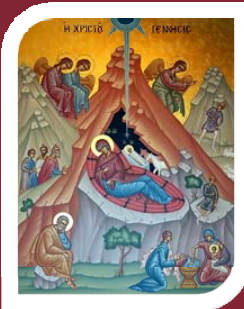


YOUR BIRTH, O CHRIST OUR GOD, DAWNED THE LIGHT OF KNOWLEDGE UPON THE EARTH. FOR BY YOUR BIRTH THOSE WHO ADORED STARS, WERE TAUGHT BY A STAR, TO WORSHIP YOU, THE SUN OF JUSTICE AND TO KNOW YOU, ORIENT FROM ON HIGH. O LORD, GLORY TO YOU.



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Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Metropolitan Nicholas' Message...

Beloved Family in Christ,

Christmas should be a time for celebration, and yet we often experience confusion instead. Wherever we turn, Christmas festivities have been commercialized and secularized so that our reason for joy is diluted past recognition. We no longer attend Christmas parties, but Holiday gatherings; what was formerly "Christmas Vacation" is now "Winter Break." The quiet tenderness of the Nativity Scene has been banished from our city squares in favor of pastel trees, blinking lights, and mechanical Santas. What was once a season of melodious joy has become a cacophonous gauntlet of soulless mirth and garish artificiality.

In most of life—and even more in this sacred season—it is the *small* things that really matter. Often unnoticed but everywhere around us, little glimpses into life's deeper meaning can be



found. It happens in that simple smile we give to passing strangers in the mad shopping rush, acknowledging the camaraderie of our December anxieties and joys. It happens in the heartfelt greetings we exchange with family and friends, in words and gestures oft repeated yet made new by the Season. It happens in our parish at the familiar worship services that echo for us the ancient refrain of "Christ is Born!" That secret grace comes upon us when we sit in our homes on a cold winter's night and reflect on our own Christmas experience of joy as children, young adults, parents, and grandparents.

These moments are small

windows into the almost unnoticed event that occurred two thousand years ago, the birth of our Savior. Our hymnology indicates this same mystery: almost as if hidden and unknown, Christ was born in cave. It was the greatest event in history, as the Creator entered into Creation. And yet in the wisdom of God, divine grace was manifested in the smallest way—in the form of a little child, in the person of a baby boy.

May our eyes be enlightened in this Christmas season to notice those small things in which God reveals His presence and love. In December's noise and commotion, may we experience for ourselves the peace and goodwill proclaimed by the angels. And so may we truly rejoice as we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord Jesus.

*Christ is Born!
Glorify Him!*

✠ *Metropolitan Nicholas*



BISHOP'S SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

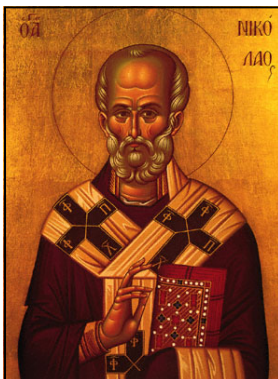
DECEMBER 2010

11 / 27 - 4	<i>Meeting of the Holy & Sacred Synod</i>	Ecumenical Patriarchate, Turkey
5	<i>Pastoral Visit</i>	Assumption Church - St. Clair Shores, MI
	<i>St. Nicholas Great Vespers (6:00pm)</i>	St. Nicholas - Troy, MI
6	<i>St. Nicholas Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	St. Nicholas Church - Ann Arbor, MI
8	<i>Greater Detroit Philoptochos Christmas Party</i>	Assumption Church - St. Clair Shores, MI
11	<i>St. Spyridon Great Vespers & Reception</i>	Metropolis Center Chapel - Troy, MI
12	<i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy & Open House</i>	Metropolis Center Chapel - Troy, MI
18	<i>Ordination to Diaconate of Mr. Pericles Kallis</i>	Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church - Plymouth, MI
19	<i>Pastoral Visit</i>	Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church - Plymouth, MI
24	<i>Nativity of Christ Vesperal Divine Liturgy (6:00pm)</i>	Holy Trinity Cathedral - Toledo, OH
25	<i>Nativity of Christ Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	Annunciation Cathedral - Detroit, MI
26	<i>Pastoral Visit</i>	Sts. Constantine & Helen - Westland, MI

JANUARY 2011

6	<i>Epiphany of the Lord Divine Liturgy</i>	Metropolitan Detroit
	<i>St. John the Baptist Great Vespers</i>	St. John the Baptist Church - Sterling Heights, MI
7	<i>St. John the Baptist Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	St. John the Baptist Church - Sterling Heights, MI
8 - 19	<i>Meeting of the Holy & Sacred Synod</i>	Ecumenical Patriarchate, Turkey
22 - 23	<i>Pastoral Visit - Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	Holy Trinity Church - Grand Rapids, MI
29 - 30	<i>Pastoral Visit - Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas Church - Cincinnati, OH

2010 ST. NICHOLAS GREAT VESPERS



Troy, MI - His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas has announced that His Excellency Archbishop Allen Vigneron of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit will be a special guest at the celebration of the Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Nicholas this year in Troy, Michigan. Archbishop Vigneron will be the featured homilist at the evening service. Refreshments will be offered by the St. Nicholas community following the service ■





YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS by *Eva Kokinos*

Two Major Opportunities for College Students

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF), campus ministry organization for Orthodox Christian college students. OCF has announced new information regarding two major events!



OCF has opened registration for their annual College Conference. Each year, during Christmas break, the OCF College Conferences are held in four areas of the U.S. These conferences gather hundreds of young adults in a spirit of faith, fellowship, service and prayer. Registration is now OPEN! For more information regarding the Conference, visit www.ocf.net.

The Real Break program provides alternatives to the “traditional” Spring Break for college students. Each Spring, over 100 students attend trips, both domestic and international, to give to those less fortunate. Past and current trips include: Mexico, Guatemala, Jerusalem, Constantinople, Raphael House, St. Basil Academy, Greece, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Romania, Buenos Aires, Alaska, and more. Registration is open! Visit www.ocf.net today!



DID YOU KNOW??

The CrossRoad Program at HC/HC now accepting applications!

Visit http://www.hchc.edu/hellenic/campus_life/vocation/crossroad/about.html to download the application. Applications must be post-marked by March 1, 2011.

2011 Orthodox Christian Camp and Youth Worker Conference

Make sure to save the date: January 27-29, 2011. The conference will be held in Dallas, TX. More details coming soon. Also visit www.orthodoxcamps.org for the most up-to-date information.

2010 “Holiday Hoops” GOYA Basketball Tournament

Plans are underway for the 2010 “Holiday Hoops” Basketball Tournament, hosted by St. John the Baptist Church in Sterling Heights, MI. If you have not sent in your team registrations, please do so ASAP. Email holidayhoopstournament@gmail.com with any questions!



The Metropolis Youth Office is on FACEBOOK. If you are a member of Facebook, you can check out events, pictures, and more. Search for **Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit—Youth and Young Adult Ministries**.

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL



Download this year’s topics, tips, and list of recommended resources for the elementary, junior, and senior divisions. Visit <http://www.goarch.org/archdiocese/departments/religious/sjcof>

SAVE THE DATE!!! UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUTH!!!

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|-----------------------------|---|
| December 27-29, 2010 | “Holiday Hoops” GOYA Basketball Tournament
St. John the Baptist Church—Sterling Heights, MI |
| January 8, 2011 | Assumption GOYA Dance
Assumption Church—St. Clair Shores, MI |
| January 14-16, 2011 | St. Nicholas Summer Camp Reunion and Retreat
Holy Trinity Church—Nashville, TN |
| February 5, 2011 | Greek Folk Dance Workshop
St. Nicholas Church—Troy, MI |
| February 18-20, 2011 | Dayton GOYA Basketball Tournament
Annunciation Church—Dayton, OH |
| March 5, 2011 | MI Area GOYA Lenten Retreat
St. Nicholas Church—Ann Arbor, MI |
| March 12, 2011 | NY Area GOYA Lenten Retreat
Holy Spirit Church—Rochester, NY |
| April 1-3, 2011 | Fall Creek Falls GOYA Lenten Retreat
Holy Trinity Church—Nashville, TN |

Visit www.detroit.goarch.org for the most up-to-date event listing.

To add events to the Metropolis Youth Calendar, please email youth@detroit.goarch.org.



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

By Eleni Zaferes

The Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos invites everyone to join them in the celebration of St. Spyridon on December 11th for Vespers and Divine Liturgy on December 12th at the Metropolis Chapel of St. Spyridon. Philoptochos will host receptions following each service. We will also celebrate the Name Day of our beloved Metropolitan Nicholas on Sunday, December 12th from 1-5 pm.

Chapters held many celebrations for the Patron Saints of Philoptochos, St. Cosmas and Damianos, on November 1st. St. John's

chapter in Sterling Heights had a bake sale and the president spoke about the mission of Philoptochos. Brochures were also distributed and health kits were passed out for the parishioners to complete for the needy. At Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas in Cincinnati, Philoptochos took part in Outreach Sunday by hosting a chili cook off and displaying their work for Philoptochos. The Syracuse chapter of St. Sophia's has an ongoing "Great Closet Cleanout". This project has been a tremendous success and serviced several agencies and charities on the Syracuse area.

Philoptochos supports many charities and mission

trips of our youth. Both Eva Kokinos and Alexandra Crosson have received support. Alexandra is currently in Kayafungo, Kenya. Her mission has been to educate the women on cleanliness to reduce the spread of disease. She established a soap making company whereby the women learn to make soap. This endeavor has expanded into the school system. It is rewarding to know that our young adults are actively helping others to have a better life, a life we take for granted. A \$4,000 annual donation is made to the Detroit Rescue Mission and \$2,000 annually is given to the Friends of the Metropolis Program.

The Metropolis Philoptochos Board will host an exciting afternoon with the famous First Lady of Greek Cuisine, Vefa on Saturday, April 2nd at the Sommerset Inn in Troy, Michigan. Mark your calendars not to miss this fabulous afternoon. More information will be coming soon.

We thank everyone for their continued support of the mission of Philoptochos. May God always bless you and your families. On behalf of the Metropolis Philoptochos Board and all Philoptochos chapters, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and the very best in the New Year 2011! ■

ST. ROMANOS THE MELODIST *compiled by Barbara Minton*



ST. ROMANOS THE MELODIST

Today the Virgin gives birth to Him who is above all being, and the earth offers a cave to Him whom no man can approach. The whole creation is made rich: let it rejoice and be of good cheer. The Master of all has come to live with His servants, and from the bondage of the enemy. He delivers us who were made subject to corruption. In swaddling clothes and lying in a manger, He is mani-

fest a young child, the pre-eternal God.

This Kontakion of the Nativity of Christ was written by Saint Romanos, a prolific hymnographer who lived in the sixth century. Saint Romanos was born to a Jewish family in Damascus. He was baptized as a young boy and became a Christian. He later became a deacon and moved to Constantinople where he served at Agia Sophia.

It is said that Romanos was not at first considered to be either a talented reader or singer. He was, however, loved by the Patriarch of Constantinople because of his great humility. Once, around the year 518, while serving in the Church of the Panagia, during the All-Night Vigil for the Feast of the Nativity of Christ, he was assigned to read the kathisma verses. He read so

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A DEFENSE OF THE FEAST OF CHRISTMAS

By Fr. Irenaeus Cox*

The feast of the Lord's nativity is a much maligned yet time-honored commemoration of the Church. The attack on the purity of this celebration is based upon partial truths and misinformation. Some say we are perpetuating a pagan holiday that has been handed down to us from ancient cultures that were hostile to the Old Testament faithful. Further they claim that the Church has become impure by accepting these non-Christian elements, but they fail to recognize that the very earliest fathers who celebrated Christmas also declared Church laws that excommunicated any of the faithful who celebrated pagan holidays.

To answer these hostile accusations we must turn our attention to the calendars of antiquity. These calendars were primarily lunar, and so according to our calendar their seasonal commemorations seem moveable. Consequently there was no equivalent date on their calendar for the winter solstice on 25 December.

And although the sun might determine the change in seasons, a feast of the sun more often occurred in the summer when the sun was brightest and the sun god was thought to be more powerful. This was also true in



Rome where the feast of the sun was celebrated in the month of August. It was not until the year 274 A.D. when Emperor Aurelius dedicated a temple to the sun-god on 25 December, that this day became an official holiday on the pagan calendar.

Why then do we celebrate Christ-

mas? Again we must look to the Hebrew Calendar and the theology of our faith. Jesus was crucified on the eve of the Passover. This occurred near the Vernal Equinox, calculated to be 25 March of that year. This is an important date to remember as we shall soon see. We believe that Christ is perfect man and perfect God. As perfect, we should expect His life to be a perfect round of the seasons, so that the day of His crucifixion was also the same Calendar date as His conception. So if Christ was conceived on 25 March, we should expect Him to be born exactly nine months later, that is, 25 December. This observation was written 31 years before the proclamation of Emperor Aurelius as mentioned earlier. Rather than being an impurity to our Church, the feast of Christmas is an annual reminder of the perfection of our Savior as both God and man, unifying His ministry from conception to resurrection. Amen ■

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ST. ROMANOS THE MELODIST *continued...*

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poorly that another reader had to take his place. Some of the lesser clergy ridiculed Romanos for this, and being humiliated he sat down in one of the choir stalls. Overcome by weariness and sorrow, he soon fell asleep. As he slept, the Theotokos appeared to him with a scroll in her hand.

She commanded him to eat the scroll, and as soon as he did so, he awoke. He immediately received a blessing from the Patriarch, mounted the ambo and chanted extemporaneously his famous Kontakion of the Nativity, "Today the Virgin gives birth to Him Who is above all being..." (Ἡ Παρθένος Σήμερον). The emperor,

the patriarch, the clergy, and the entire congregation were amazed at both the profound theology of the hymn and Romanos' clear, sonorous voice as he sang. According to tradition, this was the very first kontakion ever sung. The Greek word "kontakion" (κοντάκιον) refers to the shaft on which a scroll is wound, hence the

significance of the command of the Theotokos for him to swallow a scroll, indicating that his compositions were by divine inspiration.

Saint Romanos the Melodist or the Hymnographer is the patron saint of all who sing for the Church ■



FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2010)

His Eminence

✦Metropolitan Nicholas

Ann Arbor, MI

St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish
 St. Nicholas Philoptochos
 St. Nicholas GOYA
 Kotsis, Fr. Nicolaos and
 Presbyteria Sandra
 Paul, Presbyteria Eva
 Baldwin, James
 Bekiares, Penelope A.
 Chiatalas, Louis and Marguerite
 Daniels, Tony and Cleve
 Fry, Jack D.
 Grias-Radwanskim Sophia
 Kales, Anthony and Joyce
 Kapetan, Michael and
 Karen Munson
 Kleanthous, Costas and Sylvia
 Pliakas, Vasilios and Kyriakoula
 Raphael, Joan
 Vlahadamis, Kosta
 Yates, Bill and Margaret

Bloomfield Hills, MI

St. George

St. George Parish
 Pathenos, Fr. Nicholas
 Iakovides, Dimitri

Buffalo, NY

Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
 Annunciation Philoptochos
 Annunciation GOYA
 Annunciation Youth Council
 Christakis, Fr. Christos and
 Presbyteria Lisa
 Alethea's Chocolates
 Blakeslee, Ronald and Maria
 Cervi, Vassilia
 Danakas, George T.
 Gikas, Sam
 Kalambukas, Andrew and
 Coleen
 King's Court, Inc.
 Kouvoutsakis, Paul and Donna
 Kuvshinoff, Boris and Barbara
 Pavlakis, Peter and Elizabeth

Pefanis, Jerry and Athena
 Scouras, George
 Tassy, Gust and Marion

Carmel, IN - Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish
 Holy Trinity Philoptochos
 Gounaris, Fr. Anastasios and
 Presbyteria Maria
 Dickos, Theone
 Douvis, Harry
 Eaton, Joseph and Florie
 Hershberger, Dawn
 Pappas, Vicki
 Payne, Martha

Chattanooga, TN

Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
 Annunciation Choir
 Annunciation GOYA
 Ballas, Fr. Stavros and
 Presbyteria Thea
 Andrews, George
 Berros, James and Susan
 Bougdanos, Maria
 Bouloukos, Dino
 Campa, Pedro
 Cornea, Paul and Ana
 Dimopoulos, Barbara
 Ellis, George and Betty
 Fairbanks, Bobby and Voula
 Fotiadis, Nicky
 Gulas, Ani
 Gulas, Marion
 Gulas, Venetia
 Hopper, Richard and Chrisi
 Kosmidis, Alex and Cheryl
 Mousourakis, John and Donna
 Petros, John and Voula
 Soufleris, Adam and Nickie
 Swansbrough, Robert and Mary
 Tingirou, Eleni
 Trohanis, Jean
 Zotos, Alex and Jennifer

Cincinnati, OH

Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas

HTSN Philoptochos
 Apostolides, Vasso
 Assaley, Lewis and Patricia

Boulmetis, Samuel
 Caneris, Anthony and
 Antoinette
 Carumpalos, Constantine
 Galanes, George
 In Memory of Al Jones
 In Memory of
 Marion Mavridoglou
 Kapourales, Louis
 Moraites, Dena
 Parsenios, Lewis
 Perdikakis, Gus
 Raptis, James
 Zaferes, Patricia

Dayton, OH

Annunciation

Annunciation Philoptochos
 Emroll, Fr. Mark and
 Presbyteria Ginny
 Jannides, Michael
 Sempeles, Leigh
 Stathopoulos, Alex

Detroit, MI

Annunciation Cathedral

Annunciation Philoptochos
 Gaggos, George and Anna
 Gaggos, James and Mary
 Inempolidis, Evelyn
 Papas, John and Rebecca

Elmira, NY

St. Athanasios

Greven, Peter and Georgia
 Vardakis, Paul

Farmington Hills, MI

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Parish
 Holy Cross Philoptochos
 Holy Cross GOYA
 Hountalas, Fr. Dean and
 Presbyteria Olga
 Alexander, Milton and Helen
 Barr, Anthony
 Blough, Michael and Catherine
 Boudouris, Tino and Mary Jo
 Casoglos, Thomas and Mary
 Collias, Rosemary
 Fekaris, Steve and Bettie

Heller Family
 Hountalas, Christos
 Kargilis, Alexander and Mary
 Kourtakis, George and Audrey
 Krear, Elizabeth
 Liadis, John
 Malis, George and Annette
 Morris, Georgia
 Nuechterlein, Lanny & Andrica
 Pesaros, Panayotis and Sonia
 Raffail, Chris and Lynn
 Shukla, Margarita
 Stefanakis, George and Terrie
 Williams, Katherine

Fort Wayne, IN

Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Philoptochos
 Doublas, Gregory
 Gogos, George
 Hanewald, Thomas & Smaragtha
 Katsis, Maria
 Koulianos, Dionisis and Maria
 Maggos, El and Voula
 Spirou, Arthur and Mary
 Turner, Christian

Grand Blanc, MI

Assumption

Assumption Parish
 Chinonis, John and Linda
 Kaloydis, John and Karen
 Politis, George and Rita

Grand Rapids, MI

Holy Trinity

Bogdan, Fr. James and
 Presbyteria Joan
 Afendoulis, Chris and Phyllis
 Afendoulis, Clark and Katherine
 Christopoulos, Peter and Maria
 Georgeson, Menas and Fronsene
 Gray, Mark and Alexis
 Kalyvas, Tim and Lina
 Koukios, Constantine
 Monoyios, Terry
 Neil, Chad Dimopolous
 Nicholas, Jim and Georgia
 Sarafis, Elizabeth
 Schel, Connie
 Sellas, Deno



FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2010)

Zarafonetis, Stratton

Hot Springs, AR Zoodochos Peghe

Delfos, Fr. Pierre and
Presbytera Harriet
Fotioo, Peter
McCrary, Stella

Indianapolis, IN

Holy Apostles

Holy Apostles Parish
Karozos, Gus
Stevens, Georgia

Ithaca, NY - St. Catherine

Bantuvanias, George and Ann
Bezirgianian, John
Stratakos - In Memory of Fr.
Efstathios Metallinos

Jamestown, NY

St. Nicholas

Zervos, Fr. James and
Presbytera Anne

Lansing, MI

Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Sietsema, Fr. Mark and
Presbytera Katherine
Brown, Alex and Mary
Colovos, Nicholas
Economy, George and Stella
Gavrilides Management
Heos, Pamela
Joseph, Yvonne
Malvetis, Anastasios
Morrow, Heather and Family
Pascalenos, Olga
Perentesis, Stephanie
Pogoncheff, Carl
Pridnia, David and Liana
Skorich, Dan and Cathy
Smith, Richard L.
Sweeney, Evie Zois
Vlahakis, Louis and Mary
Zachos, Terri

Lexington, KY

Panagia Pantovasilissa

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

Little Rock, AR

Annunciation

Annunciation GOYA
Verdaris, Fr. Nicholas and
Presbytera Maria
Alley, Sam and Janet
Roy, Frederick
Sargent, David and Eva
Tyler, Gordon and Martha
Verdaris, John and Marlene
Vratsinas, Gus and Irene

Louisville, KY

Assumption

Wingenbach, Fr. Gregory
Adams, Sam and Thelma
Geromes, Nancy
Vonallmen, Penny

Memphis, TN

Annunciation

Annunciation Philoptochos
Order of Ahepa - Memphis
Christy, Fr. Paul and
Presbytera Mary
Anaston, Zoe
Buring, Jacob and Michele
Farrell, Richard and Linda
Gallagher, Evangelia
Graves, William and Renee
Grayes, Theodore
Meng, James and Susan
Morrison, Robert and Kathryn
Obradovic, Milan
Poplos, Theodore and
Stephanie Storgion
Semos, Vasili and Liane
Sinis, Harry and Magda
Taras, Dimitri and
Mary Katherine
Taras, Kosta and Loretta

Middletown, OH

Sts. Constantine and Helen

Sts. Constantine and Helen

Philoptochos

Muskegon, MI

Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Mot, Fr. Catalin and
Presbytera Felicia
Yankopoulos, Presbytera Ann
Achterhoff, Christina
Afendoulis, Alexander
Afendoulis, Magdalene
Afendulis, James
Afendulis, Phyllis G.
Afendulis, Theodore
Anton, Ted and Francine
Baker, Georgia
Baldas, Voula
Bati, John
Bouth, Mike
Clark, Ken and Nicci
Danigelis, George
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
Paris, John and Patricia
Peliotes, Gust and Ethel
Riekse, Max and Nelly
Roldan, Martha
Soimar, Michael and Corina
Stathas, Nick and Rita

Nashville, TN

Holy Trinity

Hohnholt, Fr. Gregory and
Presbytera Sofia
Vaporis, Fr. George and
Presbytera Kalliopi
Sfikas, Presbytera Stella
Andrews, Chris and Julia
Billo, John and Jennie

Botsaris, Chris
Carden, Kathryn
Demetry, Willodene
Duncan, Angelia
Harman, Todd and Dawn
Kirk, Benedict
Lamberson, Lambert and Helen
Mooney, Sonny
Rogers, Helen and
Lawrence Kamm
Taras, Nick and Donna

Nashville, TN - St. John

Chrysostom Mission

Turner, Fr. Parthenios and
Presbytera Marion
Demmas, Constance
Marchetti, John and Linda
Wagner, Charles and Edith
Williams, Heath

New Buffalo, MI

Annunciation/St.Paraskevi

Martin, Fr. Paul and
Presbytera Nikki
Anton, Gust
Govatos, Patsy
Hahn, Herbert and Elizabeth
Polymeris, Spiros and Donna

Plymouth, MI

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Nativity of the Virgin Mary
Parish
Govostes, Fr. Sean and
Presbytera Pamela
Sarelis, Fr. Charles and
Presbytera Angela
Estate of Fr. Efstathios
Metallinos
Bazakis, James and Maria
Demetriou, Cleo
Kheir, Angela
Zervos, George and Lisa

Rochester, NY

Annunciation

Gines, George Family
Markakis, Kathryn
Stefanou, Gus and Florence



FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2010)

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Rochester, NY

Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit Philoptochos
Cowles, Fr. Patrick and
Presbyteria Mary
Chilas, Diane
Gesell, Melody
Ginis, Panos
Kouides, Peter and Ruth
Sexton, Katherine L.

Saginaw, MI

St. Demetrios

St. Demetrios Philoptochos
Cox, Fr. Irenaeus and
Presbyteria Alexandra
Ahejew, Petro and Samdra
Bazakis, Andrew and Ann
Caldwell, Larry and Peggy
Kookootsedes, Gust and Mary
Ostler, Dennis and Soula

Sault Ste. Marie, MI

St. George

Gianakura, Peter and Georgia

Southgate, MI - St. George

St. George Philoptochos
Karamanos, Fr. Philemon and
Presbyteria Helen
Anonymous
Bass, John and Panagiota
Constantakis, Clarence
Cranford, Joanne
Galanis, Sam
Karamanos, Peter and Mary
Kircos, Angelo and Sophia
Kircos, John and Violet
Kircos, Louis and Paula
Kontos, Chris and Francis
Kontos, John and Marika
Kozaitis, Mina
Minton, Barbara
Minton, Charles
Minton, Nicholas
Nanos, Vasiliki
Papalas, Mary
Pappas, Barbara
Tassis, James

Springfield, OH

Assumption

Assumption Parish

St. Clair Shores, MI

Assumption

Varlamos, Fr. Michael and
Presbyteria Tina
Bournias, James and Evangeline
Campbell, Delphine
Christopher, John and Alethea
Gaggos, George and Anna
Genematas, Toula
Gianoplos, Georgia
Giftos, James and Patricia
Gust, George and Georgiana
Harlaftis, Panagiotis
Niforos, Theodore and Anna
Pangalos, Despo
Petrouleas, George
Phillips, Peter and Toula
Ribble, Effie
Samaras, Robert and Marietta
Vlahantones, Louis
Yanoulaki, Katherine

Sterling Heights, MI

St. John

St. John Parish
St. John Choir
St. John GOYA
Kyritses, Fr. Nicholas
Burdalas, Peter and Chrisy
Karamanos, Peter and Mary
Kotsis, Andrew and Itene
Kotsis, Harry and Katherine
Lazaris Peter
Lionas, James and Helene
Salonikas Georgios and Nicoleta
Spyros and Katina Patouhas
Souris, Bernice
Tangalos, Philip and Alexandra
Tangalos, Theodore and Mary

Syracuse, NY

St. Sophia

St. Sophia Parish
Smith, Fr. David and
Presbyteria Donna
Anagnost, Basil
Nicholas, James

Panarites, William and Kaliope
Theodore, Dorothea
Theodore, Eleanor

Toledo, OH

Holy Trinity Cathedral

Damaskos, Fr. Aristotle and
Presbyteria Debbie
Anagnos, Joyce
Ballas, Constantine
Melonakos, Anthony and Paula
Proestou, Maria
Sieben, Paul

Traverse City, MI

Archangel Gabriel

Olechnowicz, Fr. Iakovos and
Presbyteria Joleen
Ealy, Ray and Martha
Kaly, Anthony and Barbara
Olechnowicz, Rebekah
Psaros, John and Donna
Underwood, Robert & Theresa

Troy, MI

St. Nicholas

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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GREEK LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SCHOOLS

By Kathryn Z. Kittides, Ed.D

The Greek Language and Culture, as foundations of Western Culture and Civilization, verify the institutions important for Democratic societies; illuminate the English Language and academic curricula; improve student learning potential across disciplines; and transmit the Holy Words and Rituals of the Greek Orthodox Church. It is important for the Greek Language and Culture to be fully valued and preserved so that their historic achievements will be learned and carried by the Youth, who will contribute the beauty and wisdom of Greek Language and Culture to the World and American Culture.

Metropolitan Nicholas called upon the Greek Educational Community to develop a Committee to address the structure and needs of the Greek Schools, Teachers and Students. This was established by Father Varlamos to address specific aspects of Greek-

American Education/Culture. Dr. Gus Demas, Dr. Kathryn Z. Kittides, as Education Co-directors, assisted by Teacher Elli Patouhas, developed programs and materials from 1999 to 2010; they include:

- Creation of an in depth Greek Language/Culture Book; Preschool-Grade 8 Greek Language/Culture Curriculum;

- Comprehensive Teacher Surveys to address: Teacher Background/Interests/Needs/Education; Teaching Methods; Texts/Materials; Student Needs; School Structure Harmonization; Community/Marketing Involvement

- University-level Professional Development Seminars included: History of Language/Learning; Teaching/Learning Methods; Classroom Texts and Materials; Teacher Presentations/Classroom Methods; Educational Opportunities.

- Meetings and Updates for ongoing plans to address all elements of the Greek School Structure for Teachers,

Students/Texts/Materials - with Parents, Church Hierarchy, Community, Marketing/PR efforts;

- FUTURE PLANS for 2011 to be developed by Dr. Demas and Dr. Kittides include:

- To develop Technology/Professional Development Seminars for Greek Language/Culture Teachers;

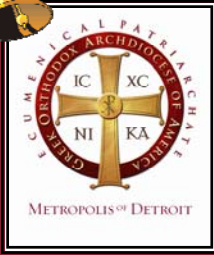
- To link with High Schools/Universities for Greek School Students to receive High School/University credit;

- To develop with a University - the Master of Arts in Teaching-MAT-Degree program for Teachers of Greek who have a Bachelor of Arts/Science/Education Degree, pass the University Greek Proficiency Test, complete the target Education Courses for the degree, and acquire the Michigan Teacher Certification in Greek Language for the Public Schools of Michigan ■



PILLOWS TO HELP FLOOD VICTIMS

The Greek Orthodox communities of the Holy Trinity and St. John Chrysostom of Nashville, TN collected more than 150 pillows that were donated through the Catholic Charities Flood Relief Center in Bellevue, TN to the local flood victims. Fr. Gregory Hohnholt and Presbytera Sofia, Donna Bacon, Nashville Philoptochos President and Russell Massey from the Catholic Charities were pictured in an article appeared in the local newspaper the Tennessean ■



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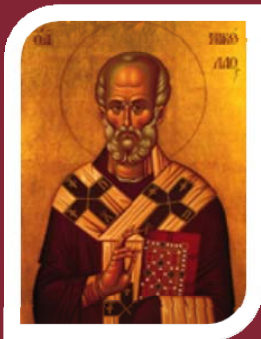
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Dear Friends of the Metropolis:

God has called us to do mighty deeds for the glory of His name and for the love of His people.

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