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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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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.

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"Honor The Past and Embrace The Future"



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"Come and see"

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

One of the great joys of being a priest is having the blessing to do the Sacraments. Two of them that I very much enjoy are weddings and baptisms. I love receiving the joyful announcements in the mail. They are both a way to share in their joy and thankfulness and a reminder of joys to come. Being thankful and sharing that thankfulness and joy usually go hand in hand. During the month of November the Church celebrates the Apostles Philip, Matthew, and Andrew. Andrew and Philip have something in common in that when they discovered the Christ they immediately joyously called others. When they found the Messiah they went out and shared their joy. The month of November and December is a time that we are called to look around and see all the ways we have been blessed. We are asked to take a moment and consider how our Lord has blessed us and where we are thankful. As Orthodox Christians we have received much and like the Apostles Philip and Andrew our joy and thankfulness should be shared with others.

Upon finding Jesus both Philip and Andrew said something similar. They both called out and proclaimed that they had found the Messiah. Philip's words were, "'We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.'" Philip then spoke with his friend Nathanael and Philip ends with these words, "Come and See". Philp and Andrew could not contain their joy. They had to share the blessings they had received. Looking at all of you and looking at all the wonderful things I see our parish doing I feel like the Apostles did. Like them I am overjoyed and thankful and I call everyone to come and see. Come and see the good works we are doing. Come and see what our Youth is doing. Come and see the outreach our various ministries are offering. Come and participate in the Christ centered fellowship. Above all come and worship with us. Come and see Christ working in Toledo.

This is not only what I am doing but I pray you will as well. It is our blessed task to tell others about the wonderful things happening in this parish because of you and your gifts. It is a blessing to tell others to "Come and See" and receive Christ here in our beautiful Church family. Take a look at all we are doing and invite a friend, a relative, someone who has not been around for a while. Invite them to "Come and See"!

In Christ,

Father Larry

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	Oct 31	1 Greece Uncorked Set-Up 9:30 AM Cosmos & Dam. - Orthros / Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children +2 more	2 6:00 PM AHEPA 6:00 PM Daughters @ Charlies 7:00 PM Orthodoxy 101	3	4 GOYA participating in Hero Huddle 7:00 PM Greece Uncorked
5 Philoptochos Sunday 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy 5:30 PM HOPE & JOY	6 7:00 PM Parish Council	7 7:00 PM Byzantine Music Fellowship	8 9:30 AM St. Michael & St. Gabriel - Orthros / Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School 6:30 PM Bible Study	9 St. Nektarios Orthros/Divine Liturgy 9:30am Youth Breakfast Set Up 7:00 PM Orthodoxy 101	10 Holiday Hoops Greek Kitchen Orders Due	11
12 Youth Sunday 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	13 Greek Kitchen Cooking 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board	14 7:00 PM Byzantine Music Fellowship	15 Nativity Fast Begins 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	16 12:00 PM City of Toledo Thanksgiving Homeless Luncheon 6:00 PM Young at Heart 7:00 PM Orthodoxy 101	17 10:00 AM Greek Kitchen Order Pick Up 5:00 PM Coffee Talk with Fr. Larry @ Sips 7:00 PM Paraklesis	18 REAL Fellowship Matters 10:00 AM Greek Kitchen Order Pick Up
19 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Greek Kitchen Order Pick Up 5:30 PM Madonna Homes	20 7:00 PM Philoptochos	21 9:30 AM Entrance of the Theotokos - Orthros / Divine Liturgy	22 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Bible Study	23 GOYA Parking Lot Thanksgiving	24 Church Office Closed GOYA decorating the Church	25 St. Katherine 9:30 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy
26 Daughters Christmas Tree Decorating Sunday School Bank a Sunday 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	27 Young at Heart Outing	28 7:00 PM Byzantine Music Fellowship	29 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	30 9:30 AM St. Andrew - Orthros / Divine Liturgy	Dec 1	2 Stella Koutouli
3 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	4 9:30 AM St. Barbara - Orthros / Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM Parish Council	Notes				

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26 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	27 9:30 AM St. Barbara - Orthros / Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM Parish Council	28 7:00 PM Byzantine Music Fellowship	29 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	Nov 30 9:30 AM St. Andrew - Orthros / Divine Liturgy	1 GOYA Retreat	2 Hall Rental tentative
3 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	4 9:30 AM St. Barbara - Orthros / Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM Parish Council	5 7:00 PM Byzantine Music Fellowship	6 St. Nicholas 9:15 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School 6:30 PM Bible Study	7 6:00 PM AHEPA 6:00 PM Daughters @ Beirut	8	9 Hall Rental tentative
10 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy 4:00 PM HOPE & JOY	11 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board	12 Philoptochos Shut-in Boxes REAL Dinner Night 9:30 AM St. Spyridon - Orthros / Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM Byzantine Music	13 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	14	15 9:30 AM St. Eleutherios - Orthros / Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM Coffee Talk with Fr. Larry @ Biggby (Detroit & The Trail)	16 10:00 AM Sunday School Pageant Dress Rehearsal
17 Christmas Party Sunday School Pageant 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	18 7:00 PM Philoptochos	19 7:00 PM Byzantine Music Fellowship	20 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	21 6:00 PM Young at Heart	22 Pan-Orthodox Christmas Concert	23
24 Christmas Eve 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	25 Christmas Day 9:15 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	26 Church Office Closed	27 9:30 AM St. Stephen - Orthros / Divine Liturgy	28 GOYA Christmas Party	29	30
31 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	Jan 1	Notes				

CHURCH REGISTRY

HOSPITALIZED

John Patroulis

BIRTH

Baby Leonidas Andrew Georgakopoulos
born October 11, 2017
To parents Andrew & Carrie Georgakopoulos

WEDDING

Dimitrios Rongakis & Victoria Capranica
October 28, 2017
Sponsors: Maria Benovic & Bobby Barcrossas

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*November Wedding Anniversaries
Congratulations to:*

Gerald & Pauline Biernacki – 62 years
Jim & Athena Mitsopoulos – 54 years
Dimitrios & Virginia Bubulya – 53 years
Andreas & Tasoulla Proestou – 48 years
Andrew & Shelly Dionyssiou – 29 years
Dr.'s Michael & Cristina Pappas – 18 years
Fr. Larry & Pres. Jenny Legakis – 14 years
Michael & Elaine Thompson – 13 years
Roger & Elaine Worley – 11 years
Jacob & Stephanie Franklin – 6 years

FUNERAL

Pauline Buldas – September 27, 2017

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Pauline Buldas – 40 days
Dr. John Chrysochoos – 1 year
Edwin Harwood – 1 year
Cleo Zervos – 1 year
Chris G. Zervos – 3 years
Demetra Petros – 4 years
Thomas G. Pelphrey – 18 years

May Their Memory Be Eternal

MEMORIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF PAULINE BULDAS

Ms. Theresa Dicolen
FIG Ladies
Ms. Deb Martinich Fortney
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Isaac
Dr. & Mrs. Soterios Kakissis
Kerger Law Firm, LLC
Mrs. Roula Manton

Mr. & Mrs. Steve McCrea
Ms. Kimberly Morrell
Mrs. Tina Papalekas
Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Parks
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Simko
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Stahl
Mrs. Elizabeth Voudouris
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wade
Ms. JoAnn Winzler

IN MEMORY OF ANDREAS DIONYSSIOU

Dr. & Mrs. Nikolaos Petousis
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Verikakis

IN MEMORY OF KATHRYN MARTIN

Ms. Andrea Korogianos

IN MEMORY OF CHRIS G. & CLEO ZERVOS

Mr. & Mrs. Chris J. Zervos

IN MEMORY OF ED HARWOOD

Dr. & Mrs. G. J. Biernacki

IN MEMORY OF DR. JOHN CHRYSOCHOOS

Mrs. Alexandra Chrysochoos

IN MEMORY OF SPIROS THEODOROU

Mrs. Elizabeth Voudouris

IN MEMORY OF CHRISTINE SPIROPOULOS

Mrs. Tina Papalekas

IN MEMORY OF DIMITRA STROPLOS

Col. & Mrs. Dennis Lawrence

IN MEMORY OF THEODOROS ELIAS

Mrs. Elizabeth Voudouris

IN MEMORY OF PAULINE PETROS SPIROPOULOS

Mrs. Irene Kaufman

SPECIAL OCCASION DONATIONS:

IN HONOR OF TERRY PERRIS' BIRTHDAY

Mr. & Mrs. Chris J. Zervos

IN HONOR OF DIANE SUN'S BIRTHDAY

Mr. & Mrs. Chris J. Zervos

IN HONOR OF CHRIS J. ZERVOS' BIRTHDAY

Mr. Terry Perris

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

..Pauline Buldas of Montpelier, OH
(Marina Lung's mother)

President's Report by Emmanuel T. Yakumithis

As we approach Thanksgiving, I would like to express my thanks to all of you. This has been a busy year that has flown by! Another successful festival, progress is being made on our "To Do" list and our community is moving toward the future with a positive spirit. Under the spiritual leadership of Father Larry, we continue to grow as a community and grow closer to each other.

This month, we have many community activities: Hero Hustle and Greece Uncorked, Philoptochos Sunday, Youth Sunday, and many others. Our volunteers work very hard to make these events a joy to participate in. Let's show our appreciation for their efforts and participate in as many events as we can. At the end of the day, our organizations are not in competition with each other, but siblings of the same family.

We are part of a great community and with your help we can make it even greater!

From my family to yours, I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Holiday Season.

Philoptochos News by Pattie Senerius

PHILANTHROPY FOR GENERATIONS

October and November have been busy months for Philoptochos. On October 8th, pink ribbons and pins were given to parishioners who wore pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness which is in October. Thank you Barbara Hartford and Ann Mulopulos for helping and sharing your time.

The Metropolis of Detroit Clergy Laity Conference was held in Buffalo, New York on October 27-30. Pauline Biernacki, a board member of the Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos, attended and reported that this year's theme was DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE? Many topics were discussed based on this theme. National Philoptochos continues the challenge of Acts of Kindness, feeding the hungry, continuing our church ministries and expanding our community outreach. Showing others that you care brings

surprising benefits by increasing happiness, spreading love and it sends your energy soaring.

After months of planning, our 4th annual Greece Uncorked Wine Tasting Event was held on Saturday, November 4th. Stacy Morris, Kelly Yakumithis and their committee's hard work made this charity fundraiser a huge success. Money was donated to Noah's House and to the Aurora House. Noah's House provides short term respite care and a summer camp for special needs children. It is a part of the Anne Grady Center. The Aurora House (our neighbors) addresses the needs of the homeless women and those dealing with addiction as well as their children. Their vision is that they will reach their full potential as contributing members of their community.

Philoptochos Sunday was celebrated on November 5th in honor of our Patron Saints, Cosmos and Damianos and all of our grandmothers and mothers who worked tirelessly throughout the years for our beloved Philoptochos and Holy Trinity. Thank you to Kathy Chaka and Pauline Biernacki for setting the table and all the women who baked the delicious pastries. Also, thank you to Dawn Anagnos for baking the bread for the Artoklasia Service and Helen Matthews for making the koliva.

We will begin collecting Philoptochos' stewardship for 2018-2019 in November and December. Please turn in your stewardship to Maria Kopan or Angie Bohland.

The College Connection ministry is now being organized. Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

"Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness."

Lucas A. Seneca

Upcoming Events

November 13th - Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

November 20th - General Meeting - 7:00 p.m..

Meetings are held in the Ahepa Room. Please make every effort to be on time.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS NEWS
by Faye Melas

Philoptochos continues to participate in the Kroger Community Rewards fundraiser program.

We remind you that the amount of the rewards is based on a percentage of spending. To increase our earnings, we need to increase the number of persons designating Philoptochos as their charity on their Kroger Plus Card. (Ask a friend to participate in our program. It is painless and such a worthwhile cause!)

Also, please, make sure your phone number is listed under the **ALT ID** section. If you forget your Kroger Rewards card; all you have to do is type in your phone number when checking out and Philoptochos still receives credit for your purchase. If you are unable to update your account, please, let me know and I will assist you.

The web site to join is:

www.krogercommunityrewards.com . We are in the Columbus region. Click on "Create an Account" and follow the prompts. Our name is Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Philoptochos and our ID# is 81429.

Philoptochos thanks all of you for participating in this *Profitable, Painless, and Perpetual* fundraiser.

Young at Heart News by Becky Skiadas

YAH held the first meeting of the year on September 15. I thanked all the YAH members who volunteered at the workshops all summer and helped at the Festival.

We enjoyed a delicious dinner cooked by Despina Pelphrey and assisted by Nitsa Matthews ...we had Yuvetsi! Yummm!

At our last meeting we enjoyed a sneak peek of the new exhibit coming to the Toledo Art Museum by Adam Levine, Curator of the museum. It is called "Glorious Splendor" and will feature beautiful jewels and other artifacts from BC. Nov 18 to Feb. 18, 2018

YAH will be celebrating Halloween with a "Night of Magic" at our October meeting.

Come join us for fun and fellowship. We will be planning another trip to Hollywood Casino for food and play in, November 29, at 6:00pm.

This year the YAH will start joining the other ministries with a YAH Christmas tree. We will set that up on Nov. 25.

We welcome anyone 50 years young and up to come join us. Dues are just \$10.00 a year!

Talk to any one of the officers, Becky, Nitsa, Tina, Dorothy. or Connie. We'll be happy to have you.

Daughters of Penelope News by Connie Mynihan

On October 5th the Daughters of Penelope met at Holy Trinity Community Center with the Ahepans. As always the Ahepans prepared a delicious dinner for everyone's enjoyment. Thank you.

Our annual Greek Town/Casino bus trip was on Sunday, October 8, 2017. As always a great time was had by one and all. A big THANK YOU goes to Marina Cooper and all of your helpers for hosting this annual event.

June 15th and 16th, 2018 the Toledo Daughters of Penelope and AHEPA will host the Buckeye District Convention at the Park Inn. Friday, June 15, 2018 will be **Greek Night**. The Holy Trinity Community will be able to purchase tickets and join in on the fun. All Dodona #24 Daughters of Penelope and Ahepans will be asked to participate in making this an exciting event. Signups are now being solicited. Please contact Marian Capranica to help with this event.

The Maids of Athena is having an open house in November and 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.

Special Notice: We are currently looking for the missing Jewel for Vice President. Please notify Marina Cooper should you find the missing Jewel.

Our next meeting is **November 2nd**, which will be held at the Charlie's Restaurant, Dussel Road, Maumee.. Flyers will be sent.

***"If you are really thankful, what do you do?
You share."***
—W. Clement Stone

Holy Trinity Greek Kitchen by Connie Mynihan

Thanksgiving, Christmas 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 November 10, 2017. Pick up at Holy Trinity Community Center are Friday November 17th or Sunday November 19th 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

Our regular meetings are held September through June on the first Thursday of each month. Several meetings will be held jointly with the Daughters chapter. The November meeting will be held on November 2 at 6:00 at Michael's Restaurant in downtown Toledo. A reminder notice will be sent to all the brothers.

We'll be selling the Super Bowl Block tickets again this year. They will be \$15.00 per block. First and third quarter winners will receive \$125, halftime winner will receive \$250 and the final winner will receive \$500. Check with the officers for your ticket.

This is a special year for the Ahepans, Daughters and Maids when Toledo will be hosting the AHEPA District #11 Convention. The convention will take place June 15 & 16, 2018 at the Park Inn in downtown Toledo. The last convention held in Toledo was a great success and we are planning to make this convention just as successful. The convention will bring in delegates from all over Ohio and parts of West Virginia and Kentucky. To make this event a success will require volunteers from all three Orders, so if called upon please respond with whatever time, talent or treasure you can provide.

The convention weekend will kick off on Friday June 15 with a golf outing at Heatherdowns Country Club at 9:00 a.m. Friday evening we'll host a Greek Night and convention meetings, Awards Luncheon and Grand Banquet on Saturday. All events are open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend.

The Ahepans and Daughters will be soliciting ads for the convention album. Please support the album by purchasing an ad. Additional information about the convention will be available soon at www.buckeyedistrict11.org.

As always, Ypsilanti #118 is looking for new members and encouraging former brothers to re-join. For more information, checkout www.buckeyedistrict11.org or www.ahepa.org.

Community Cookbook by Phyllis Manton

Greetings and Happy Fall. The late summer and early fall at Holy Trinity is one very busy time. It is truly a time for us to celebrate our cuisine. The festival is a showcase of the best we have to offer and no one can deny it is our food.

The cookbook ministry would like to thank the chefs who demonstrated for the cooking classes. Featured were three cooking classes this season. The first session was taught by George Kamilaris. He presented cooking techniques with phyllo. He presented the class with many ways to use phyllo in savory dishes.

Greg and JoAnn Cook demonstrated making stuffed grape leaves, dolmades. Each participant was able to take their food home with them. The recipes demonstrated in the classes are from the community's cookbook but as always people cook to their tastes and what their families like.

The final class in the series was spanakopita presented by Andreas and Maria Petros. It was a great class and well attended. We are grateful to all our chefs for sharing their time and talents with us.

The cookbook committee has been presented with an opportunity to do some community outreach in Toledo. This opportunity is not exclusively for the cookbook committee only. It is a chance to teach people how to cook healthy meals. Most of us have been blessed with the long-standing tradition of cooking. Our homes are filled with savory aromas and we know the meals are nutritious. Sadly, not all people have that in their lives. Working with community partners and a commercial kitchen we can teach people simple dishes they can replicate in their own homes. This project will be sometime in 2018. A portion of our profit from the cooking classes will be utilized to sponsor this community project.

Stewardship Report by Kathy Chaka

Every Good and Perfect Gift Comes From Above"

James 1:17

*Another "Amazing" Stewardship Sunday has come and gone! I'd like to thank everyone who came to Church to support Holy Trinity and who placed their 2018 Stewardship Commitment Card with everyone else's to be blessed by Fr. Larry. I'd also like to thank our **outstanding** Stewardship Committee who work so hard and give of their time to one of the most important ministries of our Church: Fr. Larry, Monny Yakumithis, Paul Sieben, Maria Tzanakis, George Veronie, Karen George, George Arvanitis, and Denny Lawrence.*

On October 15th, we held our Parish Assembly and the following is an excerpt from the Stewardship report that was presented that day! I've included it here for those who were unable to attend...

Good morning! I'd like to begin my Stewardship report by thanking Fr. Larry for the last three weeks of eloquent and inspirational Stewardship sermons. The way you spoke about our contributions of Time, Talent, and Treasure to our beloved Holy Trinity made us want to "be more and do more"! You are truly leading this Parish by example, and we thank you and appreciate you.

In the past few days, hopefully everyone has been receiving our "new" 2018 Stewardship Packets. If you have NOT received one, please, contact Carole, our church secretary, and she will get one to you right away!

This packet was designed not only to reflect our new and improved Stewardship Commitment but it was also designed to showcase all the amazing ministries that Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral has to offer its parishioners. This colorful and informative packet definitely answers many Stewardship questions and offers us a brand new, easy method for making your Stewardship offering.

Gene Haberman is with us today. Gene has worked diligently to create our new online giving website. Many of us in this room are used to paying our bills online. In fact, we have many of those bills are done through automatic withdrawal. Thanks to Gene, you can now go easily to our website www.holytrinity.com/donate and you can set up your Stewardship offering for 2018. We are so excited to finally be able to offer our parishioners this quick and easy alternative to make their Stewardship offerings. Gene has also graciously made himself available should anyone have any questions about navigating this site.

Now, if you look at the cover of the packet it says, "From Every Good and Perfect Comes From Above." This is so true! I believe that this scripture is the essence of what God is telling us about Stewardship. Each and every one of us has received many blessings in our lives. As your Stewardship Chairman, I want to speak to you about our decision to ask our parishioners to "consider" offering 2% of their income in Stewardship to the church.

We completely recognize that every family's situation is different and every family has been blessed to different degrees. That is why God so perfectly says, "Every man shall give as he is ABLE according to the blessings that the Lord your God has given you." Speaking about numbers and dollar amounts is always

an uncomfortable subject for people, and Fr. Larry and I have spent a lot of time discussing how we wanted to share this goal of 2% tithing with all of you.

We began by looking at trends in giving for this community and what we found was very positive! Though the number of parishioners participating in our Stewardship program has remained relatively constant over the years at around 300 Stewards, the amount that we are all giving has been steadily increasing. This is so exciting because it says that slowly but surely we are rising up to meet the needs of this Church.

The approximate operating budget for 2018 is \$601,676 dollars. We recognize that we need a new philosophy towards how we think about what we pledge each year for Stewardship. This packet was actually designed to reach out beyond all of you who regularly give your Time, Talents, and Treasures to this community and go into the homes of those parishioners who have yet to give or don't give consistently and say, "Look at us! Look at what Holy Trinity has to offer!! We have so much to offer you here and we welcome you!!!"

To that end, next week is our Stewardship Sunday, and we ask that you bring your completed 2018 Stewardship Commitment Card in its envelope to be placed together with everyone's in a basket to be blessed by Fr. Larry. We ask that you have prayerfully considered all the blessings that God has bestowed upon you and your family.

Just as an F.Y.I, for this past year 2017, 93% of our parishioners have filled out commitment cards! People are truly listening to the message that this is the BEST way to responsibly budget for the coming year.

And finally.... please join us next week for a catered lunch as our way of saying thank you for all that you do!! You know I'll be honest, on occasion I have said to Father Larry, "Being Chairman of Stewardship can be "difficult"... But as Fr. Larry tells me all the time, **"Koukla Mou, This community is rising up! We are just getting ready to Soar!!!!** Well from your mouth to God's ears Father Larry!!

Reminder... There are still two months left to participate in this year's Stewardship campaign and achieve our 2017 Stewardship Commitment goal of \$250,000. There are many stewards who have already made a Stewardship Commitment for 2017, and we thank you so much! We pray that if you haven't made a pledge to Holy Trinity yet, please consider doing so. It is important to remember that everything that we do at this Church, all our ministries, is made possible through your faithful giving.

2017 Stewardship Update through October 20th - Our Stewardship goal for 2017 is \$250,000

So far 250 Stewards have turned in a pledge cards totaling \$209,077

Stewardship contributions are 173,505

**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!**

Mir & Mrs Jack Adams
Mr & Mrs George Anagnos
Ms Joyce Anagnos
Mrs Mildred Andrews
Ms Kathy Andros
Mr & Mrs John Andujar
Mr & Mrs Basil Apostolou
Mr & Mrs George Arvanitis
Mr & Mrs Charles Bailey
Mr Constantine Ballas
Mr. Michael Ballas
Mr & Mrs Harry Barlos
Mr & Mrs Phillip Batianis
Mr & Mrs Evan Batsakes
Mr & Mrs George Bekos
Mr & Mrs Ilias Bekos
Mr Nick N. Bekos
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Mrs Stavroula Bekos
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Mr & Mrs Thomas Bohland
Mr & Mrs Al Brogan
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Mr & Mrs Dimitri Bubulya
Mr & Mrs Brian Buerman
Mrs Tatjana Buhk & Ben Kao
Mrs Phyllis Bundros
Mr & Mrs Jeffrey Calcamuggio
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Ms Victoria Capranica
Mr & Mrs Bryan Chaka
Ms Catherine H. Chengges
Mr & Mrs Nick Chirgott
Mr & Mrs Amvrosios Chrysanthou
Mrs. Alexandra Chrysochoos
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Holy Trinity's 4 week Summer of the Arts Program started on June 5th. It was a welcome sight greeting new and previous dancers that participated in the dance, art and church music program. Participants in Summer of the Arts are divided into 3 groups that correspond to the Hellenic Dance Company's Ellinopedia, Asteria and Olympian dance groups. However, since the dance company's senior group had a major event on July 8th, Hellenic Dancers' rehearsals were piggy-backed onto the Monday Summer of the Arts Program.

The official start to the Hellenic Dance Company's summer dance rehearsals in preparation for the 2017 Greek Festival was July 10th. As a reminder- The Hellenic Dance Company is open to all children, teens and young adults.

The Hellenic Dance Company's primary goal is to promote our Greek heritage and culture through the teaching of ethnic dances and performance of those dances. However, what other skills are our dancers taking with them?

From young to old we as instructors hope they will learn to work cooperatively, to communicate, to problem solve, commit, take initiative, be prompt, have respect for others, to accept rules, the ability to learn (practice), be adaptable and flexible, have ability to work under pressure, develop self-discipline, dedication, leadership skills and the most important self-confidence.

The Hellenic Dance Company is made up of 4 dance groups. The **Ellinopedia** dance group includes our youngest dancers. Dance teaching methods include skipping and counting games and teaching right from left. The ability to skip is very important in Greek dancing. We also attempt as instructors to emphasize the beat of the music.

Who could resist our adorable **Ellinopedia Dancers** as they performed 5 dances during their Friday, Saturday and Sunday performances? Dancers included: **Jacob Calcamuggio, Demi Deason, Electra Hickman, Lukia Legakis, Francesca Lizcano, Sebastian Lizcano, Olivia MacLaren Harrington, Sophia MacLaren Harrington, Nikko Marinis, Billy Plomaritis, Elias Sares, George Sares, Teddy Theodorou, Alexandria Xenofontos, Mariam**

Xenofontos, Andreanna Xenofontos, Maria Yakumithis and Evie Zuccarell.

Ellinopedia Helpers were **Charlotte Lizcano, Zoe Bollin, Gus Matthews, Laila Proestos and Zachary Proestos.**

The Hellenic Dance Company uses "transition dancers." They are dancers that have the ability to move to a more advanced group but leave a void in their previous group. So we ask the dancers and their parents if they can be members of two groups. This also entails performing twice each day of the festival. This way we stabilize each group. Transition dancers help the younger group by leading and staying on beat.

Ellinopedia Transition dancers were **Demi Deason and Billy Plomaritis.**

The **Asteria Dancers** make up the next group. One immediately notices that this group needs no assistance from the dance instructors. Rehearsals have taught them more intricate dances and choreography. Dance leaders, besides knowing the routine to a dance, also are aware of the group's stage presence. Leaders learn the signals that indicate a change in choreography. This group did a great job in their performances.

The Asteria Dancers performed 7 dances every day of the festival and they were **Natalie Arvanitis, Zoe Bollin, Demi Deason, Gus Jackson, Vasilia Legakis, Charlotte Lizcano, Karris Marinis, Gus Matthews, Steven Owen, Billy Plomaritis, Laila Proestos, Zachary Proestos, and Nikko Theodorou.**

Asteria Transition Dancers were **Natalie Arvanitis and Vasilia Legakis.**

The **Olympians Dancers** make up the third group and this is where instruction is not only about learning the steps to a dance. Instructors spend time encouraging dancers to understand what is involved in leading their group. These lessons continue to the advanced level of the Hellenic Dancers.

The Olympian Dance Group performed 8 dances and included: **Natalie Arvanitis, Amalia Bollin, Jackson Bollin, Bella Calcamuggio, Iliana Calcamuggio, Scott Deason, Evvie Jackson, Nicholas Legakis, Vasilia Legakis, Veronica Lizcano, Karris Marinis, Bella Matthews, Kalli McCullough, Theodora Mitsopoulos, Constantine Rousos,**

Eleftherios Skrettas, Marianna Temple and Blake Theodorou.

The Toledo Museum of Art's Annual Block Party's was held on July 8th. The purpose is to draw together the area's entertainment, food, and music purveyors for a celebration of summer. The festivities were spread out across Monroe Street, which was closed to traffic, and coincided with the opening of the special exhibition, The Berlin Painter and His World, a display of ancient Athenian vase painting. With the season's focus on the art of Greece, inspiration for the Block Party's food, dance, and music came from across the Atlantic. Holy Trinity's very own Hellenic Dancers were invited to headline the evening's entertainment.

The Hellenic Dancers invited the Ann Arbor St. Nicholas' Yassou Dancers to join in the performance. Yassou Dancers also were glad to provide their summer costumes for the performance. The combined group was applauded by the close to 4,000 people that attended the event.

Ten rehearsals later the Hellenic Dancers 3 day programs were the highlight of Holy Trinity's Festival. The performances were **spectacular!!** Our festival patrons were impressed by the precision of the dances steps and routines.

The Hellenic Dancers performed three different shows at this year's festival. Their performances include dances from the group's 50 dance repertoire. Some of the dances performed were the Kavondoritiko, the Naxos Kotsaki, Hellenic's signature Peloponnesus Couples Dance, Issos, the Ann Arbor Yassou Dancers signature slow Hasapikos, a high energy Zonarithikos, the dance of the Potiri, the male Zembekikos (on a table), women's Ikariotikos, women's techno Pentazali, the traditional Malivisiotikos, 3 dance medley from Kephallonia (syrtos, Manetas and Ballos), and the Hellenic Dancer's signature Zorba Dance.

However, Nichole Kanios literally stopped the festival Saturday night when she stepped forward from the group during the men's Tsamikos and did 3 Tsamika kicks and a low twirl. Her performance was a dream come true for all the little Greek girls that couldn't understand why we couldn't (shouldn't) kick during the tsamikos. HOORAY for this Greek Woman!!!!

As mentioned in previous Hellenic Dance Company articles, for the past few years some of our Hellenic Dancers attend spring rehearsals and dance in the Ann Arbor Greek Festival that takes place the beginning of June. In turn, some of the Ann Arbor (AA) dancers travel to Toledo rehearsals and dance as Hellenic Dancers in our festival. This is a mutually beneficial arrangement. There have been instances where lacking a Hellenic Dance Captain during scheduled rehearsals an AA Dance Captains instruct the Toledo/AA dancers. The Hellenic Dancers were

Lauren Dionyssiou, Afrodite Georgakopoulos, Giogrios Kamilaris, Nicholas Kokkales, Stephanie Kotitsis, Alena Michos, Zoe Michos, Athena Mitsopoulos, Nicki Owen, Sophia Papadopoulos, , Sarandia Papanastacopoulos, Demetrios Rousos, Dimitri Skrettas Efthymia Skrettas, Kanella Symrins, Marianna Temple, Lydia Valtadoros and Kristin Zink.

Dance leads were Leads --Nicole Arvanitis, Marina Govatsos, Davis Jenkins, Marios Kamilaris, Nichole Kanios, Theodore Pechlivanos, Alexander Yakumithis, Anastacia Papageorgiou and Kyp Papageorgiou.

Dance Captains and Principle leads were - Maria Cook, Peter Cook, Logan Theodorou and Hailey Mouloupoulos.

On behalf of our Hellenic Dance Company team (including Maria, Ted, Jan, Paula and Christiana) I would like to thank the dancers for their kind gifts of flowers and gift cards. Thank you also to the dance families, Father Larry, Festival Chairmen George, Chris and Terry, and Parish Council for their support of our Cathedral's Hellenic Dance Program.

Persilla Zervos- Hellenic Dance Company Director

Note- It was with a sad heart that all of us who enjoy dancing to the music of the Levendes Band out of Detroit, Michigan learned that Peter Alexander, lead Levendes singer and bouzouki player passed away on the morning of September 26, 2017. May His Memory be Eternal!

YOUNG ADULT NEWS (REAL)!

Our Real group had two events last month. On October 7th some of group went to Ann Arbor for U of M and MSU tailgate offered by the Parishes of St. Nicholas in Troy Michigan and St. John's in Sterling Heights Michigan. On October 10th we had dinner as a group at Sakura Japanese Steakhouse. We had a wonderful time enjoying fellowship with each other.

Below are the dates for November and December:

November 18th Fellowship Matters Service Event

-Contact Tony Harwood and Mary Papadimos

December 12th REAL Dinner Night!

-Contact Christiana Christides

"Let the Children Come to Me."



HTGOC Monthly Youth Update

Hellenic Dance Co.

The Hellenic dance company is proud to announce they will sponsor the Finale to Holy Trinity's 100th Anniversary Celebration. The celebration will occur during the Dance Company breakfast on Youth Sunday November 12, 2017

Fall Festivities



Greek School

It's never too late to join Greek School. Classes meet every Wednesday from 4pm-6pm.

Note from Dr. Sieben

Wow, what a great beginning to our new Sunday School year. The kids had fun with the clown, cotton candy, popcorn face painting hot dogs and the 2 ponies Lulu and Whisper. Our teachers, both old and new are excited to share our faith, traditions, hymns, lives of the saints, and feast days with your children.



Parents, we need your help. Please bring your children at 10:00 am to Church on Sundays. Being in attendance for the Divine Liturgy is so very important. We also need parents to sign up for snack time. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby as you come into the hall. Thank you again for your support.

Youth News

Hope & Joy

- 11/5 Monthly Meeting 5:30-7
- 11/12 Youth Sunday



Sunday School

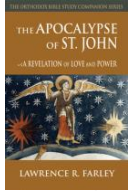
- 11/12 Youth Sunday.
- Monthly Youth Choir practice
- November: Christmas Ornament making & Pageant Rehearsal

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- 11/12 Youth Sunday
- 11/17 Coffee Talk w/ Fr. Larry 5 PM at Sip at Cricket West.



Cathedral Fall Adult Education Opportunities



Fall Bible Study

Theme: The Book of Revelation
"The Apocalypse of St. John" By Father Lawrence Farley
Taught by Father Larry every Wednesday
Classes are every Wednesday at 10 am
The Study will begin October 4th through December 14th



A Journey through the Ecumenical Councils

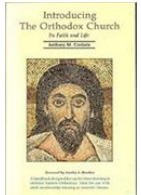
Taught by David Mynihan
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Please join David as he explores the 7 Ecumenical councils of the Orthodox Church

This year's Adult Study will be taught by both Father Larry and David. The classes will be split into 9 week sessions. After the first 9 weeks David will teach on the Ecumenical Councils in the morning and Father on Revelation in the evening.

Orthodoxy 101

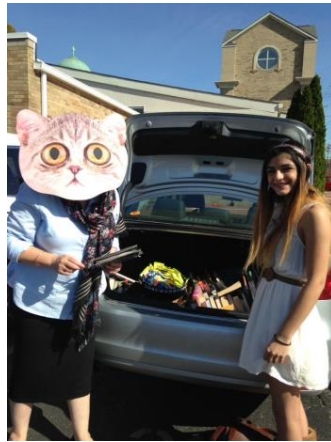
Orthodoxy 101 is great for those who are interested in the Orthodox Church and for those who are Orthodox and would like to learn more about their faith. Taught by Father Larry Classes begin Thursday October 5th through November 16th at 7pm

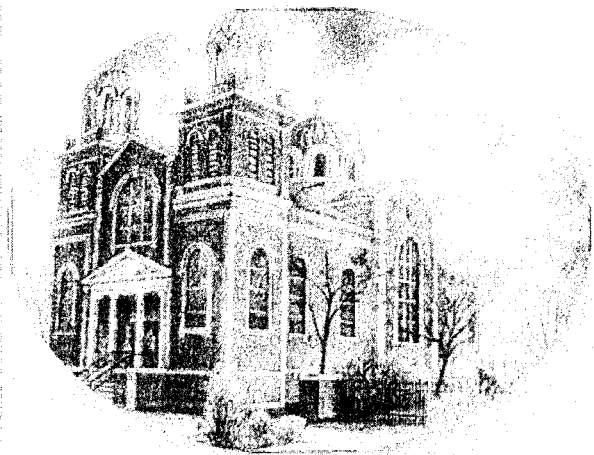


ADDITIONAL GREEK LANGUAGE OPPORTUNITY

We are pleased to report that an Adult Greek School class will be offered in the spring of 2018 during Tuesday evening, a repeat of this spring's offering. This mini course entitled "Conversational Greek 201" will be a 12-week course focusing on conversational skills about everyday life activities such as "Greetings & Introductions", "At a restaurant", "Going shopping" and other. The focus will be on speaking to communicate with others (interpersonal) with themes relevant to visiting Greece. Grammar will not be taught explicitly, but instead as appropriate to communicate accurately. 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 over 21 years of age; for all others a \$100 fee payable to our church will be charged. Registration will begin in January 2018. If you are interested in the class, please contact Basil by e-mail at bapostolou@bex.net or basilapostolou@icloud.com. Or text at 419-508-5463.
Tuesday March 6, 2018 - SAVE THE DATE!

Holy Trinity Happenings





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Youth Sunday, November 12, 2017

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Adults - \$9 Children under 12 - \$5.

Advance breakfast tickets will be available.

The 100th Anniversary Commemorative Album Committee,

During a short program, will present the **completed Album** to the Holy Trinity Parish.

Pre-paid Commemorative Albums may be picked up in the AHEPA Meeting Room

On November 12, 2017, **AFTER** the lunch and program, until 3:00 p.m.

Please support the Hellenic Dance Company by attending.

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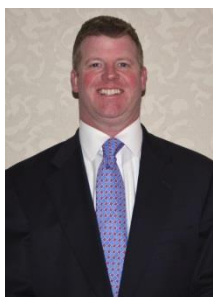
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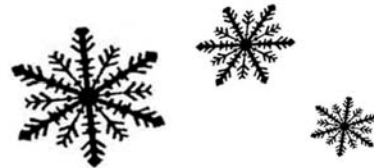
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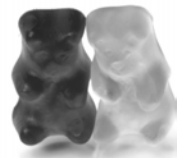
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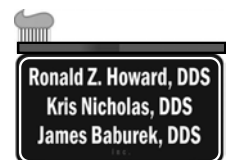
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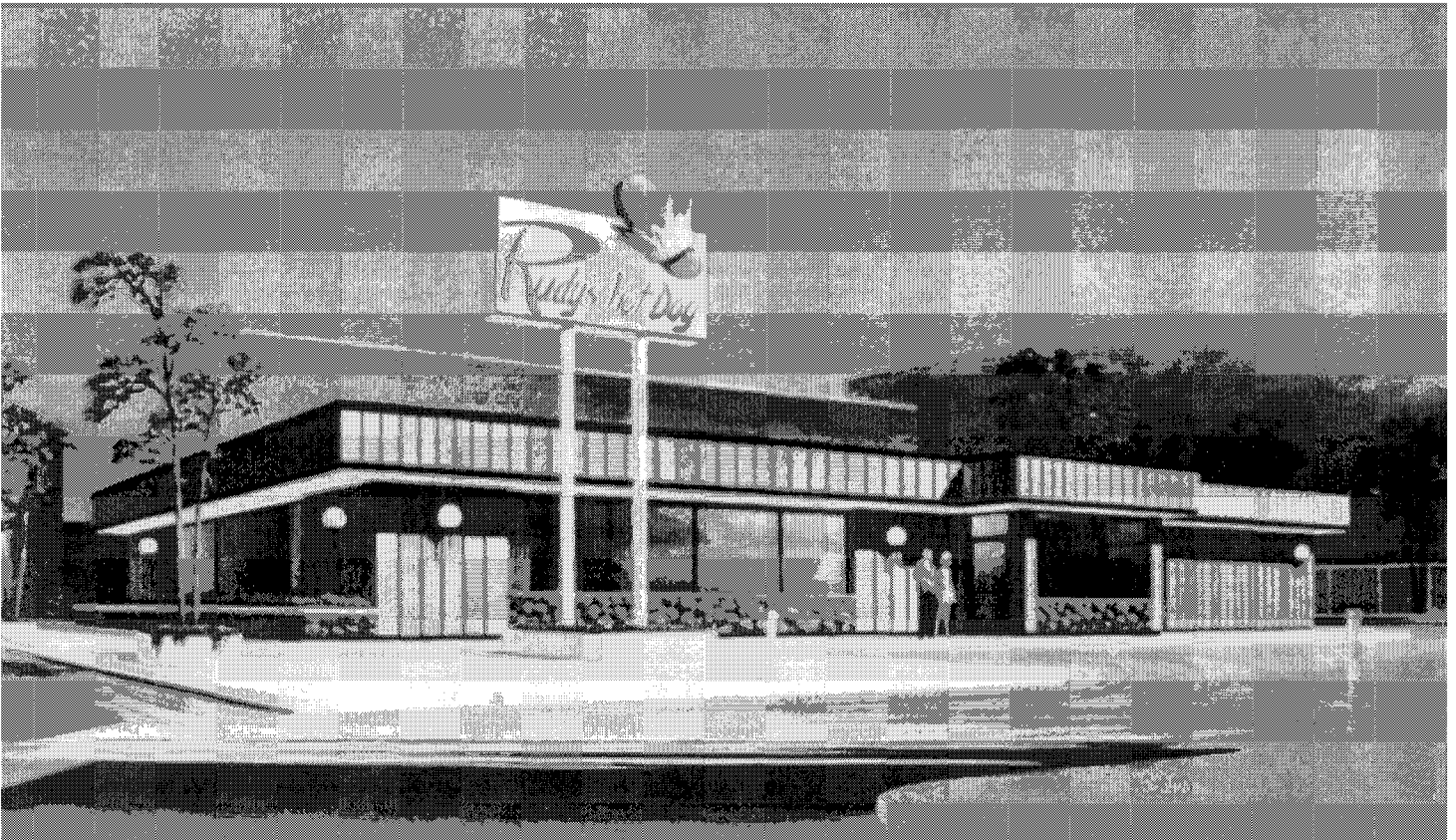
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