Metropolitan’s Message

Beloved Family in Christ,

As we enter the month of March, we realize that from the perspective of our church calendar we are again entering into another season of Great Lent. Very often when we hear the word Lent, we have in our minds a catalog of things that will be different for a while. And as we think about these changes coming up, we ask ourselves why the Church is involved in our kitchen and eating habits. All of those foods that we love are going to be off the grid for a time. But that is ok, because with the light of Easter everything will be back to normal – and who doesn’t like lamb!!

But in truth the Lenten period for Christians is essentially meant to be a period of great and lasting change in our lives – it is not intended for us to finish Lent and go back to things just as they were a month or two earlier. We are called upon to make permanent changes in our personal, family, social, and community life. Truly we are called upon to make the image of Christ more intrinsic in our life, so that when others see and hear what we do and say they will know that we belong to the Lord God.

Changing our eating habits is so fundamental to our day to day life that it cannot but bring the possibility of change in our spiritual life and our Christian identity. Intentionally changing what we eat, do, and say during Lent will actually begin to make permanent changes in how we live our lives!

During this Lenten period, please consider some habits that we can adopt which will change our lives forever: spend less on food for ourselves and give to a local food bank; spend less on wi-fi and internet and have a family conversation about who we are as people of God; stop watching mindless television and internet programs and begin reading the Bible; being less worried about sales at the mall and coming to church from the beginning of the service. These changes, which can be signaled by the beginning of Great Lent, can change our lives forever and help us come actively closer to our Lord.

Praying that we all share in a Blessed Lent,

METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS OF DETROIT

His Eminence and Fr. Dean Hountalas at the vespers for St. John St. John Church, Sterling Heights, MI
**Metropolis News**

- We are very proud to announce the ordinations of Deacon Ryan Andrew Leathers at the Assumption Church in Louisville, Kentucky on March 3, and Deacon Benjamin Rossiter at the Annunciation Church in Buffalo New York on March 10. Both of these fine deacons will be serving as a part of the permanent diaconal program.

  More information can be found at:  
  [https://www.h chc.edu/certificate-programs/diaconate-program/](https://www.h chc.edu/certificate-programs/diaconate-program/)

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**Metropolitan’s Schedule**

NOTICE: Metropolitan Nicholas’ schedule is subject to change. Please visit our website for updates:  [www.detroit.goarch.org/calendar](http://www.detroit.goarch.org/calendar).

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Youth News

BY EVA KONSTANTAKOS

2019 GOYA Lenten Regional Retreats

Every year, during Great Lent, we have regional GOYA Lenten Retreats to gather our youth during this sacred time of year. We are pleased to announce the three amazing retreats coming up. GOYAns throughout the Metropolis are invited to participate in one of these retreats. In addition to youth activities and discussions, we will also offer sessions for the adults (young adults/parents/chaperones). Visit their respective links for more information or to register online!

Michigan District
GOYA Lenten Retreat
Holy Trinity Cathedral
Toledo, OH
Saturday, March 23, 2019
www.detroit.goarch.org/migoya

Central District
GOYA Lenten Retreat
Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas Church
Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, April 13, 2019
www.detroit.goarch.org/centralgoya

Upstate NY
GOYA Lenten Retreat
St. Sophia Church
Syracuse, NY
Saturday, March 30, 2019
www.detroit.goarch.org/nygoya

2019 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

The St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival is an incredible program that encourages youth to witness their Orthodox Christian faith through the art of public speaking. Here are the locations of this year’s District and Metropolis Festivals. Please contact youth@detroit.goarch.org for more information.

CENTRAL DISTRICT (IN, KY, OH)
Saturday, April 6, 2019
Holy Mother Queen of all Church/Lexington, KY

MICHIGAN DISTRICT
(MI and Toledo, OH)
Saturday, April 6, 2019
St. Nicholas Church/Ann Arbor, MI

NY DISTRICT (Upstate NY)
Sunday, April 7, 2019
Annunciation Church/Rochester, NY

SOUTHERN DISTRICT (AR and TN)
Saturday, April 6, 2019
Annunciation Church/Memphis, TN

METROPOLIS FINALS
Saturday, May 18, 2019
St. Nicholas Church/Troy, MI
www.detroit.goarch.org/metropolis_sjcof

2019 SUMMER CAMP SEASON

It’s time to start thinking about SUMMER CAMP! We have THREE summer camps in our Metropolis. Registration is either underway or will be happening soon for our camps. Financial aid is available, thanks to Leadership 100. Please inquire about financial assistance through your parish priest.

Visit the official camp websites for more information:
MDSC – www.gomdsc.org
ST. NICHOLAS CAMP – www.stnicholascamp.org
ST. TIMOTHY CAMP – www.sttimothycamp.org
Philoptochos News

BY THEONE DICKOS

We have been truly blessed with many gifts in our lives, but having the ability to assist others who are less fortunate is the ultimate gift and blessing.

2019 began with the cutting of the Vasilopita, the first of the nineteen National Commitments. All proceeds benefit St. Basil Academy. Luncheons, auctions, trays passed after the Divine Liturgy and a variety of other activities were held. The monies raised in the Vasilopita celebrations are typically greater than those of the other commitments. St. Basil Academy brings the light of Christ to young lives. Congratulations go to St. Basil Academy for it is celebrating its 75th Anniversary on September 21, 2019.

On December 9th, the Philoptochos was pleased to host its annual Name Day Open House and reception for our beloved Metropolitan Nicholas at the Metropolis Center. A Vespers Service was held for St. Spyridon on December 11th and Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, December 12th. The festive and beautifully decorated Metropolis home created a lovely ambiance for the receptions hosted by the Metropolis Philoptochos Board.

The National Philoptochos is challenging the chapters to identify an underprivileged school in your community where you could offer something. The Holy Trinity Cathedral Toledo, Ohio acted quickly on this challenge, and assisted teachers and students in underfunded schools in their parish community. Due to the generosity of their parishioners, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, paper, children’s books and tissues were collected and donated to Riverside and Sherman Schools, Toledo, Ohio. This kind gesture assists the teachers and students before the lack of educational activities affect their lives. The Toledo Chapter also adopted a family of three who were in need. Clothing was purchased by the Philoptochos, and the parishioners contributed to the purchase of furniture.

The Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos Board is proud to announce the establishment of the Florence G. Stefanou Scholarship. The scholarship is made possible through the generosity of the Stefanou Family. Florence was a devoted Philoptochos member serving on all levels, her local chapter, the Metropolis Board, and the National Board. Together with the family, we offer this scholarship to an outstanding male or female wishing to further their education. For more information and scholarship applications, contact your local Philoptochos Chapter or go to the Philoptochos page of the Metropolis of Detroit website. Applicants must be related to a Philoptochos member.

By now, you should have received your invitation for the May 4, 2019 Spring Luncheon, “Philanthropy in Motion.” It will take place at The Henry Ford Lovett Hall in Dearborn, Michigan. The guest speaker, Joanne Ewald is a jewelry artist and Founder/Executive Director of Mend on the Move, a nonprofit organization. As a survivor of child sexual abuse, her mission is to help other women who live destructive lives due to abusive pasts. A dynamic speaker, beautiful venue, great food, fabulous raffle prizes and wonderful fellowship will make an event that you will not want to miss.

Mark your calendars for the Metropolis Clergy Laity and Philoptochos Conference which will take place Thursday, September 26 – Saturday, September 28, 2019. It will be held at the Somerset Inn, Troy, MI. The highlight of the convention is the “20 Year Enthronement Anniversary Banquet” celebrating His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit on Friday, September 27, 2019.

CONTRIBUTIONS
St. Basil Academy is the recipient of the following Vasilopita Celebrations:

- Holy Cross – Farmington Hills, MI $741
- St. Nicholas – Ann Arbor, MI $2,700
- Annunciation – Rochester, NY $2,200
- Holy Spirit – Rochester, NY $700
- Holy Trinity Cathedral – Carmel, IN $2000
- Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas-Cincinnati, OH $5000

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MEFGOX News

Developing Church Music Ministries: Metropolis Efforts

By Dr. Vicki Pappas
President, Mid-Eastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians

The Mid-Eastern Federation of Church Musicians serves as the music ministry for the Metropolises of Detroit and Pittsburgh. Because of the important role that church musicians (chanters and choirs) play in our ecclesiastical services, the Federation advocates for and encourages ways of achieving excellence in how the music of the church is presented, much like the iconography of a parish reflects the best of the artists, the building reflects excellence in architecture, and the robes, and cloths, and holy vessels reflect beauty in craftsmanship. So that the presentation of the hymns can also reflect excellence, one of the major areas of MEFGOX activity is to make educational experiences and musical resources available for our church musicians.

There are several recent examples of this area of MEFGOX activity. In the Detroit Metro area, the choir directors and chanters have been networking more closely and holding meetings where they share information and plan joint activities. A spring concert last year and an all-day vocal workshop in November have resulted so far. In February, a Symposium and an All-Night Vigil for the Feast of Ypapanti was spearheaded by the parishes of St. George in Southgate and Nativity of the Theotokos, and also supported by MEFGOX. This unique event brought together chanters and choir members, who heard learned speakers present talks about “The Anatomy of a Vigil,” “Unlocking the Mysteries of the Liturgy by Exploring the Words of Our Worship,” and “Community Building Through the Psaltic Art,” as well as a panel discussion highlighting the musical sharings that chanters and choir members can create to increase understanding of our musical forms and eliminate barriers. After a light supper, participants sang the hymns of the vigil, which encompassed all the services contained in a day, culminating in the Divine Liturgy ending at 8:30 in the morning. Because of the enthusiasm generated as a result of the weekend, plans are percolating to replicate this event next year.

Still another type of MEFGOX-supported activity will occur at the end of March when the choir of Annunciation Church in Buffalo will visit the parish of St. Nicholas in Jamestown, NY to sing with their choir and enjoy some mutual fellowship. This venture has already resulted in positive developments that other parishes might emulate: a commitment to preparatory rehearsals, the learning of new music, increased sharing of resources between directors, and the anticipation of increased fellowship between the two parishes.

Another avenue of MEFGOX support for church musicians to further their knowledge and skills lies in the decision of MEFGOX to create a restricted budget line for individual parish church musicians to receive small Continuing Education grants to engage in short-term educational experiences, such as workshops, seminars, private lessons, and the like (see www.mefgox.org under the Scholarships tab for application information throughout the year). We have already approved one grant for a choir member to take voice lessons. For those seeking longer-term support for college and university studies, the Federation also has a Memorial Scholarship program to support more extended educational endeavors. Applications for college study are due April 1st and information can also be found at www.mefgox.org under the Scholarships tab.

Last, with Great Lent beginning and Holy Week and Pascha approaching, MEFGOX uses its listerv to disseminate news of musical resources available to parishes – hymnals and choir music for the new English translation of the Divine Liturgy as approved by our Holy Synod; new English translations for other hymns of the season; teaching materials for Church School lessons about the Divine Liturgy; resources for a Holy Friday Retreat; and pew cards for the standard English translation and music for Christos Anesti/Christ is Risen.

These are the opportunities MEFGOX strives to provide – what is also needed is a parish culture that sets expectations for excellence and continuous improvement so that it becomes a priority for church musicians to participate. We hope this short synopsis illustrates how MEFGOX is creating opportunities for learning and development. We encourage church musicians to take advantage of them and also to consider hosting similar learning activities, inviting others in their areas, and seeking the assistance of MEFGOX to do so. Feel free to contact any of the MEFGOX officers for information and assistance.
Changes from the Patriarchate

METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS

We may often feel that things never change – especially in the Church. As Orthodox Christians we take a certain measure of pride in the idea that we are the original church, and that we continue to follow the teachings that our Lord gave to the Apostles and handed down to us.

But in truth, regardless of what we think, some things do change in the Church. Recently the Ecumenical Patriarchate made a decision to allow the second marriage of clergy under certain circumstances. This decision was made with specific reference to clergy who have lost their wives either to death or desertion of the household.

While we are used to a different general practice in our Church, this decision has great merit in a time when the world around us is rapidly changing, often in unusual ways. Hundreds of years ago, it was less common for a clergy family to move away from their immediate family. One of the benefits of this was that there were always people from the family able to help each other – because no one lived more than a few houses away, or perhaps just in the next village.

But today, families are smaller, distances are greater, and the clergy assignments are in a wider geographic framework. In those cases where a young clergyman did not have the intent to live a single life but it was his prayer to raise a family in the faith, without his wife at home he might not be able to fulfill his basic parish obligations.

In addition to that situation, in our world today we find that it is not unusual for people to be drawn away from the pureness of life in the Church for the “good time” of life outside of God. When a spouse would determine to leave the household for the purported joy of the world, the clergyman is left alone and abandoned. Likewise, there are also cases where a marriage is entered into because it serves a different purpose – financial, immigration, confusion, etc. In these cases, a person agrees to marry the clergyman because it seems like the best answer for now … but the marriage has no long-term expectation. This self-serving use of marriage is also a problem.

By means of this decision, the Patriarchate has opened the doors to a brighter future for those clergymen who fall within these guidelines. While it was always the intent that the clergyman should have a strong marriage, it was never the intent that a married clergyman (especially with children) should be left alone in the world without the support of his wife.

While it is true that not all cases will fall under these guidelines, this decision of our Ecumenical Patriarchate will bring hope and joy to some of our clergymen who are living in difficult times right now.

If you know of a priest who is currently in this position – please don’t make this a topic of local gossip and speculation. Just pray that God will grant him strength and guide him to the right path.
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In Memory of Carol Clore Valen

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