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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,

As I write this to you we are in the middle of November. The 24 hour Christmas music stations are about to begin. Macy's and the other big box stores are getting ready for "Black Friday". Everything is beginning to point to the fact that Christmas is right around the corner. We are being told to focus on Christmas. But for the life of me I can't seem to focus on Christmas! What are we to do? The Church in her wisdom helps us with this by giving us some feasts to help put things in perspective. One of them is the Entrance of the Virgin Mary into the Temple. This feast reminds us that the she went to the Temple to become a Temple herself. We are called to do the same.

Fr. Thomas Hopko once wrote, "Jesus Christ, the Son, Word, and Image of God, is physically and spiritually formed in the body of Mary so that He might be formed in us as well. This is the meaning of Christmas, which is the meaning of life itself: Christ in us and we in Christ, God with us and we with God." Celebrating the Nativity of Christ is our time to focus. Focus on the reality of our faith, that we are all temples of God. We are called to focus on the fact that we can become this dwelling and because of that we are to have the Christ Child shine for all to see. We are to focus on Christ and Christ being what others see through our ministries, through our outreach, through our acts of kindness and love, through all that we do as a parish.

My prayer is that as we end the year and enter into Christmas we regain our focus on Christ. I pray that we allow the Christ child to dwell with in us and grow. As He grows may His light be the light that others see in order to grow closer to Him.

In Christ,

Father Larry

December 2016

Holy Trinity Cathedral

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 2016 Jan 2017		6 7 13 14 20 21	AHEPA meeting 6pm Choir Practice 7pm	Hall Rental 5-9 pm	3 GOYARetreat	
Goya meeting after Church Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am	5 Parish Council meeting 7pm	Byzantine Music Fellowship 7pm St. Nicholas - Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 10:15am	Bible Study 10am & 6:30pm Greek School Children 4-6 Adults 6-9pm	Choir Practice 7pm Daughters of Penelope meeting 6pm	9 Paraklesis Service 7pm	10
St. Barbara I I Hope/Joy gathering 5-7pm Maids of Athena Bake Sale Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am PC Elections	St. Spyridon - Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 10:15am	Byzantine Music Fellowship 7pm Young at Heart Christmas Party Georgio's 6pm	Bible Study 10am & 6:30pm Greek School Children 4-6 Adults 6-9pm Unison - Hall Rental 10am - 3pm	15 St. Eleutherios Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 10:15am	16	17 Pageant Dress Rehearsal 10am-12noon
18 Christmas Party Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am SS Christmas Pageant	19	20 Byzantine Music Fellowship 7pm	21	Choir Practice 7pm	23	24 Vesperal Liturgy 6pm Christmas Eve
25 Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Christmas Day	26 Church Office Closed	27	28	29	30	31

January 2017

Holy Trinity Cathedral

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am	Parish Council meeting 7pm	Byzantine Music Fellowship 7pm	Greek School Children 4-6 Adults 6-9pm	Eve of Epiphany Vesperal Liturgy 9:30am	Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 10:15am Epiphany	Synaxis of St. John the Baptist - Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 10:15am
St. Basil		Philoptoche	s Community Vasilo	pita Set-Up		
8 Community Vasilopita	9	10 Byzantine Music Fellowship	Bible Study 10am & 6:30pm	AHEPA & Daughter joint meeting 6pm	13	14 Book Club with Fr. Larry & Presbytera
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GOYA Movie Night Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am	Philoptochos Board meeting 7pm	Byzantine Music Fellowship 7pm	Bible Study 10am & 6:30pm Greek School Children 4-6 Adults 6-9pm	Young at Heart meeting 12 Noon	Paraklesis Service 7pm	Maids of Athena Kalahari Trip
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CHURCH REGISTRY

HOSPITALIZED

Kyp Diacou, Costas Christides, Michael Yakumithis, Sam Dedes, Nicki Maget and Pete Morris

BAPTISM

Alexander Mitsopoulos – October 30, 2016 Parents: Catherine & Antonis Mitsopoulos Sponsor: John Buldas

DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to:

Paul & Susan Sieben – 45 years Tom & Sandra Manton – 41 years Bryan & Kathy Chaka – 32 years Jamie & Jeremy Marinis – 9 years

FUNERALS

Dr. John Chrysochoos – October 28, 2016 Cleo (Kalliope) Zervos – October 29, 2016 May Their Memory Be Eternal

MEMORIAL SERVICES

All Deceased Members of Philoptochos Socrates "Sam" Dionyssiou – 40 days Edwin Harwood – 40 days Dan Sexton – 40 days Dennis Skiadas – 40 days Elizabeth Sexton – 6 months Sam A. Dedes – 1 year Mary Ann Dionyssiou – 3 years

May Their Memory Be Eternal

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Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Brown

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Mr. & Mrs. Steve Bubulya

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Dionyssiou

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Mr. & Mrs. George Kamilaris

Mrs. Maroulla Kamilaris & Athena

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Kornowa

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(in memory of Mr. Dionyssiou continued)

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MARITSAS

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Mr. & Mrs. George Mulopulos

Young at Heart Members

SPECIAL OCCASION DONATION:

IN HONOR OF PETE PAPADIMOS'

BIRTHDAY

Mr. Pete Kanios

OTHER DEATHS:

Mary Korogianos of Lorain, Ohio

(sister of Theodossia & Achilles Hatzinikolis)

Martha O. Tello Maritsas of Sylvania Ohio (wife of Christos Maritsas)

May Their Memory Be Eternal

Philoptochos News by Susie Doukides

Orthodox Christian Stewardship is – a way of life, which acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God. A primary goal of Stewardship is to promote spiritual growth and strengthen faith. Becoming a Steward begins when we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust and act on those beliefs. As Stewards, we affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him. Stewardship calls on the faithful to cheerfully offer back to God a portion of the gifts with which they have been blessed.

Maintenance and Repair: The first phase of repairs to our Cathedral dome, bell tower and associated roof structures began October 31st. We expect this phase to last about four weeks after which we will work with the contractor to identify the next step in the repair process and its associated cost.

We are actively soliciting proposals to repair the kitchen ceiling in the community center. The cost of this repair has not been finalized and will likely be paid for by withdrawing money from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Plans are underway to replace the Cathedral's 25+ year old air conditioning system. This work was deferred several years ago due to a shortage of funds. The cost of this repair is yet to be determined and will likely be paid for by withdrawing money from the Memorial Fund. This project will be an agenda item for the March 2017 Parish Assembly.

Absentee Balloting - At the Special Parish Assembly held on November 20, 2016 some members requested that absentee balloting be provided for Parish Council elections. I researched this issue and found that absentee balloting is only authorized by the Archdiocese Uniform Parish Regulations (UPR) if provided for in Parish Bylaws. Unfortunately, our Parish Bylaws do not provide for absentee balloting. Therefore, we have not met the UPR requirements of absentee balloting and are unable to honor this request.

The Holiday Season – The Feast of the Nativity of Jesus is one of the most joyful days of the Orthodox Church. It ranks next to the greatest holiday, the Resurrection of Jesus. The Feast of the Birth of Jesus is also known as the "Incarnation of Christ." This means that Jesus became a man and came into the world to save us. We also refer to this joyous feast as <u>Christmas</u>. Kathy and I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

On A Personal Note: Kathy and I plan to become "Snow Birds" in 2017 spending 4-6 months during the winter in a warmer climate. Being gone this amount of time does not allow me to be an effective member of parish council. Therefore, I will resign from parish council on December 31st, 2017.

Philoptochos recently held our third annual "GREECE UNCORKED" event. It was a spectacular success and great fun-filled night! Chairperson the amazing Kelly Yakumithis and her dedicated and hard working committee achieved their vision and goal. The evening was filled with wonderful food, music, wine and lots of fun. The proceeds will go to our National Philoptochos obligations and projects, local outreach donations, Advocating Opportunity, K9 Defender Fund, Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission and Rebekah's and our Holy Trinity Cathedral. We are grateful to everyone who worked tirelessly on this fundraiser especially the devoted committee. Our greatest gratitude goes to Kelly Yakumithis, Pam and Jim Martin, Debbie Morris, Stacey Morris, Andreas and Maria Petros, Jim Mitsopoulos, Kathy Chaka, the Ladies of Philoptochos, Eleni Matthews, Debbie Paterakis, Phyllis Manton, Monnie Yakumithis, Penny Jenkins, Marina Wade, Natalie Jackson, Yanula Stathulis, Christina Temple, Caryn McDermott, Ted Voudouris, and Father Larry Legakis. Special gratitude and grateful appreciation to sponsors and donors, thank you. A fundraiser such as this will enable Philoptochos to continue to do its charitable and philanthropic work throughout our community.

On November 6th, we honored Philoptochos' Patron Saints Cosmos and Damianos. The two brothers, who were physicians, assisted the poor without any desire for compensation. Because the Philoptochos Society is also dedicated to helping those in need we chose to celebrate Philoptochos Sunday along with this feast day. Following the Divine Liturgy, an Artoklasia and Memorial Service were held. We honored our members who have passed. We thank them for their contributions to our Orthodox faith. Thank you to everyone who made this a special day including the delightful coffee and refreshment hour including Eleni Matthews, Dawn Anagnos, Kathy Chaka, Olympia Ntakos, Pattie Senerius, Pauline Biernacki, Presbytera Ann Hadgigeorge, Monnie Yakumithis and all the bakers.

We are preparing for our Philoptochos Vasilopita Celebration and Luncheon Sunday, January 8, 2017. Andreas Dionyssiou and his dedicated faithful Crew will be preparing his famous and outstanding traditional dinner. Keep the date marked on your calendars and tell your families for this timeless tradition at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Please remember we need bakers for Vasilopitas on the tables, please see Ann Mulopulos.

Wishing you God's wonderful gifts of faith, hope, peace, and love at this glorious Christmas Season and always.

Upcoming Philoptochos Events

Monday, December 12, 2016 Board Meeting Monday, December 19, 2016 General Meeting Sunday, January 8, 2017 Community Vasilopita Luncheon **Board Meeting** Monday, January 16, 2017 Sunday, February 12, 2017 **Philoptochos** Heart Health Awareness Day Monday, February 13, 2017 **Board Meeting** Monday, February 20, 2017 General meeting TBA Lenten Event March 2017 **Board Meeting** Monday, March 13, 2017 General Meeting Monday, March 20, 2017 Lenten Plaki Luncheon Sunday, April 2, 2017 **Board Meeting** Monday, April 17, 2017 Monday, April 24, 2017 General Meeting Monday, May 8, 2017 **Board Meeting** Tuesday May 16, 2017 Philoptochos and Daughters of Penelope Mother's Day Dinner Monday, May 22, 2017 General Meeting

Kroger Community Rewards Update by Mary Dedes

The outcome of the Kroger Community Rewards Fundraiser quarter ended October 31, 2016 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-site to join or re-enroll is 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.

Greek School News by Dawn Anagnos, Director and Instructor

On Sunday, October 30th, 2016 after the Divine Liturgy and Artoclasia with a special celebration of our AHEPA Local chapter Ypsilanti 118, Greek School celebrated OXI DAY. This holiday commemorates the Greek Premier Ioannis Metaxas, saving OXI-NO to the Axis Forces demanding Greek Surrender in the early morning hours of October 28th, 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 28th 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 speakers for the day were Joyce Anagnos, an attorney for the City of Toledo, parish church board secretary for many years, and presently as District Governor for the Daughters of Penelope and Mrs. Dawn Anagnos teacher and Instructor in Greek who both gave us a beautiful and informative speech. Many thanks and God Bless vou Joyce. Our Exapteriga bearers were Nicholas Legakis, Jackson Bollin and Nick Maget. Thank you boys. Our flag bearers were Elliot Fonseca, Theodora 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, Theodora Mitsopoulos, Marianna Temple, Vasilia and Lukia Legakis and Savvas Moraitis. Hronia Polla to Theodoras Mitsopoulos, Pappou Dimitrios for his name day. Many thanks also go to our photographers John and Catherine Andujar and George and Joyce Anagnos for taking and developing our beautiful pictures. God Bless you all and Happy Holidays.

Daughters of Penelope by Connie Mynihan

This is the last Echo for the 2016 year, so the Daughters of Penelope would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Our November meeting had a fantastic turn out; it was a joyous and delicious event. A joyous event occurred as three new members were initiated. We welcome our three new members Debbie Paterakis, Jennifer Becker and Maria Savich.

The cooking crew out did themselves by preparing a delicious lamb shank dinner. Thank you goes out to Andy and Maria Petros, Jim Mitsopoulos, George Arvanitis and Ted Voudouris for preparing our delicious dinner.

During our November meeting the Daughters of Penelope celebrated Daughters of Penelope Founder's Day and all past Dodona #24 Presidents. We give 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, Maria Rosales and current President Marina Cooper a round of thanks and appreciation for all that they have done and do for our organization and community. Ann Mulopulos was not only honored for her past presidency, but for her 61 years serving as a member of Daughters of Penelope. Thank you for all of your years of service goes to Ann Mulopulos.

Decorating the DOP Christmas Tree was held on November 20th after the Divine Liturgy. Laughter, caroling, and an occasional crash of a bulb was heard and enjoyed.

Save the date; March 11th 2017, AHEPA family Governor's Luncheon. Further information will be coming soon.

The Maids of Athena are currently recruiting members. Girls between the ages of 14 to 27 years old and Christian are welcome. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please contact Maria Cook, Lori Kamilaris or Marina Cooper (419) 343-2203.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 8th, 2016 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be at the Brandywine Country Club. Flyers will be sent out.

Final chance to pay your 2016 dues is **NOW**. 2016 dues are \$45.00. Dues are now being accepted for 2017, the amount is \$45.00. Please bring your dues to the December meeting.

"May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope; The spirit of Christmas which is peace; The heart of Christmas which is love."

- Ada V. Hendricks

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 2016 Cooking Class Series a great success. She gives a very special thanks to authentic Greek chefs Olympia Ntakos, Andreas and Maria Petros, Connie Mynihan, Maria Melas, Jim Mitsopoulos and Helen Matthews 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.

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 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!

Byzantine Music Fellowship by Elainie Lillios

Learn to chant, so that you may experience the sweetness of the work, for those who chant are filled with the Holy Spirit. – St. John Chrysostom

The Holy Trinity Byzantine Music Fellowship continues its weekly practices, and has begun singing monthly Friday Paraklesis services. Join us to sing hymns to our Lord, the Theotokos, and all the Saints. 7-8pm Tuesday evenings. All are welcome.

Young at Heart News by Becky Skiadas

The YAH was saddened by the death of two of its members - Cleo Zervos and Martha Maritsas. They were beautiful women both inside and out. We will miss them

Also, our sincere condolences to Lucy Hatzinikolis for the loss of her sister Mary from Lorain, Ohio and to Gus Ballas for the loss of his sister Cleo. May their memory be eternal.

YAH has been on the go!!! Several members enjoyed a fun day to Frankenmuth, on Saturday, Nov 12th. We enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Bavarian Inn and shopped at Bonners Christmas store. We were all put into the Christmas Spirit.

On Tuesday, November 29th at 6:00pm, we will be enjoying another evening dinner at the Epic Buffet at the Hollywood Casino followed by some play at the slots!!!

This year's Christmas Party will be held at Georgios, on Tuesday, December 13th at 6: 00 pm. We look forward to a fun filled evening.

YAH's next meeting will be January 19th at noon.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!!

Stewardship News by Kathy Chaka Stewardship Chairman

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

John 20:21

Thank You for a Successful Stewardship 2017 Kick-Off!!!

Sunday, October 23rd was Stewardship Sunday at our beloved Holy Trinity, and we are delighted to say that our 2017 Kick-Off Campaign is off to an amazing start! It was so uplifting to see so many people in church wearing the gold cross pins signifying that they had turned in their 2017 commitment card and they had truly given from their heart as well. I'd like to thank Fr. Larry for all of his leadership and guidance this year. He truly is the "coach of our team"! Thank you also to our Parish President, Denny Lawrence, and the Church board for all of their support. It was awesome seeing our Board walk down the aisle with our Stewardship Committee as "one team" to place their commitment cards in the basket to be blessed by Fr. Larry. We hope you also enjoyed the delicious "tailgate" luncheon that could not have been possible without the hard work of your Stewardship Committee. Thank you to Denny Lawrence, Maria Tzanakis, Karen George, George Veronie, and George Arvanitis.

One month left to go...

We have only one month left to go to complete our 2016 Stewardship Commitments. When you filled out your 2016 Stewardship Commitment Card, it reflected a time period from January of 2016, through this December. So, to end our 2016 campaign successfully, we encourage everyone to send in the remainder of your pledge by the end of December. Thank you for helping us to be proactive and not reactive, and to be responsible and continually budget and plan for the future needs of our Cathedral. Your Commitment Cards are what makes this possible. Call Carole if you have any questions concerning your Stewardship. We would also like to thank all of you who have already fulfilled your 2016 Stewardship! Your generosity is keeping our Cathedral alive and thriving! What we are doing here at Holy Trinity is working! We thank you again for embracing the change and together, we will work towards having 100% of our parishioners filling out 2017 Stewardship **Commitment Cards.**

Be a part of the Holy Trinity Team!!!
Thank you for everything you do for Holy Trinity
and we'll see YOU in the New Year!!!

2016 Stewardship Update through November 15th - Our Stewardship goal for 2016 is \$240,000 So far 285 Stewards have turned in a pledge cards totaling \$209,857 Stewardship contributions are \$196,369

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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Dear Parish Family,

This month our Stewardship team wants to first thank you for all you have done and all you do for this our wonderful parish! We have two reminders though. First that we hope we finish out 2016 strong! Please remember to send a 2016 card and fulfill your pledge.

We also want to remind you to join our team for 2017 Stewardship. Stewardship Sunday last month was great fun and successful because of you. Thank you to everyone who has filled out a 2017 form. We look forward to working with you to help our parish grow.



GOYA



October was a fun month for our GOYANS. On the 22nd the GOYANS along with the Altar Boys went to a University of Toledo football game. We would like to thank

Mr. Pete Papadimos for the tickets and Mr. Chris Theodorou for offering the tailgating! The GOYANS helped put on the Family Fun Night. This year's theme was a 90's party. Early this month the GOYANS also participated in the Hero Hustle on Team Elena for Organ Donation.

Upcoming Events for GOYA:

November 24th -7 am Parking Cars for the Turkey

November 25th- 4pm Decorating Church for Christmas and Fellowship at Father's **December 3rd- Christmas Retreat**

This year we are parking cars on Thanksgiving morning to raise money for outreach. Our outreach for our Christmas Retreat is Adopt-A-Family through the Salvation Army. We will send more information about our outreach project very soon. Please remember to support the GOYANS with the annual Christmas card.





2016 **Christmas Pageant**

December 18th After Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall!



Sunday School

I pray this note finds you well. The month of November was a busy one! November the kids began their preparation for the Sunday School Pageant and we had the second Teaching Liturgy.

Father showed the children and the congregation how he prepares the bread and wine that is offered by the community to become the Body and Blood of Jesus. Some of our Sunday classes learned how to make the prosforo. The next teaching liturgy will December 11th and the topic will be the Small Entrance. Please make every effort to attend.

For our children in middle School and High School the Oratorical Festival will be in the spring. Our classes will focus on helping those age groups prepare a talk for our local Oratorical Festival. This is a wonderful way for our kids to learn more about their faith and learn important skills in the process.

Thank you for continued commitment to our Sunday School!

HOPE and **JOY**

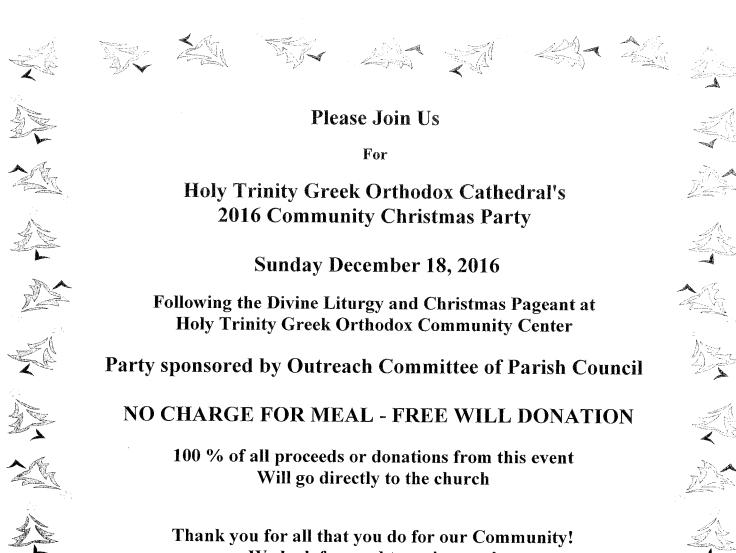


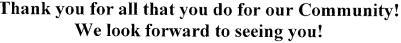
For our 2016-17 church year HOPE and JOY is focusing on 'Gratitude' as a theme for our K-6th grade youth. In October, we went apple picking and had our first gathering where

we focused on gratitude being an ATTITUDE we live out in our daily lives. During our November gathering we talked about offering our Thanksgiving to God like the one leper of the ten that were healed by Christ. The

kids played a fun game of 'Duck, Duck, Cow' (see photo) and created the placemats for the Madonna Homes dinner that will take place on November 20th. December Gathering:

December 11th 5-7:30 Christmas Movie and fireside chat about the true meaning of Christmas! Wear your pajamas! Pizza and popcorn









A Teaching Liturgy!

Come see as Father Larry discusses the different parts of the Liturgy each month On December 11th Father will have the third teaching Liturgy of the year. The Theme will be the Great Entrance. Father will begin his talk after the Great

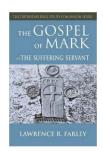
We hope as many of our Sunday School students as possible will attend

Entrance. The Sunday School Lesson for the day will be focused on this theme.

Cathedral Fall Adult Education Opportunities



Fall Bible Study



Theme: "The Gospel of Saint Mark" By Father Lawrence Farley

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Classes are every Wednesday beginning at 10 am and 6:30 pm

The Study Continues through December 14th



Book Club with Father Larry and Pres. Jenny

The book club is for both men and women. .

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Our next meeting will be January 14th at 6pm

Our next book is "The Whispering Voices of Smyrna"

Books are available in the bookstore

"The Whispering Voices of Smyrna" combines history and storytelling so that readers understand how the decision by government and military leaders of the victorious Allied powers affected the people of Smyrna. Through the eyes of the Samithakis family, one lives the cataclysmic events that determined the fate of Asia Minor following World War I. The Samithakis family lived a life of luxury among the different nationalities in Smyrna, until the Turks forced them to flee with other Greek, Armenian and European residents of Smyrna. In the course of their struggle to save themselves from the fire, the massacres, rapes, mutilations and plundering, they lost one another and became refugees, beggars and exiles. The reader also lives through the stages of destruction of a civilization centered on the once-thriving and beloved city of Smyrna.

ADDITIONAL GREEK LANGUAGE OPPORTUNITY

A mini course entitled "Conversational Greek" will be offered beginning March 1st. This is a 10-12 week course focusing on conversational skills about everyday life activities such as "Greetings & Introductions", "At a restaurant", "Going shopping", etc. We will use phonetics for instruction, with no emphasis on grammar or spelling but will use grammatical clarifications as needed. No prior knowledge of Greek is required but is welcomed if previously acquired. The class will be taught by Basil Apostolou, former Greek School teacher and director. Such class will be free to any Holy Trinity current steward and their teenage children; for all others a \$50 fee payable to our church will be charged. **Final registration will be for 2 weeks December 3 -17.**

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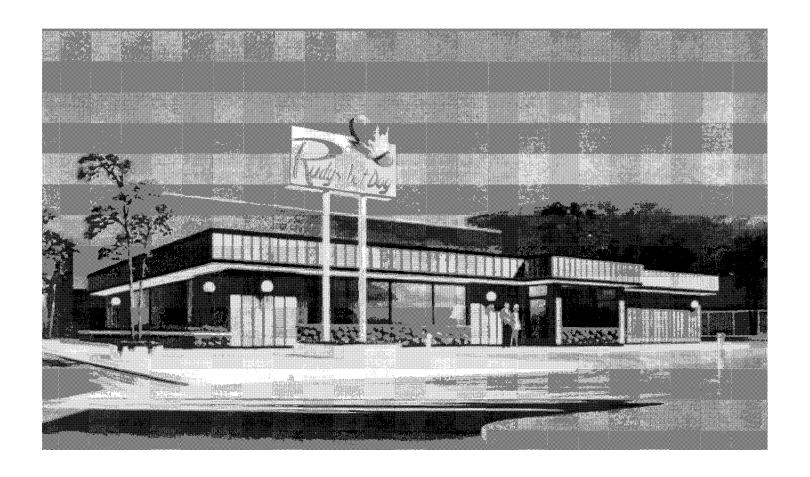
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