

FOR EVERYONE WHO  
EXALTS HIMSELF WILL  
BE HUMBLLED, BUT HE  
WHO HUMBLLES HIM-  
SELF WILL BE EXALTED.

LUKE 18: 14



Presentation of our  
Lord in the Temple

FEBRUARY 2

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## GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DETROIT

# THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

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### METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS' MESSAGE

Beloved in the Lord,

So many of the traditions which we have in our Orthodox Church are reflections of Holy Scripture. So it is with the Presentation of Christ to the Temple which we celebrate on February 2nd.

In our everyday practice, we imitate this event of Christ being brought to the Temple by Mary and Joseph forty days after the birth of a child. While people know that this is the beginning of the child's relationship with the community of faith, we sometimes forget that this visible act of returning to the Church is equally as important for the mother.

In the context of our prayer, we give thanks for the health of the mother having given birth to a new life; and just as we pray for her continued health and strength, we

also pray for the well-being of the baby.

In reflecting on this simple story of a child being brought to the Church by its parents, we come to



recognize that this unique bond — memorialized forever in time and space by the priestly prayer — establishes the unique relationship of order and faith for every Christian.

From the start, the actions and prayers of the parents are inextricably bound with the health and spiritual welfare of the child.

Recognizing this fundamental truth of our own being, we understand why it is important for the parents to be the religious leaders in the household.

This is why the religious life of the parents is so important to the young people: they must see the living example of their mothers and fathers as people of faith. They must learn to say their prayers along with Mom and Dad. Our young children desperately need strong examples of faith and trust in God.

My beloved, our young people need to see us speak God's truth with our lips, extend His mercy with our hands, and walk in His ways. And it all begins from that first visit to God's house. We must be what we ask our children to become — all by God's grace and love.

+ Metropolitan Nicholas

## MEFGOX NEWS

*By Irene Georgantas*  
President



I hope you all experienced a blessed Nativity with your family and loved ones. By the time you receive this, we will have entered the Triodion and anticipating Great Lent. The forthcoming season is the greatest season of the year and begins February 27<sup>th</sup>. It provides us many opportunities for spiritual growth with all of its additional services. I hope that as Church Musicians you will challenge yourselves musically and spiritually this Great Lent. The Saturday of

Souls services precede and lead us into Great Lent, followed by the Compline Services, Pre-Sanctified Liturgies, and Heretismi. Although more popular I believe in the Russian or OCA tradition, the Canon of St Andrew is done in some of our parishes the first week of Lent. For our choirs the most memorable Pan-Orthodox service is of course the Sunday of Orthodoxy, a beautiful way for us to come together as Orthodox brothers and sisters, share some of our unique musical traditions. I hope that you take advantage of that opportunity or create the opportunity yourselves to participate in such a service.

Again I remind you that the Mefgox membership does have a broad level of experience and expertise about the special hymns and substitutions that are done during this season. Our website

(mefgox.org) can direct you to numerous resources. And any other information is an email or phone call away.

Our next meeting will take place on March 31<sup>st</sup> in Cleveland. We are looking forward to continuing the planning of this year's 65<sup>th</sup> annual convention that will be hosted by the community of St. Demetrios in Rocky River, Ohio. There are a number of rehearsals that will be planned in the coming months in your area so that we can all learn or "refresh" our knowledge of the Desby liturgical arrangement. Your local State Representatives and Choir Directors will keep you informed about the details.

I wish you "Kali Dhinami" or "Good Strength" as we approach and begin Great Lent ■

## ORDINATION OF DCN. JEFFREY (CHRISTOPHER) ABELL



**December 18, 2011**—His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas ordained Mr. Jeffrey (Christopher) Abell to the Holy Diaconate at St. George Church in Bloomfield Hills, MI. His Eminence was assisted by Fr. Bill Bartz (Chancellor) and Fr. Nicholas Pathenos (Proistamemos).

A member of St. George since 1995, Dcn. Abell continued his service as the altar boy leader, parish council member, and high school Sunday School teacher under the guidance of Fr. Pathenos.

Dcn. Jeffrey is married to Alice and they have two boys: Christopher and James. His biography is available on our website at the following link: [www.detroit.goarch.org/metropolis-of-detroit/clergy/dcn.-christopher-jeffrey-abell](http://www.detroit.goarch.org/metropolis-of-detroit/clergy/dcn.-christopher-jeffrey-abell)

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS *by Eva Kokinos*



### 2012 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

Introduced in 1983, the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival provides Greek Orthodox teenagers the opportunity to write and talk about their faith. The Oratorical Festival Program begins at the Parish Level and is divided into two divisions: the Junior Division for students in the 7th to 9th grades and the Senior Division for teenagers in the 10th to 12th grades.

The top speakers in each division advance to the district level and, if selected, become one of two finalists in their division to represent their district at their Metropolis Oratorical Festival. The top speaker in each division is then selected to participate in the Archdiocese Finals, which is hosted by a different Metropolis each year.

The Archdiocese Oratorical Festival Scholarship Foundation provides college scholarships in the amount of \$2000, \$1500, and \$1000 to the top three speakers in each division. In addition, those finalists who receive a rank of Honorable Mention are awarded a \$500 United States Savings Bond.

The Metropolis of Detroit also offers a \$500.00 scholarship to the Junior Division speaker and Senior Division speaker who move on to the Archdiocese Finals. These scholarships are only possible through the generous donations of the Metropolis parishes, Philoptochos chapters, and individual donors.

If you would like to donate to the Metropolis of Detroit St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Scholarship Fund, please send your donation by **May 1, 2012** to: Metropolis of Detroit, Attn: SJCOF SCHOLARSHIPS, 2560 Crooks Road, Troy, MI 48084. Please make checks payable to the *Metropolis of Detroit*.

### 2012 SJCOF DATES AND LOCATIONS

#### **DISTRICT FESTIVALS**

**Central District:** Saturday, April 28, 2012—Assumption Church—Louisville, KY

**Michigan District:** Saturday, April 21, 2012—Holy Cross Church—Farmington Hills, MI

**NY District:** Sunday, April 22, 2012—Annunciation Church—Buffalo, NY

**Southern District:** TBA

#### **METROPOLIS FESTIVAL**

May 11-12, 2012—Sts. Constantine and Helen Church—Westland, MI

#### **ARCHDIOCESE FESTIVAL**

June 8-10, 2012—Bethesda, Maryland

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Dayton GOYA Basketball Tournament**  
February 17-19, 2012  
Annunciation Church  
Dayton, OH  
Contact: Church Office at  
(937) 224-0601

**GOYA Pre-Lenten Retreat**  
Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012  
Holy Trinity Church  
Ft. Wane, IN  
Contact: Chris Rongos at  
fwmexgrocr@yahoo.com

**MI Area GOYA Lenten Retreat**  
Saturday, March 10, 2012  
St. John Church  
Sterling Heights, MI  
Contact: stjohngoc@sbglobal.net

**NY Area GOYA Lenten Retreat**  
Saturday, March 17, 2012  
YMCA Camp Arrowhead  
Pittsford, NY  
Contact: Panos Ginis at  
ginisp@hotmail.com

**Fall Creek Falls GOYA Lenten Retreat**  
March 30—April 1, 2012  
Fall Creek Falls State Park  
Pikeville, TN  
Contact: Leslie Richard at  
leslier@madisonacademy.com

## 2012 SUMMER CAMP DATES ANNOUNCED



<b>MDSC—Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp</b>	June 24—August 4, 2012
Contact: 248-909-MDSC (6372)/gomdsc@gmail.com/www.gomdsc.org	
<b>St. Nicholas Summer Camp</b>	July 7—13, 2012
Contact: (248) 823-2411/snsc@detroit.goarch.org/www.southerncamp.com	
<b>St. Timothy Summer Camp</b>	August 11-17, 2012
Contact: (315) 446-5222/www.sttimothycamp.org	

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

By *Margaret Yates*  
President



**M**ay the peace and joy of the Christmas season be with you throughout the year, and may the year be filled with an abundance of blessings and good health.

The Philoptochos was pleased to host the Name Day open house and reception for Metropolitan Nicholas on December 11. This event was coordinated by Anne Feles, Harriet Stoukas and Kyria Anna, who provided us with much of the great food. As in years past, guests were welcomed to the Metropolis with the beautiful Christmas decorations assembled by Anne Feles. Following St. Spyridon Vespers that evening another reception was held for those in attend-

ance. Metropolis Board members provided refreshments for that reception as well as the reception on the 12<sup>th</sup> following the Liturgy for St. Spyridon. We are blessed to have had Kyria Anna, who worked so tirelessly, preparing for these events. A heartfelt thank you to Kyria Anna for all she does!

The first event of the New Year for all chapters in the Metropolis is for the benefit of Saint Basil Academy. Special trays were passed, along with the cutting of the Vasilopeta in most communities. As St. Basil Academy is a National commitment, all money collected is sent to National for distribution. What a wonderful way to start the year!

Many chapters are in the throes of planning fundraising events to benefit chapter charities. The first (to my knowledge), is the Grecian Carnival, a festive evening which will be held on Feb. 25 at the Ritz Charles in Carmel,

IN with a Mardi Gras theme. This year a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Aiden Brown Foundation, which supplies iPads to children undergoing cancer treatment.

Plans are progressing for the Metropolis biennial luncheon to be held on April 21 at the Annunciation Cathedral in Detroit.

Holy Trinity/St Nicholas in Cincinnati is plan-

ning a luncheon and fashion show on May 5 to benefit their chapter charities. Also on May 5, the St. Nicholas Philoptochos in Ann Arbor is planning a luncheon and children's fashion show. All proceeds will be given to a children's charity in the area. We hope that you will support these events as we fulfill the mission of Philoptochos ■

### OUTREACH PROJECTS:

#### Thanksgiving Donations:

⇒\$5,000 - **Holy Trinity (Carmel, IN)** - the donation was offered in Kroger gift cards to families throughout the area;

⇒\$1,100 - **Annunciation (Rochester, NY)** - the money went to the "Smiles for Christmas" program and collected toys, books, games and new clothing for St. Joseph's Villa, an organization that houses children with varying difficulties.

⇒\$1550 - **St. Nicholas (Ann Arbor, MI)** - donated for food gift cards to the Salvation Army and Catholic Social Services to be distributed to needy families; members of the chapter also took families in the area shopping for warm clothing through the "Warm the Children" program.

## PHILOPTOCHOS APPEAL

February 7, 2012

NEW YORK – National Philoptochos President Aphrodite Skeadas on January 17, 2012 issued an immediate appeal to all Philoptochos Presidents, members nationwide and their respective communities to support a drive for the welfare of the people of Greece. For more information, follow this link:

[www.goarch.org/news/philoptochosappeal-02072012](http://www.goarch.org/news/philoptochosappeal-02072012)

## FORGIVENESS IS KEY

By Fr. Paul Martin\*



**I**n His commentary on The Lord's Prayer (Mt 6:14-15, read on Cheesefare Sunday), Jesus stresses the importance of forgiveness:

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Forgiveness, then, is the key. It is the first step on the road to repentance. This is why the Church

begins Great Lent with the Vespers of Forgiveness and the Rite of Forgiveness.

As a volunteer chaplain, I serve the Forgiveness Rite at a maximum security prison in Indiana. It is a place of utter darkness, but I am constantly finding the Light of Christ in the men of our brotherhood. More than most, these men are aware of the need for forgiveness – from God, from society, from each other, from us. They know how crucial it is to forgive, how necessary it is to be forgiven.

Years ago, one of the men who had been an observer for quite some time – a "lifer", a burly man with a "show me" attitude and an air of silent contempt – rushed to me after the

Rite of Forgiveness. He said he had considered all the other faith options at the prison and remained unconvinced, but this was different. This was real. This was the True Faith. He was now convinced. He asked to join our catechumens, was eventually baptized, and since has become a leader of our brotherhood as well as an inspiration to me.

Forgiveness is powerful. When we forgive and ask forgiveness of one another, we are demonstrating God's mercy and spreading the good news. In fact, being a forgiving people can be the best kind of evangelism. If we Orthodox would practice forgiveness from the heart, wouldn't we become beacons to the world?

Wouldn't our families and our parishes deepen spiritually?

Let's start this great season of repentance by practicing forgiveness. Let's put aside all earthly cares and begin again, so that Great Lent 2012 may be the best ever. So that we may please God and defeat the spirit of division within our families and our congregations. So that, with the coming of Pascha, we may look inside of ourselves and find the Resurrected Christ revealed, reflected in our pure hearts, all of our trespasses forgiven, ever joyful. Amen ■

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*\*Fr. Paul Martin is the Presiding Priest of the Annunciation/St. Paraskevi Church in New Buffalo, MI.*

## ORDINATION OF FR. PAUL TRUEBENBACH



**January 21, 2012**—His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas ordained Dcn. Paul Truebenbach to the Priesthood at the Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Church in Cincinnati, OH. Assisting His Eminence were Rev. Fathers: William Cassis (Proistamenos), Constantine Efstathiou, Anastasios Gounaris, George Wilson and Larry Legakis.

Father Paul is a graduate of Holy Cross School of Theology with an M.Div. (2010). He is married to Lavinia (Suciu) of Sibiu, Romania, also a graduate of Holy Cross. Ordained a deacon in 2011, he has been serving the community of Cincinnati since December 1, 2011. He will serve as an Assistant Priest at Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas. For more about Fr. Paul, follow this link:

[www.detroit.goarch.org/metropolis-of-detroit/clergy/fr.-paul-truebenbach](http://www.detroit.goarch.org/metropolis-of-detroit/clergy/fr.-paul-truebenbach)

## FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (2011)

### +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  
Bekiaries, Christopher and  
Margarita  
Bekiaries, Penny  
Chiatalas, Louis and  
Marguerite  
Daniels, Tony and Cleve  
Fry, Jack D.  
Garris, Helen  
Hadden, Donnelly and Helen  
Kales, Anthony and Joyce  
Katsikas, Chris and Pandora  
Kussurelis, Peter and Zorene  
Leontis, Artemis  
Phan, Sem and Katherine  
Pliakas, Vasilios and Kyriaki  
Radwanski, Kurt and  
Sophia Grias  
Yates, Billy and Marguerita

#### Bloomfield Hills, MI

##### St. George

Pathenos, Fr. Nicholas  
Iakovides, Dimitri

#### Buffalo, NY

##### Annunciation

Annunciation Parish  
Annunciation Philoptochos  
Annunciation GOYA  
Annunciation Youth Council  
Christakis, Fr. Christos and  
Presbytera Lisa  
Kallis, Fr. Perry and  
Presbytera Cassandra  
Alethea's Chocolates  
Blakeslee, Ronald and Maria  
Cervi, Brian and Vassilia  
Couvutsakis, Paul N. and Linda  
Danakas, George and Maria  
Dermatis, Anastasia  
Kalambukas, Andrew and  
Colleen

Kouvoutsakis, Paul P. and  
Donna  
Kuvshinoff, Boris and Barbara  
Manos, Margaret  
Mastoras, Spiros and Mary  
Mellas, Constantine and Beth  
Pavlakis, Peter and Elizabeth  
Pefanis, Jerry and Athena  
Phufas, Ellene  
Scouras, George and  
Chrisoula  
Skaros, Nikolaos and JoAnn  
Spanos, Frances  
Tassy, Gust and Marian  
Touris, Lambros  
Vafiopoulos, Helen  
Veanes, Angelo

#### Carmel, IN - Holy Trinity

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

#### Chattanooga, TN

##### Annunciation

Annunciation Parish  
Annunciation Philoptochos  
Annunciation Choir  
Annunciation GOYA  
Ballas, Fr. Stavros and  
Presbytera Thea  
Andros, George and Maria  
Ballas, Aspasia  
Berros, James and Susan  
Bougdanos, Maria  
Bouloukos, Dino and Maria  
Campa, Pedro  
Cornea, Paul and Ana  
Demetry, Willodene  
Dimopoulos, George and

Brigitte  
Ellis, George G. and Betty M.  
Etherton, Wayne and Yolanda  
Fotiadis, Nicky  
Fox, Mrs. Ann  
Gaitanoglou, Ignatios  
Gormanos, John and Karrie  
Gulas, Marion  
Gulas, Venetia  
Hopper, Richard and Chrisi  
Justice, Christina  
Kosmidis, Alex and Cheryl  
Kouris, George  
Makrinakis, Emanuel  
Mousourakis, John and  
Donna  
Petros, John and Voula  
Petros, Kathy  
Ramsey, Karen  
Soufleris, Adam and Nickie  
Tigiro, Elias and Sharon  
Tolbert, John and Janice  
Trohanis, Bill  
Vassilev, Mikhail  
Vlasis, John and Charlotte  
Zotos, Alexander

#### Cincinnati, OH

##### Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas

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

#### Dayton, OH

##### Annunciation

Annunciation Parish  
Annunciation Philoptochos  
Bambakidis, Gust and Elli  
Jannides, Spiros  
Kakas, Berdi  
Retzios, Thomas and Angela

Sempeles, Leigh  
Stamas, Elizabeth  
Valassiades, John and  
Evanthia

#### Detroit, MI – Annunciation Cathedral

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

#### Elmira, NY

##### St. Athanasios

Greven, Peter  
Vardakis, Paul and Thea

#### Farmington Hills, MI

##### Holy Cross

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

#### Fort Wayne, IN

##### Holy Trinity

Danckaert, Keith  
Doublas, Gregory  
Gogos, George  
Hanewald, Thomas and

## FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (2011)

Smaragtha  
Katsis, Maria  
Koulianos, Dionysios and  
Maria  
Lebamoff, George  
Maggos, Eleftherios and Voula  
Nakos, Nikos  
Rongos, Christopher and  
Katherine  
Spirou, Arthur and Mary  
Turner, Christian

### Grand Blanc, MI

#### Assumption

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

### Grand Rapids, MI

#### Holy Trinity

Marcus, Fr. Nicholas and  
Presbyteria Liza  
Bogdan, Fr. James and  
Presbyteria Joan  
Cassis, Deacon Edward and  
Diakonissa Vicki  
Afendoulis, Chris and Phyllis  
Afendoulis, Clark and  
Katherine  
Anton, Gust J.  
Bird, Jason and Christa  
Christopoulos, Peter and  
Maria  
Dimitriou, Angelo and Pat  
Georgeson, Menas and  
Fronsene  
Gray, Mark and Alexis  
Jenks, Timothy C.  
Kalyvas, Tim and Lina  
Karatsinides, Spiro and  
Paulette  
Koukios, Constantine  
Monoyios, Terry  
Neil, Chad Dimopoulos  
Nicholas, Jim and Georgia  
Petricevic, Mark and Lili  
Sarafis, Elizabeth  
Sellas, Deno and Chrisa  
Van Kuiken, Ray and Marilyn  
Zarafonetis, Stratton

### Indianapolis, IN

#### Holy Apostles

Matsigas, Gerasimos

### Ithaca, NY - St. Catherine

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

### Jamestown, NY

#### St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish  
Zervos, Fr. George and  
Presbyteria Anne

### Kalamazoo, MI

#### Annunciation

Annunciation Parish  
Annunciation Philoptochos  
Theoharis, Fr. Theoharis

### Lansing, MI

#### Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish  
Holy Trinity Philoptochos  
Sietsema, Fr. Mark and  
Presbyteria Kathy  
Brown, Alex and Mary  
Christofilis, Elaine  
Evanoff -Joseph, Yvonne  
Gavrilides, Nick and Dana  
Gavrillis, Dimitrios and  
Jane Arnold  
Heos, Goldie  
Heos, Pamela  
Hillary, Charles  
Karagoulis, Michael and  
Lynne  
Mansour, George  
Mendoza, Mary  
Munk, Jerry and Jan  
Nichols, Elan Stavros  
Pascalenos, Olga  
Perentesis, Stephanie  
Pogoncheff, Carl  
Rahib, Margaret  
Skorich, Dan  
Smith, Richard  
Willard, Steven

### Lexington, KY

#### Panagia Pantovasilissa

Panagia Pantovasilissa Parish  
Panagia Pantovasilissa  
Philoptochos  
Wilson, Fr. George and  
Presbyteria Harriet  
Annetts, Brett and Ruth  
Arimes, Vickie  
Delvzizis, Thomas  
Hostetter, Christopher and  
Ericka  
Kiriacopoulos, Ken and Mary  
Radulescu, Vlad C.

### Lexington, MI

#### St. Panteleimon Chapel

St. Panteleimon Parish

### Little Rock, AR

#### Annunciation

Annunciation Parish  
Annunciation GOYA  
Verdaris, Fr. Nicholas and  
Presbyteria Maria  
Harb, Ron and Joyce  
Misic, Dragi  
Pappas, James and Eva  
Skoumbourdis, C.T. and  
Tatyana  
Tyer, Gordon and Martha  
Verdaris, John and Marlene  
Vratsinas, Gus and Irene

### Louisville, KY

#### Assumption

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

### Marquette, MI

#### Assumption

Butler, Michelle and  
Clark Lambros

### Memphis, TN

#### Annunciation

Annunciation Parish  
Annunciation Philoptochos

Ahepa #7 – Memphis  
Daughters of Penelope (Alpheus)  
#180  
Apalodimas, Maria  
Bagatelas, Todd and Cyndi  
Farrell, Richard and Linda  
Futris, Petro  
Graves, William and Renee  
Grayes, Theodore  
Morrison, Robert and  
Kathryn  
Obradovic, Linda  
Poplos, Ted and Stephanie  
Ruby, James and Katerina  
Semos, Vasili and Luane

### Middletown, OH

#### Sts. Constantine & Helen

Sts. Constantine and Helen  
Philoptochos

### Muskegon, MI

#### Annunciation

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

### Nashville, TN

#### Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish  
Hohnholt, Fr. Gregory and  
Presbyteria Sofia  
Sfikas, Presbyteria Stella  
Andrews, Chris and Julia  
Billo, John  
Botsaris, Chris

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## FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (2011)

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Carden, Kathryn  
Davis, Mark  
Harman, Todd and Dawn  
Lamberson, Lambert and Helen  
Miles, Eric and Scarlett  
Miller, John  
Rogers, Helen and  
Larry Kamm  
Sherrill, Justin and Kiki  
Taras, Nick and Donna  
Weeks, Timothy

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

Turner, Fr. Parthenios and  
Presbytera Marion  
Demmas, Constance  
Derrybery, Paul  
Dozier, Matthew  
Light, Oksana  
Marchetti, John and Linda  
Sidorov, Veniamin  
Tickle, Jeffrey and Jackie  
Wagner, Charles and Edith

### New Buffalo, MI

#### Annunciation/St. Paraskevi

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

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

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

### Rochester, NY

#### Annunciation

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

### Rochester, NY

#### Holy Spirit

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

### Saginaw, MI

#### St. Demetrios

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

### Sault Ste Marie, MI

#### St. George

Gianakura, Peter and Georgia

### Southgate, MI

#### St. George

St. George Parish  
St. George Philoptochos  
Karamanos, Fr. Philemon and  
Presbytera Helen  
Anonymous  
Bass, John and Panagiota  
Constantakis, Clarence  
Cranford, Joanne  
Galanis, Sam  
Karamanos, Peter and Mary

Kircos, Angelo and Sophia  
Kircos, John and Violet  
Kircos, Lou and Paula  
Kontos, Chris and Frances  
Kontos, John and Marika  
Linardos, James  
Minton, Barbara  
Minton, Nicholas  
Nanos, Vasiliki  
Papadopoulos, Anastasios and  
Toula  
Pappas, Andrew and Barbara  
Tassis, James

### Springfield, OH

#### Assumption

Assumption Parish  
Green, Lance and Sharon  
Lagos, James

### St. Clair Shores, MI

#### Assumption

Assumption Parish  
Assumption Philoptochos  
Assumption Senior Citizens  
Assumption GOYA  
Varlamos, Fr. Michael and  
Presbytera Tina  
Callas, Kalliopy  
Campbell, Delphine  
DeWaele, Robert and Chris  
Gaggos, George and Anna  
Genematas, Toula  
Gianoplos, Sam and Georgia  
Harlaftis, Panagiotis  
Jordan, Thomas  
Kastran, John  
Malian, William and Blair  
Niarhos, Anthony  
Niforos, Theodore and Anna  
Pangalos, Despo  
Pantos, Theodore and Nana  
Petrouleas, George  
Samaras, Robert and Marietta  
Verras, George  
Vlahantones, Louis and Toni  
Voudoukis, Ignatios and  
Penny  
Zoto, Mary

### Sterling Heights, MI

#### St. John

St. John Parish

St. John Philoptochos  
St. John GOYA  
Kyritses, Fr. Nicholas  
Burdalas, Peter and Chrisy  
Karamanos, Peter and Mary  
Klaus, Nicole  
Kotsis, Andrew and Irene  
Kotsis, Harry and Katherine  
Kotsonis, Steve and Angela  
Lionas, James and Helene  
Patouhas, Spyros and Katina  
Salonikas, Georgios and  
Nicoleta  
Souris, Bernice  
Tangalos, John and Mary  
Tangalos, Philip and  
Alexandra

### Syracuse, NY - St. Sophia

St. Sophia Parish  
St. Sophia Philoptochos  
Smith, Fr. David and  
Presbytera Donna  
Anonymous  
Boucounis, Andrew  
Calender, Chris  
Ganotis, John  
Kazakis, Elaine  
Paul, James  
Theodore, Dorothea  
Theodore, Eleanor

### Toledo, OH

#### Holy Trinity Cathedral

Damaskos, Fr. Aristotle and  
Presbytera Debbie  
Biernacki, Gerald and Pauline  
Melonakos, Anthony and  
Paula  
Paterakis, Sophie  
Stathulis, Yanula

### Traverse City, MI

#### Archangel Gabriel

Arch. Gabriel Parish  
Arch. Gabriel Philoptochos  
Streza, Fr. Ciprian and  
Presbytera Sinziana  
Bemis, Steve and Pam  
Dalbo, Helen A.  
Ealy, Ray  
Husby, Elizabeth  
Kain, Karen



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Kaly, Anthony and Barbara  
Knapp, Helen  
Psaros, John and Donna  
Stamos-Underwood, Theresa  
Weston, Judith

### 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, Michael  
Athans, John and Aristeia  
Bournias, James and  
Evangeline  
Carson, James  
Crosson, Patrick and Cindy  
Demery, Beck  
Feles, Andrea  
Feles, Gust and Anne  
Feles, Nicholas and Melanie  
Gryparis, Stratis and Ermione  
Haddad, Michael and Corry  
Karmanos, Peter and Danialle  
Korstanje, Ingmar and Marlo  
Lafter, Mary  
Liakonis, Chris and Lambrini  
Malis, Alexis  
Malis, Katherine  
Mortis, George and Hionia  
Papp, Gregory and Martha  
Pervolarakis, Calliope  
Simon, Basil and Evey  
Smith, William  
Spounias, Christopher and  
Maria  
Tsiatalas, George and Eva  
Xydias, Spiros and Alyssa  
Yanoulaki, Peter

### Vestal, NY

#### Annunciation

Annunciation Parish  
Bahlatzis, Fr. Michael and  
Presbytera Kimberly  
Michalopoulos, Presbytera  
Magdalena  
Bahlatzis, Danny and Gail  
Demetry, Helen  
Gianisis, Dino

Ivan, James and Linda  
Karedes, Louis and Sylvia  
Laskaris, Joseph  
Tzivanis, Thomas and  
Florence  
Yacalis, Vasili

### Westland, MI

#### Sts. Constantine & Helen

Sts. Constantine & Helen  
Choir  
Sts. Constantine & Helen  
Philoptochos  
Petritiu, Fr. Teodor and  
Presbytera Roxana  
Alexander, Alex and  
Katherine  
Carson, Christine  
Charalambopoulos, D.Elaine  
Chuey, Mark and Jean  
Kasotakis, Paul and Nanette  
Livanos, James and Connie  
Stavropoulos, Gus and Maria

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Bartz, Fr. Bill and  
Presbytera Emily  
Bartz, Presbytera Zafera  
Ahepa, Chapter #374  
Demetris, Jack and Dolly  
Kartalopoulos, Stamatios and  
Anita  
Krekoukis, Flora  
MEFGOX  
Psaras, John  
Radulescu, Alexandru  
Zachos, George and Evelyn

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### Ann Arbor, MI

#### St. Nicholas

Baldwin, James and  
Mary Suzanne  
Daniels, Tony and Cleve

### Buffalo, NY - Annunciation

Cervi, Brian and Vassilia

### Carmel, IN - Holy Trinity

Kazmierski, Maria  
Pappas, Vicki

### Chattanooga, TN

#### Annunciation

Moore, James and Fannie  
Mousourakis, John and Donna

### Cincinnati, OH

#### Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas

HTSNParish

### Dayton, OH - Annunciation

Emroll, Fr. Mark and  
Presbytera Ginny  
Heisey, Jeffery and Chrisanne

### Fort Wayne, IN

#### Holy Trinity

Doublas, Gregory

### Grand Rapids, MI

#### Holy Trinity

Monoyios, Terry  
Nicholas, Jim and Georgia

### Indianapolis, IN

#### Holy Apostles

Holy Apostles Parish

### Ithaca, NY - St. Catherine

Bezirgianian, John

### Lansing, MI - Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Philoptochos

### Middletown, OH

#### Sts. Constantine & Helen

Anagnostou, Elias  
Canada, William  
Comminos, Steve and Beth  
Formakes, George  
Formakes, John  
Gordon, Kiki Demetriou  
Hasselbusch, Aaron  
Mathews, Mike  
McNeely, Ed  
McNeely, Nestor and Niki  
Revelos, George

Revelos, Mike

Ververis, Chris

Ververis, Nicholas

### Nashville, TN - Holy Trinity

Hohnholt, Fr. Gregory and  
Presbytera Sofia  
Hayes, Litsa

### Nashville, TN - St. John

#### Chrysostom Mission

Turner, Fr. Parthenios and  
Presbytera Marion  
Alektor Café and Books  
Barber, Jill  
Calvert, Patrick  
Courington, Christopher  
Derryberry, Paul  
Duke, Naomi  
Dunn, Robert and Laura  
Gharavi, Parissa  
Knox, David  
Stein, Matt and Dana  
Thomas, Gordon  
Tickle, Jackie  
Williams, Nina  
Winter, Lindsey

### New Buffalo, MI

#### Annunciation/St.Paraskevi

Hahn, Herbert  
Lepeniotis, Christos and  
Anastasia  
Litznerski, Robert and Mariann

### Saginaw, MI - St. Demetrios

Cox, Fr. Irenaeus and  
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Bazakis, Andrew and Ann

### Southgate, MI - St. George

Kontos, John and Marika

### Sterling Heights, MI

#### St. John

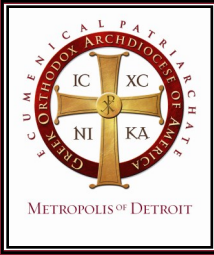
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## What Does Friends of the Metropolis Support?

**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:

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,

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