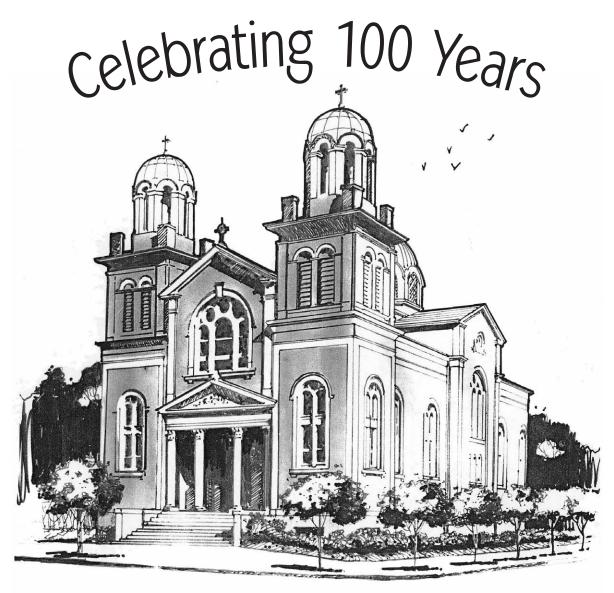
# The Hellenic Echo

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### Holy Trinity's Mission Statement

To Worship and glorify God; by promoting the teachings of the Greek Orthodox Faith, to encourage all members' participation through our Greek culture, educational programs, community outreach and fundraising activities while serving God, our community and humanity with love.



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President - George Sares, 15; Vice-President - Paul Sieben 15; Treasurer - Denny Lawrence 14

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### Parish Ministries

Philoptochos President: Susie Doukides Church School Director: Dr. Susan Sieben Altar Boy Captain: Alex Pechlivanos

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GOYA President: Anastasia Reder

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Dear Parish Family,

Someone once said that "Families are like fudge - mostly sweet with a few nuts." (Author Unknown). I believe all of us know this to be true. Despite this truth, our families are still important to us. In my life I came to appreciate my family the most when I had no biological family near me. I understood that without them holidays seemed to be empty. I realized that my children miss out on the experience of having cousins to grow up with. It was not until I left did I fully recognize how wonderful family really is. This becomes clear around Thanksgiving and Christmas. These holidays are times when we gather as families in order to celebrate. Sometimes an issue can arise when we forget another family we have: our Church family. Many times these two types of families seem to be at odds with one another.

Christmas is one of those times of the year that we believe we must choose between our biological family and our Church family. The question, "How can go I to church and be ready for Christmas dinner?" is one that comes up all the time. In this moment we forget that this time of the year is one where we receive the Christ child into our lives. It is a time that we are asked to consider this birth and allow its great significance to find its way into our hearts. But instead we put the Christmas party first. We put our family functions first.

C.S. Lewis once said these very appropriate words, "There is a stage in a child's life at which it cannot separate the religious from the merely festal character of Christmas or Easter. I have been told of a very small and very devout boy who was heard murmuring to himself on Easter morning a poem of his own composition which began 'Chocolate eggs and Jesus risen.' This seems to me, for his age, both admirable poetry and admirable piety. But of course the time will soon come when such a child can no longer effortlessly and spontaneously enjoy that unity. He will become able to distinguish the spiritual from the ritual and festal aspect of Easter; chocolate eggs will no longer seem sacramental. And once he has distinguished this he must put one or the other first. If he puts the spiritual first he can still taste something of Easter in the chocolate eggs; if he puts the eggs first they will soon be no more than any other sweet treat. They will have taken on an independent, and therefore a soon withering, life." We must distinguish between the fun of the Christmas party and the importance of this great feast. We must remember to put the feast of our Lord before the fun of parties and opening gifts. If we put Christ first then Christmas, the birth of our Lord, will have the intended significance. An example of what we can do is found in the person of St. Andrew the first called.

When St. Andrew saw the Lord he immediately went to his family, to his brother Peter, and told him of Christ. But he did more than merely tell him, he brought Peter to meet the Lord. My family in Christ, I am not asking you to choose one family over the other. I am asking you to invite one family to the other's house. I am asking you to celebrate Christ's birth with Christ here in His house. I am asking you to remember to incorporate the traditions of your Church family with the traditions of your biological family. I am asking you to allow the Christ child to be born in you and your family by being here at Church to receive the Christ child.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Harry Jogali

### December 2014

# Holy Trinity Cathedral

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Parish Council Meeting 7pm Philoptochos Regular meeting 7pm Decorate Christmas Tree	OCF - UT 6pm Seminar AOA 9-4pm Greek Kitchen	AHEPA meeting 6pm Bible Study 10am & 7pm Youth Greek School 4-6pm Adult 6-9pm	Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 10:15am St. Barbara	Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 10:15am St. Nicholas Vesper Service 7pm at St. Nicholas GOC Ann Arbor, MI St. Savas	GOYA Retreat & Outreach Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 10:15am
GOYA Meeting after Church Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Pass out Madonna Bags PC Elections St. Nicholas Open House at Det. Metropolis 1-5pm	8	9	10 Bible Study 10am & 7pm Youth Greek School 4-6pm Adult 6-9pm	Feast of St. Spyridon Vespers at GO Metropolis 6:30pm HOPE & JOY 6pm Preparation of Shut-in Boxes	Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 10:15am St. Sypridon Hierarchical D.L. 10am at GO Metropolis St. Spyridon	13
14 Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Philoptochos Tray for St. Spyridon	15 Philoptochos Board meeting 7pm	16	17 Youth Greek School 4-6pm Adult 6-9pm	18	19	20 C.S. Pageant Rehearsal 10-12pm
21 C.S. Christmas Pageant Community Christmas Party Deliver Madonna Bags Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy	22	23	24 Vesperal Liturgy 6pm	25 Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 10:15am	26	27 Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 10:15am
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# January 2015

# Holy Trinity Cathedral

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25 Greek Letters Day Program by Greek School Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am	26 100th Anniversary Celebrity Wait Event	27	28 Bible Study 10am & 7pm Maids of Athena meeting at Papa G's 6pm Youth Greek School 4-6pm Adult 6-9pm	29	Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 10:15am	31

### **CHURCH REGISTRY**

#### HOSPITALIZED

Chris G. Zervos, Pete Papadimos and Tina MacVay

#### BIRTHS

Baby Sebastian born September 24, 2014 to parents Randall & Mara Lizcano

Baby Julia Sabina born October 6, 2014 to parents Helmut & Stavra Alexandra (Xanthakos)Roehrig

#### **CHRISMATION**

Sarah Marie Grzybowski November 13, 2014 Sponsor: Presbytera Claire Foutoukos

#### **BAPTISM**

Boris Thornber - November 1, 2014 Parents: Stephen A. Thornber & Natalia Balashova Sponsor: Dr. Susan Sieben

ENGAGEMNT Luke Hall & Sarah Grzybowski

#### **WEDDING**

Nick Avramaut & Kimberly Ann Haas November 8, 2014 Sponsor: Dave Maxim

#### DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to:

John & Frances Adams – 65 years Paul & Susan Sieben – 43 years Tom & Sandra Manton – 39 years Bryan & Kathy Chaka – 30 years Jeremy & Jamie Marinis – 7 years

#### **MEMORIAL SERVICES**

Louisa Arvantis – 40 Days Dr. Christos Ioannidis – 40 Days Petula Stamos – 40 Days Eustace Tokles – 40 Days Elizabeth Trantos – 40 Days Maryann Dionyssiou – 1 year Dr. Peter Hountras – 1 year All Deceased Members of Philoptochos May Their Memory Be Eternal

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

May Their Memory Be Eternal

### IN MEMORY OF CHRISTOS IOANNIDIS

Mr. & Mrs. George Anagnos

Ms. Joyce Anagnos

Dr. & Mrs. Gerald Biernacki

Dr. & Mrs. Eduardo Galo

Mrs. Irene Kaufman

Mr. & Mrs. George Mulopulos

Mrs. Sophie Paterakis & Debbie

Mr. & Mrs. James Veronie

Young at Heart Members

### IN MEMORY OF LOUISA ARVANTIS

Young at Heart Members

#### IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH TRANTOS

Mrs. Mary Markham

Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Proestou

Mrs. Antonia Tom

Mr. & Mrs. John Voudouris

### IN MEMORY OF EUSTACE TOKLES

Mr. John Arvanitis

Dr. & Mrs. Wallace DePue

Mr. & Mrs. George Foussianes

Mrs. Irene Foussianes

Mr. Chris G. Grevis

Mrs. Irene Kaufman

Ms. Susan M. Lahr

Mrs. Mary Markham

Mrs. Despina Pelphrey

Mrs. Antoinette Porentas

Mr. & Mrs. Kypros Proestos

Mrs. Demetra Theodorou

Mr. & Mrs. John Veronie

Mr. & Mrs. Chris G. Zervos

### IN MEMORY OF SPIROS C. THEODOROU

Ms. Katie Eleftheriou

Mrs. Tulla Mihas

Mrs. Despina Pelphrey

Drs. Dimitrios & Ursula Xanthakos

Mr. & Mrs. Chris G. Zervos

### IN MEMORY OF PETULA STAMOS

Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Proestou

Mrs. Barbara Sackman Mrs. Sophia Spillson

Mr. & Mrs. Chris G. Zervos

### IN MEMORY OF PETE J. MIHOS

Mr. & Mrs. Sarantos Mihos

### IN MEMORY OF BESSIE GUNTER

Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis

#### IN MEMORY OF MARYANN DIONYSSIOU

Harry Dionyssiou Family

Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Proestou

### IN MEMORY OF THOMAS G. PELPHREY

Ms. Joyce Anagnos

Mrs. Demetra Theodorou

### IN MEMORY OF JOHN & IRENE

HIMEBAUGH

Mary Brandberg

#### IN MEMORY OF BESSIE PAPUCHIKE

Mrs. Mary Brandberg

### IN MEMORY OF ANGELINE ENNIS

Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Stevens

#### IN MEMORY OF STEVE STEVENS

Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Stevens

### IN MEMORY OF GEORGE & ELIZABETH

CAVAS and JOHN & BONNIE CAVAS

Marianne Cavas Morgan

### IN MEMORY OF STEFANOS

ROSSOPOULOS

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hartford

#### **IN MEMORY OF SARAH MANCY**

Mr. & Mrs. Chris G. Zervos

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

... Belated congratulations to Dayna Dionyssiou who was nominated to the Sylvania Southview Homecoming Court in October

#### SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

- ... Ted Arvanitis for constructing a beautiful portable stand for baptismal font.
- .. Manuel Yakumithis for repairing the show case in the Bookstore.
- .. Ted Voudouris for adjusting the sound system in Church.
- ..Dena Grevis Smith and her class for their cleaning work in our Community Center

...Mary Dedes, Connie Mynihan, Dorothy Yakumithis, Mary Markham, Evgenia Matthews and Dena Grevis Smith and her class for helping out at the City of Toledo Homeless Luncheon November 20<sup>th</sup> here at our Community Center.

#### DECEMBER DAILY BIBLE READINGS

	I	M	1 Tim 1:1-7	Lk 19:37-44
	2	T	1 Tim 1:8-14	Lk 19:45-48
	3	W	1 Tim 1:18-20;2:8-15	Lk 20:1-8
	4	T	Gal 3:23-4:5	Mk 5:24-34
	5	F	Gal 5:22-6:2	Mt 11:27-30
	6	S	Heb 13:17-21	Lk 6:17-23
Sun	7		Eph 5:8-19	Lk 13:10-17
	8	M	1 Tim 5:1-10	Lk 20:27-44
	9	T	Gal 4:22-27	Lk 8:16-21
	10	W	1 Tim 5:22-25;6:1-11	Lk 21:5-8,10-11,20-24
	11	T	1 Tim 6:17-21	Lk 21:28-33
	12	F	Eph 5:8-19	Jn 10:9-16
	13	S	Gal 5:22-6:2	Lk 13:19-29
Sun			Col 3:4-11	Lk 14:16-24, Mt 22:14
	15	M	2 Tim 1:8-18	Mk 2:23-28;3:1-5
	16	T	2 Tim 3:16-17;4:1-4	Mk 8:22-26
	17	W	Heb 11:33-40;12:1-2	Mk 8:30-34
	18	T	Titus 1:5-14	Mk 9:10-15
	19	F	Titus 1:15-16;2:I-10	Mk 9:33-41
	20	S	Gal 3:8-12	Lk 13:19-29
Sun	21		Heb 11:9-10,32-40	Mt 1.1-25
	22	M	Heb 3:5-I1,17-19	Mk 9:42-50;10:1
	23	T	Heb 4:1-13	Mk 10:2-12
	24	W	Mt 1:18-25	Mt 2:1-12
			Lk 2:1-20	Mt 2:13-23
	25	T	Gal 4:4-7	Mt 2:1-12
	26	F	Heb 2:11-18	Mt 2:13-23
Sun	27	S	Acts 6:8-15;7:1-5,47-60	Mt 12:15-21
	28		Gal 1:11-19	Mt 2:13-23
	29	M	Heb 2:11-18	Mt 2.13-23
	30	T	Heb 9:8-23	Mk 11:11-23
	31	W	Heb 10:1-18	Mk 11:22-26

+Christmas

### President's Message by George W. Sares

It's been a challenging year filled with change that was mostly good and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all parishioners, and all of the organizations including our Choir, Alar Boys, Sunday school and Hellenic Dance Company for their support during this time. We've been blessed with Father Larry and his family this year and we appreciate all he has done in the short time he has been with us as we work toward our 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration in June of 2015.

We had a very successful Greek Festival despite the weather – a special thank you to all volunteers that helped make this happen.

Stewardship 2015 is off to a good start – but please – if you have not turned in your pledge commitment card please do so now.

Our Mortgage Campaign Committee is reporting good numbers and we are optimistic that it will be paid off by June of 2015.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Greece Uncorked" sponsored by our Philoptochos and chaired by Kelly Yakumithis was a huge success and I thank her and her committee for all their hard work.

The Community Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> after Divine Liturgy. I look forward to seeing you all there as we celebrate the holiday together as a family. I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with happiness and good health - and as always if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to give me a call.

### Philoptochos News by Susie Doukides

We recently held our first annual "GREECE UNCORKED" event. What a fantastic and successful night! Event chairman Kelly Yakumithis and her dedicated and hard working committee achieved their vision and goal. The evening was filled with wonderful food, music, wine and lots of fun. This was a spectacular and enjoyable evening on every level. The proceeds will go to Philoptochos' pledge and commitment to the reduction and retirement of our Cathedral's existing mortgage. We are grateful to everyone who worked tirelessly on this fundraiser especially the devoted

committee, people who helped with the delicious food and baskets as well as the silent and live auction item donors. We would also like to thank the generous sponsors and to all of those who purchased tickets. The auction was great fun and thanks to all the bidders it was a huge success, we appreciate your support.

Thank you Kelly for an amazing job well done for a beautiful and successful evening. A fundraiser such as this will enable Philoptochos to continue to do its charitable and philanthropic work throughout our community. We are already thinking forward to next year's Greece Uncorked 2015! Thank you again to all involved.

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we honored our Patron Saints, Cosmas and Damianos. The two brothers, who were physicians, assisted the poor without any desire for compensation. Because the Philoptochos Society is also dedicated to helping those in need we chose to celebrate Philoptochos Sunday along with this feast day. Following the Divine Liturgy, an Artoklasia and Memorial services were held. We honor those members who have passed. We thank them for their contributions to our Orthodox faith. Thank you to everyone who made this a special day including the delightful coffee and refreshment hour.

The Christmas holidays are just around the corner! Please remember to fill the Madonna Home Gift Bags for our neighbors across the way and return them to the Community Center. Monetary donations are also accepted for our appreciative neighbors. We will distribute the bags on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> after our Community Christmas Party. Please see Debbie Paterakis if you have any questions or if you would like to help with this much appreciated project.

We are preparing for our Philoptochos Vasilopita Celebration and Luncheon on January 11, 2015. Andreas Dionyssiou and his faithful crew will be cooking his outstanding traditional dinner. Keep the date marked on your calendars and tell your families. Please remember we need bakers for Vasilopitas on the tables. We look forward to an exciting and healthy blessed year ahead as we celebrate our 100th anniversary at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Wishing you God's wonderful gifts of faith, hope, peace, and love at Christmas and always. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

# Kroger Community Rewards Program by Mary Dedes

Philoptochos continues to participate in the Kroger Community Rewards Fundraiser. This is a *PROFITABLE*, *PAINLESS*, *and PERPETUAL* fundraiser. It does not cost you a cent!

The amount of the rewards is based on a percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending of all participating organizations...and there are over 7,000 organizations participating! The more "spenders" we have, the more our earnings.

Please, do not hesitate to ask a friend, co-worker, relative, employee, if they have designated a charity on their Kroger Plus Card yet. And if they say NO, ask them to name us! Instructions are in the box below.

The web sight to join or re-enroll is <a href="https://www.krogercommunityrewards.com">www.krogercommunityrewards.com</a>
Scroll down to Community Rewards and follow the prompts. Our name is Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Philoptochos and our ID# is 81429. Make a note of your Kroger password and also put a reminder on your computer to re-enroll in April.

Questions? Please see Mary Dedes.
Philoptochos sincerely thanks all the participants and wishes one and all HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

### GOYA News by Anastasia Reder

Hello Everyone,

Goya would like to thank all the people that participated in the Thanksgiving Basket Raffle. November started off with Youth Sunday, and we all participated in different ways. Maria Cook and Alex Pechlivanos did a wonderful job of giving the sermons (adult and children's). Alex Yakumithis did a great job reading the Epistle. Alexandra Reder, Dayna Dionyssiou, Theo Pechlivanos and myself helped out with the candles and trays. We would also like to remind you that the Christmas card deadline is Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>. It is cold outside, so stay warm. Happy Holidays.

### HOPE & JOY News by Presbytera Jenny

November's fellowship was a blast! Thanks to January Bolin and Jodi Gray for bringing our yummy taco dinner. We had 17 kids join us! What a great and lively group it was. We broke the kids up K-2 and 3-6 and discussed Generations of Faith with Fr. Larry and then came to the craft table where they designed their own Mosaic Crosses. Check out the 'Family of Faith Tree' displayed in the hall entrance to see some of the fun work the kids have done! December's fellowship will take place on Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm at the Church. Parents may stay or use the time to go out to dinner or get some Christmas shopping done!

### Daughters of Penelope News by Maria Tzanakis

On October 18th The Daughters of Penelope Dodona #24 filled a 56 passenger bus with 54 passengers and headed to The Greektown Casino. We needed the other 2 seats for beverages and snacks that were for sale. We also had two 50/50 raffles (one on the way there and one on the way home where one or our own-Peter Mulopulos won). We are pleased that so many non-parishioners supported this event and we would also like to thank all the parishioners that came as well. We plan on doing another trip next year. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards our commitment to the Mortgage Campaign. Thank you to Marina Cooper for chairing this very fun and successful trip. Marina received many donations (monetary and in product).

Our November meeting was held on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Educational Building in which the District Lodge of AHEPA, DOP, Maids and a Sons of Pericles Supreme Lodge member attended. Our brother Ahepans with the help of Maria Petros and Demetra Theodorou cooked a delicious meal of Macaronia with Meat Sauce, Salad, and your choice of various Cheesecakes. After lunch we all broke into our groups for initiations/meetings. We are proud to welcome Carol Wedding to our Chapter.

At the conclusion of the Maids of Athena meeting President Kristin Zink reported on what

they discussed and their future plans, one of which is to adopt a family for Christmas. We offered to help them by donating different gift cards ranging from \$10-\$20. We will be collecting them at our next meeting. I would also like to thank all the Daughters who stayed and helped set up the Hellenic Dance Company Breakfast the next day.

The Daughters have another fundraiser that has begun called Amazon Smiles.

See below:

What? Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com) and iGive (iGive.com) are separate charity donation programs, but they work together to increase the donation to the benefitting charity.

How? Follow these steps to register:

- 1. Select "Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Toledo, Ohio" as your charity by one-time registration at https://smile.amazon.com/ and sign in as you normally would into your Amazon account.
- 2. Then Select "Daughters of Penelope Dodona #24" as your charity by one-time registration (create a new account) at http://iGive.com/.
- 3. For all future shopping, go to http://www.iGive.com/Amazon (you are automatically directed to smile.amazon.com)

#### 4. Shop.

Why? Double-donations to directly benefit Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Toledo, Ohio for the Dodona #24 mortgage pledge.

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. Plus, for the same purchase, iGive will donate 0.8% of the purchase price. That's a total of 1.3% of every purchase!

When? Available immediately.

Any questions: Please contact Joyce Anagnos (hambou@hotmail.com) with any questions about this. Our next meeting will be on Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup> at Georgio's International Café.

### AHEPA by from George Arvanitis

Season's Greetings from Ypsilanti Chapter 118. Our November meeting was held on Saturday the 8th, an odd day to be sure. However it certainly didn't hurt the attendance for our Joint Luncheon with the Daughters of Penelope. We were honored to have a visitation from dignitaries representing both District and Supreme lodges. In attendance were; Bill Poulos, Sons of Pericles Supreme Treasurer, George Kalantzis, Governor, Buckeye District # 11. Justin Bates, Secretary, Buckeye District #11 and past District Governors Andy Petros and Tony Capranica. A big thanks goes out to my brothers Andy Petros and Jim Mitsopoulos for the wonderful luncheon they prepared for us, featuring Makaronia me Kima, with salad, bread and dessert. After introductions and lunch we split up into our Chapter meetings. It was a very positive and productive meeting with the highlight being the initiation of our two newest brothers, John Anduiar and John Spillson. There won't be a December meeting however we look forward to seeing you all at the Community Christmas Party on December 21st after the Divine Liturgy & the Christmas Pageant, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

# Greek School News by Dawn Anagnos, Director & Instructor

On Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 after the Divine Liturgy, Greek School celebrated 'OXI DAY'. This holiday commemorates the Greek Premier Ioannis Metaxas, saying 'OXI' [NO] to the Axis Forces demanding Greek Surrender in the early morning hours of October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1940. The proud and brave Greek Army pushed them deep into Italy dominated Albania. The entire world was shocked by the Greek bravery, little Greece stood up to the giants where other countries were surrendering one after another. Mark it in your soul that Greece always stands for freedom and answers NO. Our main speaker for the day was an attorney from our parish Mr. Peter Kanios who gave a beautiful and informative speech. Our Flag bearers were Braily

Thabit, Athena and Dimitrios Mitsopoulos who proudly led the procession with the American, Greek and Cypriot flags. After the Doxology and singing the Greek and American National Anthems, the Greek School students recited poems and sang beautiful songs about the 'OXI DAY' and the commemoration of the Greek Flag. Warmest congratulations to our participants, Athena, Theodora, Elias and Dimitrios Mitsopoulos, Braily Thabit, Karris Marinis, Vasilia and Nicholas Legakis.

Many thanks for the beautiful coffee hour table. The refreshments were provided by the Greek School parents, the George Anagnos family and Dimitrios Mitsopoulos family who celebrated their nameday, Hronia Polla. We all enjoyed the beautiful cake of the Mitsopoulos' and the families cookies, cheeses, breads and fruits. Our thanks also to George Anagnos, Catherine Andujar and parents who took pictures.

God Bless you all and Happy Holidays.

# Community Cookbook by Jeanne Gatoura

Cookbook Committee members have been preparing for the upcoming "An Afternoon in Athens" at the Paula Brown Shop located at 912 Monroe at 10th St. on Saturday, December 6th from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. With a growing customer base matching an ever expanding kitchenware and gourmet foods department, this shop will be an excellent setting in which to sell *Olives, Feta, Phyllo & More*. The event will feature a Spanakopita demonstration by Maria Petros and food tastings including Irene Kaufman's wonderful Feta Cheese Ball which is sure to delight the crowd. Please join us for this fun holiday occasion and bring a friend - all proceeds from cookbook sales stay with Holy Trinity.

When I learned that Irene was preparing a Feta Cheese Ball for "An Afternoon in Athens", I was inspired to search through the Cold Appetizers section of the Community Cookbook for Christmas party ideas where I discovered several cheese ball recipes. None are time-consuming to prepare (ideal for the busy holiday season), but will still produce an impressive appetizer. The following are just two examples.

Ann Mulopulos has found that her flavorful Pepper Stone Cheese Ball is great for holiday parties. To prepare, softened cream cheese, sour cream, minced or crushed garlic and equal amounts of caraway seed, dried basil, chopped chives or green onion, and dried dill are combined in a bowl. After the mixture is shaped into a ball, the creation is placed in the refrigerator and once firm, it is rolled in lemon pepper. To blend flavors, Ann puts the cheese ball back in the refrigerator and when ready, presents it with a variety of crackers.

To please blue cheese and olive fans, Jacqueline R. Cisterino makes her delicious Cheese and Olive Ball. To begin, softened cream cheese, crumbled blue cheese and butter are blended together in a mixing bowl. Then ripe chopped olives and minced chives are stirred in. The entire combination is first chilled slightly for easier shaping, formed into two to three balls which are wrapped in plastic and chilled thoroughly. After placing on a serving dish, Jacqueline sprinkles the cheese balls with toasted and chopped walnuts or almonds for additional flavor and texture, garnishes with parsley, and serves with assorted crackers.

Please remember that *Olives, Feta, Phyllo & More* makes a unique and very special gift. So for your holiday shopping convenience, the cookbook will be sold at Coffee Hour after Sunday Services on both December 7th and 14th. Gift-wrapped cookbooks will be available on those two Sundays and can always be found in the Church Bookstore.

The Cookbook Committee wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year!

### Young at Heart News by Becky Skiadas

Young at Heart just celebrated 25 years in October. We sponsored the coffee hour after Church and had a slide show of all the many members and events and trips that we have done through the years.

At our November meeting we planned for our Christmas Party at Angelo's Villa, on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. If you wish to join us, call Becky Skiadas for reservations by December 1<sup>st</sup> at 419-944-4834. The menu will be a choice of three entree's - Steak, Seafood or Pasta.

In January we are planning many day trips and evening outings. Frankenmuth, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Hollywood Casino and other Casino trips and an evening at Treo's and Hockey games. Just to name a few.

Come find out what we are about and enjoy a delicious meal for \$ 7.00 and a short meeting. Dues are \$10.00 a year. Enjoy the company of people with a great sense of humor and who love to have fun.

### CENTENNIAL MEMORIES by Kathy and Bryan Chaka, Karen and Mike George and Yanula Stathulis



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Centennial Memories...

On Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, our Cathedral was alive with the fellowship of many parishioners who came "*Home for the Holidays: Home to Holy Trinity*" What a true joy it was to see so many familiar faces in their old familiar places! It was clear to all that day, that our beloved Holy Trinity will always be our "home" no matter where life takes us.

With this in mind, if you haven't already done so, mark your calendars for <u>Saturday</u>, <u>June 27</u>, <u>2015</u> for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Holy Trinity. We want everyone, young and old, to be present as we celebrate this milestone! Plan ahead and avoid that date for any graduation parties, vacations, or family events. Hold this date for your Holy Trinity "family". Spread the word to family and friends that have moved out of town to come back and join us in celebration that weekend.

### The Holy Trinity Celebrity Wait

The steering committee would also like to ask that you "Save the Date" for our next upcoming Centennial event, "The Holy Trinity Celebrity Wait". This event will take place on Monday, January 26, 2015 at Georgio's Restaurant (426 N. Superior Street in downtown Toledo.)

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Experienced fund raisers, Mike and Karen George, together with their amazing Chairs, Steve and Penny Jenkins, are preparing for a delightful evening of delicious food and fellowship at Georgio's Restaurant, with proceeds supporting our beloved Cathedral. A group of Greek Celebrity Waiters will be inviting friends, family, and colleagues to enjoy a wonderful 4-course meal at Georgio's. All tips from the evening will go directly towards Holy Trinity. This month, an invitation will be mailed to all parishioners

with more details on how to make reservations. We hope you will join us!

As you can see, many exciting things are happening in our Cathedral in preparation for its 100 years!!!! Once again, we've included a monthly memory submitted by one of our parishioners. Please enjoy the following memory and consider submitting a memory from your family as well!

#### EMMANUEL K. YAKUMITHIS

Emmanuel K. Yakumithis was born in Platanos on the Island of Samos, Greece in 1890.

In 1912, as with many others of the time, he immigrated to the United States. He came to Toledo by way of Middletown, Ohio. In 1920, he married Minnie Ansara and they began a life together that lasted nearly 60 years. They raised four children: Karl, Irene, John and Michael and were able to sponsor his sister Georgia Yakumithis-Vasiliou as well as her three sons George, Michael, and Manuel for their citizenship so they too could make a life in our community.

Upon his arrival in Toledo he worked in several restaurants including the State Café, owned by the Mulopulos family. The families became close friends and Mr. Peter Mulopulos became godfather to Irene Yakumithis Diakonis who served as choir director and organist for many years.

Emmanuel and Minnie opened the Baltimore Restaurant in 1922, which continues in the third generation as Michael's Bar and Grill. The helping hand he received from members of our community upon his arrival to Toledo gave him an advantage that lasted his entire life.

He was a founding member and former President of the Parish Council. He was also past Treasurer of the Parish Council and school building committee and the founding Chairman of the Greek School. He was a past President of the Order of AHEPA and was cited by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America in 1977 for his accomplishments over a 50 year period. He also served as co-chairman of the Greek war relief bond drive during WWII.

As a testament to his commitment to his community and his deep rooted conviction that service was a requirement, all of his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and nephews were active in the community as well as his sister Georgia. Four grandchildren have served in different capacities on the Parish Council.

As we prepare to celebrate our 100 year anniversary, we believe he and his contemporaries, our parents and grand-parents, would want us to remember that we are ONE FAMILY at Holy Trinity and with that in mind our future generations can lead us through the next 100 years.

### MORTGAGE COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORT

#### "Honor the Past and Embrace the Future"

Working together, as a community, the Mortgage Campaign that began in January of this year has reached the grand total of \$319,421 in monies and pledges, 71% of our goal! This represents the commitment of 105 members of our beloved Cathedral, as well as commitments from Parish Council members, cathedral organizations and other proceeds.

We are thankful for this strong beginning, an indication of the love, respect and pride we have for our beloved Cathedral and joyfully anticipate the steady progress that will carry us to our goal of \$450,000.

Eliminating the mortgage debt is simply good stewardship. It is about changing the future of the Parish as we pass the torch to future generations at our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in June 0f 2015. Retiring the mortgage in June of 2015 repositions the Parish financially to reinvest in ministry's vice paying debt for the next 10, 20, or 30 years.

We remain yours in Christ's Service, The Mortgage Committee

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Our Stewardship goal for 2014 is \$240,000 – the same level of giving as last year. So far 281 Stewards have pledged \$215,973. Stewardship contributions are \$183,340.

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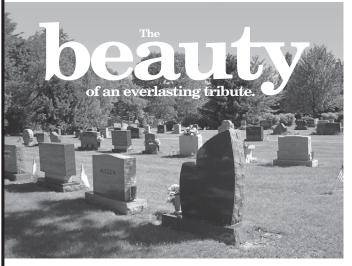
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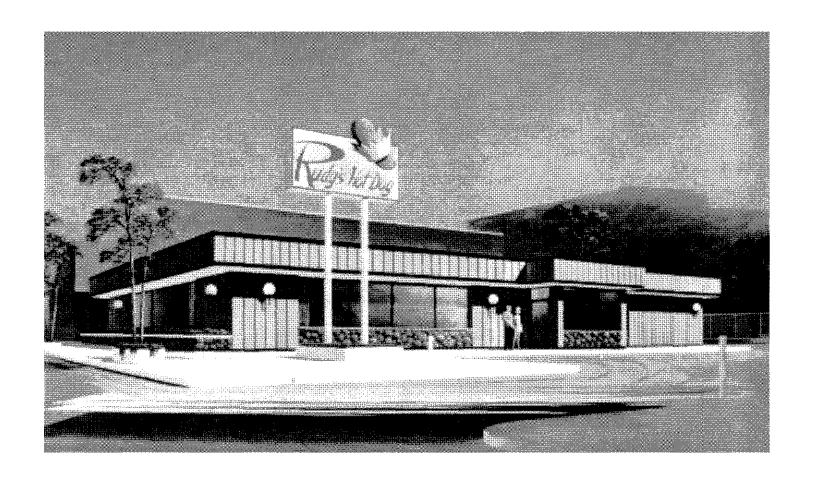
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