Beloved Family in Christ,

It is with great paternal joy that I address these words to you as we prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord.

The celebration of Christmas is a unique expression of joy in the life of the Church specifically because it brings a new sense of reality and urgency to the prophetic words of Israel for the coming of the Messiah.

All of creation rejoices at the birth of God in the flesh: the heavens are ablaze with fiery stars which guide the Magi to the Christ child; the court of Herod is abuzz with the news of a ‘new’ King; and the shepherds hear the angelic message of “good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.”

This message of God’s love is so meaningful to us even now, despite every difficulty which we are facing as individuals, families, and a nation.

In the midst of trying to ‘save ourselves’ from the loss of our home and jobs, God calls out to us to trust in this Child, this infant Christ, born in a cave.

In the midst of wondering what we should do and where we must go, God calls upon us to see this infant King, whose parents flee from their own land that He might survive Herod’s wrath.

In the midst of planning how we shall amass treasures for ourselves to secure our futures, God calls upon us to gaze upon this King of Heaven and Earth, and to recognize that for our salvation He empties Himself, holding nothing but us in the palm of His hand.

The true witness of Christmas is also found in the words of St. Paul, who reminds us that “neither height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

With every paternal prayer and blessing for you and yours at Christmas 2009,

Metropolitan Nicholas

AXIOS! Fr. Teodor!

At the conclusion of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated at the Sts. Constantine and Helen Church on Sunday, October 11, Archbishop Demetrios elevated Father Teodor Petrutiu to the rank of Economos.

Fr. Teodor accepted the interim assignment to the parish in October of 2007 in order to assess the status and needs of the community for the Metropolitan. Father Teodor was formally assigned as the Proistamenos of the community in April of 2009.

In recognition of the hard work and leadership of Fr. Teodor, as well as the dedication and cooperation of the entire parish family, the Archbishop honored Fr. Teodor and the entire community through his elevation to the rank of Economos.

AXIOS! AXIOS! AXIOS!
The 2009 Metropolis Clergy-Laity and Philoptochos Assembly was held from October 8-10 at the Sts. Constantine and Helen parish in Westland, MI.

On the evening of October 7, prior to the formal opening of the Assembly, both the Metropolis Council and the Philoptochos Council met in preparation for the work ahead.

On Thursday, October 10, Metropolitan Nicholas opened the Assembly with his keynote address entitled: “You are the salt of the earth…”

Following the keynote address, which was given in the church proper, the Clergy-Laity and Philoptochos Assembly was formally opened. Before leaving the church for the ensuing meetings, the 160 registered delegates were anointed with unction in preparation for the serious tasks which lay ahead of them.

All of the delegates then took part in an opening seminar which further developed the practical aspects of the Conference theme of “Salt.” These seminar sessions were led by Frs. Cassis, Olecnowicz, and Pathenos.

After lunch, the regular program began: educational learning sessions, Metropolis committee meetings, and the Philoptochos Assembly meetings ran concurrently.

Delegates who were not attending committee meetings or other sessions had the opportunity to attend learning sessions which were all centered around the Conference theme of salt. These learning sessions all dealt with ways in which to make our Christian witness more effective for ourselves as well as our communities.

The Metropolis Committees which met during the Assembly included: Finance, Youth, Administration, Missions and Small Parish, Religious Education, Archdiocesan Commitment, Language and Culture, and Friends of the Metropolis Committee.

The Thursday evening Grand Banquet was centered around the 10 year anniversary of Metropolis Nicholas as the head of the Metropolis. Navy Chaplain and classmate of the Metropolitan, Captain William J. Bartz, offered the keynote ‘Salute’ to His Eminence. Fr. Bartz began his talk with his first encounter of His Eminence while they were students, and concluded with his present work, especially his public outreach in the American Bible Society.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios arrived Friday evening and participated in the Plenary Session on Saturday morning.

Vice-chair Gus Stavropoulos opened the Plenary Session and Lou Kircos was appointed as chair for the Assembly.

The Archbishop also attended the Philoptochos Conference and offered the new Board Members their affirmation of office.

This was the most well attended Clergy-Laity and Philoptochos Conference in recent history. A review of the work of the Clergy-Laity will be communicated to the parishes in the near future.

The Sts. Constantine and Helen parish was an ideal location with ample meeting rooms and spaces for the work of the delegates. All of the delegates noted the friendliness of the community, its priest Fr. Teodor Petrutiu, the Parish Council and Philoptochos, and the volunteers who helped make this event successful. Marchiori catering provided outstanding meals during the entire event.

Bravo to all!

This year’s Clergy Laity Conference, held at Sts. Constantine and Helen Church in Westland, MI, was marked by a special occasion: His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas’ 10 Year Anniversary.

Members of the clergy, Metropolis Council, friends, relatives, faithful from all over the Metropolis were present to congratulate their spiritual shepherd. With tears in his eyes, Metropolitan Nicholas expressed his gratitude to those present, remembering also his mother for whom he had great respect. His joyful presence and smile along with his wit and great sense of humor created an unforgettable atmosphere.

For this and for the care he always has for us, we wish His Eminence Many Years in the Lord!

Εἰς Πολλὰ Ετη Δέσποτα!...
YOUTH NEWS

By Eva Kokinos

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE METROPOLIS OF DETROIT CAMPS

The Metropolis of Detroit is blessed to have three successful and thriving summer camp programs. Each one of these camps brings the youth of the Metropolis together in Christ, sharing their faith and building strong friendships. This year, each of the camps focused on the theme of being “Athletes for Christ.”

Here are highlights from each of our camps:

MDSC : The Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp, located in Rose City, MI, enjoyed another successful season. Visit www.gomdsc.org for more information.

ST. NICHOLAS SUMMER CAMP: In 2009, the St. Nicholas Summer Camp moved to a new facility. The St. Nicholas Summer Camp is now located at the beautiful Camp NaCoMe facility in Pleasantville, TN. The St. Nicholas Summer Camp enjoyed its biggest year in 2009 with over 350 campers in attendance during the entire season. Visit www.sttimothycamp.org for more information.

ST. TIMOTHY CAMP: The St. Timothy Camp, located at the Oswegatchie Educational Facility in Croghan, NY, had a wonderful summer camp season. With 55 campers in attendance, the St. Timothy Camp continued its tradition of providing a safe and fun environment for youth to grow in Christ, build strong relationships, and to increase their appreciation for God’s creation. Read more about this camp at www.sttimothycamp.org.

ST. NICHOLAS SUMMER CAMP CELEBRATES ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY The St. Nicholas Summer Camp was established in 2000 to serve the youth of the Central and Southern areas of our Metropolis. In 2010, the St. Nicholas Summer Camp will celebrate its 10th year of faith, fun, and fellowship. To recognize this milestone, there will be a St. Nicholas Summer Camp Reunion and 10th Anniversary Dinner/Dance in January of 2010.

The Dinner/Dance will be Saturday, January 16, 2010 at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Lexington, KY. However, there will be activities throughout the weekend. So guests are encouraged to mark January 15-17, 2010 on their calendars. Dinner reservations must be made by January 2, 2010. For information regarding reservations or the Reunion weekend, please contact Pres. Harriet Wilson or Eva Kokinos at sncreunion2010@hotmail.com.

JOIN THE YOUTH OFFICE EMAIL LISTSERV TODAY! Would you like to keep up with local, Metropolis, and Archdiocese programs for youth, young adults, and youth workers? Then join the Metropolis of Detroit Youth Ministries (MDYM) e-Update list TODAY!

The MYDM e-Update is an e-Newsletter sent out the first Friday of every month. For breaking news, we also send “NEWS FLASH” announcements throughout the month. To be added to our email list, please email youth@detroit.goarch.org and type “ADD ME” in the subject!

Thank you for supporting the Youth and Young Adult Ministries programs of the Metropolis of Detroit!

2009-2010 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING METROPOLIS AND ARCHDIOCESE YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

- December 27-29, 2009 Holiday Hoops GOYA Basketball Tournament Sponsored by St. John Church – Sterling Heights, MI
- January 15-17, 2010 St. Nicholas Summer Camp Reunion and 10th Anniversary Dinner/Dance Hosted by Panagia Pantovasilissa Church – Lexington, KY
- January 28-30, 2010 Annual Orthodox Camp Director and Youth Worker Conference Silver Springs, MD
- February 12-14, 2010 Dayton Annual GOYA Basketball Annunciation Church – Dayton, OH
- May 15, 2010 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival – District Finals Locations: TBA
- May 15, 2010 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival – Metropolis Finals Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas Church – Cincinnati, OH
- June 2-4, 2010 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival – Archdiocese Finals New York City, NY

St. Nicholas Summer Camp - in Pleasantville, TN.

Eva Kokinos - Metropolis Youth Director, at the 2009 Clergy Laity Conference.
By Eleni Zaferes

The Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos chapters joined in fellowship at the Metropolis Philoptochos Conference in conjunction with the Clergy/Laity Conference in Westland, MI October 8-10, 2009. Instructional “Back to Basics” workshops afforded the delegates an opportunity to review chapter procedures, officer responsibilities and ways to increase membership. National President Aphrodite Skeadas joined the delegates during the Conference deliberations.

Over 40 chapters were recognized for excellence in these categories: Growth and Expansion; Best Outreach and In Reach Projects; Commitments; and Cookbook Sales at the delegate’s breakfast hosted by the Metropolis Philoptochos Board.

We thank Berdi Kakas, Penny Gryparis and Lisa Solon for their service to the Metropolis Board. New members are Presvytera Teri Maggos of Flint, Patricia Laddis of Muskegon, and Perry Katsikas of Ann Arbor.

The Metropolis Board will continue the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Enthronement of Metropolitan Nicholas by hosting its annual reception in honor of our beloved Metropolitan Nicholas’ Name Day on Sunday, December 6th from 1:00-5:00pm at the Metropolis Center. The next week receptions will follow the St. Spyridon Vesper service on December 11th and the Divine Liturgy on December 12th. We invite everyone to join in these celebrations.

We welcome the newest Philoptochos chapter in Traverse City, MI. The ladies have always assisted in the ministries of the Church and now will be working for the Mission of Philoptochos. It is this devotion that helps sustain and betters the lives of others.

On behalf of the Metropolis Board members and all Philoptochos chapters, we wish everyone a joyous Christmas season and a blessed New Year.

“...it is this devotion that helps sustain and betters the lives of others...”

By Barbara Minton

Church musicians from the Metropolis of Detroit, along with their sister singers and chanters from the Metropolis of Pittsburgh, gathered at Saints Constantine and Helen in Westland on July 16-18, 2009, for the 62nd Annual Conference of the Mid-Eastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians. The four-day event featured a Church Music Institute and workshops on Orthodox Hymnology, teaching children hymns, and basics for singing. Federation President Irene Georgantas welcomed the participants and gave a report of accomplishments of the previous year which included launching a website.

At the Grand Banquet, four young adults were awarded scholarships. Mr. Dan Packis, Chairman of the Trustees of the Memorial Scholarship Foundation, was awarded the National Forum’s Patriarch Athenagoras Medal for Distinguished Diocesan Service.

The culmination of the conference came on Sunday. A group of seventeen singers chanted the Orthros, led by their instructor Nancy Takis. A choir of over 100 singers under the direction of Maritsa Kalasz sang the English arrangement of the Divine Liturgy composed by George Baptis. It was a very moving celebration of the Divine Liturgy with Metropolitan Maximos and Metropolitan Nicholas co-celebrating Fathers Dean Hountalas, Nikolaos Kotis, and Teodor Petruti.

The weekend was a time of fellowship, learning, worship and prayer with, the hard-working host choir and their conference chairmen Alex Skylakos and Connie Bogdanos. For more details (and pictures!) about the Federation and the conference, please visit out newly constructed website at: http://mideastern.churchmusic.goarch.org/
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Couvutsakis, Paul
Hatzipetros, George
Kokinos, Helen
Koutsandreas, Milton and Sophia
Kuvshinoff, Boris and Barbara
Mastoras, Mary
Pefanis, Jerry
Pavlakis, Peter and Elizabeth
Scouras, George
Spanos, Frances
Tassy, Gust and Marian
Tzimas, Jesse
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Karozos, Gus
Paikos, Lazaros
Pappas, Vicky
Torrey, Harry and Helen
Chattanooga, TN
Annunciation
Annunciation Choir
Berros, James and Sue
Bouloukos, Dino and Maria
Camp, Pedro
Demetry, Mrs. Danny
Dimopoulos, Dennis and Barbara
Ellis, George and Betty
Fairbanks, Bobby and Voula
Ford, Kevin and Allyson
Fotiadis, Nick and Lilly
Fox, Ann F.
Gaitanoglou, Takis and Jenny
Gulas, Pete and Ani
Gulas, Marion
Gulas, Venetia
Hopper, Richard and Chrisi
Kalanzis, Nicholas and Angela
Kouris, George and Politi
Lee, Constance and Ronald
Petros, Kathy
Tigros, Elias and Sharon
Tzanis, Bill and Jean
Tzavaras, Lena
Holy Cross
Holy Cross Parish
Hountalas, Fr. Dean and Presbytera Olga
Alexander, Milton and Helen
Blough, Michael and Catherine
Boudouris, Tino and Mary Jo
Collias, Rosemary
Fekaris, Steve and Betty
Gagios, Angelo and Sophia
Kargilis, Alexander
Krear, Tad and Elisabeth
Liadis, John G.
Holy Trinity
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Afendoulis, Clark and Katherine
Gray, Mark and Alexis
Herweyer, John and Gloria
Kalyvas, Tim and Linda
Katsoris, Helen
Kontos, Katherine
Koulkios, Constantine
Lange, Ginger
Neil, Chad Dimopoulos
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Bezirganian, John and Sophia
Jamestown, NY
St. Nicholas
Zervos, Fr. George and Presbytera Ann
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New Nicholsons Restaurant / Nicholas Gellis
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Stotis, Bill and Anna
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Takis, Gerald and Mary
Rochester, NY
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St. Nicholas Parish
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Kenya and Russia: Two Different Cultures, One Family in Christ

By Eva Kokinos, Director
Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

With the blessings of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, and the generosity of the faithful of this Metropolis, I traveled to two countries where was able to see Orthodox Christianity through the eyes of two distinct cultures. These two trips gave me some of the most profound experiences of my life. One was a trip to Kenya for an OCMC (Orthodox Christian Missions Center) teaching mission trip in January 2009. The other was a young adult pilgrimage to Moscow and St. Petersburg in April 2009.

It was an honor to be invited to participate in an OCMC mission. Our mission trip was from December 29, 2008 - January 12, 2009. Our team was hosted by His Eminence Archbishop Makarios at the St. Makarios Orthodox Seminary in Nairobi. The goal of our mission was to teach the youth and catechumens about Orthodox Christian faith. In addition, we provided teaching tools and ideas for the Kenyan youth workers and Sunday School teachers. Most importantly, our mission was to share the love of Christ with everyone we encountered… helping in any way we could.

The trip, the people, the culture, and the faith I witnessed were simply unforgettable. I was able to spend time teaching and playing with beautiful children at the St. Makarios Orphanage. We visited villages and worshipped with the locals. It is hard to deny or ignore the poverty and disease that affects Kenya. Our Kenyan brothers and sisters in Christ lack in material wealth. However, the wealth of deep faith and true joy that flowed from the people during the Divine Liturgy was unparalleled. And it is a wealth that I carry with me for the rest of my life.

In April 2009, I encountered Orthodoxy in a completely different setting…. Russia. Right after Pascha, from April 25-May 1, 2009, I joined 24 other young adults on a pilgrimage through the largest Orthodox Christian country in the world.

Our trip began in Moscow… We visited well-known historical sites such as Red Square, the Kremlin, Lenin’s Tomb, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We attended a Patriarchal Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral of Christ the Savior. One of the highlights of our trip was to receive a blessing from Patriarch Kirill, the Patriarch of Moscow and all of Russia. We also visited one of the most recognizable Russian Orthodox churches, St. Basil’s Cathedral. We completed our trip by visiting the Holy Trinity/St. Sergius Monastery, where we venerated the relics of St. Sergius, St. Innocent of Alaska, and St. Maximos the Greek.

St. Petersburg was just as incredible. Among the many beautiful churches we visited, we saw Cathedral of Our Lady of Kazan, St. Isaac’s Cathedral, and the Church of the Resurrection (also known as the Savior on Spilled Blood). The Church of the Resurrection is decorated with 7,500 square meters of mosaic iconography. The most notable historical sight we visited in St. Petersburg was the State Hermitage Museum, holding more than three million works of art and artifacts.

Out of all the sites and beautiful churches we were able to visit in Russia, something stands out in my mind. People’s faces changed when we would switch from speaking English to say “Christos Voskrese” (Christ is Risen). Most locals did not expect that from us, but it instantly connected us with anyone we encountered. While in Moscow, we were greeted by a woman who was a volunteer at one of the area churches. When she heard we were a group of Orthodox Christians from the U.S. visiting specifically to see the religious sites in the area, her eyes filled with tears. When we asked our tour guide why she was crying, she said that she was filled with joy that people could now “come to our country and be free to visit because of Orthodoxy.”

I am truly grateful to have these experiences from Kenya and Russia in my mind and heart forever. Although Russia, Kenya, and the U.S. face different cultural, political, and social challenges, the Good News of the Holy Gospel is the same. Ultimately, it binds us together as one family in Christ. As the Youth Director of our beloved Metropolis, I look forward to sharing these memories with our young people for years to come.
The Shepherd’s Staff

Friends of the Metropolis

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:

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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