**Beloved Family in Christ,**

While we are all filled with joy at this blessed Season of Christmas, many are unfortunately also forced to engage again in that famous holiday game: How much do you love me?

At times it seems like a game of nerves as we try to decide exactly what position we are aiming for based on the gifts that we give.

For some, the game requires us to think back about all the Christmas gifts which people have given us. Truth be told, it is very difficult to remember what we received last year.

To be certain, there are many people who don’t really engage in this game. We know that Grandma’s gift to us of a new shirt is a practical expression of her love for us and her desire for us to be neat and clean.

But to those who play the Christmas Gift Game, they are in the ultimate test of nerves and skill, because the gift must indicate something about the value that particular people or groups have in our lives.

We struggle to find the right gift for our spouse, our children, our close family friends and neighbors. We know from the Christmas ads that the right gift confesses our undying love for someone. And of course, it must be just right else we shall appear to be ‘cheap.’

But my beloved friends, at Christmas, we also remember the gift that God Himself has given to us: Jesus Christ.

This special Gift is one which cannot be bought by us in any store; it cannot be ordered from a catalogue, or book, or any internet source.

In fact, this Gift is one which lasts forever, is never worn out, and never forgets about us. It is the one true Gift which is given to all and owned by none.

At this Holy Christmas Season, I pray that the Gift of the Son of God come into our hearts and homes, and that our Lord shall live and reign there forever, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. It’s Christmas: come to church, and receive the Gift of God!

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**Metropolitan Nicholas’ Message...**

**Christ is Born! Glorify Him!**

**Metropolitan Nicholas**
### Bishop’s Schedule Highlights

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### Ordination of Deacon George E. Cassis

On Saturday, November 19, 2011, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas ordained George E. Cassis a deacon at the Holy Trinity Church in Grand Rapids, MI. The uplifting service was attended by a full church and clergy from the area and afar.

Born in 1949 in Grand Rapids, MI to George and Josephine Cassis of Lebanese descent, Dcn. George is married to Vasiliki (Botsis) with three children: George, Peter and Amalia. He has an Associates Degree in Business Administration and worked for forty years in the industrial supply field.

“Parties with a PURPOSE” - Youth Group Christmas Party Ideas

By Eva Kokinos, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Naturally, Christmas is a time where we gather with family and friends to celebrate and enjoy each other’s company. We gather to eat, we sing a few carols, and we exchange gifts.

But the purpose of Christmas is much more than a retail holiday or vacation time. In this beautiful season, we are given the ultimate gift of Jesus Christ. We are also blessed to have our communities, families, friends, and our youth groups. With all of these blessings, why not share in the joy? Why not make your youth group Christmas celebrations serve a greater purpose? Here are a few ideas for “Parties with a Purpose.”

**FEED OTHERS FIRST**

Before you sit down to have a Christmas party meal, make dinner and take it to a local shelter or halfway house. Or take your youth group to prepare meals at the local soup kitchen. You can also bake Christmas cookies, package them up in nice cookie tins, and deliver them to shut-ins and elderly people in nursing homes. After feeding others, then sit down to enjoy a meal together as a family.

**GIVE TO OTHERS FIRST**

Instead of having a gift exchange, contact the local shelter or children’s hospital to see if there are families with wish lists. Then, as a youth group, go shopping to fulfill the needs of some of the families. Bring items back to wrap or prepare for delivery. Then after delivering the gifts, go grab a bite to eat as a group and discuss how you can contribute throughout the year.

**BE WITH OTHERS FIRST**

There are those who do not have family or friends to join at a Christmas party. So take the Christmas joy and fellowship out into your community. Have a Traveling Party… Ask your parish priests families with wish lists. Then, as a youth group, go shopping to fulfill the needs of some of the families. Bring items back to wrap or prepare for delivery. Then after delivering the gifts, go grab a bite to eat as a group and discuss how you can contribute throughout the year.

**Other ways to have a Christmas Party with Purpose**

1) Ask everyone to bring a bag of canned goods to take to the local food pantry.
2) Connect with your parish Philoptochos or other local philanthropic organizations to organize a Christmas fundraising event. Funds can go to any charity or cause you can imagine… IOCC, OCMC, Feeding America, Make-A-Wish Foundation, etc.
3) Gather together and make cards/icons to send to those who serve in the Military OR to send to missionaries throughout the world.

**WEBSITE OF CHARITIES AND PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATIONS**

Feeding America Website – www.feedingamerica.org
IOCC Website – www.iocc.org
Make-a-Wish Foundation Website – www.wish.org
National Ladies Philoptochos Society – www.philoptochos.org
OCMC Website – www.ocmc.org
Red Cross “Holiday Mail for Heroes” Website – www.redcross.org/holidaymail

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Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

We wish you all a very blessed Feast of the Nativity and a happy, healthy New Year!

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit – Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

By Margaret Yates
President

It is an honor to have been elected president of the Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos Board where I served as treasurer the past four years. I grew up in Ann Arbor attending St. Nicholas Church where my parents were founding members. My husband, Bill, and I continue to worship at St. Nicholas. Like many of you, I sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, became a member of the parish council and joined Philoptochos.

I earned a BS degree in Special Education and an MA in guidance and counseling from Eastern Michigan University. My professional career ended when I retired from York Woods Center, a residential treatment facility for emotionally impaired children and adolescents, as Director of Special Education.

The Philoptochos Board will be hosting an open house in honor of Metropolitan Nicholas’ name day from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 11. The Board will also offer a reception that same evening after St. Spyridon Vespers and again on Monday, December 12 after the Divine Liturgy for St. Spyridon.

The Metropolis cookbook, “Favorites”, has been reprinted in soft cover form, just in time for the holidays. Books are available at the Metropolis office or by contacting Evanthia Valassiades in Dayton, OH at 937-434-5600. They sell for twenty dollars each.

Save the date for our Spring luncheon to be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at the Annunciation Cathedral in Detroit. This is the main fundraiser for our Metropolis Philoptoochos.

Philoptochos chapters throughout the Metropolis celebrated the feast day of Sts. Cosmas and Damianos, patron saints of Philoptochos, by passing a tray for the Patriarchate. The Dayton Philoptochos held a spiritual weekend led by Fr. Ari Damaskos from Toledo, OH. Fr. Ari met with GOYA members on Friday evening and with Philoptochos members and guests on Saturday. After an Artoklasia in Ann Arbor, Fr. Nicolaos Kotsis blessed the lap blankets made by members for the Oaks Adult Care Center and presented them to a representative from Catholic Social Services for distribution.

An inspiration to us all, Eleni Zaferes stepped down as Metropolis president after four years of exceptional leadership. A hard working and dedicated member of Philoptochos, Eleni served by example. She traveled throughout the Metropolis, often accompanied by her husband Tom, offering guidance and support of various chapter activities. We offer Eleni a sincere thank you.

With the spiritual guidance of Metropolitan Nicholas and the prayers and support of the membership, I hope to at least partially fill the shoes of those who came before me in fulfilling the mission of Philoptochos.

MEFGOX NEWS

By Irene Georgantas
President

On Saturday, November 5, a reception was held for the retirement of Metropolitan Maximos of the Pittsburgh Metropolis. When our former bishop of what was then the Detroit Diocese, Bishop Timothy, retired, Bishop Maximos served as our Locum Tenens. Even though his tenure as Locum Tenens was not long, he became very dear to a number of us in the Detroit Diocese.

Certainly for our MEGFOX Federation, Metropolitan Maximos was always supportive of our mission, activities, and attended many of our conventions. A group of our church musicians, from both Metropolises, participated in a musical tribute to His Eminence, by singing "To Ekklisaki", a favorite song of his. We are saddened by his retirement due to his failing health. But we pray that God will grant him many more years in His service.

Now that the Christmas Lent has started and we are making preparations for this great and holy feast, it is a time for many of our choirs to come together for Christmas musical programs. The Detroit community has a long standing tradition of presenting such a program and this year is no exception.

On Sunday, December 18, 2011 at 4 P.M. the Detroit Metropolis Chorus will present a Christmas
Some sixty years ago when I was three or four, I remember my two older sisters taking me for our annual Christmas Eve walk, a time when my parents “scheduled” the arrival of St. Nicholas at our home (I would be told much later in life that this had more to do with my parents desire to sleep in on Christmas morning than it had with Santa’s scheduling problems; but this young, I simply accepted the arrangement as readily as I accepted that he couldn’t come if I was home and able to see him come down the chimney; the young can believe most anything on faith.

The evening was cold, but snowless, a sharp breeze was blowing, and the clouds overhead scudded beneath a full moon. As we walked around our neighborhood, I remember being very excited, as my sisters talked to me about what they hoped Santa would bring. Suddenly, as we reached a corner close to home, my oldest sister, Moira, knelt beside me, placed one hand on my shoulder, and pointed towards the moon with the other. “Look,” she said, “there’s Santa in his sleigh!” And I looked and saw clouds racing before the moon that looked like a sleigh racing across the sky pulled by reindeer. “I see him, I see him!” I shouted. And big-eyed, this smiling, kind thirteen-year-old, said, “Let’s run home. I bet he’s just leaving from our house!” And so we ran to see the marvels he had brought us.

Time has passed, and since that time, I have lost Moira, my parents, and a number of close friends and family members. As a young man, I rejected the faith of my childhood, drifted for many years, until finally by the grace of God, I found the gift of the True Faith beautifully wrapped in the Orthodox Church. And in a sense the faith I had as a child has been restored, although changed. Santa has been replaced by Jesus Christ, toys have been replaced by the gift of the Holy Infant, and that good and generous Being loose in the world is none other than the creator of the world, giving the most wonderful of presents to all of His children: His love, His presence, His forgiveness, His healing. In the face of such generosity, how can we not want to respond, giving generously, lovingly and happily to Him and His Church, through which His gifts flow to us and to our children and their children.

*Rev. Fr. Patrick Cowles serves as the Presiding Priest at the Holy Spirit Greek Orthodox Church in Rochester, NY.

(Continued from page 4) Concert at the Annunciation Cathedral in Detroit, MI. The Metropolitan Chorus is composed of directors, singers, and organists from several of the Detroit area Greek Orthodox churches. The concert itself will be presented in a "Lessons and Carols" style, with readings by our young people reciting the prophecies of the coming Jesus and those biblical passages describing His birth. Greek Orthodox hymns and traditional carols will be interspersed with the readings. The chorus will be led by several of our area directors, including George Raptis, Evey Simon, Maritsa Kalasz, Stan Takis, Mary Grias, and John Tangalos. The accompanists will be Ann Lyke, Antonia Levin, and Santhy Volis. There will also be opportunities for the audience to join the chorus in well-known carols. Prior to the Concert there will be three joint rehearsals at the Cathedral, December 3, 10, and 17 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. You are all invited to join us in this beautiful way of celebrating the Birth of our Lord as one community. Christ is Born! Glorify Him!
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Rochester, NY – Annunciation  
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Presbytera Elizabeth  
Gines, George and Maria  
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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:**

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,

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Metropolitan Of Detroit

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