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Dear Parish Family and Friends,

As we celebrate Christmas my mind went back to my youth and I thought of an experience I had that reminded me the importance of being grateful for the gifts we have received. It was Christmas, probably 1984 or 1985 and I was around 7 or 8 years old. At that time the big things were these He Man action figures and I was very hopeful that I would receive a few of those toys. On this particular Christmas we were at my aunt's home and began to open gifts. Most of the kids were getting toys and I was getting clothes. This was not the gift I was looking for but I was still hopeful. Then we got to a certain aunt and uncle who got some cool remote-control cars for my cousins. I thought this was going to be great. When I received my gift, I opened it and what I saw was a book by Shel Silverstein titled 'Uncle Shelby's ABZ' book. Well, that was the last straw. I called out with a loud voice, "I already know my ABC's!" Upon hearing my outburst my dad very quickly reminded me of the importance of being grateful for all gifts.

That Christmas taught me that we must be thankful for the gifts we are given, even those that we are not so thrilled with. As an adult I have learned one more thing about gratitude, I have learned that it is the very thing that helps us truly see the blessings we have. Saint Paul often says to rejoice and give thanks. In his first letter to the Thessalonians he writes, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." When we prayerfully consider the blessings we have received from God then we rejoice. Not only do we rejoice but we rejoice, "in all circumstances" because we realize God is with us. The Nativity is a reminder that God truly is with us. We see this when we realize all the ways He has blessed us. We see him in our families, friends, and parish family. With that knowledge there is great joy and thanksgiving.

This Christmas I am so very thankful for all of you. It has been said already this year has not been perfect, we have had to make some challenging decisions. Even though that is true, we did it as a Christ centered family and for that I thank God. Thank you for a wonderful 2021, thank you for being a blessing to myself and my family, and I look forward to what our Lord will bring us in the New Year.

In Christ,

Father Larry Legakis

# HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CALENDAR

## December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	Nov 30	1	2	3	4
			Bible Study 10 am & 6:30 pm 6:00 PM Adult Greek School	6:00 PM Daughters Meeting 7:00 PM Ahepa meeting 7pm	6:00 PM Dinner & Discussion (Adults)	GOYA Retreat 9:00 AM Saint Barbra Orthros and Divine Liturgy 9:20 AM Youth Greek School
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
PC Elections 12:30 PM HOPE/JOY Retreat	9:00 AM St. Nicholas Orthros and Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM Parish Council	7:30 AM Advent Bible Study	Bible Study 10 am & 6:30 pm 6:00 PM Adult Greek School	6:00 PM Men's Ministry		Philoptochos Community Christmas Party 9:20 AM Youth Greek School 10:30 AM Baptism -
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DOP Coffee Hour Hellenic Dance Company Practice SS Pageant Practice Tray for St. Spyridon	9:00 AM GK & DOP Workshop 6:30 PM Philoptochos Board meeting 7:00 PM Philoptochos General meeting	Philoptochos Shut-in Box Prep	Bible Study 10 am & 6:30 pm 9:00 AM St. Eleutherios Orthros and Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM Adult Greek School	Young at Heart Christmas Party at Angelo's	(11:00 AM) DOP & GK Pick up 7:00 PM Parakesis	9:20 AM Youth Greek School 10:00 AM SS Pageant Dress Rehearsal
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
(11:00 AM) DOP & GK Pick up Sunday School Pageant			Bible Study 10 am & 6:30 pm		6:00 PM Christmas Eve Vespers Liturgy and Christmas Carols	9:00 AM Christmas Day Orthros and Divine Liturgy
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1
	9:00 AM St. Stephen Orthros and Divine Liturgy		Bible Study 10 am & 6:30 pm 6:00 PM GOYA Christmas Party			
2	3	Notes				



# HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CALENDAR

## January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	Dec 31	1 New Year's Day 9:00 AM St. Basil and Circumcision of Christ Orthros and Divine Liturgy
2 6:00 PM Parish Council	3	4	5 Bible Study 10 am & 6:30 pm 10:00 AM Eve of Epiphany Vespers Liturgy and Lesser blessing of water 6:00 PM Adult Greek School	6 9:00 AM Epiphany Orthros and Divine Liturgy Great Blessing of water 7:00 PM Ahepa meeting 7pm	7 9:00 AM St. John the Baptist Orthros and Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM Dinner & Discussion (Adults)	8 9:20 AM Youth Greek School
9 Hellenic Dance Company Practice Vasilopita	10 6:30 PM Philoptochos Board meeting 7:00 PM Philoptochos General meeting	11 YAH take down Tree 7:00 PM Cookbook Zoommeeting	12 Bible Study 10 am & 6:30 pm 6:00 PM Adult Greek School	13 6:00 PM Daughters Meeting 6:00 PM Men's Ministry	14	15 9:20 AM Youth Greek School
16 DOP Take down decorations HOPE/JOY Meeting	17	18	19 Bible Study 10 am & 6:30 pm 6:00 PM Adult Greek School	20 12:00 PM Young at Heart	21 7:00 PM Parakesis	22 9:20 AM Youth Greek School
23 4:00 PM GOYA Coffee Talk-Sip	24	25 7:00 PM Warm Hands to Warm Hearts mtg	26 Bible Study 10 am & 6:30 pm 6:00 PM Adult Greek School	27	28 Young Adult Taverna Talk	29 Parents of Young Children Ministry 9:20 AM Youth Greek School
30 GOYA Fellowship Night GS Greek Letters Day Program	31	Notes				

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Elias Dionyssiou – November 21, 2021

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#### *Congratulations to:*

Paul & Dr. Susan Sieben – 50 years

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Michael Yakumithis – 6 months

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William Sares – 20 years

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Chris & Aleka Kamilaris  
George & Lori Kamilaris  
Maroulla & Athena Kamilaris

#### DEATHS ELSEWHERE

Anastasia Themistoklis Loi, Anthe  
Christides' mother from Greece.  
*May Her Memory Be Eternal*

*As a reminder, donations received after the 15<sup>th</sup>  
of the month will be in the next month's registry.*



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### *President's Report by Emmanuel T. Yakumithis*

My dear fellow parishioners,

We have come to the end of another year. Our parish endured another year of the constricts of Covid. We did the best with the situation dealt us and we did it well. Our stewardship numbers exceeded expectations, our Taste of Greece (though not the festival that we wanted) brought the flavors of our culture to the city of Toledo and we finished the first phase of our construction project. Our community is stronger than ever due to the resolve of our parishioners.

Looking ahead to the New Year, we have approved a smaller, leaner budget and are looking at more efficient ways to operate our parish. In January, we will post all Holy Trinity committees online. If you feel that your talents could be of benefit, please consider signing up. In stewardship terms, we focus on treasures, but time and talents are equally important.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing parish council members, Greg Cook and Manuel Yakumithis for their years of service to Holy Trinity. Their absence from council will be a loss to our parish, for they bring unique perspectives to our group. Thanks to Terry Timmons for keeping our buildings and grounds clean and neat. Many days, I go downtown early and stop by the Educational Building. Terry is there, bright and early with a smile to greet me. I would also like to thank Father Larry and Presbyteria Jenny for their leadership and support of our community and our ministries. Their personal sacrifices for the parish are immeasurable as is our gratitude to them for all that they do.

Finally, thanks to our unsung hero, Carole Faoiz. Carole is the "keeper". She keeps our schedules, keeps the bills in order, keeps Father Larry and me on track and is always a positive force in our community. Her disposition reminds me to practice humility because she is always humble. Carole is a blessing to our community.

As we enter the New Year, my family and I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and all the blessings of the Lord.

### *Philoptochos News by Kelly Yakumithis*

#### **PHILANTHROPY FOR GENERATIONS**

As our church has made adjustments over the last few years, our Philoptochos will look a little different.

The introduction to virtual meetings has opened a door to women of our church who thought they did not have the time to be a member of Philoptochos.

As allowed by nationals, our Philoptochos meetings will remain hybrid, so busy working women and mothers of young children now have the option of logging on virtually to a meeting, and volunteering to help with events and ministries. Even if you cannot attend a meeting, becoming a member of Philoptochos helps the mission. Every dollar given above the \$27 sent to National Philoptochos, and every penny Philoptochos raises goes toward Philoptochos ministries and the needs of Holy Trinity.

The forward motion of Holy Trinity Philoptochos in addition to the virtual option will make it possible for every woman in our church to become a member of our Philoptochos family. November 7<sup>th</sup> was Philoptochos Sunday, and many women showed interest in joining Philoptochos. Dawn Anagnos was kind enough to bake the artoklosia, and Christina Temple made koliva in memory of our departed sisters, thank you both!

December will bring the Community Christmas Party on December 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun, family event with raffles and photo booths. We will have a table centerpiece contest, contact Debbie Morris if you would like to decorate a table. The cost is \$20 for adults, and children can attend with a donation to the food pantry. Tickets will be on sale from now until December 5<sup>th</sup> at coffee hour.

We cannot wait to celebrate Christmas with everyone!

### *Daughters of Penelope by Stacia Dimit*

Greetings from Dodona Chapter #24 Daughters of Penelope!

The November 4, 2021 meeting was held at the Holy Trinity Community Building with the AHEPANs. In December, the Daughters will celebrate with a Christmas dinner gathering on December 2, 2021 at the Beirut Restaurant on Monroe Street.

The 92<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of our organization's Founding was celebrated during the November meeting. The following past presidents of the Daughters Dodona Chapter #24 were also honored: Dawn Anagnos, Joyce Anagnos, Pauline Biernacki, JoAnn Cook, Marina Cooper, Joan Dionyssiou, Faye Grevis, Lucy Hatzinikolis, Kathy Lawrence, Ann Mulopulos, Maria Rosales, Becky Skiadas, Dena Grevis-Smith, and Persilla Zervos. Our past presidents much deserve our gratitude for their service and many of them served more than one term. Thank you past presidents for your leadership and dedication.

Thank you everyone who has donated toys and gifts for the children of a nearby elementary school, Chase Stemmm Academy. As reported in last month's Echo, the school had a fire in their boiler room which unfortunately, destroyed the Christmas toys being collected for the benefit of needy students. We are still collecting so please help us bring some joy by donating toys or gifts for these elementary school kids. If your last name begins with A through M, bring a gift for children grades Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade and if your last name begins with N through Z, bring a gift for children grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Donations can be left in the Community Building after the Liturgy. Or dropped off anytime with a note: Chase donation. All toys or other gifts should be unwrapped. Any gift or donation would be very much appreciated.

"Gyros to Go" drive-through carry-out luncheon took place on Friday, October 29, 2021 and also Sunday after church on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The fundraiser was jointly sponsored by the Daughters and the AHEPANs to benefit our scholarship funds. Thank you to all members who helped make this fundraiser a success both on Friday and Sunday after church. Members helped in the kitchen, setting up, selling tickets, serving, running, buying gyros, and clean-up too! Special thanks to sister Connie Mynihan for making the baklava and our AHEPA volunteers and donors on this joint fundraiser. Also,

thank you to Tony and Marian Capranica for chairing this event. See AHEPA article for more detail.

The Daughters are hosting a coffee hour following the church service on Sunday, December 12, 2021. The coffee will promote awareness of one of our District's philanthropic projects, Water With Blessings (WWB). The mission of WWB is to "provide clean water for God's thirsty children". It is an international non-profit organization founded in 2011 and based in Louisville, Kentucky.

In December, the Daughters are continuing to offer the Dolmathes for the Holidays fundraiser. One order will be 10 dolmathes for \$12.00. The dolmathes will be cooked and frozen. All sales must be pre-ordered and pre-paid by Sunday, December 12, 2021.

Orders can be placed in three ways: 1. an order form mailed to Daughters of Penelope c/o Connie Mynihan, 238 Northdale Drive, Toledo, Ohio 43612. Mail payment with the order form. Checks should be made out to Daughters of Penelope; 2. on-line at <https://Toledo.buckeyedistrict11.org> ; or 3. via email to [cmynihan5@gmail.com](mailto:cmynihan5@gmail.com).

Orders can be picked up at the Cathedral using the Summit Street entrance on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> between 11 am & 1 pm. Call Connie Mynihan with any questions at 419-250-4899.

Membership dues of \$45 for current or past years can be sent to Treasurer Sophie Stathopoulos at 6535 Cornwall Court, Sylvania Ohio 43560. If you haven't already paid your membership dues for the 2021-2022 year, please send \$45 to Treasurer Sophie Stathopoulos at 6535 Cornwall Court, Sylvania Ohio 43560. Our national obligations are due by December 31, 2021 so its important to send your dues to Sophie as soon as possible.

#### ***AHEPA Chapter 118 News by Tony Capranica***

Our next meeting will be Thursday December 2 at 7:00 PM at one of the local restaurants. A notice will be sent out with the location. Watch your email or regular mail for the information.

Our Gyro to Go hosted with the Daughters was very successful. Our net income was \$1,651.00 that we will be splitting with the Daughters. Many thanks to all those that volunteered their time, talents and treasures. Ted Voudouris setup, cooked, served and donated three cases of tzatziki, ketchup, two cases of pop, two cases of water and miscellaneous other prep items. Chris Mathews/Grecian Delight donated four cases of Gyro meat and helped cook and serve. George Kyriakou/Charlie's donated five cases of French fries and helped cook and serve. Others that helped were Tony & Marian Capranica, Jim Rongakis, George Sarantou, John Andujar, Sophie Stathopoulos, George Scarvelis, Gene Haberman, Matt Simko, Bud Connelly, Stacia Dimit, Daisy Pelphrey, Alexia Hickman, Connie Mynihan for baking baklava, JoAnn Cook. Apologies to anyone that was missed. All help is much appreciated.

The Super Bowl blocks are BACK! We will be selling the block tickets for \$15 a square with 100 blocks available. First and third quarter winners receive \$125, half time winner receives \$250 and the final score wins \$500. The officers will have tickets after Sunday Liturgies or you can call Tony Capranica at 419-540-1150 for tickets.

Ypsilanti #118 wishes everyone a very safe and Merry Christmas. Remember the "reason for the season" and enjoy your family and friends during this special time of year.

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).

#### ***Greek School News by Dawn Anagnos, Director, Instructor***

On Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 1940. The proud and brave Greek Army pushed them deep into Italy-dominated Albania. The entire world was amazed by the Greek bravery. Little Greece stood up to the giants while other countries were surrendering one after the other. Every year the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 that heroes fight like the Greeks." The program began with the altar boys processing with the Holy Cross, the Exapteriga and the Greek, Cypriot and American flags. Thank you to altar boys Nick Legakis, Charis Besios, Andrew Ellis, Daniel Ellis, Jeremiah Yglesias, and Savvas Moraitis and to Parish Council member Steve Papadimos for the procession. After the Doxology beautifully sung by the Choir, Fr. Larry Legakis continued the program with the Choir leading the congregation in singing the American and Greek National Anthems. After that we heard the OXI DAY speeches in Greek by Stephanie Georgakopoulos, an Adult Greek School student, and in English by Presbyteria Jenny Legakis. They gave beautiful and moving speeches. Many thanks and God Bless to both of you. Then the Greek School students recited poems: Lukia Legakis recited "Η Ελληνική Σημαία" ("I Elliniki Simea"), Vasilia Legakis recited "Το Όχι το αθάνατο" ("The immortal OXI"), and Savvas Moraitis recited "Η Ελλάδα

#### ***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** will be available Sundays. 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**

**Twelve pieces of Galatobouriko - \$15.00**

**Orders are due** in by Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Pick up** is at Holy Trinity Community Center on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cmynihan5@gmail.com).

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

Thank you to all the workers who made this fundraiser possible. Your generosity of time and talent is greatly appreciated. ▲ **Merry Christmas** ▲

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

YAH held our November meeting on the 18th.

A delicious Thanksgiving meal was served and prepared by Daisy, Nitsa, Maria, and Andy Petros.

Dressings were prepared by Andrea Skiadas and Sonia Ross. We thank them and appreciate them.

Desserts were plentiful. Apple pie and Pumpkin pie, chocolate cake, nut bars, and spice cakes.

It was an evening of great pleasure for the YAH to Honor our Veterans who have passed and especially the living. This year we had our first Female Vet, Jennifer Garcia. She served in the Airforce for 4 years and was stationed in Iraq. She told of her experience as she was only 30 miles from the bombings and could still feel the tremors on the ground so close.

I wish I could tell everything she said but it was quite an experience for her and us just to hear her speak.

The names of our living vets are: Gus Ballas, Frank Reder, Jim Veronie, Bill Tzanakis, Stan Smith, Manuel Yakumithis, Dennis Lawrence and Jennifer Garcia.

I called on Chris Zervos Jr. to speak about his father's experiences in the Army as the Senior Chris was a POW. He spoke eloquently of the trauma of WWII. The beginning and the total deaths of our men that were killed in action and how his father was captured. Chris Zervos Senior won many medals which Chris brought and shared with us. He was truly a Hero, a Purple Heart was one of the many. It became harder for Chris to speak as his father passed on Thanksgiving Day 7 years ago.

The names of the deceased are:

Peter Arvanitis, Gus Bellas, Andreas Dionyssiou, Andrew Grevis, Chris Grevis, Michael Kuhar, George Mulopulos, Thomas Pelphrey, Chris G. Zervos Sr., George Dedes, John Matthews, Gus Matthews, Ode Alemenos, George Markham, Tommy Tom, Pete Athanas, George Spillson, Mike Skoulis, George Andros and William Sares.

We thank them for their service. May God Bless them and May their memory be eternal.

Taps was played and the words were read as it played. It was a very emotional moment for our members as we listened to the sound of the bugle and thought of how our Vets fought bravely for our country.

YAH welcomed 2 new members; Tony Arvanitis and John Deku. We welcome them.

Our Christmas Dinner will be held on. December 16th at Angelo's Villa at 6:00pm. Come join YAH and see how great it is to mingle with friends and meet new ones.

### *Warm Hands to Warm Hearts*

**Time Change.** We will **not** be meeting in December; we will meet the last Tuesday of the month, in the Church Hall. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 25, at 1 p.m.** Bring with you a **size 8 or 9** pair of Knitting needles or **size K or 6.50** Crochet hook. Yarn and directions will be provided. Our Classes on Knitting and Crocheting for those who want to **learn** how to Knit & Crochet and those that **know how** to Knit & Crochet. Come no matter whether you know how to or are advanced yarners. We will have a good time together helping one another.

#### **Continue knitting and crocheting 7x9 inch rectangles.**

Some pieces are starting to come in and they are very pretty, with all different kinds of yarn, colors and stitches. Some are all one color, some are mixed up colors, some variable colors and all are so pretty.

When we get a few more pieces in we will be able to put them together, as a Lap Blanket or scarf. It takes 25 pieces to make a Lap Blanket. I am sure Father Larry is waiting for some finished pieces to give away. I am sure they will be appreciated this winter.

There are a few skeins of yarn at the church and if you don't knit or crochet and would like to donate some, we would be happy to have them. Just drop them off at Church. If you have some pieces finished and can't get them to the church, give us a call and we will make arrangement to get them. This should keep us busy all winter. For questions call Dorothy Yakumithis 419-867-0734 or Phyllis Manton 419-290-2527.

### *"Olives, Feta Phyllo & More" Cookbook News by Phyllis Manton*

Blessed Nativity and happy and healthy New Year to all.

The cookbook committee has been working diligently behind the scenes to create an online cookbook to be sold on Amazon. The edits were one job, and the greater challenge is to format the text to comply with the necessary parameters for acceptance by Amazon. We are there! We could not have done it without Gene Haberman, He devoted his time and talents to make sure we are compliant with Amazon's requirements, no easy task. Thank you to Gene and Faye, for their dedication to Holy Trinity. We would not have the Divine Liturgy, on YouTube, without Gene.

This Amazon version of our cookbook will reach a wide audience and will give our parish some extra income from each book sold. It is a great way for people to learn about Greek cooking and our culture. As we enter the holiday and winter season sharing of our time is so important. Reach out to someone, sip some tea, or soup and enjoy being present with the people you care about. The present is a gift.

We have cookbooks and aprons for sale for Christmas gifts. They are wrapped up and ready for Christmas.

Thank you to all of our parishioners who supported our wine basket raffle. Congratulations to the Capranica's, who won the basket; and thank you to Faye Haberman and committee for putting together a lovely basket.

# STEWARDSHIP 2021 is coming to a close!

*Let me begin by saying thank you to everyone who participated in Stewardship Sunday and helped to kick-off our 2022 Stewardship Campaign! We also want to thank everyone for being open to trying something NEW this year and for going on-line to make your 2022 Stewardship Pledge!!! I hope you found the process to be very simple and easy to do (Thank you again Gene Haberman!)*

*I was so encouraged to see the basket that we took up to the altar to be blessed by Father Larry, "filled" with cards and/or printouts from doing it on-line. Our community truly has embraced Stewardship Sunday! I'd like to think that's one reason why for the last three years we have achieved the Stewardship Goal that we've set. If you weren't able to make Stewardship Sunday, no worries, please turn in your 2022 Stewardship Commitment at your earliest convenience!*

*As a reminder, our **NEW GOAL** for the 2022 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN is \$275,000. So let's work even harder this year to consider God's blessings to our families and perhaps raise our pledges just a little more in order to meet that goal.*

Now, for the task at hand! Let's close out the 2021 Stewardship Campaign by having 100% of our Parishioners complete their Stewardship Pledge. It is our hope and prayer that we will achieve and surpass our \$250,000 Stewardship Goal for the fourth year in a row!!! Won't you help us make this happen? There is still time to participate in one of the most important ministries of our Church.

Below are the most current numbers available at the time of this report...

## *Current Numbers....*

- *There are 290 Stewards currently participating in this campaign.*
- *The total amount pledged to date is \$238,588.*
- *The total amount paid to date is \$242,527*

**PLEASE JOIN US!!** Let's end this campaign on a high note!!!

**WE CAN DO THIS!**

As always, please feel free to contact Kathy Chaka or Carole Faoiz or any member of the Stewardship Committee if you have any questions or concerns about your Stewardship Commitment. To make your giving as easy and convenient as possible, check out our NEW on-line payment process! It's as simple as the press of a button! If you find that method difficult, as always, we have pledge cards in the Church office that can be picked up anytime! We encourage everyone to be a part of Holy Trinity's Stewardship Program and help us support and sustain this Cathedral for generations to come!

**2021 Stewardship Update through November 23, 2021 - Our Stewardship goal for 2021 is \$250,000**

**So far 236 Stewards have pledged 238,588**

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at least the same in Stewardship as last year!**

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## HTGCC Monthly Youth Update



**December 2021**

Dear Parents,

I pray this message finds you well. As we enter into December there is a lot of areas for our families to participate in outreach. Sunday School has began asking for items for school age kids and their families. This year's effort will help students of Cassandra Rousos. More information will be coming very soon. Our GOYANS will be using the proceeds from the Turkey Chase to adopt two families. Please be on the lookout for the shopping date.

December is also Christmas Pageant time! This year's pageant will be a little different but just as wonderful! Presbytera, Ms. Paula, and Ms. Susan will be reaching to parents and kids about the pageant.

In Christ,

Father Larry

### Important Dates

#### **GOYA**

12-4: Christmas Retreat

12-29: GOYA Christmas Party

#### **HOPE and JOY**

11-5: Christmas Retreat

#### **Sunday School**

12-18: Pageant Rehearsal

12-19: Christmas Pageant

#### **Hellenic Dance Company**

No Practice for December

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Saturday mornings

Kindergarten 9:20-10:00  
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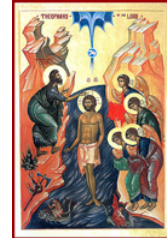
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December 7: Hebrews 1-  
2, Colossians 1, Romans 8

All Sessions will be held by  
Zoom from 7:30pm to  
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This Bible Study will be lead  
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