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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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# Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral Metropolis of Detroit 

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Dear Parish Family and Friends,
Christ is Risen!
As I write this letter to you I have been so very pleased with how Lent, Saturday of Lazarus, and Palm Sunday went. One thing I keep thinking about is how blessed I feel that I was able to see you. A year ago, that was not the case. A year ago there were five of us in Church for most of Lent. There were five of us in Church for the Saturday of Lazarus and Palm Sunday. There were five of us in Church for Holy Week and of course Easter. This year we are present. As we have said it is not perfect but it is a start. It is a cause for joy and thanksgiving. This fits very much with the season we have entered into. The Paschal season is all about joy and thanksgiving.

Looking at the Icon of the Resurrection we see where our joy is found. Our joy is found in Christ resurrected from the dead. When I look at the icon one of the striking images is that of Christ with Adam and Eve. We witness the Lord pulling them out of Hades. Adam and Eve are reaching for Christ and He is doing the rest. This is a reminder for all for all of us. We too are to reach for Christ and allow Him to do the rest. We are to extend our hands to Christ, letting Him be the one that leads us along.

My family in Christ, as we continue to move forward in these wonderful days let us do so with joy and thanksgiving. Let us find joy in our Lord and Savior. Let us continue to reach out to Him as we move forward. Let us remember to allow Him to be the one who leads us.

As I conclude I want to thank the Parish Council for a wonderful Holy Week and Lent. I want to thank those who chanted and sang during Lent and Holy Week. I want to thank those who served in the Altar. Finally thank you to the entire community for your presence, your prayers, and patience.

In Christ,


Father Larry Legakis

## HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CALENDAR

May 2021


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June 2021


BAPTISMS
Despina Catherine Weaks - April 17, 2021
Parents: Jacob \& Alexis (Kountouris) Weaks
Sponsors: Katherine \& Alexander Anetakis

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

 Congratulations to:Gust \& Liberty Elmer - 62 years
Michael \& Cynthia Peslikis - 58 years
George \& Dina Bekos - 47 years
Kypros \& Yiota Proestos - 47 years
Thomas \& Angie Bohland - 38 years
Michael \& Joanne Zink - 33 years
Brian \& Constantina MacVay - 30 years
Peter \& Elizabeth Theodorou - 19 years
Steven \& Penny Jenkins - 28 years
Rich \& Venetia Wurst - 28 years
Michael \& Karen George - 27 years
George \& Christine Veronie - 25 years
Chris \& Aleca Kamilaris - 23 years
Michael \& Christina Temple - 21 years
Todd Miller \& Dr. Anne Marie Wolfe - 19 yrs.
Spiros \& Jaime Theodorou - 14 years
Jason \& Alexia Hickman - 10 years
John \& Nicole Ohler -8 years
Anthony \& Christina Harwood - 6 years
Robert \& Allyson Zink - 4 years
Jamie \& Christine Swartz - 3 years
MEMORIAL SERVICES
Crystal Rogers - 40 days
Pauline Photos Kambour - 1 year
Konstantinos Tsapranis - 1 year
John Veronie - 1 year
Peter Manton - 15 years
May Their Memory Be Eternal

## MEMORIAL GIIFTS

## IN MEMORY OF KATHERINE RESCH

Mr. \& Mrs. Jack Adams
Mr. \& Mrs. Panos Eletheriou \& Katy
Mr. \& Mrs. George Anagnos
Ms. Joyce Anagnos
Ms. Kathy Andros
Mr. \& Mrs. Basil Apostolou
Mrs. Nancy August
Bubulya Family
Mrs. Marie Ann Pestolis Carone
Michael, Linda, Gregory \& Christopher Cleveland
Daughters of Penelope
Mr. \& Mrs. George Dedes
Mr. \& Mrs. John Deku
Dr. \& Mrs. Wallace DePue
Mr. \& Mrs. Stanley Evdemon

Ms. Catherine Geanopulos
Mrs. Irene Kaufman
Col. \& Mrs. Denmis Lawrence
Mrs. Evgenia Matthews
Mrs. Helen Matthews
Mrs. Ann Mulopulos
Mrs. Despina Pelphrey
Mrs. Penny Perris
Mr. Terrence Perris
Mis. Maria Tzanakis
Mr. William Tzanakis
Mr. \& Mrs. James Veronie
Young at Heart Members
IN MEMORY OF CRYSTAL ROGERS
Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis
Col. \& Mrs. Dennis Lawrence
Mr. \& Mrs. James Veronie
IN MEMORY OF TULLA MIHAS
Presvytera Ann Hadgigeorge
Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis
Col. \& Mrs. Dennis Lawrence
IN MEMORY OF NEOCLES LEONTIS
Col. \& Mrs. Dennis Lawrence
IN MEMORY OF SUSIE DOUKIIDES
Mr. \& Mrs. Jack Adams
Mr. \& Mrs. John Deku
Col. \& Mrs. Dennis Lawrence
Mr. \& Mrs. Michael Temple
Ms. Tina Tzanakis
Mr. \& Mrs. George Sares
IN MEMORY OF ALFREDA ROUSOS
Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis
Mr. \& Mrs. William Kakmis
IN MEMORY OF IRENE ROUSOS
Mr. \& Mrs. William Kakmis
IN MEMORY OF JOHN VERONIE
Mr. \& Mrs. Frank Reder
IN MEMORY OF BESSIIE BELLAS
Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis
Mr. \& Mrs. George Sares
IN MEMORY OF GEORGE ARVANITIIS
Mrs. Lisa Arvanitis
Mr. \& Mrs. Phillip Bartel

IN MEMORY OF SAM MANOL

IN MEMORY OF TULLA MIHAS
Helen \& John Kasimos \& Family
Ms. Tina Tzanakis

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE MULOPULOS
Ms. Tina Tzanakis

## IN MEMORY OF PETER MANTON

Mr. \& Mrs. Greg Cook

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 ALEX TOKLES
Mr. \& Mrs. John Deku

IN MEMORY OF JAMES PETAS
Mr. \& Mrs. John Deku
Ms. Tina Tzanakis

IN MEMORY OF JAMES NTAKOS
Ms. Tina Tzanakis

IN MEMORY OF BESSIE GUNTER
Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis

IN MEMORY OF PETE MORRIS
Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis

## IN MEMORY OF VIRGINIA BARLOS

Ms. Theodossia Hatzinilkolis

IN MEMORY OF VASILIOS \& VASILIIKI RONGAKIS
Mr. \& Mrs. Hristos Rongakis

IN MEMORY OF EVANGLIA KARABOGIAS
Mr. \& Mrs. Hristos Rongakis
Mr. \& Mrs. Matthew Simko

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL KUHAR
Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis
Coll. \& Mrs. Dennis Lawrence
Mrs. Ann Mulopulos
Mr. \& Mrs. James Veronie

IN MIEMORY OF EVANKA DIMITTROFF

IN MEMORY OF MELPOMENI VOURVOULIA
Mr. \& Mrs. Basil Apostolou
Mr. \& Mrs. Bill Karahalios \& family
Mr. \& Mrs. Sam Katrakazos
Mrs. Evgenia Matthews
Mr. Greg Matthews
Mrs. Hellen Matthews
Mrs. Maria Melas
Mrs. Olympia Ntakos \& Family
Mrs. Despina Pelphrey
Mr. \& Mrs. Christopher Rongos \& family
George \& Eleni Rongos
Mr. \& Mrs. Vasilios Vogiatzis
Mrs. Ranee Mancy Wood
DEATHS ELSEWHERE:
Melpomeni Vourvoulia of Greece
(Helen Matthews' sister)
May Her Memory Be Eternal
As a reminder, donations received after the $15^{\text {th }}$ of the month will be on the next month's registry.


## President's Message by Emmanuel T. Yakumithis

My dear fellow parishioners,
CHRIST IS RISEN! I want to thank Father Larry, our wonderful chanters, altar boys, choir members for their exceptional commitment during this Lenten Season and especially Holy Week.

On April 1, we had our Parish Assembly meeting. We discussed several topics including the construction project which is moving forward on time and on budget. Paul Sieben has been in constant contact with the project manager and has really helped to keep this project on track. Once the addition is complete, we will move on to the next step which is converting the office behind the Pangari to a multipurpose room (Koliva prep, cry room, etc) and a refurbishment of the basement restrooms and flooring. I know that some of our parishioners questioned the timing of the project, but typically over the winter months attendance is lighter and the parish council felt that with attendance down AND covid restrictions, we were inconveniencing the fewest people possible.

We had another record-breaking year in stewardship thanks to all of you and your continued support. I am in contact with numerous parishes in and outside of our Metropolis and there are quite a few parishes that will not exist after 2021 because of the impact of "distance worship". We have been blessed to have a generous community. With less stewards than last year, we still exceeded our goal and because of all of you, we will be able to continue supporting our ministries, pay our bills and be here for the next generation.

Finally, after many conversations with members of our parish, the parish council, the city of Toledo and the State of Ohio, we have decided to forgo the festival for one more year and present the Taste of Greece, drive thru event. The current distancing guidelines allow us to open, but from a practical standpoint, we are so regulated that it is a logistical impossibility. I can speak for the entire parish council when I say that no one is happy with this decision, but we know that this is the safest route for our health, safety and finances. As I told those who attended the parish assembly, the overhead costs of the festival to open are almost half of the cost of the entire construction project. That's a lot of money to put at risk, when the government changes the rules almost daily.

As we move forward and begin to lighten restrictions, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

## Philoptochos News by Pattie Senerius

## PHILANTHROPY FOR GENERATIONS

It is hard to believe that the 2020-2021 term is over. All of our commitments, ministries, and chosen charities are completed. We are proud of feeding the hungry, helping people in need, and adding new charities each year. During the past year, due to COVID-19, we could not carry out our ministries in the same way. But we still found a way to accomplish our goals. Our dedicated volunteers made this
possible and their support helped make this successful. During the 2020-2021 term we:

- Collected blankets, scarves, towels, and socks for The Providence Center (Jan '20)
- Donated \$2000 towards the start-up of Holy Trinity's Benevolent Fund for needy individuals/families (Feb '20)
- Dyed Easter eggs for church serves (April '20)
- Donated hot/cold beverage tumblers and hygiene items to the veterans at H.O.O.V.E.S. (May '20)
- Began the Holy Trinity Food Pantry together with the Daughters of Penelope (May '20)
- Gave four $\$ 1000$ scholarships to our high school graduates (June'20)
- Held a Pandemic food/hygiene drive (July '20)
- Sent "thinking of you" cards enclosed with an inspirational bookmark to our home-bound parishioners (July '20)
- Donated $\$ 500$ to help a family whose home was destroyed by a natural disaster (Aug '20)
- Donated 184 ham and cheese sandwiches to Madonna Homes and St. Paul's Mission (Sept '20)
- Gave warm scarves to the residents at Madonna Homes (Dec ‘20)
- Adopted a family for Christmas, providing them with food, clothing, and personal gifts (Dec'20)
- Sent Christmas notes with $\$ 25$ Amazon gift cards to 30 college students (Dec ‘20)
- Sent religious Christmas cards and a nativity icon to our home-bound parishioners (Dec '20)
- Held a Vasilopita bread fundraiser benefitting our many ministries (Dec '20)
- Hosted our annual Vasilopita in church benefitting St. Basil's Academy (Jan '21)
- Purchased a new Allen organ for our cathedral (Feb '21)
- Held a Loukoumathes fundraiser benefitting Spring Elementary School's Lenten Project ( March '21)
- Donated food and hygiene items for Spring Elementary School families (March '21)
- Prepared and delivered 50 Easter gift boxes to our homebound parishioners (April '21)
- Dyed Easter eggs for church services (April '21)

Thank you to all the volunteers for sharing your time, talent, and treasure. You all made people feel joy and helped fulfill some much needed necessities and ministries during this most difficult time. We are Philo-strong!

Thank you to all of our parishioners who shop at Kroger and have chosen Holy Trinity as their designated charity. The funds collected from the Kroger Rewards Program over the past few years, along with other donations, helped fund the purchase of our new Allen organ for our cathedral. If you haven't joined the Kroger Rewards Program, I encourage you to please consider doing so and designate Holy Trinity Cathedral as your designated charity.

Wishing all of you a most blessed Pascha. Xristos Anesti! Christ Has Risen!

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"Gratitude is the memory of the heart."
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Upcoming Events
May 16th - Scholarship Sunday
May 17th - Board Meeting 6:30 P.M.
General Meeting (Elections) 7:00 P.M. at the Community
Center - Social distancing and mask required

## Greek School News by <br> Dawn-Avgi Anagnos, Director

On Sunday, March $28^{\text {th }} 2021$ our Greek School celebrated two important holidays. One is the religious solemnity of The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary where Archangel Gabriel announced to the Virgin Mary that she was God's chosen one to bring into the world His Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of mankind. The other holiday is a National one, when the Greeks, who had been enslaved by the Turks for 400 years, on March $25^{\text {th }} 1821$ revolted with whatever means they had, and after a lengthy struggle with the dream of Freedom or Death, they won their Independence. We should all pay our respect and gratitude to the Heroes who fought for the freedom of Greece and glorified the Greek Nation. The revolution of March $25^{\text {th }} 1821$ is a milestone for Hellenism and one of the most admired achievements of the Greeks.

The Greek Revolution may be over, but constant Vigilance is the price of Freedom. We pray today for our country and freedom-loving people all over the World and for a just and peaceful solution of the Cyprus problem, although the Republic of Cyprus in 2010 celebrated its $50^{\text {th }}$ year since it's founding in 1960.

This year Greece is celebrating the Bicentennial (200 years) of Greek Independence Day. We were honored with the presence of our Honorable Mayor of Toledo Mr. Wade Kapszukiewicz, who was introduced to the parish by our Honorable Parish President Mr. Emmanuel T. Yakumithis. The Honorable Mayor was an eloquent speaker and a true Philhellene.

Our Greek School program followed, leading with the parade of the Greek, American, and Cypriot Flags held by Nicholas Legakis, Alex Yakumithis, and Vasilia Legakis with our students and mothers following. We would like to thank our Choir Director, Jo-Anne Chrysochoos, and Organist, Andreea Lee, who led the singing of the Greek and American National Anthems accompanied by the parishioners and students.

Our warmest congratulations to the mothers for their informative speeches about the Annunciation and the struggle for Greek Independence: Elena Xenofontos in Greek, Alexia Hickman in English, and Presbytera Jenny Legakis in English identifying the American Philhellenes and others who inspired those who made the Greek Revolution of 1821 possible. God Bless the United States of America! ZHT $\Omega$ TO 1821!

Warmest congratulations also to our students who recited National poems in Greek: Vasilia and Loukia Legakis about «To K $\rho и \varphi o ́ ~ \Sigma \chi о \lambda \varepsilon ı o ́ » ~(" T o ~ K r i f o ~ S c h o l i o "), ~ « Т о ~ Ф \varepsilon \gamma \gamma \alpha \rho \alpha ́ к ı ~$ $\mu \circ v ~ \Lambda \alpha \mu \pi \rho \delta ́ »$ ("To Feggaraki Mou Lambro"), and «A $\pi \delta$ то


Kainourgio to Scholio tha vgi I Ellada I Megali"); Electra Hickman about «O @оv́pıo̧ тov Pף́ $\gamma \alpha \Phi \varepsilon \rho \alpha i ́ o v, ~ \kappa \alpha \lambda v ́ \tau \varepsilon \rho \alpha \mu i \alpha ́ \varsigma$ $\omega \rho \alpha \varsigma \varepsilon \lambda \varepsilon \varepsilon v^{\theta} \varepsilon \varepsilon \rho \eta \zeta \omega \eta{ }^{\prime}$ " ("O Thourios Tou Riga Fereou, kalitera mias oras eleftheri zoi"); Alexandra, Mariam and Andreana Xenofontos who told us stories in English about the Greek Revolution, including the "Hidden Schools," the "Dance of Zaloggo," and the "Siege of and Exit from Mesologgi"; and little Alexander McMurray enthusiastically shouted "Z $\tau \tau \omega \eta$ E $\lambda \lambda \alpha \delta \alpha$ " (Long Live Greece)!

Thank you to George and Joyce Anagnos for their ongoing support to make Greek School remote learning through Zoom possible. Thank you to Fr. Larry and Parish Council for their continued support for Greek School.

Happy Easter to all! K $\alpha \lambda o ́ ~ \Pi \alpha ́ \sigma \chi \alpha ~ \kappa \alpha t ~ X \rho o ́ v ı \alpha ~ П о \lambda \lambda \alpha ́ \alpha ~(K a l o ~$ Pascha kai Hronia Polla)!

## DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS by Stacia Dimit

Greetings from Dodona Chapter \#24 Daughters of Penelope!
The April monthly meeting was held via Zoom on Thursday, April 1, 2021. Good news, the May monthly meeting will be held at the community building as well as via Zoom on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7 pm . Although it will not be a dinner meeting, it will be good to get together in person even with masks.

Our most sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Sister Katherine Resch, who passed away in March, 2021. Katherine was a valued member of the Daughters for many years. May her memory be eternal!

Even the Covid 19 Pandemic couldn't keep the Daughters of Penelope Annual Spring Bake Sale from being successful again this year. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser by purchasing pastries, working at one of the pastry workshops, preparing the boxes, and filling the pre-orders. It takes many people working together to make the bake sale possible. Very special thanks to Bake Sale Chair Connie Mynihan whose hard work and leadership were essential to the bake sale's success.

The Good Friday Luminaries made a beautiful and meaningful presentation to remember our deceased loved ones as well as our living families. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser. Thank you to Sisters Marina Cooper, Connie Mynihan and Daisy Pelphrey who were responsible for getting this project done so well.

Scholarship Sunday will take place on Sunday, May 16, 2021 after the Divine Liturgy. Scholarship recipients will be announced and honored. AHEPA Day will also take place on May 16th. The Daughters will join the Ahepans on that day to offer Artoclasia, the blessing of the bread, for the living.

Once again the annual walk sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to raise awareness of mental illness will be virtual. However, the Daughters will be participating by walking together at the Toledo Botanical Garden on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 9 am . We will meet in the parking lot off Bancroft Avenue. Our team is chaired by

Sister Alexia Hickman and the Team name is Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Community. Please walk with us or donate to this wonderful and valuable organization that promotes care and research for mental illness. To register or donate go to the following website: https://www.namiwalks.org/team/41446

Membership dues of $\$ 45$ for current or past years can be sent to Treasurer Sophie Stathopoulos at 6535 Cornwall Court, Sylvania Ohio 43560.

Thank you and hope to see you at the next meeting scheduled in person and via Zoom for Thursday, May 6, 2021.

## Community Cookbook by Phyllis Manton

Christos Anesti!

The Paschal Season is the greatest of Feasts and a time to celebrate the Resurrection and eat!
The cookbook committee has been diligently working editing and producing a new version of our community cookbook that will be available on Amazon. This version is exclusively Greek and Cypriot recipes. Because this book is available worldwide, we have taken out the names and personal anecdotes from the submissions. The names and stories are meaningful to our community, and we do cherish them. We are working on renumbering pages, the table of contents and index. We hope to have this ready for Amazon soon. The bonus of being able to sell this book on this vendor is that our community benefits financially from each sale, and we don't have to do anything. The vendor prints and ships.

We are offering a discount on cookbooks and aprons. The aprons are fantastic and launder up beautifully. The cookbook is a great gift for young adults setting up their own apartments and homes.

With more and more people getting vaccinated and the pandemic thankfully slowing down we are looking forward to offering cooking classes once again. We will be compliant with public health guidelines and Metropolis guidelines. We are working on offering distance learning cooking classes, likewise we must consider what facility to use and necessary equipment.

Many blessings to everyone during this Paschal Season. Christos Anesti!

## Warm Hands to Warm Hearts

Beautiful, Beautiful, Beautiful, Thirteen Lap Blankets were Blessed by Father Larry to give out to Parish members. They are all multi colors. Please continue to Knit \& Crochet rectangles 7 inches by 9 inches. Some will be needed this summer, because air-conditioning can make some people cold. We could use more yarn. If you have some you are not using or find some at a yard or garage sale, we will put it to good use. Thank you for the donations and also Thank You to all who are knitting and crocheting. It takes 25 rectangles to make one Lap Blanket. For Questions contact Dorothy Yakumithis or Phyllis Manton.

## Young at Heart News by Becky Skiadas

## Xpristos Anest!

I hope everyone enjoyed A happy Easter with family and friends.

YAH held our first meeting on April 15 with 25 members present. It was very sad to see the pictures and read the obituaries of so many members we lost in 2020 and 2021. Fr. Larry did a Trisagion and Nitsa Matthew's set up a beautiful holy altar for this we thank her very much. Dorothy and Manuel Yakumithis did all the pictures and obituaries and we thank them for all their time they put into making this a very special memorial service. We enjoyed a few games of Bingo to lighten up the evening.

It was very nice to see everyone and we hope to continue having more meetings.

YAH is a fun social gathering of people 50 and up. It is a way to gather with friends and to make new ones. We welcome new members so please consider joining us if you like travel and socializing. We are happy to welcome you. Our next meeting will be on May 20th.

We will have our memorial in church on May 30th where we will honor our deceased members. All YAH members are encouraged to be present in church on that day. Koliva will be offered by Nitsa Matthew's.

Till we meet again stay safe and get vaccinated!

## Stewardship Report by Kathy Chaka

## ".. the Greatest of These Is Love" Corinthians 13:13

For those who were unable to attend the April $11^{\text {th }}$ General Assembly, I'd like to offer the following Stewardship report that includes year-end totals as well as some of my personal reflections on the current 2021 Stewardship campaign. As always, continue to send in your 2021 Stewardship pledges as we work together with God's blessings to make this campaign one of the most successful ones ever.
I. 2020 Stewardship Campaign End Total ... 230 Stewards pledged and paid $\$ 245,386$ 63 Stewards did not pledge, but paid \$23,421 293 Stewards paid a total of \$269,149 *Goal Achieved/ $3^{\text {rd }}$ Time
III. 2019 Stewardship Campaign End Total... 265 Stewards pledged and paid $\$ 257,858$
33 Stewards did not pledge, but paid $\$ 7.565$
298 Stewards paid a total of $\$ 265,423$ *Goal Achieved/ $2^{\text {nd }}$ Time
III. 2018 Stewardship Campaign reflected 286

Stewards, giving total offerings of \$252, 300 *Goal Achieved/ $1^{\text {st }}$ Time
IV. 2017 Stewardship Campaign reflected 300 Stewards, giving total offerings of $\$ 230,954$.
V. Current 2021 Stewardship Campaign...

181 Stewards have pledged $\$ 210,233$
These Stewards have paid to date $\$ 82,120$ 41 Stewards did not pledge $\$ 13,587$
222 Stewards have paid to date a total of \$95,707

## VI. So Much to Be Thankful for...

- Achieving our goal during a Pandemic. This can ONLY be attributed to God's Grace and the LOVE our Stewards have for this Cathedral and its preservation
- Achieving and "Increasing" our final goal by $\$ 3,736$ from the previous year during a Pandemic.
- Achieving and "Increasing" our final goal from the previous year with slightly less Stewards.


## VII. Cautiously Stepping into the Light...

This year's 2021 Stewardship Campaign is a campaign like no other in our Church's history and we need to be very mindful of that...

- We began this campaign without the usual fanfare of a big "kickoff" Stewardship Sunday, complete with a community luncheon and a Cathedral full of parishioners eagerly placing their Stewardship envelopes in the basket to be blessed by Father Larry. Even our attempts at a drive-by Stewardship Pledge Card drop-off were thwarted by high winds and cold weather causing many Parishioners to stay home.

Concern: Out of sight, out of mind...Will Stewards send in their pledge cards? Will Stewards take advantage of the many new on-line ways to make their Stewardship commitments? Will we continue to rely on our festival for our greatest source of income and not our Stewardship program?

- We are in the middle of a beautiful Cathedral Renovation that did not require any of the traditional fundraising drives that usually accompany a renovation of this kind.

Concern: Will Stewards think that we are fine financially? We did not ask for money for the renovation, so we must not need to work on our Stewardship goals.

- We have hit our Stewardship goal for the third year in a row and even increased it. This is truly wonderful and a testament to ALL our Stewards who have worked so hard and continue to work so hard on their Stewardship Commitments.

Concern: Have Stewards noticed that we have not raised the Stewardship goal of $\$ 250,000$ for the last three years? Traditionally once campaign goals are achieved, we raise the goal each year. However, during the planning of the renovation and the subsequent Pandemic, we chose to steady our course and not rock the boat by asking our Stewards to do more during uncertain times.

- We are hitting and increasing these Stewardship goals with same number of Stewards, wavering just below the 300 mark.

Concern: Is our community growing? We see children having 40-day blessings, baptisms, and weddings, and this year, sadly many funerals. We know our membership lists boast close to 500 names. But reality, in Stewardship terms, is that the same people each year are the ones who are meeting and increasing their Stewardship Commitments. They are the ones who are heading the call and looking at the blessings that have been bestowed upon them and then offering those to the Church and for that, we are eternally grateful.

In closing, we pray that once the Cathedral is completely open again, it will be alive and full of old and new families, and we pray that we renew our commitment to finding and welcoming new people into our Church as we were once welcomed. It is only in
this way that our Stewardship program, and ultimately our beloved Holy Trinity, will continue to thrive and grow for future generations.

# 2021 Stewardship Update through April 19th, 2021 - Our Stewardship goal for 2021 is $\$ 250,000$ So far 186 Stewards have pledged 214,333 <br> Please prayerfully consider the needs of our Parish and do your best to give in 2021 at least the same in Stewardship as last year! 

Mr \& Mrs Jack Adams
Mr \& Mrs George Anagnos
Ms Joyce Anagnos
Mrs Mildred Andrews
Mr \& Mrs John Andujar
Mr \& Mrs Basil Apostolou
Mr \& Mrs Ted Arvanitis
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# Cathedral Adult Education Opportunities 

Cathedral Book Club<br>Offered by Father Larry and Presbytera Jenny!

This months book to continue to read is "Wounded by Love: The life of Elder Porphyrios"

We discuss the second half of the book on Sunday May 23rd.

## Bible Study

Bible Study meets every Wednesday Morning at 10am currently studying the Epistle to the Hebrews. Wednesday evening at 7 pm we are studying the Gospel of Matthew.

Men's Group!

Our Men's group will continue to meet on the $2 \pi$ Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is May $13^{n}$.

## Dinner and Discussion with Father Larry

Dinner and Discussion's usually meeting date is the first Friday of the month.
This Month we will meet May $7^{\text {th }}$
Young Adult Taverna talks
Young Adult meetings are on the Fourth Friday of the month.

## Youth News

Graduation Sunday is May 16th! We will be announcing and introducing our High School graduates following Divine Liturgy. Please let Carol in the office know if you have a graduate you would like announced.

HOPE/JOY - We will be having a End of the Year gathering. Time and Place to be determined soon.

GOYA - Meeting will be May 23rd. A summer day trip is being planned. Stay tuned!
Parents of Young Children (POYC) - This ministry is geared toward parents with children ages 0-5. They meet for fellowship and discussion every 4th Saturday of the Month. See Leah Simko for more information or to be added to the Facebook group. Next gathering is Saturday May 29.


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