Beloved Clergy and Faithful of the Metropolis of Detroit:

It is surely a true saying that in order to know where we are going to, we must know where we are coming from.

Some people see the world in terms of a physical cycle of events, e.g., the Big Bang Theory and evolution. In this vision, the world is oftentimes no more than an accident which has happened. It is without any fundamental purpose or need.

Others contemplate a vision that has no beginning and no end: such people think in terms of the passage of time in terms of a persistent circular movement of life which has its end in nothingness and the elimination of being.

But the Christian understanding of creation and life is very different. Everything has come into being by the direct act of God; in fact, we are the creation made by God’s own hands. (Psalm 117/118: 73)

Therefore, we have a godly start and beginning, and are not accidental but a part of God’s plan of creation.

We are called upon to see the passage of time not as a meaningless cycle of events. Rather, for the Christian, time is the gift which God gives us to do His work on the earth.

Time gives us the opportunity to change and to fulfill our divine calling. By imitating the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, time allows us to exercise our call to holiness.

Time also is given to us to share the Good News of the Gospel. Time is not just for personal prayer and reflection: each day we are offered the opportunity to tell others of His mighty deeds.

And time is also given to us to share in the work of God on this earth: to offer help, hope, and mercy to all in need, emulating the life of our Lord. We are to be beacons of hope in the midst of darkness.

Having entered a new period of time with this decade of 2010, we pray that all of us will make time for God in our lives; that our clocks will be set by the peal of His Heavenly Kingdom; and that because of our love for Him, we will love each other!

With time for every prayer,

+Metropolitan Nicholas

In accordance with the Encyclicals of the Archdiocese and the Metropolis, the parishes of the Metropolis of Detroit have begun to collect funds for the needs of the people of Haiti.

Following this horrific earthquake, in which unknown thousands of people were buried under the rubble of concrete and steel, the worldwide community has joined in an effort to offer help and hope to this beleaguered nation.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate has also released an urgent appeal for assistance and relief to be gathered throughout the world to be sent to Haiti.

In addition to collecting funds needed for the rescue and aid efforts, some of the parishes of the Metropolis have also begun assembling sanitary boxes for the people.

The contents for these boxes are collected by the parishes and then forward to IOCC for distribution to those in need.

Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers; remember the victims, the rescuers, and all who have opened their hearts to help.
The Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos Board extends our best wishes for the very best in 2010.

On Saturday, April 10, 2010, the Metropolis Philoptochos Board will host its biennial Spring fundraiser, “Festival of Flowers” at St. Nicholas Greek Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The 2010 fundraiser theme, “Festival of Flowers”, reflects the beginning of spring with the blooming of colorful flowers. The event includes Sponsors; Table Hostesses; entertainment and a raffle. Sponsor donations will assist to underwrite the event. Table Hostesses will be asked to create a fresh flower arrangement for their table to enhance the theme. Tickets are $35.00 per person. The day begins at 11:00 am with fellowship followed by lunch. We invite everyone to join us for a lovely day to begin the Spring season.

The “Partners in Philanthropy” program instituted last year was very successful. Funds are still available to assist those in need and affected by the economic crisis. Contact your local Philoptochos chapter or Parish Priest for the guidelines and application forms. The Metropolis office will also be able to assist you.

The recent earthquake in Haiti reminds us of the blessings we experience daily. Philoptochos chapters and the Metropolis Philoptochos Board contributed to the appeal for assistance made by Metropolitan Nicholas through the Archdiocese and the National Philoptochos.

Soon Philoptochos chapters will begin Lenten activities in their local communities with Lenten dinners, lecture series, projects and parish events. It is during these events that Philoptochos extends its hands to assist the Church. The Philoptochos mission to help those in need is successful only with the diligent work of the devoted members and support of others. Chapters not only work for their local parish but also for the National and Metropolis philanthropies including local outreach food banks, hospitals, etc. Philoptochos chapters are a wealth of projects and resources distributing thousands of dollars annually.

Over the holiday season, the Metropolis Board hosted receptions for the St. Nicholas and St. Spyridon open houses and made their yearly donation to the Detroit Rescue Mission. Thank you for the continued support shown by all so that Philoptochos may extend open arms to those in need.

Again, we extend an invitation to everyone to attend the “Festival of Flowers” Spring Luncheon on Saturday, April 10, 2010 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

We wish all of you a blessed Lenten season and Kalo Pascha! ♦

BISHOP’S SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 2010

1 - 4  Coronado, CA: Meeting with the Archdiocesan bishops;  
17 - 19  Orlando, FL: American Bible Society Retreat;  
20  Westland, MI: Great Vespers at Sts. Constantine and Helen Parish celebrating the Sunday of Orthodoxy;  
21  Toledo, OH: Great Vespers at Holy Trinity Cathedral celebrating the Sunday of Orthodoxy;  
23 - 26  Sundance, UT: Speed of Trust Meeting.
ST. NICHOLAS SUMMER CAMP CELEBRATES ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY
By Eva Kokinos

The St. Nicholas Summer Camp, established in 2000, celebrated its 10th Anniversary with a Reunion and Dinner/Dance in Lexington, KY. The weekend festivities began on Friday, January 15, 2010 with a wonderful evening mixer sponsored by the Ladies Philoptochos of the Panagia Pantovasilissa Church.

Over 170 participants attended the Anniversary Banquet on Saturday, January 16th at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Lexington, KY and Dr. Adam Soufleris from Annunciation Church in Chattanooga, TN for their pivotal roles in the growth and success of the St. Nicholas Summer Camp program.

Fr. George Wilson of Panagia Pantovasilissa Church in Lexington, KY and Dr. Adam Soufleris from Annunciation Church in Chattanooga, TN for their pivotal roles in the growth and success of the St. Nicholas Summer Camp program.

Our deepest gratitude to Fr. George and the Panagia Pantovasilissa community for their “southern hospitality” and support! We also thank the Anniversary Planning Committee for their hard work and dedication.

May the blessings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continue to bless and protect the St. Nicholas Summer Camp for years to come!

Proceeds from this event went to the St. Nicholas Camp Scholarship Fund. Over $4,000 was raised through donations and a silent auction, which included gift baskets and a handmade quilt by Cindy Nicholas of Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas Church in Cincinnati, OH.

The weekend concluded with Divine Liturgy, followed by a farewell brunch with the famous cinnamon rolls from Chief John Vlasis.

His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit, and Mr. John Vlasis from Panagia Pantovasilissa Church in Lexington, KY and Dr. Adam Soufleris were also recognized for their “perfect attendance,” serving as camp staff for all ten years.

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SAVE THE DATE!!! UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

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Send applications by mail to 
MDSC
www.gomdsc.org

St. Timothy Camp
www.sttimothycamp.org

DID YOU KNOW?!

We’re on FACEBOOK
The Metropolis Youth Office now has a FACEBOOK FAN PAGE. If you have a FACEBOOK account, you can get updates, pictures, and other information! Search Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit—Youth and Young Adult Ministries and become a FAN!

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Dates have been SET!
Dates for the District and Metropolis St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festivals have been set. Details coming to your parishes soon! Also email youth@detroit.goarch.org for more details.

Join the Metropolis Youth Office ListServ, the MDYM e-Update!
Would you like to keep up with the latest news regarding youth and young adult ministries? Join the official e-Newsletter of the Metropolis Youth Office. To be added, please email us at youth@detroit.goarch.org and type SIGN ME UP in the subject line!

The CrossRoad Program at HC/HC now accepting applications!
Visit http://www.hchc.edu/hellenic/campus_life/vocation/crossroad/about.html to download the application. Applications must be post-marked by March 1, 2010.

2010 SUMMER CAMP NEWS

Dates have been set for all the Metropolis Summer Camps! Make your summer plans now! Staff needed and campers welcome!! Visit the following websites for updates and contact information.

MDSC
www.gomdsc.org

St. Nicholas Camp
www.southerncamp.com

St. Timothy Camp
www.sttimothycamp.org
**Thank You from China**

**By Alex Radulescu**

A Thank You comes from a Christian student in China who was blessed by God in a special way. Here is the story:

It all happened in 2008 when Metropolitan Nicholas, during his trip with the American Bible Society in China, had an opportunity to visit the Amity Printing Press and the Nanjing Union Theological Seminary. Here, His Eminence was invited to see the facilities and meet with the students and faculty. While visiting with the students, the Dean asked those who are in the first year to raise their hands. The first to do so was Ji-long Shi. Metropolitan Nicholas was extremely impressed with the students' dedication to Christ, despite their limited possibilities and therefore decided to financially assist at least one of the students throughout their entire period of studies at the seminary through the support of the Metropolis of Detroit; seeing Ji-long raise his hand first was the answer to the question of whom the Metropolis would support. Sponsoring our Chinese seminarian is a gift of love that transcends the boundaries of religion and culture in a country where Christianity is coming to light with a brilliant radiance.

It is the hope of Metropolitan Nicholas to invite Mr. Ji-long Shi to visit the Metropolis of Detroit sometime in the future and to get to know the Greek Orthodox Church in America.

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**MEFGOX News**

**By Barbara Minton**

The Metropolis of Detroit, through our Bishop and the Mid-Eastern Church Music Federation (MEFGOX), is a very active participant and supporter of the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, our Archdiocese’s national ministry for church music. The National Forum was established in 1978 by Archbishop Iakovos through the leadership of Niki Kalkanis of Detroit and is governed by a Coordinating Committee which is made up of five official representatives from each of the Metropolis Federations, including MEFGOX. The National Chairman is from our Metropolis, Dr. Vicki Pappas from Indianapolis, who has headed the National Forum since 1982.

Just last July, MEFGOX and the Metropolis of Detroit hosted the National Forum for its Annual Meeting. The delegates met for four days to discuss, plan, and monitor progress in the following areas: assistance to choirs, assistance to chanters, development of youth music programs, assistance to clergy and their parish church music program, and publication of manuals and guides to aid clergy and church musicians. Representing the Metropolis at the meeting, in addition to Dr. Pappas, were Irene Georgantas, MEFGOX President from Rochester, NY; Barbara Minton, Southgate, MI; Ted Niforos, St. Clair Shores, MI; George Raptis, Troy, MI; Stan Takis, St. Clair Shores, MI; and Chris Zervos, Toledo, OH.

On the first evening, as delegates from all eight Metropolises of the Archdiocese arrived in Detroit, they were treated to a picnic hosted by Detroit Metropolis at the Saint George (Southgate) choir and parish at the Father Philemon Karamanos Park. The delegates then moved to the parish of the Assumption (St. Clair Shores) where the Annual Meeting was opened with a prayer service offered by Father Michael Varlamos. Metropolitan Nicholas addressed the delegation, after which a dinner and a workshop about the Paraklesis service and its music was held for all the church musicians in the Detroit area. Father Anthony Cook, St. Clair Shores and Nancy Takis were the guest presenters. On Sunday, several of the delegates were able to stay to chant the Divine Liturgy with the Assumption church musicians. This coming July, the National Forum will conduct its Annual Meeting in Atlanta, in conjunction with the Archdiocese’s Clergy-Laity Congress.
Friends of the Metropolis (as of December 31, 2009)

His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas
Ann Arbor, MI – St. Nicholas
St. Nicholas Parish
Bekares, Penelope
Daniels, Col. and Mrs.
Guibert, Nellie
Opple, Chris
Phan, Sam and Katherine
Plakas, Vasilios and Koula
Buffalo, NY – Annunciation
Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Annunciation Youth Council
Annunciation GOYA
Christakis, Fr. Chrisostomos and Presbytera Lisa
Pilapil, Marilou and Ronald
Cervi, Vassilia
Dougherty, Brenda
Camps, Mary
Pavlakis, Peter and Elizabeth
Pefanis, Jerry
Scouras, George
Stavroulakis, Wally
Torney, Harry and Helen
Chattanooga, TN – Annunciation
Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Annunciation GOYA
Torroney, Harry and Helen

Carmel, IN – Holy Trinity
Holy Trinity – Choir
Gounaris, Fr. Anastasios and Pres. Maria
Belous, Alexandra
Dickos, Dennis
Douvis, Harry E.
Heinzberger, Dennis and Dawn
Karozis, Helen
Paikos, Lazaros
Pappas, Vicky
Torney, Harry and Helen
Chattanooga, TN – Annunciation
Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Annunciation GOYA
Annunciation Choir
Ballas, Fr. Stavros and Presbytera Thea
Berros, James and Sue
Bouglanos, Maria
Bouloukos, Dino and Maria
Camp, Pedro
Demetry, Mrs. Danny
Dimopoulos, Dennis and Barbara
Ellis, George and Betty
Etterton, Wayne
Fairbanks, Bobby and Voula
Ford, Kevin and Alysson
Fortiadi, Nick and Lilly
Fox, Ann F.
Gaitanoglou, Takis and Jenny
Gulas, Pete and Ani
Gulas, Marion
Gulas, Venetia
Hopper, Richard and Chrisi
Kalanizis, Nicholas and Angela
Kouris, George and Politimi
Lee, Constance and Ronald
Mena, Michael and Vicky
Moutsourakis, John and Donna
Murray, Brant and Maria
Petros, John and Voula
Petros, Kathy
Souleris, Adam and Nickie
Tigros, Elias and Sharon
Tigrou, Eleni
Tsiaras, John and Jean
Vassiliev, Mikhail
Xonis, John and Stavrula
Zotos, Alex and Jennifer

Cincinnati, OH
Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas
Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas Philoptochos
Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas GOYA
Streza, Fr. Ciprian and Presbytera Lavinia
Carpoumealos, Constantine
Zafres, Tom and Eleni

Dayton, MI – Annunciation
Annunciation Parish
Emroll, Fr. Mark and Presbytera Ginny
Anagnostou, Linda
Maxis, Ike
Trohatos, Peter

Detroit, MI – Annunciation Cathedral
Annunciation Parish
Emlira, NY – St. Athanasios
St. Athanasios Parish
Farmington Hills, MI Holy Cross
Holy Cross Parish
Holy Cross Philoptochos
Holy Cross GOYA
Hountalamis, Fr. Dean and Presbytera Olga
Alexander, Milton and Helen
Barr, Anthony
Blough, Michael and Catherine
Bourdouris, John and Maria
Collas, Rosemary
Fekaris, Steve and Betty
Gagios, Angelo and Sophia
Ganas, James
Garber, Doug and Helene
Gorden, Dave and Andrea
Heller, James and Maria
Kargulis, Alexander
Kret, Ted and Elisabeth
Ladiss, John G.
Mackris, Gus and Niki
Malis, George and Annette
Morris, Georgia
Nuechterlein, Lanny and Andria
Pesaro, Pingos and Sonia
Power, Edward and Maria
Rafailis, Chris and Lynne
Rambus, Mike
Rittinger, Theodore and Elizabeth
Sarafis, Elizabeth
Scull, Dono
Triant, Linda
Van Kuiken, Ray and Marilyn
Zarafonitis, Stratton

Hot Springs, AR Zoodochos Peghee
Zoodochos Peghee Parish
McCary, Rob and Stella

Indianapolis, IN Holy Apostles
Holy Apostles Parish
Kratis, Emmanuel, Irene, and Barbara
Stevens, Georgia

Ihaca, NY – St. Catherine
Bantarvanis, George and Ann
Beizirganian, John and Sophia

Jamesstown, NY St. Nicholas
St. Nicholas Parish
Kalamaazoo, MI – Annunciation
Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Lansing, MI – Holy Trinity
Holy Trinity Parish
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Sietsema, Fr. Mark and Presbytera Kathy
Brown, Alex and Mary
Economy, R. George and Stella
Gavitrides, Dimitris
Gavitrides, Nicholas and Dana

Voutsinas, Kostas and Diana
Flint, MI - Assumption
Assumption Parish
Fort Wayne, IN Holy Trinity
Bebis, Fr. Paul and Presbytera Theresa
Brough, Evelyn
Doublas, Gregory
Gogos, George and Eleftheria
Katsis, Maria
Maggos, Eleftherios and Voula
Maikri, Antonia
Nakos, Nikos
Pappas Commercial Center Athanasios
Pappas Furs, Athanasios Pappas
Ronges, Cristopher and Katherine
Toskos, Tom

Grand Rapids, MI Holy Trinity
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
Holy Trinity GOYA
Bogdan, Fr. Jm and Presbytera Joan
Marcus, Fr. Nicholas and Presbytera Liza
Afendoulis, Athena
Afendoulis, Chris and Phyllis
Afendoulis, Clark and Katherine
Dimitriou, Angelo and Pat
Gray, Mark and Alexis
Herweyer, John and Gloria
Kalyvas, Tim and Linda
Katsoris, Helen
Kontos, Katherine
Kookios, Constantine
Lange, Ginger
Neil, Chad Dimopoulos
Nicholas, Christina A.
Nicholas, James and Georgia
Petrecvic, Mark and Lili
Sarafis, Elizabeth
Schaus, Dono
Triant, Linda
Van Kuiken, Ray and Marilyn
Zarafonitis, Stratton

Lexington, KY Panagia Pantovasillia
Panagia Pantovasillia
Wilson, Fr. George and Presbytera Harriet
Anettes, Brett and Ruth
Douglas, Katina
Douglas, Nicholas
Pepp, Mary S.
Sawaya, Peter
Smith, Eugenia and Steven
Stefanis, Frances

Little Rock, AR Annunciation
Annunciation Parish
Verdalis, Fr. Nicholas and Presbytera Maria
Alley, Essa and Grace
Alley, Hitham and Tina
Alley, Michael
Alley, Naimeh and Family
Alley, Sam and Janet
Alley, Wayne and Clair
Cantrell, Paul
Coman, Mikaela
Daly, James
Fanek, Haitham
Fotios, Peter
Fugate, Ed and Medina
Ging, Foe
Ging, Ray and Lea
Haddad, Naim
Haidar, Jean
Harb, Ron and Joyce
Hronas, Helen
Johnson, Sharon
Kassieh, Ramzi
Miron, Philip and Janet
Musc, Dragi
Pappas, James and Eva
Pasidlis, Nick
Roy, Hampton
Rutter, Mike
Sargent, David and Eva
Skoubourdis, C.T.
Tadros, Raef
Tyer, Gordon and Martha
Verdalis, John and Marlène
Vratsinas, Gus and Irene
Weathery, Jack

Louisville, KY Assumption
Assumption Philoptochos
Kapsalis, Stephen and Carol

Memphis, TN Annunciation
Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos

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Christy, Fr. Paul & Presbytera Mary
Daughters of Penelope - Chapter #180
Apolodimas, Chris and Constance
Bagatelas, Todd and Cyndi
Cotros, Charles and Connie
Futris, Steve and Zoe
Hoover, Ken and Vicki
Jennings, Albert and Tina
Nichols, Nicholas and Linda
Obradovic, Milan
Poplos, Theodore and Stephanie
Sernos, Vasili and Luane
Tars, Loretta and Kosta
Theodore, Sophie
Tobias, Richard and Angela
Vergos, Charles and Tasia

Middletown, OH

Sts. Constantine & Helen
Sts. Constantine and Helen Philoptochos
Muskogeog, MI Annunciation
Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos
Mot, Fr. Catalan and Presbytera Felicia
Yankopoulos, Presbytera Anna
Anton, Ted and Francine
Chippewa, Cliff and Linda
Daniglis, George
Erclelevski, Christine Dault
Karouias, Athanasios and Katerina
Lasas, Paul and Patricia
Paris, John and Patricia

Nashville, TN Holy Trinity
Holy Trinity Parish
Holinholt, Fr. Gregory and Presbytera Sofia
Billo, John and Kassiani
Ekimogloy, Jordanis
Harman, Todd
Mooney, Sonny
Taber, David and Carol Ann
Taras, Nick and Donna

Nashville, TN St. John Chrysostom
Turner, Fr. Parthenios and Presbytera Marion
Anonymous
Bayers, Edward and Lynn
Courington, Christopher and Shelley
Demonas, Constance
Demmas, Nancy
Gordon, Thomas
Hamn, Clinton and Elizabeth
Kelley, Gillian
Knox, David
Marchetti, John
Stein, Matt and Dana
Tickle, Jeffrey and Jackie
Wagner, Charles and Edith
Williams, Heath

New Buffalo, MI
Annunciation/St. Paraskevi
Martin, Fr. Paul & Presbytera Nikki
Stamas, Fr. Basil
Arvanitis, Angelo
Fillis, John
Garrison, Richard
Hahn, Herbert and Elizabeth
Hilltop Cafe/George Bouzas
Kerhoula, Properties
Kerhoulas, Mike and Louise
New Nicholasons Restaurant /Nick Gelli
Olympus Restaurant/Christos Lepinotis
Polymeris, Spiros and Donna
Poulos, Louis
Stotis, Bill and Anna

Plymouth, MI
Nativity of the Virgin Mary
Vaporis, Fr. George and Presbytera Kalliopi
Kheir, Angela
Takis, Gerald and Mary
Zervos, George and Lisa

Rochester, NY Annunciation
Annunciation Parish
Markakis, Kathryn
Stefanos, Dimitri and Maja
Stefanos, Gus and Florence

Rochester, NY - Holy Spirit
Georgantas, Irene
Gesell, Melody
Lyttle, Douglas
Pali, James and Elizabeth

Saginaw, MI St. Demetrios
Cox, Fr. Trenaeus & Presbytera Alexander
Bistolarides, Fr. Peter & Presbytera Peggy
Bazakis, Andrew and Ann

Southgate, MI - St. George
St. George Parish
St. George Philoptochos
Karamanos, Fr. Philemon & Presbytera Helen
Anonymous
Crandall, JoAnne and Aline
Galanis, Sam
Golematis, Georgios and Maria
Hadjicharakaslanos, Neophyto
Haider, Dorothy
Haralambis, Pete and Dina
Hionis, Gust
Karamanos, Peter and Mary
Kircos, Angelo and Sophia
Kircos, John and Violet
Kircos, Louis and Paula
Kircos, Sophia's Bakery
Kontos, Chris and Frances
Kontos, John and Marika
Linarides, James
Linarides, James
Makarounas, Panormitis and Koundoulis
Minton, Nicholas
Papas, Mary Marinos
Papadopoulos, Anastasios
Pappas, Andrew
Stathakis, Chris
Tassos, James

Springfield, OH Assumption
Assumption Parish
St. Clair Shores, MI Assumption
Assumption Parish
Assumption Philoptochos
Assumption GOYA

Assumption Senior Citizens
Vlaramos, Fr. Michael & Presbytera Tina
Cook, Fr. Anthony & Presbytera Elizabeth
Ahee, Edmund
Carson, Charles J.
Christopher, John and Alitheya
Constantine, Jane
DeWaele, Robert and Chris
Genematas, Tula
George, Kristanne
Jordan, Thomas
Kohl, David and Chris
Koukios, Jim and Mary
Niarhos, Anthony
Niforos, Theodore and Anna
Pantos, Theodore
Samaras, Robert
Theros, Spero
Thomas, Tom and Lynn
Tsangalas, Steve
Vlahantous, Louis
Voudousakis, Ignatios and Penny
Zoto, Mary

Sterling Heights, MI St. John
St. John Parish
St. John Philoptochos
St. John GOYA
St. John Choir
St. John Sunday School
Aretakis, John & Suzanne
Burdalas, Peter and Chris
Gogonis, Nick and Angela
Karamanos, Peter and Mary
Kotisis, Harry and Katherine
Lionas, James and Helene
Mengios, Georgios
Patouhas, Spyros I.
Salonikas, Georgios and Nicoletta Vekos
Sours, Bernice
Tangalos, John and Mary
Tangalos, Philipp

Toledo, OH - Holy Trinity Cathedral
Damaskos, Fr. Aristotle & Presbytera Debbie
Ballas, Constantine
Melanakos, John
Stathulis, Yanula
Stylianides, Frixtos

Traverse City, MI Archangel Gabriel
Archangel Gabriel Parish
Olechnowicz, Fr. Iakovos & Presbytera John
Jolene
Bennis, Stephen and Pamela
Bethea, Charles and Theresa
Dalbo, Helen
Dunlap, Roger and Angelica
Ealy, Ray and Martha
Everett, Denys
Fickling, Robert and Donellen
Foster, Andrew and Sharon
Haggerty, Kim
Husby, Elizabeth
Kain, Karen
Kaly, Anthony and Barbara
Knapp, Helen C.
Kokinakes, John and Nancy
Long, Stephanie
Lyaspht, Leon and Pamela
Lucero, Carlos and Mary
Olechnowicz, Rebekah
Olzewski, Holly
Parilo, Doug and Tina
Psaros, John and Donna
Rennie, Harriet
Sebestyen, Thomas and Evridiki
Sobkowski, Nikoletta
Stavros, Dennis and Katerina
Underwood, Robert and Theresa
Weston, Judith

Trinity, MI - St. Nicholas
St. Nicholas Parish
St. Nicholas Philoptochos
Dorozenski, Fr. Stratton
Athans, John
Chucalas, In Memory of Kyriaki
Crosno, Patrick and Cindy
Demery, Beck
Feles, Gust and Anne
Feles, Nick and Melanie
Joanou, George and Frances
Kastrantas, Nick
Kitakis, Sophie
Konstanis, Inmar and Marlo
Lafet, Mary
Lavrakas, John and Catherine
Liakonis, Chris and Labrini
Manolias, Tony and Maria
Papathanasopoulos, Demetrios
Papp, Gregory and Martha
Partalis, Evelyn
Pervolarakis, Calliope
Sekles, Steven
Spounias, Chris and Maria
Xydas, Spiros
Yanoulaki, Peter

Vestal, NY - Annunciation
Annunciation Parish
Balaltis, Fr. Michael and Presbytera Kimberly
Westland, MI - Sts. Constantine/Helen
Sts. Constantine/Helen Philoptochos
Petruini, Fr. Theodor & Presbytera Roxanna
Chazarbogboulos, Elaine
Livanos, Demetrios
Stavropoulos, Gus and Maria

Other Friends
Ahepa #174 Henry & Edsel Ford Chapter
Ahepa #571 Omega Chapter
Argue, Clifford and Theodora
Bartz, Fr. Bill and Presbytera Emily
Daughters of Penelope, Dares #232
Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos
Metropolis of Detroit Presbyters
Retired Clergy Epistle Fund
Metropolis News

Clergy Distinctions:

Elevated to Economos:
- Axios! Rev. Fr. Iakovos Olechnowicz (November 15, 2009);
- Axios! Rev. Fr. Nikolaos Kotsis (December 5, 2009);
- Axios! Rev. Fr. Mark Sietsema (December 13, 2009).

Parishes Status Updates:

Advanced to Parish Status:
- Archangel Gabriel - Traverse City, MI (November 15, 2009).

St. Nicholas Open House:

The St. Nicholas Open House Reception was held on Sunday, December 6, 2009 celebrating the nameday of Metropolitan Nicholas. The Metropolis was beautifully decorated for Christmas by Anne Feles and her family. The Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos hosted the reception in honor of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas. With love and paternal affection, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas warmly welcomed all who attended this wonderful event. The great news of Christmas was heralded by the Metropolis’ Choir led by Mr. George Raptis. Friends from all corners of the diocese joined their spiritual shepherd in fellowship and good spirits. May the Lord bless our Metropolitan Nicholas!

St. Spyridon Open House:

On Friday, December 11, 2009, The Metropolis Center held its annual St. Spyridon Open House in honor of its chapel’s patron, St. Spyridon. Clergy and faithful joined His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas in celebrating the Vesperal Liturgy. The evening of worship, of songs of praise and incense filling the air, brought about a sense of koinonia, reminding us of those early days when the Apostles were joined in prayer in the Upper Room. A reception followed hosted by the Ladies Philoptochos.

Clergy Anniversaries:

Rev. Fr. George Prassas (Holy Trinity - Binghamton, NY):
On December 6, 2009, Fr. Prassas celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination to the Holy Priesthood. The event took place at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church amidst family, friends and parishioners. Congratulations and thank you, Fr. George, for all your efforts and service in the Holy Archdiocese and the Holy Orthodox Church! Axios!

Rev. Fr. Pierre Delfos (Zoodochos Peghee - Hot Springs, AR):
On January 24, 2010, Fr. Delfos celebrated his 40 Years of Priesthood Anniversary at the Annunciation Church in Little Rock, AR, in the presence of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, family, friends and parishioners from Little Rock and Hot Springs. May God bless you, father Pierre, for all your years of dedication to God in the Holy Archdiocese of America! Axios!
Friends of the Metropolis

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,

+Nicholas
Metropolitan Of Detroit

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I am pleased to support the work of Metropolitan Nicholas and the Metropolis through the Annual Metropolis Stewardship “Friends” Program

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