

# 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.*



# Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral

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

## *Clergy*

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*Office Manager* - Carole Faoiz *Grounds and Maintenance* - Terry Timmons

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*Choir Director* - JoAnne Chrysochoos *Organist* - Chris J. Zervos

## *Parish Council Members*

**President** – Dennis Lawrence, 17; **Vice-President** – E. T. Yakumithis 17; **Treasurer** – Paul Sieben 18;  
**Asst. Treasurer** – Ed Harwood, 16 - **Secretary** – Steven Papadimos, 18;  
**Asst. Secretary**- Peter Papadimos 16; Joyce Anagnos – 17; Kathy Chaka 16 - Mike George 16  
Steven Jenkins 18; Tom Photos – 17; - Kypros Proestos 17;  
George Sares – 18; Maria Tzanakis 16; – Manuel Yakumithis 18

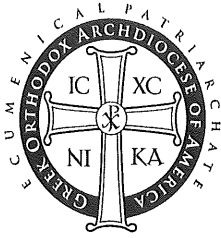
## *Parish Ministries*

**Philoptochos President:** Susie Doukides  
**Church School Director:** Dr. Susan Sieben  
**Altar Boy Captain:** Alex Pechlivanos  
**Adult and Youth Greek School:** Dawn Anagnos  
**GOYA Presidents:** Alex Pechlivanos & Maria Cook

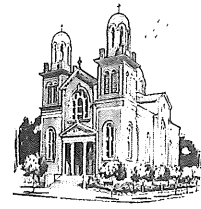
**Youth:** Maria Tzanakis  
**Prosfora:** Connie Mynihan  
**Koliva:** Helen Matthews & Anthi Christides  
**Greek Dance Directors:** Persilla Zervos, Maria Tzanakis, Jan Theodorou Bollin & Ted Voudouris

**Young at Heart President:** Becky Skiadas  
**AHEPA President:** Thomas Photos  
**Daughters of Penelope President:** Maria Rosales  
**Maids of Athena President:** Maria Cook  
**Bookstore:** Margaret Hunt  
**Liturgical Readers:** Yanula Stathulis & Basil Apostolou  
**Friends of the Metropolis:** Dr. G.J. Biernacki  
**Cookbook - Olives Feta Phylo & More:** Pam Martin  
**Website:** Gene Haberman

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## Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral Metropolis of Detroit



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*"Come ye and receive light from the unwaning light, and glorify Christ, who arose from the dead"*

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

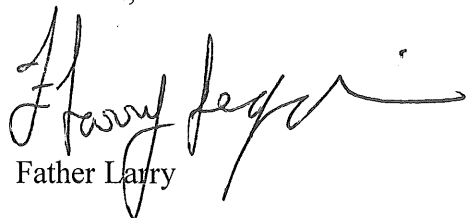
Christ is Risen!

As I write this letter to you we are preparing ourselves to receive Christ on the Glorious day of His Resurrection. We are preparing ourselves to receive the "Fos", the light of Christ, and then pass it to each other. As I thought about Pascha and receiving the light, I was reminded of the importance of light in our lives. As a father of three kids, who rarely pick up after themselves, I can tell you that walking around at night without light can be dangerous! At times it feels like I am walking through a minefield. The same is true when it comes to our faith. Walking around in this world without the light of Christ can be dangerous as well. Without Him the chances of stumbling and falling are much greater.

One of the most beautiful sights on the night of the Resurrection is seeing each of us pass the light to the other. As we do that, a once dark church becomes aglow with the light of Christ. I truly believe this is what we are called to do for each other. Having received that light, who is Christ, we are called to offer Him to others. We can do this either by word through inviting friends and family who have been gone for a while to come back home, or by deed, through our action of allowing Christ's light to shine through us. No matter how we share Christ with others, it is our responsibility not to leave that light in Church but to take it with us. We are to take it with us allowing it to enlighten our steps and the steps of others.

As we continue our journey together to our Lord's Glorious Ascension and the great day of Pentecost I pray that we hold on to the joy of Pascha. I pray that we keep a tight hold of the light of Christ that we have received. I pray that we do this so that as individual Christians and as a Church family our steps will continue to be illumined so as we walk together we continue to grow in the knowledge of our Lord.

In Christ,

  
Father Larry

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## CHURCH REGISTRY

### HOSPITALIZED

Fritzie Morris, Al Brogan, Ted Arvanitis  
Jim Mitsopoulos, Konstantinos Tsapranis

### MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*Congratulations to:*

Gust & Liberty Elmer – 58 years  
Michael & Cynthia Peslikis – 54 years  
John & Alexandra Chrysochoos – 52 years  
George & Dina Bekos – 43 years  
Kypros & Yiota Proestos – 43 years  
Thomas & Angie Bohland – 34 years  
Andreas & Margarita Nicolaou – 31 years  
John & Dawn Christy – 30 years  
Michael & Joanne Zink – 29 years  
Bryan & Constantina MacVay – 26 years  
Steve & Penny Jenkins – 24 years  
Evan & Rebecca Stathulis – 24 years  
Rich & Venetia Wurst – 24 years  
Michael & Karen George – 23 years  
Christos & Aleca Kamilaris – 19 years  
Michael & Christina Temple – 17 years  
Todd Miller & Dr. Anne Marie Wolfe – 15 years  
George & Christine Veronie – 15 years  
Pete & Elizabeth Theodorou – 15 years  
Spiros & Jaime Theodorou – 10 years  
James & Alexia Hickman – 6 years  
John & Nicole Ohler – 4 years  
Anthony & Christina Harwood – 2 years

### CHRISMATION

Ryan Capra – April 10, 2016  
Sponsor: Elias Cassis

### FUNERAL

Pete Athanas – April 4, 2016  
*May His Memory Be Eternal*

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

#### IN MEMORY OF PETER ATHANAS

Mr. & Mrs. George Anagnos  
Mr. & Mrs. George Dedes  
Mr. & Mrs. George Kamilaris  
Col. & Mrs. Dennis Lawrence  
Mrs. Mary Markham  
Mrs. Helen Matthews  
Mrs. Sophie Paterakis & Debbie  
Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Petros  
Mr. & Mrs. James Veronie

Mr. & Mrs. John Veronie  
Mrs. Elizabeth Voudouris  
Young at Heart Members

#### IN MEMORY OF ANTOINETTE PORENTAS

Ms. Kathy Andros  
Mr. & Mrs. George Anagnos  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bailey  
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Cook & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. George Dedes  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hartford  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hilzinger  
Mr. & Mrs. Xenophon Koinis  
Mr. & Mrs. James Logos  
Mrs. Mary Markham  
Mr. & Mrs. James Martin  
Mrs. Helen Matthews  
Mr. & Mrs. Pete Morris  
Mr. & Mrs. George Mulopulos  
Mrs. Sophie Paterakis & Debbie  
Mrs. Despina Pelphrey  
Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Petros  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Ross & Danny  
Mrs. Yanula Stathulis  
Col. Peter F. & Dianne Sun  
Mr. & Mrs. James Veronie  
Mr. & Mrs. John Veronie  
Young at Heart Members  
Mr. & Mrs. Chris J. Zervos  
Mrs. Cleo Zervos

#### IN MEMORY OF PETE NYKTAS

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Busch  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hartford  
Elaine Nyktas & Carl Brubaker  
Ms. Barbara Owczarzak  
Mrs. Despina Pelphrey  
Raynor, Foos, Kruse, & Irwin, Inc.  
Mr. & Mrs. James Veronie

#### IN MEMORY OF FR. CHRIS W. HADGIGEORGE

Elaine & Carl Brubaker  
Rev. & Mrs. Aristotle W. Damaskos & Family  
Mrs. Elaine Lillios  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Manios  
Mrs. Melba Zervas

IN MEMORY OF CHRIS G. ZERVOS

Col. Peter F. & Dianne Sun

Mrs. Cleo Zervos

IN MEMORY OF JAMES NTAKOS

Mrs. Helen Matthews

IN MEMORY OF SAM DEDES

Mrs. Elaine Lillios

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE SPILLSON

Mr. & Mrs. John Spillson & Family

IN MEMORY OF KATHERINE PAPPAS

Drs. Michael & Cristina Pappas

IN MEMORY OF MARY KARAY

Mr. Nicholas Karay, Sr.

Ms. Keke Pyrros

IN MEMORY OF JOHN MATTHEWS

Mrs. Helen Matthews

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE & SOFIA  
HULLES

Mrs. Antonia Tom

IN MEMORY OF AL NEGRIN

Mrs. Sophie Paterakis & Debbie

IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY PORENTAS  
KELMER

Mr. & Mrs. John Veronie

Mr. & Mrs. Chris J. Zervos

IN MEMORY OF MADONNA SPANOUDIS

Mr. & Mrs. James Veronie

IN MEMORY OF NICHOLAS LILLIOS

Mrs. Demetra Theodorou

IN MEMORY OF PAULINE (COUNTY) &  
TOM ADAMS

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Resch

*SPECIAL OCCASION DONATIONS:*

IN HONOR OF TOM ROSS

William Jay Lenz & Laurie Renz

IN HONOR OF ANDY PETROS' BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Elizabeth Voudouris & Ted

*SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:*

*..Dena Grevis Smith and her students for all their help sprucing up the Community Center. It was very much appreciated!*

*...Philoptochos for sponsoring the Church Cleanup Lazarus Saturday and to all the volunteers and ministries who came to help.*

*..Kelly Yakumithis, Presbyteria Jenny, and Julie Yakumithis for coordinating the decorating of the Epitaphio for Easter. Also, thank you to all their helpers! It was beautiful.*

*... Pete Diver for updating our luncheon banners – They look great!*

*For this years' Greek American festival we are requesting some new ideas. Younger adults have approached us saying they would like to be more involved and have some ideas. We welcome any and all input. It's time that the next generation gets more actively involved in the future of the festival to give it a "refresh" that will bring in younger patrons. Please contact George Sares, Chris Theodorou, or Terry Irmen if you want to be involved with the committee, or if you have any ideas to share. Hope to hear from you.*

*OTHER DEATHS:*

*Dorothy Porentas Kelmer of Parma, Ohio  
(Cleo Zervos' sister)*

*Leslie K. French of Toledo, Ohio  
(Linda Dionyssiou's sister)*

*May Their Memory Be Eternal*

## *President's Message by Denny Lawrence*

The period of the Great Lent is behind us. We have commemorated the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem and celebrated His resurrection. Now is the time to look forward to what lies ahead...

Community Center: The Community Center roof repair over the kitchen and storage area was completed during April. A full accounting of the repair costs will be published after the final invoice is received from Manchester Roofing.

Cathedral Dome Repair: Progress continues in our efforts to identify what repairs are needed to stop water leaks in our Cathedral dome, the south bell tower and north wall. A Request for Proposal has been drafted and is under review. In late April/early May we anticipate a pre-bid conference with several contractors who will physically inspect the dome and associated structures to determine what work is needed to stop the leaks in our Cathedral. Following those inspections, we plan to finalize our Request for Proposals and solicit repair estimates from interested contractors. At this point, we believe repairs to the Cathedral will need to take place over several years. Our goal this year is to develop a repair plan and its associated cost for Parish Assembly review this fall.

The Summer Lunch Program: The Summer Lunch Program will continue this year. Tony Capranica and I, along with assistance from Connie Mynihan, will organize all four events this summer. The schedule remains the same as last year – the second Thursday of May, June, July and August. There is a place at the Summer Luncheon program for any parishioner who wishes to volunteer their time and talent. Please contact Connie Mynihan or myself if you are available to work.

The Community Picnic: Planning for the Community Picnic has begun. The picnic is scheduled to take place on Friday, June 17 at Wildwood Park. Last year's event was spectacular and we expect another eventful, fun-filled evening. More details will be made available soon.

Now that we have retired our Community Center mortgage, we need to refocus our efforts on stewardship. Christian Stewardship is:

*...about thanking God. The question is not, "How much do I give to stay in the club?" or "What are the dues?" The real question we need to ask ourselves is "How do I thank God for my many blessings?"*

## *Philoptochos News by Susie Doukides*

We had a very busy April. We started with one of many "FEED THE HUNGRY INITIATIVE" a National Philoptochos Project. Our local chapter kicked off this continuing project by preparing, transporting, serving and inter-acting with the residents and clients of St. Paul's Community Center. The committee consisted of Olympia Ntakos, Pauline and Jerry Biernacki who graciously donated the chicken, Maria Melas, Pattie Senerius Ann and George Mulopulos, Presvytera Ann Hadgigeorge, Barbara and Rich Hartford. It was a very heartwarming and spirit-filling afternoon. Our next "Feed the Hungry" Project will be at Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission and Rebecca's House on May 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have time and would like to help with this philanthropic outreach in the future please contact us. It will be a very rewarding and satisfying project.

On April 10<sup>th</sup> Philoptochos hosted a Community Lenten Plaki Fundraiser Luncheon after the Divine Liturgy. Great Committee Co-Chairman Olympia Ntakos and Kelly Yakumithis lead an industrious committee which consisted of Pauline Biernacki, Maria Melas, Ann Mulopulos, Presvytera Ann Hadgigeorge, Pattie Senerius, Dorothy Yakumithis, Barbara Hartford, George Mulopulos, Jerry Biernacki, Rich Hartford, Manuel Yakumithis, Stephanie Berardinelli, Debbie Morris, Pam Martin, Penny Jenkins and Alex Yakumithis. We all can agree that it was a delicious fish dinner. The set up was a beautiful spring floral (let's not mention 8" of snow on the ground outside). It was very successful event and we would like to thank all who attended and helped our Philoptochos to continue to serve our Holy Trinity Cathedral, outreach, philanthropic work and ministries.

There is no time to stand idle with the Ladies of Philoptochos. Although often thought of, yet we do not see as often as we want, our special shut-in parishioners. We prepared Easter boxes of homemade baked goods. Forty glorious boxes were prepared by Barbara Hartford, Pauline Biernacki, Olympia Ntakos, Maria Melas, Aphrodite Kourous, Presvytera Ann Hadgigeorge, Ann Mulopulos, Evgenia Matthews, Dorothy Yakumithis and Katherine Geanopulos. I know they were well appreciated treats for the season.

In preparation for the Highest Holy Day of our faith, Philoptochos was spiritually diligent in preparing themselves and our Cathedral for Holy Week. On Saturday of Lazarus, Philoptochos lead our community fellowship in cleaning, polishing, scrubbing and wiping down pews to sparkle up our beloved Holy Trinity. The Pascha eggs for the Resurrection Service were donated by the Yakumithis Family and were dyed by Kelly and her dedicated committee. *Christos Anesti to everyone and may the message of love always be in our hearts to celebrate the miracle of Pascha.*



***Kroger Community Rewards Update***  
***by Mary Dedes***

A quarterly cycle ended April 30 and we will learn our earnings in about 4 weeks.

A new year for the Kroger Community Rewards fundraising program begins May 1. Kroger requires we re-enroll our Kroger Plus card in order to continue earning \$\$ for our Philoptochos for the next 12 months.

**The web site to re-enroll is [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) . Sign in and click on "Community", scroll to "Community Rewards". 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.**

Philoptochos thanks each and every participant and asks anyone not participating at this time to please enroll. Kroger Community Rewards web page is [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). Our name is Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Philoptochos. Our ID# is 81429.

This is a ***Painless, Profitable and Perpetual*** fundraiser. Questions?? Please call Mary Dedes. Thank you again.

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

***"Christ has Risen"***

It was a very cold day for our "Spring" April Meeting that was held at Webbers Restaurant overlooking the waters and watching snow coming down. As always we were blessed with a large showing of members in attendance.

A fun time was enjoyed on March 25<sup>th</sup> for the grand opening of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2". Everyone was delighted with the movie and dinner.

The Daughters Diples workshop was a smashing success getting the delicious pastry ready for the Daughters of Penelope Annual Spring Bake Sale which was held on Palm Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> following an eye opening service. Everyone's favorite Greek pastries were deliciously enjoyed. **THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK.**

Mother's day dinner is May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at Georgio's Restaurant. Keep a look out for the flyer which will give the menu choices and pricing.

AHEPA Day is May 15<sup>th</sup>. A delicious Lamb shank dinner with roasted potatoes, salad, Greek peas, coffee and cake for \$18.00 and a children's menu of Macaroni and Cheese for \$7.00 is being offered. Reservations with payments are needed. Don't be left out, call Carole or

see one of the AHEPA or DOP officers to get your reservation.

Our next meeting will be May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:00pm. At Pot Luck will be held at the Ahepa House on Alexis Road. Stay tuned for further information.

***"All that we are or hope to be, we owe to our mother"***

***Happy Mother's Day***



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**Sunday, May 15, 2016**

**Following the Divine Liturgy**

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
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**740 N. Superior St., Toledo, Ohio 43604  
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**Lamb Shank, Roasted Potatoes, Greek Style Peas,  
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**Tickets on sale after Church  
All proceeds support educational scholarships.**

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

On Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 2016, our Greek School and the Greek Language Adult Class celebrated two important holidays. Every year on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, the Greeks everywhere celebrate two important holidays. One is the religious solemnity of The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary where Archangel Gabriel announced to Virgin Mary that she was God's chosen one to bring into the world His Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of mankind. The other holiday is a National one, when the Greeks were enslaved by the Turks for 400 years and on March 25<sup>th</sup> 1821 they revolted with whatever means they had and after a lengthy struggle with the dream of Freedom or Death, the Greeks won their Independence. *We should all pay our respect and gratitude* to the heroes who fought for the freedom of Greece and glorified the Greek Nation. The revolution of March 25<sup>th</sup> 1821 is a milestone for Hellenism and one of the most admired achievements of the Greeks.

The Greek Revolution may be over but constant vigilance is the price of Freedom. We pray today for our country and freedom loving people all over the universe and for a just and peaceful solution of the Cyprus problem, although the Republic of Cyprus in 2010 celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> year since its foundation in 1960.

Our director with the Greek School Students presented the program after the Doxology with a speech, reciting national poems and songs, and the National Anthems. We thank Theodore Pechlivanos, Davis Jenkins and Nicholas Legakis, helping with the exapteriga; our flag bearers were Marianna Temple, Athena and Theodora Mitsopoulos who carried the Greek, American and Cyprus flags. The following students recited poems, Vasilisa Legakis, Marianna Temple, Charalambos Plomaritis, Alexandra and Mariam Xenofontos and Coede Karavas. Congratulations to all of you. We thank also the parents and grandparents who helped with the coffee hour: the Jim Mitsopoulos family, Fr. Larry Legakis family, Bill Plomaritis, Xenios Xenofontos, Michael Temple and Chris Karavas families along with the George Anagnos family. Many thanks also our photographers John and Cathy Andujar and George and Joyce Anagnos.

Happy Easter to all, Kalo Pascha kai Hronia Polla.

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

#### ***Welcome home Helen (Nitsa) Matthews!***

We are so happy that you are finally home after your long painful ordeal and we wish you a full recovery. We know it will be awhile before you are in our midst but take it one day at a time. Our

thoughts and prayers have always been with you and we want you to know that you were never alone in your time of need. Our spirit was with you and still is. We wish you great success in your therapy and we wait for your return to us soon. We love you and you have been missed.

At our March meeting Young at Heart members enjoyed a beautiful slide show of the many Islands of Greece. Elaine Lillios and Michael Thompson had a wonderful time last year in Greece and enjoyed meeting relatives and making new friends. They spoke very enthusiastically about all the people, the places, and the delicious foods that they experienced while they were there. We really enjoyed them sharing with us their adventures in Greece. Thank you Elaine and Michael.

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

The Cookbook Committee expresses many thanks to Philoptochos at Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Cincinnati who purchased 40 Cookbooks to sell at their Greek Festival this Summer. We're also grateful to Tina Bertok, Kathy Lawrence's sister, who after her recent Toledo visit was kind enough to take the Cookbooks back to Cincinnati where she lives. With this significant dent in the remaining inventory, this also means that the 4th printing of *Olives, Feta, Phyllo & More!* will likely begin soon.

May is the month of endless excuses for a party including holidays, observances, and graduations. Whether you're hosting an event or attending a potluck and want to create something different, use the Cookbook to expand your cooking ideas with popular food from different cultures.

Bursting with genuine Mexican flavors, Stevie's Chicken Enchiladas, a recipe from Susie Doukides is a splendid dish for any occasion. To begin making the sauce, vegetable oil, chopped onions, minced garlic, seeded jalapeño and chili powder are cooked in a saucepan until the onions are translucent. Canned whole tomatoes and water are added, brought to a boil, then simmered for about 20 minutes, crushing the tomatoes slightly. To this, lime juice, salt and pepper are added. Susie fills each enchilada individually by first microwaving a flour tortilla for a few seconds, then rolling it tightly with refried beans, chopped cooked chicken, shredded Monterey Jack or Mexican blend cheese, and a pinch of pickled jalapeño, then placing it seam down in a baking dish. Once all are arranged, cover evenly with the sauce and more cheese and bake for about 5 to 10 minutes until all cheese is melted, then complete under the broiler for an additional 2 minutes. The enchiladas are topped with fresh cilantro and served with sour cream, guacamole and salsa.

Asian inspired food is sure to delight partygoers and a Chinese Cabbage Salad from Deborah Ioannidis is a delicious example. First, Napa cabbage is finely shredded. Then in a dry skillet, chicken flavored Ramen noodles, sesame seeds and slivered almonds are browned and allowed to cool. Salad dressing ingredients - oil, beef broth, sugar, soy sauce, cider vinegar - are mixed in a small bowl. Just before serving, Deborah combines the cabbage and noodle mixture in a large serving bowl, pours on the salad dressing, and makes sure to mix well so all ingredients are coated.

Always remember that *Olive, Feta, Phyllo & More!* is an excellent source for recipes and makes a wonderful gift anytime. The Cookbook can be purchased in the Church Bookstore or online at [www.holytrinitytoledo.com](http://www.holytrinitytoledo.com)

#### Anti-Malaria Nets

James Papadimos, son of Steve & Chris Kanios Papadimos is a junior at Ohio State, in Premed and global public health, has started an Ohio Club. The non-profit Club has a specific goal to raise 3000 dollars which will purchase 300 anti-malaria nets. The net can reduce malaria contagion by 50 percent plus. His aim is to help village by village in Africa. Please consider a small donation to this worthy cause by visiting this website: <http://justnetnomalaria.wix.com/ohiostate>

#### STEWARDSHIP 2016

by Kathy Chaka & Joyce Anagnos

***"Those that seek the Lord shall never be in want of any good thing!"***

For those of you who were unable to attend the April General Assembly, the following is an excerpt from the Stewardship Report that was presented...

***"If every person understood that we are ALL in essence members of the Stewardship Committee by virtue of being a member of Holy Trinity, we would ALL be working hard to make sure that EVERYONE makes a financial commitment in some way to their ability, to the Church. This is the real solution to the future stability of Holy Trinity."***

Stewardship is a blessing and a challenge, a challenge that many people in this community have been working on for many years. Everyone in our community agrees that a strong Stewardship program is the BEST way to

solve the financial needs of this church, but how we get that message out to our parishioners and get everyone to support it is the real challenge. Looking at trend data dating back to 2007 we can see that the total number of stewards, or Family Units Giving, was 352 families. That number has consistently dropped over the last nine years to 301 stewards. We all may be inclined to think that the trend suggests that families are leaving the Church; however, our 2016 Church directory boasts over 500 families. Currently, as of the end of March, 177 stewards have filled out Stewardship Commitment Cards. Think about it...over 500 possible families and so far, only 177 stewardship commitments. What is causing this trend? How do we reach out to everyone so that they understand that their support is vital to the future of this Parish? These are the questions your Stewardship Committee asks itself at each meeting.

To that end, we have drafted and are sending out a series of letters to all 500 possible stewards asking for everyone in our community to give. Though we acknowledge and recognize that everyone's financial situation is different for a multitude of reasons, we are pushing forward for the sake of our Church, and keeping the message in these letters simple:

1. If you have never filled out a Stewardship Card, please consider doing so.
  2. If you have filled out a card in past years, but for whatever reason haven't filled one out recently, please consider doing so.
  3. If you turned in a stewardship card at the same pledge as last year thank you so much and please reconsider that amount, and possibly raise it this year.
- And 4... if you've filled out a card and raised your amount from the previous year, thank you and please consider helping us spread the word.

We will leave everyone today with this one thought. Most people would agree that being a salesman is one of the hardest jobs. If you talk to anyone who is in sales, they say that asking people for money is difficult at best. But the best salesmen, the most successful ones, are the people who truly believe in their product 100 %. We all believe in Holy Trinity 100% and we know this because our Cathedral has been around for over 100 years. So, our stewardship message to you today is to help us. Help us spread the word about all the good things that happen here, bring people into our warm, loving community and help us turn 177 Stewards into 500! Thank you and God bless.

**2016 Stewardship Update through April 20<sup>th</sup> - Our Stewardship goal for 2016 is \$240,000**

**So far 195 Stewards have turned in a pledge cards totaling \$175,702**

**Stewardship contributions are \$62,526.**

**Please prayerfully consider the needs of our Parish and do your best to give in 2016  
at least the same amount in Stewardship as last year!**

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### HOPE and JOY

In April the HOPE and JOY groups participated in Saturday of Lazarus, attended the Holy Friday Retreat put on by the GOYAnS, and helped sing for Holy Saturday Divine Liturgy! We wish all our families at Holy Trinity a blessed Pascha and proclaim - Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! In May we will have the end of the school year party at the Deason home! It will take place on Sunday May 15th from 4-7pm so SAVE the DATE! A flyer with all the details will be emailed to our families.

### GOYA

Last month our GOYAnS kept busy with preparations for Pascha. The GOYAnS helped the philoptochos on Saturday of Lazarus with the Cathedral cleaning and they hosted the Holy Friday Retreat for our Hope and Joy kids. They had games, session, and lunch for the kids. This month will also be a very busy month for the GOYAnS. The GOYAnS will hold their second annual dance. The dance is open to the entire Cathedral family as well as guests.

We will provide dinner and dancing for all ages. Please see our flyer in ECHO for more details. Christ is Risen!

### REAL

Last month our REAL group helped the Cathedral get ready for Holy Week and Pascha by participating in the Saturday of Lazarus Cathedral cleaning. We are looking to do an event in May or June. Stay tuned for more information.

**Sunday School News By: Susan Karas Sieben**

Christ is Risen! Our Sunday School year is coming to an end. May 15<sup>th</sup> is our last day of classes. The Students finished their Lenten period with the Saturday of Lazarus, helping to clean the Church. The kids also participated in the Holy Friday Retreat and sang the hymns and did the responses for Holy Saturday morning. After Liturgy they had the Easter egg hunt! Religious education does not end in May. We begin the "Summer of Arts" on June 6<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "Take up your Cross and Follow Me". See the flyer for more information.

### GOYA



More Information Coming Soon!  
Please let Father Larry know if you think your GOYAn will be able to attend!

It's almost time for



We still plan on going to camp as a group on fifth week. Those date are July 31-August 6. Parents visit the website [www.gomdsc.org](http://www.gomdsc.org) to register. Please let Father know if you children are interested



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Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

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Week 3 – May 27<sup>th</sup>: *What we believe about the Mother of God and Saints*

Week 4 – June 2<sup>nd</sup>: *Scripture and Tradition, Salvation*

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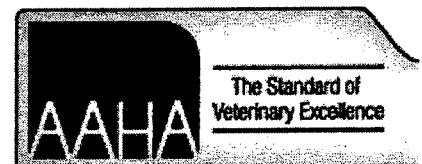
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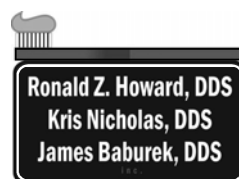
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