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*Christ is Born! Glorify Him!*

*Χριστός Γεννάται! Δοξάσατε!*



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# METROPOLITAN'S MESSAGE

Beloved Family in Christ,

## HERE WE ARE AGAIN – AT THE SEASON OF THE GIFT.

And we all know how hard it can be to find that perfect gift for that special someone on our Christmas list. We have made our list and keep searching through the ads in the newspapers and Internet to find that perfect gift. And of course, we never buy the same thing for everyone. We have tried to figure out exactly what everyone needs and wants: for some it's toys and video games; for others we will find a sweater or coat; for certain family and friends we might find a bottle of wine; and for others there is always a gift card. It takes some thinking on our part...but the perfect gift is always what we want to offer. Wrapped in Christmas paper and ribbons, we are sure to make everyone happy!

But how is it then that at this sacred time of year, after we have spent so much time on planning and strategizing on what to buy everyone on our list, the Christmas gift from the Church is always the same: it is always the baby Jesus, the Son of God, born in the flesh for our salvation. What is God thinking?

My friends, stop and think what has been given to us: it is God's most precious gift – for it is the gift of God Himself in the person of His Son. We give gifts that are used for a while then thrown or given away. God has given to us the reality of Life Incarnate through the infant in the manger. It is this Child who witnesses to us the boundless love of God for His creation; it is through Jesus that we see the reality of forgiveness of sins and a chance to start again on our journey to God's Kingdom; it is through our God Who loves us so much that He would accept death so that we might live that we understand true love. Yes....it is the one and same gift of the Christ Child for each of us that God gives us at Christmas. He didn't shop around for ideas about what to give – because He has given the most precious gift of Himself.

Let us receive the Christ Child in our hearts this Christmas, knowing that through this unique gift to us, the Kingdom of Heaven is being opened for all. May His mercy be with us forever. Amen!

*† Metropolitan Nicholas*  
**† NICHOLAS**  
 Metropolitan of Detroit

## CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

4	Divine Liturgy	TBD
5	St. Nicholas Great Vespers	St. Nicholas, Ann Arbor, MI
6	St. Nicholas Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	St. Nicholas, Troy, MI
11	10:00a Divine Liturgy	St. George, Bloomfield Hills, MI
	5:00p St. Spyridon Great Vespers Reception to follow	St. Spyridon Chapel, Metropolis Center, Troy, MI
12	St. Spyridon Hierarchical Divine Liturgy; Reception to follow	St. Spyridon Chapel, Metropolis Center, Troy, MI
17	St. George Greek School Christmas Pageant	St. George, Bloomfield Hills, MI
18	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy & Christmas Pageant	St. Nicholas, Ann Arbor, MI
24	5:00p Nativity of our Lord Vesperal Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	Assumption, St. Clair Shores, MI
25	Nativity of our Lord Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	Annunciation Cathedral, Detroit, MI

### JANUARY 2017

1	Circumcision of our Lord	TBD
5	Divine Liturgy	St. Spyridon Chapel, Metropolis Center, Troy, MI
6	10:00a Theophany of our Lord Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	Nativity of the Virgin Mary, Plymouth, MI
	7:00p Synaxis of St. John the Baptist Great Vespers	St. John, Sterling Heights, MI
7	Synaxis of St. John the Baptist Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	TBD
8	Pastoral Visitation	St. John, Sterling Heights, MI
14	Clergy Vasilopita	Metro Detroit
15	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy & Vasilopita	St. George, Southgate, MI
17	Clergy Synodesmos Meeting	Metropolis Center, Troy, MI
21	Clergy Vasilopita	Assumption, Louisville, KY
22	Pastoral Visitation	Assumption, Louisville, KY
27-29	Greek Orthodox Youth Olympics	Holy Trinity, Grand Rapids, MI
29	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	Holy Trinity, Grand Rapids, MI

Calendar updates: [www.detroit.goarch.org/calendar](http://www.detroit.goarch.org/calendar)

# YOUTH NEWS

## Metropolis Youth Worker Training Seminars

By Eva Konstantakos (Director)



**THE METROPOLIS OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES** held two youth worker training workshops - one in September and one in October – to help better equip the incredible volunteers committed to parish youth ministries.

The seminars were offered at no cost to the participants thanks to the **Friends of the Metropolis** and to the generous hospitality of the host parishes. Each parish offered their beautiful facilities and provided delicious meals for all those in attendance.

**THE CENTRAL DISTRICT YOUTH WORKER TRAINING SEMINAR** was held on September 24, 2016 at Holy Trinity Church in Carmel, IN. Fr. James Honeycutt, Priest at Annunciation Church in Muskegon, MI and Licensed Therapist, spoke about teenagers and how to better understand the stages of their development. Luke Beecham, Director of FOCUS Indianapolis/FOCUS North America, discussed outreach, philanthropy, and ways that youth can encounter Christ through serving others. Eva Konstantakos, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries of our Metropolis, offered a presentation on youth protection and practical ways to provide a safe and healthy environment for youth to grow in Christ.

**THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT YOUTH WORKER TRAINING SEMINAR AND GOYA LEADERSHIP SUMMIT** was held on October 1, 2016 at St. George Church in Southgate, MI. His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas spoke about understanding **WHY** we believe as Orthodox Christians. Fr. Larry Legakis, Priest at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Toledo, OH, spoke about keeping focused on Christ and the importance of Family Ministry. Eva Konstantakos, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries of our Metropolis, led a group discussion and brainstorm session for improving/expanding youth and young adult ministries in the Michigan area.

Next year, the Metropolis Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries plans to expand these seminars to more areas of the Metropolis. In addition, webinars (online video seminars) are being developed to reach more parishes and youth workers.

CALENDAR		
DECEMBER		
27-30	OCF College Conferences of EAST, MIDWEST and WEST	Various locations
JANUARY 2017		
14-15	St. Nicholas Winter Youth Retreat	Assumption Church, Louisville, KY
26-28	Annual Pan-Orthodox Youth and Camping Conference	Holy Transfiguration Church – Austin, TX
28-29	GOYO – Greek Orthodox Youth Olympics	Holy Trinity Church, Grand Rapids, MI
FEBRUARY		
17-19	Dayton GOYA Basketball Tournament	Annunciation Church, Dayton, OH

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**CENTRAL AREA YOUTH WORKER TRAINING SEMINAR**  
Holy Trinity Church - Carmel, Indiana  
September 24, 2016



**MICHIGAN AREA YOUTH WORKER TRAINING AND GOYA LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**  
St. George Church - Southgate, Michigan  
October 1, 2016



### ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (OCF) COLLEGE CONFERENCE 2016

**ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!** You still have time to register for OCF – College Conference! CC East is full. There are a few spaces left at CC West (St. Nicholas Ranch) and the NEW CC Midwest (St. Iakovos Retreat Center). Limited partial scholarships are available. Visit [www.ocf.net](http://www.ocf.net) for more information!

To learn more about these and other youth and young adult ministry events in the Metropolis, please visit the [METROPOLIS YOUTH CALENDAR](#) or subscribe to the [YOUTH OFFICE E-NEWSLETTER](#).

# PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

## From the President

By Margaret Yates (President)



**OUR METROPOLIS PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD** will be hosting receptions on December 11 and 12 following the **ST. SPYRIDON VESPERS AND DIVINE LITURGY**. We hope you will consider attending one or both of these services at the Metropolis in Troy.

Philoptochos does not take a summer vacation. Our philanthropic work continued through the summer and went into high gear in September with the beginning of the Ecclesiastical year. We are celebrating our 85th Anniversary this year, a remarkable eighty-five years of philanthropy!

We wish to congratulate His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of his enthronement, celebrated on November 2, 2016.

For several years, as part of our literacy initiative, Philoptochos has collaborated with Nick Katsoris, author of the Loukoumi books. Several years ago Mr. Katsoris initiated the **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY**. This initiative was embraced by several national organizations and Philoptochos joined the movement in

2015. This is the nation's largest day of volunteering. The goal of the Make a Difference Day is to encourage our youth to do good deeds in honor of Archbishop Demetrios' Nameday on October 26. It is a cross-generational initiative, partnering Philoptochos members with other ministries in our parishes such as Sunday School and Greek School, GOYA, HOPE and JOY. This year, every **METROPOLIS PARTICIPATED AND COMPLETED OVER 10,000 GOOD DEEDS, SURPASSING THE GOAL OF 8,500**. Our Philoptochos chapter in Buffalo partnered with GOYA and baked cookies to serve guests in their Soup Kitchen. Other projects included making cards for US Veterans, making hygiene kits for the homeless and donating food and toys for shelter animals at the Humane Society. I am pleased that several chapters in our Metropolis participated, as it is important to show our younger generation the joy of giving.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are always a busy time for us as we hope to make the holidays a little happier for those in need by adopting families, taking kids shopping, giving food certificates, cooking food for the homeless and sharing our time by visiting those in nursing homes or assisted living facilities.

Plans are proceeding for our **SPRING LUNCHEON** to be held on **APRIL 29, 2017** at the St. Nicholas Church in Troy, Michigan. Our special **GUEST SPEAKER IS MISS AMERICA 2016, BETTY CANTRELL**. More information is forthcoming.

We want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy 2017. We also want to thank everyone for the support you give to your Philoptochos Chapters.

# MEFGOX NEWS

## MEFGOX Wishes all of You the Blessings of the Feast of the Nativity!

By Vicki Pappas (President)



**AS THE BEAUTIFUL FEAST OF THE HOLY NATIVITY** draws near, the choirs and chanters members of the Mid-Eastern Federation of Church Musicians extend their heartfelt good wishes to Metropolitan Nicholas, our Priests and Deacons, and all the parishioners of the Metropolis of Detroit.

During this joyful season, you will hear us singing and chanting the beautiful hymns that are sung for the Feast – they mark the feast, they instruct us in our faith, and they fill us with joy as we raise our voices to praise the birth of our Lord!

During the Divine Liturgy, there are several significant changes to the hymns you regularly hear on Sundays. During the Forefeast of the Nativity (November 26th until December 24th), the

**KONTAKION** changes to "Today, the Virgin" (Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον), signaling the forthcoming celebration:

*Today, the Virgin comes unto the cave to give birth there to the Word before all time: beyond all words is this wonder! Dance with joy, all of creation, hearing these tidings. Along with the angels and the shepherds, glorify Him who willingly appears as a newborn baby, yet he is God before time.*

On the actual Feast of the Nativity until the Leave-taking of the Feast (December 31st), the text of the **KONTAKION** alters again, now reflecting the Divine Birth:

*Today, the Virgin bears Him who is transcendent, and the earth presents the cave to Him who is beyond reach. Angels, along with shepherds, glorify Him. The Magi make their way to Him by a star. For a new child has been born for us, the God before all ages.*

On the Nativity, there is a special **APOLYTIKION** for the Nativity, which you will hear during the Small Entrance:

*Your birth, O Christ our God, dawned the light of knowledge upon the earth. For by Your birth those who adored stars, were taught by a star, to worship You, the Sun of Justice and to know You, Orient from on High. (Ἡ Ἐνννησή Σου)*

The **MEGHALINARION**, usually "It is Truly Right" (Ἀξιον εστί) changes to "O Magnify My Soul."

And the **COMMUNION HYMN** changes from "Praise the Lord" (Αινείτε τον Κύριον) to:

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

And last, from the Forefeast of the Nativity through the Afterfeast (December 31st), the **CANON OF THE NATIVITY** is proclaimed during Orthros:

*Christ is born, Glorify Him! Christ comes from heaven; come to welcome Him! Christ is on earth; lift up your hearts! Sing to the Lord, O earth! Be exalted and sing with hearty gladness, O ye people, Sing His praise for He is glorified!* (Χριστός Γεννάται)

## FEATURED ARTICLE

### Someday is Not a Day of the Week

By Fr. William Cassis\*



**SO THE SAYING GOES.** Nothing could be more true. Especially for those of us who are engaged in the spiritual struggles of Christian life. Too often in this life an individual or a Parish will choose to put off what they know needs to be done. Procrastination can be a most destructive force to the individual and the Parish. We all must strive to see the value and significance we possess and do the things that are beneficial to our spiritual health and the vitality of our local church. It means that each and every one of us must not wait until tomorrow, or next week, or some distant date in the future to do the necessary things for our salvation and for the welfare of Christ's Church. We must always be conscious that the only reality we possess is the present. All our yesterdays have passed into history and we possess no guarantees of a tomorrow. For every difficult

decision and effort that life presents there is a great reward waiting if we act in a timely and responsible fashion. Our Church is a precious gift and each person should be committed to improve it, sustain it and protect it. There is no time better than this day, this hour, and this moment. St. Herman of Alaska says: **"From this day forward, from this hour, from this very minute let us love God and fulfill His holy will."** There are benefits and blessings waiting for each individual and parish that chooses to act now and not wait for "someday" to arrive. David, the author of the Old Testament Psalms, writes: **"This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it."** Remember, there is no time like the present to address the myriad of challenges, issues or opportunities that life presents to us as individual Christians and as a fellowship of believers. In the end the blessings and rewards will be abundantly evident and will provide a more blessed and brighter tomorrow for all. Therefore, let us stand up, make the sign of the Cross in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and make a new beginning each and every day.

\*Fr. William Cassis is the retiring Parish Priest of the Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Church in Cincinnati, Ohio.



## JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF SAINT SPYRIDON

St. Spyridon Chapel at the Metropolis Center  
2560 Crooks Road, Troy, MI 48084

Sunday, **December 11, 2016**

**5:00 pm** Great Vespers Service; Reception to follow

Monday, **December 12, 2016**

**10:00 am** Hierarchical Divine Liturgy; Reception to follow

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# FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS 2016

January 1 - November 30

+His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas

## Ann Arbor, MI – St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish  
St. Nicholas Philoptochos  
Kotsis, Fr. Nicolaos and  
Presbytera Sandra  
Pliakas, Fr. Vasilios and  
Presbytera Kyriakoula  
Apostolou, Panagioti and Patricia  
Baldwin, James and Mary Suzanne  
Daniels, Tony and Clewie  
Yates, Billy and Marguerita

## Binghamton, NY – Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish

## Bloomfield Hills, MI – St. George

Gingrich, Fr. Joseph  
Abell, Fr. Christopher and  
Presbytera Alice  
Pamel, Esther

## Buffalo, NY – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish  
Annunciation Philoptochos  
Christakis, Fr. Christos and  
Presbytera Lisa  
Sakellariou, Fr. John and  
Presbytera Pavlina  
Blakeslee, Ronald and Maria  
Cervi, Brian and Lea  
Couvtsakis, Paul and Linda  
Getska, Thomas  
Hiczewski, Peter and Michele  
Jousma, Thomas and Ellene Phufas  
Kouvoutsakis, Paul and Donna  
Kuvshinoff, Boris and Barbara  
McDaniels, Joyce  
Tassy, Dean  
Veanes, Angelo

## Carmel, IN – Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish  
Holy Trinity Philoptochos  
Holy Trinity Choir  
Holy Trinity GOYA  
Bartz, Fr. William and Presbytera Emily  
Christensen, Fr. Lucas and  
Presbytera Stacey  
Mamalis, Presbytera Janet  
Ajango, Vaino and Nancy  
Andros, Cheryl  
Antonopoulos, Anthony  
Baker, Dan J. and Sylvia  
Bagios, Jim and Marika  
BeMiller, Ryan and Kathy  
Brochhagen, Renee  
Calliotte, Angela  
Chekouras, R. H.  
Christoff, William and Karen  
Cortese, Thomas and Nia  
DeHart, Susan  
Dervenis, Nicholas and Sharon  
Dervenis, Ted and Julia  
Dickos, Theone  
Dunbar, David and Lea  
Eaton, Joe and Florie  
Eleftheri, Lawrence and Beth  
Emmanoelides, Demetrios, Melinda and  
Maria  
Filis, Anthony  
Freudenberg, Jim and Cindy  
Gibson, Karen  
Hostetler, Duane and Eleny  
Johnson, Ron and Sunday  
Julovich, Angelo and Christine  
Kirages, George and Susan  
Kollias, Stephen and Gail

Kokinos, Pete and Argie  
Lisch, Michael and Jean  
Maniakas, Constantine  
Martine, Gary and Niki  
Metzger, William  
Mudis, Ernie and Wendy  
Nicholos, Sam and Dawn  
Oberlies, Toulia  
Pappaioanou, George and Marjorie  
Pappas, Leon and Andrea  
Pappas, Nicholas and Tracy  
Pappas, Victoria  
Pavlakos, Elias and Maria  
Payne, Martha  
Pasyanos, John and Liberty  
Pavia, Joseph  
Payne, Martha J.  
Pease, John and Maria  
Rowlas, Julie  
Saran, Nicholas  
Sarris, Irene  
Sofianopoulos, Nick and Vickie  
Tridico, Kristina  
Vitsas, C. J.  
Vitsas, James, Jonathan, and Vanessa  
Vitsas, Sondra  
Waterbury, Anthony and Kristen  
Woodruff, Jim and Cindy  
Young, Michael and Helen  
Zeheralis, Gail

## Chattanooga, TN – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish  
Annunciation Philoptochos  
Ballas, Fr. Stavros and Presbytera Thea  
Albu, Titus and Jisook Kim  
Berkley, Joseph  
Bougdanos, Maria  
Bouloukos, Dino and Maria  
Dimopoulos, Dennis and Barbara  
Ethernott, Wayne and Yolanda  
Fotiadis, Nicky and Lilly  
Fox, Ann F.  
Hopper, Richard and Chrsi  
Kazemersky, Phil and Judy  
Kouris, George  
Mena, Michael  
Mousourakis, John and Donna  
Pagnani, Katie  
Petros, John and Voula  
Petros, Tommy  
Ramsey, Karen  
Tolbert, John and Janice

## Cincinnati, OH –

Holy Trinity–St. Nicholas  
Holy Trinity–St. Nicholas Parish  
Redmon, Fr. William and  
Presbytera Elizabeth  
Anagnostou, Helen  
Apostolides, Vasso  
Assaley, Lewis and Patricia  
Raptis, James and Maria  
Stringas, Emanuel

## Dayton, OH – Annunciation

Annunciation Philoptochos  
Emroll, Fr. Mark and Presbytera Virginia  
Nakis, George  
Retzios, Thomas

## Detroit, MI – Annunciation Cathedral

Annunciation Parish  
Bennert, Constance  
Lianos, Ethel  
Lianos, William and Kim  
Politis, Dean  
Tapazoglou, Nicolaos

## Elmira, NY – St. Athanasios

Scott, Fr. Richard

## Farmington Hills, MI – Holy Cross

Holy Cross Philoptochos  
Holy Cross GOYA  
Hountalas, Fr. Dean and  
Presbytera Olga  
Casoglos, Thomas and Mary  
Hountalas, Chris  
Shukla, Margarita

## Fort Wayne, IN – Holy Trinity

Fliotsos, Bill  
Maggos, El and Voula  
Mattingly, Joe and Thomai

## Grand Blanc, MI – Assumption

Assumption Parish  
Assumption Philoptochos – *In Memory of Florence Stefanou*  
Daughters of Penelope,  
Iris Chapter #242  
Maggos, Fr. Angelo and Presbytera Teri  
Chinonis, John and Linda  
Delbridge, Ray and Carol  
Greenberg, Robert and Camelia  
Hountalas, Dimitri and Brittany  
Hountalas, John and Tasia  
Hountalas, Yanni  
Kalatzis, Athena  
Kallis, Agape C.  
Photiou, Lucas and Lori  
Politis, George and Rita  
Potsos, Mike  
Schultze, Joanne  
Yeotis, Catherine

## Grand Rapids, MI – Holy Trinity

Berends, Fr. James and  
Presbytera Anne  
Bogdan, Fr. James and Presbytera Joan  
Cassis, Deacon E. George and  
Diaconissa Vicki  
Anastos, Lana  
Georgeson, Menas and Frosene  
Monoyios, Terry and Akrivi  
Nicholas, James and Georgia  
Sinias, Thomas and Michelle

## Indianapolis, IN – Holy Apostles

Holy Apostles Parish

## Ithaca, NY – St. Catherine

St. Catherine Philoptochos –  
*In Memory of Florence Stefanou*  
Parthenakis, Fr. Thomas and  
Presbytera Cathy  
Bantuvanias, Ann  
Bezirgianian, John

## Jamestown, NY – St. Nicholas

Russell, Fr. Jarrud  
Cheronis, James and Christine  
Turner, Angie

## Kalamazoo, MI – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish  
Theoharis, Fr. Theoharis  
Doe, Joseph and Alice  
Ingalls, Robert and Andriana  
Stamos, Steve and Tasia

## Lansing, MI – Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish  
Holy Trinity Philoptochos  
Sietsema, Fr. Mark and  
Presbytera Katherine  
Pascalenos, Tom and Olga

## Lexington, KY – Panagia Pantovasillisa

Panagia Pantovasillisa Philoptochos  
Sicoe, Fr. Cosmin and  
Presbytera Mihaela  
Arimes, Vickie  
Frangedakis, Eleni  
Karounos, Dennis and Chrsi  
Minor, Thomas and Delores

## Little Rock, AR – Annunciation

Verdaris, Fr. Nicholas and  
Presbytera Mary  
Delfos, Fr. Pierre and Presbytera Harriet  
Pappas, James and Eva  
Vratsinas, Gus and Irene

## Louisville, KY – Assumption

Assumption Philoptochos  
Boukis, Fr. Jon and Presbytera Doreece  
Wingenbach, Fr. Gregory  
Blackford, Charles and Patricia  
Makris, Mary  
Speliotis, Evanthia  
Taylor, Robert and Linda Shapiro

## Marquette, MI – Assumption

Wainio, Paul and Katherine

## Memphis, TN – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish  
Annunciation Philoptochos  
Annunciation Philoptochos –  
*In Memory of Florence Stefanou*  
Thomas, Fr. Simon and  
Presbytera Stephanie  
Kay, John and Nancy  
Morrison, Robert and Kathryn

## Muskegon, MI – Annunciation

Annunciation Parish  
Honeycutt, Fr. James and  
Presbytera Julie  
Encelewski, Christine Danigelis  
Ladas, Paul and Patricia  
Oravitan, Andre  
Oravitan, Ionut  
Oravitan, Philip

## Nashville, TN – Holy Trinity

Hohnholt, Fr. Gregory and  
Presbytera Sofia  
Gaddis, Jim and Tasoula  
Gore, James and Stacy  
Harman, Todd and Dawn  
Lamberson, Lambert and Helen  
Miller, John M.  
Taber, David and Carol

## Nashville, TN – St. John Chrysostom

St. John Chrysostom Parish  
Turner, Fr. Parthenios and  
Presbytera Marion  
Courington, Christopher and Shelley  
Demmas, Constance  
Derryberry, Paul  
Dozier, Matthew  
Marchetti, John and Linda  
Mattei-Weiland, Marie  
Pappas, Thomas S.  
Thomas, Gordon E.  
Tickle, Jeffrey and Jackie  
White, Mark

## New Buffalo, MI –

Annunciation-St. Paraskevi  
Martin, Fr. Paul and Presbytera Nikki  
Anton, Gust  
Kerhoulas, Mike and Louisa  
Kerhoulas, Ted and Sherri

**Plymouth, MI –  
Nativity of the Virgin Mary**  
Nativity of the Virgin Mary Parish  
Marcus, Fr. Nicholas and Presbyteria Liza  
Randall, Michael and Anne  
Stassinou, Larry and Helen

**Rochester, NY – Annunciation**  
Mot, Fr. Catalin and Presbyteria Felicia  
Aslani-Breit, Maria  
Gines, George and Maria  
Pink, Kenneth J.  
Savidis, Panagiotis  
Stefanou, Gus

**Rochester, NY – Holy Spirit**  
Marcantoni, Fr. Michael and  
Presbyteria Katherine  
Gesell, Melody  
Palis, James and Elizabeth

**Sault Ste Marie, MI – St. George**  
St. George Parish  
Cristof, Nelu  
Majoros, Themistocles

**Saginaw, MI – St. Demetrius**  
St. Demetrius Parish  
Cook, Fr. Timothy and  
Presbyteria Catherine  
Ahejew, Petro and Sandra  
Bazakis, Andrew and Ann  
Caldwell, Larry and Peggy  
Chisholm, Micah and Stephanie  
Economou, Lou and Soula  
Houpis, Evan and Alexia  
Metropoulos, Pete and Maria  
Ostler, Dennis and Soula

Rouman, Frances  
Stamas, Jim and Marsha  
Ulmer, George and Virginia

**Southgate, MI – St. George**  
St. George Parish  
St. George Philoptochos  
Cook, Fr. Anthony and  
Presbyteria Elizabeth  
Karamanos, Fr. Philemon and  
Presbyteria Helen  
Anonymous  
Constantakis, Clarence  
Colovos, Bill and Julie  
Dionysopoulos, Stavros and Eleni  
Kircos, Angelo and Sophia  
Kircos, Lazaros and Paula  
Kontos, Chris and Frances  
Kontos, John and Marika  
Minton, Nicholas  
Vougiouklakis, Peter and Christina

**Springfield, OH – Assumption**  
Assumption Parish  
Lagos, James H.

**St. Clair Shores, MI – Assumption**  
Assumption Parish  
Assumption Philoptochos  
Varlamos, Fr. Michael and  
Presbyteria Tina  
Andoni, Paul and Roxanne  
Brennan, Stephanie  
Gaggos, George and Anna  
Jordan, Thomas G.  
Kohl, David and Chrysanthé  
Niforos, Theodore and Anna  
Thomas, Tom and Lynn

Voudoukis, Ignatios

**Sterling Heights, MI – St. John**  
St. John Parish  
St. John Philoptochos  
St. John Choir  
St. John GOYA  
Kyritses, Fr. Nicholas  
Kotsis, Damian and Anastasia  
Kotsis, Harry and Katherine  
Lionas, Jim and Helene  
Lionas, Nicholas and Amanda  
Raphitis, Mike and Betty  
Souris, Bernice  
Tangalos, Theodore and Mary

**Syracuse, NY – St. Sophia**  
Smith, Fr. David and Presbyteria Donna

**Toledo, OH – Holy Trinity Cathedral**  
Holy Trinity Philoptochos  
Anagnos, Joyce  
Biernacki, Gerald and Pauline  
Lawrence, Dennis and Kathy  
Photos, Thomas M.  
Proestos, Kypros and Panagiota  
Sieben, Paul  
Yakumithis, Manuel K.

**Traverse City, MI – Archangel Gabriel**  
Archangel Gabriel Philoptochos  
Sobkowski, Nikki  
Underwood, Robert and  
Theresa Stamos

**Troy, MI – St. Nicholas**  
St. Nicholas Parish  
Bologna, James and Patricia

Carson, Chrysia  
Chalker, Jess and Patricia  
Hazen, Brian and Tina  
Katsimbaris, Ioannis and Andrea  
Mortis, George and Hionia

**Vestal, NY – Annunciation**  
Annunciation Parish  
Gianakourou, Harry and Katie

**Watertown, NY – St. Vasilios**  
St. Vasilios Parish

**Westland, MI –  
Sts. Constantine and Helen**  
Petritiu, Fr. Teodor and  
Presbyteria Roxana

Bigas, Dimitrios  
Chuey, Mark  
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