Beloved in the Lord,

Have you ever thought about how many times we change our minds about things we want to do or plans we put into place? As human beings, we become accustomed to making these changes because we believe that all of a sudden we have thought of a better way to accomplish our goal.

And if something goes awry with our plan or idea, we think that we can make some on-the-spot correction and get it all back in order. Our experience tells us that sometimes this works — and sometimes it doesn’t.

When we consider how we can change plans in mid-course, surely we must marvel at the perfect plan of God for His creation!

From the first moment of time, God truly envisioned a world in which His glory would be the foundation on which everything would depend.

And even when human beings rejected the initial plan of God for us to live in Paradise, God had already made it possible for us to be saved and to come back to him.

Sometimes the world sees God as removed from our day to day lives. But in truth, it is God who has given us purpose and meaning for our journey on this earth. What we see and witness with our earthly eyes is the divine plan of God to bring His creation back home. Join with us during these Christmas days to hear the voices of the prophets recorded in Scripture. And with the angels, let us give glory to Him, who is from everlasting to everlasting!

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

(Mat. 1:22-23)
Metropolitan’s Schedule

December

1  Metropolis Archons Honored
   Sts. Constantine & Helen Church—Westland, MI
2—7  Archons Religious Freedom Conference
   Berlin, Germany
   St. John Church—Sterling Heights, MI
   Metropolis Center—Troy, MI
8  Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
   St. Nicholas Open House
   St. John Church—Sterling Heights, MI
   Metropolis St. Spyridon Chapel—Troy, MI
11  St. Spyridon Great Vespers
   Metropolis St. Spyridon Chapel—Troy, MI
12  St. Spyridon Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
   Metropolis St. Spyridon Chapel—Troy, MI
15  Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
   Sts. Constantine & Helen Church—Westland, MI
22  Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
   St. Nicholas Church—Troy, MI
24  Nativity of the Lord Vespers Liturgy
   Holy Trinity Cathedral—Toledo, OH
25  Nativity of the Lord Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
   St. Nicholas Church—Ann Arbor, MI
27  Feast of St. Stephen Pastoral Visitation
   TBD
29  Pastoral Visitation

January 2014

5  Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
   St. George Church—Bloomfield Hills, MI
6  Holy Epiphany
   Assumption Church—St. Clair Shores, MI
   St. John Church—Sterling Heights, MI
   Pompano Beach, Florida
7  Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. John the Baptist
   St. John Church—Sterling Heights, MI
8—10  American Bible Society Meeting
   St. Nicholas Church—Ann Arbor, MI
12  Hierarchical Divine Liturgy & Vasilopita
   Constantinople (Istanbul) Turkey
13—18  Visit to the Ecumenical Patriarchate
   St. George Church—Southgate, MI
19  Hierarchical Divine Liturgy & Vasilopita
   Metropolis Center—Troy, MI
21  Clergy Synodesmos
   Sts. Constantine & Helen Church—Westland, MI
25  Baptism of Gabriel Alexander Radulescu
   Holy Trinity Church—Lansing, MI
26  Pastoral Visitation
   TBD
30  Pastoral Visitation

MEFGOX News

By Theodore Niforos—President

We first wish to wish His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas, Hronia Polla for his Nameday on December 6. As I reported in an earlier issue, at our annual Conference in July in Cincinnati, His Eminence presented a wonderfully spiritual and informative session on the preparation of Prosforo. He has been a strong supporter of the work that our Church Musicians Federation does and we honor him for these efforts.

There is another individual in our Federation who celebrated a meaningful birthday earlier this month, and whom we also honor. George Raptis has been directing choirs at Detroit area churches for almost 70 years, has directed choirs and workshops at many Church Musicians Federations conventions, has served as President of MEFGOX, edited its publication, the Byzantine Echo, contributed greatly to the formation of the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, composed music for our church, and has contributed so greatly to the continuation of music for our faith. For these and many other efforts, he was made an Archon of our church and was awarded the St. Romanos Medallion for

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Youth News
By Eva Kokinos-Konstantakos
Metropolis Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

DELIBERATE ACTS OF KINDNESS
Random acts of kindness... Why must they be random? Now, don't get me wrong! It is great that people will randomly pay for someone's coffee at the local coffee shop. It is awesome that people will leave unexpected notes of Christmas cheer at their neighbor's doorstep. But have we limited our spirit of giving and kindness to fleeting, spontaneous feelings of generosity?

We must remember that God's mercy and love were never random or fleeting thoughts. God's love and mercy is deliberate... or with a purpose. Therefore, our love for God and each other should be the same. Generosity, almsgiving, and caring for our neighbor is supposed to be part of our every day Christian life and reality. So Christmas is a great time to begin putting this Christian discipline into practice. Let's spend the rest of the year making it a way of life!

Here are some Scriptural passages and reflections to further understand how we can use our God-given talents and treasures.

READ AND REFLECT: Consider the Scriptural quote from Matthew 10:8 “Freely you have received, freely give.” List as many blessings as you can think of in your life. Whether you've been given one blessing or 100 blessings, take a moment to consider those who might be without even one of those blessings. For example, consider what it might be like for those who do not have a home. Consider what it might be like for those who do not have any family to be with at Christmas or any other holiday. Now... consider what you can do for those who go without these blessings. How can you (your youth group, your family) make a deliberate choice to give of your own gifts out of the gifts/blessings you have been given?

READ AND REFLECT: Read and discuss the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)
The good Samaritan did more than give the man money. He tended to his wounds, took him to an inn, and provided for his needs until he was well. Why do we sometimes turn away from those in need? What are our assumptions about those who are poor or in need? What are some of the things we can do for others who are in need? How can you (your youth group, your family) make a deliberate choice to provide for those in need?

READ AND REFLECT: Read and discuss the Parable of the Sheep and Goats (Matthew 28:32-46) We all were created in the image of God. Jesus Christ says that the way we treat each other is the way we treat Him. The parable talks about providing basic, essential things... food, clothing, shelter, love, companionship, etc. Who is our neighbor? Why do we turn away from our neighbor, even though we are given the commandment to love them? How can you (your youth group, your family) make a deliberate choice to love your neighbor?

READ AND REFLECT: Read and discuss the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30). Everyone has some type of talent or special gift, it just might not be obvious to you. Grab a friend or two (or sit down as a family). List the talents or gifts you think you have and discuss them with your family or friends. They might add a few things you might not have considered. Talents or gifts are not always the same as having riches or wealth. You might not be rich or powerful, but you might be great at cooking, you might be a natural leader, or you might be very talented at music or sports. How can you (your youth group, your family) make a deliberate choice to use your talents and gifts to help others and for the glory of God?
Philoptochos News

By Margaret Yates—President

We want to thank our retiring Metropolis Board Members, Perry Katsikas from Ann Arbor who served for four years, and Thalia Laventzis from Springfield, OH who served for six years. A warm welcome to newly elected Board members, Barbara Kuvshinoff from Buffalo, NY and Paula Kalevas-Beauchamp from Troy, MI.

In addition to Barbara and Paula, the following were re-elected: Florence Stefanou, Theone Dcikos, Michelle Zois, Helen Torney, Patricia Ladas, Eleni Zaferes, Presvytera Thea Ballas, Pauline Biernacki, Cindy Crosson, Mary Kotsis Gaggos, Presvytera Eva Paul, Stephanie Storgion Poplos, Harriet Stoukas, Evanthia Valassiadis and Margaret Yates. Re-appointed by Metropolitan Nicholas were Beck Demery, Anne Feles, Katherine Kotsis and Maria Stavropoulos.

Save the Date letters were recently sent out for our Biennial Spring Luncheon Fundraiser, “A Celebration of Caring”, to be held at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Toledo on April 26, 2014. More information will be forthcoming after the first of the year. Past Philoptochos presidents will be honored on that day.

Once again our Philoptochos members have been busy raising funds for our brothers and sisters in Greece and Cyprus, victims of Typhoon Taiyan which devastated the Philippines, and members of our home communities who need financial assistance in these difficult times.

The Annunciation Philoptochos in Buffalo recently held two fundraisers...“A Taste of Greece” luncheon and Theme basket auction, and “Glitz, Glamour & Generosity, a jewelry party at a local shop where the owner donated a portion of the evening’s profits back to the chapter. Additionally, the chapter held a special coffee hour reception on their Founder’s Day to honor their church custodian of 25+ years, Osvaldo Padilla.

“A Taste of Greece” was also the theme of the luncheon held in Grand Rapids on November 13 and 14. This event, held twice a year, also featured a bake sale and drive-thru pick-up.

Soteria chapter in Dayton recently held a Veteran’s Day celebration as part of their American Heroes project. The chapter was nominated to participate in the National Philoptochos chapter challenge and is representing our Metropolis (each Metropolis president chooses one chapter to participate). Attending the Veteran’s Day celebration was His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas. The chapter has an ongoing program to honor our servicemen and women and will make a presentation at the National Philoptochos Conference in Philadelphia next July. The members have been very busy with a multitude of activities since the beginning of the Ecclesiastical year.

November 16 was the date of the 6th Annual Christmas Gathering Luncheon for the Detroit Area Philoptochos chapters hosted by St. Nicholas in Troy, MI. Guest speaker was Ryan Hertz from the South Oakland Shelter, beneficiary of the luncheon. Entertainment was provided by the Troy Community Chorus.

St. Nicholas in Ann Arbor held their annual spaghetti dinner on Nov. 7 with the profits benefiting those in need in the community. Food certificates were divided between the Catholic Social Services and Salvation Army. Members will soon be taking disadvantaged children shopping for warm winter clothing and have adopted a classroom in Ypsilanti, MI where the students will be given books, mittens and scarves. Members, along with parishioners, will again be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on December 4.

The Dayton Philoptochos, at their annual Christmas gathering, asked members to bring a book and pajamas for children in the Homeless Education Program at Xenia Community Schools.

As you can see, these are just a few of the chapters in our Metropolis who are spreading cheer during the Christmas season.

The Metropolis Board wishes everyone a joyous Christmas and blessings in the New Year. We hope that you will join us at the Name Day celebration for Metropolitan Nicholas on December 8 and again on December 11 and 12 as we celebrate the Vespers and Divine Liturgy for St. Spyridon.

Philoptochos Donations

- $17,789.00 — AID TO GREECE AND CYPRUS
- $3,000 — GIFT CARDS FROM CARMEL INDIANA
- $1,804 — GIFT CARDS FROM ANN ARBOR
- $9,148 — SOUTH OAKLAND SHELTER FROM DETROIT AREA PHILOPTOCHOS CHAPTERS
- $500 — GIFT CARDS TO THE LINDA VISTA PROGRAM AND $500 WORTH OF LINENS TO A NURSING HOME IN GREECE FROM DAYTON
The Love of the Incarnate God

By Father Christos Christakis

It was Christmas Eve in 1991, when as a young graduate student of Theology in London, England, I entered the Russian cathedral for the Christmas Liturgy. I still remember the sermon by Metropolitan Anthony (Bloom) and I try to keep it close to my heart every Nativity season.

That night Metropolitan Anthony invited those present to cast a glance at the people involved in the glorious, mysterious night of the Incarnation:

The Mother of God, perfectly given to God in all Her purity and in all Her humility. “We all are called,” he said, “to open ourselves to God, we all are called to let God enter into our lives, fill each of us. “

Joseph who is bewildered both by the message of the Angel and by what is happening; How did he face his doubt and still remain in wonder? With faith, he accepted the fact that there are many things which cannot be understood with the intellect, but can be experienced. And he did, indeed, experienced what was going on: he saw the presence of the God Who have become man.

Then, Metropolitan Anthony invited the people to think of the Magi and of the shepherds.

The Magi were people of knowledge; but it is not science that gave them wisdom; because they were full of wonder, because they were open to the discovery of the unthinkable, they were brought to that place, where the unthinkable has taken place: the incarnation of God.

The shepherds were men without knowledge, but men who had purity of heart; they had simplicity; they were capable of listening to the message which the angels brought not only with their ears, but with their inmost self; they recognized the truth of the message because it gave them life, joy, hope – and they found Christ.

That night I realized that I needed to look at the world "We all are called to open ourselves to God, we all are called to let God enter into our lives, fill each of us."

in a radically different way. When we face the world that surrounds us, which is dark and mysterious, we need to learn to look at it with wonder. And this we can do ultimately only if we learn to have a pure heart, to cleanse ourselves from selfishness, from hatred, from everything that is darkness in our souls and in our lives.

From time to time, we will find ourselves face to face with the love of God, offering itself to us, awaiting from us a response: let us then give a response of our own love. This response is to be given not only to God Whom we do not see, but to everyone who surrounds us, because Christ has said to us, “Whatever you have done to one of these, you have done to Me.” It is by loving concretely and actively those whom God sends us that we can learn the love of the Incarnate God.

Exemplary Archdiocesan Service. Perhaps the best part of his legacy lies with us, all of the Church Musicians he has mentored, trained and influenced over his decades of service. This is but a small summary of what he means to us. George, Na Ekatostisis.

At this time of the year, we Church Musicians perhaps like to think of ourselves as earthly representatives of the heavenly choirs who sang glories at the birth of our Lord. Following the uplifting words of one of our Hymnographers, we will sing Christos Yennate Doxasate (Christ is Born, Rejoice). A wonderful Christmas and New Year to all.
Friends of the Metropolis
Donors list as of November 30, 2013

+ His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas

Ann Arbor, MI - St. Nicholas
St. Nicholas Parish
St. Nicholas Philoptochos
St. Nicholas GOYA
Kotsis, Fr. Nicolaos and Presbytera Sandra
Paul, Presbytera Eva
Baldwin, James
Daniels, Tony and Clevie
Fry, Jack D.
Garris, Steven and Stamatia
Melzian, Steven and Joy
Mitropoulos-Rundus, David and Demetra
Pliakas, Vasilis and Kyriaki
Radwanski, Kurt and Sophia Grias
Steers, Gordon and Thelma
Tziananas, Tom and Doreen
Vlahadimis, Kosta
Yates, Bill and Margaret

Bloomfield Hills, MI – St. George
Bouchar, Barsoum and Joanna
Challis, Sylvia
Livieratos, Spyros and Chrisanthi
Nicholas, Gust and Kay
Pamela, Esther
Pappas, John and Stella
Sisloki, Stella
Tate, Jay and Angelina
Yaksich, Moshoula

Buffalo, NY – Annunciation
Annunciation Philoptochos
Christakis, Fr. Christsos and Presbytera Lisa
Kallis, Fr. Perikles and
Presbytera Cassandra
Blakeslee, Ronald and Maria
Candiliotis, Nicholas and Priscilla
Cervi, Brian and Vassilia
Couvoutsakis, Paul and Linda
Giouleas, Goldie
Hiczewski, Peter and Michele
Krestos, Thomas and Mary
Kuvinoff, Boris and Barbara
Manos, Margaret
Pavlakis, Peter and Elizabeth
Phufas, Ellene
Rossiter, Michael and Ann
Scouras, Paul and Chrisoula
Spanos, Francis

tassy, E. Dean
Veanes, Angelo A.

Carmel, IN - Holy Trinity
Holy Trinity Parish
Holy Trinity Choir
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Bartz, Fr. William and Presbytera Emily
Mamalis, Presbytera Janet
Andros, Cheryl
Antonopoulos, Dean
Bakas, James and Tamilyn
Boutselis, Alex
Brockhagen, Curt and Renee
Brown, Jerome and Beverly
Carlson, David
Christy, Nancy - In Memory of Chris Christy
Churchill, William and Patricia
Cortese, Thomas and Nia
Dickos, Theone
Dimos, Jim and Kathy
Doney, Tom and Irene
Drukas, Doreen
Eleftheri, Lawrence and Beth
Filis, Anthony and Marian
Freudenberg, Cynthia
Genetos, Philip
Houseman, Helen
Howland, Greg and Nan
Johnson, Ronald E. and Sunday K.
Kollas, Stephen
Kourmousis, Mario and Karen
Lisch, Michael and Jean
Maltby, Ray and Bessie
Mangas-Flore, Jacqueline
Metzger, William and Anita
Moe, Jeffrey and Panayiota
Mudis, Wendy
Nicodemus, Wayne
Oberlies, Toula
Panter, Holly
Pappas, Nicholas and Tracy
Pappas, Victoria
Pasyanos, Liberty
Payne, Martha J.
Pease, John and Maria
Siemas, Georgia
Siemas, John
Smyrnis, Nick
Theohares, Nick and Anne
Torney, Harry and Helen

Cincinnati, OH – Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas
Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Parish
Cox, Fr. Irenaeus and Presbytera Alexandra
Andreadis, Sophie
Assalelides, Vasso
Assaley, Lewis and Patricia
Caneris, Anthony and Antoinette
Carey, Efstratia
Carmpoulos, Constantine G.
Galantes, George
Georgescu, Dan and Cristiana
Kapourales, Louis
Klug, Maria
Mckay, Betty Jo
Moraites, John and Barbara
Moulas, Dean
Perdikakis, Gus
Polychroniou, Constantine
Raptis, James J.
Zaferes, Patricia J.
Zaferes, Patricia P.
Zaferes, Thomas and Eleni

Chattanooga, TN – Annunciation
Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Choir
Ballas, Fr. Stavros and Presbytera Thea
Andros, George and Maria
Awala, Berih
Ballas, Aspasia
Bougudanos, Maria
Bouloukos, Dino and Maria
Corne, Paul and Ana
Dimopoulos, Dennis and Barbara
Dimopoulos, George L. and Brigitte
Fairbanks, Bobby and Voula
Fotiadis, Nicky
Fox, Ann F.
Gaitanoglou, Ignatios and Jenny
Gulas, Venetia
Hopper, Richard and Chrisi
Kalanizas, Angela
Kosmidis, Alex and Cheryl
Kouris, George
Lee, Ronald and Constance
Mena, Michael and Vicky
Moore, James and Fannie
Mousourakis, John and Donna
Pagnani, Irene

Tournier, Johanna
Turner, Glenn
Vitsas, Constantine and Sondra
Vitsas, J.
Woodruff, Jim and Cindy
Young, Michael and Helen
Ramsey, Karen
Tigiros, Elias and Sharon
Trohanis, J. A.
Zotos, Alexander and Jennifer

**Dayton, OH – Annunciation**
Annunciation Philoptochos
Bambakidis, Gust and Elli
Castleman, Maria
Heisey, Jeffrey
Keilholz, Mark and Cynthia
Luke, David and Paula
Stamas, Elizabeth

**Detroit, MI – Annunciation Cathedral**
Annunciation Philoptochos
Annunciation Pioneers
Bennert, Constance
Cook, Pelayia
Gaggos, Harry and Irene
Gaggos, James and Mary
Gaggos, Mary
Glikis, Maria
Lianos, Ethel
Lianos, Will and Kim
Inempolidis, Evelyn
Panson, Anthony S.
Pervanis, Koula
Politis, Dean L.
Tapazoglou, Nicolaos and Christine

**Elmira, NY – St. Athanasios**
Scott, Fr. Richard

**Farmington Hills, MI – Holy Cross**
Holy Cross Parish
Holy Cross Philoptochos
Hountalas, Fr. Dean and Presbytera Olga
Blough, Michael and Catherine
Boudouris, Constantino and Joanne
Brock, Angel
Casoglos, Thomas and Mary
Fekaris, Steve and Bettie
George, John and Eleini
Krear, Tad and Elizabeth
Liadis, John
Liadis, Kathleen
Nuechterlein, Lanny and Andrica
Pesaro, Panayotis and Sonia
Shukla, Margarita
Stassinopoulos, Peter and Esther

**Fort Wayne, IN - Holy Trinity**
Gogos, George and Eleftheria
Koulianos, Dionysios and Maria
Maggos, Eleftherios and Paraskevi
Rongos, Christopher and Katherine
Spirou, Arthur and Mary

**Grand Blanc, MI - Assumption**
Assumption Parish
Chinonis, Elias and Katie
Chinonis, John and Linda
Hountalas, John
Kalatzis, Athena
Kalallis, Agape
Kaloydis, John and Karen
Politis, George and Rita
Yeotis, Catherine G.
Yeotis, Thomas and Magdalene

**Grand Rapids, MI - Holy Trinity**
Holy Trinity Parish
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Marcus, Fr. Nicholas and Presbytera Liza
Bogdan, Fr. James and Presbytera Joan
Cassios, Deacon George and Diaconissa Vicki
Afendoulis, Angelynn
Afendoulis, Chris and Phyllis
Afendoulis, Clark and Katherine
Ahnen, Pearl
Anton, Gust
Christopoulos, Peter and Maria
Everse, Douglas and Georgia
Farran, Richard and Pamela
Gray, Mark and Alexis
Lakos, Marina
Lange, Ginger
Limber, Andrew and Alice
Keil, Michael and Susan
Kelber, Robert and Mary
Monoyios, Terry and Akrivi
Nicholas, James and Georgia
Sellas, Chrisa
Sweeney, Evelyn
Theodore, Johnny and Mary

**Indianapolis, IN – Holy Apostles**
Holy Apostles Parish
Karozos, Gus A.

**Ithaca, NY - St. Catherine**
Parthenakis, Fr. Athanasios and
Presbytera Cathy—
In Memory of Harriet Giannelis
Bantuvanis, Ann A.
Bezirgian, John
Lambrou, Nick

**Jamestown, NY – St. Nicholas**
Zervos, Fr. George and Presbytera Anne
Cheronis, James G.

**Louisville, KY – Assumption**
Legakis, Fr. Larry and Presbytera Jennifer
Wingenbach, Fr. Gregory
Adams, Sam and Thelma

**Kalamazoo, MI – Annunciation**
Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Theoharis, Fr. Theoharis
Cavas, Anastasia
Quinn, Patrick and Sophia
Stamos, Peter

**Lansing, MI – Holy Trinity**
Holy Trinity Parish
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Sietsema, Fr. Mark and Presbytera Kathy
Brown, B. Alex and Mary
Evanoff-Joseph, Yvonne
Gavrilides, Nick and Dana
Gavrilis, Dimitrios and Jane Arnold—
In Memory of their Parents
Heos, Pamela
Hillary, Charles and Nadean
Munk, Jerry and Jan
Pascalenos, Olga
Perentesis, Stephanie
Pogoncheff, Carl
Rahib, Margaret
Skorich, Dan and Cathy Harris
Vlahakis, Louis and Mary

**Lexington, KY – Panagia Pantovasilissa**
Wilson, Fr. George and Presbytera Harriet
Dallas, Dora
Karounos, Dennis and Chrisi
Kiriacopoulos, Ken and Kate
Peppas, Mary
Sawaya, Peter and Kallie

**Little Rock, AR – Annunciation**
Annunciation GOYA
Verdarios, Fr. Nicholas and Presbytera Maria
Delfos, Fr. Pierre and Presbytera Harriet
Diggins, Patricia
Fotioo, Peter
Huckabay, Christopher
McCrary, Robert and Stella
Misić, Dragi
Pappas, James and Eva
Siganos, James and Carla
Tyer, Gordon and Martha
Verdarios, John
Vratsinas, Gus and Irene

**Louisville, KY – Assumption**
Legakis, Fr. Larry and Presbytera Jennifer
Wingenbach, Fr. Gregory
Adams, Sam and Thelma
Caneris, Thomas and Joanna
Digenis, Emily
Geromes, Marcus and Nancy
Vassiliades, Constance

Marquette, MI – Assumption
Butler, Michele

Memphis, TN – Annunciation
Annunciation Parish
Berends, Fr. James and Presbytera Anne
Ahepa, Order of – Memphis, TN
Anonymous
Austin, Larry
Caldwell, Richard
Farrell, Richard and Linda
Gallagher, Evangelia
Graves, William and Renee
Graves, Theodore
Looney, Charles and Maria
Kay, John and Nancy
Koplin, Ron and Pauline
Matka, Yolanta
Montgomery, Mary
Moore, Michael and Maria
Morrison, Robert and Kathy
Obradovic, Milan and Linda
Poplos, Theodore and Stephanie Storgion
Tobias, Richard and Angela

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

Muskegon, MI – Annunciation
Yankopoulos, Presbytera Ann
Anton, Ted and Francine
Bati, John
Encelewski, Christine
Ladas, Paul and Patricia
Micheil, Richard and Teresa

Nashville, TN - Holy Trinity
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Hohnholt, Fr. Gregory and Presbytera Sofia
Billo, John and Kassiani
Botsaris, Chris
Brown, Michael and Laurie Kerhoulas
Carden, Kathryn
Duncan, Angelia
Harman, Todd and Dawn
Hayes, Martin and Litsa
Iabun, Karem
Kafoglisi, Nicholas and Patricia
Lamberson, Lambert and Helen
Miller, John M.
Rogers, Helen and Lawrence Kamm
Taras, Nicholas and Donna
Vaughn, James and Debby

Nashville, TN -
St. John Chrysostom Mission
Turner, Fr. Parthenios and
Presbytera Marion
Courington, Christopher and Shelley
Dzic, Matthew
Marchetti, John and Linda
Pittman, Michael
Wagner, Charles and Edith
Williams, Heath and Nina

New Buffalo, MI – Annunciation-
St. Paraskevi
Martin, Fr. Paul and Presbytera Nikki
Kerhoulas, Mike and Louisa
Lepeniotis, Christos and Anastasia
Litznerski, Robert and Mariann
Stotis, Bill and Anna

Plymouth, MI – Nativity of the Virgin Mary
Govostes, Fr. Sean and Presbytera Pamela
Sarelis, Fr. Charles –
In Memory of Presbytera Angela
Demetriou, Cleo
Randall, Michael and Anne
Szlinis, John and Thekla

Rochester, NY – Assunciation
Annunciation GOYA
Destounis, Stamatia and Manuel Matos
Eveleigh, Stephen and Julie
Markakis, Kathyn
Mokhiber, Amiel
Monna, Calliope
Sanchez, J. Michael and Dorothea
Stefanou, Constantine and Florence
Vasho, George and Maria

Rochester, NY – Holy Spirit
Holy Spirit Philoptochos
Georgantzas, Irene
Gesell, Melody
Palis, James and Elizabeth
Spyralatos, Zoi

Saginaw, MI - St. Demetrios
St. Demetrios Parish
St. Demetrios Philoptochos
Bistolarides, Fr. Peter and
Presbytera Peggy
Ahejew, Peter and Sandra
Bazakis, Andrew and Ann

Sault Ste. Marie, MI – St. George
Gianakura, Peter and Georgia

Southgate, MI - St. George
St. George Parish
Cook, Fr. Anthony and Presbytera Elizabeth
Karamanous, Fr. Philemon and
Presbytera Helen
Anonymous
Athens, William and Angie
Bass, John and Panagiota
Cranford, Joanne A.
Galanis, Sam J.
Hailer, Dorothea
Kirchos, Angelo and Sophia
Kirchos, Louis and Paula
Kontos, Chris and Frances
Kontos, John and Maria
Makarounas, Panormitis and Koula
Malos, Raymond and Yvette
Minton, Barbara
Minton, Charles
Minton, Nicholas
Vougiouklakis, Peter and Christina

Springfield, OH – Assumption
Assumption Parish
Lagos, James H. and Nike
Lagos, Thomas and Matina
Loukoumidis, Dimitrios and Despina

St. Clair Shores, MI – Assumption
Assumption Parish
Assumption Philoptochos
Assumption Senior Citizens
Varlamos, Fr. Michael and Presbytera Tina
Andoni, Paul and Roxanne
Brennan, Stephanie
Callas, Kalliopi
Champane, Dean
Gagogos, George and Anna
Genematas, Toula
Gianopolos, Samuel and Georgia
Goffas, George
Harlaftis, Panagiotis
Hatzichronoglou, Lena
Jordan, Thomas G.
Kambouris, Manuel and Kristine
Koukios, Jim and Mary
Milonas, John
Niarhos, Anthony
Niforos, Theodore and Anna
Nichols, Peter and Angela
Pangalos, Des
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