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

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Celebrating 100 Years 1915-2015
"Honor The Past and Embrace The Future"



**Holy Trinity Greek
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"The genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham,"

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

As I write this letter the month of November is coming to a close. We have entered into the Nativity fast. As a nation we have celebrated Thanksgiving and now we look to Christmas. This year's Thanksgiving with my family was an intimate one. Many members of my family are now married and they must divide their time between families. This year at my mother and father's home there were fewer of us but it was still one of the most memorable. It was memorable because my kids had a chance to hear so many stories about me, my brother, sister, and my cousins. It was wonderful to relive those memories and pass them on to my kids.

Passing on these memories is fun and it also keeps our children connected to the past. Being connected to the past reminds them that they are part of a family larger than mom and dad. The Church does something similar on the Sunday before the Nativity. On this Sunday we hear about all of those who come from Jesus' line. This is to remind us that Christ first came to save all people, whether they lived a righteous life or lived a life full of challenges. We are not only saved by Christ's coming and becoming like us but we also become part of His family. No matter who we are or what we have done we are part of this family. Our task is to continue receiving the Christ child in our lives. By doing this we continue to grow closer to Christ and strengthen our relationship with Him.

My family in Christ I am so very thankful that I have the blessings of being part of this wonderful Christ centered family. I am thankful that I have the blessing to be part of a family with such a long and wonderful tradition in Toledo. I am overjoyed to receive Christ with you on this Nativity.

A blessed Nativity to all of you!

In Christ,

Father Larry Legakis

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	Nov 30	1	2 All Youth Pan-Orthodox Retreat DOP Lodge mtg @ Michael's 12 noon
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 & Ahepa Xmas party @ Beirut	8	9
10 Parish Council Election 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 @ Bigby (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	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 Vespers Divine Liturgy 6pm 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 New Year's Day Feast 9:15 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	Notes				

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

January

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Dec 31 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	1 New Year's Day St. Basil 9:15 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	2	3 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	4 6:00 PM AHEPA	5 Eve of Epiphany 9:30 AM Vespers Liturgy	6 Epiphany 9:15 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy
7 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	8 7:00 PM Parish Council	9 7:00 PM Byzantine Music Fellowship	10 Vasilopeta Set-Up 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	11 Vasilopeta Set-Up	12 Vasilopeta Set-Up	13 GOYA Movie Night Vasilopeta Set-Up
14 Daughters Take Down Tree Vasilopita 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	15	16 7:00 PM Byzantine Music Fellowship	17 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	18 12:00 PM Young at Heart	19 5:00 PM Coffee Talk Fr. Larry @ Sips	20
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28 Greek Letters Day Program Triodion Begins 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	29	30 9:15 AM 3 Hierarchs - Orthros / Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM Byzantine Music Fellowship	31 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	Feb 1	2	3
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HOSPITALIZED

Tasoulla Proestou, Demetra Theodorou,
Roger Worley and Tony Arvanitis, Sr.

BAPTISMS

Maddalena Renee Schwartz
November 18, 2017

Parents: Chadd & Phaedra Schwartz
Sponsors: Dimitrios & Victoria Rongakis

Gus Mitsopoulos
November 18, 2017

Parents: Antonios & Catherine Mitsopoulos
Sponsors: John Lung & Chris Waelan

WEDDING

Sophia Vogiatzis & James McCabe, Jr.
November 11th, 2017
Sponsors: Sam & Kathy Katrakazos

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*December Wedding Anniversaries
Congratulations to:*

Paul & Susan Sieben – 46 years
Tom & Sandra Manton – 42 years
Bryan & Kathy Chaka – 33 years
Jeremy & Jamie Marinis – 10 years
Aaron & Alexia Akins – 2 years

FUNERAL

Pete Morris – November 10, 2017
May His Memory Be Eternal

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sam A. Dedes – 1 year
May His Memory Be Eternal

MEMORIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF PETE MORRIS

Mr. & Mrs. George Anagnos
Ms. Joyce Anagnos
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Anderson
Ms. Kathy Andros
Mr. & Mrs. Pete Apanondis
Mr. & Mrs. Basil Apostolou
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bailey
Ms. Hope Balint

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Balint
Dr. & Mrs. G. J. Biernacki
Mrs. Mary Brandburg
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Capranica
Mr. & Mrs. Bert Carstensen
Ms. Catherine H. Chengges
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Cook
Mr. & Mrs. George Dedes
Dr. & Mrs. Wallace DePue
Ms. Stacia Dimit
Ms. Patsy Elvey
Ms. Nancy Lee Foster
Mrs. Faye Grevis
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hartford
Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Jackson & family
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. William Kakmis
Christos & Aleca Kamilaris
Mr. & Mrs. George Kamilaris
Mrs. Irene Kaufman
Mrs. Sue Villhauer Kimmet
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Kountouris
Col. & Mrs. Dennis Lawrence
Ms. Catherine Manol
Mr. & Mrs. Pat Marinis
Mrs. Mary Markham
Mr. & Mrs. James Martin
Ms. Julie Mathison
Mrs. Mary McAninch
Ken MacLaren Family
Mrs. Maria Melas
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Mihalko
Mrs. Alfreda Morris
Mr. James Muhn
Mr. & Mrs. George Mulopulos
Mrs. Olympia Ntakos
Mr. Steve & Dr. Chris Kanios Papadimos
Mrs. Tina Papalekas
Mrs. Sophie Paterakis & Debbie
Mr. & Mrs. John Patroulis
Mrs. Despina Pelphrey
Mrs. Penny Perris
Mr. Terry Perris
Ms. Maryalice Radon
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Reardon
Mr. & Mrs. Hristos Rongakis
Mr. Daniel Ross
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Ross
Mr. & Mrs. Roanld Rothenbuhler
Mr. & Mrs. George Sarantou
Mr. & Mrs. Craig Shaw
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Sieben
Mr. & Mrs. John Skiadas
Mr. Tom Socie

(in memory of Mr. Morris continued)

Ms. Sophie Stathopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Christos Theodorou
Mr. Michael & Elaine Lillios Thompson
Mr. William Tzanakis
Mr. & Mrs. James Veronie
Mr. & Mrs. John Veronie
Ms. Nancy Vincent
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Vogiatzis
Mr. Sheldon Wittenberg
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Worley
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Wyatt
Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel T. Yakumithis
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Yakumithis

IN MEMORY OF PAULINE BULDAS

Mr. Michael Clouse
Mr. & Mrs. George Mouratidis
Mrs. Sophie Paterakis & Debbie
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Verikakis

IN MEMORY OF CHRIS G. & CLEO ZERVOS

Dr. & Mrs. G. J. Biernacki
Mr. Terry Perris

IN MEMORY OF ED HARWOOD

Mr. Chris Grevis

IN MEMORY OF BESSIE GUNTER

Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis

IN MEMORY OF VIRGINIA BARLOS

Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Ross

IN MEMORY OF MARY KARNIOTIS

Mr. & Mrs. James Veronie

IN MEMORY OF GREG, JOHN, GEORGE, & GUS MORRIS

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Ross

IN MEMORY OF JOHN & IRENE HIMEBAUGH

Mrs. Mary Brandburg

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE & ELIZABETH CAVAS, JOHN & BONNIE CAVAS & GEORGE CAVAS, JR.

Mrs. Marianne Cavas-Morgan

IN MEMORY OF BESSIE PAPUCHIKE

Mrs. Mary Brandburg

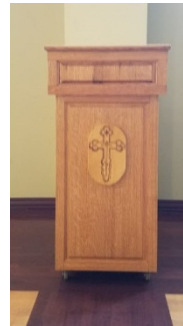
IN MEMORY OF TIM MCANINCH

Mrs. Mary Brandburg
Mrs. Mary McAninch

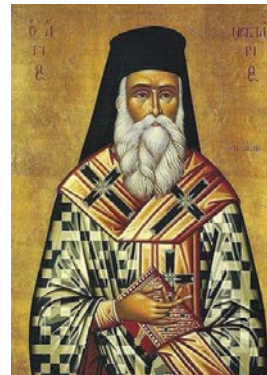
IN MEMORY OF STEFANOS ROSSOPOULOS

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hartford

Thank You



A big thank you to Dr. & Mrs. G. J. Biernacki and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hartford for donating our beautiful new podium. Thank you to Mr. Chris Karavas for designing the cross on the front.



Thank you to Mrs. Daisy Pelphrey for her donation of an Icon of St. Nektarios



A big thank you to everyone who came out to help feed our neighbors at

Madonna Homes. Thank you to our cooks, servers and to the late Pete Morris for inspiring us to continue this good work. If you would like to see their thank you notes to the Church, they will be on the Coffee Hour table



As the year comes to a close, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support and involvement in the progress that we shared for the betterment of Holy Trinity. Very soon work will begin in the Cathedral to repair the damage that occurred during the 100th Anniversary celebration. We have also secured an iconographer to do repair work of the Icons of the Evangelists which were also damaged. We are progressing on our plans to make our cathedral ADA compliant and accessible to our parish. Once we have solid costs, we will present the plans to the Parish Assembly. We have gone out for a review and request for proposal on our investment funds. Now that we have a better idea of the costs to repair the Cathedral, we can make decisions on how to invest long term rather than remaining liquid as we had due to the unknown costs to make the necessary repairs. Our By-Law Committee has been working very hard to bring our By-Laws up to date. The last official changes were made in 1994. Once the updates are made, approved by the parish and the Metropolitan, the plan is to review every other year to keep them up to date.

We continue to move in the right direction. Stewardship numbers are up. The number of parishioners present at the Divine Liturgy are increasing and we have a large number of Altar Boys participating in the Divine Liturgy every week. Our ministries are flourishing under the leadership of Father Larry, and as we all know behind every good man is a good woman. Thanks to Presbyteria Jenny for all of her efforts (many times unseen) and her direct support of many of the ministries.

To end the year on a high note, I would like to announce that Holy Trinity has entered into an agreement with the City of Toledo to lease the Summit Street parking lot and the small lot next to the Cathedral for a period of three years. This will not affect the Greek American Festival as we have negotiated that in our lease agreement. This is currently a short term situation and I caution that we not get used to this cash influx, but treat it as a blessing and utilize it accordingly.

I would like to thank my fellow parish council members, Carole and Terry for all of their help. Each and every one helped make Holy Trinity better and helped me accomplish many things this year. It really does take a team.

Finally, I wish to all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

PHILANTHROPY FOR GENERATIONS

Philoptochos is the philanthropic heart of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and one of the largest women's philanthropic organizations in the United States. It is a Society of faithful Christians united in service for others. Philoptochos not only supports charities, but also enriches the members through participation in philanthropic endeavors while sharing their time, talent, and treasure. Our vision is the same as the one presented in the 1931 Clergy-Laity Congress. The Philoptochos vision was adopted from different passages of the Bible in which Christ enlightened us to what our mission should be as Christians such as:

"If there is among you a poor man ... you shall open your hand wide to him and willingly lend him sufficient for his needs ... for this thing the Lord your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you place your hand."

Deuteronomy 15:7-10

The Philoptochos' vision began in our Past, is with us in our Present, and will continue into the Future.

Our Charter was issued on May 5, 1947. On Philoptochos Sunday we pay tribute to the early presidents and members for their leadership, foresight, wisdom and strength of direction in guiding our Philoptochos. We honor their memory with a Memorial Service and an elegant coffee hour.

We have started collecting stewardship for 2018 - 2019. Please turn in your stewardship to Maria Kopan or Angie Bohland.

Save the Date and Mark Your Calendar! Our annual Vasilopita will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2018. We invite you to attend this event with your family and friends. Make your reservations early for the well-attended affair. Reservations will be taken during coffee hours.

"Life is a precious gift in which everything is possible."

Upcoming Events

December 11th - Board Meeting - 7:00 PM

January 14th - Vasilopita

January 18th - Board Meeting - 6:00 PM followed by a General Meeting - 7:00PM

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

Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year

Kroger Community Rewards Update
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!)

Make sure to visit a Kroger store for your Christmas & New Year's grocery shopping. Take advantage of their sales during the holiday season and you will be contributing to Kroger Community Rewards!

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.

Greek School News by Dawn Anagnos,
Director and Instructor

On Sunday, October 29th, 2017 Greek School celebrated 'OXI DAY' with Doxology in church, with exapteriga leading Theodore Pechlivanos following the American flag with Nicholas Legakis, the Greek flag with the Xenios Xenofontos Family, the Cypriot flag with Marianna Temple and the rest of the Greek School followed; the Youth and the Adult class. After the Doxology we went to the Community Center and after our coffee hour we continued our 'OXI DAY' School program. This holiday commemorates the Greek Premier Ioannis Metaxas, saying 'OXI-NO- TO the Axis Forces demanding Greek Surrender in the early morning hours of October 28th, 1940. The proud and brave Greek army pushed them deep into Italy dominated

Albania. The entire world was shocked by the Greek bravery, little Greece stood up to the giants where other countries were surrendering one after another. Every year the 28th of October, 1940 is celebrated as a National Holiday in Greece and abroad where Greeks live, to remind us of the 'OXI DAY'. This is the day the Greeks rejected the Italian ultimatum, fought for freedom and justice and won against all odds. Winston Churchill's words at the time were 'from now on we are not going to say that Greeks fight like heroes, but heroes fight like the Greeks'. Our main speakers for the day were Theodora Mitsopoulos from the youth and Gary Varney first year student in the Adult Class who gave us a beautiful and informative speech. Many thanks and God Bless you. Many thanks also for the divine doxology and leading with the exapteriga was Theodore Pechlivanos, the Greek flag was carried by the family of Xenios Xenofontos, the American flag by Nicholas Legakis and the Cypriot flag by Marianna Temple, the Greek School students with Mrs. Dawn Anagnos, the director. After the doxology the OXI Day program followed, after singing the National Anthems at the Educational Building with the participation of our church choir, many thanks. The Greek school children recited poems by Mariam Xenofontos, Marianna Temple, Vasilia and Lukia Legakis and Savvas Moraitis whom we sang Happy Birthday - that day he was 7 years old. Many thanks to all. Many thanks also to Joyce Anagnos who chaired the coffee hour, thanks to those who helped and the parents who brought something for the coffee hour. Thanks also to Joyce and George Anagnos and John Andujar for taking and developing the pictures. Many thanks to father Larry Legakis for all his support and also our parishioners. God Bless you all and Happy Holidays.

On October 19th, 2017, Holy Trinity Greek School proudly represented 'Greece' at the Reynolds Elementary School's first annual culture night. Dawn and Joyce Anagnos and Soteria Houllis answered questions about Greece to over 150 students and parents. Greek School also provided handouts about the Greek Alphabet, greetings and culture to attendees also a selection of Greek pastries. Maps of Greece and displays and books about Ancient Greece added to spark interest by both children and adults to learn more about Greece and the Greek Language. This event was another excellent example of how Greek school played

an invaluable part of positive good will towards Greeks and the Greek Language.

Greek School once again, sponsored key activities at the annual Greek American Festival. In addition to representing the Greek Language Booth with books, maps, handouts and displays celebrating and educating the public about the Greek Language. Greek School also accepted the names and contact information of youth and adults

Daughters of Penelope by Connie Mynihan

The Daughters of Penelope would like to wish everyone a very **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

Our November meeting had an excellent turn out at Charlie's Restaurant on Dussell Road

During our November meeting the Daughters of Penelope celebrated Daughters of Penelope Founder's Day and all past Dodona #24 Presidents. We give our past Presidents and current members; Ann Mulopulos, Faye Grevis, Joan Dionyssiou, Georgette (Becky) Skiadas, Dawn Anagnos, Tulla Mihas, Persilla Zervos, Pauline Biernacki, Kathy Lawrence, Dena Grevis-Smith, Joyce Anagnos, Maria Rosales and current President Marina Cooper a round of thanks and appreciation for all that they have done and do for our organization and community.

Decorating the DOP Christmas Tree was held on November 26th after the Divine Liturgy. As always a fun time was had and the tree is beautiful.

The Toledo Daughters of Penelope and AHEPA will be host the Buckeye District Convention at the Park Inn. Conventions dates are Friday, June 15, 2018 and Saturday, June 16, 2018.

Album ads are available. All members are asked to help sell album ads for themselves, to family, friends, and businesses. Ads can be in the form of advertising, memorials to loved ones, family pictures and wishes, etc. We have different levels of prices that are sure to suit everyone. Please contact Tony or Marian Capranica for forms.

All Dodona #24 Daughters of Penelope and Ahepans will be asked to participate in making this an exciting event, Friday evening and Saturday morning at the Park Inn, downtown Toledo,

Maria Tzanakis will be in charge of Registration. Volunteers are needed to help Maria staff this table to assist the District Lodge officers register incoming delegates and sell ala carte tickets for all of the weekend activities. Maria's group will also help in putting together some 'gift bags' for the delegates that will be given out along with their agenda books. These bags will contain small items donated by businesses like pens, writing tablets, gum, candy, tissues, and information about Toledo, etc. Anyone having any donations please let Marian Capranica know.

The Hospitality room for the delegates will be open from Friday afternoon until Saturday afternoon, Fay Grevis, Daisy Pelphrey, and Dawn Anagnos are chairing this event. Donations will be needed in the form of koulourakia, paximathia, fruit, paper products, etc. Contact Faye Grevis if you can donate or volunteer.

Friday evening June 15, 2018 at the Holy Trinity Community Center 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. We will need volunteers for; Setup: Decorations: Food Prep (Andy Petros, Chairman): Food Service: Entertainment (Ted Vodouris, Chairman): Bar Service: Door Tickets: Cleanup: Drivers for shuttle service to/from Detroit Airport.

This is not the entire list of areas needed for volunteers; further information will be forth coming.

If you need further information or wish to volunteer, please contact Marian Capranica at 419-540-1160 or email: marian.capranica@gmail.com

Some exciting and fun fund raising opportunities will be happening soon. Stay tuned for further details.

Our next meeting and District visit will be Saturday, December 2nd, 2017 at 12:00 noon. The meeting will be at Michael's Restaurant, 901 Monroe St.

Our Christmas Party will be Thursday, December 7, 2017 at the Beirut Restaurant, at 6:00 pm. Please R.S.V.P. by December 4th. The Christmas Party will be with the Ahepans. Those

wanting to participate in the "White Elephant" should bring a gift of \$15.00 to \$20.00

Final chance to pay your 2017 dues is NOW. 2017 dues are \$45.00. Dues are now being accepted for 2018, the amount is \$45.00. Please bring your dues to the December meeting.

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

- Ada V. Hendricks

AHEPA News by Tony Capranica

Our regular meetings are held September thru June on the first Thursday of each month. Several meetings will be held jointly with the Daughters chapter. The December meeting will be a joint meeting with the Daughters on December 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Beirut on Monroe Street. Non-Ahepans are welcome to join their spouses. 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.

Notice to all high school seniors and college undergraduates... The local, District and National scholarships will soon be available for submission. Information on the local scholarship application will be sent out in December. The District scholarship application will be available on line beginning in January and will be due April 15, 2018. Please refer to www.ahepa.org for details on the National scholarship.

A reminder that the AHEPA Toledo Family 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 AM. 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.

If you have not paid your 2017 AHEPA dues please remit them before December 15, 2017 to receive credit for 2017. All per capita will be mailed to headquarters on December 18 for the current year.

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.

Young at Heart News by Becky Skiadas

On Thursday, November 16, YAH honored our members who are Veterans - Jim Veronie, Michael Kuhar, Frank Reder, Dennis Lawrence and Gus Ballas. We thank them for their service. We are honored to have them among us!

Hoping everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and now we prepare for Christmas. Time goes so fast. On December 14th YAH celebrated our Christmas Party at Angelo's Villa. The dinner was excellent and we enjoyed singing Christmas carols and everyone had a wonderful time.

YAH always enjoys going to Hollywood Casino for a night of dinner and play! We had a good time laughing talking and just enjoying each other.

We put up our Christmas Tree on Nov. 25th and we thank Tina Papalekas for her creativity in making, with the help of the officers and members, the beautiful Angels on the tree! YAH was very excited to join with all the Ministries in sponsoring a tree.

Our next trip will be to Washington D.C. on April 26-May 1. It will be a fabulous trip and anyone who wishes to go must respond to Tina Papalekas as soon as possible. It will be a 6 day 5 night. The total cost is \$ 758.00 and a \$100.00 deposit is due by Jan. 15, 2018.

YAH welcomes new members and we hope you will consider joining us for fun and fellowship.

We ask for your prayers for the following members Demetra Theodorou who suffered a stroke and is now in rehab and Roger Worley who had a very serious surgery, and our beloved Treasurer, Dorothy Yakumithis who had a knee replacement.

We pray they will all be well and with their loving families soon!

Our next YAH meeting will be on Jan. 18 2018. at 12 noon!

We wish our community a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year!

Young Adult News (REAL)



Our REAL group had a wonderful November! November is the groups outreach month and it began with two of young adults cooking and offering a meal for

the homeless through fellowship matters. Andreas Kamilaris and Anthony Kamilaris along with Mr. George Kamilaris offered Avgolemono soup, mashed potatoes, and green beans. At 9:30 the rest of the group arrived in order to serve the food and have fellowship with the people that came to eat. We had 14 young adults from our parish and Michigan. After serving we went to Michaels Bar and grill for lunch and a discussion. The discussion was led by former seminarian Jim Peers and our own David Mynihan!

December is our fellowship night. We will be meeting On December 12th for dinner. More information coming soon!

Community Cookbook by Phyllis Manton

The holidays are full of many things, but most of all food. We are blessed with abundance in the United States. I am very grateful for that. Behind many familiar faces there are people struggling with illness, hunger and pain. I would urge people to share in our wealth, and be present, visit them, take time to call someone you haven't seen in a while and ask, "Hey, how are you? You want to grab a coffee or a bite to eat?" Being present doesn't require knowing what to say, just show up, give a hug, and that is enough. I know this is the cookbook article, but I can't help but mention what our ministry is as Orthodox Christians to seek out those we know and might not know very well, and help them, minister to them. I can tell you from personal experience how much it means to get a call from someone who said I was thinking about you and I wanted to say hi. That call made my day and I can go back to it and remind myself how much it means and do the same.

Food is a legacy for many of us. That was one of the impetuses for creating, compiling and publishing our community cookbook. There are so many wonderful recipes in our book. Since we are in the midst of the holidays what is roast turkey, or deep-fried turkey for that matter, without dressing or stuffing. Our cookbook includes recipes for stuffing that have rice, pine nuts and chestnuts, created and submitted by Irene Kaufman, Persilla Zervos and Becky Skiadas. There are also some great mashed potato concoctions submitted by former parishioner Rena Schaeffer that is worth the indulgence. I have to pay tribute to my Yiayia Eriphyllie, who created

her own recipe for stuffing with similar ingredients. She made a dressing with ground beef, potatoes, bacon, onions, celery, and chestnuts, practically every good thing she could imagine. We carry on that tradition.

Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year to each and every one of us and many more years to come.

Stewardship News by Kathy Chaka Stewardship Chairman

Every Good and Perfect Gift Comes from Above

*Happy Holidays from your Stewardship Committee!
Thank you for all of your time, talent, and treasure that you all give to our beloved Holy Trinity Cathedral throughout the year. May your holidays be filled with family, memories, and above all, love!*

One month left to go...

We have only one month left to go to complete our 2017 Stewardship Commitments.

When you filled out your 2017 Stewardship Commitment Card, it reflected a time period from January of 2017, through this December. So, to end our 2017 campaign successfully, we encourage everyone to send in the remainder of your pledge by the end of December. Currently we have 85% of our community turning in Stewardship Commitment cards. To date, 252 families have pledged \$209,927. Thank you for helping us to be responsible as we continually budget and plan for the future needs of our Cathedral. Your Commitment Cards are what makes this possible. Call Carole Faoiz, our office secretary, if you have any questions concerning your Stewardship. We would also like to **thank all of you who have already fulfilled your 2017 Stewardship!** Your generosity is keeping our Cathedral alive and thriving! What we are doing here at Holy Trinity is working! We thank you again for embracing the change and together, we will work towards having **100% of our parishioners filling out Stewardship Commitment Cards.**

We are VERY excited about the positive feedback we have received from our new 2018 Stewardship Packets. They proudly showcase Holy Trinity and all of our ministries and more importantly, they answer a lot of questions that many parishioners may have about participating in the Stewardship program of our Cathedral. In fact, January hasn't even begun and we are thrilled to report that 104 people have already turned in their 2018 Stewardship Commitment Cards pledging a total of \$132,755. 2018 looks to be a promising year!

Again, thank you for everything you do and we will see you in the New Year!!!

2017 Stewardship Update through November 17th - Our Stewardship goal for 2017 is \$250,000

So far 252 Stewards have turned in a pledge cards totaling \$209,927

Stewardship contributions are 182,263

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

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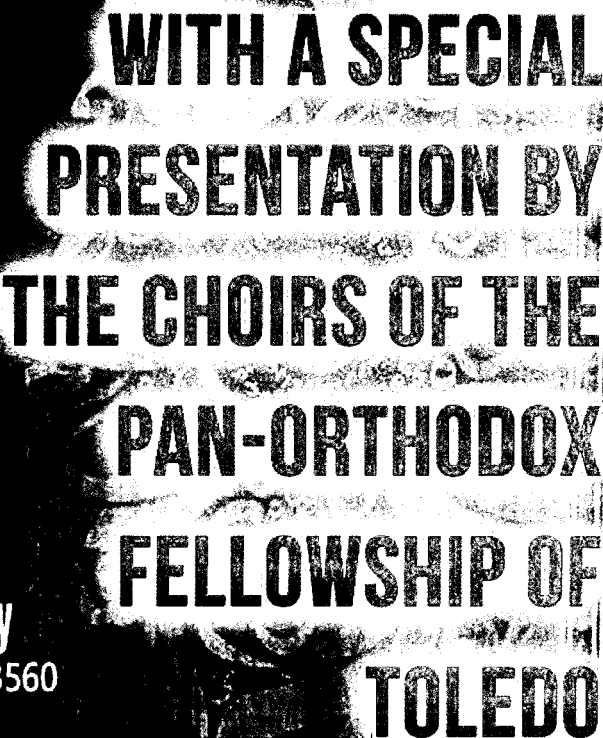
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While the weather outside was frosty on Youth Sunday, November 12th, spirits were warm-hearted and festive inside the Educational Building as 150+ of the congregation stayed after Liturgy to enjoy a sumptuous breakfast buffet. The annual fund-raiser, sponsored by Hellenic Dance Co., was the finale to Holy Trinity's 100th Anniversary celebration.

Persilla Zervos, Director of Hellenic Dance Co., noted in her opening remarks that the group had initiated the year-long festivities in July 2014, by hosting a lunch which welcomed Fr. Larry Legakis and his family to the parish. She thanked parishioners for their support and for the food and monetary donations today. She also thanked her teaching staff, comprised of Maria Tzanakis, Ted Voudouris, January Theodorou, Paula Apostolou and Christiana Christides, along with the dancers and their parents, for their commitment and dedication to the four folk dance groups which perform at not only the parish's Greek Festival but also other civic events. Hellenic Dance Co. has evolved into a major youth ministry within the parish. Hundreds of parish youth have participated in the program. Dancers learn about their ethnic heritage through its dances, while learning to work together as a team, offering their time and energy in support of their parish. She mentioned that the dance program was open to anyone in the Toledo community.

Ted Voudouris headed the chefs for the breakfast buffet which included Randy Bollin, Eric Deason, Randy Lizcano and Evan Zink. The breakfast was served by many of the young dancers. Kathy Chaka helped with the set-up and provided beautiful table decorations of maroon and gold.

Changing hats to Chairperson of the 100th Anniversary Commemorative Album Committee, Persilla commented that "Although the parish's 100th Anniversary was celebrated in June 2015, the book chronicling that event is now ready and will be distributed today. Since the Hellenic Dance Company initiated the year-long 100th Anniversary by hosting its first event in July, 2014 to welcome Fr. Larry and his family, it was fitting that the dance group host the last event on Youth Sunday. The theme of the anniversary was *Honor the past. Embrace the future*, and our children are our future." Further, she noted, "I was one of the three parishioners who produced the 75th Anniversary album. Don Stathulis, Gus Bellas and I would joke about who would be around to produce the 100th. Sadly, I'm the only one left. I miss my fellow Cephalonian, Don, and my boyfriend, Gus."

Chris J. Zervos, the book's author-editor, said that it had been his honor to write the book – to revisit the parish throughout its many generations and to say to posterity, "We were here." The book, he said, "is a fitting tribute to the remarkable men and women who preceded us and to those of us who continue in our parish mission today. To those who will follow us, it is a road map for you." The book's central theme, he said, "is faith, hope and unity: our Cathedral family." He acknowledged his helpers on the project who provided their time and memories to identify the people in all the pictures, who proof-read the drafts and final copy.

In particular, he acknowledged Miss Lucy Hatzinikolis, who received a resounding applause, Lisa Arvanitis, Irene Kaufman, Penny Perris, Alex Tokles, Yanula Stathulis, Jim Veronie, Carole Faoiz, Connie Mynihan and his wife, Persilla. He recognized Bob Lubell, the professional photographer who shot and donated many of the magnificent interior shots of Holy Trinity's cathedral edifice used in the book. Terry Perris, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, accepted the book for Clyde Scoles, Library Director. Throughout the project, Chris said, he was guided by the spirit of Gus Bellas and Don Stathulis, authors of the 50th and 75th anniversary albums.

Persilla Zervos invited Fr. Larry Legakis and Parish Council President Monnie Yakumithis to the front, along with the Steering Committee members of the 100th Anniversary Celebration: Co-Chairmen Kathy and Bryan Chaka, Karen and Mike George, former Council Presidents, George Sares and Denny Lawrence, and honorary advisors, Yanula Stathulis and Presvytera Ann Hadgigeorge for the late Fr. Chris Hadgigeorge. Chris Zervos presented the first two copies of the book entitled *The Story of a Greek Orthodox Community, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral 1915-2015* to Fr. Larry and Monnie Yakumithis, as the clergy and lay leaders of the parish, while Persilla distributed copies of the book to the assembled Steering Committee members.

Persilla announced to the Steering Committee that her committee had completed its assignment; the book was completed and ready for distribution today. She continued by saying, "Some thought the book would never be finished. But here it is, a hard-bound, color-printed book with 368 pages and 1800 pictures. The project even made a profit." She presented a giant check for \$25,000 to Council President Yakumithis. Kathy Chaka, General Co-Chairperson of the 100th Anniversary gala asked the congregation to join her in offering congratulations to Chris Zervos for his time, research and creative effort in writing this book.

Also at the breakfast were former parishioners who had traveled to be with family and the congregation for the event. Aretta Checkles (Houston, TX), Arris Veronie (New York, NY), Pete Arvanitis II (Miami, FL) and John Bellas (N. Canton, OH) were welcomed guests. Mrs. Checkles, visiting her sister, Rane Wood, is the great niece of Vasilios Kostopoulos a signer of Holy Trinity's charter; Mr. Veronie, visiting his parents, Jim and Irene Veronie, is the great nephew of charter signer, Theodore Vrionis. Pete Arvanitis II, in town to visit his father, Tony Arvanitis, is the grandson of Peter and Mary Arvanitis and a part of the extended Arvanitis family clan. Pete's grandfather was Council Vice President when the Educational Building was built. John Bellas, the son of Akrie and Gus Bellas, provided many of the vintage photos in the album from his father's estate. Gus Bellas was author or co-author of the 50th and 75th Anniversary albums. Many in attendance represented Holy Trinity's early families and parish leaders making the event into a happy reunion just prior to the holiday season.

160 of the 265 pre-sold books were distributed to those in attendance. A few remaining books are available for purchase at \$100 each. Contact the parish office for additional purchases or pick-up information.

"Let the Children Come to Me."



HTGOC Monthly Youth Update
December 2017

Hellenic Dance Co.



A huge thank you to those who donated and helped at this year's Youth Breakfast



Greek School & OXI Day

HTGOC celebration was a success!. A special thank you to all of our participants! From the littlest ones to our adult students – Awesome job!!!



Note from Dr. Susan

Sunday school is well underway. We appreciate the parents bringing their children to class every Sunday. It is a joy for the teachers to share our knowledge of our faith with our youth. Each week the students learn more about the love of God and enjoy fellowship with their classmates.

We will start practicing Christmas Carols in English during snack time after Holy Communion and in class. Our hope is that our students will be able to sing the songs together with the parishioners during the pageant.



Our pageant dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 16th in the Community Center from 10:00a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Pizza will be available after practice. The Christmas Pageant is scheduled for Sunday, December 17th in the Community Center after Divine Liturgy. Chairs will be set up auditorium style in front of the "stage". Brunch will be served and Santa will visit the children.

Let us all prepare ourselves for Christ's coming with fasting, more prayers, attending extra Church services, and helping the less fortunate

Youth News

Hope & Joy

Upcoming Events

- 12/2 All Youth Retreat
- 12/16 Dress Rehearsal Christmas Play
- 12/17 Christmas Play

Sunday School

Holiday Festivities beginning NOW in our classrooms!!

- 12/2 All Youth Retreat
- 12/16 Dress Rehearsal Christmas Play
- 12/17 Christmas Play

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Upcoming Events

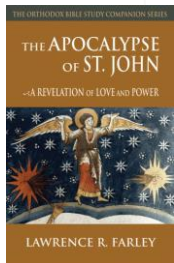
- 12/2 All Youth Pan Orthodox Retreat w/St George and St Elias.
- 12/15 Coffee Talk 5:00
- 12/29 Christmas Party

Cathedral Fall Adult Education Opportunities

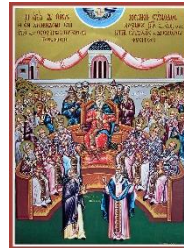


Adult Study News!

This year's Adult Study has been taught by both Father Larry and David. The classes will be split into 9 week sessions. The first 9 week sessions are ending on the 13th of December. Beginning on the 20th we will switch the teaching times. On the 20th David will teach on the Ecumenical Councils in the morning and Father will teach on Revelations in the evening.



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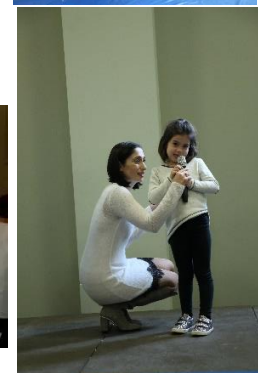
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ADDITIONAL GREEK LANGUAGE OPPORTUNITY

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 accuracy. 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!

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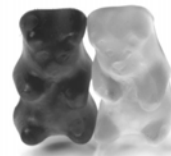
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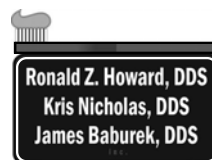
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