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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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Weekday Divine Liturgy Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

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

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And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

When you live somewhere long enough you become familiar with streets and you learn various ways to get where you are going. When you first arrive somewhere that is not the case. You tend to learn one way and stick to it so you don't get lost. In life sometimes we find a way to do things and we stick to it. We tend to do the same thing and sometimes what we are doing is not helping us to move forward. Sometimes what we need most is a little change. Not just any change but doing something that will add benefit. As we end the year, the Church, once again, offers the potential to change direction by entering fully into the feast of the Nativity.

In the Nativity Story we read about the Magi who came looking for the newborn King. They eventually followed the star and found Jesus. After finding him the scripture says, "And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route." They went another way; they took a different road in order to avoid trouble. As we end the year, as we receive Jesus as a child, maybe it is time for us to move forward by taking another route. A route that moves away from things that might be holding us back. A route that allows what we just received to grow throughout the year.

My family in Christ, I want to end by thanking you for a wonderful year. As we enter into the New Year we will be doing some wonderful and new things. We will be making some necessary changes to our beautiful cathedral. The "route" we must take in this New Year must be, as Kathy said in her message, one of "patience" as await the renovation to be completed. May our Lord born for us and for our salvation bless all of you.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

In Christ,

Father Larry Legakis

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CALENDAR

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	Nov 30	1	2
						Youth GS Classes 10:00 AM GOYA Retreat and Shopping
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
12:00 PM Cookbook Meeting After Church 12:15 PM Christmas Retreat (Hope and Joy)	9:00 AM St. Barbara Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am 6:00 PM Parish Council	10:00 AM Bible Study	Adult GS Classes 9:00 AM St. Nicholas Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am 7:00 PM Bible Study 7 pm	6:00 PM Daughters of Penelope Christmas Party 6:30 PM AHEPA Meeting 6:30 PM OCF Discussion @ St. George Antiochian		Youth GS Classes 9:00 AM Conception of the Theotokos (Orthros 9 AM, Divine Liturgy 10 AM) 7:00 PM Philoptochos Community Christmas Party
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Altar Boy Meeting Parish Council Election	6:00 PM Philoptochos Board meeting 7:00 PM Philoptochos General meeting 8:00 PM Christmas Sunshine Box Prep	9:00 AM St. Spyridon Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am 10:00 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Holy Trinity Food Pantry	Adult GS Classes 7:00 PM Bible Study 7 pm	6:30 PM Men's Ministry	9:00 AM St. Eleutherios Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am 6:00 PM Paraklesis Dinner & Discussion afterwards at Michaels Bar & Grill	10:00 AM Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Christmas Pageant-Sunday School OCF Liturgy @ St. George Coptic Young Adult Discussion (After Church)	6:00 PM Philoptochos Christmas Boutique	10:00 AM Bible Study	No GS Christmas Break 7:00 PM Bible Study 7 pm	6:00 PM Young at Heart		No GS Christmas Break
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
6:00 PM Vespers - No Holy Communion	9:00 AM Christmas Day Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am	10:00 AM Bible Study	No Greek School 9:00 AM St. Stephen Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am 7:00 PM Bible Study 7 pm	5:30 PM Aurora House Cooking Class (philoptochos) 6:00 PM GOYA Christmas Party		Morris Wedding No Greek School
31	Jan 1	Notes				
Kokolakis Memorial						

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CALENDAR

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>Dec 31</div>	<div>1</div> <div>9:00 AM Circumcision of our Lord/St. Basil Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am</div> <div>6:00 PM Parish Council</div>	<div>2</div> <div>10:00 AM Bible Study</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Adult GS Classes</div> <div>7:00 PM Bible Study 7 pm</div>	<div>4</div> <div>6:00 PM Daughters of Penelope Meeting</div> <div>6:30 PM AHEPA Meeting</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Vasilopita Set-Up</div> <div>9:00 AM Eve of the Theophany Vespersal Liturgy</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Youth Greek School</div> <div>9:00 AM Theophany Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am Great Blessing of the water</div>
<div>7</div> <div>11:30 AM Vasiloptia Cutting (Philoptochos)</div>	<div>8</div> <div>6:00 PM Philoptochos Board meeting</div> <div>7:00 PM Philoptochos General meeting</div>	<div>9</div> <div>10:00 AM Bible Study</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Adult GS Classes</div> <div>7:00 PM Bible Study 7 pm</div>	<div>11</div> <div>6:30 PM Men's Ministry</div>	<div>12</div> <div>6:00 PM Dinner & Discussion (Adults)</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Youth GS Classes</div> <div>10:00 AM St Elizabeth Mission</div>
<div>14</div> <div>12:15 PM Monthly Gathering (Hope and Joy)</div>	<div>15</div>	<div>16</div> <div>10:00 AM Bible Study</div> <div>6:00 PM GOYA Discussion</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Adult GS Classes</div> <div>9:00 AM St. Anthony the Great Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am</div> <div>7:00 PM Bible Study 7 pm</div>	<div>18</div> <div>12:00 PM Young at Heart</div>	<div>19</div> <div>7:00 PM Parakesis</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Youth GS Classes</div>
<div>21</div>	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div> <div>10:00 AM Bible Study</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Adult GS Classes</div> <div>7:00 PM Bible Study 7 pm</div>	<div>25</div> <div>5:30 PM Aurora House Cooking Class (philoptochos)</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Young Adult Taverna Talk</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Parents of Young Children Ministry</div> <div>Youth GS Classes</div> <div>9:00 AM GOYA Olympics in Grand Rapids, MI</div>
<div>28</div> <div>Greek Letters Day Program</div> <div>4:00 PM GOYA Coffee Talk-Sip</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div> <div>9:00 AM Three Hierarchys Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am</div> <div>10:00 AM Bible Study</div> <div>10:00 AM Holy Trinity Food Pantry</div> <div>1:00 PM Warm Hands to Warm Hearts mtg</div>	<div>31</div> <div>Adult GS Classes</div> <div>7:00 PM Bible Study 7 pm</div>	<div>Feb 1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>
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HOSPITALIZED

Connie Mynihan, Andy Petros
George Veronie and Elaine Lillios

BIRTH

Athanasius Allen Wotring
November 7, 2023
Parents: Caleb & Maria (Pappas) Wotring

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to:

Paul & Susan Sieben – 52 years
Tom & Sandra Manton – 48 years
Bryan & Kathy Chaka – 39 years
Jeremy & Natalie Jackson – 16 years
Aaron & Alexa Adkins – 8 years
Peter & Sadie Trakas – 1 year

MEMORIALS

Mary Ann Dionyssiou – 10 years
Deceased Members of Philoptochos
May Their Memory Be Eternal

MEMORIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES BAILEY

Mrs. Maria Cole
Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis
Mr. & Mrs. William Kakmis
Mrs. Despina Pelphey
Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Petros
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Ross
Young at Heart Members

IN MEMORY OF PETE MORRIS

Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis
Mr. & Mrs. James Martin

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT PAYEFF

Mrs. Ioanna Payeff
Ms. Sandra Peters

IN MEMORY OF MARY ANN DIONYSSIOU

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Andrews
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Dionyssiou
Mr. Harry Dionyssiou
Mr. & Mrs. Phillips Dionyssiou

IN MEMORY OF NICHOLAS MANCY

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Bardi

IN MEMORY OF VIRGINIA BARLOS

Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis

IN MEMORY OF MARIA MOSHOVIS

Mr. & Mrs. Todd Mercer
Mr. John Moshovis

IN MEMORY OF JOHN STRATIDAKIS

Mr. & Mrs. Todd Mercer
Mr. John Moshovis

**IN MEMORY OF JOHN & IRENE
HIMEBAUGH**

Mrs. Mary Brandburg

**IN MEMORY OF PETE & ALFREDA
MORRIS**

Mrs. Mary Brandburg

IN MEMORY OF BESSIE PAPUCHIKE

Mrs. Mary Brandburg

IN MEMORY OF TIMOTHY McANINCH

Mrs. Mary Brandburg

IN MEMORY OF MICHELLE HOFFMAN

Mrs. Mary Brandburg

IN MEMORY OF COSTA PROESTOU

Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Proestou

IN MEMORY OF SAVVA HADJIPANTELI

Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Proestou

**IN MEMORY OF WANDA CHERRY
HOLMES**

Mrs. Despina Pelphey

IN MEMORY OF MARY JANNEY

Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Petros

President's Report by Kathy Chaka

Where did this year go? It's hard to believe the holiday season is upon us and we are getting ready to finally begin the Renovation of our beautiful Cathedral and all its Iconography. This Priority Project has been a long time in the making, and we are excited to watch this work unfold. Throughout these next months, I want everyone to be completely aware of each phase of the project so that there isn't any confusion about what will be happening, and to that end, I will be giving progress updates all along the way.

On Sunday, January 7th, we will hold our last service in the Cathedral followed by our traditional community Vasilopita. Immediately following this beautiful parish event, our contractor, OBR (Ohio Building Restoration) will begin the process of removing all the pews from the Cathedral. These pews will be stored in the AHEPA room throughout the Renovation. Then the hard work of erecting all the scaffolding will begin.

From this point on, we will be holding our weekly services in our Veronie Community Hall. We have a good plan in place for laying out the building where we can have services and still have room for coffee hours, and for our various ministries to hold their monthly meetings and get together. We all just have to remember to be respectful of each other's events and patient with the temporary condensed space available.

On another positive step forward, we are securing a company to complete the deep cleaning of the entire kitchen and the salad prep room. Even though plans are underway to renovate our kitchen, it's still very much in the planning phases, and so it will be nice to see the kitchen "sparkle" in the meantime.

As you can see, the new year promises many blessings and movement towards preserving our Holy Trinity for generations to come! May God bless you all and may you spend the magic of this holiday season with friends and family making special memories!

Daughters of Penelope by Stacia Dimit

Greetings from Dodona Chapter #24 Daughters of Penelope!

The monthly meeting was held on November 9, 2023 at the Veronie Community Hall. A lasagne dinner was enjoyed followed by a cake to celebrate the 94th anniversary of our organization's founding. Many items for the Holy Trinity Food Pantry were donated by the meeting attendees. The Daughters plan to continue bringing Food Pantry donations to each of our monthly meetings. Thank you to those who donated and thank you to Sister Debbie Paterakis who does so much in support of the Food Pantry.

The following past Presidents of the Daughters Dodona Chapter #24 were also honored during the November meeting: Dawn Anagnos, Joyce Anagnos, Pauline Biernacki, JoAnn Cook, Marina Cooper, Faye Grevis, Lucy Hatzinikolis, Kathy Lawrence, Ann Mulopulos, Janis Plomaritis, Maria Rosales, Becky Skiadas, Dena Grevis-Smith, and Persilla Zervos. We thank them sincerely for their leadership and dedication to the Daughters of Penelope.

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's which took place in Toledo on October 14, 2023. The Daughters of Penelope Holy Trinity Team raised over \$400 for this very worthy cause. Thank you to Sister Alexia Hickman who chaired this event again this year.

The next monthly meeting will take place on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 6 pm at the Beirut Restaurant on Monroe Street in Toledo. We will have an early Christmas celebration and a short business meeting. An email will be sent with the details.

Membership dues for the current year are \$50 and can be sent to Treasurer Sophie Stathopoulos at 6535 Cornwall Court, Sylvania Ohio 43560.

Our next meeting will be a Zoom only meeting. A notice will be sent out with the date and time. Watch your email or regular mail for the information.

The Super Bowl blocks are available! 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.

Students should be thinking about the various scholarships available to high school and undergraduate university students through the AHEPA, Daughters and the church. The local AHEPA chapter has three scholarships, the local Daughters chapter has two scholarships. These are all available to graduating seniors. Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral has scholarships available to graduating seniors. The AHEPA Buckeye District #11 scholarship is available to all children of Ahepans and Daughters or members of the Sons of Pericles or Maids of Athena. These scholarships are available to graduating seniors and any undergraduate currently enrolled in a university.

AHEPA National also has scholarships available to members and children of members. All of these scholarship applications will soon be available and notifications will go out.

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 or www.ahepa.org.

Young at Heart News by Frank Reder

Hello Everyone!

Our November meeting was a great success! The meal was nothing short of amazing! We truly have the best people here at YAH! It was a special night honoring our veterans and Father Larry held a Trisagion for our deceased Veterans. It was really good to see Andy Petros up and about!

Our annual Christmas party will be on Wednesday the 13th at Georgio's Grill, 5577 Monroe St. Sylvania, at 6:00 pm.

Important!

Please make your reservations with Helen Matthews, Maria Petros, or Kris Reder by Monday the 11th! This business will not be able to accommodate walk-ins. They are being very generous with us, and allowing us to order from a large selection, despite our party size. Bills will be paid individually. The menu selection will be sent out in the flyer.

Faye Haberman (good elf that she is!) is working on a new trip. Details to come!

I'd like for everyone to reflect, and have some sympathy for those of us who always seem to be on the naughty list! One of these days, I might be good for Christmas! Until then, may your hearts be merry, your cares be light, and the Joy of our Lord be with you on that night! Merry Christmas! Καλά Χριστούγεννα!

Parents of Young Children (POYC)
by Leah Simko

Our parents met on Saturday, November 11th at Sakura hosted by Dimitrios and Victoria Rongakis.

Led by our hosts and by Father Larry and Presbyteria Jenny, our discussion included setting limits on gift - giving and focusing Christmas not solely on the gifts we receive. We talked about stressors and are we feeling more or less stressed than years prior.

Also, what is the church asking us to focus on at Christmas/Advent time?

What charitable projects will our families consider in the next few months?

Private rooms at restaurants have enabled us to have intimate discussions. There are a variety of presentations and topics that we discuss around parenting and marriage. Our focus in this group is to remain connected through our parish, and our attendees list is increasing but steady. We welcome new members and look forward to monthly fellowship. Thank you to all for your time and commitment to this ministry!

We will not be meeting in the month of December, but instead we will be focusing on giving back to the community.

Stayed tuned on our January gathering by visiting our Facebook page "Holy Trinity Toledo POYC" or you can email Leah at rongakis@gmail.com for updates.

Warm Hands to Warm Hearts by Elena Perry

December Holiday Greetings from Warm Hands to Warm Hearts (WHWH)! Christmas is right around the corner, and we are all occupied with holiday preparations and activities. As a result, **our December WHWH meeting will be cancelled.** Know, however, that our small but mighty group is still working on baby and lap blankets to grow our inventory for our next donation drop off.

Winter is a perfect time to cover up with a homemade lap blanket made with love. We are currently in talks with Father Larry about our next donation site. If you have any suggestions, please let one of our members know. We would appreciate your input.

Our October 31st Halloween meeting was a treat. We welcomed two volunteers from the Eleanor Kahle Senior Center who donated rectangles that their members crocheted for our ministry. The ladies also pitched in to help us fold and tag completed blankets and to assemble 7x9 inch rectangles for sewing. In addition, two of our members organized yarn and took inventory of stock in our closet. We currently have **62** completed lap blankets and **11** under construction; **5** baby blankets were also added to the collection. Remember **twenty-five 7x9 inch rectangles are needed for each lap blanket, and baby blankets need to measure 35x36 inches and do not require rectangle pieces.**

We would like to share our **Christmas Wish List** with you.

1. Yarn is always a need. Please consider picking up a skein or two when you are doing your holiday shopping.
2. If you are good at **sewing**, would you consider donating your talent?
3. Do you have an **idea** for a **donation site**? Let us know.

Many thanks from Warm Hands to Warm Hearts for your support throughout the year. We extend our warmest wishes to you and your families for a blessed holiday season. Merry Christmas to one and all.

Our next monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 in the Ahepa Room in the Veronie Community Hall from **1:00 to 3:00**. No experience is necessary so please consider offering your warm hands to our ministry. You will be glad you did.

For questions or more information, please contact **Maria Petros at 419.473 2387** or **Elena Perry at 419.265.6275**.

Holy Trinity Cookbook by Phyllis Manton

Greetings from the cookbook committee. Best wishes for healthy and happy holidays. After the covid hiatus, cooking classes resumed. In October there was a full house of participants, 24 to be exact. Jalna MacLaren demonstrated how to make tiropita triangles. The participants were able to make their own triangles to make and bake at home. Jalna explained how to use phyllo and tips on the best way to keep it from crumbling. There were committee members floating around, to help people with their tiropites. All the ingredients were supplied, the only thing needed was a small pan and brush.

The second portion of the class was a baklava demonstration by Marina Cooper. Each person had the supplies to make a small pan of baklava. Each step was explained, how to layer the phyllo leaves, the filling, and the top layers. It was great to see everyone cutting their pans of baklava. Cutting those diamonds is a learning curve. Everyone left with a small pan of baklava and tiropites. The class was very enthusiastic and pleased with what they learned. Our exit surveys were very positive. These classes are a great way of sharing our culture with our greater community.

Our cookbooks are making their way to other churches in the U.S. We are selling wrapped cookbooks 2 for \$30.

Kudos to the committee: Pam Martin, Yanula Stathulis, Sophie Stathopoulos, Faye and Gene Haberman, Lori Kamilaris, Marina Cooper, Maria Tzanakis, Jalna Mac Laren, Barb Sarantou, and Melissa Deku. A special thank you to Jim Martin for his behind-the-scenes support.

Blessed holidays to everyone and enjoy the presence of your loved ones.

Madonna Thanksgiving Dinner by Pam Martin

The true spirit of Thanksgiving was alive on Sunday evening Nov 19, at the Holy Trinity Veronie Community Hall! Our gracious volunteers gave a hearty welcome to our neighbors from

Madonna Homes and Aurora House. Father Larry led all present in a prayer of thanks. The children happily pushed carts of pop around the hall and served everyone their favorite drinks. Others pushed a coffee cart for those who preferred caffeine. A delicious turkey and stuffing dinner was served by our many waiters. Dinner included mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, cranberries, and an array of homemade breads. Dessert included five kinds of homemade pie and angel food cake accompanied by mousse and strawberries. Real whipped cream topped each selection. The fabulous dinner was prepared by our adopted Chef, Mike Armstrong. He prepared and served everything with a joyous spirit. We thank him with all of our hearts!!

As our guests enjoyed dessert, Apostolos, our choir accompanist, brought 3 of his fellow students from BGSU's music department to entertain all. These talented musicians presented beautiful classical pieces for us to enjoy. It was a lovely experience.

Thanks to the volunteers of all ages, who came out to host our guests. They really rolled out the red carpet for our neighbors. The plan was to make them feel special. That mission was accomplished! So many people gave donations! Each donation was needed and used. We are very grateful for everything each person offered.

We are also thankful for Terry Irmen. His decorations were beautiful and he did a great job organizing the helpers!

Terry Timmons had a busy day; first with the Chili Cook-off and then he turned the hall around for the Thanksgiving event. He did a great job, and had a smile for all of us.

A huge thank you to our entire community for showing up in every way!

You made some less fortunate people very happy! God Bless you all through this holiday season.

Men's Ministry by Matt Simko

In October, the Men's Ministry met at Sakura Japanese Steakhouse and continued our discussion about Communion and our preparation to receive Communion. This month we reviewed and discussed the podcast Ancient Faith Ministries: Eucharist which discussed, among other things, regularly keeping communion in our minds. As has become our custom, we began the discussion at

dinner, and we retired to a nearby cigar lounge for continued contemplation and conversation.

If you are interested in attending Men's Ministry, we normally meet the second Thursday of the month beginning at 6:30, usually at a West Toledo or Sylvania restaurant and then move to another location for drinks and/or cigars. RSVP is not required, but it helps to let the restaurant know how many to expect: matthewsimko@gmail.com. I can also add you to the email list for future meeting reminders.

In addition to our meetings, the Men's Ministry is considering adding a church service prior to some of our meetings. Please be on the look-out of an email to the group for further details.

Stewardship Update of Matt Simko

We are in the fourth quarter of the 2023 Stewardship Campaign. This year we set a Stewardship goal of \$275,000. As I write this article, Stewards have contributed just over \$239,983. Please check to make sure that you have or are planning to meet your pledge. If you have not made a Pledge, you still have the ability and I welcome you to do so.

While we finish the 2023 Stewardship Campaign, we have begun the 2024 Stewardship Campaign! Please make your pledge online by visiting the church's website, holyltrinitytoledo.com. If completing your 2024 Stewardship Pledge card on-line is difficult for you, please call Carole and she will send you one in the mail or you can give your pledge to a council member in Church at the Pangari and he or she will give it to Carole.

Before making your pledge, please give prayerful consideration to the commitment you are making. This year, we have increased our stewardship goal 10% to \$300,000, and we ask that you consider making a similar increase in your pledge. Additionally, a pledge is most meaningful when accompanied by your presence, by your willingness to serve, by your prayers, and by your time. A pledge is not a substitute for these other commitments – it is an expression of your commitment, and an expression of thanks for the many blessings in your life.

2023 Stewardship Update through November 26, 2023 - Our Stewardship goal for 2023 is \$275,000

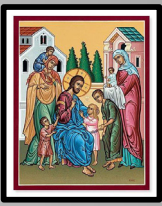
So far 233 Stewards have pledged for a total of \$245,862

**Please prayerfully consider the needs of our Parish and do your best to give in 2023
at least the same in Stewardship as last year.**

Mr & Mrs George Anagnos
Ms Joyce Anagnos
Ms Kathy Andros
Mr & Mrs John Andujar
Mr & Mrs Basil Apostolou
Mrs. Lisa Arvanitis
Mr & Mrs Ted Arvanitis
Mrs Kathryn Bailey
Mr Constantine Ballas
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Barlos
Mr & Mrs Phillip Batianis
Mr & Mrs Evan Batsakes
Mr & Mrs George Bekos
Ms Maria Bekos
Mr Nick N. Bekos
Mr & Mrs Nick Bekos
Mrs Ourania Bekos
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Mr & Mrs Chris George
Mr Michael George
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HTGCC Monthly Youth Update



December 2023

Important Dates:

GOYA:

2nd-GOYA Retreat
16th-Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
17th-Christmas Pageant
24th-GOYA Talk
28th-GOYA Christmas Party

HOPE/JOY:

3rd-Hope and Joy Gathering
16th-Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
17th-Christmas Pageant

Sunday School:

3rd-Choir Day for Sunday School
16th-Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
17th-Christmas Pageant

Altar Servers:

10th-Meeting with Father Larry

Dear Parents,

November proved to be an excellent month for our youth ministries. The Hope and Joy kids learned a lot about Church as family, while the GOYAnS enjoyed a dance and decorating the Church. For December, we have a lot of events, so please mark your calendars. It has been wonderful getting to know your kids and I look forward to each event eagerly!

Zachary Heller
Ministry Coordinator

Upcoming in January:

14th-Hope & Joy Gathering
27th-28th-GOYA Olympics
28th-GOYA Discussion



GOYA

GOYA continues to get involved in wonderful ways! We went up to St. John's in Sterling Heights for the Holiday Hoops dance, decorated the Church after Thanksgiving, and enjoyed a discussion with Father. Our GOYA numbers are growing and we would love to see everyone at the events!

Hope and Joy

Hope and Joy will be having their third get together this month on December 3rd, after church! Please RSVP to Molly Tsipis at molly.rupli@gmail.com. The little kids had an amazing time at our last gathering. Another big thank you to Jaime Theodorou for putting it on!

Sunday School

Sunday School is going strong, with each age group enjoying their classes. The weekly emails will continue and it is my prayer that all of our kids are learning a lot! On December 3rd, the children are encouraged to go into the Choir loft with their parents and sing along! The month of December will be focused on getting ready for the Christmas Pageant, so we ask that parents please bring their children to Church as much as they can.

Altar Boys

Father Larry would like to have a meeting with all altar servers on December 10th. We will go over how things have been going and see about possibly doing an outing together. If your child is interested in joining the altar servers, please let me know!

Greek School

Youth Greek School classes continue on each Saturday. If you would like to enroll, please contact Dawn Anagnos.

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Dinner and Discussion

Our next meeting will be on December 15th after Paraklesis. Paraklesis will begin at 6 pm. Dinner will be at Michael's Bara and Grill Please Contact Maria Tzanakis at metzanakis@hotmail.com to RSVP



All Classes will meet on Tuesday and Wednesday

The morning class will meet Tuesday at 10 am
The evening study will meet Wednesday at 7 pm

We will continue Saint Paul's First Letter to the
Corinthians

Happenings for November

Hope and Joy Meeting
November



Parents of Young Children



Dinner and Discussion



Men's Ministry



Young Adults



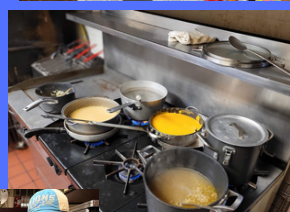
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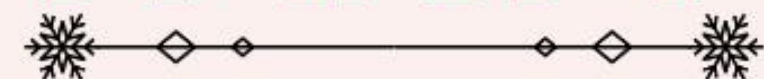
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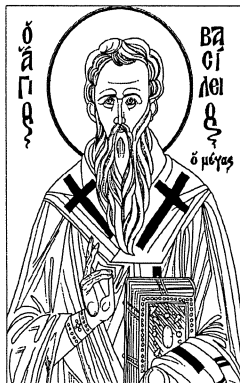
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