

# — The Hellenic Orthodox Echo —

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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.

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

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### **Parish Council Members**

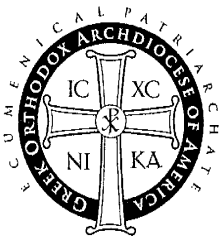
Kathy Chaka 19; Greg Cook 20; Steven Jenkins 18; Dr. Dean Kopan 20; Debra Morris 19;  
Peter Papadimos 19; Steven Papadimos 18; Harry Dean Proestos 19; Kypros Proestos 20;  
Frank Reder 20; George Sares 18; Paul G. Sieben 18; Maria Tzanakis 19;  
Emmanuel T. Yakumithis 20; Manuel Yakumithis 18;

### **Parish Ministries**

**Philoptochos President:** Pattie Senerius  
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**Youth:** Maria Tzanakis  
**Prosfora:** Connie Mynihan  
**Koliva:** Helen Matthews & Anthi Christides  
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**Young at Heart President:** Becky Skiadas  
**Choir:** JoAnne Chrysochoos  
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**Conversational Greek:** Basil Apostolou  
**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 Phyllo & More:** Pam Martin  
**Website:** Gene Haberman

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***"Behold, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world"***

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

As we enter into the New Year I am over joyed with all the blessings we have received as a parish. As you look through the ECHO you will read about the wonderful ways our community is reaching out to those outside of our community and within. In the month of December our community, through its various ministries, was able to show love and support to many in the city of Toledo. Our community once again reached out to our neighbors across the street and families were adopted for Christmas by our GOYA and Philoptochos. Even our youngest kids got involved by preparing hygiene kits for IOCC to distribute to those in need all around the world. You will read about how, because of you and your efforts, our parish family continues to reach our goals. You will see, in pictures, the wonderful fellowship events we offer in order to grow stronger in our relationship with one another and with Christ. As we ended the year. As a Christ centered family, we received Christ on Christmas being reminded of how truly blessed we are. As we enter the New Year, we are again called to continue receiving Christ. We are called to continue looking to Him as the source of strength.

St. John upon seeing the Christ calls out, "Behold, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world". Father Thomas Hopko once wrote, "Thus, in the baptism by John in the Jordan, Jesus identifies himself with sinners as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29), the "Beloved" of the Father whose messianic task it is to redeem men from their sins". These words give me comfort and reminded me that Christ identifies with me. He understands my weakness. Christ realizes we are not perfect but He appeared in order to give us the chance to be better. Father Hopko again writes, "In the Lord's epiphany all creation becomes good again, indeed "very good", the way that God himself made it and proclaimed it to be in the beginning when "the spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters"(gen 1;2) . My friends and my family here is the point, that in Christ's Baptism all of creation is sanctified and it has the potential to be perfected through Him. Our outreach, our love for each, our goals will be met and made perfect if we keep looking to, "The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

My friends and my family as we enter this New Year together I want to thank you. I thank you for all the wonderful things you have accomplished. I thank you for the love you have shown to each other and those outside of our community. I look forward to this New Year. I look forward to seeing how our Lord will work through us.

A Blessed and Happy New Year!

In Christ,

Father Larry Legakis

# HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

## January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Dec 31</b>	<b>1</b> New Year's Day St. Basil 9:15 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>4</b> 6:00 PM AHEPA	<b>5</b> Eve of Epiphany 9:30 AM Vespers Liturgy	<b>6</b> Epiphany 9:15 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy
<b>7</b> 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	<b>8</b> 7:00 PM Parish Council	<b>9</b> 7:00 PM Byzantine Music Fellowship	<b>10</b> 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	<b>11</b> Vasilopeta Set-Up	<b>12</b> Vasilopeta Set-Up	<b>13</b> GOYA Movie Night Vasilopeta Set-Up
<b>14</b> Daughters Take Down Tree  Vasilopeta 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:00 PM Byzantine Music Fellowship	<b>17</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>18</b> 12:00 PM Young at Heart	<b>19</b> 5:00 PM Coffee Talk Fr. Larry @ Sips	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy 5:30 PM HOPE & JOY	<b>22</b> 6:00 PM Philoptochos Brd. Mtg. 7:00 PM Philoptochos Gen. Mtg.	<b>23</b> 7:00 PM Byzantine Music Fellowship	<b>24</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:00 PM Paraklesis	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Greek Letters Day Program  Triodion Begins 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:15 AM 3 Hierarchs - Orthros / Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM Byzantine Music Fellowship	<b>31</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>Feb 1</b> 6:00 PM AHEPA 6:00 PM Daughters @ TBA	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM Presentation of the Lord in the Temple - Orthros / Divine Liturgy	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Orthros / Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM Parish Council	<b>Notes</b>				

# HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

## February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> <small>Εσπερινός Ορθόδοξου Πρωτοπρεσβυτέρου</small> <small>Μεσσηνιακή Βραδιά</small> 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:15 AM 3 Hierarchs - Orthros / Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM Byzantine Music Fellowship	<b>Jan 31</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>1</b> 6:00 PM AHEPA 6:00 PM Daughters @ TBA	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM Presentation of the Lord in the Temple - Orthros / Divine Liturgy	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Godparent Sunday GOYA Souper Bowl of Caring & Super Bowl Party 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM Parish Council	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM Byzantine Music Fellowship	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:15 AM St. Haralambos - Orthros / Divine Liturgy	<b>10</b> Hall Rental - Daniels 9:30 AM 1st Saturday of Souls - Orthros / Divine Liturgy
<b>11</b> Loukomathes 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	<b>12</b> 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM Byzantine Music Fellowship	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>15</b> 12:00 PM Young at Heart	<b>16</b> Dayton Basketball Tournament 5:00 PM Coffee Talk with Fr. Larry	<b>17</b> 9:30 AM 2nd Saturday of Souls - Orthros / Divine Liturgy
<b>18</b> Dayton Basketball Tournament 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	<b>19</b> Great Lent Begins - Compline 6pm	<b>20</b> 7:00 PM Byzantine Music Fellowship	<b>21</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:00 PM Pre-Sanctified 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:00 PM Confession 6:00 PM Salutations 7:00 PM Philoptochos Retreat making Blankets	<b>24</b> 9:30 AM 3rd Saturday of Souls - Orthros / Divine Liturgy
<b>25</b> GOYA Bake Sale Orthodoxy Sunday 9:00 AM Orthros / Divine Liturgy	<b>26</b> 6:00 PM Great Compline	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:00 PM Pre-Sanctified 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>Mar 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Notes</b>				

## CHURCH REGISTRY

### BAPTISMS

Mark Grodi – December 10, 2017

Sponsor: Kelly Yakumithis

Milo & Kennedy Morris – December 23, 2017

Sponsors: Stacy & Andrea Morris

### CHRISMATION

Daisy Garcia – December 10, 2017

Sponsor: Becky Skiadas

### WEDDING

Andrea Morris & Mark Grodi

December 31, 2017

Sponsor: Stacy Morris

### JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*Congratulations to:*

Chris & Gramatiki Tenedios – 66 years

Charles & Kathryn Bailey – 64 years

James & Irene Veronie – 62 years

George & Dawn Anagnos – 57 years

John & Becky Skiadas – 52 years

Mike & Rhanda Karniotis – 50 years

Panos & Susie Doukides – 41 years

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

Pete Morris – 40 days

George Dimit – 1 year

Virginia Grevis – 2 years

Fr. Chris W. Hadgigeorge – 2 years

Harry Hartford – 5 years

Georgia Karousos – 7 years

John Karousos – 10 years

George Grevis – 12 years

Helen Dimit 17 years

*May Their Memory Be Eternal*

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

#### IN MEMORY OF PETE MORRIS

Mrs. Mary Brandenburg & Family

Mr. & Mrs. Bert Carstensen & Family

Dr. & Mrs. Panos Doukides

Mrs. Annette Hyttenlove

Mr. Michael & Dr. Natalie Jackson

Mr. & Mrs. Reginald Jackson, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. James Martin

Mrs. Helen Matthews

Mrs. Rane Mancy Wood

Mr. & Mrs. George Mouratidis

Mr. & Mrs. Andy Petros

Mr. John Ross

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Ross & Dan

Mrs. Yanula Stathulis

Mr. Frixos Stylianides

Mrs. Elizabeth Voudouris & Ted

#### IN MEMORY OF MARY MOSHOVIS

Mr. & Mrs. Todd Mercer & Family

Mr. John Moshovis

#### IN MEMORY OF JOHN STRATIDAKIS

Mr. & Mrs. Todd Mercer & Family

Mr. John Moshovis

#### IN MEMORY OF NIKOLETE PANOS

#### NERSESIAN

Mr. & Mrs. William Panos

#### IN MEMORY OF EMANUEL & OURANIA

#### KOUNTOURIS

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Brown & Family

#### IN MEMORY OF HELEN ARVANITIS

Ms. Lee Raizk of Bend of the River

#### IN MEMORY OF CHRISTOPHER CHECKLES

Mr. John Mancy

Sophie Paterakis & Debbie

Mrs. Rane Mancy Wood

#### IN MEMORY OF CHRIS & CLEO ZERVOS

Dr. & Mrs. Panos Doukides

#### IN MEMORY OF STERGIOS & FRANCES

#### PETAS

Dr. & Mrs. Panos Doukides

#### IN MEMORY OF NICK PETAS

Dr. & Mrs. Panos Doukides

#### IN MEMORY OF JOHN RESCH

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Resch

#### IN MEMORY OF HARRY HARTFORD

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hartford

#### IN MEMORY OF JAMES & BETTE AUGUST

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Resch

#### IN MEMORY OF JOHN & PARASKEVI

#### EVDEMON

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Resch

#### IN MEMORY OF CHARLES & BEATRICE

#### RESCH

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Resch

#### IN MEMORY OF THEODOROS & VASILIKI

#### ATHINEOS

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Resch

#### IN MEMORY OF PAULINE BULDAS

Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Petros

#### IN MEMORY OF PAULINE SPIROPOULOS

Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Petros

#### IN MEMORY OF KATHRYN MARTIN

Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Petros

#### IN MEMORY OF DIMITRA STROPLOS

Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Petros

#### SPECIAL OCCASION DONATION

#### IN HONOR OF CHRIS & PERSILLA ZERVOS

#### FOR CHRISTMAS

Mr. Terry Perris

#### DEATHS ELSEWHERE:

George Kantaras of Clearwater, Florida

*May His Memory Be Eternal*

***The President's Message by  
Emmanuel T. Yakumithis***

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope that this year brings each of you all the health and happiness that you wish for.

I am excited to begin this New Year. We have a lot going on and are moving forward with renovations and plans for our future into the next hundred years. Very soon you will see progress in the Cathedral with the plaster repairs and then Iconography. Additionally we will be moving forward with the creation of an archive room. This room will allow for research and review of our historical documents. I am also trying to get a copier donated for this room so that once we have all of our documents in one place there will be no need to remove them. I have asked Chris Zervos to be our official Cathedral historian and he graciously has accepted.

While we are on the subject of archives and history, I would be remiss if I did not thank Chris Zervos and Lucy Hatzinikolis for the amazing job they did compiling the history of our parish, the interviews that they conducted and the hundreds of hours that they devoted to making the album a self-contained archive. Thanks also to Persilla Zervos for her successful efforts in pushing this project forward. Thanks to Persilla and the committee, this project went from a break even, feel good effort to an extensive historical chronicle that actually made money.

We are moving forward in our efforts to keep progress on our "punch list" and will be keeping you informed of our progress.

Finally, I would like to thank our entire parish. As president, I have overseen a year of progress both with our physical and our spiritual parish. This is because of all of you. We are moving forward together and making a positive difference for our future and for those who come after us. I am so glad that you feel comfortable in giving me feedback, because in the end it helps everyone. It has been an honor to serve you over the past year and again, THANK YOU.

***Philoptochos News by Pattie Senerius***

**PHILANTHROPY FOR GENERATIONS**

The outreach ministry for the Madonna Homes was a huge success. Hygiene products were collected and one hundred seventy-five bags were delivered to our neighbors. The recipients were grateful and happy that they were remembered. Thank you for your generosity and overwhelming support.

Philoptochos also adopted a family whose children are students of Riverside School. A single mother of four children (ages 7, 8, 10, 15) made a plea for clothes for the children. She said they were in dire need of shoes, uniforms, jackets and clothing so they could attend school. The Board allocated five hundred dollars to help these four children. "An act of kindness can change a life!"

On December 12th, the Philoptochos ladies baked koulourakia, paximathia and Christmas cookies. Forty-five beautiful gift boxes were delivered to our beloved parishioners who are not able to attend Church. It is so nice to visit and spend time with them.

Don't forget to make your Vasilopita reservations. This is the best attended event of the year. Tables are filling up quickly.

**Upcoming Events**

Board Meeting - January 22, 2018, 6:00 PM  
General Meeting - January 22, 2018, 7:00 PM

Reminder - 2018-2019 stewardship is due.  
Save the date - February 23, 2018 Lenten Event

***"For those who are willing to make an effort, great miracles and wonderful treasures are in store."  
-Isaac Singer***

***Kroger Community Rewards Update by  
Faye Haberman***

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Wishing everyone a prosperous and healthy 2018.

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 weekly shopping and take advantage of their sales. Also, 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](http://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.

### *AHEPA News by Tony Capranica*

A very Happy New Year to all. May the New Year bring you good health and many blessings.

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 January meeting will be a joint meeting with the Daughters on January 4, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at Holy Trinity Cathedral. 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 soon. The District scholarship application will be available on line beginning in January and will be due April 15, 2018. As a reminder, the District scholarship does not have a minimum GPA requirement. Please refer to [www.ahepa.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.buckeyedistrict11.org) or [www.ahepa.org](http://www.ahepa.org).

### *Daughters of Penelope by Connie Mynihan*

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

Our December Meeting was a District #11 visitation and meeting combined. Joyce Anagnos, District Governor and Cynthia Hollister Maids of Athena Advisor were welcomed to our meeting at Michael's Restaurant. Joyce Anagnos, DG presented Marian Capranica the Daughter of the Year Award and to Marina Cooper, President Dodona Chapter #24 the District's Chapter Best Daughters and AHEPA Relations Award.

The Casino trip profits were designated for our scholarship fund.

Taking down of the Daughters of Penelope Christmas tree is scheduled for after the Vasilopita.

Our Scholarship Committee will meet during the middle of January and our Bake Sale Committee is to meet before January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. The Road Rally Fundraiser committee will be meeting sometime after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Please check with your chairmen for the exact dates.

The Daughters of Penelope and AHEPA had their Christmas Party at Beirut Restaurant. A lively time was enjoyed by all. The “White Elephant” gift exchange was truly entertaining.

The Toledo Daughters of Penelope and AHEPA will host the Buckeye District Convention at the Park Inn. Convention 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 loves 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 conventions kickoff and Saturday meeting and socials will be at the Park Inn, downtown



Toledo. Friday night Greek Night will be at Holy Trinity Community Center.

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 need 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 Maria Tzanakis or 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 Voudouris, 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](mailto:marian.capranica@gmail.com)

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 6:00 pm, a joint meeting with AHEPA at Holy Trinity Community Center.

Dues are now being accepted for 2018, the amount is \$45.00. Please bring your dues to the January meeting.

***"In the New Year, never forget to thank your past years because they enabled you to reach today! Without the stairs of the past, you cannot arrive at the future!"***

***— Mehmet Muratildan***

### ***Young at Heart News by Becky Skiadas***

**Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!!**

Christmas is over and we hope everyone had a wonderful holiday spending good times with family and friends.

Young at Heart had a great time at our annual Christmas Party at Angelo's – along with a wonderful dinner we sang Christmas Carols to put us in the spirit.

We look forward to another exciting and fun year. Due to the weather, our January and February meetings are at 12 Noon the third Thursday of each month. We welcome you to become a member and join us for fun and fellowship with old friends and new ones too. We are looking forward to our Washington, D.C. trip in April. Don't be left out. Membership is only \$10 a year per person.

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

#### **Happy New Year**

I hope and pray that all of us have a blessed and healthy year in 2018. There are many customs we celebrate at the New Year in our faith and tradition. Vasilopita, whether as bread or cake, is perhaps one of the most beloved traditions. Its root is an admirable one, of being charitable while respecting others' dignity. There are many recipes for Vasilopita and we all make it the way our families did and still do.

This year our cookbook ministry will be sharing our love of food and skill with people who don't have that foundation of food and cooking. We don't have details yet, but we are partnering with local agencies to teach people basic cooking skills. It is exciting. It is a way to share our talents and give of our time.

Happy Healthy Prosperous New Year to all!

### ***Byzantine Music Fellowship by Elaine Lillios***

Happy New Year to everyone from the Holy Trinity Byzantine Music Fellowship! BMF will celebrate its two-year anniversary in February and continues to remain active with learning new music and singing church services. Join us for monthly Paraklesis services to pray for the health and well-being of our community. When Great Lent begins, join us and the choir for Friday evening Salutations services. We continue to welcome new members! — Contact Elaine Lillios if you wish to join BMF as it embarks on its third year.

### ***Hellenic Dance Company***

At this holiday season, when we count our blessings, the Hellenic Dance Company wants to thank our Holy Trinity Cathedral family for its continuous support. In particular, we thank the three generations of the Dionyssiou-Proestos Families for supporting our organization. Whenever we have asked, they freely give their personal time and Rudy's Restaurants' food products. We wish them, as well as all of our Cathedral family, good health, happiness and continued good fortune in the New Year.

**2017 Stewardship Update through December 21<sup>st</sup> - Our Stewardship goal for 2017 is \$250,000**  
**So far 289 Stewards have pledged totaling \$211,937**  
**Stewardship contributions are 214,745**

Mr & 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 Ted Arvanitis  
Dr & Mrs Medhat Ashamalla  
Dr & Mrs Tiberiu Avram  
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  
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This month our Stewardship team wants to thank you. We thank you for "Joining our Team" in 2017 and helping us to do so very much for this our wonderful parish. We thank you as well for the wonderful response we have received so far for the 2018 campaign. In the February ECHO a 2017 report will be published as well as a 2018 progress report. Thank you so very much for remembering that "Every good and perfect gift comes from above"



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# "Let the Children Come to Me."



HTGOC Monthly Youth Update  
January 2017

## Pan-Orthodox Youth Retreat



Wow! What a turn out!! Youth from St. Elias and St. George's joined our for some fun, fellowship and community service.



Above: Goyans served food at Fellowship Matters



Above: Hope and Joy kiddos assembled care packages that were donated to the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)



## "O Bethlehem, prepare"

Dear Parents,  
I pray this note finds you well. I am so overjoyed with everything our children have been involved in during the months of November and December. Our GOYANS raised money and sponsored a family for Christmas. They went shopping for gifts and also purchased an entire Christmas dinner for the family. At the Christmas retreat the GOYANS went and feed the homeless. Our HOPE and JOY kids prepared IOCC hygiene packages to be sent out to those in need all over the world. This year's retreat was pan-orthodox and included all ages. It gave our children the opportunity to prepare to receive Christ by discussing their faith and showing it through their works. Our Sunday School celebrated this time of the year with their wonderful pageant!

We have done all of this in order to do one important thing, prepare to receive Christ. One of our pre-feast hymns begins with these wonderful words, "O Bethlehem, prepare". In this hymn we, the Church, are Bethlehem. Like Bethlehem which received the Christ child we too are called to get ready to receive him. Parents, I thank you for helping us get our children ready for Christmas in a way that certainly benefits them. A blessed Christmas to you and your families.

In Christ, Father Larry



## Youth News

### Hope & Joy

#### Upcoming Events

- 1/7 Meeting  
5:30-7 pm



### Sunday School

#### Classroom News

Take a peak at the tree in the lobby of the building- student created ornaments!!!!

- Christmas Break  
12/24 & 12/31  
Classes resume  
1/7

### GOYA

#### Upcoming Events

- 1/13 Movie Night
- 1/19 Coffee Talk



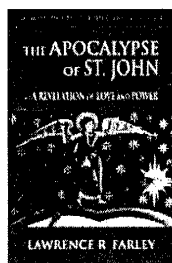
Greek School News: 1/28 Greek Letters Day

# 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 13<sup>th</sup> of December. Beginning on January 3<sup>rd</sup> we will switch the teaching times. On the January 3<sup>rd</sup> David will teach on the Ecumenical Councils in the morning and Father will teach on Revelations in the evening.



**Fall Bible Study**  
Theme: The Book of Revelation  
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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](mailto:bapostolou@bex.net) or [basilapostolou@icloud.com](mailto:basilapostolou@icloud.com). Or text at 419-508-5463. Tuesday March 6, 2018 - SAVE THE DATE!



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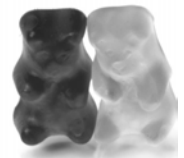
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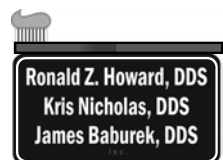
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