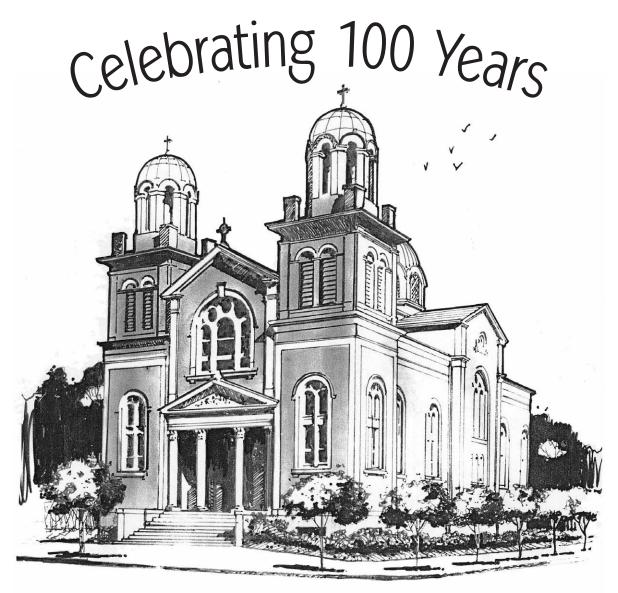
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To Worship and glorify God; by promoting the teachings of the Greek Orthodox Faith, to encourage all members' participation through our Greek culture, educational programs, community outreach and fundraising activities while serving God, our community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



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Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Come, O ye faithful,

Let us praise the greatness of God's dispensation toward us,

For He who became Man because of our transgressions

And who alone is clean and undefiled,

Was for our cleansing Himself cleansed in the Jordan

That He might sanctify both me and the waters...

Let us then draw water in gladness, O brothers,

For upon those that draw in faith

The grace of the Spirit is invisibly bestowed by Christ

The God and Savior of our souls.3

As we enter into this New Year I have been reflecting about the many blessings and changes all of us have received in the past year. As a community you said goodbye to a beloved clergy family and you received with open arms a new clergy family. My family and I said goodbye to our parish in Louisville and greeted all of you with great joy and hope for our future. Hope, because there is much to be hopeful for.

As a community we will be celebrating 100 years of ministry in the Toledo area. As a community we are getting ever closer to paying off the mortgage. As a community we are working to continue strengthening our ministries for our current parish family, future families, and the greater Toledo area. For these blessings and many others we have hope. We have hope and faith knowing that with God's help we will accomplish these tasks.

With God's help, that's the key. We are helped by God when we turn to him. We are helped by God when we receive what He offers. The Church offers us a great way to start the New Year through the blessing of the waters. The above hymn from the Epiphany reminds us of what our Lord has done for us and what He offers us. Christ became man for us that He "might sanctify both me and the waters". And because of that "upon those that draw in faith the Grace of the spirit is invisibly bestowed by Christ the God and Savior of Souls".

My friends and my Church family, we can do more in this New Year by remembering that we have been sanctified. We have received the grace of the spirit because we have drawn from those waters. What are we going to do with it? I believe we will continue what our fathers and mothers started 100 years ago. We will continue preaching and teaching the gospel to all those who come to this Church.

A Blessed New Year.

Father Larry

WHY DO WE HAVE OUR HOMES BLESSED? by Phyllis Mishel Onesh

Begin Everything with Prayer

Since we are reminded in Scripture to begin whatever we do with prayer, it has been the practice of Orthodox Christians for centuries to have new dwellings blessed either before or just after settling in. This has been extended to one's business or office, and even college dorm rooms. "The service performed by the priest to bless the new dwelling is somewhat similar to the consecration of a church [in the Russian practice] in that holy water, holy oil, and incense are used and a lesson from the holy Gospel is read. All the rooms of the house are sprinkled with holy water and each of the four outer walls are anointed with the sign of the Cross with holy oil, a candle placed before them, and after the censing of the house, the lesson from the Holy Gospel is read [in Greek practice the service of the Small Blessing of Waters is generally done]. At the conclusion of the blessing, the inhabitants are blessed with holy water: the husband first, followed by the wife and then the children - the oldest first. Relatives and friends present are then blessed." (Marriage and the Christian Home, by Rev. Michael B. Henning, p.24.)

Back to "The Fall"

From Scripture we know that whatever God created was good; but with "the Fall", evil entered the world, corrupting the creation. God the Father sent His Son Jesus to save it by effecting a "new creation". This is celebrated at Theophany, specifically with the Great Blessing of Water. "The consecration of the waters on this feast places the entire world — through its 'prime element' of water — in the perspective of the cosmic creation, sanctification, and glorification of the Kingdom of God in Christ and the Spirit." (*The Orthodox Faith*, Vol. II, Worship, by Fr. Thomas Hopko, p. 127.) All the readings, hymns, prayers, and actions of the day speak of God's presence in our entire world and universe, 1-Is creation. Through water all of the creation is once again sanctified by God, becoming good again, the way God had intended.

The Feast Of Theophany

The Feast of Theophany (or Epiphany) commemorates the Baptism of our Lord in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. We know from the troparion of the day that "the Trinity was made manifest" to us. But there's more to it than this. "When Jesus descends into the depths of the river, there occurs a profound upheaval. it is not the one baptized who is purified, for he is spotless; but it is the water that is transfigured and illumined. This water, which was believed to be transparent and purifying, is in fact polluted, inhabited by evil spirits, servants of the old gods. By purifying the elements, by sanctifying matter, Jesus frees the cosmos from the powers of evil." (*The Incarnate God*, Vol. I, Catherine Aslanoff, French edition editor, translated by Paul Meyendorff, p.163.)

The Great Blessing of Water and the Home

The Great Blessing of Water takes place at the end of that day's Liturgy. Since our homes cannot be brought to the Church, the Church through the priest and cantor go to the homes. There the service of blessing, which began in the church, is finished with the sprinkling of water in the home. Traditionally, in most Orthodox parishes, the priest personally visits all his parishioners each year to pray with them in the place where they live, and to bless their surroundings with the newly sanctified water of Theophany (January 6/13). By sanctifying our living quarters, our private place, we extend the grace of God to our individual dwellings. (In very large parishes a yearly visit may not be possible. In areas of the country where the winter is harsh, I know of at least one parish where houses are blessed at the beginning of the ecclesiastical year in September.)

We also bring the blessed water to our homes to use throughout the year to bless our homes and to drink whether we are ill or as part of our daily prayer life. "There are many occasions in family life when a sip of holy water can help to remind us of the blessing that was given 'to bestow sanctification', 'unto healing of soul and body', 'to be a fountain welling forth unto life eternal', as the priest prayed in the litany of Epiphany day." (Little Falcons: Water, Vol. 5, No. 2, 1998, p.33.)

Weaving Christ into Our Lives

"The blessing of homes by these holy waters maintains the spiritual association between the 'family church' and the parish, as well as again providing for the sharing of God's spiritual ... This annual blessing is not as elaborate as the blessing of the new dwelling, but because of this it should not be overlooked, for it is in this way that the grace of God. is extended to individual dwellings." (Marriage and the Christian Home, p. 25.)

If the priest comes to bless the home when the children are pre sent, they have the opportunity to see the parish priest in a different and personal situation. If the priest permits, they can lead the way through the house, or hold a candle. They can show him their rooms or pets or favorite toys. They receive a blessing with water. For children, the house blessing shows the connection of the Church to the home.

In Summary

What does it mean to ask God to bless something? All things in the world have been spoiled right along with us. God must bless His world again in order for it to be the way that He wants it to be. For this reason God sent His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit to the world: to bless everyone and everything that He made, to make all things good again. When the priest comes to bless our homes, he asks God to have mercy on the house, to rid it of every evil and to fill it with every blessing. What a wonderful way to begin the New Year!

January 2015

Holy Trinity Cathedral

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Goya meeting after Church Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am	Eve of Theophany & Blessing of Water Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 10:15am Parish Council Meeting 7pm Phil. Board Mtg. 7pm	Great Blessing of Water Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 10:15am OCF - UT 6pm Theophany	AHEPA meeting 6pm Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 10:15am St. John Youth Greek School 4-6pm Adult 6-9pm	8 HOPE & JOY 6pm	9	10
Community Vasilopita Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am	12	13	14 Youth Greek School 4-6pm Adult 6-9pm	15	16	17
18 Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am	Church Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Day Philoptochos Regular meeting 7pm	20	21 Youth Greek School 4-6pm Adult 6-9pm	22	23	24
25 Greek Letters Day Program by Greek School Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am	100th Anniversary Celebrity Wait Event	27	28 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

February 2015

Holy Trinity Cathedral

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Godparent Sunday Goya meeting after Church	Parish Council Meeting 7pm	OCF - UT 6pm	す Bible Study 10am & 7pm	AHEPA meeting 6pm		,
Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Philoptochos Loukoumathes Fundraiser Wear Red Sunday	Presentation of our Lord into the Temple Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 10:15am		Youth Greek School 4-6pm Adult 6-9pm			
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10:00am		St. Haralambos	Adult 6-9pm			Divine Liturgy 10:15am
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Church Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am	President's Day		Youth Greek School 4-6pm Adult 6-9pm			Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 10:15am
Philoptochos Heart Health Awareness						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am	Great Compline 6pm		Bible Study 10am & 7pm Maids of Athena		6:00pm Confession 1st Salutations	3rd Saturday of the Souls
Philoptochos Board meeting	Great Lent Begins		meeting at Papa G's 6pm Pre-Sanctified D.L		7pm	GOYALenten Retreat Orthros
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Sponsor: Peter Cook

Charlotte Andra Upwards – December 20, 2014 Sponsor: Soteria Houlles

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Chris G. Zervos – December 1, 2014 May His Memory Be Eternal

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Congratulations to:

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Charles & Katheryn Bailey - 61 years

James & Irene Veronie - 59 years

George & Dawn Anagnos - 54 years

John & Becky Skiadas - 49 years

Emmanuel & Rhanda Karnoitis - 47 years

Panos & Suzie Doukides - 38 years

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Harry Hartford - 2 years

May His Memory Be Eternal

MEMORIAL GIFTS

May Their Memory Be Eternal

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CONGRATULATIONS To ...

...Dr. Panos Doukides for receiving Fellow status in the American Psychiatric Association. The honor of Fellow reflects his dedication in the work of the APA and the psychiatric profession.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ...

...Jim & Irene Veronie for helping out with the Christmas mailing

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR JANUARY

	1	T	Col 2:8-12	Lk 2:20-21,40-52
	2 3	F	Heb 5:4-10	Jn 3:1-15
		S	1 Tim 3:13-4:5	Mt 3:1-6
Sun	4		2 Tim 4:5-8	Mk 1:1-8
	5	M	I Cor 9:19-27	Lk 3:1-18
	6	T	Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7	Mt 3:13-17
	7	W	Acts 19:1-8	Jn 1:29-34
	8	T	Rom 6:3-11	Jn 3:22-33
	9	F	2 Tim 2:1-10	Mk 1:9-15
	10	S	Eph 6:10-17	Mt 4:1-11
Sun	11		Eph 4:7-13	Mt 4:12-17
	12	M	Acts 18:22-28	Jn 10:39-42
	13	T	Eph 6:10-17	Lk 20:1-8
	14	W	Heb 10:32-38	Lk 12:32-40
	15	T	Gal 5:22-6:2	Lk 12:32-40
	16	F	Acts 12:1-11	Jn 21:14-25
	17	S	Heb 13:17-21	Lk 6:17-23
Sun	18		Heb 13:7-16	Lk 17:12-19
	19	M	Gal 5:22-6:2	Mt 22:2-14
	20	T	2 Cor 4:6-15	Lk 6:17-23
	21	W	Phil 1:12-20	Lk 12:8-12
	22	T	2 Tim 1:3-8	Mt 10:32-38;19:27-30
	23	F	Phil 3:20-21;4:1-3	Mk 2:23-28;3:1-5
	24	S	Gal 5:22-6:2	Lk 18:35-43
Sun	25		Heb 7:26-8:2	Lk 19:1-10
	26	M	1 Pet 2:21-3:9	Mk 12:13-17
	27	T	Heb 7:26-8:2	Jn 10:9-16
	28	W	Gal 5:22-6:2	Lk 6:17-23
	29	T	Heb 10:32-38	Mk 9:33-41
	30	F	Heb 13:7-16	Mt 5:14-19
	31	S	1 Cor 12:27-13:8	Mt 10:1,5-8
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^{*}Fast Day

^{**}Epiphany

Today's Philoptochos News by Suzie Doukides

Philoptochos has been busy with our Christmas Holidays. Our last general membership meeting of the year was on December 8th. Kelly Yakumithis general chairman of "Greece Uncorked" gave her final report of this successful event. She thanked everyone for all the help and support. Our goal was far surpassed with a profit well over \$19,000. Thank you Kelly! You and your committee did an amazing job. This money will be going towards our committed goal of \$25,000 to help with the outstanding mortgage of Holy Trinity Cathedral. We are looking forward and started working on "Greece Uncorked 2015". Helping us celebrate after our holiday meeting and during refreshments organized by Roula. Phyllis, Dawn and Joyce, we had wonderful entertainment from Anastasia and Alexandra Reder and three other Clay High School students. We enjoyed their performance and appreciated their talent and time.

As we know giving is the message of the Christmas season. Philoptochos' Christmas holiday boxes for our parishioners who may not be able to join us as often as they want were distributed. We always think of them and wish them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Barbara Hartford and Pauline Biernacki and their fantastic committee did a great job with the elegantly decorated boxes filled with goodies and warm wishes from Philoptochos during this blessed season.

We always love to hear the Kroger's Rewards Card Program profit. Mary Dedes gets our community excited and charged up on this fundraiser, we made over \$1,200 just this quarter. Make sure you read her full report in this Echo and use your Kroger's rewards card.

Our Educational Center was full with beautiful Christmas Gift Bags for our Madonna Home residents. Thank you to Debbie Paterakis for her hard dedication to this project. We believe our neighbors appreciate how much love was put into the gifts starting from the individually decorated bags from our own Sunday school students. They were distributed after Holy Trinity Community Christmas Luncheon on December 21st.

We all know the special event at Holy Trinity is our Vasilopita Luncheon. It will be January 11th 2015. This is a timeless tradition in our community and the highlight of the New Year and time to gather together as God's family and dream and plan for the future. We are confident that you will not want to miss this treasured Holy Trinity tradition. The Vasilopita dates itself to St. Basil the Great, who as a bishop would hide money or jewels in baked sweet bread as a way to help the poor. Today a coin is baked in the bread and the individual who receives the slice of bread with the coin will receive the blessings of almighty God. Donations will benefit St. Basil Academy. Looking forward to see everyone at this heart-warming afternoon and celebrate the New Year together with our friends and family. Please do not

forget to send in your reservations. On behalf of Philoptochos I wish you Happy New Year with all God's blessing of faith, health and hope.

Kroger Community Rewards Update by
Mary Dedes

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

Philoptochos is pleased to report that for the cycle ended 10/31/14, 118 households earned Philoptochos \$1,092.17.

Last year, for the same period, 126 households earned us \$ 1,287.72. At the end of the April 30, 2014 cycle, 132 participants (the largest ever!) raised \$ 1,016.39.

We remind you that the amount of the rewards is based on a percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending of all participating organizations. There are over 7,000 participating organizations! To increase our earnings, we need to increase the number of participants.

Wish to remind you that all purchases including groceries, prescriptions, flowers, fuel and other merchandise add to our earnings. Another benefit of shopping Kroger is the fuel points that entitle you to 10 cents off per gallon of gas for every 100 points.

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The web sight to join or re-enroll is www.krogercommunityrewards.com. 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.

We urge everyone who is not already enrolled in this program to please take the time to sign up. Instructions are in the box. If you are in doubt about your status, please check it out.

We are competing with some very, very large organizations! We ask you to please invite others (one does not have to be a parishioner to participate) to join us

in this fundraiser. It does not cost a cent! It is **PAINLESS**, **PROFITABLE & PERPETUAL!**

Philoptochos is grateful to all our participants and to Kroger for all their contributions. Very appreciative to both.

Questions? Please see Mary Dedes.

HOPE & JOY News

We pray that your Christmas was wonderful and that you have a blessed New Year. We are very excited about this New Year and all the wonderful things our Hope and Joy group will be doing. We ended the year with record attendance. We had 20 kids come to December's meeting! Each month our fantastic group continues to grow.

We would like to thank the parents for their commitment to this ministry. Please remember you are invited to stay for the meeting and dinner or you can treat yourself to a dinner out. Our next meeting is January 8th at 6:00 pm at Church.

GOYA NEWS by Anastasia Reder

Greetings everyone. First, I would like to congratulate Mr. Tom Photos on winning the Thanksgiving Basket and thank everyone for participating in it. Next, I would like to thank everyone that participated in the Community Christmas Card. On December 6th, Fr. Larry Legakis and Fr. Andrew Walsh held a retreat at the Church with our Goya and Ft. Wayne's Goya. We were enthused to have them join us, and to listen and participate in the retreat, and thanks go out to Mrs. Linda Dionyssiou for helping us with the blankets, which was an activity for the retreat. Thanks also go out to everyone who provided the food for the retreat. Stay safe everyone and have a Happy New Year!

Young at Heart News by Becky Skiadas

Young at Heart celebrated a Christmas dinner at Angelo's Villa on Thursday, December 18. A wonderful time was had by all who attended. It was a great way to start the Christmas season.

Our January meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15th at noon. We will be making plans for many activities for the New Year.

Young at Heart generously donated \$1,000 to our beloved Holy Trinity towards the mortgage and another \$1,000 for the use of the Community Center to defray costs.

Wishing our community a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Community Cookbook by Jeanne Gatoura

December was an exciting time for the Cookbook Committee as we were provided a fantastic venue in which to introduce *Olives, Feta, Phyllo and More!* to a new segment of the Toledo area population. Committee Chair Pam Martin along with the Committee want to thank Paula Brown for "An Afternoon in Athens". Her warm, welcoming staff and a beautiful cookbook display and food demonstration/tasting area set the tone for a lovely day in her shop.

During the afternoon, patrons had fun tasting Spanakopita and the Feta Cheese Ball while viewing Olives, Feta, Phyllo & More!. They were impressed with the cookbook's wonderful design and unique features such as the Cooking with Greek Ingredients section with the graphic diagrams, the sidebars, and that each individual received credit for his or her recipe - a rarity, several noted.

Pam and the Committee are so grateful to fellow members Andy and Maria Petros for their hard work and charm which contributed greatly to the event's success. During Spanakopita demonstrations, Maria captivated customers with her personal instructing style and showed "that working with phyllo is not as hard as you think" - the theme in Paula Brown's promotion which drew people to the occasion. Both Andy and Maria continued to generate interest in Greek cooking and the cookbook by answering questions and sharing anecdotes from their extensive culinary experience. Pam also extends a special thank you to Irene Kaufman for her participation in organizing the event with Paula, and to Yanula Stathulis and Jeanne Gatoura for their help and support.

Shop proprietors, Paula and Peter Brown were so pleased with their customer's positive reaction to the cookbook that it remained on sale in the store through the holidays. All proceeds from sales stayed with Holy Trinity. The Cookbook Committee also thanks the members of Holy Trinity who came to enjoy "An Afternoon in Athens". And if you weren't able to share this wonderful experience in December, you'll have another chance to this Spring when the Paula Brown Shop wants us back!

As always, many thanks to those who purchased *Olives Feta Phyllo and More!* during the holiday season and to everyone who supported the cookbook throughout 2014. Here's wishing you all a Healthy and Happy New Year!

2014 Stewardship Update through December 22, 2014

Our Stewardship goal for 2014 is \$240,000 - the same level of giving as last year. So far 293 Stewards have pledged \$231,594. Stewardship contributions are \$221,301. Please prayerfully consider the needs of our Parish and do your best to give in 2014 at least the same amount in Stewardship as last year!

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Working together, as a community, the Mortgage Campaign that began in January of this year has reached the grand total of \$336,771 in monies and pledges, 75% of our goal! This represents the commitment of 1.14 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 100th 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.

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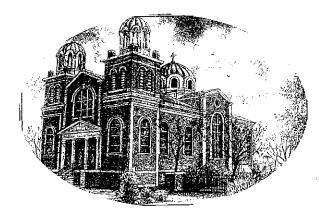


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As Holy Trinity Cathedral celebrates 100 years, we invite you all to "come home" to Holy Trinity on June 27, 2015 to reconnect with family and friends for a weekend of festivities. It is the perfect opportunity to show our support and give back to this holy place that has given us so much.

The financial needs of the parish are great and our home needs our assistance. Please consider making a gift to our beloved Holy Trinity Cathedral so that the community can continue to minister and change the lives of future generations, as it did ours.

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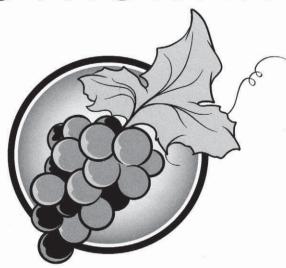
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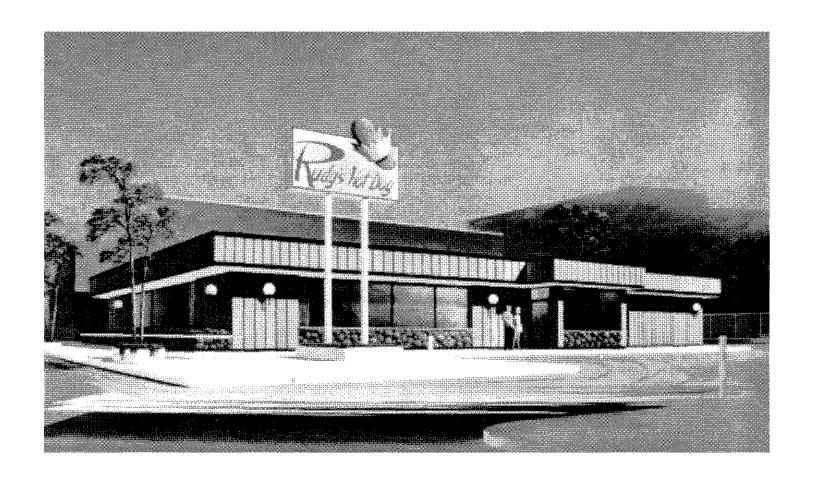
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