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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.



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

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Kathy Chaka 19; Greg Cook 17; Steven Jenkins 18; Dennis Lawrence 17; Debra Morris – 19 Steven Papadimos, 18; Peter Papadimos 19; Tom Photos 17; Harry Dean Proestos 19; Kypros Proestos 17; George Sares 18; Paul Sieben 18; Maria Tzanakis 19; Manuel Yakumithis 18; E. T. Yakumithis 17

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Philoptochos President: Susie Doukides Church School Director: Dr. Susan Sieben

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GOYA President: Maria Cook

Youth: Maria Tzanakis Prosfora: Connie Mynihan

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Voudouris

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Bookstore: Marlene Thomas, Dr. Susan Sieben &

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"Light from Light, Christ our God has shone upon the world, God made manifest. Thou brought light to all things by thine Epiphany."

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

One of the things I remember from being a child is being afraid of the dark. Growing up my parents always had some kind of nightlight in my room in order to light up a bit of the darkness. Having even a little light always seemed to be a comfort. I write about light because the months of December and January are times of the year where the church has us focus on this very important theme of light. Last month we celebrated Christmas, the birth of our Lord who is "The Light of the world." This month we celebrate the "Light" coming as a man to illumine all that would follow Him.

As I consider this New Year and all the many opportunities we as a community have before us, I find comfort in remembering that our Lord is light. He is light, as one of our hymns so beautifully says, that brings light to all things. "Thou brought light to all things by thine Epiphany." I am comforted because I am confident that our Lord will help enlighten our path. He will help to show us which way we as a family must go. Why is this so? Because this is what He came to do. "I am the light of the world; he who follows me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." Our job is to remember to follow Christ and stay focused on Him.

As we enter into another New Year together I am filled with joy and hope. Joy that our Lord has blessed us with so much. Joy, that we, together, have an opportunity to grow closer to Christ and one another. I am filled with hope because of the opportunities we have for growth in this New Year. I am filled with hope because I believe that our Lord will continue to show us the way forward. He will continue to be a Light for us as a family. We must only remember to stay focused on Him.

A Blessed and Happy New Year!

In Christ,

Father Larry Legakis

January 2017

Holy Trinity Cathedral

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday Thursday		Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy	Parish Council meeting 7pm	Byzantine Music	Greek School Children 4-6	Eve of Epiphany	Orthros 9:30am Divine	GOYA Movie Night 6:30pm
10:00am		Fellowship 7pm	Adults 6-9pm	Vesperal Liturgy 9:30am	Liturgy 10:15am	Synaxis of St. John the Baptist
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St. Basil		Philoptocho	s Community Vasilo	pita Set-Up		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Community Vasilopita		Byzantine Music	Greek School Children 4-6	AHEPA & Daughter joint		
GOYA mtg after Church		Fellowship 7pm	Adults 6-9pm	meeting 6pm		
Orthros 9:00am				Choir Practice 7pm		
Divine Liturgy 10:00am						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Book Club with Fr. Larry	Philoptochos	Byzantine Music	Greek School Children 4-6	Young at Heart meeting 12	Paraklesis Service 7pm	Maids of Athena
& Pres. Jenny 6pm at their	Board meeting 7pm	Fellowship 7pm	Adults 6-9pm	Noon		Kalahari Trip
home						
Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy						
10:00am						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
HOPE/JOY Gathering 5:00-7pm		Byzantine Music Fellowship 7pm	Greek School Children 4-6 Adults 6-9pm	Choir Practice 7pm		
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February 2017

Holy Trinity Cathedral

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Monday Tuesday			Bible Study 10am & 6:30pm Greek School Children 4-6 Adults 6-9pm	AHEPA meeting 6pm Presentation of our Lord Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 10:15am	3	4
Godparent Sunday GOYA "Souper of Caring" & Super Bowl Party Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am	6 Parish Council meeting 7pm	7 Byzantine Music Fellowship 7pm	Bible Study 10am & 6:30pm Greek School Children 4-6 Adults 6-9pm	Choir Practice 7pm St. Haralambos Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy 10:15am	10	11
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26 GOYABake Sale GOYALenten Retreat Dayton Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am	27 Great Lent Begins	28 Byzantine Music Fellowship 7pm				

CHURCH REGISTRY

HOSPITALIZED Pete Diver

JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to:

Chris & Gramatiki Tenedios – 65 years

Charles & Kathryn Bailey - 63 years

James & Irene Veronie – 61 years

George & Dawn Anagnos - 56 years

John & Becky Skiadas – 51 years

Emmanuel & Rhanda Karniotis - 49 years

Panos & Susie Doukides – 40 years

FUNERALS

Samuel A. Dedes - November 29, 2016 Frieda Sevastakis - December 5, 2016 George Dimit – December 21, 2016

May Their Memory Be Eternal

MEMORIAL & TRISAGION SERVICES

John Chrysochoos – 40 days

Martha Maritsas - 40 days Cleo Zervos – 40 days

Daniel Dionyssiou - 6 months

Virginia Grevis – 1 year

Antony Zacharopoulos – 1 year

Andreas Kamilaris – 3 years

Soteris Kamilaris – 3 years

Jim Karahalios – 3 years

Harry Hartford - 4 years

John Matthews – 25 years

May Their Memory Be Eternal

MEMORIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF FRIEDA SEVASTAKIS

Mr. & Mrs. George Anagnos

Mr. & Mrs. Basil Apostolou

John Asimou Family

Mr. & Mrs. Ilias Bekos

Mrs. Stavroula Bekos

Dr. & Mrs. G. J. Biernacki

Mr. & Mrs. Al Brogan

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Brown

Mr. & Mrs. Dimitri Bubulya

Mr. & Mrs. George Dedes

Dr. & Mrs. Wallace DePue

Harry Dionyssiou Family

Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis

Dr. Mona Henri

Mrs. Mary Joseph

Christos & Aleca Kamilaris

Mr. & Mrs. George Kamilaris

Mrs. Maroulla Kamilaris & Athena

Mr. & Mrs. Nondas Karabogias

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Karahalios

Mrs. Georgia Karahalios

Mrs. Irene Kaufman

Mr. & Mrs. Stratos Kourous

Mr. & Mrs. Terry Leach

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth MacLaren

Mrs. Catherine Manol

Ms. Lisa Manol

Mrs. Roula Manton

Mrs. Mary Markham

Andy & Chris Markos

Mr. & Mrs. James Martin

Mrs. Evgenia Matthews

Mrs. Helen Matthews

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Mavroidis

Mr. & Mrs. Spiro Mavroidis

Mrs. Maria Melas

Mrs. Evangelia Mihos

Mr. & Mrs. Pete Morris

Mr. & Mrs. George Mulopulos

Mrs. Peter Nicholas

Mrs. Olympia Ntakos

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Owen

Mr. & Mrs. William Panos

Mr. Peter J. Papadimos

Mrs. Tina Papalekas

Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Papavasilopoulos

Mrs. Sophie Paterakis & Debbie

Mrs. Penny Perris

Dr. & Mrs. Nikolaos Petousis

Mr. & Mrs. Kypros Proestos

Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Proestou

Mr. & Mrs. Deloras Reid

Ms. Virginia Robertson

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Rongos

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Ross

Ms. Aretta Sevastakis

Mr. & Mrs. John Skiadas

Ms. Julie Smith

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Steffas

Mr. William Tzanakis

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Verikakis

(in memory of Mrs. Sevastakis continued)

Mr. & Mrs. James Veronie

VIP Eye Care & Optical Boutique

Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Vogiatzis

Mrs. Elizabeth Voudouris

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wade

Young at Heart members

IN MEMORY OF CLEO ZERVOS

Mr. & Mrs. Basil Apostolou

Mrs. Stavroula Bekos

Mr. & Mrs. Al Brogan

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cleveland

Mr. & Mrs. David Gray

Mr. Chris Grevis

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Karageorge

Mr. Stephen Maltezos

Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Melonakos

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Merryman

Mr. Peter J. Papadimos

Mrs. Sophie Paterakis & Debbie

Ms. Janet Ritchie & Family

Mr. & Mrs. George Sares

Col. Peter F. & Dianne Sun

Mr. William Tzanakis

Mr. Angelo Zarvas

IN MEMORY OF CHRIS G. & CLEO ZERVOS

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Layzell

Mr. & Mrs. George Mayer

IN MEMORY OF SAMUEL A. DEDES

Mr. & Mrs. George Anagnos

Mr. & Mrs. Basil Apostolou

Mrs. Alexandra Chrysochoos

Dr. & Mrs. Wallace DePue

Mr. & Mrs. George Dedes

Mr. & Mrs. Spero Gregory

Mrs. Fave Grevis

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hartford

Mrs. Irene Kaufman

Mrs. Frances Koremenos

Mrs. Maritsa Loizos

Mrs. Mary Markham

Mrs. Evgenia Matthews

Mrs. Helen Matthews

Mr. & Mrs. George Mulopulos

Mrs. Sophie Paterakis & Debbie

Mr. & Mrs. John Patroulis

Mr. & Mrs. Kypros Proestos

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Resch

Mrs. Demetra Theodorou

Mr. & Mrs. James Veronie

Young at Heart members

IN MEMORY OF DR. JOHN

CHRYSOCHOOS

Mr. & Mrs. Basil Apostolou

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cleveland

Mr. Peter J. Papadimos

Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Papavasilopoulos

Mrs. Sophie Paterakis & Debbie

Mr. William Tzanakis

Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel T. Yakumihtis

IN MEMORY OF SOCRATES "SAM"

DIONYSSIOU

Harry Dionyssiou Family

Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Papavasilopoulos

Mr. & Mrs. Kypros Proestos

Mr. William Tzanakis

IN MEMORY OF EDWIN L. HARWOOD

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Adams

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Chirgott

Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Melonakos

Mr. & Mrs. Kypros Proestos

Mr. & Mrs. George E Sarantou

Mr. & Mrs. John Wank

Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel T. Yakumithis

IN MEMORY OF MARTHA TELLO

MARITSAS

Mr. & Mrs. George Anagnos

Daughters of Penelope

Dr. & Mrs. Paul Kallis

Mr. & Mrs. Stratos Kourous

Mrs. Helen Matthews

Mrs. Maria Melas

Mrs. Tulla Mihas

Mrs. Olympia Ntakos

Mrs. Sophie Paterakis & Debbie

Mrs. Despina Pelphrey

Mr. & Mrs. Kypros Proestos

Mr. William Tzanakis

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Verikakis

Mrs. Elizabeth Voudouris

Mrs. Ranee Mancy Wood

IN MEMORY OF FLOSSIE DEDES

Mrs. & Mrs. George Anagnos

IN MEMORY OF SAM DEDES

Mr. & Mrs. George Anagnos

IN MEMORY OF DANIEL DIONYSSIOU

Mr. Peter J. Papadimos

Mr. & Mrs. Kypros Proestos

Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel T. Yakumithis

IN MEMORY OF FRANCES ADAMS

Mr. John Adams

IN MEMORY OF HARRY HARTFORD

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hartford

IN MEMORY OF ANDREAS KAMILARIS

Christos & Aleca Kamilaris

Mr. & Mrs. George Kamilaris

Mrs. Maroulla Kamilaris & Athena

IN MEMORY OF MARY KOROGIANOS

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bailey

Mrs. Irene Kaufman

Mrs. Peter Nicholas

Mrs. Sophie Paterakis & Debbie

Mrs. Demetra Theodorou

Mr. William Tzanakis

Mrs. Ranee Mancy Wood

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE SPILLSON

Mrs. Sophia Spillson

IN MEMORY OF JAMES SPILLSON

Mrs. Sophia Spillson

IN MEMORY OF ELENA YAKUMITHIS

Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel T. Yakumithis

IN MEMORY OF JOHN MELAS

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Tenedios

IN MEMORY OF SPIRO THEODOROU

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Tenedios

IN MEMORY OF PETER & ANNA PETROS

Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Petros

Mrs. Sophia Spillson

IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. JOHN

SPILLSON

Mrs. Sophia Spillson

IN MEMORY OF EMANUEL & OURANIA

KOUNTOURIS

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Brown

IN MEMORY OF PETER HOUNTRAS

Mrs. Maritsa Loizos

IN MEMORY OF NIKOLETTE NERSESIAN

Mr. & Mrs. William Panos

IN MEMORY OF PANAGIOTA PERGANTI

Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Petros

IN MEMORY OF BESSIE PAPUCHIKE

Mrs. Mary Brandburg

IN MEMORY OF JOHN & IRENE

HIMEBAUGH

Mrs. Mary Brandburg

IN MEMORY OF MARIA MOSHOVIS

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Mr. John Moshovis

IN MEMORY OF JOHN STARTIDAKIS

Mr. & Mrs. Todd Mercer & Family

Mr. John Moshovis

IN MEMORY OF ANGELA STYLIANIDES

Mr. Frixos Stylianides

IN MEMORY OF FOSTIRA PAPPAS

Mr. Frixos Stylianides

IN MEMORY OF DAVID CANTOR

Mr. John T. Pappadas

Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Petros

IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY ROUPPAS

Ms. Catherine Geanopulos

IN MEMORY OF HELEN VASSILIOU

Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Papavasilopoulos

SPECIAL OCCASION DONATIONS:

IN HONOR OF CHRIS J. & PERSILLA

ZERVOS

Mr. Terry Perris

IN HONOR OF ALECA KAMILARIS'

BIRTHDAY

George & Suzanne Gusses

The Presidents Update by Denny Lawrence

Orthodox Christian Stewardship is – An Orthodox Christian Steward is an active participant in the life of the Church. The parish encourages all who accept the Orthodox Faith to become practicing Stewards. Each year the Steward is expected to carefully review his or her personal circumstances and make a commitment of time, talent, and treasure to support the Parish and her Ministries, which in turn support the National Ministries of our Archdiocese, Metropolises, and institutions.

Parish Council Notes:

- Approved a contract to repair the ceiling in the community center. The estimated cost is \$7,300 and will be paid for by withdrawing money from the Capital Improvement Fund.
- Approved the purchase of a wireless microphone for the Community Center which will cost about \$750 installed and will be paid for from the operating budget.
- Agreed to consider an offer to sell the storage building and lot on Summit Street. Completion of sale requires an acceptable offer from purchaser, 2/3 vote to approve sale by Parish Assembly and Metropolis approval. More on this once purchase offer is received and reviewed by Parish Council.
- 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.

Parish Council Elections: On December 11, 2016, fifty-two members in good standing voted to elect five members to Parish Council. Please join me in welcoming Kathy Chaka, Debra Morris, Pete Papadimos, Harry Dean Proestos and Maria Tzanakis, to a 3-year term on Parish Council.

Correction: In the Decembers Echo I stated that Absentee Balloting was not authorized by Parish Bylaws. This statement was not correct. Parish Bylaws do allow absentee balloting for Parish Council elections only and will be available in 2017.

On A Personal Note: Over the past nine years, Holy Trinity has truly become a "spiritual home" for mesomething that transcends the bricks and mortar of our Cathedral and Community Center and describes more a sense of community, of belonging to something larger than oneself. But, a community is much more than simply belonging, it is about doing something together that makes belonging matter. And, I believe, it is that sense of community that has allowed us, working together, to pay off the mortgage and pass a debt-free church into your hands as we celebrated our 100th Anniversary. Although I have resigned from Parish Council to spend winters in a warmer climate, Kathy and I remain members of this community and look forward to working together with you in the future.

Philoptochos News by Susie Doukides

Happy and Healthy New Year 2017 to you and your family! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas Season. As we know, giving is the message of the Christmas season. Philoptochos' Christmas holiday boxes were lovingly prepared and delivered to our parishioners who may not be able to join us as often as they would like. We always think of them and we wish them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our exceptional committee did a fantastic job with the elegantly decorated boxes filled with home baked holiday goodies and wishes from Philoptochos during this blessed season. I would like to thank all who helped prepare for these heart-filled gifts; Pauline Biernacki, Olympia Ntakos, Maria Melas, Ann Mulopulos, Presvytera Ann Hadgigeorge, Barbara Hartford, Rich Hartford, Jerry Biernacki, George Mulopulos and Aphrodite Kourous.

We always love to hear the Kroger Reward Card Profit. Mary Dedes gets our community excited and charged up on this fantastic fundraiser; we made almost \$3,800 this past year 2016. Please be sure to read Mary's full report in this Echo article. We thank Mary and her work and please use your Kroger Reward Card and if you do not have a card contact me, call our Cathedral office or see Mary Dedes.

"Making a Difference with Philoptochos" During the National Philoptochos Biennial Convention in Nashville, National Philoptochos invited chapters across the country to join together with their parishioners and fulfill random acts of kindness. Our chapter's committee prepared bright and beautiful "Love in a Bag" for students from TPS Sherman Elementary. Our committee donated and prepared beautiful personalized Christmas gift bags filled with treats special items and made 17 very elated and euphoric preschoolers. Thank you to Pauline and Jerry Biernacki, Ann Mulopulos, Presvytera Ann Hadgigeorge, Barbara Hartford and Kathy Chaka for "Making a Difference".

We know the special event at Holy Trinity is Philoptochos' Vasilopita Luncheon. This celebration

continues on January 8th, 2017. This timeless tradition is the highlight of the New Year as it is time to gather as God's family and pray for a good year. We are confident that you will not want to miss this family tradition. The Vasilopita dates back to Saint Basil the Great, who was a Bishop, and would hide money or jewels in baked sweet bread as a way to help the poor. Today a coin is baked in the bread and the person who receives the slice of bread with the coin will receive blessings of almighty God. Donations will benefit Saint Basil's Academy. St. Basil Academy is the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese home for children in need. The Academy provides a loving Christian environment where resident Children are nurtured to adulthood. Looking forward to seeing everyone at this cherished heart-warming afternoon event and celebrate the New Year together with our friends and family. Please do not forget to send in your reservations as soon as possible. On behalf of Philoptochos I wish you a Happy New Year with all God's blessings of faith, health, peace and love throughout the New Year.

Kroger Community Rewards Update by
Mary Dedes

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

Philoptochos continues to participate in the Kroger Community Rewards Fundraiser. Since December 2002 when we first joined, Kroger has used several methods to run this program and the current system has been consistent for a number of years. Below is a recap of the last 6 years:

YEAR	AVERAGE # OF PARTICIPANTS	AMOUNT			
2011	88	\$ 3,345.04			
2012	106	\$ 4,520.68			
2013	125	\$ 5,232.58			
2014	122	\$ 4,696.92			
2015	118	\$ 4,044.69			
2016	111	\$ 3,780.16			
Grand total to date is \$43,612.73					

Many factors determine our results; most important is the number of participants! The amount of the rewards is based on a percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending of all participating organizations. There are over 7,000 organizations! To increase our earnings, we need to increase the number of participants.

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

receipt. If the bottom of your receipt does not read "2016-2017 Kroger Community Rewards. You requested Kroger to donate to HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX PHILOPTOC" your purchases are not helping Philoptochos. You must re-enroll your Kroger Plus Card or if you haven't yet designated our Philoptochos as your charity to receive benefits for your purchases, PLEASE DO THAT!

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

The web site to join or re-enroll is www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Follow the prompts. Our name is Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Philoptochos and our ID# is 81429. Make a note of your Kroger password and also put a reminder on your computer to re-enroll in April.

We are competing with some very, very, large organizations! We ask you to please invite others (one does not have to be a parishioner to participate) to join us in this fundraiser. It does not cost a cent! It is **PAINLESS, PROFITABLE & PERPETUAL!**

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

Questions? Please see Mary Dedes.

Daughters of Penelope by Connie Mynihan

The Daughters of Penelope would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year

Our December Christmas Dinner and Meeting was a cheerful event. Food from the Brandywine Country Club was delicious with the service and setting elegant.

Reflecting on last year's award, Dodona #24 received the 2016 award for the Most Creative Idea. The Most Creative Idea was the brain child of our very own president, Marina Cooper. Who else would think of "Jello Shots" while traveling to the casino, only the Toledo, Ohio Chapter! After reflecting on last year we moved on to the New Year's possibilities.

Last year our Chapter 24 helped fundraise and support District Projects Truncus Arteriosus, Buckeye Scholarship Foundation, and Maids of Athena; National Projects Sjorgren's Syndrome Foundation, Penelope House and Penelope Place. This year our Chapter 24 will be supporting District Projects: National Alliance on Mental Illness (www.nami.org), Buckeye Scholarship Foundation, Maids of Athena; National Projects Penelope House, Penelope Place, and Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation (www.sjogren's.org).

Taking down of the Daughters of Penelope Christmas tree is scheduled for January 15, 2017, after the coffee hour.

Friends of Martha Tello-Maritsas will be hosting a Coffee Hour on January 15th which is being chaired by Faye Grevis. Please contact Faye Grevis if you are willing to bake, bring something, or can help out. *May Martha's Memory be Eternal*.

On March 11th, 2017, Daughters of Penelope, Dodona Chapter 24 is hosting the District 11 Governor's Testimonial Luncheon in honor of Joyce Anagnos, District Governor, Donna Natalie, District Governor Maids of Athena, and Dr. John Urse, District Governor AHEPA. The luncheon will be at Georgio's, 426 N. Superior Street, Toledo, Ohio. Marian Capranica is the chair for this event. Further information will be coming soon.

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

Dues are now being accepted for 2017, the amount is \$45.00. Please bring your dues to the January meeting or mail them to Sophie Stathopoulos, Treasurer, 6535 Cornwall Court, Sylvania, OH 43560. Please make your checks payable to **Daughters of Penelope**.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 12th at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be a joint meeting with AHEPA and held at Holy Trinity Community Center. Flyers will be sent out.

"Out with the old, in with the new, may you be happy the whole year through."

Young at Heart News by Becky Skiadas

YAH enjoyed a Hollywood Casino evening on November 29th. 28 members got together for a delicious meal and fun play!!

Our YAH Christmas Party was held at Georgio's on December 13th and great time was had by all. After a delicious meal, Christmas carols were sung and door prizes were won by Mary Markham, Carolyn Kuhar, Marlene Thomas, and Marian Capranica. Fr. Larry and Presbytera Jenny were given a gift from our club and beautiful handmade Christmas bulbs were given as favors to all who attended.

The evening was full of laughter and the spirit of Christmas was felt by all! Georgios did a wonderful job on food and service and we thank them for making our evening a fun experience!

YAH is getting nearer to our trip to New Orleans and anyone who wants to go can come with us. It is March 19th through 25th 2017 - 7 days and 6 nights. The cost is \$798.00 with a down payment of \$100. For more information call Tina Papalekas 419-382-1552.

We wish our community a Very Happy and Healthy New Year!!

Stewardship Update by Kathy Chaka

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

John 20:21

Happy New Year to our Holy Trinity family!! It is with a renewed spirit and excitement that your Stewardship committee looks to the coming year. We ended 2016 with a record 285 stewards! What an amazing, positive response to our Stewardship Commitment Card Program! Our goal this year is to reach out to the over 500 families that we know exist within our Holy Trinity family. We will measure our success this year based on our ability to increase the number of stewards who fill out a Stewardship Commitment Card. It is logical to make the connection that the more stewards that we gain, the more successful we will be at achieving a level of giving that will support the needs of this Cathedral.

In conjunction with this year's theme, "Be a Part of Our Holy Trinity Team", we will be dividing this year's 2017 campaign into four quarters. Though it's hard to believe, the end of the first quarter is this month already! (As you may recall, we started our 2017 Stewardship campaign on Stewardship Sunday this past October.) As a way of keeping you informed, motivated, and excited about bringing new stewards into our "TEAM", we will be passing out a small "treat" on Sunday, January 22nd as you enter the social hall.

Thank you to all of you who fulfilled your 2016 Stewardship! Your generosity is keeping our Cathedral alive and thriving! Our challenge to everyone is to spread the word about the good works happening here at Holy Trinity and encourage everyone to make a commitment in some way to our Holy Trinity Cathedral. 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!!!

2016 Stewardship Update through December 19th - Our Stewardship goal for 2016 is \$240,000 So far 290 Stewards have turned in a pledge cards totaling \$211,507 Stewardship contributions are \$208,061

Please prayerfully consider the needs of our Parish and do your best to give in 2017 at least the same amount in Stewardship as last year!

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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.



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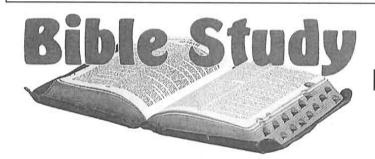
The meetings will take place in Father and Presbytera's home

Our next meeting will be January 15th 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.



Bible Study

Bible Study will resume in February









GOYA

Sunday School

BY MARIA COOK

November and December were a busy two months for our GOYANS

Congratulations to Barbara Hartford who won the fall Harvest Basket

We parked cars for the Turkey Trot 5k run Downtown and raised \$535.00. The money that we raised was for our winter retreat and Philanthropy. Thank you to our advisors and Ted Voudouris for his help!

Our Philanthropy was Salvation Army Adopt a Family. We delivered the gifts and food to our Family as part of our Winter Retreat on December 3rd. After our retreat we enjoyed pizza and fellowship at Pizza Papoullis with our members, parents and advisors. Thank you to our advisors Kelly Yakumthis, Christina Temple, Maria Tzanakis and Presbytera Jenny for all their hard work and guidance. On Friday the 24th of November we decorated our beloved Cathedral following was fellowship and Pizza at Father Larry's home. Thank you to Father Larry and Presbytera for hosting!

Thank you to all who gave your support to our annual Christmas Card. By supporting this fundraiser the GOYANS are able to provide fellowship, fun and outreach for our members

Our Annual Christmas party was hosted by the Kopan Family on December 21st. Fun was had by all the GOYANS and parents. Thank you to Dr. and Mrs. Kopan for their hospitality.

We are looking forward to Movie night and our next meeting at the Kamilaris home January 7th at 6:30 PM.

BY DR. SUSAN SIEBEN

Sunday December 18th was our annual Christmas Pageant. This year some of our students had speaking parts and showed their prowess as thespians. Having the Pageant in the educational building allowed us to expand our staging. Thanks to Peter Mulopulos for the stable he built. The stable held the Holy Couple and Baby Jesus. A Great Big Thank You to Presvytera Jenny and Paula Apostolou for their planning and organizing of this year's Christmas Pageant. It was a huge success.

On to the next Feast Days, Easter. Triodion begins February 5th, Great Lent Feb 27th and Pascha April 16th. Please bring your children to Sunday School to learn about the meaning of Pascha and how to enjoy the journey.

March 12th is our local Oratorical Festival and this year we will have all grades involved. Junior Division is 7th, 8th, and 9th grades and the Senior Division is 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

Thank you again for bringing your children to Church and Sunday School. It is a joy to share our religion/faith and our traditions. We teach them the meaning of our feast days, fast day and saints of our Church as well as the Bible. Don't miss Father Larry's Instructional Divine Liturgy. You must be there on time, 10:00am, to see the Diving Liturgy in action.

We encourage all the children to come to Church for communion every Sunday before they come to Class. This is the purpose of the Diving Liturgy to share in the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

GOYA Retreat

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HOPE and **JOY**

Dear HOPE and JOY Families!

Merry Christmas! Unfortunately because of the weather our December meeting and retreat was cancelled. We will have a meeting in January on the 22nd. At this meeting we will try and have our movie, games, and pizza. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!



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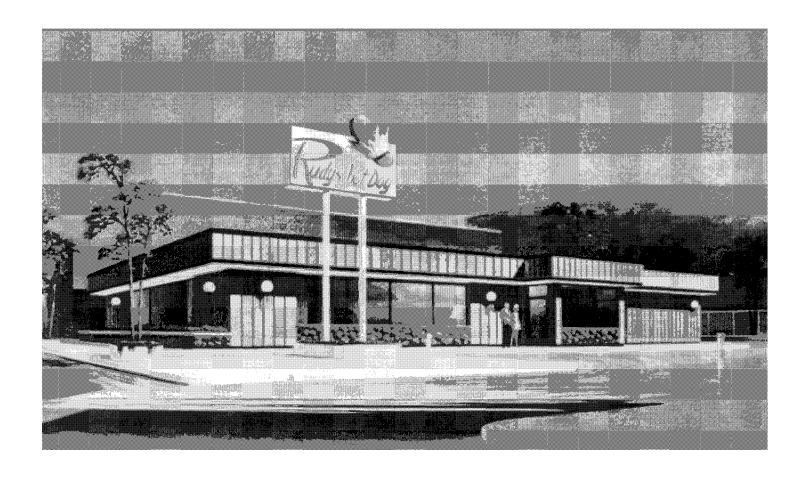
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