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Dear Family in Christ,

As I write this short note to you, the Lenten season is upon us. My mind is drawn to the words from a prayer found in the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, "Enable us also, O good One, to fight the good fight, to complete the course of the fast, to preserve inviolate the faith, to crush underfoot the heads of invisible serpents, to be accounted victorious over sin, and, un-condemned, to attain unto and worship the holy resurrection."

In essence our goal is to receive the holy resurrection which is Christ victorious over death and corruption. We are journeying to be reconciled with him. As Archbishop Demetrios once wrote "It is also a time of reflection when we examine our entire being—mind, body, and soul—and seek spiritual victory through the power and grace of God over anything that separates us from Him." So we fast, we abstain from foods, we pray, and we give alms. As we do this we must bear something in mind. It is a question that Father Alexander Schmemann asks. He says, "But how can we even begin our return to God and our reconciliation with Him if in ourselves we do not return to the unique new commandment of love?" And who are we to love? Father continues and says, "Any human person that God makes me encounter in my life".

My family in Christ, as we prepare to enter into our Lenten journey let us remember that in order to truly meet our risen Lord our fast must be one where we examine our entire being praying for victory over anything that keeps us from Christ. I offer to you that we should begin by looking to the other with love and compassion.

May our Lord grant you and your family a blessed and fruitful Lent.

In Christ.

Father Larry Legakis

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March 2015

Holy Trinity Cathedral

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Goya meeting after Church Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday of Orthodoxy	Great Compline 6pm OCF-UT 6pm Parish Council Meeting 7pm	3	Bible Study 10am & 7pm Pre-Sanctified D.L. 6pm Youth Greek School 4-6pm Adult 6-9pm	AHEPA meeting 6pm	Confession 6pm 2nd Saluations 7pm	7
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April 2015

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Palm Sunday	Holy Monday	Holy Tuesday	Holy Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Holy Friday	Holy Saturday
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OTHER DEATHS:

-Patricia Diver of Waterville, OH (mother of Pete, Ted & Jason Diver.)

-Sherry Sharos of Swansea, IL

(mother of Jaime Theodorou)

-George Korellis of Hammond, IN

(Mary Dedes' brother)

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TO THE MORTAGE FUND IN HONOR OF THE PATERAKIS FAMILY

Mr. & Mrs. John Shea

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Andrea Tsatalis! Andrea is the winner of the Archdiocese Orthodoxy in Motion Video Contest in the REAL Division. Andrea is currently a student at UT. Her video can be found at http://goo.gl/f4NRUp

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

- ... Bill Sares for assisting with the credit card machine at recent events.
- ... Ted Voudouris for helping out with the sound system in Church.
- ... Mary & George Dedes and Mary Markham for helping out in the office.

President's Message by George Sares

Thank you to Steve and Penny Jenkins and Mike and Karen George and their Committee for an excellent fundraiser with the Celebrity Wait Night Event January 26, 2015. All their hard work paid off by raising close to \$12,000 for our Parish. Again, thank you.

The 100-year celebration committee continues to work hard on the planning and organizing of this wonderful event. We are just four short months away from the 100-year celebration. Please make plans to attend along with your families, relatives and out of town former parishioners that may have attended or grown up in our parish.

The Mortgage Campaign Committee continues to work on getting this loan paid off before June 1, 2015. We have made great strides and are within striking distance of completing our goal. If you have not paid or pledged please do so as soon as possible. What better gift can we give to our church than celebrating 100 years debt free?

Godparent Sunday was celebrated on February 1, 2015. The weather was bad and prediction of heavy snow kept a lot of parishioners home. However, the Loukoumathes made by Philoptochos were delicious to those that attended. Thank you to Susie Doukides and her committee.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that the Parish Assembly meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 20, 2015.

As always if you have any comments, questions or concerns please let me know.

Philoptochos News by Susie Doukides

"Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail....." can stop Philoptochos' Loukoumathes Sale. The weather forecast for Toledo was "Level Two" causing many area cancellations on February 1st. Our faithful committee of Olympia Ntakos, Maria Melas, Pauline Biernacki, Ann Mulopulos, Pam Martin and Barbara Hartford served delicious honey glazed loukoumathes for our fundraiser.

On the same snowy day, our organization partnered with The American Heart Association to raise awareness for "Healthy Heart for Women," with their "GO RED" campaign. Parishioners were encouraged to wear red on this day of awareness and the American Heart Association donated GO

RED pins for all the parishioners to wear, which were kindly distributed by Kelly Yakumithis.

Heart disease is NOT just a man's disease. Each year 1 in 3 women die of heart disease and stroke. Education, lifestyle changes and prevention can significantly reduce the risks. It was truly a feel good day and our "GO RED" healthy hearts were warmed, despite being a frigid day!

We have just entered our reflective season of Great Lent, in our faithful walk to our highest holiday of Pascha. Philoptochos will be hosting a religious retreat on Saturday, March 21st at Holy Trinity Cathedral. Father Nicholas Kotsis from St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan, will be our guest speaker. Our morning will begin at 9:30 am with a continental breakfast and luncheon will be provided after the presentation. More information will be sent in a separate mailing. We know it will be a wonderful, spiritual and fulfilling day and we hope you can join us!

We want to welcome all current and new members to join our dynamic philanthropic organization. We have several upcoming events and meetings and would love for you to join us. Please contact either Pam Martin or Susan Doukides (susandoukides@hotmail.com) for more information.

On behalf of Philoptochos, may Lenten season bring faith, health and hope to all.

Philoptochos Up-coming Dates and Events

Coming Duics and Drems
Philoptochos General
Membership Meeting
Philoptochos Board Meeting
Lenten Event Guest Speaker
and Luncheon
Philoptochos General
Membership Meeting
Cathedral Clean-Up
Distribution of Easter Eggs
Preparation of Boxes for our
Shut-Ins
Pascha
Philoptochos Board Meeting
Philoptochos Board Meeting
Philoptochos and Daughters of
elope Joint Mother's Day Dinner
Scholarship Sunday
Philoptochos General
Membership Meeting Elections

Meetings are at 7:00 p.m.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS UPDATE by Mary Dedes

Through the efforts of Holy Trinity parishioners and friends, Philoptochos has received more than \$35,000 from the Kroger Community rewards program. It is easy to enroll. Here is how to set up an account:

- You need a Kroger Plus card.
- Go to <u>www.krogercommunityrewards.com</u> (have your Kroger Plus card handy) and click on "create an account".
- After you register you will receive an e-mail with a link.
- Click on *My Account* and scroll down to edit Kroger Community Rewards information.
- When it asks for the name of the organization or our NPO number, either enter Holy Trinity Philoptochos or our NPO number 81429.
- Once you are registered and you swipe your Kroger Plus card (or enter your telephone number), you may begin to note at the bottom of your receipt that you have elected Holy Trinity Philoptochos as the recipient of your rewards points.

This program's cycle is from May through April and we are required to re-enroll annually in April. Even if you enroll for the first time in March 2015, you must reenroll in April 2015. You will be reminded of this in next month's article as well.

Please join us and enroll in this *Painless*, *Profitable* & *Perpetual* fundraiser. Countless thanks to all participants! Questions?? Contact Mary Dedes.

HOPE & JOY News

HOPE and JOY continues to move through the cold winter months looking forward to the Spring! Last month the kids began considering Lent. The kids played games and did crafts that revolved around the idea of repentance. In March and April will continue the Lenten theme and begin discussing Easter. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 12th. On Holy Friday we will have a wonderful retreat offered by our GOYANS. As we get closer to April more information will be sent out regarding the retreat. Wishing everyone a blessed Lent. HOPE and JOY Ministry Team.

GOYA NEWS by Anastasia M. Reder

Hello Everyone - I would like to thank everyone for their participation in Goya's Bake Sale back in February. On March 7, we will be participating in a Retreat up in Ann Arbor. Back in January, we had watched an awe inspiring movie called *God's Not Dead*, and had a lovely discussion with Fr. Larry about what the movie was about and how it would/could affect us individually.

News from AHEPA by George Arvanitis

Greetings from Ypsilanti Chapter 118. Our February meeting was again an AHEPA/ Daughters of Penelope joint gathering. We had a great turnout even though it was extremely cold. A big thank you to Andy and Maria Petros, who prepared for us, some of the most tender and flavorful beef tips I've ever had. Served with a healthy portion of egg noodles, steamed vegetables, salad, bread and cake, it was the perfect recipe for a warm-up on such a cold evening. If anyone went hungry, it was of their own accord.

I also want to thank <u>all</u> the members of our community who braved the arctic temperatures and came out to support this year's Apokreatiko. Your support really means a lot to us and we really appreciate it. Those not attending missed out on an awesome meal. Thanks to my brothers, Andy Petros and Jim Mitsopoulos for their hard work preparing and serving a scrumptious baked chicken dinner with all the fixings. Everyone certainly got enough to eat and seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

The next date of significance for the AHEPA Family is Sunday, May 17th, AHEPA Day, our annual tribute to the graduates of our community. Look for updates in the weekly church announcements.

As always, those wishing to reinstate or join AHEPA can do so by contacting me, George Arvanitis at 419-340-3487. Applications are also available during coffee hour.

ATTENTION 2015 GRADUATES!!

AHEPA scholarship applications are available for local, district and national levels. It's never too early to start thinking about getting these forms filled out.

Local Chapter 118 Scholarship applications are available by contacting Carole in the church office. 419-243-9189 Application deadline is April 30, 2015.

Buckeye District 11 Scholarship applications are available via download from the District 11 website: www.ahepabuckeye.org Application deadline is

April 15, 2015.

AHEPA National scholarship applications are available via download for the National website: www.ahepa.org App. Deadline is March 31, 2015

Daughters of Penelope News by Maria Rosales

The Daughters of Penelope and AHEPA held a joint meeting at the Community Center on February 5th. After enjoying a delicious dinner prepared by our AHEPAN brothers, we held our regular meeting.

The big discussion this month was our upcoming annual Palm Sunday bake sale. Why spend time baking for Easter when the Daughters are happy to do it for you. We will be offering a variety of home baked goods including diples, paximathia, koulourakia, galatobouriko, and everybody's favorite, baklava. The list of available baked goods and pre-order form has been sent to your home. Pre-orders must be in by March 28th, and can be picked up Saturday April 4th or Sunday April 5th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Community Center. If you choose not to pre-order, we will be selling baked goods during those times as well. From our kitchens to yours, we hope to make this Easter sweet and delicious for everyone!

Community Cookbook by Jeanne Gatoura

Don't be stressed this Fasting season with decision making. A search through *Olives, Feta, Phyllo & More* will reveal many flavorful recipes which will both satisfy the appetite and meet fasting guidelines, making your culinary Lenten journey pleasant for the whole family.

Healthy and delicious, Tasoulla Proestou's Lentil Pilaf is a great dish to make when fasting. Preparation starts with rinsed and strained lentils added to boiling water. After cooking for 15 minutes, drain off the liquid and add 6 cups of fresh water and uncooked rice to the lentils to simmer covered. To ensure the lentils soften adequately, wait until the last 10 minutes of cooking to add salt. Once the water is absorbed, remove from heat. Chopped onion which has been sauteed in vegetable oil is poured over the lentil pilaf and stirred well. Cover the pilaf in the saucepan with a clean towel to sit for 30 minutes before serving. For additional taste and color, Tasoulla suggests a garnish with tomato slices and plain yogurt.

Maria N. Turoff's Lenten Oatmeal Raisin Cookies are a delightful alternative to the store-bought version, fun to make with the kids, and an excellent treat to have on hand throughout Lent. Begin by mixing canola oil, brown sugar, granulated sugar, vanilla and canned crushed pineapple with juice together by hand. In a separate bowl combine flour, oats, baking powder, baking soda, raisins and chopped walnuts which is then added to the wet ingredients and mixed together slowly and well by hand. Individual rounded spoonfuls are then dropped onto a parchment paper lined cookie sheet and

placed in a preheated 350 degree oven for 15 minutes or until done. For a variation on the standard oatmeal raisin cookie, Maria suggests adding dried cranberries and/or chopped dates for an additional flavor surprise.

On behalf of the Cookbook Committee, I hope *Olives*, *Feta*, *Phyllo & More* is both an inspiration and a valuable guide during your Lenten season. As a reminder, our Community Cookbook is available in the Church Bookstore or online at www.holytrinitytoledo.com and makes a beautiful gift for any occasion or just when you want to say thank you.

Greek School News by Dawn-Avgi Anagnos, Instructor & Director

On Sunday, January 25th 2015, at the end of the Divine Liturgy, our Greek School celebrated the Greek Letters Day and the Three Great Hierarchs, Ecumenical Teachers of our early church, Saints, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John the Chrysostom. These church fathers lived in the fourth century and rightly referred to as 'Giants' of faith, courage, holiness and learning. They were among the first to recognize the importance of the Greek Language and culture in developing and advancing Orthodoxy. They helped to develop the Christian Faith in the Greek Language and Thought. The Three Hierarchs are considered the Patron Saints of Education and Culture. They used the art of education and the Greek Classics to teach about God and that is why we have the week around the 30th of January as the week of Greek Letters and Culture.

The main speakers for the day were Presbytera Jenny Legakis in English a graduate of Hellenic College/Holy Cross in Boston and Dawn-Avgi Anagnos in Greek. The Greek School program followed with prayers, poems and songs. The students who participated were, Nikolaos Thomas and Vassilia Eleni Legakis, Marianna Temple and Athena, Theodora and Dimitrios Mitsopoulos. Many thanks also to George and Joyce Anagnos and John Anduhar for taking and developing our beautiful pictures also the Greek school parents and grandparents for hosting the enjoyable Coffee Hour on behalf of our Greek School. They were Fr. Eleftherios and Presbytera Legakis, Michael and Christina Temple, Dimitrios and Athena Mitsopoulos family and George and Dawn-Avgi Anagnos family. It was a beautiful table with all kinds of sweets, fruit, cheeses, olives and veggies. The centerpiece was a book with words of wisdom of the Holy Hierarchs.

On Sunday, March 22nd, 2015, our Greek School will celebrate the Greek Independence Day of the 25th of March 1821. See you then, God Bless you all and Happy New Year.

Centennial Memories by Kathy and Bryan Chaka, Karen and Mike George and Yanula Stathulis



It hardly seems possible and yet, the 100th Anniversary of our Cathedral is only four months away! What an exciting year we have had so far and in just a little over a week, the excitement continues!!! On **Saturday, March 14th, at 6:30 p.m.**, Mr. Lambis Vassiliadis, distinguished international pianist, will appear in concert in our very own Community Center!

This free concert is intended for all members of our parish, young and old. It is our hope that entire families will be present to hear the divine gift and inspired talent of Mr. Vassiliadis. For those of you that remember, Mr. Vassiliades previously played for our community to an overwhelming large crowd back in 1995. If you have never experienced this renowned pianist, we invite you to come and enjoy this dynamic musician who enchanted us 20 years ago and who is now honored and delighted to be with us once again during this historic year! Make your reservations by calling Carole in the church office as soon as possible. This will ensure that seating is available for you and members of your party.

As you can see throughout this past year, the Steering Committee and the Anniversary Committee atlarge is working very hard to celebrate and honor our parish with its <u>Centennial Celebration that will take place on June 27, 2015</u>. The Steering Committee has kept the fiscal responsibility of the church at the forefront of all aspects of planning and preparation for our gala. We want to emphasize that this event will completely pay for itself and that our Cathedral will not incur any financial hardships. Our entire parish has been working tirelessly towards the goal of paying off the mortgage and the end is within our grasp!

As a last reminder, we hope that you have begun to gather memorabilia of your family's historic journey these past 100 years and that you plan to share and display these memories in our Centennial Memories room the weekend of the 100th Anniversary. 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!

Andreas and Haralambos Dionyssiou left their homeland of Cyprus in 1947. They immigrated to the United States through Ellis Island at the age of 19 and 17. Because their Uncle Gus, Uncle Rudy, and Uncle Sam were in Toledo, Andy and Harry decided to make the Glass City their home. After working various jobs, they were drafted and served in the Korean War. Upon completion of their service in the army, they returned to Toledo and opened "A and H Grill" on Bennett Road, and both met the loves of theirs lives, Joan and MaryAnn. Together, they all made Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral their Church home.

After Uncle Rudy passed away, the brothers bought the business and with their hard work ethic, Rudy's Hot Dog grew and flourished and now includes 6 Toledo locations. At the same time, Andy's and Harry's families were growing and all were active members at Holy Trinity. The Church became woven into all of their lives, and family involvement included Parish Council President, Philoptochos Presidents, Sunday school teachers, GOYA members, basketball team members, Greek dancers, HOPE and JOY members, AHEPA, YAH, and numerous other Church organizations and volunteer positions. For 60 years, the Dionyssiou family has loved and been loved by Holy Trinity. They have taken part in the sacraments and have been blessed by all that God and Holy Trinity provides.

The 100th Anniversary Steering Committee invites all members of our parish to enjoy a historic Concert at Holy Trinity.

Mr. Lambis Vassiliadis, distinguished international pianist from the University of Corfu, Greece will appear in our Community Center on Saturday, March 14 at 6:30 pm. He has captured the attention of the press as performer, recording artist and winner of national and international piano competitions. He is sure to thrill our parish with his divinely inspired talent! A dessert reception immediately following the performance will offer parishioners the chance to meet this dynamic musician. There will be no admission charge; this recital is presented as a gift to honor your tireless efforts, hard work and bountiful generosity for our beloved Cathedral. To guarantee seating, please call Carole at (419) 243-9189 or email htgoctol@sbcglobal.net no later than Monday, March 9th. Please specify the total number of seats for your party.

Excerpts from a review of Mr. Vassiliadis' most recent appearance as guest soloist with the London Philharmonic Orchestra in January 2015: "A stupendous performance... captivating passion and energy...sublime playing..."

YOUNG AT HEART NEWS by Eleni Matthews

With temperatures in the single digits 40 of our members came down to the Community Center for our February 19th luncheon meeting. A delicious meal was prepared by Jim Mitsopoulos and Andy Petros. We thank Jim and Andy for always sharing their time and cooking talents and we also appreciate Despina Pelphrey for her willingness to help out always.

February was a sad month. We lost another beloved member Stella Poletes. Stella along with her sister Irene, were among the first members when we organized YAH in 1989 – 25 years ago. Our deepest sympathy to her family. *May Her Memory Be Eternal* Once a member, always a member. To another YAH member and dear friend, Tulla Mihas - Heart felt sympathies go out to her and her family on the passing of her beloved son, Charles. *May God Rest His Soul*.

Our next meeting is March 19, 6:00 p.m. dinner meeting. We would love to have you join us and be a member of YAH. Looking forward to seeing all of you for fun and fellowship.

God's Gifts: 2015 Stewardship Program By Joyce Anagnos and Kathy Chaka Stewardship Co-Chairs

As the cold winds of March blow in, it is difficult to imagine that spring will be right around the corner. It is amazing how quickly time has passed since we all gathered together at the Vasilopita to ring in the New Year. As members of the Stewardship Committee, we, too, find ourselves analyzing the passage of time. Looking back to Stewardship Sunday this past October, we were so pleased with the overwhelming response we had with parishioners turning in their commitment cards. But there is still work to do. It is our hope to have 100% participation in the 2015 Stewardship Program!

We encourage every parishioner/family to turn in a commitment card to the church. In so doing, we will be able to meet the everyday operating costs of the church. Our Stewardship goal this year is \$240,000 – the same goal as the last two years. We can achieve this goal if every Steward is able to increase their 2014 donation by \$1 per week or \$52 per year for 2015. If everyone works together, we can keep our Cathedral thriving for generations to come!

Please enjoy reading a brief history of Stewardship within the church. It is truly amazing how far we have come!

The Early Church

In the early church the Eucharist sacrifice was offered by all members of the church. Each person coming to the gathering of the Church brought with them everything they could spare for the needs of the church. This meant food for the clergy, widows and orphans, a few coins for helping the poor and for all the good works of the church. This practice continues in many parts of the world today.

The Dues System

The idea that as a parish we are able to set an amount that is fair for all parishioners is flawed for a number of reasons. Is it fair to think that the elderly widow living on social security, the successful real estate developer, the doctor, the banker, the teacher and the lawyer each have received the same material blessings and have the same ability to give? There are some churches that ask to see your income tax return so the church may decide what you will give to be a member. Greek Orthodox Stewardship is not about mathematical calculation or

portions or percentages. It can't be reduced to a number of hours of service or dollars offered. It encompasses more: a way of life -- to give willingly with joy from the heart.

Stewardship Today

Holy Trinity uses the process of Stewardship by which we each offer our gifts from God of time, talent, and treasure to the parish according to our blessings. Consequently, there is no minimum or maximum commitment amount. The fundamental premise of Stewardship is free-will giving, with each individual or family looking at the needs of our parish and giving what they are able. Stewardship operates on the belief that the judgment and capabilities of each person, whatever amount they give, is valued and respected.

Thank you on behalf of the Stewardship Committee! If you have any questions about the 2015 Stewardship Program, please feel free to contact any member of the Stewardship Committee.

In HIS Service,

Joyce Anagnos and Kathy Chaka (Co-Chairs), Fr. Larry Legakis (Advisor), George Arvanitis, Dennis Lawrence, MariaTzanakis, George Veronie

2015 Stewardship Update through February 20th - Our Stewardship goal for 2015 is \$240,000 So far 149 Stewards <u>have turned in a pledge cards</u> totaling \$148,582.

Stewardship contributions are \$28,405.

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Mortgage Campaign Committee

February 15, 2015

"Honor the Past and Embrace the Future"

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral,

Just over one year ago we began the Campaign to retire the Community Center's mortgage in honor of our parish's 100th Anniversary. Eliminating this mortgage will ensure the future of our beloved Cathedral so that future generations may invest resources in our Faith and ministry rather than debt service.

Our goal is to raise \$450,000 to pay off our mortgage no later than June 1, 2015. We are pleased to share with you the status of our Mortgage Campaign as of February 2015:

Goal	\$450,000		
Pledges	\$362,000		
Balance	\$88,000		

We only need to raise an additional \$88,000 to achieve our goal! This puts us within "striking distance" of retiring this debt by June 1, 2015.

Here's what you can do to help:

- 1. If you have not yet made a pledge, please fill out the attached pledge form and return it to the church office as soon as possible.
- 2. If you have already made a pledge but have not fulfilled that pledge, please send your gift to the church office no later than June 1, 2015.
- 3. If you have already made a pledge and would like to increase it, please send your gift to the church office by June 1, 2015.

The success of our Mortgage Campaign rests with you – the members and friends of Holy Trinity. Please consider in your hearts all that our beloved Holy Trinity has been and will continue to be for us and future generations. It is in that spirit that we write to you. We were given the gifts of our Church and Community Center by our parents and grandparents. It is for us now to retire the mortgage and honor those gifts during out 100th Anniversary Celebration in June 2015.

In His Service,

. Larry Legakis Denny Lawrence

Cathedra Dean Mortgage Campaign Chair

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100th Anniversary Mortgage Campaign Pledge Form

In response to the needs of our parish and in honor of our Cathedral's 100th anniversary in June 2015, I/We want to participate in the campaign to retire the Community Center mortgage.

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1.	All gifts will be used to pay "Principal" on the community center mortgage.
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4.	All donors will be recognized unless you request your gift remain anonymous:
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MORTGAGE COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORT

"Honor the Past and Embrace the Future"

Working together, as a community, the Mortgage Campaign that began in January of 2014 and has reached the grand total of \$362,752 in monies and pledges, 81% of our goal! This represents the commitment of 123 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 of this year. Retiring the mortgage in June repositions the Parish financially to reinvest in ministries 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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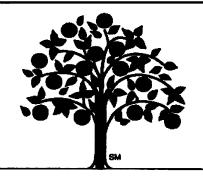
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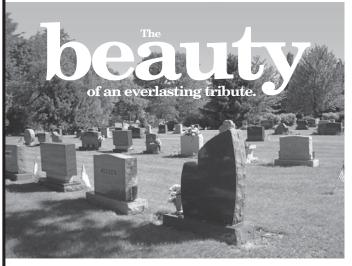
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