

YOU WERE TRANSFIGURED ON THE MOUNT, CHRIST GOD REVEALING YOUR GLORY TO YOUR DISCIPLES, IN SO FAR AS THEY COULD COMPREHEND. ILLUMINATE US SINNERS ALSO WITH YOUR EVERLASTING LIGHT, THROUGH THE INTERCESSIONS OF THE THEOTOKOS. GIVER OF LIGHT, GLORY TO YOU.

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METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS' MESSAGE

Beloved Faithful,
Following my recent visit to Nashville, I wanted to give you an update as to the aftermath of the flood. After I landed in Nashville, Fr. Gregory Hohnholt of the Holy Trinity parish took me on a ride through some of the areas afflicted by the floods. Clearly the sight reminded me of the "Twilight Zone" series: everything appeared normal, but something was terribly wrong.

We moved through neighborhoods of homes which, at first glance, seemed to be intact. But as we got closer, it was clear that everything was empty. Peering into the windows, one could only see the wooden framing that had been put up in order to install new drywall in the homes. Entire neighborhoods have been displaced. We could see the white permit signs that were affixed on every window indicating that the owners could rebuild.

Fr. Gregory explained that right after the floods dissipated, the yards were filled with piles of trash and debris. Everything, including the kitchen sinks, was being thrown out.

We visited a home of one of

the parishioners. The owner indicated that the water reached five feet high in her home. And since her home was a single story, that meant **everything** had to be removed. Nothing was left... no more photos, no documents, no clothes, no furniture — nothing of value. However, she was more fortunate than others because she has family in the area who can offer her a home and support. Many people do not have that extended family in the area.

An additional problem is that since flooding had not been anticipated in that area, most of the families did not have flood insurance; they only had tornado and storm insurance.

To give you a point of reference in terms of the destruction, those of you who attended the Nashville Clergy-Laity Congress will remember the beautiful Gaylord Opryland Hotel which was our Congress venue. Because of the flood, the hotel sustained significant damage due to the up to 12 feet of water on the first floor. As a result, the hotel is currently closed, and more than 7,000 people are out of work.

The communities of Holy Trinity and St. John Chrysostom will be coordinating a plan to help the parishioners affected by the floods as well as the wider Nashville community.

On behalf of our Metropolis Clergy and the Metropolis Council, I would express our profound gratitude to all those who assisted us in our fundraising efforts for the needs of the Nashville community.

To date, we have received donations which total about \$60,000 for the philanthropic efforts in Nashville. I would express my sincere thanks to the National Philoptochos Society which gave an initial emergency grant of \$15,000 for this relief effort, as well as to the many parishes and individuals from throughout the United States who have contributed to this effort.

Together, as the family of God, we will work to rebuild hope and to rebuild the lives of those people who were affected by this disaster.

God bless you all!

+ *Metropolitan Nicholas*

BISHOP'S SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST

1	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	Nativity Church - Plymouth, MI
1 - 14	<i>Parish Visitations - Dormition Fast</i>	Detroit Metropolitan Area
3 - 6	<i>Pastoral Visits</i>	Upstate New-York (Binghamton, Vestal and Ithaca Parishes)
8	<i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy & 3 yr. Memorial Service for Mr. Tom Demry</i>	St. Nicholas Church - Troy, MI
14	<i>Great Vespers for the Dormition</i>	Assumption Church - St. Clair Shores, MI
15	<i>Dormition Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	Assumption Church - St. Clair Shores, MI
25 - 2 Sept.	<i>Meeting of the Holy & Sacred Synod</i>	Ecumenical Patriarchate, Turkey

SEPTEMBER

5	<i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	Nativity of the Virgin Church - Plymouth, MI
7	<i>Nativity of Theotokos Great Vespers</i>	Nativity of the Virgin Church - Plymouth, MI
8	<i>Nativity of Theotokos Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	Nativity of the Virgin Church - Plymouth, MI
8 - 11	<i>American Bible Society Board of Trustees Meeting</i>	New-York, NY
12	<i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	Holy Cross Church - Farmington Hills, MI
13	<i>Holy Cross Great Vespers</i>	Holy Cross Church - Farmington Hills, MI
14	<i>Holy Cross Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	Holy Cross Church - Farmington Hills, MI
16	<i>Clergy Syndesmos</i>	Annunciation Cathedral - Detroit, MI
17 - 19	<i>Holy Trinity Parish Centennial Anniversary</i>	Holy Trinity Church - Indianapolis, IN
24 - 1 Oct.	<i>Meeting of the Holy & Sacred Synod</i>	Ecumenical Patriarchate, Turkey

MEFGOX NEWS *by Barbara Minton*

The National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians held its annual meeting in Atlanta in conjunction with the Clergy-Laity Congress July 4-8, 2010. The delegation representing our Mid-Eastern Federation included Irene Georgantas, Rochester, NY; Barbara Minton, Southgate, MI; Peter Vatsures, Columbus, OH. Vicki Pappas, Carmel, IN, Chairman of



the National Forum, presided over the meetings and was elected for another

term as National Chairman. The National Forum Delegates and members

were part of the choir and chanters for the Divine Liturgy, 4th of July Doxology on Sunday and the Opening Ceremony on Monday. The delegates also performed a short musical program at the National Forum reception. Some of the deliberations included discussions and planning for Church Music Institutes to further musical/chanting skills and li-

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YOUTH NEWS by Eva Kokinos

SUMMER CAMP IN THE METROPOLIS OF DETROIT

Summer is almost over... But the youth of our Metropolis will carry their priceless camp memories with them throughout the year! Here is just a glimpse into the amazing activities at MDSC and St. Nicholas Summer Camp. Photos from St. Timothy Summer Camp will be available soon! Visit our camp websites for more photos and information about this year's camping season!

MDSC (Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp) – www.gomdsc.org

St. Nicholas Summer Camp – www.southerncamp.com

St. Timothy Summer Camp – www.sttimothycamp.org



MDSC – Week 3 Group Photo



SNC – Arts and Crafts



SNC – Group Photo



SNC – Climbing Wall



MDSC – Campfire and Sing-a-long



MDSC – Camp Dance

CALENDAR OF YOUTH EVENTS

MDSC
Rose City, MI

June 27 – August 7, 2010

St. Timothy Summer Camp
Oswegatchie Educational Center – Croghan, NY


August 7 – 13, 2010

GOYA Holiday Hoops Basketball Tournament
Hosted by St. John Church – Sterling Heights, MI

December 27-29, 2010

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 Search for "Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit – Youth and Young Adult Ministries"

MDYM e-Updates

Join our e-Newsletter for up-to-date information regarding youth and young adult ministries throughout our Metropolis and Archdiocese. Email us at youth@detroit.goarch.org to join!!!

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS *by Eleni Zaferes*

The National Philoptochos Convention took place in Atlanta, GA, July 4-7 in conjunction with the 40th Clergy Laity Congress. The Metropolis of Detroit was represented by 33 delegates from the National and Metropolis Boards and 15 of the 39 chapters. The Convention's emphasis centered on Membership and Leadership. This was very informative and productive for the delegates.

The Detroit Metropolis Philoptochos was highlighted throughout the Convention. The AGAPE Award for the Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos was given to Presvytera Eva Paul of St. Nicholas Church in Ann Arbor, MI for her many years of service of devotion and love

to Philoptochos. Our Chapter Challenge "Blessings in a Backpack" by St. Nicholas, Troy, MI was given special recognition (*see page 7*). Mr. Stan Curtis, founder of "Blessings in a Backpack", was humble and thanked Philoptochos for the work done by the St. Nicholas chapter. National Philoptochos presented Mr. Curtis with a check for \$10,000 to assist feeding the children of America. The next Chapter Challenge was awarded to Annunciation chapter of Memphis, TN.

Chapters of the Detroit Metropolis were rewarded for their diligent work with many awards. Commitment awards went to 23 of the 39 Metropolis chapters for their 100% participation. Special Pro-

ject awards went to Middletown, OH - Most Creative Project; Syracuse, NY - Most Unique Outreach Project and to Westland, MI - Most Notable Project with Special Awareness. Twenty seven of the 107 projects submitted to the National office for the Convention came from the Detroit Metropolis. BRAVO!

The future of Philoptochos has been solidified with a Capital Campaign for a Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy. The goal is to raise \$2-3 million dollars for a Center that will house not only the National offices but will be a Center to help those in need feel comfortable and safe. Archbishop Demetrios was pleased that Philoptochos will increase its philanthropy and ser-

vices. At the Convention, delegates and Metropolis Presidents pledged \$76,000 added to the \$475,000 already pledged by individuals for a total to date of \$551,000. We are asking members, chapters and individuals to assist Philoptochos realize this future Center.

Guidelines for the official use of the Philoptochos LOGO and a new Social Services reference guide were presented at the Convention. To receive more information about the LOGO and Social Services Guide go to the National Philoptochos website: www.philoptochos.org.

We hope everyone enjoys a wonderful summer. We know that all Philoptochos women will be eager to begin their

MEFGOX NEWS *continued...*

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turgical knowledge, publishing guides and music for use by parishes, and instituting youth initiatives.

The annual MEFGOX Convention was held July 15-18 in Canonsburg, PA. The chant-style music of Nancy Takis, directed by Stanley Takis was practiced and presented for the

Sunday Divine Liturgy. The convention included several workshops Singing: Good, Better – or Your Best? and Getting the Most Out of Your Directing with Bill Christoff, Holy Trinity/Carmel, IN; Learning to Chant Orthros with Protopsaltis Peter Papadakos Protopsaltis Nick Loutsion; When You Have to Sing for Your Sup-

per with Dr. Jon Wardner, St. Nicholas/Ann Arbor; Praying the Liturgy as a Church Musician: Challenges and Solution and Paraklesis: The Small Supplicatory Canon – What, Where, and Why? with Father Steylios Muksuris. The convention registrants participated in a congregational chanting of the Paraklesis Service at the

Chapel of Archangel Michael at Angels Acres Park followed by a picnic dinner. The weekend ended with the Divine Liturgy and a farewell luncheon. The 2011 MEFGOX will be hosted by the Saint Nicholas/Ann Arbor choir and parish ♦

ON FINDING THE LORD IN UNLIKELY PLACES by Fr. Iakovos Olechnowicz



On the first day of the second month, in the second year following the exodus from the land of Egypt, the Lord spoke to Moses in the wilderness of the Sinai, in the Tent of Meeting... Numbers 1:1

Our nation, and most especially our Metropolis finds itself in a situation driven by the most serious economic downturn since the Great Depression. Over the past year to two years the State of Michigan (which represents the primary concentration of our parishes and people) finds itself running first in the nation in terms of unemployment and economic devastation. Persons who have lived their lives “according to the rules” and in expectation that the social contract would work for them find themselves suddenly thrust into poverty, want and the accompanying disintegration of family and relationships. We are se-

verely tested. Perhaps we feel as desolate and alone as those who found themselves wandering the desert thousands of years ago. Where is this Promised Land? What happened to my “milk and honey?”

The Book of Numbers relates the wanderings of Israel from the wilderness of Sinai to the borders of the Promised Land. Interspersed in the story line we discover the sharing of the Law revealed on Sinai. We might expect the travels for the Exodus people to be relatively easy. After all, Israel is accompanied by God during its trek across the desert. Moses communicates with the Holy One in the tent of meeting. **Yet even God's presence cannot pacify the people.** Fear of battle, hunger, thirst, jealousy, and political aspirations combine to lead Israel to complain, assimilate and rebel. Ancient Israel faces the wilderness, the people's training ground, and they do not fare extremely well. Truly, this Promised Land must have seemed far away, almost mythical to them in much the same way that our own far-off destinations may sometimes seem dream-like to us, especially in our youth.

Is the socio-cultural wilderness in which we live today all that different from the desert that the Israelites

traversed? Foul language, drugs, insecurity, instability, violence, a vanishing morality, materialism, secularism and lack of ethics confront us every day. The lure of the American dream seems to place objects, idolatry, wealth, sports, music, and the mall above the strength of the Holy Faith as expressed in Holy Tradition, ritual, and community. Our generation, like the generation of Israel in the wilderness, is struggling to rediscover the beauty and spiritual fulfillment that is the Orthodox expression of Christianity. Our hunger leads us away from the Holy Services and the ascetical disciplines of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Our thirst leads us to spirits and other artificial means of feeling good in our world. Our desire to assimilate leads us to abandon our rituals, holy days, and the fulfillment of the covenant in Christ Jesus.

What an unlikely place to meet God! How quickly we decide, when we are faced with uncongenial circumstances that we are not likely to be able to communicate with God! How often do we quickly and glibly defend our spiritual obtuseness by pointing to unfavourable conditions and situations! The Book of Numbers reminds us that **there is no condition, there is no circumstance, there**

is no travail in which people cannot hear the voice of God if they are determined to hear it. Out in the desert, with all its dangers, came multiple encounters with the Divine Presence as Israel made his way to the Promised Land. It is not an accident that that voice spoke in the desert and desolate places and it continues to speak there.

When we feel lost in the wilderness, we can remember that Moses heard the voice of the Eternal One in that same wilderness; perhaps we can, too. An ancient Hebrew midraash writes that David, the psalmist and prophet said, “My fear comes from my joy, and my joy comes from my fear, but my love rises higher than both.” Times such as these provide immense opportunity for us to turn our eyes and hearts towards the Lord. As each of us imitates the people of Israel in traversing our “desert” in search of the Promised Land, may we have ears to hear and an heart eager to understand the inscrutable will of the Holy One as He reveals Himself to us ♦

Fr. Iakovos Olechnowicz is the presiding priest at the Archangel Gabriel Greek Orthodox Church in Traverse City, MI.

FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (AS OF JULY 31, 2010)

His Eminence +Metropolitan Nicholas

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St. Nicholas Parish
St. Nicholas Philoptochos
Kotsis, Fr. Nicolaos and Presbytera Sandra
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Bekiares, Penelope A.
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Grias-Radwanskim Sophia
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Vlahadamis, Kosta

Bloomfield Hills, MI

St. George

St. George Parish

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Christakis, Fr. Christos and Presbytera Lisa

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Pappas, Vicki

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Annunciation

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Soufleris, Adam and Nickie

Cincinnati, OH

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HTSN Philoptochos
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Parsenios, Lewis

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Spirou, Arthur and Mary
Turner, Christian

Grand Rapids, MI

Holy Trinity

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Schel, Connie

Indianapolis, IN

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Holy Trinity Parish
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Smith, Richard L.
Sweeney, Evie Zois

Lexington, KY

Panagia Pantovasilissa

Panagia Pantovasilissa Parish
Hostetter, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas
Kiriapopoulos, Ken and Kate
Pandaru, Andronica

Memphis, TN - Annunciation

Gallagher, Evangelia

Muskegon, MI - Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
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Yankopoulos, Presbytera Ann
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Afendoulis, Alexander J.
Afendoulis, Magdalene
Afendulis, James
Afendulis, Phyllis G.
Afendulis, Ted
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Baldas, Voula
Bati, John
Bouth, Mike
Clark, Ken and Nicci
Davros, Nickolas J. and Family
Douville, Farrell and Mary
Dreleozis, George
Encelewski, Christine D.
Hoopes, Kenneth and Maria

Karis, Othon and Kristi
Ladas, Paul and Patricia
Lutz, Helen Innis
McNutt, Angela C.
Micheil, Rich and Teresa
Nace, Doru
Oravitan, Ionut
Pallas, Tom
Peliotes, Gust and Ethel
Riekse, Max and Nelly

Roldan, Martha
Soimar, Michael and Corina
Stathas, Nick and Rita

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Hohnholt, Fr. Gregory and Presbytera Sofia
Sfikas, Presbytera Stella
Vaporis, Fr. George and Presbytera Kalliopi
Kirk, Benedict
Rogers, Helen and Lawrence
Kamm

Nashville, TN

St. John Chrysostom Mission

Turner, Fr. Parthenios and Presbytera Marion

New Buffalo, MI

Annunciation/St.Paraskevi

Martin, Fr. Paul and Presbytera Nikki
Hahn, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert
Polymeris, Spiros and Donna

Plymouth, MI

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Parish
Sarelis, Fr. Charles and Presbytera Angela
Estate of Fr. Efstathios Metallinos

Rochester, NY - Annunciation

Gines, George Family
Stefanou, Gus and Florence

Rochester, NY - Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit Philoptochos
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Gesell, Melody
Ginis, Panos
Kouides, Peter and Ruth
Sexton, Katherine L.

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Kircos, John and Violet
Kircos, Louis and Paula
Kontos, John and Marika
Minton, Barbara
Minton, Charles
Minton, Nicholas
Nanos, Vasiliki

St. Clair Shores, MI

Assumption

Genematas, Toula

Sterling Heights, MI

St. John

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Toledo, OH

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Anagnos, Joyce
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St. Nicholas Parish
Demery, Beck

Vestal, NY - Annunciation

Michalopoulos, Presbytera Magdalena
Demetry, Helen
Gianakouros, Dino and Mary
Ivan, James
Tzivanis, Thomas and Florence

Watertown, NY - St. Vasilios

St. Vasilios Parish

Westland, MI

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Sts. Constantine and Helen GOYA

Other Friends

Bartz, Fr. Bill and Presbytera Emily, Dumfries, VA ♦

METROPOLIS NEWS

As the hierarch from the Archdiocese of America participating on the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Patriarchate, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas has been traveling to the Ecumenical Patriarchate monthly to participate in the meetings of the Holy Synod. Metropolitan Nicholas's term of appointment to the Patriarchal Synod began in March 2010 and will conclude in February of 2011.

July marked Metropolitan Nicholas' first visit to Constantinople with clergy and lay members of the Metropolis of Detroit. There were seven participants on this visit, including: Fr. Philemon and Presbyteria Helen Karamanos from the St. George Church in Southgate, MI; Fr. Parthenios and Presbyteria Marion Turner from the St. John Chrysostom Mission Church in Nashville, TN; Mr. Gus and Mrs. Flor-

ence Stefanou from the Annunciation Church in Rochester, NY; and Ms. Harriet Stoukas, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Metropolitan.

The guided visits began on Sunday with attendance at the Divine Liturgy at the



Hagia Sophia drawing c. 1876

Patriarchal Church of St. George. After the Divine Liturgy, His All Holiness formally received the group from Detroit in his private office where he also offered

them some mementos of their visit. His All Holiness then invited the group to enjoy lunch at the Patriarchate – a rare treat for everyone.

After lunch, the sightseeing tour of Constantinople began. The next three

days were a whirlwind of sights and sounds. Among these highlights, the group visited Hagia Sofia, the Basilica Cisterns of Justinian, the Church of Chora, Topkapi

Palace Museum, Halki Theological Seminary, Prince Island, the Churches of Vlaherna and Balukli (the Life-Giving Fountain), the Egyptian (Spice) Market, the Blue Mosque, the Bosphorus, and the Grand Bazaar. Each tour program will vary based on the group and the specific tour dates.

Each day the group was escorted in a minivan with a driver and a professional guide. All of the arrangements in Turkey were made through Mr. Stratos Dolcinoyadis at Opus Tours.

Individuals interested in participating in the next exciting tour are invited to contact the Metropolis Office for further information. They would need to arrive no later than August 28th for the tour portion of the program ♦

2010 NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS CONVENTION - ATLANTA, GA

The St. Nicholas Parish of Troy, MI, received special recognition at the *National Philoptochos Challenge* that took place in Atlanta, GA. St. Nicholas, through its chapter project *Blessings in a Backpack*, donated 120 backpacks (of 495 total). Amisha Harding, Director of Development & Communications - *Communities in Schools of Atlanta*, stressed the importance of this program saying:

I am so glad Philoptochos provides amazing opportunities to make a difference in the community. We truly appreciate St. Nicholas Philoptochos of Troy, MI and look forward to leveraging the momentum you have all created around Blessings in a Backpack to serve deserving young children.

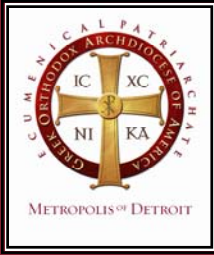
Thank you so much for everything! "Communities in Schools of Atlanta" has met a group of angels in Philoptochos. I do not believe in coincidences and truly believe you and the lovely ladies of Philoptochos are God sent.



◀ St. Nicholas of Troy, MI: Front Row L-R: Amisha Harding of Communities in Schools of Atlanta, Paula Kalevas Beauchamp-1st Vice President of St. Nicholas Philoptochos, Back Row L-R: Orestis Kaltsounis, Parish Council President; Rev. Fr. Stratton Dorozenski-Proistamenos; Stan Curtis founder of Blessings in a Backpack, Liz Murray - author of *Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard*, Maria Kokkinakis-President of St. Nicholas Philoptochos; Alexandra Pajak-CIS Coordinator and Kessie Kaltsounis, St. Nicholas Philoptochos Member and Blessings in a Backpack of Michigan Advisory Board.



◀ St. Nicholas Philoptochos Members with Diane Tseckares-National Philoptochos Board Member and a Conference Chairman along with Helen Lavorata-Director of National Philoptochos Office, Stan Curtis, Liz Murray, Amisha Harding & Alexandra Pajak.



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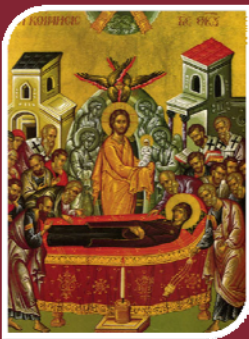
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What Does Friends of the Metropolis Support?

General: Fully fund the expenses of the Metropolis offices, programs and travels.

Education: Enhance scholarships and adult education programs, as well as support the Metropolis students at Hellenic College/Holy Cross.

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.

Dear 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

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