Christ is Born!
Glorify Him!
My Beloved Clergy and Faithful,

It is this simple, yet important question that we are called upon to answer at this Christmas season. Can we see the Star?

While there are many who would consider both the question and this part of the story of the Nativity of Christ to be silly or simple folklore – the witness of history has shown us otherwise.

Can we see the Star?

Two millennia ago that question was at the heart of understanding what was happening in the world. Amidst turmoil, strife, and despair, a Star shone through the night. It is that Star that led all eyes and hearts to the manger where the blessed Savior was born. It is the Star that cut through the darkness, showing that salvation had entered the world in the form of a little babe.

In today’s day and age, we are drawn to look down...at the screens of our technology, at our neighbor, at our own shortcomings. But this question reminds us to look up. The fact that we are called upon to look up and away from ourselves in order to understand the reality of God’s love for us is the first part of understanding who we are in this cosmic reality. It tells us that by looking up to the Star, we are also being guided by God’s love to a more perfect expression of our human life.

And it is also indicative to us that the Star, which announced the Messiah’s presence in the world, was meant for us to follow as well as see. We have never been left orphaned from the love of God; just as God comes to us in the innocent baby in Bethlehem, we are also called to follow Him on our path to salvation.

We know that the world is far from perfect – and the world events of these past months continue to remind us of the extent of evil in the world. But instead of looking down in despair, we look up and seek that Star of wonder... that Star of light.

Can we see the Star?

During this sacred Christmas season, let us remind ourselves and one another to seek that Star. It is that Star that shines, in the darkest of nights, to give us hope for a new day. It is a reminder that God is with us, He is coming to find us, and wants to guide us home to His love and His Kingdom! Look up and see the Star!

Metropolitan Nicholas
Metropolitan of Detroit

Background: Journey of the Magi by James Tissot.
Metropolitan’s Schedule

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Metropolis of Detroit contributes to the restoration of the Holy Archangels Church in Bithynia

His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas and the Metropolis of Detroit received a letter of gratitude from His Eminence Metropolitan Elpidophoros of Bursa for its recent donation of $17,500. This donation will be utilized by His Eminence Metropolitan Elpidophoros to restore the Byzantine Church of the Holy Archangels in Syge, Bithynia (Turkey). His Eminence Metropolitan Elpidophoros expressed his deepest appreciation to His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas and the faithful of this Metropolis for this outpouring of love, generosity, and continual support of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and its churches.

Many thanks to the Friends of the Metropolis and all of the faithful who continue to give of their talents and treasures so that we can freely offer assistance and generosity to all those in need around the world!
Philoptochos News
by Florence Stefanou—President

A Sincere thank you to Margaret Yates for the dedicated leadership she has given our Metropolis as Metropolis Philoptochos President for the past 4 years. Your Philoptochos sisters are truly proud of the job you and your fellow Philoptochos Board members have done.

It is an honor to have been elected your new 2015-2017 President of the Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos Board. With the continued spiritual guidance of his Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas and your prayers and support, we will work to continue the mission of Philoptochos.

At the Philoptochos National Board meeting in October at Hellenic College/Holy Cross in Brookline Massachusetts, collectively Philoptochos presented $400,000 to his Eminence Archbishop Demetrios for the building of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine in New York City.

A report was given on “Feeding the Hungry.” Philoptochos members around the country have served or prepared more than 160,000 meals. Please tell us - What is your Chapter doing for this project?

Chapter News: At Saint Nicholas in Troy Michigan, members are actively involved in many outreach and community projects. They are collecting items requested by the children through the Judson Center, along with toys for the children at DMC Children’s Hospital of Michigan. Focus Motor City organization will receive mittens, gloves, hats and scarves to distribute to those in need. They are also donating $800 to the Ecumenical Patriarchate commitment.

The Metropolis Board will host its annual reception in honor of our beloved Metropolitan Nicholas Name Day on Sunday, December 6. St. Spyridon Vespers Service on Friday December 11 and Divine Liturgy on December 12. We invite everyone to join in these celebrations.

On behalf of the Metropolis Board, I wish you a joyous Christmas Season and a Blessed Happy New Year!
May the world experience peace in the New Year!

MEFGOX News
by Vicki Pappas—President

As we draw close to the beautiful feast of the Holy Nativity, the members of the Mid-Eastern Federation of Church Musicians, choir members and chanters alike, extend their heartfelt good wishes to Metropolitan Nicholas, our Reverend Fathers and Deacons, and all parishioners of the Metropolis of Detroit.

During this joyful season, you will hear us singing and chanting the beautiful prayers which make up the special hymns of the Feast – join us as we praise the birth of our Lord!

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. (Ἡ Γέννησή Σου)

Today, the Virgin bears Him who is transcendent, and the earth presents the cave to Him who is beyond reach.

Angels, along with shepherds, glorify Him. The Magi make their way to Him by a star. For a new child has been born for us, the God before all ages. (Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον)

The Lord has sent redemption to His people. Alleluia! (Λύτρωσιν)

Christ is born, Glorify Him! (Χριστός Ύεννάται)

MEFGOX wishes all of you the blessings of the Feast of the Nativity!
DELIBERATE ACTS OF KINDNESS

Making kindness more than a “random” act.

Random acts of kindness…Why must they be random? Now 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, generosity, 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. Why not focus on the ways we can make a conscious effort to give… answering the call from Jesus to serve one another, to give of our gifts for God and each other, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

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 does not talk specifically about giving money. 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?

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!
A Blessed Feast of the Nativity to you all!

Coming up in 2016...

JAN 16-17
St. Nicholas Youth Winter Retreat
Panagia Pantovasilissa Church
Lexington, KY

JAN 28 - FEB 1
GOYO—Greek Orthodox Youth Olympics
Holy Trinity Church
Grand Rapids, MI

FEB 12-14
Dayton GOYA Basketball Tournament
Annunciation Church
Dayton, OH

Visit detroit.goarch.org/youth for our official calendar and updates.
Today the Christ-Child, the Son of God, is born in Bethlehem, Judea. He’s born to a holy young maiden named Mary. Nine months earlier she had conceived the Christ in a supernatural way by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:20). This silent miracle was the dawn of a new age for all mankind. A Savior was born showing us the way to inheriting eternal life in God’s Kingdom.

The Holy Scripture readings found in Saint Matthew and Saint Luke’s accounts describe this happening. First, an angel of the Lord appeared to pious shepherds while they were tending their flocks, and announced that a Savior was born. Then a multitude of heavenly hosts (angels) appeared singing praises to God and saying: “Peace and good will to all people” (Luke 2:14). Simultaneously, from a faraway country three wise men who studied the meaning of the stars were led to Bethlehem not by a star but, as the Church Fathers teach us, by an angel carrying a brightly lit lantern. The Shepherds ran to see the newly born Savior.

Where do WE run during the Nativity Season? To the bank to take out more money to spend on frivolous gifts? To the stores to get in on all the sales? To the grocery stores to buy special foods for entertaining on Christmas Day? But what did Jesus tell Martha when she complained that she was doing all the work? “Martha, Martha you are anxious and troubled over many things, but Mary (her sister) has chosen the good portion” (Luke 10:41). He meant Mary chose to hear his joyous words of eternal salvation.

Dear parents, fathers, mothers, single moms, single dads, grandmothers and grandfathers, run to the Church with your children in order to witness the birth of our Savior in a blessed setting. Run to your Church and light your candle out of faith, since as a Christian you are the light for the world to see. Run to the Church for the best meal of all - the Holy Communion. Run to the Church to pray that God will enlighten the world leaders who have forgotten to "love thy neighbor." Pray for the confused Orthodox faithful who still may doubt the mystery of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. Run to the Church to reverence the Icons. Run to the Church to hear the Choir singing the magnificent words of His birth which were actually given by the Theotokos Mary: “Today a Virgin has given birth...” Join in the hymns of the Divine Liturgy. Listen to the Bible reading and sermon given by your Priest. Join in the prayers with your fellow Orthodox believers. Run to the Church so that you may greet each other with the words “Christ is Born! Glorify Him!!!”

Have a Holy and Blessed Merry Christmas!

Come Running!

by Fr. George Zervos—Priest of the St. Nicholas Church in Jamestown, New York.
Friends of the Metropolis | January 1—November 30, 2015

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His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas

**Ann Arbor, MI – St. Nicholas**
St. Nicholas Parish
St. Nicholas Philoptochos
Kotsis, Fr. Nikolaos and Presbytera Sandra
Plikas, Fr. Vasileos and Presbytera Kyriakoula
Beklares, Penelope
Daniels, Tony and Cleve
Fry, Jack D.
Garris, Steven and Stamtiia
Hadden, Donnelly and Helen
Kales, Anthony and Joyce
Karam, Abe and Elaine
Kiningham, Robert and Vicki
Kolas, John and Helen
Leontis, Artemis
Politis, Demetrios
Radwanski, Kurt and Sophia Grias
Vlahadarnis, Kosta
Yates, Bill and Margaret

**Bloomfield Hills, MI – St. George**
St. George Philoptochos
Abell, Fr. J. Christopher and Presbytera Alice
Drakos, Andrew and Joanna
Iakovides, Dimitri
Livieratos, Spyros and Chrisanthi
Yakich, Mashaoula

**Buffalo, NY – Annunciation**
Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Christakis, Fr. Christos and Presbytera Lisa
Sakkellariou, Fr. John and Presbytera Pavlina
Alethea’s Choir
Bessegghi, Victoria
Blakestee, Ronald and Maria
Canditioti, Nicholas and Priscilla
Courtens, Virginia
Couvoustaikis, Paul N. and Linda
Danakas, George and Maria
Dematis, Anastasia
Hiczewski, Peter and Michele
Johnidas, John and Karen
Jousa, Thomas and Ellene Phufas
Kouvoustaikis, Paul P. and Donna
Kuvoshoff, Boris and Barbara
Manos, Margaret
Pericas and Rossiter Families

**Carmel, IN – Holy Trinity**
Holy Trinity Parish
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Holy Trinity Choir
HOSTETLER, Duane and Blen
Johnson, Ronald and Sunday
Julkovich, Christy
Kapsalis, Andy and Athena
Keris, George and Melanie
Kokinos, Pete and Argie
Kollas, Stephen
Koundoulis, Karen
Laffer, Christopher and Antonia
Lisch, Michael and Jean
Metsger, William and Anita
Mudis, Emie and Wendy
Oberlies, Toula
Pappas, Anna
Pappas, Leon and Andrea
Pappala, Nicholas and Tracy
Pappas, Victoria
Pasyanos, John and Liberty
Pavia, Joseph
Pavlakos, Elias and Maria
Payne, Martha
Pease, Gregory and Mary
Perias, John
Perry, Kevin and Victoria
Rowlas, Julia
Sofianopoulos, Nick and Vickie
Stevens, Georgia
Stropes, L. Michael and Janet
Theohares, Nicholas and Anne
Tridico, Andrew and Kristina
Viltsas, Constantine and Sondra
Waterbury, Anthony and Kristen
Woodruff, Jim and Cindy
Xidias, Paraskevi
Young, Michael and Helen
Zeheralis, Chris and Becky
Zeheralis, Gail

**Chattanooga, TN – Annunciation**
Annunciation Parish
Ballas, Fr. Stavros and Presbytera Thea
Andros, George and Maria
Bouloukas, Dino
Dimopoulos, Barbara
Dimopoulos, George and Brigitte
Fairbanks, Bobby and Voula
Fotadis, Nicky
Fox, Ann
Galantaglou, Ignatios and Jenny
Hopper, Richard and Chrisi
Jones, Helen
Kazemeryski, Philip
Kosmidis, Alex
Kouts, George
Mena, Michael

**Cincinnati, OH – Holy Trinity–St. Nicholas**
Holy Trinity – St. Nicholas Parish
Redmond, Fr. William and Presbytera Elizabeth
Anagnostou, Helen
Andreadis, Sophie
Apostolidis, Vasso
Assaley, Lewis and Patricia
Caneris, Anthony and Antoinette
Galanos, George
Greene, David
Hosodiotes, Constantine
Klug, Maria Eleni
Landers, Lauren
Nicholas, Nick and Helen
Perdikakis, Gus and JoAnn
Peters, Claire
Pektos, Joann
Polychroniou, Constantine
Raptis, James and Maria
Sarakatsannis, Nicholas
Schulte, Nicholas and Ianthe
Stringas, Emanuel
Zafeiris, Patricia J.
Zafeiris, Patricia P.

**Dayton, OH – Annunciation**
Annunciation Philoptochos
Bambakidis, Gust and Eli
Fasules, Lucy
Gustin, Eileen
Jannides, Michael
Kaisel, Johnny and Jamileh
Karak, Berdi
Moraletes, John and Barbara
Pangos, William and Irene
Valiassiades, John and Evarthia

**Detroit, MI – Annunciation Cathedral**
Annunciation Philoptochos
Bennet, Constance
Gaggos, Harry and Irene
Gaggos, Jim and Mary
Glikis, Maria
Inempolidis, Evelyn
Kazolis, Koula
Lianos, Will and Kim
Pervazidis, Koula
Politis, Dean
Simon, Basil and Evey
Tavoularis, Lee and Mary

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

**Farmington Hills, MI – Holy Cross**
Holy Cross Parish
Holy Cross Philoptochos
Hostetler, Duane and Blen
Andris, Theodore and Elaine
Anonymous
Boudouris, Constantino and Joanne
Casoglos, Thomas and Mary
Fekaris, Steve and Bettie
George, John and Eleni
Liadis, Kathleen
Nuechterlein, Lanny and Andrica
Shukla, Margarita
Stassinopoulos, Peter and Esther
Vilantis, Katherine
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Fort Wayne, IN – Holy Trinity
Walsh, Fr. Andrew and Presbytera Sophia
Baker, John and Konstantina
Byzyska, Edison and Angela
Riotos, William
Maggas, Eleftherios and Paraskevi
Mattingly, Joseph and Thomas
Pousounidis, Haralambos and Trisha
Roniger, Christopher and Katherine
Spiou, Arthur and Mary
Turner, Christian

Grand Blanc, MI – Assumption
Assumption Parish
Assumption Philoptochos
Daughters of Penelope, Iris Chapter #242
Allard, Clyde and Georgia
Bakris, Chris
Chionisis, Dennis E. and Debra
Chionisis, John and Linda
Chionisis, Sandra
Hountalas, Dimitri
Hountalas, John and Tasia
Hountalas, Yanni
Kalatzis, Athena
Kallis, Agape
Kaloydis, John and Karen
Karabinas, Pavlos and Ruth
Katsoulou, John
Komodromos, Tessie
Lowe, Ted and Ann
Philiou, Carol
Politis, George and Rita
Polots, Emmanouil
Schultze, Joanne
Steinhoff, G. Olga
Yeots, Catherine
Yeots, Thomas and Magdalene
Yiannatji, Helen

Grand Rapids, MI – Holy Trinity
Berends, Fr. James and Presbytera Anne
Bogdan, Fr. James and Presbytera Joan
Cassis, Deacon E. George and Diaconissa Vicky
Afendoulis, Angelynn
Afendoulis, Chris and Phyllis
Afendoulis, Cynthia
Afendoulis, Katherine
Georgeson, Menas and Froserne
Gray, Mark and Alexis
Karatsinis, Spiro and Paulette
Lakos, Marina
Limmer, Andrew
Nicholas, James and Georgia
Paris, John and Patricia
Petricevic, Mark and Lijiana
Richardson, Patricia
Roberts, Richard
Sampanes, John J.
Triant, Linda
Vankuijken, Raymond and Marilyn

Indiana, MI – Holy Apostles
Holy Apostles Parish

Ithaca, NY – St. Catherine
Parthenakis, Fr. Thomas and Presbytera Cathy
Bantuvanissis, Ann
Beziganjan, John

Jamestown, NY – St. Nicholas
St. Nicholas Parish
Zervos, Fr. George and Presbytera Anne
Chorinisis, James and Christine

Kalamazoo, MI – Annunciation
Annunciation Philoptochos
Theoharis, Fr. Theoharis
Cavas, Anastasia
Ingalls, Bob and Andriana

Lansing, MI – Holy Trinity
Holy Trinity Parish
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Sietsera, Fr. Mark and Presbytera Katherine
Branoff, Dennis and Alexis
Christophilli, James
Demos, Theodore and Donna
Franos, Philipp and Tula
Gavrilides, Nick and Dana
Gavrili, Dimitrios and Jane Arnold
Pascalinos, Tom and Olga
Priggoridis, Peter
Rahib, Margaret
Skorich, Dan and Cathy
Tolas, George
Tolas, Petro

Lexington, KY – Panagia Pantovasillisa
Panagia Pantovasillisa Philoptochos
Sicco, Fr. Cosmin and Presbytera Mihaela
Arimes, Vickie
Douglas, Katina
Douglas, Nicholas
Hangs, Jim L.
Karounos, Dennis and Chrisi
Kiriakopoulos, Ken and Kate
Smither, Steven and Eugenia

Little Rock, AR – Annunciation
Verdas, Fr. Nicholas and Presbytera Maria
Delfos, Fr. Pierre and Presbytera Harriet
Caldwell, Richard
Martin, Christina
Pappas, James and Eva
Tyer, Gordon and Martha
Verdas, John and Marlene
Vratinas, Gus and Irene

Louisville, KY – Assumption
Boukis, Fr. Jon and Presbytera Doreen
Wingenbach, Fr. Gregory C.
Adams, Sam and Thelma
Balakos, Michael and Lori
Blackford, Charles and Patricia
Geromes, Marcus and Nancy
Leathers, Ryan and Laura
Makris, Mary
Taylor, Robert

Marquette, MI – Assumption
Butler, Michele

Memphis, TN – Annunciation
Annunciation Philoptochos
Annunciation GOYA
Daughters of Penelope, Memph #180
Thomas, Fr. Simon and Presbytera Stephanie
Apalodimas, Chris and Constance
Apalodimas, Maria
Austin, Larry D.
Avgeris, John and Dianne
Bagatales, Todd and Cyndi
Furis, Steve and Zoe
Graves, Theodore
Hawkins, Elizabeth
Kai, John and Jennifer
Mcke, James
Obradovic, Milan and Linda
Paplos, Theodore and Stephanie Storgion

Middletown, OH – Sts. Constantine and Helen
Valen, Anthony

Muskegon, MI – Annunciation
Annunciation Parish
Honeycutt, Fr. James and Presbytera Juliana
Douville, Eric and Mary
Karis, Othon and Kristi
Keat, Peppy
Ladas, Paul and Patricia
Michiel, Richard and Teresa

Nashville, TN – Holy Trinity
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Hohnholt, Fr. Gregory and Presbytera Sofia
Billo, John and Kassiani
Botsaris, Chris
Carden, Kathryn
Deason, Larry and Laura
Gaddis, Jim and Tasoula
Gore, James and Stacy
Hamara, Todd and Dawn
Howard, Katerina
Lambersen, Lambert and Helen
McNeil, Larry
Miles, Scarlett
Mitchell, James and Bessie
Nicholson, Connie
Pappas, Theodore G.
Roger, Helen and Lawrence Kamm
Taras, Nick and Donna
Tigios, Elias and Sharon
Weeks, Timothy and Teresa

New Buffalo, MI – Annunciation-St. Paraskevi
Martin, Fr. Paul and Presbytera Nikki
Kertouhas, Mike and Louisa
Lepeniotis, Christos and Anastasia

Plymouth, MI – Nativity of the Virgin Mary
Nativity of the Virgin Mary Parish
Marcus, Fr. Nicholas and Presbytera Liza
Demetriou, Cleo
Kheir, Angela
Kyriacou, Costis and Kathleen
Randall, Michael and Anne
Szinis, John and Thekla
Takis, Jerry and Mary

Rochester, NY – Annunciation
Mot, Fr. Catalin and Felicia
Eyeleigh, Stephen and Julie
Butchart, William and Marina
Gines, George and Maria
Giapoulas, John and Shirley
Linares, Juan Pablo and Patty
Mickles, James and Jane
Mitroudis, Georgios
Moukous, Sylvia
Pink, Kenneth J.
Stefanou, Constantine and Florence
Throumoulos, James and Violette

Rochester, NY – Holy Spirit
Holy Spirit Parish
Holy Spirit Philoptochos
Cowles, Fr. Patrick and Presbytera Mary
Georgantas, Irene
Gesell, Melody

Saginaw, MI – St. Demetrios
St. Demetrios Philoptochos
St. Demetrios GOYA
Cook, Fr. Timothy and Presbytera Katherine
Bistolarides, Fr. Peter and Presbytera Peggy
Bazakis, Andrew and Ann
Caldwell, Lary and Peggy
Economou, Louis and Soula
Godziashvili, Zaza
Houpis, Evan and Candace
Kelso, Ronald and Constance
Kokkootsedes, Gust and Mary
Metropoulos, Katherine
Ostler, Dennis and Soula
Rouman, George and Frances
Siaridakis, Effelia and Beverly
Stamas, James and Marsha

Southgate, MI – St. George
St. George Parish
St. George Philoptochos
Cook, Fr. Anthony and Presbytera Elizabeth
Athens, William and Angie
Bass, John and Panagiota
Compos, Evangelia
Constantakis, Clarence R.
Crandon, Joanne
Dionysoupolous, Stavros and Eleni
Galanis, Sam
Georvassilis, Timothy and Kelly
Golematis, Demetrios and Maria
Kirgos, Angelo and Sophia
Kirgos, Louis and Paula
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