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

*Sunday Services* Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Church School Following Holy Communion

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

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

### *Clergy*

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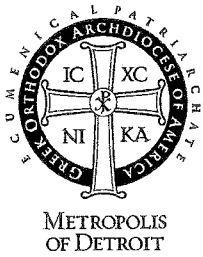
### *Parish Council Members*

Emmanuel T. Yakumithis 17 – President; Kathy Chaka 19 – Vice President; Steven Jenkins 18- Secretary;  
Maria Tzanakis 19 – Asst. Secretary; Paul G. Sieben 18 - Treasurer; Greg Cook 17 – Asst. Treasurer  
Members: Dr. Dean Kopan 17; Debra Morris 19; Peter Papadimos 19; Steven Papadimos 18; Tom Photos 17;  
Harry Dean Proestos 19; Kypros Proestos 17; George Sares 18; Manuel Yakumithis 18;

### *Parish Ministries*

**Philoptochos President:** Susie Doukides  
**Church School Director:** Dr. Susan Sieben  
**Adult and Youth Greek School:** Dawn Anagnos  
**GOYA President:** 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:** Chadd Schwartz  
**Daughters of Penelope President:** Marina Cooper  
**Maids of Athena President:** Maria Cook  
**Bookstore:** Marlene Thomas, Dr. Susan Sieben & Kathy Andros  
**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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Fr. Larry Legakis, Cathedral Dean

*Dear Parish Family,*

*As we approach the Resurrection I wanted to offer to you an article that reminds us of the importance of being present and receiving the Risen Lord as a family.*

*In Christ, Fr. Larry*

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*HOLY SATURDAY, by Angela Doll Carson, author of the Nearly Orthodox Blog*

*Will you be there?*

The question came from a friend as I was leaving the Good Friday service and then, from someone else today, this Holy Saturday, through Facebook.

*Yes. I will be there.*

I cannot tell you how good it is to be asked this question. For me, spending a lot of time on the edges of social gatherings, church meetings, any kind of event that requires me to “be” there in person, it’s amazing how good it feels to be wanted, to be included, to be welcomed.

When I was chrismated finally after a few years of plodding along the first thing someone said to me was “welcome home!” and in that moment, I probably broke down a little. It is home. I do feel welcome. That welcome came from the people who reached out hands to me when I was new and feeling overwhelmed. It kept me coming back.

The beauty of the Orthodox church, the liturgy, the calendar, the rhythm of “Lord, have mercy” ringing through streams of incense is undeniable. I’d wager, though, that the true beauty, the fullness of the faith is demonstrated best within a community. It is not enough to practice the prayers, the fasting, the doctrines, we need each other. Will you be there?

The Holy Week finds us gathering at the Last Supper, witnessing the washing of the apostles’ feet, standing at the foot of the cross of the crucified Christ and then at the tomb as his body is laid within. We stand together in these moments, and we stand then too, awestruck when the stone is rolled away, confused in the cold of night and then joyous when we say to another person, “Christ is Risen!” and joyous when we hear the response, “Indeed, He is risen!”

Will you be there? I hope so. Be there, and enter in.

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## CHURCH REGISTRY

### HOSPITALIZED

Chris Theodorou, Toni Tom and  
Sophie Paterakis

### ENGAGEMENT

Demetrios Rongakis & Victoria Capranica

### APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*Congratulations to:*

Hristos & Georgia Rongakis – 37 years  
Michael & Linda Cleveland – 19 years

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

#### IN MEMORY OF JULIE ELLEN

Dr. & Mrs. G. J. Biernacki  
Mrs. Maritsa Loizos

#### IN MEMORY OF GEORGE DIMIT

Ms. Jeanne Gatoura  
Mr. & Mrs. Pete Spanoudis  
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Stratos

#### IN MEMORY OF CLEO ZERVOS

Mr. & Mrs. Pete Spanoudis

#### IN MEMORY OF FRIEDA SEVASTAKIS

Mr. & Mrs. Pete Spanoudis

#### IN MEMORY OF SAM A. DEDES

Ms. Jeanne Gatoura

#### IN MEMORY OF CHARALAMPOS ROSSOPOULOS

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hartford

#### IN MEMORY OF JOHN HIMEBAUGH

Mrs. Mary Brandburg

#### IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE & STEVE MORRIS

Mr. & Mrs. Pete Morris

#### IN MEMORY OF CHERYL VERONIE

Mr. & Mrs. George Veronie

#### IN MEMORY OF NICK PERRIS

Mr. & Mrs. Pete Morris

#### IN MEMORY OF GEORGE KOKKINOU

Ms. Dao Chang  
Chris & Aleca Kamilaris  
George & Lori Kamilaris  
Mrs. Maroulla Kamilaris & Athena

#### IN MEMORY OF MARY KARAY

Mr. Nick Karay, Sr.

#### IN MEMORY JOHN GALYAS

Mr. & Mrs. Pete Spanoudis

#### IN MEMORY OF HAL HARMON

Mr. Soteris Petros

#### IN MEMORY OF STEVE MALTEZOS

Dr. & Mrs. G. J. Biernacki

#### IN MEMORY OF JOHN TSAOUSDIDES

Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis  
Mr. & Mrs. George Mulopulos

#### IN MEMORTY OF CHRIS AZARIAS

Mr. & Mrs. George Mulopulos

#### DEATHS ELSEWHERE:

-Chris Azarias of Punta Gorda, Florida  
(brother of Mary Markham)

-John Galyas of Oregon, Ohio  
(Husband of Henrietta Galyas)

-John Tsaousides of Dover, NH  
(brother of Despina Pelfrey)

-Samuel Harachis of Columbus, Ohio  
(brother of Mary Ann (Hibbs) Harachis)

*May Their Memory Be Eternal*

*Special thank you to members of Young at  
Heart, Daughters of Penelope, Philoptochos,  
Choir, and all the individual cards and calls of  
get well wishes for my recent surgery.*

*It was very much appreciated.*

*-Becky Skiadas*

*The President's Message by  
Emmanuel Yakumithis*

In my previous reports, I have written about the need for transparency as well as focusing on people rather than dollars when it comes to stewardship. I am pleased to report that we are moving in the right direction. Every week, it fills my heart with pride that we have a consistent group of Altar Boys serving. Sunday school, HOPE and JOY, GOYA and REAL are actively engaging in community activities. Just recently, our GOYAN's sponsored a student to go to school in Kenya. This is only one of the actions that our children are taking on the road to becoming full stewards of the Church. Our children engage because their parents are engaged. This community is blessed to have so many adult role models. You find these people in every organization, and the numbers are great.

Our focus now needs to turn to those people that we know who pay stewardship one time and then we don't see them again. If you know someone in this group, call them. Ask them to join you for church. If you see a new face, introduce yourself. These seem like small gestures, but they really make a difference. If we get one of these people to come on a regular basis, we are succeeding in our goal.

We are still looking for volunteers for the buildings and grounds committee to help prioritize our "to do" list. If you or someone you know is interested, please let me know.

Finally as we get closer to the end of Great Lent, I wish all of you Καλή Ανάσταση and a Happy and Blessed Easter.

***Philoptochos News***

***The Ladies Philoptochos Society of  
Holy Trinity Cathedral  
Welcomes You to a Pan Orthodox Lenten Retreat***

It is good when Orthodox faithful come together in fellowship and worship and never more so than Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> when our Cathedral, under the leadership of our own Fr. Larry and Philoptochos hosted the 2017 Pan Orthodox Lenten Retreat in our community center. At 9:30 a.m. more than 50 men and women gathered for the opening prayer and a plentiful breakfast prepared and offered by our Philoptochos.

Together with Fr. Larry, three other Toledo Area Orthodox Clergy presented "Orthodox Spirituality: A Journey through Lent." The main speaker Fr. Ayman Kafouf, St. Elias Antiochian Church, was assisted by Fr. Michael Shaheen, St. George Cathedral Woodley Road and Fr. Nicholas Hubbard, St. George Cathedral, Rossford.

Fr. Ayman developed the theme of God's love; that we were put on earth to be in communion with God; the Expulsion from Paradise; Salvation through Jesus Christ; that God became Man so man may become God by grace. Following these remarks, attendees separated into break out groups led by the clergy to discuss Fr. Ayman's comments.

At noon, the delicious Lenten lunch prepared by our own George Kamilaris, chef owner of Georgio's Café International was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you, George, for your continuous stewardship to our beloved Cathedral.

The afternoon session continued with Fr. Ayman's remarks about human passions and emotions. He concluded by sharing the good news that there is no hopelessness in Christianity; that our spiritual life is the means to our salvation.

Truly this was a day of enlightenment, learning and prayer and we thank our area clergy as they faithfully lead us in our Lenten journey towards His Glorious Resurrection.

This timely and successful retreat was organized by the committee that included Presbyteria Jenny, Philoptochos President Susie Doukides, Kathy Chaka, Maria Kopan, Kelly Yakumithis, Yanula Stathulis, Carole Faoiz and Terry Timmons. We thank them for all that they did in the true spirit of stewardship.

We wish everyone strength as we complete this blessed Lent in anticipation of His Glorious Resurrection. Kali Anastasi!

**Philoptochos will be offering a service scholarship to high school graduates. You may request an application from Stephanie Berardinelli at [Mrs.berardinelli0728@gmail.com](mailto:Mrs.berardinelli0728@gmail.com) or 419-276-0964. All applications must be submitted no later than Sunday, April 30th.**



**KROGER COMMUNITY  
REWARDS UPDATE by Mary Dedes**

**APRIL IS HERE!  
TIME TO RE-ENROLL**

April is here and it is the time for all participants in the Kroger Community Rewards Program to re-enroll. We **MUST** re-enroll after April 1, 2017 to continue earning \$\$\$ during the coming year, 05/01/17 to 04/30/18.

Even if you registered for the first time in February or March of 2017, you **MUST** re-enroll in April 2017 to continue earning \$\$\$ during the coming year, 05/01/17 to 04/30/18.

Some participants were registered by me or my co-chairman. We will re-enroll those. The other participants who registered themselves **MUST** re-enroll themselves. *I would appreciate a 'thumbs up' to let me know you have re-enrolled!*

Good news is that during the quarter ended January 31, 2017, our earnings amounted to \$818.95 with 114 households participating. We no longer receive a list of the participants so we must rely on each of you who registered online yourselves to **PLEASE, PLEASE** re-enroll.

The web site to re-enroll is [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). I repeat, go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) Sign in and click on "View your reward details", 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.

This is a **PAINLESS, PROFITABLE & PERPETUAL** fundraiser and Philoptochos thanks you **ALL**, new participants and continuing participants Questions??? See Mary Dedes. Thank you!

**Daughters of Penelope News**  
by Connie Mynihan

*Christ will Rise this month, let us prepare.*

Our March Meeting started with a delicious Lenten meal prepared by our fellow Ahepans. Thank you for the lovely and delicious dinner.

Buckeye District 11 Governor's Testimonial Luncheon held on March 11<sup>th</sup> at Georgio's was a smashing success. A fantastic and delicious luncheon

was enjoyed by all. Congratulations go to Joyce Anagnos, District Governor, Daughters of Penelope, Erika Pantelakos, District Governor, Maids of Athena, and Dr. John Urse, District Governor AHEPA. Daughters of Penelope wish a Special Thank You to Tony Capranica, Toastmaster and Marian Capranica, Event Chairman for all their hard work in getting this event together.

The Maids of Athena are having a Testimonial Dinner for Grand President Tria Charnas on April 29, 2017, at 7:00 pm, St. Paul Hellenic Center, North Royalton, Ohio.

Don't miss out on 2017 DOP Dodona #24 Chapter Scholarship. Deadline is April 21, 2017. Just google Daughters of Penelope Dodona #24 and our site will appear. National Scholarship information for 2017 is available on Daughters of Penelope website. Deadline for National Scholarship is May 1, 2017.

Daughters of Penelope **Annual Spring Bake Sale** will be on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Don't miss out on your favorite treats; preorders are available. Order forms are available Sunday during coffee hour or check your email and mail.

Coffee Hour for April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 will be hosted by the Daughters of Penelope. Special guest speaker, Sandy Seiben from UT Human Traffic & Social Justice Institute will give a speech on Human Trafficking.

Arty Drink and Paint is scheduled for this summer, further information for sign up and details will be coming.

Several projects are in the works! This spring is shaping up to be very interesting. Stay tuned for further details.

District Convention will be held June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Fairborn, Ohio and National Convention will be held the week of July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Disney Orlando, Florida.

Your 2017 dues need to be paid NOW, the amount is \$45.00. Please bring your dues to the March meeting or mail them to Sophie Stathoupoulos, Treasurer, 6535 Cornwall Court, Sylvania, OH 43560. Please make your checks payable to Daughters of Penelope.

Our next meeting and dinner will be April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. We will be having a joint meeting and a delicious dinner with AHEPA at the Community Center.

*April is a promise that May is bound to keep.*

*-Hal Borland*

**News from AHEPA**

Congratulations to the AHEPA and Daughters District Governors on a successful Testimonial Luncheon. The luncheon was held on March 11 at Georgio's Café International with nearly 80 people in attendance from Toledo and around the district. Along with AHEPA District Governor Dr. John Urse and Daughters District Governor, Toledo's own Joyce Anagnos, the Maids of Athena Grand President Tria



Charnas also attended and spoke. Tria hails from North Royalton, another member of our district. Many thanks to Marian Capranica for chairing the event.

Sunday, May 21 we'll celebrate AHEPA Sunday and Scholarship Sunday. Mark this day on your calendar and plan to attend and honor our graduating seniors. The AHEPA and Daughters will also be honoring their members with service recognition and special awards.

The Buckeye Foundation Scholarship is available to students whose parent(s) or guardian is a member of a chapter in the district or the student is a member of one of the junior orders in the district are available at [www.bsf.buckeyedistrict11.org](http://www.bsf.buckeyedistrict11.org). Deadline for this scholarship is April 15, 2017. This application is filled out online. There is no paper copy available.

As a reminder - Applications are now available for the Ypsilanti Chapter #118 scholarship. All applicants must meet the criteria listed below. Also, available is the Gus County Athletic Scholarship. Applications for both scholarships are available in the church office or online at [www.toledo.buckeyedistrict11.org](http://www.toledo.buckeyedistrict11.org). Deadline for both scholarships is April 30, 2017.

1. Applicant or applicant's parents must be a member in good standing of one or more of the following organizations:
  - a. Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Toledo, Ohio.
  - b. Order of AHEPA Ypsilanti Chapter NO. 118.
  - c. Daughters of Penelope Dodona Chapter NO. 24.
  - d. Maids of Athena
2. The criteria to be considered in awarding scholarships will be based on:
  - a. Scholastic achievement: The student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 out of a 4.0 GPA
  - b. Leadership,
  - c. Extracurricular activities and,
  - d. Community involvement.
3. Applicant must have been accepted by an accredited college or university.
4. Scholarship funds will be sent in the applicants name directly to the office of admissions.
5. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, books or fees.
6. All scholarship funds must be returned if the applicant does not successfully complete the first academic year.
7. Your scholarship application will not be processed unless all required information is provided.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of or re-instating into Ypsilanti #118 can call Tony Capranica at 419.540.1150.

### *Young at Heart News by Tina Papalekas*

Young at Heart is in full swing for spring. Our meetings are again starting in the evening at 6:00p.m. with dinner and a short meeting. Our March meeting on the 16th was a Lenten dinner of baked fish and was enjoyed by all. After a short meeting, there was a presentation by Yvonne Dubelek who is the director of "Toledo Grows", an outreach program of the Toledo Botanical Garden.

Young at Heart is inviting Everyone 50 years young and over to join us. We are a group who enjoy each other's company and meet once a month for a delicious dinner. We also present interesting programs at some of our meetings. We also take day trips to interesting places and at least once a year we take a tour. Last year, our tour was to New York City with other stops along the way. This year our tour is to New Orleans with a stop in Nashville.

If you are interested in joining us please reach out to one of the officers of the club. We look forward to seeing you.

### *Byzantine Music Fellowship by Elaine Lillios*



"Most Holy Theotokos Save Us."

This verse represents the foundation of the Byzantine Music Fellowship's chanting endeavors. Each week during Great Lent we chant Salutations to the Theotokos on Friday evenings at 7pm, joining the choir in praise of our Lady the Theotokos. We invite all community

members, along with old and current fellowship members, to join us for this uplifting service. Chant along with us! All voices are welcome.

*(Note – the group will not meet for Tuesday rehearsals until after Pascha)*

### *Holy Trinity Greek Kitchen by Connie Mynihan*

Easter, graduations, showers and get-togethers are just around the corner. Order now and have your baking needs ready. Twenty-four pieces of delicious Baklava - \$30.00, spanakopita - \$20.00 or tiropita - \$20.00 are available.

Order forms have been sent by email, mail and will be available Sunday, during coffee hour. Orders are due in by Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Pick up at Holy

Trinity Community Center are Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> or April 9<sup>th</sup> between 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Please be generous as all proceeds are given to the church. There are a lot of icons and they all need cleaning and touching up, which is very costly.

If you need further information or have any questions, please contact Connie Mynihan at 419-250-4899 or email: [Mynihan@bex.net](mailto:Mynihan@bex.net)

### ***Community Cookbook by Phyllis Manton***

Greetings. By now we are half way through our Lenten Journey. The question of what to eat, or what to cook becomes a challenge if people want to abstain from meat, oil, and dairy. The choice to do so is entirely personal. Oftentimes people get caught up in the food rules and forget that fasting is one part of Great Lent. The other parts of Lent are prayer and good works and of course how we treat others.

*"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."*

I include that passage because I always stumble during Lent.

I continue to be pleasantly surprised by the creative Lenten dishes people put together. Our Community Cookbook has so many tasty recipes that are tried and true. Most of the ingredients are things we have in our kitchens. Substitutions and variations work when you're out of an ingredient or two. For example, if you're out of vinegar for salad or vegetables, lemon juice is an excellent substitute. If you want to use up that bag of mixed baby kales before it expires use it as you would to make spinach and rice, (spanakorizo). The shrimp pilafs we love so much can include other seafood like mussels and oysters.

The Community Cook Book has been given a great deal of tender loving care and our experts have edited errors to create an even better book. I am fortunate to be on this team that exhibits love of faith, family, friends, and of course, food. Kali Anastasi to everyone.

### ***Stewardship Update by Kathy Chaka***

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

*John 20:21*

*NOTE: Many people were unable to attend the March 19<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Meeting and so the Stewardship report is being presented here in its entirety.*

## **Stewardship Report - General Assembly March 19, 2017**

**Kathy Chaka/Stewardship Chairman**

### **I. How is Stewardship calculated?**

**Since the adoption of Stewardship as our giving program over 20 years ago, it is common practice for Stewardship to include donations from:**

- a. Pledges/Commitment Cards
- b. Christmas
- c. Easter
- d. Flowers

### **II. 2016 End-of-Year Report ...**

In the January ECHO article we stated that we ended the 2016 Stewardship Campaign with 285 stewards. However, when all was counted and calculated and some last minute stewards generously gave their stewardship, we were very proud to announce that our community ended the **2016 Stewardship Campaign with 300 Stewards, with Total Offerings of \$237,931.28** As a basis for comparison... at the close of the 2015 Stewardship Campaign, we had **300 Stewards, with Total Offerings of \$221,560**

**These numbers are significant, in that the same amount of stewards from 2015 to 2016, recognizing the needs of this Cathedral, increased their giving by \$16,000!!!**

### **III. 2017 Stewardship Report...**

**(January 1 – February 28)**

- A. 170 Stewards have filled out Commitment Cards pledging \$159,372; \$51, 353 has been collected
- B. 21 additional Stewards are participating in the Stewardship of our Church but have not filled out Commitment Cards.
- C. The total Stewardship to date is 191 Stewards with \$54,991 collected.

### **IV. Message from the Stewardship Committee...**

Our challenge to everyone is to continue spreading the word about the good works happening here at Holy Trinity. We will measure our success this year by the number of new people that we welcome into or back to our Church. We encourage everyone to embrace our Stewardship program and make a commitment in some way to our beloved Holy Trinity Cathedral. What we are doing here at Holy Trinity is working, and it is helping to preserve this Church for generations to come!

***Be a part of the Holy Trinity Team!!!***

**2017 Stewardship Update through March 15<sup>th</sup> - Our Stewardship goal for 2017 is \$250,000**

**So far 170 Stewards have turned in a pledge cards totaling \$159,372**

**Stewardship contributions are \$51,353**

**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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## Youth and Young adult Ministries

### GOYA

March was a wonderful and full month. All the activity actually began at the end of February with the GOYA Bake Sale. We able to raise \$400 that will be given to a student in Kenya to go toward his college tuition. On Saturday, March 11th they attended the Lenten Retreat at Assumption St Claire Shores. Thank you to Julia Pechlivanos for taking them. On March 31st Goya had a great time attending the Akathistos, having a meeting and, Glow Bowling.

April looks to be a very busy month as well. The GOYANS will host the Good Friday Retreat for the younger children of our parish. They are also planning Taverna night! This year it will be on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>.



(2017 Metropolis Lenten Retreat)

### HOPE and JOY

In March our HOPE and JOY kids met on March 9th and talked about the journey of Lent and the act of repentance. Thank you to Gina Deason for bringing dinner! The kids also made cards for our shut ins for Easter! I'm sure our seniors will appreciate a card from the young people of our parish. Save these dates for April...

Saturday, April 8th – Saturday of Lazarus Divine Liturgy and parish wide cleaning of the Cathedral

Friday, April 14th – Holy Friday Retreat for our HOPE and JOY kids given by our GOYAns

### Sunday School

A big thanks to all our students and teachers for a successful Oratorical Festival March 5. All our students were involved. Preschool and Kindergarten made prayer pillows. 1st and 2nd grades made a poster with helping hands keeping with the theme of KINDNESS. 3rd and 4th grades made a poster of the cross and why the crucifixion of Christ saves us. Grades 5 & 6 wrote short essays and the junior division 7th-9th grades wrote 3 minutes speeches while 10th-12th grades presented 5 minute speeches. Congratulations to our Junior Division winner Nicholas Legakis and runner up Grant Kopan. Maria Cook was our senior division winner. Thanks to our Judges Jackie Ansara, Bailey Thabbit and Catherine Chengas. Our timers were Paul Sieben and Ursula Xanthakos. Paula Apostolou and Presbytera Jenny did a great job organizing the Festival and working with the students both during Sunday School class and during the week through modern technology.

April 14 is our Holy Friday Retreat that prepares our students for the final "leg" of our Journey to Pascha". We practice the special hymns for singing the Divine Liturgy Holy Saturday in preparation for Holy and Great Pascha.

Our last day of Sunday School will be May 28. Remember to bring your children during the Summer to experience the Divine Liturgy and learn the hymns from the green hymnal.

Saturday, April 15th – Holy Saturday Morning Divine Liturgy (children's choir) and Easter Egg Hunt

Hope to see you there! Kali Anastasi!

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Please join us throughout Lent at 6pm on Sundays for  
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Lenten Sunday Night Vespers Schedule

April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Holy Trinity-Homilist Father Ayman Kfouf

A blessed Lent!

**AGAPE Vespers Gospel Readers needed**

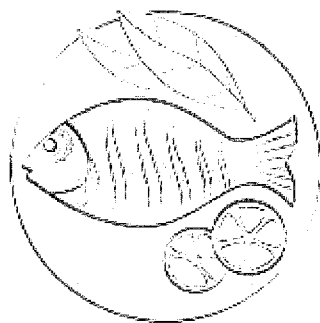
This year the AGAPE services will be here at the Cathedral at noon. It is tradition that at the AGAPE vespers we read the Gospel in different languages. If you have the ability to read in another language please see Father.

**Orthodoxy 101**

Orthodoxy 101 is great for those who are Interested in the Orthodox Church and for those who are Orthodox and would like to learn more about their faith.

The study will meet in April after the 16<sup>th</sup> for 6-8 weeks.

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## Saturday of Lazarus Church Clean up

Lead by our Philoptochos

Help us prepare our  
Cathedral for Holy Week  
and Easter!

When: April 8, 2017 after Liturgy

Who: All Adults and Youth of the Cathedral

What: To help clean our Church for Holy Week.

*Please bring buckets, mops, and other cleaning items. We will supply the cleaning products.*

### Tentative Schedule

9:30: Orthros

10:15: Divine Liturgy

11:30: Continental Breakfast

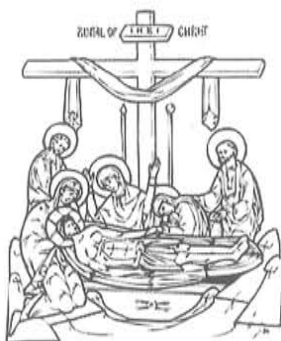
12:00: Altar Boy meeting

12:30: Youth and Adults clean Church



## Holy Week and Easter Fellowship!

### Holy Friday Retreat April 14<sup>th</sup>



This retreat is offered by the GOYANS for our HOPE and JOY kids. The retreat begins after the 10 am service at 11 am and ends after the 2pm with the un-nailing service. Lunch will be offered to all of our participants. *Please let us know if your child will attend through*

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### Myrrh bearers on Holy Friday

The service begins at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in having your daughter participate please let Maria Tzanakis or Pres. Jenny know. Practice will be after the Holy Friday retreat. This is open to all of our HOPE and JOY girls.

### Holy Saturday Morning Jr. Choir April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am



This is a great opportunity for our kids to come and sing the hymns of the Three Youths. The hymns for this service are beautiful and uplifting. We will have practice during the Holy Friday retreat. *Easter baskets and candy will be distributed to all children who attend the retreat and sing on Holy Saturday*

### EASTER EGG HUNT!



Holy Trinity Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> immediately following the morning Church service. Children 1-12 years old are

welcome. Everything will be provided so just bring your parents, grandparents and your camera.

### Attention Altar Boys!



During Holy Week all altar boys are welcome to participate in all of the services. You are given a wonderful opportunity to

participate in the beautiful services of Holy Week and Easter. We ask that you please make a commitment to be present during these services.



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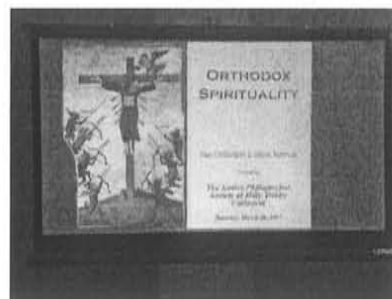
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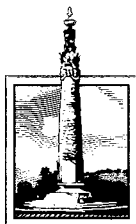
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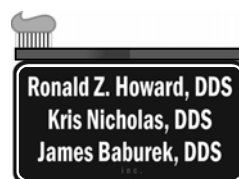
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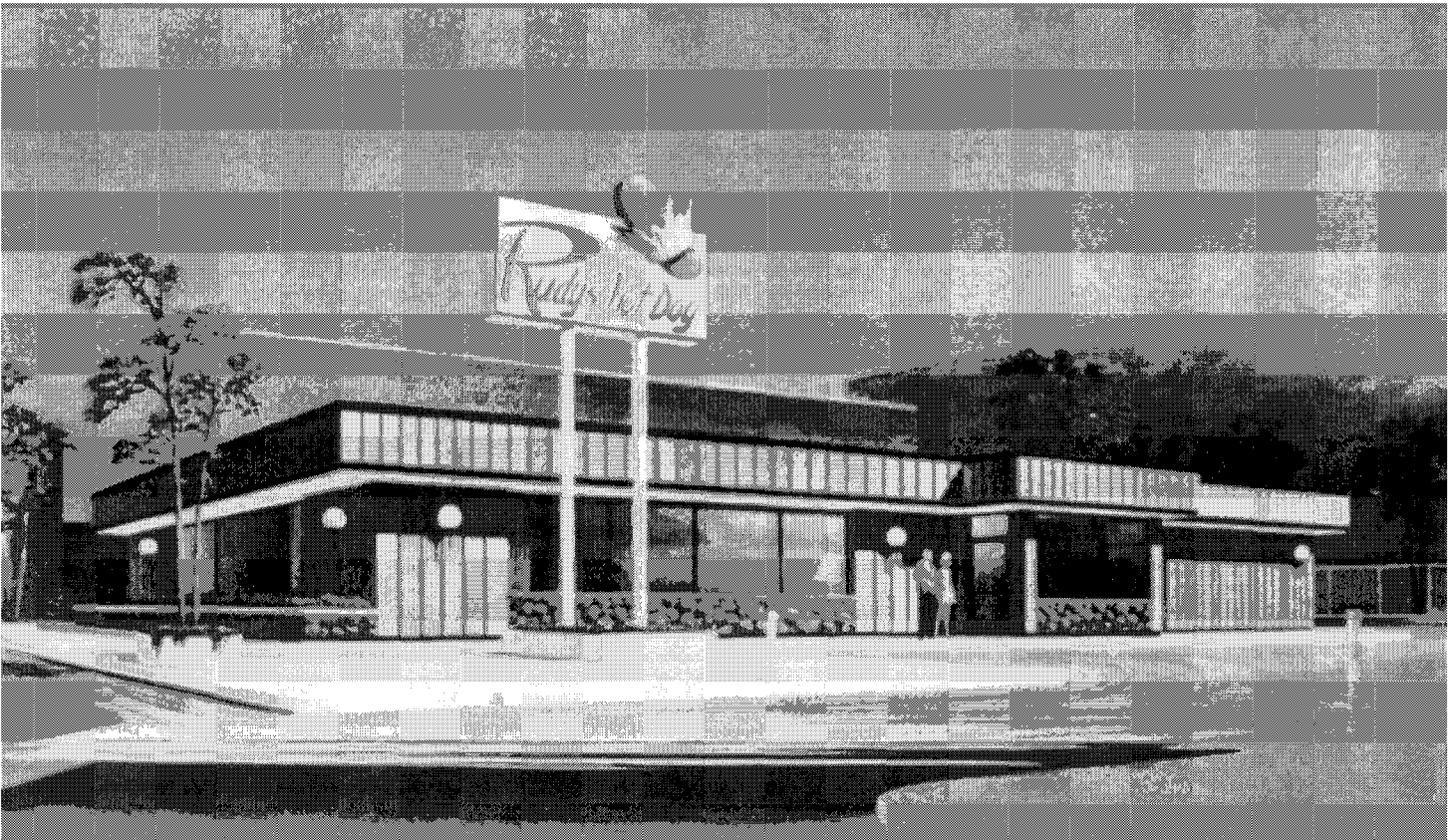
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