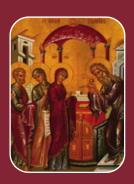


Hail Virgin Theotokos
full of Grace, for
Christ our God, the
Sun of Righteousness,
has dawned from you,
granting light to
those in darkness. And
you, O Righteous Elder,
rejoice, taking in your
arms, the Deliverance
of our souls, who
grants us Resurrection.

Presentation
Of our Lord in the
Temple

FEBRUARY 2



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METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS' MESSAGE

Reloved Faithful,

Life is always filled with changes. It matters little from which aspect of our lives we consider the subject: there is a constant sense of change in the lives of human beings.

Whether we talk of faith, or politics, or world news, or finances — or the hopes and dreams that individuals hold dear — the only thing that is constant is change.

While we are all aware of the changes that occur in world events, oftentimes we ignore the reality that our Orthodox Christian faith also calls us to change: even when we recognize the unchangeable aspect of the faith "given to us by the Apostles," we ourselves are called upon to experience real change.

So how does it hap- to the Lord. To be clear, it pen? How does a faith is not possible for us to which holds a touchstone of make such an evaluation stability in its 2,000 year alone: we all need the

Christian expression call upon us to change?

My family in Christ, real Christian change begins for us when we truly invite our Lord Jesus Christ to enter our hearts and our homes, not to stay for a short visit equal to our Sun-



day morning Divine Liturgy participation, but to dwell and live in us forever. And as you may understand, where Christ dwells, the Father and the Holy Spirit are also present.

This sense of change calls upon us to regularly and frequently evaluate our hearts and our commitment to the Lord. To be clear, it is not possible for us to make such an evaluation alone: we all need the guidance and the wisdom of a spiritual father.

For the faithful in the parish community, this person is most appropriately your local parish priest. He is the one who carries the priestly responsibility to assist and guide your Christian walk within the local parish family.

While there are times when one may choose to go somewhere else for the healing sacrament of confession and/or guidance, it is the local priest who shepherds and guides you in the local parish on behalf of the Bishop.

As we prepare to enter the period of Great Lent, I would lovingly advise all of the faithful to find an opportunity to speak to your priest, to open your heart before God, and to find a real and meaningful change in our Christian walk.

With every blessing,

+ Metropolitan Nicholas

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BISHOP'S SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY

Ecumenical Patriarchate, Turkey

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|---------|--|--------------|---|---|
| 15 - 20 | Metropolitan Kallistos Ware Visit to Detroit | Detroit area | | |

(please see flyer on page 9)

Meeting of the Holy & Sacred Synod

5 - 13

27 Parish Visitation Holy Trinity Church - Grand Rapids, MI

MARCH

| 4 - 6 | Ordination of Dcn. Perikles Kallis to the Holy Priesthood | Annunciation Church - Buffalo, NY |
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| 11 | Parish Visitation | Assumption Church - St. Clair Shores, MI |
| 12 | Parish Visitation | TBD |
| 13 | Parish Visitation | Holy Cross - Farmington Hills, MI |
| 14 - 17 | Eparchial Synod Meeting | NYC |
| 18 - 20 | Parish Visitation | Holy Trinity Church - Nashville, TN |
| 24 - 25 | Annunciation of the Theotokos | Annunciation Cathedral - Detroit, MI |
| 27 | Greek Independence Day Parade | Annunciation Cathedral - Detroit, MI |

THANK YOU FROM NASHVILLE

As you remember from our previous issues, we asked for your assistance to help the victims of the Nashville 2010 floods. The Metropolis of Detroit received \$66,600 for these relief funds. Our office continues to receive thank you notes from those

who were assisted. Here is one of the latest:

"To Whom It May Concern:

Just a little note of Thanks. Thank God for people like you that really care about other

people, helping in any way you can. Our heating unit is working just fine.

All the world of thanks! Micky & Beulah Fitzgerald

PS: Have a Happy Holiday!"

SAVE THE DATE!



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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS by Eva Kokinos

2010 "Holiday Hoops" Tournament—Sterling Heights, MI

St. John the Baptist Church hosted another successful "Holiday Hoops" GOYA Basketball Tournament. The tournament was held December 27-29, 2010. Teams came from Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio.

CONGRATS to all teams on a job well done!

Here are the results of the tournament:

Girls 1st Place Team: Holy Trinity Church — Grand Rapids, MI Junior Boys 1st Place Team: Assumption Church — St. Clair Shores, MI Senior Boys 1st Place Team: Assumption Church — St. Clair Shores, MI

2011 St. Nicholas Summer Camp Reunion and Winter Retreat—Nashville, TN



Our friends at Holy Trinity Church in Nashville, TN hosted a beautiful St. Nicholas Summer Camp Reunion and Winter Retreat . The retreat was held January 14-16, 2011 and the theme was "The Essential Church." Participants enjoyed fantastic food, great discussion, and an awesome dance and karaoke night! Thank you to the Holy Trinity community for hosting the event. And we thank all those participated! See you at camp!!!!

Summer Camps in the Metropolis of Detroit

The Metropolis of Detroit is blessed with three summer camp programs! 2001 Camp Registration is just around the corner. For information about the programs we have in our Metropolis and registration information, check the official camp websites or email youth@detroit.goarch.org for information.



MDSC (Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp) — Rose City, MI

www.gomdsc.org

St. Nicholas Summer Camp — Pleasantville, TN

www.southerncamp.com

St. Timothy Summer Camp — Croghan, NY

www.sttimothycamp.org

SAVE THE DATE!!! UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUTH!!!

February 5, 2011 Greek Folk Dance Workshop

St. Nicholas Church—Troy, MI

February 12, 2011 Michigan Area GOYA Pre-Lenten Dance

Sts. Constantine and Helen Church—Westland, MI

February 18-20, 2011 37th Annual Dayton GOYA Basketball Tournament

Annunciation Church—Dayton, OH

March 5, 2011 MI Area GOYA Lenten Retreat

St. Nicholas Church—Ann Arbor, MI

March 12, 2011 NY Area GOYA Lenten Retreat

Holy Spirit Church—Rochester, NY

April 1-3, 2011 Fall Creek Falls GOYA Lenten Retreat

Holy Trinity Church—Nashville, TN

DID YOU KNOW??



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 postmarked by March 1, 2011.



Ionian Village is accepting registrations for 2011! Visit

www.ionianvillage.org for details about registration, and two new travel programs for young adults ages 19-28.



ST. JOHN CHRYSOS-TOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

Download this year's topics, tips, and list of recommended resources for the elementary, junior, and senior divisions. Visit http://www.goarch.org/archdiocese/departments/religioused/sjcof

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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

By Eleni Zaferes

n behalf of the Metropolis Board and chapters, I wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year.

Once again, the Philoptochos throughout the Metropolis extended their philanthropic arms so that those less fortunate could have a wonderful Christmas season. Our chapters were collecting for food banks and homeless shelters and providing toys and granting wishes for children. Philoptochos exem-

plified the true meaning of Christmas and the mission of Philoptochos.

Over the past year through your generosity for the Partners in Philanthropy, Philoptochos has assisted those in need in our parishes giving over \$13,000 for clothing, food, medicine, utilities, transportation and rental costs. We appreciate your assistance and ask that you continue to sponsor this program as the need is great and economic difficulties still exist.

The Metropolis Board is

extremely excited to be hosting Vefa Alexiadou, the first lady of Greek cuisine, on Saturday, April 2nd at the Somerset Inn in Troy, Michigan. Vefa is the leading culinary authority in Greece today. She combines her culinary talents with scientific principles to modernize Greek cooking without sacrificing authentic character and flavor to the traditional cuisine. No kitchen in Greece is without one of her 14 cookbooks.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit a permanent office ("home") for the National Philoptochos. With over 28,000 members and 450 chapters, the new Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy will enable the National office to update its facility into the 21st century to better serve its members and chapters for generations to come.

We invite everyone to join us for an "Afternoon with Vefa". More information and invitations will be sent after February 1st ■

MEFGOX News

By Irene Georgantas

n a few short months the ▲ Mid-Eastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians will be holding its 64th annual convention in the Detroit Metropolis. We will be hosted by the church of St. Nicholas in Ann Arbor, Michigan, under the guidance of Father Nick Kotsis, and Director and Chair Jon and Niki Wardner respectively. Last year we were hosted by the All Saints Church of Canonsburg, Pa. (For the first time the combined voices sang the liturgical arrangement of Nancy Takis, under the direction of her husband Stan Takis.) Since

our Federation is comprised of church musicians from both the Detroit and Pittsburgh Metropolises, the location of our annual meeting is alternated from year to year.

This year the musical arrangement by Chris Zervos will be done, his second liturgical arrangement, under the capable direction of Evey Simon, director of St. Nicholas of Troy, Michigan. Regional rehearsals will begin soon to learn this new liturgy in all parts of the Federation. And in keeping with our mission, a special effort will be made to attract more participants from youth choirs in our Metropolitan area. The convention will take place July 14-17th 2011. Any inquiries may be directed to Ted Niforos, MEFGOX Vice Preside nt (anntheo46@gmail.com) or State Representatives Elaine Charalambopoulos (delenichar@hotmail.com) or Ann Grimm (garryann751@yahoo.com).

If you have never attended a MEFGOX convention, you are in for a special experience of fellowship that extends over several states. We convene on Thursday afternoon to begin with educational workshops regarding our faith and Orthodox musical traditions. Over the last several years

we have focused attention on other special services of Orthodox Church (vespers, Paraclesis, etc.) While some business is also conducted during weekend, the evenings are spent enjoying each others' company with some social activities. And of course the weekend culminates with our combined participation in the Sunday morning hierarchical Divine Lit-We invite you to join us. We will keep you posted of upcoming rehearsals and preparations for the convention.

With Love in Christ, *Irene Georgantas*MEFGOX President ■

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How to Prepare for Lent



By Fr. David Smith*

C ome years ago, parish-Dioners of mine were travelling on a highway when a snowstorm closed the road. They were stuck in their car for eight hours, and they ran out of gas quickly. Thanks to God, they knew that the flame from a single candle can warm the inside of a car, and they had a vigil candle. They lit it, and it kept them warm, and perhaps alive, until help arrived.

They hadn't specifically prepared to be stranded in

a car in the frigid cold, but I can tell you that today, wherever they travel, they have a fully stocked emergency kit, including a candle! It's like the Boy Scouts say: Be Prepared.

On February 13 this year, we come to the beginning of the Triodion. This period of the church calendar comprises the three weeks (four Sundays) leading up to the beginning of Lent. It's a period of preparation. Here are four ways that we can use the Triodion to prepare ourselves for Great Lent:

First, prepare "refrigeratively." By this, I mean that we must use this time to get our refrigerators ready for the fast. Use up the meat and

cheese, buy some soymilk. Look at the calendar. You can see that we actually start fasting before we start There is no such thing as "Mardi Gras" in Greek Orthodox Church, where we have a party on the day before Lent starts. No! Rather, we prepare ourselves – we move into the fast in a gradual and orderly way.

Next, prepare "librarily." Pick out a book that you want to read for Lent — before Lent starts. Ask your spiritual father to suggest something appropriate. Get ready in your mind to put down the magazines and the newspaper, the remote and the DVDs, and make your

first priority of Lent to benefit from a spiritual book.

Next, prepare "hopefully." Are you going to get all the way through Lent without any falls? Probably not. But you must certainly set out with the idea in mind that you will have a spiritually beautiful and beneficial Lent 2011, and when you fall, resolve to get back up and keep trying.

And finally, prepare "prayerfully." What a gift we have, that time from March 7 until April 24! What a blessing the Church has given us. During the Triodion, prepare to receive that gift!■

* Rev. Fr. David Smith is the Presiding Priest at the St. Sophia Church in Syracuse, NY.

PSALMS AND HYMNS

Prepared by Barbara Minton

The psalms and the hymns of our Orthodox faith offer us so much more than we realize. Most of us who sing cannot imagine worshipping without singing praises and prayers to God; that is why so many of our chanters/singers - have chanted or sung for the Church for 40, 50, 60 years or more. Also, where could we ever find the kind of relationship we have with those

with whom we chant/sing? Saint Basil provides an explanation of all that our psalms and hymns offer us and how the singing of these psalms affects us:

A psalm implies serenity of soul; it is the author of peace, which calms bewildering and seething thoughts. For it softens the wrath of the soul, and what is unbridled it chastens. A psalm forms friendships, unites those separated, conciliates those at enmity. Who, indeed, can still consider as an enemy him with

whom he has uttered the same prayer to God? So that psalmody, bringing about choral singing, a bond, as it were, toward unity, and joining people into a harmonious union in one choir, produces also the greatest of blessings, love. A psalm is a city of refuge from the demons; a means of inducing help from the angels, a weapon against fears by night, a rest from the toils of the day, a safeguard for infants, an adornment for those at the height of their vigor, a consolation for the elders, a most fitting

ornament for women. It peoples the solitudes; it rids the market places of excesses; it is the elementary exposition of beginners, the improvement of those advancing, the solid support of the perfect, the voice of the Church. It brightens feast days; it creates a sorrow which is in accordance with God. For a psalm calls forth a tear even from a heart of stone. A psalm is the work of angels, a heavenly institution, the spiritual incense.

- Saint Basil the Great

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<u>Battle Creek, MI</u> <u>Sts. Constantine and Helen</u>

Sts. Constantine and Helen Parish

Bloomfield Hills, MI St. George

St. George Parish Pathenos, Fr. Nicholas Iakovides, Dimitri Tsouris, Mary Vlahos, Nikolaos – In Memory of Voula Vlahos

Buffalo, NY - Annunciation

Annunciation Parish Annunciation Philoptochos Annunciation GOYA Annunciation Youth Council Christakis, Fr. Christos and Presbytera Lisa Alethea's Chocolates Besseghini, Victoria Blakeslee, Ronald and Maria Cervi, Vassilia Danakas, George T. Gikas, Sam Gioulekas, Goldie Kalambukas, Andrew and Coleen King's Court, Inc. Kouvoutsakis, Paul and Donna

Kuvshinoff, Boris and Barbara Mellas, Dean and Beth Pavlakis, Peter and Elizabeth Pefanis, Jerry and Athena Scouras, George Tassy, Gust and Marion Vafiopoulos, Helen

Carmel, IN - Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish
Holy Trinity Philoptochos
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Presbytera Maria
Dickos, Dennis
Dickos, Theone
Douvis, Harry E.
Eaton, Joseph and Florie
Hershberger, Dawn
Hristova-Kazmierski, Maria
Kokinos, Bobby
Kokinos, Pete and Argie
Pappas, Vicki
Payne, Martha

Chattanooga, TN Annunciation

Annunciation Parish Annunciation Choir Annunciation GOYA Annunciation Philoptochos Ballas, Fr. Stavros and Presbytera Thea Andrews, George Andros, George and Maria Awala, Berih and Akberet Hadgu Berros, James and Susan Bougdanos, Maria Bouloukos, Dino Campa, Pedro Cornea, Paul and Ana Demetry, Willodene Dimopoulos, Barbara Ellis, George and Betty Etherton, Wayne and Yolanda Fairbanks, Bobby and Voula Fotiadis, Nicky Fox, Ann Gaitanoglou, Takis and Jenny Gulas, Ani Gulas, Marion Gulas, Venetia Hopper, Richard and Chrisi Kosmidis, Alex and Cheryl Kouris, George and Politimi Mena, Michael and Vicky Mousourakis, John and Donna

Murry, Maira

Petros, John and Voula

Petros, Kathy Soufleris, Adam and Nickie Swansbrough, Robert and Mary Tigiros, Elias and Sharon Tingirou, Eleni Trohanis, Jean Zotos, Alex and Jennifer

<u>Cincinnati, OH</u> <u>Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas</u>

HTSN Philoptochos Apostolides, Vasso Assaley, Lewis and Patricia Boulmetis, Samuel Brown, William Caneris, Anthony and Antoinette Carumpalos, Constantine Galanes, George In Memory of Al Jones Jonson, George and Sophia In Memory of Marion Mavridoglou Kapourales, Louis Moraites, Dena Parsenios, Lewis Perdikakis, Gus Raptis, James Siegel, August Zaferes, Patricia

Dayton, OH - Annunciation

Annunciation Parish Annunciation Philoptochos Emroll. Fr. Mark and Presbytera Ginny Jannides, Michael Sempeles, Leigh Stathopoulos, Alex

<u>Detroit, MI</u> <u>Annunciation Cathedral</u>

Annunciation Philoptochos Annunciation Pioneers Gaggos, George and Anna Gaggos, James and Mary Inempolidis, Evelyn Papas, John and Rebecca Pervanis, Koula Tapazoglou, Nicolaos and Christine Trupiano, Mahey

<u>Elmira, NY – St. Athanasios</u>

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<u>Farmington Hills, MI - Holy Cross</u>

Holy Cross Parish Holy Cross Philoptochos

Holy Cross GOYA Hountalas, Fr. Dean and Presbytera Olga Alexander, Milton and Helen Barr, Anthony Blough, Michael and Catherine Boudouris, Tino and Mary Jo Brock, Angel Casoglos, Thomas and Mary Collias, Rosemary Culley, George and Katherine Fekaris, Steve and Bettie Heller Family Hountalas, Christos Kargilis, Alexander and Mary Katsias, George and Irene Kourtakis, George and Audrey Krear, Elizabeth Liadis, John Malis, George and Annette Morris, Georgia Nuechterlein, Lanny and Andrica Pesaros, Panayotis and Sonia Power, Edward and Maria Rafaill, Chris and Lynn Shukla, Margarita Stefanakis, George and Terrie Voutsinas, Kostas and Diana Williams, Katherine

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Louisville, KY – Assumption

Wingenbach, Fr. Gregory Adams, Sam and Thelma Geromes, Nancy Vonallmen, Penny

Marquette, MI - Assumption

Assumption Parish

Memphis, TN – Annunciation

Annunciation Philoptochos Annunciation GOYA Order of Ahepa - Memphis Christy, Fr. Paul and Presbytera Mary Anaston, Zoe Buring, Jacob and Michele Farrell, Richard and Linda Gallagher, Evangelia Graves, William and Renee Grayes, Theodore Meng, James and Susan Morrison, Robert and Kathryn

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Middletown, OH

Sts. Constantine and Helen

Sts. Constantine and Helen Parish Sts. Constantine and Helen Philoptochos

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Nashville, TN St. John Chrysostom Mission

Turner, Fr. Parthenios and Presbytera Marion Demmas, Constance Marchetti, John and Linda Wagner, Charles and Edith Williams, Heath

New Buffalo, MI Annunciation/St.Paraskevi

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Plymouth, MI Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Govostes, Fr. Sean and Presbytera Pamela Sarelis, Fr. Charles and Presbytera Angela Estate of Fr. Efstathios Metallinos Bazakis, James and Maria Demetriou, Cleo Kheir, Angela Randall, Michael and Anne Zervos, George and Lisa

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Parish

Rochester, NY - Annunciation

Cook, Fr. Anthony and Presbytera Elisabeth

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Holy Spirit Philoptochos Cowles, Fr. Patrick and Presbytera Mary Chilas, Diane Gesell, Melody Ginis, Panos Kouides, Peter and Ruth Sexton, Katherine L.

Saginaw, MI - St. Demetrios

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Sault Ste Marie, MI St. George

Gianakura, Peter and Georgia

Southgate, MI - St. George

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Tassis, James

Springfield, OH - Assumption

Assumption Parish

St. Clair Shores, MI Assumption Assumption Parish

Assumption Philoptochos Assumption Senior Citizens Assumption GOYA Varlamos, Fr. Michael and Presbytera Tina Bournias, James and Evangeline Campbell, Delphine Christopher, John and Alethea Gaggos, George and Anna Genematas, Toula Gianoplos, Georgia Giftos, James and Patricia Gust, George and Georgiana Harlaftis, Panagiotis Jordan, Thomas Mendoza, Mary Niarchos, Anthony Niforos, Theodore and Anna Pangalos, Despo Petrouleas, George Phillips, Peter and Toula Ribble, Effie Samaras, Robert and Marietta Vlahantones, Louis Voudoukis, Ignatios and Penny Yanoulaki, Katherine

Sterling Heights, MI - St. John

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Traverse City, MI Archangel Gabriel

Olechnowicz, Fr. Iakovos and Presbytera Joleen Ealy, Ray and Martha Kaly, Anthony and Barbara Olechnowicz, Rebekah Psaros, John and Donna Underwood, Robert and Theresa

Troy, MI - St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish St. Nicholas Philoptochos Dorozenski, Fr. Stratton and Presbytera Denise Dalamangas, Fr. Chris and Presbytera Niki Arsman, Steve and Anita Asher, Mike and Joyce Athans, John and Aristea Carson, James and Paula Crosson, Patrick and Cindy Deligianis, Leo Deligianis, William Demery, Beck Feles, Gust and Anne Feles, Nicholas and Melanie Feles, Paul Gryparis, Stratis and Ermione Hourdakis, Andreas Karamanos, Peter Korstanje, Ingmar and Marlo Lafter, Mary Lavrakas, John and Catherine Liakonis, Chris and Labrini Papp, Gregory and Martha Pervolarakis, Calliope Simon, Basil and Evey Smith, William

Spounias, Christopher and Maria

Tsiatalas, George Xydas, Spiros Yanoulaki, Peter

Annunciation Parish

Vestal, NY - Annunciation

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011

St. John the Baptist Church
Sterling Heights, MI
Evening Presentation at 7:00pm
"Clergy and Laity in the Orthodox Church"
(Book Signing and Reception to Follow)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2011

St. Nicholas Church
Ann Arbor, MI
Evening Presentation at 7:30pm
"Why Follow Christ?"
(Book Signing and Reception to Follow)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2011

Sacred Heart Seminary
Detroit, MI
Morning Presentation at 10:30am
"Orthodox—Catholic Relations"

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2011

Holy Cross Church
Farmington Hills, MI
Evening Vespers and Presentation at
6:00pm

"The Inner Meaning of the Divine Liturgy" (Book Signing and Reception to Follow)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2011

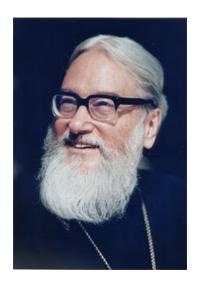
Sts. Constantine and Helen Church Westland, MI Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 10:00am *His Excellency Metropolitan Kallistos Ware as Homilist, followed by*

reception and luncheon.



His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas and the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit cordially invite you to welcome...

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His Excellency Metropolitan Kallistos Ware, author of "The Orthodox Church" and "The Orthodox Way," will be visiting the Metropolis of Detroit for a series of discussions throughout the Detroit area.

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For more information, please contact the Metropolis Offices at (248) 823-2400 or office@detroit.goarch.org.



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