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YOUR NATIVITY, O CHRIST OUR GOD, HAS SHINED THE LIGHT OF KNOWLEDGE UPON THE WORLD; FOR THEREBY THEY THAT WORSHIPPED THE STARS WERE INSTRUCTED BY A STAR TO WORSHIP YOU, THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND TO KNOW YOU, THE DAYSPRING FROM ON HIGH. O LORD, GLORY BE TO YOU.

APOLYTIKION OF NATIVITY



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Metropolitan Nicholas' Message...

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,



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.

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.'

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!

*Christ is Born!
Glorify Him!*

✠ Metropolitan Nicholas



BISHOP'S SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Please visit our website for schedule updates or changes at: www.detroit.goarch.org/news/calendar

DECEMBER 2011

4	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	St. Nicholas Church—Ann Arbor, MI
5	<i>St. Nicholas Great Vespers</i>	St. Nicholas Church—Ann Arbor, MI
6	<i>Feast of St. Nicholas Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	St. Nicholas Church—Troy, MI
8 - 9	<i>Enthronement of Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh</i>	St. Nicholas Cathedral—Pittsburgh, PA
11	<i>St. Nicholas Parish Visitation</i>	St. Nicholas Church—Troy, MI
	<i>St. Spyridon Great Vespers & Open House</i>	Metropolis Center—Troy, MI
12	<i>Feast of St. Spyridon Divine Liturgy & Reception</i>	St. Spyridon Chapel—Troy, MI
18	<i>Ordination to Diaconate of Jeff Abel</i>	St. George Church—Bloomfield Hills, MI
24	<i>Vesperal Divine Liturgy</i>	Annunciation Cathedral—Detroit, MI
25	<i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	Holy Trinity Cathedral—Toledo, OH
27 - 29	<i>GOYA Basket-Holiday Hoops Dinner Dance</i>	St. John the Baptist Church—Sterling Heights, MI
31	<i>Parish Visitation—St. Basil</i>	Metropolitan Detroit Area

JANUARY 2012

1	<i>Parish Visitation—St. Basil</i>	Metropolitan Detroit Area
6	<i>Theophany of the Lord</i>	Assumption Church—St. Clair Shores, MI
	<i>St. John the Baptist Great Vespers</i>	St. John the Baptist Church—Sterling Heights, MI
7	<i>Feast of St. John the Baptist</i>	TBA
7 - 8	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	Holy Trinity Church—Fort Wayne, IN
12 - 13	<i>American Bible Society Retreat</i>	Dallas, TX
15	<i>Parish Visitation—Vasilopita</i>	St. George Church—Southgate, MI
20 - 22	<i>Ordination of Dcn. Paul Truebenbach to Holy Priesthood</i>	Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Church—Cincinnati, OH
27	<i>Canonical Regional Planning Committee Meeting</i>	Chicago, IL
31	<i>Clergy Syndesmos Meeting</i>	Metropolis Center—Troy, MI

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.

Pictures from the ordination are available here:

www.detroit.goarch.org/photo-gallery/2011-photo-archives/ordination_cassis





YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS by Eva Kokinos

"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 about families and individuals who could use a friendly face, a warm greeting, and a few Christmas carols.

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*

UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

DECEMBER 27-29, 2011 "Holiday Hoops" GOYA Basketball Tournament

Hosted by St. John the Baptist
Church—Sterling Heights, MI
holidayhoopstournament@gmail.com

JANUARY 7, 2012 Assumption GOYA Taverna Night

Hosted by Assumption Church—
St. Clair Shores, MI
586.779.6111

JANUARY 14-16, 2012 Upstate NY GOYA Winter Retreat

Hosted by St. Sophia Church—
Syracuse, NY
315.446.5222

JANUARY 14-16, 2012 St. Nicholas Summer Camp Reunion and GOYA Winter Retreat

Hosted by Panagia Pantovasilissa
Church—Lexington, KY
859.264.9004

JANUARY 15, 2012 Michigan Area GOYA Winter Retreat

Hosted by St. Nicholas Church—
Ann Arbor, MI
734.332.8200



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 Philoptochos.

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 repre-

sentative 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 MEFGOX 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.

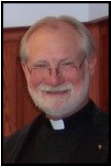
On Sunday, December 18, 2011 at 4 P.M. the Detroit Metropolis Chorus will present a Christmas

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REMEMBERING A CHRISTMAS PAST

By Fr. Patrick Cowles*



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 mar-

vels he had brought us. And as we ran, I recall a sensation, a feeling that the world was a wonderful place when something, someone so good was loose, flying around being kind and generous to every child everywhere.



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.

MEFGOX NEWS *continued...*

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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! ■

**FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (AS OF DECEMBER 15, 2011)****+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
Bekiaries, Christopher and Margarita
Bekiaries, Penny
Chiatalas, Louis and Marguerite
Daniels, Tony and Cleve
Fry, Jack D.
Garris, Helen
Hadden, Donnelly and Helen
Kales, Anthony and Joyce
Katsikas, Chris and Pandora
Kussurelis, Peter and Zorene
Leontis, Artemis
Phan, Sem and Katherine
Pliakas, Vasilios and Kyriaki
Radwanski, Kurt and Sophia Grias
Yates, Billy and Marguerita

Bloomfield Hills, MI – St. George

Iakovides, Dimitri

Buffalo, NY - Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Annunciation GOYA
Annunciation Youth Council
Christakis, Fr. Christos and
Presbyteria Lisa
Kallis, Fr. Perry and
Presbyteria Cassandra
Alethea's Chocolates
Blakeslee, Ronald and Maria
Cervi, Brian and Vassilia
Couvtsakis, Paul and Linda
Dermatis, Anastasia
Kalambukas, Andrew and Colleen
Kouvtsakis, Paul and Donna
Kuvshinoff, Boris and Barbara
Manos, Margaret
Mastoras, Spiros and Mary

Pavlakis, Peter and Elizabeth
Pefanis, Jerry and Athena
Phufas, Ellene
Scouras, George and Chrisoula
Skaros, Nikolaos and JoAnn
Spanos, Frances
Tassy, Gust and Marian
Touris, Lambros
Vafiopoulos, Helen
Veanes, Angelo

Carmel, IN - Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Gounaris, Fr. Anastasios and
Presbyteria Maria
Dickos, Dennis
Dickos, Theone
Douvis, Harry
Eaton, Joseph and Florie
Hershberger, Dennis and Dawn
Kokinos, Pete and Argie
Karas, Gus and Maritsa
Kourmoulis, Mario and Karen
Kyriakopoulos, Chris
Lafter, Chris and Toni
Pappas, Vicki
Zeheralis, Gail

Chattanooga, TN –Annunciation

Annunciation Philoptochos
Annunciation Choir
Annunciation GOYA
Ballas, Fr. Stavros and
Presbyteria Thea
Andros, George and Maria
Ballas, Aspasia
Bougdanos, Maria
Bouloukos, Dino and Maria
Campa, Pedro
Cornea, Paul and Ana
Demetry, Willodene
Dimopoulos, George and Brigitte
Ellis, George G. and Betty M.
Etherton, Wayne and Yolanda
Fotiadis, Nicky
Fox, Mrs. Ann
Gaitanoglou, Ignatios
Gormanos, John and Karrie

Gulas, Marion
Gulas, Venetia
Hopper, Richard and Chrisi
Justice, Christina
Kosmidis, Alex and Cheryl
Kouris, George
Makrinakis, Emanuel
Mousourakis, John and Donna
Petros, John and Voula
Tigiros, Elias and Sharon
Tolbert, John and Janice
Trohanis, Bill
Vassilev, Mikhail
Vlasis, John and Charlotte
Zotos, Alexander

**Cincinnati, OH -
Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas**

HTSN Philoptochos
HTSN GOYA
Apostolides, Vasso
Galanes, George
Iatrides, Steve
Kapourales, Louis
Parsenios, Lewis
Perdikakis, Gus and JoAnn
Raptis, James and Maria
Siegel, August
Zaferes, Patricia
Zaferes, Tom and Eleni

Dayton, OH- Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Bambakidis, Gust and Elli
Kakas, Berdi
Jannides, Spiros
Sempeles, Leigh
Stamas, Elizabeth
Valassiades, John and Evanthia

**Detroit, MI –
Annunciation Cathedral**

Annunciation Philoptochos
Annunciation Cathedral Pioneers
Gaggos, James and Mary
Tapazoglou, Nicolaos and Christine



FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (AS OF DECEMBER 15, 2011)

Elmira, NY – St. Athanasios

Greven, Peter
Vardakis, Paul and Thea

Farmington Hills, MI – Holy Cross

Holy Cross Parish
Hountalas, Fr. Dean and
Presbytera Olga
Alexander, Milton and Helen
Blough, Michael and Catherine
Casoglos, Thomas and Mary
Fekaris, Steve and Bettie
George, John and E. Deborah
Heller, James Family
Kargilis, Alexander and Mary
Katsias, George and Irene
Krear, Tad and Elizabeth
Malis, George and Annette
Nuechterlein, Lanny and Andrica
Peresky, Richard and Marina
Power, Edward and Maria
Voutsinas, Kostas and Diana

Fort Wayne, IN - Holy Trinity

Danckaert, Keith
Doublas, Gregory
Gogos, George
Hanewald, Thomas and Smaragtha
Katsis, Maria
Koulianos, Dionysios and Maria
Lebamoff, George
Maggos, Eleftherios and Voula
Nakos, Nikos
Rongos, Christopher and Katherine
Spirou, Arthur and Mary
Turner, Christian

Grand Blanc, MI – Assumption

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

Grand Rapids, MI - Holy Trinity

Bogdan, Fr. James and Presbytera Joan
Afendoulis, Chris and Phyllis
Afendoulis, Clark and Katherine
Anton, Gust J.
Bird, Jason and Christa

Cassis, Edward and Vicki
Christopoulos, Peter and Maria
Georgeson, Menas and Fronsene
Gray, Mark and Alexis
Jenks, Timothy C.
Kalyvas, Tim and Lina
Karatsinides, Spiro and Paulette
Koukios, Constantine
Monoyios, Terry
Neil, Chad Dimopoulos
Nicholas, Jim and Georgia
Sarafis, Elizabeth
Zarafonetis, Stratton

Indianapolis, IN – Holy Apostles

Matsigas, Gerasimos

Ithaca, NY - St. Catherine

Parthenakis, Fr. Tom and
Presbytera Cathy
Bantuvanias, Ann
Bezirgianian, John

Jamestown, NY – St. Nicholas

Zervos, Fr. George and Presbytera Anne

Kalamazoo, MI – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos

Lansing, MI – Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish
Sietsema, Fr. Mark and
Presbytera Kathy
Christofilis, Elaine
Evanoff-Joseph, Yvonne
Gavrilides, Nick and Dina
Gavrilis, Dimitrios and Jane Arnold
Heos, Goldie
Heos, Pamela
Hillary, Charles
Mansour, George
Mendoza, Mary
Munk, Jerry and Jan
Nichols, Elan Stavros
Pascalenos, Olga
Perentesis, Stephanie
Pogoncheff, Carl

Rahib, Margaret
Skorich, Dan
Smith, Richard
Willard, Steven

Lexington, KY –

Panagia Pantovasilissa

Panagia Pantovasilissa Parish
Panagia Pantovasilissa Philoptochos
Wilson, Fr. George and
Presbytera Harriet
Annetts, Brett and Ruth
Delviziis, Thomas
Hostetter, Christopher and Ericka
Kiriapopoulos, Ken and Mary

Lexington, MI –

St. Panteleimon Chapel

St. Panteleimon Parish

Little Rock, AR – Annunciation

Annunciation GOYA
Verdaris, Fr. Nicholas and
Presbytera Maria
Misic, Dragi
Skoumbourdis, C.T. and Tatyana
Tyer, Gordon and Martha
Verdaris, John and Marlene
Vratsinas, Gus and Irene

Louisville, KY – Assumption

Legakis, Fr. Larry and
Presbytera Jennifer
Adams, Sam and Thelma
Geromes Marcus and Nancy
Karageorge, Rhonda
Makris, Mary
Vonallmen, Penny

Marquette, MI – Assumption

Assumption Parish
Butler, Michelle

Memphis, TN – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Ahepa #7 – Memphis
Daughters of Penelope (Alpheus) #180
Apalodimas, Maria

**FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (AS OF DECEMBER 15, 2011)**

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Bagatelas, Todd and Cyndi
Farrell, Richard and Linda
Futris, Petro
Graves, William and Renee
Graves, Theodore
Morrison, Robert and Kathryn
Obradovic, Linda
Poplos, Ted and Stephanie
Ruby, Pete and Katerina
Semos, Vasili and Luane

Middletown, OH –**Sts. Constantine and Helen**

Sts. Constantine and Helen Philoptochos
Retzios, Thomas and Angela

Muskegon, MI - Annunciation

Mot, Fr. Catalin and Presbytera Felicia
Yankopoulos, Presbytera Ann
Afendoulis, Alexander
Afendulis, Phyllis
Afendulis, Ted
Anton, Ted and FrancineBati, John
Bouth, Michael and Sharon
Encelewski, Christine
Karis, Tom and Kristi
Katsiouras, Athanasios and Katerina
Ladas, Paul M. and Patricia
Lutz, Helen
Micheil, Rich and Teresa
Oravitan, Andre and Philip
Soimar, Michael and Corina

Nashville, TN - Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish
Hohnholt, Fr. Gregory and
Presbytera Sofia
Sfikas, Presbytera Stella
Andrews, Chris and Julia
Billo, John
Botsaris, Chris
Carden, Kathryn
Harman, Todd and Dawn
Lamberson, Lambert and Helen
Miles, Eric and Scarlett
Miller, John
Rogers, Helen and Larry Kamm

Sherrill, Justin and Kiki
Taras, Nick and Donna

Nashville, TN -**St. John Chrysostom Mission**

Turner, Fr. Parthenios and
Presbytera Marion
Derrybery, Paul
Demmas, Constance
Dozier, Matthew
Sidorov, Veniamin
Tickle, Jeffrey and Jackie

New Buffalo, MI -**Annunciation/St.Paraskevi**

Annunciation-St. Paraskevi Parish
Martin, Fr. Paul and Presbytera Nikki
Kerhoulas, Mike and Louisa
Lepeniotes, Christos and Anastasia
Litznerski, Robert and Mariann

Plymouth, MI -**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Parish
Sarelis, Fr. Charles and
Presbytera Angela
Demetriou, Cleo
Kheir, Angela
Randall, Michael and Anne
Szlinis, John and Thekla
Takis, Gerald and Mary

Rochester, NY – Annunciation

Cook, Fr. Anthony and
Presbytera Elizabeth
Gines, George and Maria
Markakis, Kathryn
Pantas, Mary
Stathopoulos, Demetrios and Doris
Stefanou, Constantine and Florence

Rochester, NY – Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit Parish
Holy Spirit Philoptochos
Georgantas, Irene
Kouides, Peter
Palis, James and Elizabeth

Saginaw, MI - St. Demetrios

Cox, Fr. Irenaeus and
Presbytera Alexandra
Bistolarides, Fr. Peter and
Presbytera Peggy
Ahejew, Petro and Sandra
Bazakis, Andrew and Ann
Caldwell, Larry and Peggy
Kookootsedes, Gust and Mary
Metropoulos, Katherine
Metropoulos, Pete and Maria
Rouman, George and Fran

Sault Ste Marie, MI – St. George

Gianakura, Peter and Georgia

Southgate, MI - St. George

St. George Parish
St. George Philoptochos
Karamanos, Fr. Philemon and
Presbytera Helen
Anonymous
Bass, John and Panagiota
Constantakis, Clarence
Cranford, Joanne
Karamanos, Peter and Mary
Kircos, Angelo and Sophia
Kircos, John and Violet
Kircos, Lou and Paula
Kontos, Chris and Frances
Kontos, John and Marika
Linardos, James
Minton, Barbara
Minton, Nicholas
Nanos, Vasiliki
Papadopoulos, Anastasios and Toulia
Pappas, Andrew and Barbara
Tassis, James

Springfield, OH – Assumption

Assumption Parish
Green, Lance and Sharon
Lagos, James

St. Clair Shores, MI - Assumption

Assumption Parish
Assumption Senior Citizens
Assumption GOYA



FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (AS OF DECEMBER 15, 2011)

Varlamos, Fr. Michael and
 Presbytera Tina
 Callas, Kalliopy
 Campbell, Delphine
 DeWaele, Robert and Chris
 Gaggos, George and Anna
 Genematas, Toula
 Gianoplos, Sam and Georgia
 Harlaftis, Panagiotis
 Jordan, Thomas
 Kastran, John
 Malian, William and Blair
 Niarhos, Anthony
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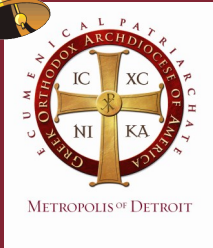
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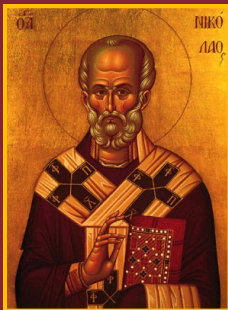
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