

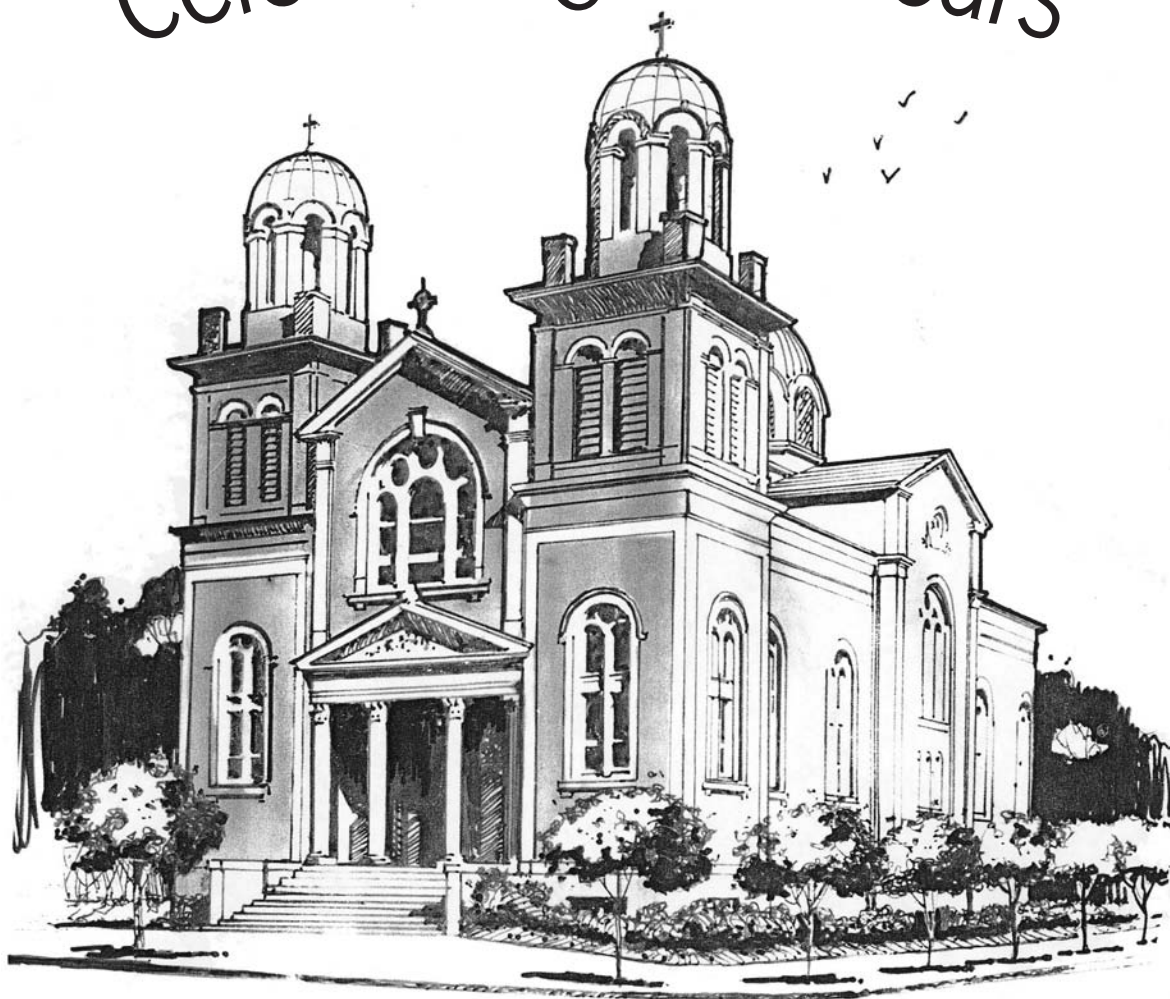
# — The Hellenic Echo —

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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.*

# Celebrating 100 Years



1915 – 2015

*“Honor the Past and Embrace the Future”*

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**Office Hours** Monday-Friday 9:00 am- 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Services** Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Church School Following Holy Communion

**Week Day Divine Liturgy** Orthros 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:15 a.m.

**Evening Vespers Divine Liturgy** 6:00 p.m. Consult Echo Calendar or Weekly Bulletin for times.

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### **Parish Council Members**

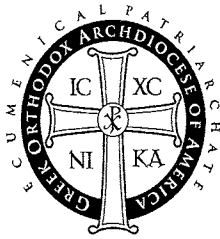
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**GOYA President:** Alex Pechlivanos  
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**Koliva:** Helen Matthews  
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**Young at Heart President:** Becky Skiadas  
**AHEPA President:** Thomas Photos

**Daughters of Penelope President:** Maria Rosales  
**Maids of Athena President:** Maria Cook  
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Dear Parish Family and Friends,

As I write this letter to you the Holiday Season has just arrived. Thanksgiving is just a week away and the Christmas music has hit the radio airwaves. The big box stores are beginning to put out lights and all the other Christmas decorations. All of this reminds me of how busy things are going to get. Thanksgiving dinner preparation is in full swing. Christmas gift buying is getting ready to begin. But as I begin to break out into a sweat I take a look on my desk, where I have a stack of thank you notes all addressed to me. These notes come from you, my parish family. They were written by the youngest of you and the oldest. They were written as a gift, with love. They have been received in the same way. Your beautiful and thoughtful notes are a reminder of what this time of the year is all about. It is a time to be thankful for all the gifts we have received. It is a time of the year to pause and give thanks to God for what we have.

St. Basil the great offers these words, "As you take your seat at table, pray. As you lift the loaf, offer thanks to the Giver. When you sustain your bodily weakness with wine, remember Him Who supplies you with this gift, to make your heart glad and to comfort your infirmity....As you are putting on your tunic, thank the Giver of it. As you wrap your cloak about you, feel yet greater love to God..." St. Basil continues to remind his flock all the ways God has blessed them. My friends it is important as we move forward during this season to pause and take a look at all the ways our Lord has blessed us. As this year comes to end let us pause and think about the wonderful things we have accomplished. As we consider the gifts we want to give and receive, let us remember the gifts our Lord has already given to us. As we do this, let us give a heartfelt thank you to our Lord for the blessing we have received.

I look at these notes and thank God for the blessing Presbytera and I have received, with you, our family, in Toledo. I thank God for giving my family a wonderful first full year with you. I look forward to many more. May our Lord who was born in a cave and lay in a manger for our Salvation grant you a blessed Nativity.

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

In Christ,

*Larry Legakis*  
Father Larry

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## CHURCH REGISTRY

### HOSPITALIZED

Emmanuel Yakumithis and Al Brogan

### BAPTISMS

Constantina Buerman – November 7, 2015

Parents: Brian & Courtney Buerman

Sponsor: Katherine Koutsourelis

Jackson David Simko – November 22, 2015

Parents: Matthew & Leah Rongakis Simko

Sponsor: Sarah Kamilaris

### DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*Congratulations to:*

Paul & Susan Sieben – 44 years

Tom & Sandy Manton – 40 years

Bryan & Kathy Chaka – 31 years

Jeremy & Jamie Marinis – 8 years

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

Mary Hountras Leventis – 10 days

Angela Sevastakis – 40 days

Chris G. Zervos – 1 year

Peter Hountras – 2 years

Christos Karoulis – 3 years

Georgia Karousos – 5 years

John Karousos – 8 years

Nick Petas 10 years

Glykeria Karoulis 15 years

Frances Petas – 16 years

Stergios Petas – 30 years

All Deceased Philoptochos Members

*May Their Memory Be Eternal*

### FUNERAL

George Stavroulakis – October 26, 2015

*May His Memory Be Eternal*

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

#### IN MEMORY OF GEORGE STAVROULAKIS

Mr. & Mrs. George Anagnos

Mr. & Mrs. Dimitri Bubulya

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Bubulya

Mrs. Despina Pelphrey

Sponseller Group

Kalliroi Theodorou

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Verikakis

#### IN MEMORY OF FLOSSIE DEDES

Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Dionyssiou

#### IN MEMORY OF ANGELA SEVASTAKIS

Dr. & Mrs. Nick MacDonald

Mr. & Mrs. George Mulopulos

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Verikakis

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Veronie

#### IN MEMORY OF NICK TOKLES

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Beach

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Condon

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Lenz

Mr. & Mrs. George E. Sarantou

#### IN MEMORY OF STEVE MIHOS

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hartford

#### IN MEMORY OF JOHN VOUDOURIS

Dr. & Mrs. Nick Petousis

Mrs. Elizabeth Voudouris & Ted

#### IN MEMORY OF JOHN & IRENE

#### HIMBAUGH AND BESSIE PAPUCHIKE

Mrs. Mary Brandburg

#### IN MEMORY OF LELAND & MARY

#### MACDONALD

Dr. & Mrs. Nick MacDonald

#### IN MEMORY OF STEFANOS

#### ROSSOPOULOS

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hartford

#### IN MEMORY OF MARY LEVENTIS

Mrs. Peter Hountras

Mrs. Maritsa Loizos

#### IN MEMORY OF GEORGE, ELIZABETH & JOHN CAVAS

Mrs. Marianne Cavas-Morgan

#### *OTHER DEATHS:*

- *Angelo Athanasios Papadopoulos* of Ashville,  
NC (Penny Jenkins' father)

- *Pete Plomeritis* of Cincinnati, OH  
(Bill Plomeritis' brother)

- *Sam A. Dedes* of Lake Wylie, S C  
(George A. & Sam Dedes' brother)

*May Their Memory Be Eternal*

#### *SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:*

- *Connie Mynihan* for her *Prosforo* demonstration  
November 17<sup>th</sup>

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

2015 has been a monumental year for our Parish. The highlight was our 100 Year Anniversary Celebration. We were honored to celebrate this wonderful occasion with His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Metropolitan Nicholas, Father Chris Hadgigeorge, and Fr. Larry Legakis. At the reception, we had the pleasure of burning the mortgage that has lingered over us since the renovation of the Community Center for over 10 years. We raised over \$400,000 in eighteen months, leaving the next generation debt free.

On Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> our parish hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner for the residents of Madonna Homes. Thank you to Karen George, Penny Jenkins, Pam Martin and committee for your hard work putting on this annual event. Our neighbors really appreciate it.

Please make plans to attend our Parish Assembly on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Liturgy. On December 13<sup>th</sup> we will have Parish Council Elections. Please try to attend and exercise your right to vote.

I would like to thank all of you and my colleagues on Parish Council for all of your support this year. It has been a pleasure to serve as your President the past two years. It is time for new leadership to lead the council. Please support whoever the new president will be as I know you will.

On behalf of the Parish Council, Margie and myself, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### ***Philoptochos News by Susie Doukides***

As we are approaching our Christmas season we reflect on and have so much to be grateful for. We have recently held our second annual "GREECE UNCORKED" event. We had a fun, successful and wonderful evening. Our sincere appreciation goes to our general chairman Kelly Yakumithis and her diligent and reliable committee who led Philoptochos to a great triumph. We have to express a special thank you to Andreas and Maria Petros, Jim Mitsopoulos, Jim Martin Ted Voudouris, Monny Yakumithis and Pete Morris. The proceeds of our fundraiser we are able to satisfy our obligation to Saint Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero and to the charities which our membership collectively voted on to make contributions to.

These charities are Life Connection, Family House, Daughter's Project and Bethany House. Thank you again to everyone who worked, donated, purchased tickets to, supported and attended. Philoptochos took up collections of clothes and much needed items for the Syrians crossing into Greece through our islands. We appreciate everyone who donated items, time and money for this philanthropic project.

The Christmas holidays are just around the corner! Please remember to bring or send your donations for the Madonna Homes Gifts for our neighbors across the way. We are collecting money and gift cards from fast food restaurants in increments of \$10.00 for our appreciative neighbors. We will be distributing the gifts on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please see Pauline Biernacki, Kathy Chaka, Susie Doukides or any Philoptochos member if you would like more information with this project. Our mission of Philoptochos is to take on endeavors of our less fortunate. We are privileged and blessed to do this work and pray to be favored in the future.

We are preparing for our Philoptochos Vasilopita Celebration and Luncheon on January 10, 2016. Andreas Dionyssiou and his faithful crew will be cooking his outstanding traditional chicken dinner which we all look forward to. Keep this date on your calendar and tell your families and friends. Please remember we need bakers for Vasilopitas for the tables. Wishing you God's wonderful gifts of faith, hope, peace and love at Christmas Season and always. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### ***Kroger Community Rewards Program by Mary Dedes***

The outcome of the Kroger Community Rewards Fundraiser quarter ended October 31, 2015 will be known soon and Philoptochos sincerely thanks all who participate in this ***PROFITABLE, PAINLESS, and PERPETUAL*** fundraiser.

The amount of the rewards is based on a percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending of all participating organizations. The more 'spenders' we have, the more our earnings.

If your family uses more than one Kroger Plus Card, please go to the Service Counter and have the cards linked to the card that is registered to help Philoptochos.



The web sight to join or re-enroll is [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) . Click on Columbus 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.

We thank you again and wish you happy and healthy holy days. Questions? Please see Mary Dedes.

### *Sunday School News by Dr. Susan Sieben*

Christmas is a busy time for us all. On Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>, our Sunday school will be performing their annual Christmas Pageant. We need all the students to attend class to be prepared. We will be practicing in class as well as a dress rehearsal on Saturday December 19 from 10:00 am to noon.

During snack time we will be practicing popular Christmas Carols as well as the Christmas Apolitikion, "H Gennisis Sou" or "Your Birth O Christ our God". The Joy and Hope already know it! We practiced the hymn on Sunday November 15 at their Nativity Season Retreat. It was well attended and the kids had fun. Some of the children even wanted to sing "solo".

Looking forward to seeing you and your children in Church during the Christmas Season.

### *JOY Group News*



Last Month the **JOY** group had a wonderful and fun packed retreat. We met on Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> and started with games and music. The kids discussed their advent Calendar where they are challenged each day to do an act of kindness. The **JOY** kids played a Christmas version of the game show 'Minute to Win it' and learned about the importance of preparing to receive Christ who is the true gift of Christmas. Our next meeting will be an outing to the zoo for the Lights before Christmas.

### *REAL Group News (Representing Emerging Adult Leaders)*

Our first meeting and events of our **REAL** group happened at the end of October. The group met on



Friday night, made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, had pizza, and fellowship.

The next morning the group went out and served the sandwiches to some of Toledo's homeless with a local charity name Fellowship Matters. The group not only handed out the sandwiches but also played with the children that were there and had an opportunity to get to know some of the people they were feeding. The weekend was wonderful in terms of the fellowship not only with one another but with those who are in need in our city. Our next gathering will be in January.

**REAL** is for all young adults 21-35.



### *HOPE Group News*

Our **HOPE** kids had a wonderful time at the Christmas Retreat on November 15<sup>th</sup>. They were able to learn the Christmas hymn and learn about Christ being the greatest gift we receive on Christmas. The kids played games and had lots of fellowship together. Our next event will be with an outing with the **JOY** group to the zoo. Please see the announcement for more details.





## 2015 GOYA Christmas Retreat



**Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**The retreat will begin 9:30 am at Holy Trinity.**

**This year we will work with Fellowship Matters and feed the homeless at 10am.**

**We will have lunch and discussion at Church and will finish with Dinner and Great Vespers for the feast of St. Nicholas in Ann Arbor**

**Please RSVP to the Church office**

**(419) 243-9189 by November 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Please bring a toy or winter clothes to be donated to Fellowship Matters for Christmas.**

## *GOYA News by Katie Kopan*

It's a great time of year for GOYA! Our Fall Harvest Party was a big success, thank you to all who attended and to those that helped make it such a great night.

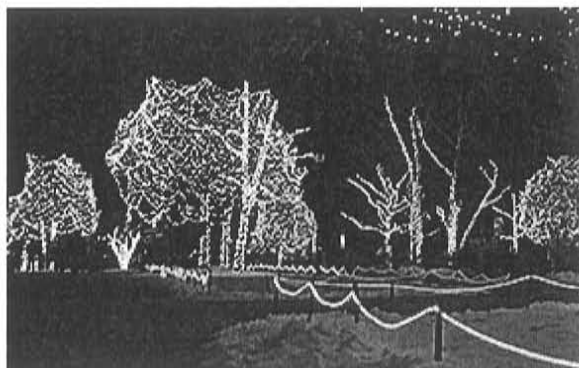
Now that Christmas is upon us, please support the GOYA community by purchasing a Christmas card which is being sold during coffee hour.

On Friday, November 27, GOYA decorated the Cathedral for Christmas.

December 5th is the date for the Christmas Retreat. The retreat will begin at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity and will focus on Fellowship Matters and feeding the homeless. Lunch and dinner will be provided at the church as well where discussions and Great Vespers will be held for the feast of St. Nicolas in Ann Arbor. Please bring a toy or winter clothes to donate for Fellowship Matters.

GOYA's next meeting will be held on December 6th at Charlie's on Central Avenue in Sylvania, at 1 p.m., see you all there!

## HOPE and JOY 'Lights Before Christmas' Outing At The Toledo Zoo



**Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm**  
**Please RSVP to Pres. Jenny by**  
**December 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**(This will replace the**  
**December gathering)**

## The Hellenic Dance Company



**invites you to an informational meeting for dance parents. The meeting will be Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at the Community Center. If you are not able to attend please send any questions or comments to Father Larry at [priestholyltrinity@gmail.com](mailto:priestholyltrinity@gmail.com)**



## ***Maids of Athena News by Maria Cook***

We are excited to announce our 2015-2016 Officers:

President	Maria Cook
Vice President	Ali Clement
Secretary	Olivia Noss
Treasurer	Kristin Zink

The Maids of Athena will be having a bake sale December 6<sup>th</sup> and a 50/50 raffle December 20<sup>th</sup>, with proceeds helping a charity of the girls' choice. The Maids have a philanthropy planned on December 19<sup>th</sup> with "Fellowship Matters". The girls will be able to experience giving food to the homeless and also show their concern towards them. Our sisterhood has an indoor pool party planned for January 16<sup>th</sup>.

We are looking forward to our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Toledo Taverna night sponsored along with GOYA. The entire community is invited for a fun filled family evening of dinner and Greek dancing. The event is to be held on May, 21 at our Community Center.

## ***Daughters of Penelope News by Connie Mynihan***

The last Echo of the year is upon us so the Daughters of Penelope would like to wish everyone a very **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

During our November meeting the Daughters of Penelope honored their Past Presidents. We gave our past Presidents and current members Ann Mulopulos, Faye Grevis, Joan Dionyssiou, Georgette (Becky) Skiadas, Dawn Anagnos, Tulla Mihas, Persilla Zervos, Pauline Biernacki, Kathy Lawrence, Dena Grevis-Smith, Joyce Anagnos and current President Maria Papps Rosales a round of thanks and appreciation for all that they have done and do for our organization and community.

The Daughters of Penelope were founded on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1929. We celebrate the wisdom and vision of our founding Sisters when they formed the first Chapter, Eos #1 in San Francisco. Our Founder, Sister Alexandra Apostolides Sonenfeld stressed the importance of ethnicity, patriotism, kindness and love towards one another. In remembrance of our Founder's Day, a warm welcome was given to our Special guest and Lodge visitor Toni Geanneses, District #11 Secretary and Website.

Joyce Anagnos headed our DOP Fund Raiser for the Holidays; Elder-Beerman's Community Days 2015 and has been selling the Community Days coupons. Be sure to keep Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016, twelve o'clock noon open! We will have a Designer Purse Bingo Luncheon Fundraiser, with purses from Brahmin, Coach, and Michael Kors. Your cost of only \$30.00 includes buffet

lunch and one bingo card. The Fundraiser is going to be held here at our very own Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral Community Center. For more information visit [www.buckeyedistrict11.org](http://www.buckeyedistrict11.org)

Decorating the DOP Christmas Tree was held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> after the Divine Liturgy. Laughter, caroling, and an occasional crash of a bulb was heard and enjoyed.

Final chance to pay your 2015 dues is **NOW**. 2015 dues are \$38.00. Dues are now being accepted for 2016, the amount is \$45.00. Please bring your dues to the December meeting or mail them to JoAnn Cook, 5250 Snowden, Toledo, OH 43623.

Our next meeting, dinner, and Christmas Party will be December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at the Black Pearl Restaurant, located at 4630 Heatherdowns Blvd. at 6:00 pm. A limited menu choice will be offered which will include a fasting option. Please RSVP to insure proper seating availability.

## ***Greek School News by Dawn Anagnos, Director & Instructor***

On Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 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. Every year the 28<sup>th</sup> of October 1940 is celebrated as a National Holiday in Greece and abroad where Greeks live, to remind us of the 'OXI DAY'. This is the day the Greeks rejected the Italian ultimatum, fought for freedom and justice and won against all odds. Winston Churchill's words at the time were 'from now on we are not going to say that Greeks fight like heroes, but heroes fight like the Greeks'. Our main speaker for the day was an intellectual member of our parish Mrs. Vassiliki L. Leontis who gave us a beautiful and informative speech. Many thanks and God Bless you. Our flag bearers were Blake Theodorou, Athena Mitsopoulos and Marianna Temple 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 songs about the 'OXI DAY' and the commemoration of the Greek Flag. Warmest congratulations to our participants, Athena, Theodora and Elias Mitsopoulos, Vasilgia Legakis, Marianna Temple and Blake and Nikkos Theodorou. Many thanks also to Presvytera Ann Hadgigeorge who donated the OXI DAY memorabilia

for our participating Greek School Students. Hronia Polla to Dimitrios Mitsopoulos and his grandson for their nameday also to Demetra Theodorou, Yiayia of Blake, Nikkou and Logan Theodorou. Our thanks also goes to Joyce Anagnos, John and Catherine Andujar who took and developed our beautiful pictures. God Bless you all and Happy Holidays.

### ***Young at Heart News by Becky Skiadas***

CSI Young at Heart !!!!

On November 13<sup>th</sup> 11 members of YAH visited The Bureau of Criminal Investigation in Bowling Green, and enjoyed a very interesting and informative lecture from the Supervisor of the Department. There was a question and answer period and members had good questions and we all felt more compassion for the job of a police officer. We had a tour of the facility and it was interesting to see how things are done. The building was built in November of 2014. After leaving Bowling Green, we returned to Toledo and enjoyed a delicious and fun lunch at Table 44 on Monroe St.

At our November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, YAH honored our members who are Veterans. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and they shared a short story of a good memory they have from their service. They were given a Certificate of Appreciation which was made by Tina Papalekas and I read words of appreciation for their service. We are very honored to have them among us.

On November 24<sup>th</sup> YAH took a day trip to Hollywood Casino for lunch and play. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Our Christmas Party will be on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. at Angelo's Villa on Dixie Highway.

Everyone in the community is welcome to join us for an exciting trip to NYC April 14 to 20, 2016. The cost is \$649. A down payment of \$75 is due by December 15. The balance is due by February 14 2016. There are flyers at the Community Center and if you want more information call Tina Papalekas at 419-382-1552.

YAH wishes our community a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year 2016.

**Enclosed is an order form for the 100<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Album. The Deadline of  
December 31, 2015  
is quickly approaching  
Don't be left out  
Submit your information ASAP**

### ***Community Cookbook by Jeanne Gatoura***

Cookbook Committee Chairman Pam Martin would like to again extend a huge thank you to all who helped make the 2015 Cooking Class Series a great success. She gives a very special thanks to authentic Greek chefs Olympia Ntakos, Maria Petros and Jim Mitsopoulos who made it all possible with their excellent instruction, hard work and devotion - each class was unique and so enjoyable. Pam added that the Cooking Class Committee was terrific as always, as were the many volunteers who offered advice to students while they created their take home dishes. She also expressed her appreciation to Carole Faoiz and Terry Timmons for all of their behind the scenes assistance. With the combined efforts of everyone, positive feedback was received from students who want to return to learn more!

Our Community Cookbook is loaded with recipes to make your culinary choices easy throughout the holiday season - many are time-honored traditions which evoke precious memories of cooking, eating and celebrating with loved ones. A wonderful example is Dawn Anagnos' recipe for delicious Kefthethes which she has been making for decades as part of a festive family meal to celebrate special occasions or for a Holy day such as Easter or Christmas.

Dawn's recipe, which was used for the recent Oct. 6th Kefthethes class, begins with soaking bread slices in water and squeezing out any excess liquid. In a large bowl, ground beef, bread, chopped onion, parsley, mint, minced garlic or garlic powder, salt, pepper, and eggs are combined and mixed well. Then either small or desired size balls are formed, rolled in flour to cover completely, and fried in Canola or vegetable oil until golden brown. Dawn noted that her family enjoys eating the Kefthethes alone or in a tomato sauce over pasta.

In addition to taking the pressure off holiday entertaining decisions, let *Olives, Feta, Phyllo & More!* make gift giving easy as well. Keep in mind that this cookbook is not only a collection of recipes, but also a culmination of touching anecdotal remembrances and fascinating historical food facts, making it "that special present". And to enhance your gift, matching aprons are now available for \$15. Both can be purchased online using PayPal and at the Church Bookstore. And for your convenience in December, gift wrapped issues and aprons will be on sale at Sunday's Coffee Hours.

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

**2015 Stewardship Update through October 15<sup>th</sup> - Our Stewardship goal for 2015 is \$240,000**

**So far 243 Stewards have turned in a pledge cards totaling \$201,297.**

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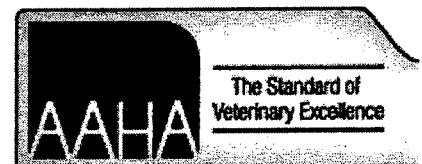
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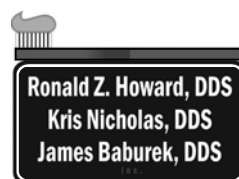
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