayers and blessings,

*Metropolitan Nicholas*

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**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BISHOP'S SCHEDULE**

**NOVEMBER, 2002**

- 11/1 75th Anniversary, Saint George, Bloomfield Hills, MI
- 11/2 Rose City Camp 50th Anniversary Dinner, Saint Nicholas Church, Troy, MI
- 11/8-11/9 Great Vespers and Liturgy for Saint Nektarios, Assumption Church/Saint Nektarios Chapel, St. Clair Shores, MI
- 11/14 Executive Council Meeting, Archdiocese, New York City
- 11/16-11/17 50th Anniversary, Annunciation Church, Kalamazoo, MI-Dinner and Liturgy.
- 11/26 Detroit Diocese Clergy Synodemos Meeting, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Toledo, OH

**DECEMBER, 2002**

- 12/1 Pastoral Visit, Saint Nicholas, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 12/5-12/6 Vespers and Liturgy for Saint Nicholas, Troy, MI
- 12/6 Romeiko Ensemble Byzantine Concert, Troy, MI
- 12/8 Diocesan Christmas Pageant and Christmas Concert, Sts Constantine and Helen, Westland, MI
- 12/11 Vespers and Liturgy for Saint

- Spyridon-Diocesan Chapel, Detroit, MI
- 12/13-12/15 Reopening of the Church-Buffalo, NY. Vespers and Liturgy.
- 12/17 Detroit Diocese Clergy Synodemos Meeting, Saint George, Bloomfield Hills, MI

- 12/21-12/22 Pastoral Visit, Holy Trinity/Saint Nicholas, Cincinnati, OH
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Vespers and Liturgy, Assumption, St. Clair Shores, MI
- 12/25 Christmas Day Liturgy, Annunciation Cathedral, Detroit



## Youth News

By Nick H. Kotsis, Director-Youth and Young Adult Ministries

### Upstate NY Ski Retreat Weekend - Jan. 18-20

- Young people from Upstate NY gathered in Syracuse, NY for the annual Ski-Retreat Weekend. St. Sophia Church in Syracuse sponsored this 3-day weekend to which 60 GOYAnS attended. Coming from Annunciation Church in Buffalo, Annunciation Church in Rochester, Holy Spirit Church in Rochester, and of course, St. Sophia in Syracuse, the young

people enjoyed a weekend packed with activities.

On Friday night, things started with icebreakers and dinner, and then everyone headed out for a night of bowling. On Saturday, everyone went skiing and tubing at the Tonnenburg Ski complex. Afterwards, we all washed - up and attended Great Vespers. A retreat centered on Christ-like decision-making in our day and age followed Great Vespers. After dinner, the kids enjoyed a

danced sponsored by a local Syracuse DJ—DJ Niko.

After the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, a brunch was offered to the participants before they all headed home. The GOYAnS slept in different areas of the cultural center on both Friday and Saturday nights. It was a great weekend of faith and fellowship, fun and worship—and we hope to see everyone there next year! But don't forget the Lenten Retreat coming in March!

**Metro area—don't forget the Lenten Lock-In at Holy Cross, Farmington Hills, MI—Apr. 4-5!!!**

**Central and Southern Districts—don't forget the retreat in Fall Creek Falls, Tennessee!!!**

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### Detroit Diocese Christmas Pageant

On Sunday, December 8, the Diocese held the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Christmas Pageant. Graciously hosted by the community of Ss. Constantine and Helen Church of Westland, MI, over 500 people attend the pageant to see nearly 100 children perform in the pageant and hear 65 beautiful voices in the Diocesan Choir, led by George S. Raptis. The younger children decorated the Christmas tree while the older kids, dressed in costume, performed their memorized lines. There were six scenes presented by the children interspersed by 16 Christmas selections by the choir. The kids were simply phenomenal in their

presentation of their roles: they were confident, loud, and spoke with excellent diction - despite performing in front of hundreds of people! And once again, the Diocesan Choir

As is custom, Metropolitan Nicholas presented a gold cross to one lucky child who participated in the pageant and, this year for the first time, to one lucky choir member. Aspasia Manettas received the cross for participating in the pageant and Helen Arabages received the cross for participating in the choir. The community of Ss. Constantine and Helen did an excellent job of hosting the event and offered all those in attendance a wonderful buffet during the reception in their cultural center. Metropolitan Nicholas' nameday was also celebrated during the reception.



His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, His Eminence Archbishop Nicolae of the Romanian Archdiocese and the children who participated in the Pageant

worked very hard during their numerous rehearsals to be able to perform such a wonderful program. The children and the choir did superb jobs and a CD was made of the entire pageant.

### Youth Activities Calendar

**February 14-18** - Dayton Basketball Tournament

**February 22** - GOYA dance - St. George Church - Southgate, MI

**March 7-8** - GOYA retreat - Fort Wayne, IN

**March 14-16** - OYAA Basketball Tournament - Metro Detroit

**March 21-23** - Southern Retreat - Fall Creek Falls, TN

**March 28-29** - Upstate NY Lenten Retreat - Holy Spirit Church - Rochester, NY

**April 4-5** - Metro District Lenten Retreat/Lock-In - Holy Cross - Farmington Hills, MI

**April 12** - District Oratorical Festivals - Ithaca, NY - Middletown, OH - Little Rock, AR - Lansing, MI

**May 10** - Diocesan Oratorical Festival - Saint John Church, Sterling Heights, MI

**May 16-17** - Central District Retreat Lock-In - Middletown, OH

**July 6- August 9** - Detroit Diocese Summer Camp - Rose City, MI

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 - August 3-9

**July 27-Aug. 2** -Metropolis of Detroit Southern Camp - Louisville, KY



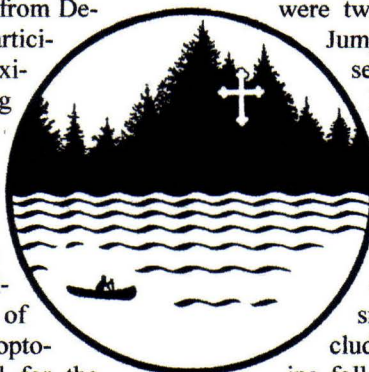
**W**isdom, holy dignity,  
a desire for justice,  
valor, the thought of a good heart, love that is strong,  
love of the poor, faith in Christ, freedom from anger,  
hospitality. If we possess these things, we will find them going before us,  
preparing a dwelling for us in the land of the gentle.

Saint Anthony the Great

## Jump Into Your Faith!!

By Presbytera Harriet Wilson

This was the theme of the Diocese of Detroit first Winter Mini Camp & Southern Camp Reunion held at the Panagia Pantovasilissa parish in Lexington, Kentucky from December 27-29, 2002. Over sixty people participated in the weekend which included approximately 45 campers or soon to be campers along with counselors and parents. Campers came from Nashville, Chattanooga, and Memphis, TN, Cincinnati, Springfield and Dayton, OH, Indianapolis, IN, and Lexington, KY. A sincere thank you to the parishioners of the Panagia Pantovasilissa parish for their hospitality. Campers were hosted in the homes of parishioners. The Panagia Pantovasilissa Philoptochos provided food, games and gym rental for the weekend. The weekend was filled with both spiritual and social activities. Some of the highlights were a video of summer camp prepared by Dr. Adam Soufleris from Chattanooga, TN, a fellowship night of playing board games, an afternoon at a local gym and of course the retreat sessions. Father Irenaeus



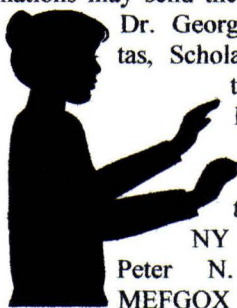
Cox and Father Dean Nastos joined Father George Wilson, in providing the spiritual leadership for the weekend. There were two workshops which focused on the theme: Jump into Your Faith - dealing with the beautiful season of Epiphany when we celebrate our Lord's Baptism in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. This theme was chosen to help our young people focus on their own baptism and personal dedication to Christ and His Holy Church. An Arts & Craft session was a reminder of summer camp along with a make-shift camp fire and the making of smores on Saturday night. The weekend concluded with the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning followed by a luncheon hosted by Mrs. Alexandra Wallace. Campers took home a mini camp T-shirt and a sense of rekindled friendship. Everyone is looking forward to being together again at the Southern District Camp which will again be held at the Cedar Ridge Camp in Louisville, KY at the end of July.

## MEFGOX News

By Chris J. Zervos, President

Throughout the Metropolis of Detroit, Church musicians have been actively involved in parish and Diocesan work this Fall and Winter. Observing National Church Music Ministry on Sunday, October 6th, choirs and psaltai were recognized by their appreciative parishes for the dedicated work. These women and men are the "other" voice in the liturgical dialogue set in motion by our clergy during Orthodox worship services. As well, several choirs hosted special events to raise funds for the scholarship programs of the Mid-Eastern Federation and the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians. In particular, the St. Nicholas-Troy MI parish raised \$600 for the MEFGOX Memorial Scholarship program; Holy Trinity-Toledo OH hosted a community brunch which generated \$1300; and St. George-Southgate MI sponsored its annual Spaghetti Luncheon. Special collection trays were passed in nearly every parish to benefit this worthy program which assists young Orthodox students of music to continue their college training in music. Through the

MEFGOX Scholarship program, the memory of deceased Church musicians is honored. The Federation was particularly pleased to award a \$1000 scholarship to Mary Beth Danckaert of Holy Trinity-Fort Wayne, IN who is attending Holy Cross Seminary-Hellenic College in Brookline. Those who wish to add their donations may send their checks to Dr. George Georganas, Scholarship Trustee c/o 125 Hampshire Drive, Rochester, NY 14618 or to Peter N. Vatures, MEFGOX Treasurer, c/o 68 W. Cooke Road, Columbus, OH 43214.



A rigorous rehearsal schedule was established by George S. Raptis, Diocese Choir Director, to prepare for the Detroit Diocese Christmas Pageant on December 8th. The 70 voice regional choir performed 16 musical selections

of the season. Featured in the performance at the Sts. Constantine and Helen-Westland, MI were soloists Rob Filarecki, Jess Chalker, Con Carson, Kirsten Shah, Danielle Caralis, Anna Niforos and two ensemble groups. No one will ever forget the tender and effortless delivery of Danielle Caralis singing Mary Had a Baby. Also of special note was the youth orchestra assembled and directed by Dr. John Manolukas for the Holy Trinity Cathedral-Toledo, OH parish Christmas Pageant. Children performed on strings, woodwinds and keyboards and featured a vocal duet by Evangelia Leontis (Bowling Green, OH) and Katherine Melonakos (Monroe, MI).

Church musicians throughout the Detroit Diocese, as well as the Pittsburgh Diocese are beginning to prepare for the MEFGOX Convention which is being hosted this year by the St. Nicholas parish in Troy, MI July 17-20. Convention

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Chair, Patti Chalker and her committee have planned an innovative convention of workshops focusing on youth music ministry. The convention Divine Liturgy will be the Federation premiere of the long anticipated liturgical choral setting composed by George S. Raptis. Mr. Raptis will also be

guest director. More than 250 singers are expected to attend the convention and sing in the choir. The Mid-Eastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians will be an active participant in the Detroit Diocese Clergy Laity Conference in Nashville (April, 2003) and will sponsor a Youth Music Ministry Workshop

for the delegates. The Church musicians of MEFGOX extend their heartiest congratulations to our Hierarchy, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, on his recent elevation. Axios, Metropolitan Nicholas! May God grant you many years.

## Philoptochos

by Katherine Kotsis, President

The Diocese of Detroit Philoptochos Board and the Philoptochos chapters will have the honor of hosting the ninth National Philoptochos Children's Medical Luncheon on November 1, 2003. Since its inception the Medical Fund Luncheon has afforded Philoptochos an opportunity to distribute approximately \$1,000,000 to children's hospitals throughout the United States. The past Children's Medical Luncheons have been held in New York, Atlanta, Washington D.C., Boston, New Jersey and Chicago—and now our Diocese will have the opportunity to host this event in Detroit. All of the luncheons have been successful due to the diligence and hard work of the chapters in each Diocese.

Mrs. Georgia Skeadas has been appointed president of the National Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios. As a native member of Philoptochos since the age of 19, Mrs. Skeadas has served on parish and diocesan boards. Prior to this appointment Mrs. Skeadas served on the Archdiocesan Council Youth Ministry Committee. A few

of her goals and objectives for Philoptochos outlined in her keynote address are: to foster unity, harmony and cohesiveness within and across the entire Philoptochos organization, new avenues for philanthropic outreach and new membership.

### Chapter News:

Buffalo, New York – The ladies of the Annunciation Philoptochos have been busy with many outreach programs and projects along with a drive to help raise funds towards the renovation of the church not covered by a fire last year. The "Be An Angel" program provides Christmas gifts such as toys, clothing and special treats to children attending a school specifically for children with disabilities. Philoptochos is actively involved in assisting the Buffalo Concerned Ecumenical Ministry of Upper West Side. This center provides a haven for children to keep them off the streets, assisting the needy and a lunch program for the elderly. The ladies have also been active in assisting the St. Innocence Project Mexico as well as the National committees.

Lansing, Michigan – The Holy Trinity Philoptochos held their annual "Athenian Lunch and Bake Sale" on November 6. This luncheon is open to all parish members as well as the public, and what a luncheon it was. Approximately 800 lunches were served and over 900 salads were sold. The ladies start preparing for this luncheon in September baking 68 trays of pites, 27 trays of baklava and countless amounts of pastries. The monies from this luncheon assist three food banks in Lansing: the South Side Community Kitchen, which serves lunches and provides coats for the homeless, Council Against Domestic Assault and the local cripple children's chapter. Every February the Philoptochos hosts the "Zorba Dance" which supports our National Philoptochos commitments.

**B**lessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

Psalm 41:1-2

## Romeiko Concert – A Memorable Event

By Joan DeRonne

With great pleasure, the Greek Language and Culture Committee presented its first music initiative on December 6, 2002 with the support and assistance of many organizations and individuals.

Dr. Yiorgos Bilalis, Director, with his brilliance, gathered



an outstanding ensemble of artists from all over the world to share their music with us. The program, Christ In Bethle-

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hem, began in the Church of St. Nicholas with a procession to the altar. As one priest commented, "the music was so beautiful and calming". It was remarkable for priests to listen to others chant. Many in attendance felt that a seed had been planted and that next year the 350 guests would double in number. The audience exclaimed that they had never attended a concert like this in our area.

The program in the Church included the chanting of a rich selection of hymns and troparia from Church music that has glorified Byzantium and Orthodoxy throughout the centuries.

After a brief intermission, The Romeiko Ensemble led a lively program of carols and folk songs in the community center and featured guest artist John Peters, a baritone. Some of the selections were Glory to God, Bavarian style, God Without Beginning, Byzantine melodies, songs from Smyrna and other selections. French and English Medieval carols were presented in this segment.

The artists, who arrived with a suitcase and a smile, left their professions to enthusiastically provide us with the beauty of their music and a level of culture we were ascribing to. They went on to complete their world tour in New York and Chicago.

## "Friends of the Diocese" Program

By Presbytera Thea Ballas

*Friends of the Diocese Campaign* is intended to offer an opportunity to all of the faithful of the Diocese to help support the Diocesan ministries and programs. This Campaign seeks your generous ongoing financial support, and

George Reganis, our event Chairperson accepted the challenge to present a concert of this importance and raised an enormous awareness and support. Chris Shefkalis and the Levendes provided sound and lighting equipment for the production.

Special thanks, to His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas, who challenged our committee to raise consciousness in language and culture for our youth,



His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas with the Romeiko Ensemble

their parents and the entire community. Fr. Michael Varlamos, Committee Chair, who provided the vision and inspiration to stay focused and strive for our goals. The other committee members are George Reganis, Event Chairperson, Gus Demas, Ed.D., Joan DeRonne, Kathryn Kittides, Ph.D., Vasilios Kosmidis, Elli Patouhas, Christ Petrouleas, Harriet Stoukas, Mike Syropoulos, Ed.D., Arthur T. Vrettas, Ph. D. and Ernest Zachary.

Fr. Stratton Dorozenski, Patti Chalker, Pat and Cindy Crossen and Anna Diamantaras made the Committee, the Ensemble and guests so very wel-

is designed to encourage your annual support of our Diocesan Ministries. The Diocese currently receives no Archdiocesan support to fund the day to day operations of the Diocese or pay related expenses, which include: telephone, computers, copiers, fax, etc. You are

come. Others who assisted were Fr. Nick Kyritses, Olga Cardasis and Nick Kotsis, Tony Manolias, Louis Melhem, Jeff Petersen, Mark Stavropoulos, and Ernest Zachary, The Afterglow under the direction of Harriet Stoukas was festive and welcomed at the end of the performance.

We are indebted to the Benefactors of the event; Wayne State University, Department of Classics Greek and Latin, The Hellenic Heritage Society, Oakland County Office of Arts and Film, University of Michigan, Modern Greek Studies Program, Order of AHEPA, Omega 371, Scholarship Fund and all of our Patrons, Grand Donors and Donors who made this event possible.

The Greek Language and Culture Committee was formed by His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas, three years ago, for the purpose of presenting the rich Hellenic heritage of music, art, literature, history, philosophy, science and language to not only the ethnic community but the entire public as well. The committee is divided into two groups: one subcommittee is working to acquire regional accreditation for all Greek language classes throughout the Diocese with a new curriculum to be introduced in 2003. The other subcommittee is dedicated to demonstrating the contributions and importance of Hellenic Civilization as the foundation and cornerstone integral to the development of all of Western Civilization.

the key to the success of the *Friends of the Diocese Campaign*. We appreciate your faithful and continued love and support for the Church and our Diocese. We thank our 2001/2002 Friends for their loving contributions.

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Timothy.

**B**ut this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness.

2Cor. 9:6-10

