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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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"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men!"

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

As I write this letter we are in the middle of the month of November. It is during this month every year that the Nativity of our Lord is announced. Secularly, it is announced on the airways with the Christmas songs that we hear. We are reminded that it is time to begin buying gifts for friends and family. The malls are beginning to get even more full and busy with all the different sales offered in order to get us through the door. Things are beginning to get a bit hectic. Then I am reminded of the words of the Angels to the shepherds, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men!" At times it feels like finding the peace the angels are talking about is difficult. Yet, this is what our Lord came as child to give us. It is this peace that we have to seek during this busy season.

There is a story I want to share with you about peace. "There once was a King who offered a prize to the artist who would paint the best picture of peace. Many artists tried. The King looked at all the pictures, but there were only two he really liked and he had to choose between them. One picture was of a calm lake. The lake was a perfect mirror, for peaceful towering mountains were all around it. Overhead was a blue sky with fluffy white clouds. All who saw this picture thought that it was a perfect picture of peace. The other picture had mountains too. But these were rugged and bare. Above was an angry sky from which rain fell and in which lightening played. Down the side of the mountain tumbled a foaming waterfall. This did not look peaceful at all. But when the King looked, he saw behind the waterfall a tiny bush growing in a crack in the rock. In the bush a mother bird had built her nest. There, in the midst of the rush of angry water, sat the mother bird on her nest... perfect peace. Which picture do you think won the prize? The King chose the second picture. "Because," explained the King, "peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work. Peace means to be in the midst of all those things and still be calm in your heart. That is the real meaning of peace."

My friends and my family, as we prepare to receive Christ the days ahead will be hectic. It may not always be easy to find peace. It is important that we remember that Christ came to give us peace even in the midst of noise and chaos. We need only keep Him as our focus so that as St. Paul says, "The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

In Christ,

Father Larry Legakis

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Hope and Joy Meeting Petas Memorials + Coffee SS Bank a Sunday Sunday School Pageant Practice in Class Rooms 12:15 PM Greek School	2 Greek Kitchen Preparation 6:00 PM Parish Council	3	4 9:00 AM St. Barbra Orthros 10 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School 6:30 PM Bible Study	5 DOP Meeting (Beirut) 9:00 AM St. Savas Orthros 10 am Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM AHEPA meeting off-site	6 9:00 AM St. Nicholas Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am 6:00 PM Coffee Talk (Adults) Charlies on Central	7 Community Christmas Party
8 PC Election Sunday School Pageant Practice in Class Rooms 12:15 PM Greek School	9	10 Philoptochos Shut-in Boxes 7:00 PM BMF	11 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	12 9:00 AM St. Spyridon Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am 6:00 PM Men's Bible study 6:00 PM YAH Christmas	13	14 Sunday School Pageant Dress Rehearsal
15 C. Christides Memorial J. Melas Trisagion Philoptochos Tray for St. Spyridon Sunday School Pageant	16 6:30 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting 7:00 PM Philoptochos General meeting	17 5:00 PM Philoptochos Madonna Homes X-Mas dinner 7:00 PM BMF	18 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	19	20 Greek Kitchen Pick Up 7:00 PM Parakesis	21
22 Greek Kitchen pick-Up No Sunday School Proestou Coffee 4:00 PM GOYA Coffee Talk- Sip	23	24 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Vespers Divine Liturgy	25 9:00 AM Christmas Orthros 10 am Divine Liturgy	26	27 GOYA Christmas Party- Kopans Young Adult Taverna Talk 9:00 AM St. Stephan	28
29 No Sunday School	30	31	Jan 1	2	3	4
5	6	Notes				

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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29	30	Dec 31	1 9:00 AM St. Basil and Circumcision of our Lord Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Bible Study	2	3 6:00 PM Coffee Talk (Adults)	4
5 Blessing of Water after Liturgy Eve of the Epiphany 12:15 PM Greek School	6 9:00 AM Epiphany Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am Great Blessing of Water 6:00 PM Parish Council 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting	7 YAH - Tree disassemble 9:00 AM St. John the Baptist Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am 7:00 PM BMF	8 Vasilopita Set-Up 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	9 AHEPA/DAUGHTERS-OFFSITE 6:00 PM Men's Bible study	10	11 GOYA Outing Sky-zone
12 Vasilopita Sunday 12:15 PM Greek School	13 7:00 PM Philoptochos General Meeting	14 7:00 PM BMF	15 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 Young at Heart	17 9:00 AM St. Anthony Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am 7:00 PM Parakesis	18 9:00 AM SS. Athanasios and Cyril Orthros 10 am Divine Liturgy
19 DOP Take down Tree 12:15 PM Greek School	20	21	22 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	23	24 Young Adult Taverna Talk	25 Parents of Young Children Ministry
26 Greek Letters Day Program 4:00 PM GOYA Coffee Talk-Sip	27	28 7:00 PM BMF	29 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	30 9:00 AM Three Hierarchs Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am	31	Feb 1
2	3	Notes				

HOSPITALIZED

Vasiliki Yakumithis, Pete Kanios
and David Jakubowski

BIRTHS

Baby Eliana Konstantina
born November 10, 2019
to parents Pericles & Molly Tsipis

Baby Antonio born November 18, 2019
to parents Anthony & Christina Harwood

ENGAGEMENT

Kristen Zink & Andrew Lamour

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to:
Paul & Susan Sieben – 48 years
Tom & Sandra Manton – 44 years
Bryan & Kathy Chaka – 35 years
Jeremy & Jamie Marinis – 12 years
Aaron & Alexa Adkins – 4 years

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Pete Morris – 2 years
John Chrysochoos – 3 years
May Their Memory Be Eternal

MEMORIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF DR. TEMOLEON ROUSOS

Mrs. Shirley Boyer
Sophie Paterakis & Debbie
Mrs. Yanula Stathulis

IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE KOUNTOURIS

Ballios Family
Frangopoulos Family
Mr. & Mrs. George Mulopulos
Mrs. Sophia Spillson
Mrs. Yanula Stathulis

IN MEMORY OF SOPHIA KAKISSIS

Mr. & Mrs. George Anagnos
Dr. & Mrs. Panos Doukides
Dr. & Mrs. Steven Doukides
Dr. & Mrs. Theodore Doukides
The Kakissis Family
Sophie Paterakis & Debbie
Mr. & Mrs. James Petas
Mrs. Yanula Stathulis
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Verikakis

IN MEMORY OF ILIAS BEKOS

Mr. Crist Bekos
Ms. Evangelia Bekos
Ms. Maria Bekos
Mrs. Ourania Bekos
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Papadopoulos & Family

IN MEMORY OF PETE MORRIS

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Balint
Mrs. Mary Brandenburg
Mr. & Mrs. Bert Carstensen
Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis
Ms. Cathy Manol, Zach & Nick
Mr. & Mrs. James Martin
Mrs. Fritzie Morris
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Ross & Dan

IN MEMORY OF ED HARWOOD

Mrs. Pam Harwood

IN MEMORY OF JOANNE COPETAS

Dr. & Mrs. Wallace DePue
Mrs. Yanula Stathulis

IN MEMORY OF CLEO ZERVOS

Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis

IN MEMORY OF TIM MCANINCH

Mrs. Mary Brandenburg

IN MEMORY OF BESSIE PAPUCHIKE

Mrs. Mary Brandenburg

IN MEMORY OF JOHN & IRENE
HIMEBAUGH

Mrs. Mary Brandburg

IN MEMORY OF THELMA PETAS

Dr. & Mrs. Panos Doukides

Dr. & Mrs. Steven Doukides

Dr. & Mrs. Theodore Doukides

Mr. & Mrs. James Petas

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wade

IN MEMORY OF VIRGINIA BARLOS

Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis

Mrs. Fritzie Morris

IN MEMORY OF JOHN, GEORGE &
GREGORY MORRIS

Mrs. Fritzie Morris

IN MEMORY OF BESSIE GUNTER

Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis

IN MEMORY OF STEVE TSAGARIS

Mrs. Yanula Stathulis

IN MEMORY OF THOMAS "SAM" IRMEN

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Irmén & Julia

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Kountouris

Mr. & Mrs. George Mulopulos

IN MEMORY OF GOLDIE STRATOS

Mrs. Grace Conomos

Mr. & Mrs. George Mulopulos

IN MEMORY OF KATHLEEN GREVIS

Mr. & Mrs. George Mulopulos

IN MEMORY OF STEFANOS
ROSSOPOULOS

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hartford

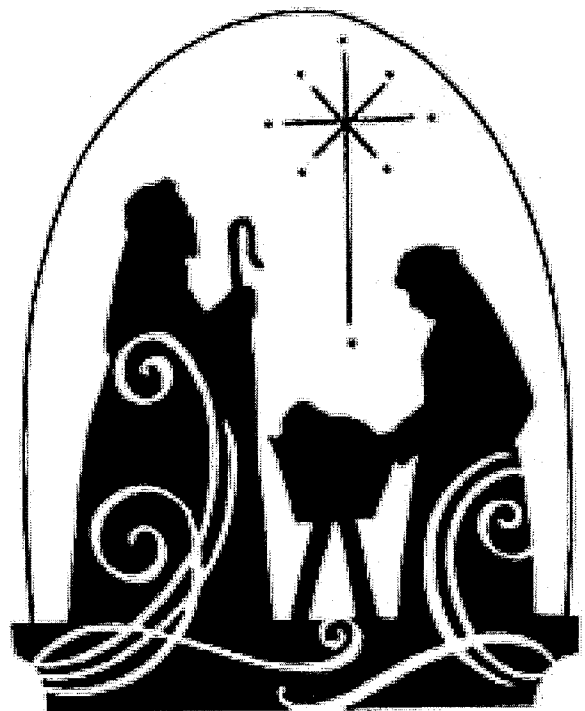
IN MEMORY OF YIOULA GEORGHAKI

Mr. & Mrs. George Anagnos

OTHER DEATHS:

Goldie Stratos of Cocoa Beach, Florida

May Her Memory Be Eternal



President's Report by Emmanuel T. Yakumithis

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Parish Assembly Meeting on November 17. We covered a lot of ground and got a better perspective of the wants and needs of our community.

On Sunday, November 24th we hosted our annual Madonna Homes Thanksgiving Dinner. Thanks to all who attended and helped out on this great event.

On December 7, our Philoptochos with the support of the Parish Council and our community will be hosting a community Christmas Party. A wonderful dinner, followed by music and dancing will certainly make for an evening to remember.

We are closing out another year and it has been very busy and we have made progress as a community. We will continue to progress and move our parish forward as a unified family. I have been proud to serve you as president these past three years, and I look forward to seeing where we go next; what amazing things we can achieve.

From my family to yours, a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

May God bless you all in the upcoming year.

Philoptochos News by Pattie Senerius

PHILANTHROPY FOR GENERATIONS

Thanksgiving is over and Christmas is around the corner. We have many things for which we can be grateful. We salute our veterans who have served and those presently serving to protect people around the world and keep us safe in our country. Each day there are many blessings to count and new reasons to give thanks. There are many lives we have touched each and every day. There are numerous ways we can help others. We wish all of you a blessed Christmas filled with love and happiness. Have a happy new year filled with joy.

Philoptochos Sunday was once again a special day for the members. We honored our Saints and our beloved deceased members with an Artoklasia and memorial service, as well as a lovely Coffee Hour. The table was filled with thirty four trays of a variety of delicious pastries, food, etc. prepared by twenty eight members. The table was set up by Pauline Biernacki.

Thank you to the volunteers and numerous helpers for their time, talent and treasure. Thank you to Dawn Anagnos who faithfully prepares the bread for the Artoklasia Service. We really appreciate your dedication, Dawn. All of our volunteers are Philostrong!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on December 7th at the Holy Trinity Christmas party sponsored by Philoptochos and Parish Council. If you have not made a reservation, please see Pattie Senerius or Presvytera Ann Hadgigeorge.

Cash Bar Service - 6:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Hors d'oeuvres - 6:00 P.M. - 6:45 P.M.

Dinner Service - 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Entertainment and Dancing - 8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Entree Selections

Filet Mignon

Pan-seared with mushrooms, potatoes and Cognac Sauce
Roasted asparagus and red peppers

Or

Baked Salmon

Topped with Pesto and Panko and baked till golden
Served with Tarragon Sherry Cream Sauce
Winter vegetables and wild rice medley

Or

Vegetable Stir Fry

An abundance of fresh vegetables stir fried and served over spaghetti squash with balsamic drizzle

Salad with all entrees

Warm Dinner Rolls and Butter

Coffee and Hot Tea

Wine on each Table

The College Connection ministry sent gifts to twenty six college students for the Christmas holiday. The Feeding the Hungry ministry took place on November 20, 2019 at St. Paul's Mission. Food was prepared and served for one hundred residents (lunch and dinner). The menu consisted of baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, butter and dessert. The residents enjoyed the meal and were so grateful and graciously thanked us many times. Thank you to the volunteers for their time and talents! There is nothing more fulfilling than the smiles and gratitude of the residents.

Save the date for the annual Philoptochos Vasilopita Celebration and Luncheon on January 12, 2020. We invite you to attend this event with your family and friends. Make the reservation early for this well attended affair. Reservations will be taken during the coffee hour. Please remember we need bakers for the table vasilopites. Contact Ann Mulopulos.

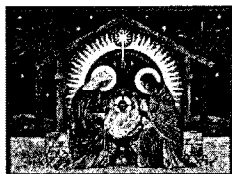
"The kinder and more thoughtful a person is, the more kindness they can find in other people."

Upcoming Events

Philoptochos Stewardship 2020 - see Presvytera Ann or
Pattie Senerius
Community Christmas Party – Dec. 7, 2019, 6:00 P.M.
Philoptochos Meeting - December 16, 2019 –
Board, 6:00 P.M. followed by General, 7:00 P.M.
Vasilopita - January 12, 2020

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

Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas



Philoptochos continues to participate in the Kroger Community Rewards fundraiser program. We currently have 129 participating households. Make sure to visit Kroger's for your holiday baking and dinner shopping and earn credit for Philoptochos.

A quarterly cycle ended October 31, 2019. The total earnings were \$484.60. If you are not already enrolled in Kroger Rewards and wish to enroll; just visit our Church website. Look for the ***Kroger Rewards*** link under 'Church News'. This new page will guide you and provides the opportunity of going directly to the Kroger Rewards link. *Our name is Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Philoptochos and our new ID# is CM658.* Please, make sure your phone number is listed under the **ALT ID** section. Also, you do not need to re-enroll each year. Just keep your account information updated and make sure "Philoptochos" appears at the bottom of your Kroger receipt.

If you need my assistance to enroll or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 419-865-4344 or at fotini@bex.net and I will gladly assist you. 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 27th, 2019 after the Divine Liturgy, Greek School celebrated 'OXI DAY'. 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 students from the Adult Class: in Greek Gary Varney and in English Jessica Williams, who gave us beautiful and informative speeches. Many thanks and God bless you both. Gary and another student passed the Ellinomathea test Number two with Arista, (Excellent) this year. Our warmest congratulations, we hope next year they will take the next step and probably other students will participate. Our flag bearers were Jessica Williams who carried the American flag, Vasilia Legakis, the Greek flag, and Marianna Temple, the Cypriot flag.

After the doxology in church with Fr. Larry Legakis all of us went to our Greek Educational Building and after the coffee hour we started our 'OXI DAY' program, singing our Greek and American National Anthems along with all present parishioners. The speakers followed and our students recited poems about the 'OXI DAY' and the Greek flag, which we celebrate on the 25th of October and Hronia Polla for St. Demetrios Day on the 26th of October. We ended with the song I "ELLADA POTE THEN PETHENI." Warmest congratulations to our participating students, Vasilia and Lukia Legakis, Marianna Temple, Jessica Williams, Electra Hickman, Olivia and Sophia Harrigan, Zoe Bollin, Mariam, Alexandra and Andreana Xenofontos.

Many thanks to Joyce and George Anagnos for taking and developing our pictures. Thank you also to Maria Tzanakis for taking pictures in church. Many thanks to all our parishioners who were present and the students and parents who bring them to Greek School.

God bless you all and Happy Holidays.

***Greek School Update - 2019 by Dawn Anagnos
Director and Instructor***

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 interested in Greek School Registration. The Greek School Director, Mrs. Dawn-Avgi Anagnos also added a second Greek Language presentation this year so festival patrons had the opportunity both Saturday and Sunday to learn about the Greek Alphabet, numbers and greetings including their name in Greek. Festival patrons repeatedly told us at the Greek Language and Cultural Booth, the reason the Greek Festival was their favorite was because we had things for them to do and look at and ask questions about Greece and its language. From the handouts to browsing the books and displays to attending the Greek Language presentations, the positive goodwill Festival patrons left the festival with an invaluable part of what Greek School provides the festival. Thank you and God bless all of you.

Daughters of Penelope by Stacia Dimit

Greetings from Dodona Chapter #24 Daughters of Penelope!

Our November meeting was held at the community center where we enjoyed a potluck dinner of chicken and a great variety of delicious side dishes and salads. We also enjoyed a chocolate cake to celebrate the organization's 90th anniversary of our founding. In addition, we honored twelve past presidents of our chapter. The past presidents honored at the meeting were: Dawn Anagnos, Joyce Anagnos, Pauline Biernacki, Marina Cooper, Joan Dionyssiou, Faye Grevis, Kathy Lawrence, Ann Mulopulos, Maria Rosales, Becky Skiadas, Dena Grevis-Smith, and Persilla Zervos.

Initiation was held for two new members. A very warm welcome to the chapter is extended to Sisters Melissa Kaufman Deku and Jennifer Garcia.

As reported in last month's Echo, the Daughters participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 12, 2019. Thank you to everyone who either walked or made a donation to this important cause. Special thank you to the following people

who generously donated: Jack Adams, Dawn Anagnos, Joyce Anagnos, Kathy Andros, Annette Christopoulos, JoAnn Cook, Mary & George Dedes, Pamela Martin, Dan & Sophia McCullough, Sophia Stathopoulos, and Renee Wood. Also, thanks again to Sister Alexia Hickman for organizing the Daughters participation and for her successful fund raising efforts.

Thank you to everyone who supported our gyro scholarship fundraiser held on October 20, 2019. The event was co-sponsored with the AHEPA. Thank you Sister Marian Capranica for working to make this fundraiser a fun successful event.

On October 20th our chapter hosted a Lodge visitation. We were honored by the attendance of the District Governor, Sue Bacus, as well as our own Sister Joyce Anagnos, the District Advisor.

Thanks to everyone who helped decorate the beautiful Daughters of Penelope Christmas tree on Sunday, November 24. Decorating the tree together was a nice way to share some Christmas spirit. Thanks especially to Sister Daisy Garcia who did a great job organizing the tree trimming.

Our Christmas meeting will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 6 pm at the Beirut Restaurant on Monroe Street. Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater! Also, instead of a gift exchange, members are asked to bring non-perishable food items and canned goods to stock the new food pantry being established at the cathedral.

Make a note on your calendar that the January meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6 pm. The meeting location will be announced when available.

Attention all Ohio State and University of Michigan football fans! Please see Marina Cooper if you would like to buy a square for \$10 to support our scholarship fundraiser.

As a reminder, please pay dues for 2019 and any past dues to Sophie Stathopoulos, our Treasurer, at 6535 Cornwall Court, Sylvania OH 43560.

AHEPA Chapter 118 News by Tony Capranica

The brothers of Ypsilanti #118 want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous and safe New Year. Everyone should have a great VISION for 2020!

The December meeting will be held on Thursday, December 5 at Charlie's off Dussel in Maumee.

We'll have dinner at 6:30 with the meeting to follow. 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 online beginning in January and will be due April 15, 2020. Please refer to www.ahepa.org for details on the National scholarship.

If you have not paid your 2019 AHEPA dues please remit them before December 15, 2019 to receive credit for 2019. 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.

Holy Trinity Greek Kitchen by Connie Mynihan

Christmas and get-togethers are just around the corner. Order now and have your baking needs ready.

Order forms are being sent by email and will be available Sundays, during coffee hour. You may also go to and

Order on line:

<http://www.holytrinitytoledo.com/greek-kitchen/>

Twenty-four pieces of delicious

Baklava - \$30.00

Chocolate Baklava - \$30.00

Spanakopita - \$20.00

Tiropita - \$20.00

Orders are due in by Monday, December 16th, 2019.

Pick up is at Holy Trinity Community Center on Friday, December 20th, Saturday December 21st, or Sunday December 22nd between 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

If you need further information or have any questions, please contact Connie Mynihan at 419-250-4899 or email: cmynihan5@gmail.com.

Please be generous as all proceeds are given to the church.

▲ Merry Christmas ▲

Young at Heart News by Becky Skiadas

YAH is celebrating it's 30 year Anniversary. It was in November 1989 that a committee of a few people organized YAH for social gatherings. They were Gus Bellas, Bill Sares, George Andros, Mike Rousos, Mary Markham, Jim Veronie, Jenny Samonides, and Ann Mulopulos. Gus Bellas was the driving force and wanted to see the organization progress. Jenny Samonides was the first President, George Andros Vice-President, Gus Bellas Secretary, and Ann Mulopulos Treasurer.

John Voudouris, John Papadimos and Chris Karoulis were the cooks and Pete Samonides and Despina Pelphrey worked along-side of them in the kitchen. Happy and proud to say that Despina is our main cook and her helper is Helen Matthews and together they are a dynamic duo.

On November 10th YAH sponsored the coffee hour in honor of our anniversary. At our October meeting we honored the few remaining original organizers of YAH. Jim Veronie, Mary Markham, Ann Mulopulos Lucy Hatzinikolis and Presvytera Ann Hadgigeorge.

We welcomed three new members, George and Margie Sares and David Jakubowski.

At our November meeting we had a Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings.

YAH always honored our Vets at our November meeting. We heard some interesting stories from them and their experiences they had while in the service.

We thank them for their service and our Holy Trinity choir will perform a beautiful song called 'Thankful' in honor of our Vets and Thanksgiving.

YAH will be having our annual Christmas Party on December 12th at Angelo's Villa.

Young at Heart will be putting up their Christmas tree on November 26th.

Consider joining YAH for fun and fellowship.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Byzantine Music Fellowship by Elaine Lillios

Byzantine Music Fellowship continues rehearsing the second and third Tuesdays each month, 7-8pm. Paraklesis services take place the third Friday of each month. Join us! All voices welcome.

Community Cookbook by Phyllis Manton

The Holidays are upon us! This is a joyful time to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a time of year for tradition and lots of cooking and baking as well as gift giving. For those who may not have the community cookbook, it makes a great gift and the apron too, which washes up beautifully!

For many people this time of year is difficult. People might be alone because of illness, estrangement, military deployments, and we have an opportunity to reach out. The greatest gift we can give is spending time with someone. We all have the present which is truly a present. Visiting with someone is part of what we are called to do, as Jesus visited people and shared meals as the Gospels tell us. "He sat at table" breaking bread. Giving a listen and sharing a bite of food is a great way to spread joy.

Cooking and baking foster mentorship. Our Holy Trinity family has many mentors, pillars of strength, love and kindness. Ann Mulopulos, is among the best. She guided the cooking classes this year though unable to attend. Her knowledge with accurate buying of supplies and quantities as well as accounting make the classes function seamlessly. And she is a fantastic cook and baker! A loving thank you goes to her for her guidance.

Have an enjoyable safe holiday season!

Additional Cookbook comments by Pam Martin

2019 has been a good year for our Cookbook Committee. Our cookbook sales were good. And our Greek cooking classes continue to be fun and exciting.

The people on this committee are amazing. We owe a great deal of our success to Irene Kaufman

and Yanula Stathulis who were our original leaders. Their vision has helped to keep an important segment of our culture alive and interesting to others. We can never thank them enough. Kathy Lawrence, our previous chairman, did a fantastic job of fulfilling the vision and she continues to advise us. Ann Mulopulos, Mary Dedes, Sophie Stathopoulos, Phyllis Manton, Gene and Faye Haberman, Penny Jenkins, Barb Sarantou and Stephanie Berardinelli make up the rest of this hard working and enthusiastic group. A sincere thanks to each of you for your outstanding teamwork and continued loyalty.

We all know, the success of our classes would not be possible without our fabulous chefs. Phyllis Manton and Marina Cooper captured our admiration and respect at our first class this year when they proved to the entire class, our next generation of Greek cooks have learned from the very best and will indeed be able to continue our tradition of delicious Greek food! Thank you both for sharing your talent with our students. Your presentation was wonderful!

Andreas and Maria Petros have taught a class every year for the last six years. They always teach with such expertise and ease. This year, once again the students received a terrific view of authentic Greek cooking. The class was extremely pleased with every aspect of this Greek experience. This special couple makes us proud to be Greek. You have our humblest appreciation Andy and Maria!

I also wish to thank all of you who have helped over the years with our classes. A special thank you to the many wonderful chefs who have been part of spreading the joy of Greek Cuisine. None of this could have been possible without your hard work and generosity.

Finally, the entire committee thanks Carole and Terry for their constant hard work and support. And, our dear Father Larry for his prayers and kindness. And to everyone in our community, thank you for your support!

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all, from the Cookbook Committee!

A Time for Every Purpose Under Heaven

Ecclesiastes 3

Now is our time...

There is only one month left to the 2019 Holy Trinity Cathedral Stewardship Campaign, it is important that we focus on ending this campaign as successfully as we did last year's campaign. Last year we achieved and surpassed our campaign goal of \$250,000 and we hope to do the same this year! The money that comes from your generosity in the form of Stewardship is essential towards paying the day to day operating expenses of our beloved Cathedral.

- *If you have already fulfilled your pledge, we thank you and bless you!*
- *If you need to still complete your pledge, we hope and pray that you will do so in the next month and we thank you and bless you!!*
- *If you have yet to make a commitment to our Stewardship Campaign, please know it is NEVER too late, and we appreciate anything you can give that will help preserve this Cathedral for generations to come.*

In an effort to be transparent, below is the current status of the 2019 Stewardship Campaign as of November 19th

Our Goal...	\$250,000
Total Stewards Pledging in this campaign ...	254
Additional Stewards giving ...	30
Total Amount Pledged ...	\$241,721
Total Amount Paid ...	\$221,163



2019 Stewardship Update through November 19, 2019 - Our Stewardship goal for 2019 is \$250,000

So far 254 Stewards have pledged \$241,721

**We welcome everyone to be a part of the 2019 Campaign! Fill out your Stewardship Commitment Cards
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HTGOC Monthly Youth Update



December 2019

Dear Families,

We are looking forward to your children's participation in our 2019 Christmas Pageant, which will take place Sunday, December 15 immediately following the Divine Liturgy in our Fellowship Hall.

We are fortunate to have such a talented group of youth who look forward to participating in our pageant each year. Each Sunday School Classroom plays a role in the pageant.

PreK/K: Animals in the stable sing "Away in a Manger"

1st-2nd Grade: Angels

3rd-4th Grade: Shepherds or short speaking parts in the play

5th-8th Grade: Speaking parts or Narrators

We are currently in the process of assigning the speaking parts of the play. If your son or daughter has interest, please let us know! We have attached the script to this email for families to preview and for children to start practicing as soon as they know their parts.

We ask that all students learn the songs of the pageant. A songsheet is included on the last page of the script. This year we have also created a YouTube Playlist of our pageant songs. Please note that we do not sing all songs in full (often just the first verse as indicated on the attached song sheet).

Additionally, we are asking for any children who would like to showcase their musical talents to please let us know. We would like to begin the pageant with some Christmas musical selections featuring our own children in the community, give students the opportunity to play an instrument as an accompaniment to any of the songs in the pageant, and/or take lead on any of the songs in the pageant.

Last but not least, we ask that you mark Saturday, December 14, 9:30 - 11:00, on your calendars for our dress rehearsal. We will begin with breakfast, practice the songs, and run through the play. A detailed agenda will be sent to you closer to the date.

Thank you in advance for encouraging your children to highlight their talents and celebrate the beauty of Christmas with our community. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions.

Warmly,

Paula Apostolou
Pres Jenny Legakis
Susan Sieben

Important Dates

Hope and Joy

12/14-Christmas Retreat 11:30 am-2:00 pm

GOYA

12/22- -Coffee Talk 4 PM @ Sip.

12/29- -Christmas Party @ the Bollin's

Greek School

Thank you to all those who participated in the OXI Day celebration. Greek Letters Day is January 26th.

Sunday School

12/14 -Pageant Dress

Rehearsal 9:30 AM.

12/15 -Sunday School Pageant



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Cathedral Book Club

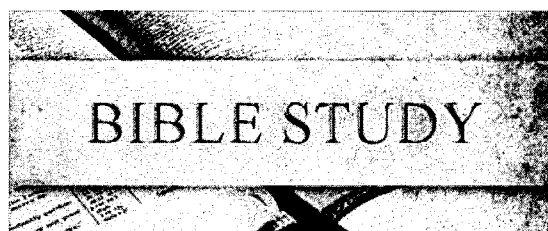
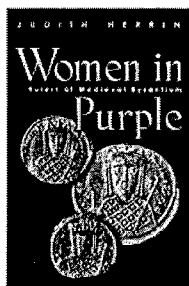
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This year we are pleased to announce our Cathedral men's group and bible study
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Dinner and Discussion with Father Larry

We are pleased to announce that we
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Young Adult Taverna talks

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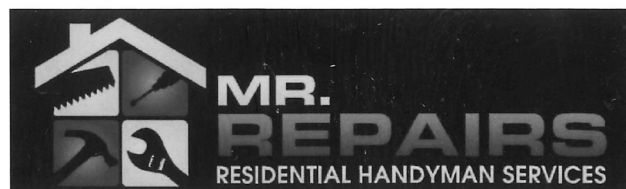
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