

BEHOLD, I AM
WITH YOU ALWAYS,
TO THE END OF
THE AGE.

MATTHEW 28:20



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

JUNE 2

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METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS' MESSAGE

Beloved in the Lord, with our vacation.

We have come to that eagerly awaited 'season' in our lives: summer vacation.

Summer vacation has always been a time for us to escape the everyday routine of our working lives. Regardless of how much time we are able to take off from our normal "nine-to-five" schedule, the idea of summer vacation is that it centers around us — both as families and as individuals.

During this time, the office work that remained undone is of no concern to us; we care not about our supervisors, co-workers, customers, or our competitors. No! The housework and schoolwork, the laundry, mending, and all the normal and necessary family routines are ended. All of the concerns of our normal week are put aside because this time is for us. And God forbid that anything should interfere

Surely it is true that in terms of our physical and mental health and well-being, vacation is a good thing. All peoples throughout all of history have set aside specific periods when rest was the order of the day. These were times for community and family, for holiday and holy days. Time off has always been a part of our human cycle.

And so my Beloved Family in Christ, inasmuch as we insist on our vacation, I wonder what would happen if God took a vacation?

Could we imagine what would happen if the reality of God's transcendent love was unavailable to us, because He found it necessary to stop the everyday things that took up His time and crowded His schedule? How would we rationalize God's need and desire to take time away from us?



Think of the prayers that would be unanswered, the spiritual comfort and grace that would be withheld, the fellowship with the Holy Trinity which would be put off and rescheduled. Imagine eternal justice, righteousness, goodness, love, and kindness being "out of town."

Indeed, all of the greatest strength, comfort, purpose, and meaning in our lives would be on a holiday.

My beloved family, as we prepare to take our holiday and vacations from our workday, let's not make it a holiday away from God! See you in Church — wherever you are!

+ Metropolitan Nicholas

BISHOP'S SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE

2	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	Metropolitan Area
11	<i>AHEPA Convention Luncheon</i>	Toledo, OH
12	<i>Pentecost</i>	Holy Trinity Romanian Orthodox Church - Troy, MI
19	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	St. Demetrios Church - Saginaw, MI
21	<i>Clergy Syndesmos Meeting</i>	Metropolis Center - Troy, MI
26	<i>Parish Visitation and Morykwias Memorial</i>	Annunciation Cathedral - Detroit, MI
29 - July 7	<i>Patriarchate</i>	Constantinople - Istanbul, Turkey

JULY

10	<i>Parish Visitation</i>	Metropolitan Detroit Area
14 - 17	<i>MEFGOX Annual Convention</i>	St. Nicholas Church - Ann Arbor, MI
17	<i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>	St. Nicholas Church - Ann Arbor, MI
20 - 22	<i>ABS Retreat</i>	NYC
24	<i>St. Panteleimon</i>	St. Panteleimon Chapel - Lexington, MI
25	<i>St. Anna, Mother of Panaghia</i>	St. Spyridon Chapel - Troy, MI

SEMINARY GRADUATES FROM OUR METROPOLIS

This year, three students from our Metropolis are graduating from Holy Cross School of Theology. They are: **Rev. Perikles Demitris Kallis**, originally from the Nativity of the Theotokos Church in Plymouth, MI and currently serving as an Assistant Priest at the Annunciation Church in Buffalo, NY; **Demetrios Kazakis** from St. Sophia Church in Syracuse, NY; and **Claude (Photios) Meirthew** from Detroit, MI.



Fr. Perikles Kallis



Demetrios Kazakis



Claude (Photios) Meirthew

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS *by Eva Kokinos*

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

2011 Metropolis Finals

Assumption Church - Grand Blanc, MI - Saturday, May 14, 2011

Introduced in 1983, the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival provides Orthodox Christian teens the opportunity to witness their faith through the art of public speaking. Twenty-eight of our Metropolis parishes held a parish Oratorical Festival in 2011! Thank you to all the local parishes for promoting and supporting this worthwhile youth ministry program.

The 2011 Metropolis Finals for the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival were hosted by Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Grand Blanc, MI. Finalists arrived on Friday, May 13th for fellowship, a meal, and a brief orientation about Saturday's events.

The Metropolis Festival was truly a wonderful event. Speakers delivered thoughtful and inspirational speeches. The seven Junior Division speakers and six Senior Division speakers participating in this year's event, traveling from all over the Metropolis: Kentucky, Michigan, New York, Ohio, and Tennessee.

Representing the Metropolis of Detroit at the Archdiocese Finals in Houston, TX will be:

JUNIOR DIVISION FINALIST: Dora Turner, St. Nicholas Church—Jamestown, NY

SENIOR DIVISION FINALIST: Andrea Tsatalis, Annunciation Church—Dayton, OH

We congratulate all of the finalists who participated in the Metropolis Finals. We also would like to thank Fr. Angelo Maggos, Marian Hagler and the Metropolis Festival Committee, as well as the entire Assumption parish for their hard work, hospitality, and support! Well done!

**BEST OF LUCK TO DORA AND ANDREA
AT THE ARCHDIOCESE FINALS!**

SUMMER CAMPS IN THE METROPOLIS OF DETROIT

The Metropolis of Detroit is blessed with three summer camp programs! 2011 Camp Registration is underway for ALL THREE CAMPS! 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!!!

June 10-12, 2011	St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival—Archdiocese Finals Annunciation Cathedral—Houston, TX
June 26-August 6, 2011	MDSC - Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp Rose City, MI
June 26-July 2, 2011	St. Nicholas Summer Camp NaCoMe Conference Center—Pleasantville, TN
August 13-19, 2011	St. Timothy Summer Camp Oswegatchie Educational Center—Croghan, NY

SJCOF SCHOLARSHIP

DONORS

Winners of the Metropolis Oratorical Festival each receive a \$500 scholarship. We would like to thank the 2011 SJCOF scholarship fund donors:

Annunciation Church

Little Rock, AR

Holy Trinity Church

Carmel, IN

Panagia Pantovasilissa

Lexington, KY

St. Nicholas Church

Ann Arbor, MI

Annunciation Cathedral

Detroit, MI

Holy Cross Church

Farmington Hills, MI

Assumption Church

Grand Blanc, MI

Fr. & Pres. Nicholas Marcus

Grand Rapids, MI

Holy Trinity Church

Grand Rapids, MI

Holy Trinity Church

Lansing, MI

Annunciation Church

Muskegon, MI

St. George Church

Southgate, MI

Assumption Church

St. Clair Shores, MI

St. John Church

Sterling Heights, MI

St. Nicholas Church

Troy, MI

Sts. Constantine and Helen

Westland, MI

Annunciation Church

Buffalo, NY

Annunciation Church

Rochester, NY

Holy Spirit Church

Rochester, NY

St. Sophia Church

Syracuse, NY

Annunciation Church

Dayton, OH

Assumption Church

Springfield, OH

Holy Trinity Cathedral

Toledo, OH

Annunciation Church

Chattanooga, TN

Holy Trinity Church

Nashville, TN

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

By Eleni Zaferes



Christos Anesti! On Saturday, April 9th, the Metropolis

Philoptochos hosted an area Lenten Retreat in Cincinnati, OH. Father Gregory Hohnholt from Nashville, TN was the guest speaker. There were over 60 participants from Dayton, Cincinnati, Lexington and Middletown parishes. The Cincinnati Philoptochos chapter provided a delicious Lenten luncheon. Everyone enjoyed this day of fellowship.

Father Gregory spoke on the mission of Philoptochos in the community. The Philoptochos

mission is rooted in throughout the Scriptures which were highlighted. It is the love of the Church and our faith that encourages Philoptochos to assist those in need. For without faith our work is without merit.

The chapters of our Metropolis embody the true mission through their generosity giving thousands of dollars to various outreach organization and charities in addition to fully supporting the National and Metropolis commitments. Philoptochos is only as strong as the support given locally in the parishes. We thank everyone for this support so that we can continue our mission ■

LATEST DONATIONS:

Lexington, KY \$2300 given to Senior Companion Program, God's Pantry, Lexington Rescue Mission and "Baby Bottle Blessings" for Assurance Pregnancy Center.

Syracuse, NY filling 90 backpacks for school children (Backpack Betty) and the local food pantry and supporting an orphanage in Guatemala.

St. Clair Shores, MI donating over 400 pairs of shoes to Soles 4 Souls organization and adopting a family at the Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Springfield, OH gave \$1,000 to Empty Bowls Food Pantry, \$500 to St. Luke Mission Hygiene Pantry, and \$500 to the Rocking Horse Center.

MEFGOX 64TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

JULY 14 - 17, 2011

The Mid-Eastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians (MEFGOX) Annual Conference will be hosted this year at the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan from July 14 – 17. A Talent/Variety show will take place Friday, July 15, and a Gala Dinner Dance featuring "Kefi" will be held on Saturday, July 16 at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center. Tickets go on sale in May. The conference will culminate in the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 17th, in which the MEFGOX choir of at least 150 voices will sing music composed by Chris Zervos. Our guest conductor will be Evey Simon who is the current choir director at the St. Nicholas Church in Troy, MI and teaches high school music and directs the performance choir. Evey has taught at our CMI's, and has been a Guest Director at two of our previous Conventions, including the Clergy-Laity Congress in Nashville. She has also been served as Guest Director and CMI instructor by three other Federations. Evey currently serves as Youth Music Coordinator for the Detroit Metropolis for MEFGOX.



St. Nicholas Church - Ann Arbor, MI



For more information visit the MEFGOX website at: www.mideastern.churchmusic.goarch.org/conference ■

BODIES

By Fr. William Cassis*



Recently, a local museum in Cincinnati, Ohio, hosted an exhibition entitled "BODIES". This exhibit raised numerous questions and concerns about the Church's position concerning the display of the dead.

Each year at the beginning of Great Lent we celebrate the "Restoration of the Icons". We acknowledge the role of icons in the theology and piety of the Church. We also recognize that all peoples, we included, are the living icons of God. We have been created in His image and likeness. Each of us carries the imprint of God within ourselves. In fact we may very well state that the first iconographer was God Himself.

With this in mind I would like to share the following thoughts about the museum exhibit titled "BODIES".

First, let me say that we cannot doubt that his exhibit has some educational, informational value. It can be helpful as a learning tool and as a means by which greater information and knowledge can be disseminated.

However, our perspective on this very public dis-

play of the dead must always be shaped by this fundamental truth—we are God's living icon. As such we must demonstrate great regard for the physical body, both in life and death.

I have three major concerns about this type of exhibition.

First is that allegations have been made about the circumstances in which these bodies were obtained. They were acquired from countries that may not place the same value on life that we do. A number of respected media outlets have raised this issue and it presents a major worry. Were they executed? Were they subject to random, irresponsible experimentation? We cannot doubt that this exhibit has some educational, informational value. Were they ill-gotten? Did money change hands? These and other questions have not been answered well. If the answers to these questions are yes then they would violate Orthodoxy's strong stand against capital punishment and our theology of life that prevents random or reckless experimentation on the human body. These unsettling questions certainly reflect a greater disrespect for the value of life.

One Rabbi has said that this exhibit appears to be Death as entertainment. This is my second concern. We have seen what that attitude does to a society. The Gladiatorial games of ancient

Rome and the very public and visible presence of the guillotine in France after their revolution are only a couple of examples of this. It only highlights a certain inhumanity and disregard of one for another. Death is the result of our fall from grace and the most obvious and unsettling reality that we live in a broken world. Death is not something to entertain us or to be gawked at.

Thirdly, it seems to me that this sort of exhibit violates our basic understanding of how the dead ought to be treated. No matter the circumstances of the life and death of an individual, every human should be given a proper funeral and burial. As Orthodox we would expect a funeral service and burial to be conducted. In the case of other peoples we would hold that the dead would receive rites in keeping with local traditions and mores. In death we Orthodox treat the body with reverence and regard and not just something to be disposed, disregarded or abused.

Also, the preparation of these bodies involves plasticization of the human body. Plastic, as one commentator has noted, is the excrement of the 20th century. Plastics have their place in modern life and have made our daily living better. However, turning the human body, God's creation, into a plasticized mummy is the misuse of this technology.

As Christians we have a

responsibility to teach a proper affection for the body, a respect for life, and care for the dead. Augustine has left a sad legacy for western man. That legacy is a disregard and careless dislike for the physical body. He saw it as a prison in which the soul was held captive and he wished to escape it. In some ways he saw the body in a very negative light. As Orthodox Christians we honor man as being the perfect mixture of body and soul. We are created in a duality by God. Moreover, both the body and the soul participate in the life of grace. This is the underlying notion in our treatment of the body when death comes. The physical has participated in grace just as the soul has and therefore must be treated with love, respect and honor.

We do not reject this type of exhibit out of hand, but we are called to examine and scrutinize it not only with reason and logic, but also through the eyes of faith and belief. I am convinced that the eyes of faith possess greater vision when it comes to the things of God and His creation ■

*Fr. William Cassis is the Presiding Priest at the Holy Trinity/ St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Cincinnati, OH.

FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS (AS OF MAY 31, 2011)

+His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas

Ann Arbor, MI - St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish
St. Nicholas Philoptochos
Kotsis, Fr. Nicolaos and Presbyteria Sandra
Bekiaries, Christopher and Margarita

Buffalo, NY - Annunciation

Kallis, Fr. Perry and Presbyteria Cassandra
Phufas, Ellene

Carmel, IN - Holy Trinity

Gounaris, Fr. Anastasios and
Presbyteria Maria
Karas, Gus and Maritsa
Kyriakopoulos, Chris
Lafter, Chris and Toni
Pappas, Vicki
Zeheralis, Gail

Chattanooga, TN - Annunciation

Mousourakis, John and Donna

Cincinnati, OH

Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas

HTSN Philoptochos
HTSN GOYA
Streza, Fr. Ciprian and Presbyteria Sinziana

Dayton, OH - Annunciation

Kakas, Berdi

Elmira, NY - St. Athanasios

Vardakis, Paul and Thea

Fort Wayne, IN - Holy Trinity

Doublas, Gregory
Maggos, Eleftherios and Voula
Rongos, Christopher and Katherine

Grand Rapids, MI - Holy Trinity

Afendoulis, Chris and Phyllis
Monoyios, Terry
Nicholas, Jim and Georgia

Ithaca, NY - St. Catherine

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

Kalamazoo, MI - Annunciation

Annunciation Parish
Annunciation Philoptochos

Lansing, MI - Holy Trinity

Mansour, George

Lexington, KY - Panagia Pantovasillisa

Delvizis, Thomas

Memphis, TN - Annunciation

Bagatelas, Todd and Cyndi

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
Encelewski, Christine
Karis, Tom and Kristi
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
Harman, Todd
Miles, Eric and Scarlett
Sherrill, Justin and Kiki

Nashville, TN

St. John Chrysostom Mission

Turner, Fr. Parthenios and Presbyteria Marion
Derrybery, Paul
Dozier, Matthew
Tickle, Jeffrey and Jackie

New Buffalo, MI

Annunciation/St. Paraskevi

Lepeniotis, Anastasia
Litznerski, Robert and Mariann

Plymouth, MI

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Sarelis, Fr. Charles and Presbyteria Angela
Randall, Michael and Anne
Szlinis, John and Thekla

Rochester, NY - Annunciation

Gines, George and Maria

Saginaw, MI - St. Demetrios

Cox, Fr. Irenaeus and Presbyteria Alexandra

Sault Ste Marie, MI - St. George

Gianakura, Peter and Georgia

Southgate, MI - St. George

Kircos, Angelo and Sophia
Kircos, John and Violet
Kircos, Lou and Paula
Kontos, John and Marika
Minton, Nicholas

St. Clair Shores, MI - Assumption

Callas, Kalliopy

Sterling Heights, MI - St. John

Kotsis, Harry and Katherine
Kotsonis, Steve and Angela

Syracuse, NY - St. Sophia

Smith, Fr. David and Presbyteria Donna
Boucounis, Andrew
Ganotis, John
Kazakis, Elaine
Paul, James

Toledo, OH - Holy Trinity Cathedral

Damaskos, Fr. Aristotle and
Presbyteria Debbie

Traverse City, MI - Archangel Gabriel

Bemis, Steve and Pam
Dalbo, Helen A.

Troy, MI - St. Nicholas

Demery, Beck

Vestal, NY - Annunciation

Michalopoulos, Presbyteria Magdalena
Yacalis, Vasili

Westland, MI

Sts. Constantine and Helen

Petrutiu, Fr. Teodor and Presbyteria Roxana
Stavropoulos, Gus and Maria

Other Friends

Bartz, Fr. Bill and Presbyteria Emily
Demetris, Jack and Dolly
Kartalopoulos, Stamatios and Anita
Krekoukis, Flora
Psaras, John and Eleni
Radulescu, Alexandru

2011 CLERGY-LAITY ASSEMBLY & PHILOPTOCHOS CONFERENCE

You are the Light of the World! (Matthew 5: 14)

SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 1, 2011

The Clergy-Laity Assembly and the Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos will hold their bi-annual convention at the Sts. Constantine and Helen Church, Westland, Michigan.

At the convention's Grand Banquet, Senior Priests of the Metropolis of Detroit are to be honored.

The Metropolis of Detroit is honoring its senior priests on **Thursday, September 29th**, at the Grand Banquet of the Metropolis of Detroit Clergy-Laity and Philoptochos Conference.

Honored Priests include those ordained more than 20 years ago and currently serving a parish on a full time basis:

- Fr. Dean Hountalas, Holy Cross, Farmington, MI
- Fr. George Zervos, St. Nicholas, Jamestown, NY
- Fr. William Cassis, Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas, Cincinnati, OH
- Fr. Stratton Dorozenski, St Nicholas, Troy, MI
- Fr. Aristotle Damaskos, Holy Trinity, Toledo, OH
- Fr. Michael Varlamos, Assumption, St. Clair Shores, MI

- Fr. Philemon Karamanos, St. George, Southgate, MI
- Fr. Athanas George, Annunciation, Detroit, MI
- Fr. Nicholas Kyritses, St. John, Sterling Heights, MI
- Fr. Nicholas Pathenos, St George, Bloomfield Hills, MI
- Fr. Anastasios Gounaris, Holy Trinity, Carmel, IN
- Fr. Catalin Mot, Annunciation, Muskegon, MI

Show your support and appreciation for the many years of service for any or all of the above priests by placing a congratulatory message in the Commemorative Album. Please complete the information below or contact Sts. Constantine & Helen Church in Westland, MI: (734) 525-6789.

Mail the section below and attach your congratulatory message and check to Sts. Constantine & Helen Church: (Note that 50% of ad proceeds will be given to the honored priest's home parish).

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Name _____
 Address _____

Ad size:
 Full page \$400 _____ ½ Page \$225 _____
 ¼ Page \$125 _____ Card size \$50 _____



Mail to:
 Honored Clergy Commemorative Album
 Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church
 36375 Joy Rd
 Westland, MI 48185

Banquet ticket # _____ \$50/each
Copy Deadline: Aug 15, 2011

For more information contact Sts. Constantine & Helen Church: 734-525-6789.



METROPOLIS OF DETROIT CLERGY-LAITY CONFERENCE

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STS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN CHURCH - WESTLAND, MICHIGAN

TEL. 734-525-6789 | FAX. 734-525-3989

DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

Parish: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

#1. Delegate (Priest) Name: _____

Parish Council Officer Position: Yes / No

Phone: _____

#2. Delegate Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parish Council Officer Position: Yes / No

Use additional forms for additional registrants.

The above named individuals are authorized delegates of our parish.

Parish Priest Signature

Parish Council Officer Signature

The registration fee is \$325, with a discounted early registration of \$275 for registrations received by **July 15** and \$300 for registrations received by **August 28**.

The full registration fee of \$325 per delegate will apply after August 28.

Mail this form and the Registration fees as follows:

Payable to: Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church
36375 Joy Road
Westland, Michigan 48185

For Archdiocesan Council and Metropolis of Detroit Council members

Note: If you are an Archdiocesan Council or Metropolis Council member, you are automatically a delegate to the conference and parish priest/parish council officer signatures are not required.

I am registering as a member of the Archdiocesan Council or Metropolis Council.

My Name: _____

My Address: _____

Phone: _____

Note: Please keep a copy of this form for your records.



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HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

(Do not call the hotel for reservations)

Hotel Reservations. *Make your hotel reservations right away* (even before registering for the conference). **There is no fee for canceling** the reservations up to the day before your arrival, so book now. Early registration is \$100/room/night.

To secure the best rate and eliminate sales taxes, the rooms will be paid for in a block by Sts. Constantine & Helen Church. You will be responsible only for incidental charges to your room.

You must submit your Hotel Room Registration Form by August 31. Rooms registered by July 31 qualify for the best rate - \$100/night. Registrations received from August 1 to August 31 are at \$110 per night. After August 31, rooms may not be available and the rate is expected to go up significantly.

All rooms are spacious two-room suites and include a private bedroom as well as a separate living room with sofa bed. Each room has a wet bar, refrigerator, microwave and coffee maker. Michigan Law requires all rooms to be non-smoking.

Number of rooms requested: _____ (Note: Living Room has a sofa-bed)

Check in date: ____/____/____ Check out date: ____/____/____

Preferred Bedroom Arrangement:

1st Room Guest Name _____ King Bed Two Doubles
 2nd Guest _____

2nd Room Guest Name _____ King Bed Two Doubles
 2nd Guest _____

3rd Room Guest Name _____ King Bed Two Doubles
 2nd Guest _____

4th Room Guest Name _____ King Bed Two Doubles
 2nd Guest _____

Every effort will be made to give you your preferred bedroom arrangement, but it cannot be guaranteed. Room rates include all room taxes and fees. Rooms must be paid for at or prior to arrival (it does not have to be paid now). Payment can be made on arrival by cash, check, Visa or MasterCard. Early check out, if required, will result in a refund. Incidental expenses are extra and must be paid at checkout.

Cancellation Policy: Rooms can be cancelled with no penalty up to 6:00pm on the day before arrival. **Call the hotel to cancel your room.** All rooms are guaranteed for late arrival. One night's rate will be charged for late cancellation/no show.

Deposit: With this registration you must provide a deposit of \$100 per room reserved or provide a charge card number. The deposit will be refunded for rooms cancelled on a timely basis.

Deposit Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ or use Charge Card information below:

Name on Charge Card: _____ Visa MasterCard

Charge Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: ____/____

Signature _____ (Keep a copy of this form for your records)

Note: Nothing will be charged to your card until arrival.



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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Monday & Tuesday Sept. 26 - 27: **Speed of Trust** Clergy Educational sessions – Lunch provided, no dinner.

Wednesday, Sept 28

Clergy Syndesmos Meeting	3:00p - 5:00p
Joint Clergy, Metropolis Council & Philoptochos Board Dinner	6:00p - 7:30p
Metropolis Council Meeting	7:30p - 9:00p
Philoptochos Board Meeting	7:30p - 9:00p
Registration – at hotel or church	4:00p - 7:00p

Thursday, Sept 29

Registration – at church	7:00a - 5:00p
Opening service	7:30a
Breakfast – Keynote address & anointing of delegates (All Clergy-Laity and Philoptochos Delegates)	8:30a - 10:00a
Opening Plenary sessions	10:00a - 11:00a
Opening Conference Theme sessions (All Clergy-Laity and Philoptochos Delegates)	11:00a - 12:30p
Lunch	12:30p - 1:45p
Committee meetings, presentations, Workshops	2:00p - 5:00p
Grand Banquet – <i>You are the Light of the World</i>	6:30p - 11:00p

Friday, Sept 30

Philoptochos Breakfast, Committee Meetings, presentations, Workshops	9:00a - 12:30p
Lunch	12:30p - 1:45p
Committee meetings, presentations, Workshops	2:00p - 5:00p
Dinner/Social/cultural event	6:00p - ?

Saturday, Oct 1

Plenary sessions & Elections, vote tabulation	8:30a - 12:00p
Bag Lunch	



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INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

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You must complete the Hotel Room Registration Form and submit it by August 31. After that date, rooms may not be available and the rate may go up significantly.

Before You Arrive. Please read the Uniform Metropolis Regulations (Pages 19-25 of the newly issued Regulations of the Archdiocese of America). These are very important and will be helpful to you in carrying out your duties as a Delegate.

Arriving by Air. If you are taking a taxi, tell the driver to take I-275 North to 7 Mile Rd. Exit right, go about ½ mile. Make a left on Victor Pkwy and the Embassy Suites Hotel is about ¼ mile up on the left.

Meals & Expenses. All meals are included with the cost of registration. Also, included in your room rate is a full breakfast each day.

Transportation During the Conference. There will be transportation during the conference for travel to/from the hotel and church. This will not be as convenient as traveling with someone who has a car at the hotel and can take you back and forth with them.

Guests & Other Non-Delegates. Conference plenary sessions and committee meetings are reserved for delegates only. Guests and other non-delegates are invited to attend learning sessions, presentations, workshops and meals. See the Non-Delegate Ticket Form for information.

Agenda Items to be Considered at the Conference. The Regulations provide that only items approved by a parish's General Assembly may be brought before the Conference. A Metropolis Clergy-Laity Conference is called a "Local Assembly" in the Regulations (see Article 11, Section 9 below).

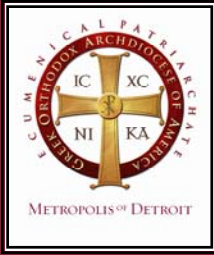
Section 9: Any Parish having items it wishes considered at the Congress or Local Assembly shall:

A. First submit them to the Parish Assembly for approval, and if approved

B. Send a copy of the approved items together with the necessary documentation to the Metropolis, following which it

C. May present them on the floor of the Local Assembly for consideration and, if approved by the Local Assembly, they shall be included in the items submitted to the Archdiocese.

Please remember that you are a representative of your Parish and you are to be presenting your parish's position on topics, not your personal views. Meeting Chairpersons will have the discretion to determine if a Delegate seems to be presenting a parish view or a personal view.



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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:

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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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