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From the Desk of
Rev. Fr. Angelo Maggos

Parish Registry, Progress Report
Upcoming Church Services and Events

Youth Ministry and Organizations News

From the Desk of Fr. Angelo

As I received quite a positive response to my article in our June/July issue of the Good News, I thought it appropriate to continue this since difficult questions need to be addressed. So let's tackle a few more sensitive questions. Remember to keep in mind that while you may not agree with the position it is important to understand that the Church has a practical and well thought out reason for the position...and that the Orthodox Church applies her discipline of *ακρίβεια* (strictness) and *οικονομία* (economy or compassion) on an individual basis.

Is marriage an antiquated concept?

The prevailing comments today with regards to marriage as antiquated usually sound like this:

- You should work out what type of marriage works for you.
- Don't stay married to somebody you no longer love or feel like you can grow with.
- Marriage is a piece of paper that we've attached meaning to, but in reality, it's a business deal. And business deals don't always work out.
- Partnerships are much easier because you're committing to each other day by day.
- Religion is losing its stronghold and going down and taking the institution of marriage along with it.

So where do these non-traditional ideas of marriage come from. In an article in Psychology today Dr. Bello DePaulo identifies several different types of marriages present in today's society which reflect these comments.

1. **Starter marriage:** Couples want to try out marriage for a pre-determined amount of time, without having kids before moving on to a different kind of marriage.
2. **Companionship marriage:** Couples marry for friendship, to have someone to socialize with and do other things together. It is not about passion or romance. Children are not necessarily part of this type of marriage.
3. **Parenting marriage:** This model of marriage is all about the children and the couple commit to raising kids together. A romantic connection is not necessary.
4. **Safety marriage:** One or both partners marry for money, health insurance or financial security while they pursue their passions or an education and marriage offers a temporary and secure solution.
5. **Open marriage:** Spouses have other partners and practice "consensual non-monogamy." They want stability in their primary relationship but not necessarily a monogamous one.
6. **Covenant marriage:** Marriage is seen as a sacrificial commitment to the salvific good of the other. Love is not just an emotional feeling or a legalistic contract but an ever-deepening union where each person grows towards becoming one.

The Covenant Marriage is the only form sanctioned by the Church since this covenant is established and sanctified by God, not Man, from the very beginnings of human society, being based on a principle established before the Fall. This is because it is the only form which honors the sacrificial commitment between the couple and the only one that respects the fullness of the image and likeness of God of each person united in the marital union.

The other forms of marriage are a direct consequence of the secular world's obsession with individualism and self-discovery coupled with a "feelings-based" theology leaving many young couples without the solid anchor of God and family free to explore these martial options through the lens of their own individual feelings. The logical conclusion of this leads to a questioning of the entire idea of the necessity of marriage since the concept of marriage is not understood as divine inspired but as another man-made tradition created by an out-dated society.

In Genesis chapter 2 we read, "*That is why a man leaves his father and mother and shall cleave (unite) to his wife, and they become one flesh.*" This implies that the relationship between a man and his wife is closer than that to father and mother, and this applies equally to the woman. The sanctity of marriage is offered as the deepest corporeal and spiritual unity of man and woman thus holding up monogamy as the form of marriage ordained by God and also quoted by Christ who repeats these words in the Gospel of Matthew ([Matthew 19:5](#)). This idea is preserved in the Orthodox wedding service in the prayer before the crowning "*For by You woman is joined to man. Yoke them in oneness of mind; crown them in into one flesh.*"

Add to this that throughout history marriage was traditionally seen in the context of the couple and the extended family in which the married couple was helped, mentored, and guided by the community in which they lived and raised their children with God at the center. Modern Western societies have transformed this so that an individual's happiness becomes the ultimate value and personal unto themselves so that marriage becomes an experience limited to the couple without the aid and guidance of the society they live in. The deconstruction of the total family unit as couples move away for reasons of job or personal interests thus leaving the couple to work out the difficult realities of marriage by themselves has also eroded them. The old African proverb, *it takes a village to raise a child* is an expression of the importance of a loving and involved community in that the community of people must interact with both the children and the married couple so that they both grow in a safe and healthy environment.

So how does the Church view divorce?

The best place to begin for a question on divorce is with the Orthodox view of marriage just discussed. Marriage is a covenantal sacrament (a gift of grace) conferred upon the partners in the Body of the Church. As any sacrament, marriage pertains to the eternal life in the Kingdom of God and, therefore, an eternal bond is created between them— "it is given to them" (Matthew 19:11).

The Church, however, recognizes that people, having lost the perfection granted them in paradise, may have made errors in judgement since human freewill allows for the possibility of sin, as well as its consequences. The couple may not have been ready for marriage; or they are unable to make this grace grow to maturity. In her compassion (οικονομία), she offers a pathway to reconcile these errors and although never encouraged, allows for remarriage.

Thus, a legitimate marriage is dissolved only through death, or through an event which revokes the ecclesiastical significance of marriage, based on spiritual, religious and/or moral foundation. In these cases, the marriage is considered to have ceased to function and the purpose of the marital bond is therefore frustrated. In such instances, an ecclesiastical authority (known as a Spiritual court) determines and, if warranted, formally certifies that the legitimate marriage has lost its basis and has dissolved itself.

The Church, therefore, neither “recognizes” divorce, nor “grants” it but instead grants *permission to remarry*. Prior to a Spiritual Court, pastoral counseling and investigation should make sure that reconciliation is impossible and usually some form of penance is given (in conformity with each individual case). Persons who have received permission to remarry are permitted to have their marriage service conducted in the church, however, the Second or Third Marriage differs from the celebratory and joyful nature of first marriage and bears a more penitential character.

My hope is that this article and the videos will continue to spark questions and discussions that ultimately open for us all the beauty and depth of our Orthodox Faith. The more we discuss openly among one another how our Orthodox Faith responds to these important modern issues the better prepared we will be to intelligently and logically engage with our neighbors, whether Catholic, Protestant, or other faiths. Finally remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel so you can be alerted when we post new video.

Progress Report—2018-19

This past year has been quite exciting as we have experienced a significant amount of progress while at the same time identifying areas which will need improvement and maintenance effort. In addition to the major renovation of our parking lot, we have begun taking care of several areas which have needed a bit of TLC. The following pages provide a photographic overview of some of these efforts completed over the past year. These improvements demonstrate our combined desire to have our church continue to sparkle as the beautiful jewel of Orthodoxy that she is. Also provided in this newsletter a summary of the expenses for each of these projects. The vast majority of the funds used for these efforts came from funds designated for capital improvements as well as pre-established funds set up by a parishioner trust (Zutes Fund) so that these expenses did not adversely impact our Operational Fund.

Parking Lot

While the new parking lot is beautiful, it includes a significant amount of pre-planning to help make our Greek Festival setup and operation much easier and safer. Ground screws were installed at pre-set locations of where each of the major tents will be placed so as to avoid the damage caused by hammering in tent spikes as we as the trip hazard created by the exposed tent spikes (see photo). Underground electrical lines were run to pre-positioned electrical boxes (see photo) to avoid the physical and electrical hazard of exposed electrical cables running to each of the festival tents. Gas lines were also placed underground running to the Festival grilles eliminating the need for propane and gas bottles having to be changed out and stored. Water lines were also run underground which can be used at each of the festival food stations. The front circle was expanded to two full lanes with a new sidewalk which is much more handicap friendly. Marble curbing was used for long lasting wear and durability. The cost of the parking lot project, which includes the above listed additions came to approximately \$350K.

Altar Server and Vesting Rooms

On the inside of the church we completed the renovation of both the Altar Server and Vesting rooms which were in dire need of an upgrade both for ascetic as well as functional reasons. New glass door cabinets allow for display and easy access to the beautiful liturgical and sacramental items many of which were hid away in closets. Counter space was enlarged in both rooms to allow for ease of preparing items for Holy Communion as well as space for visiting clergy to store their vestments and adequate space to vest. The addition to a full size sink allows for easier cleaning of the liturgical items and larger items like the bread board. The new shelving allows the chanters to easily access the books and materials they need. Both rooms with new cabinetry, flooring, ceiling, electrical and plumbing upgrades amounted to approx. \$33,255

Narthex Pangari Extension

The custom built Pangari extension was matched to the existing marble candle stand giving this area a completed look and provides the Narthex staff the room they need as well as ample storage space. Note the matching of the marble top to the original marble and how the cross design and trim match the existing items in the Narthex. The Pangari extension was paid for

through generous parishioner donations.

The Fitzhugh Church Grandfather Clock

A piece of our past history was preserved as we had the grandfather clock from the Fitzhugh Street church restored so that its melodic chimes can once again be heard by all. The clock restoration was paid for through a generous parishioner donation.

Sound System Upgrade

Another important improvement was the upgrade of the church sound system. Most of you are aware from attending services that this has been a constant source of aggravation. With the installation of hi-technology speakers in the Sanctuary and Narthex the ability to clearly understand the service and announcements has vastly improved. This upgrade included high quality microphones and amplifier and sound mixer systems custom matched to the speaker system. This system will now accommodate music which can be broadcast from a CD player or iPhone which has been extremely helpful for wedding services and other musical events held in the church. These upgrades amounted to approx. \$19,955.

Hall Renovation and Upgrade

Our next capital improvement focus is the renovation of our hall to allow us to have a gathering place as a community whether for baptism receptions, wedding rehearsal dinners, graduation parties or funeral makarias, not to mention the parties and community dances we celebrate throughout the year. At the Spring General Assembly we received the go-ahead to begin this project. This effort is being managed by the capable Renovation Committee consisting of Agathi and Zachary Graham, Andrew Bouquin, Evangelos Yannas, and Jim Stathopoulos. In addition to the energy of their youth each of them brings a unique level of experience that is critical to the success of this project. This project will also include a much-needed repair to the hall roof and the installation of an energy efficient HVAC system for both heating and cooling. An analysis of the condition of the roof indicated the necessity for a full tear-off which will upon completion will be good for 25 years and make installation of the HVAC system much easier. Both this edition and the June/July issue of the Good News include a donation form for those wishing to donate. Thank you to those who have responded to this and we will continue to include this form in future editions of the Good News and on our website.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Dear Annunciation Family,

We are hoping you are continuing to enjoy your summer. Many of course are off to the "Homeland ", Greece and we wish them safe travels. As for the rest of us we are vacationing within the continental U.S. or staying in the Rochester community. Nonetheless, business continues for Philoptochos. Please take a moment and view our calendar. As always we will do our best to keep you all updated. All meetings are held after Liturgy in the Community Center.

September

9-8-19 Philoptochos meeting (Board Members Only).

9-22-19 Philoptochos General Meeting. All are welcome.

October

10-6-19- Please join us for our annual Philoptochos Membership Drive: Mezethes, Membership, Mimosas. Dues collected by Maria Economides.

10-20-19- Philoptochos General Meeting. All are welcome.

November

11-3-19 (Philoptochos Sunday) Patron Sts. Cosmos & Damian. Tray passing, Artoclasia, Philoptochos Hosts Fellowship.

11-10-19 Philoptochos General Meeting. All are welcome.

11-24-19 Philoptochos Famous Bake Sale/Raffles.

December

12-1-19 Philoptochos General meeting.

12-8-19 Philoptochos Christmas Party. More information to follow.

FYI:

We will be starting our amazing Raffle Prizes totally \$1,000.

Wishing everyone a safe and wonderful Labor Day. See you all in September.

God Bless America and the Annunciation on East Avenue.

Niki Chamberlain- president



SAVE THE DATE

*PHILOPTOCHOS FASHION SHOW
AND LUNCHEON*



FEATURING FASHIONS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

SUNDAY, OCT. 6, 2019

12:30 P.M. AT THE ARBOR AT THE PORT

(AND CELEBRATE A SPECIAL PERSON'S BIRTHDAY!)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dear Parishioners,

We hope everyone is having a refreshing and relaxing summer! Along with Fr. Angelo, we have already begun preparing for the 2019/2020 Sunday School year. An initial meeting was held in July, where the 2018/2019 year was reviewed. Several new initiatives, including a revised curriculum, were discussed. A second meeting will be held in August to finalize these changes, after which a Parent Information Packet will be sent out. This Packet will include the 2019/2020 Religious Education event schedule and registration forms, as well as information on our upcoming Youth Organization Night (late August) and Parent-Teacher meetings (September). The schedule will also be published in the September edition of Good News. In addition, an email will be sent to all parishioners to notify them of the start of Sunday School, which is slated to begin on September 15th. We encourage you to reach out and inform others as well, so that everyone has the opportunity to participate in the vital education of our youth. Furthermore, if you are interested in becoming a Sunday School teacher, being a Teen Teach guest speaker, or organizing/participating in a Religious Education activity, please contact Fr. Angelo, Andreas Savva, or Rhonda Stamatis

Please register your children through the Church's website at:

<https://annunciationrochester.org/sunday-school-application>

Sincerely,

The Religious Education Team



Altar Server Room



Altar Server Room



Vesting Room



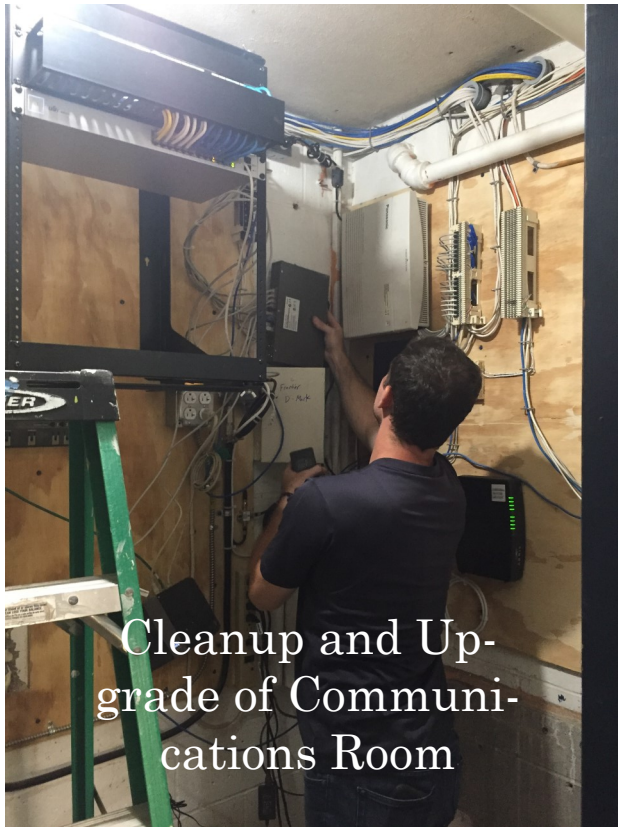
Vesting Room



Panagari Extension Front View



Panagari Extension Rear View



Cleanup and Upgrade of Communications Room



Refurbishment of Fitzhugh Clock



Publications Rack

Grounds Improvements



New Parking Lot
Note the electrical boxes
(Circled)



Rear Parking Lot



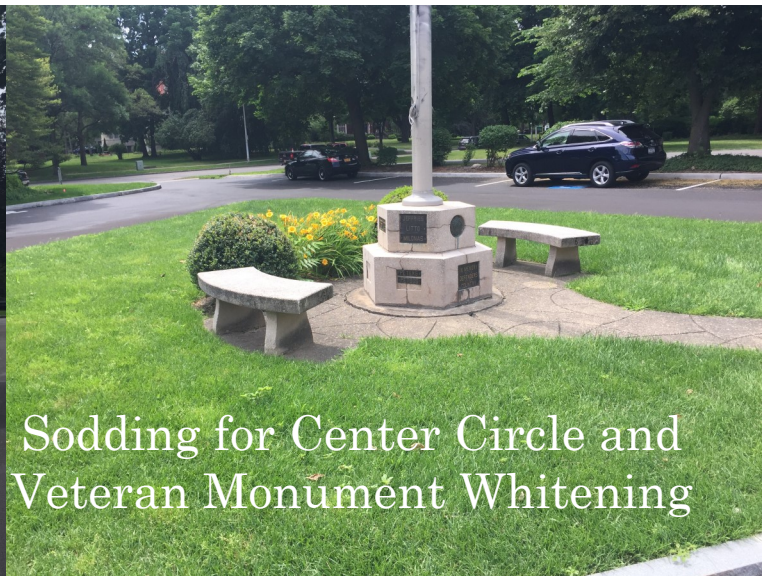
Tent Screw Covers



Brand New Parking Lot



Front 2-Lane Circle



Sodding for Center Circle and
Veteran Monument Whitening

Grounds Improvements



Additional Vent



Sealing of Boiler Room Door for Improved Security



Cleanup of side alley by Handicap Access (in progress)



New Side Door and Concrete Pad for Improved Security/Safety

ΘΕΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΗ

Ακούγοντας τις δύο αυτές λέξεις (ή αλλιώς επιστήμη και θρησκεία) το μεγαλύτερο ποσοστό των ανθρώπων αυτομάτως τοποθετεί ανάμεσά τους το σύμβολο της αντίθεσης. Είναι όμως αλήθεια πως ό,τι έχει να κάνει με τον Θεό (δηλ. η θρησκεία) καταστρατηγεί τις ανακαλύψεις και τα επιτεύγματα της ανθρώπινης λογικής (δηλ. της επιστήμης); Ή μήπως συμβαίνει το αντίθετο, η επιστήμη να αντιστρατεύεται και να αρνείται την θρησκεία;

Βέβαια από ιστορικής απόψεως μπορούμε να διαπιστώσουμε πως πολλές φορές παρουσιάστηκαν τέτοιου είδους προστριβές. Δυστυχώς έως του σημείου των αιματηρών διωγμών (εκ μέρους της θεσμικής θρησκείας) ή της σφοδρής και λυσσαλαίας άρνησης η οποία και αυτή είχε ειδεχθείς αιματηρές απολήξεις (εκ μέρους της επιστήμης, συμπεριλαμβανομένων και των φιλοσοφικών ρευμάτων).

Η διάσταση όμως αυτή δεν αποτελεί την αλήθεια των πραγμάτων. Γνωρίζοντας όμως πως η όντως Αλήθεια είναι ο Χριστός μπορούμε να ερευνήσουμε ποιο είναι το θέλημά Του μέσω της διδασκαλίας της Εκκλησίας Του. Αυτός είναι άλλωστε και ο σκοπός αυτής της υποσελίδας. Διότι εάν τοποθετήσουμε τον καθένα από τους δύο χώρους στην πραγματική του διάσταση θα διαπιστώσουμε πως όχι μόνον δεν υπάρχει καμία αντίθεση αλλά μια καταπληκτική σύμπλευση και συναλληλία. Η Εκκλησία είναι ο χώρος όπου πραγματώνεται ως πρώτο και κύριο η αποκάλυψη του Θεού στον άνθρωπο και κατόπιν η πνευματική σύνδεση με τον συνάνθρωπο. Πρόκειται για έναν χώρο κατεξοχήν πνευματικό. Η επιστήμη από την άλλη με το πείραμα και την παρατήρηση υλικών πραγμάτων προσπαθεί να υπουργήσει τις ανθρώπινες ανάγκες χωρίς όμως να υπάρχει η βεβαιότητα για τα συμπεράσματα. Αυτό είναι αυταπόδεικτο και από την συνεχή εξέλιξή της. Αντίθετα η Εκκλησία στο διάβα χιλιετηρίδων ποτέ δεν μετέτρεψε την Πίστη και τα δόγματά Της.

Εν ολίγοις τα προβλήματα αρχίζουν όταν οι θρησκευτικοί ηγέτες αποφαινόνται για πράγματα που υποβάλλονται σε επιστημονική έρευνα με τρόπο απερισκεπτο και μάλλον υποβιβαστικό προς αυτό το δώρο του Θεού (την επιστήμη) ή- πολύ περισσότερο- όταν οι επιστήμονες, πεπληρωμένοι από τύφο και οίηση για τα επιτεύγματά τους, αρνούνται με ανόητο τρόπο τις αλήθειες της Πίστεως, οι οποίες επειδή κινούνται σε πνευματικό επίπεδο επ' ουδενί δεν τους παρεμποδίζουν στο έργο τους. Μήπως όμως τους ελέγχουν εσωτερικώς για την ζωή τους;

Στην παραπάνω θέση χρησιμοποιούμε τις λέξεις «θρησκευτικοί ηγέτες» και «επιστήμονες» διότι εν τέλει εκεί εντοπίζεται το πρόβλημα. Η Εκκλησία ευλογεί και αγιάζει το έργο της επιστήμης- ας μην λησμονούμε πως η ραγδαία εξέλιξή της ακολούθησε την διάδοση του Χριστιανισμού αφού αυτός απομυθοποίησε τον κόσμο- της οποίας ενασχόληση είναι τα δημιουργήματα του Θεού. Έτσι ο επιστήμονας μπορεί να καταστεί θεολόγος, αρκεί να μην λατρεύσει «την κτίσιν παρά τον Κτίσαντα».

Σ' αυτό το σημείο πρέπει να υπογραμμίσουμε και κάτι ακόμη. Η αλήθεια είναι πως ποτέ η Εκκλησία δεν καταπολέμησε ή αρνήθηκε την επιστήμη (εννοείται στην ορθή της διάσταση). Τα όσα μπορεί κάποιος να αντιτείνει (ιερά εξέταση, μεσαιώνας κλπ.) αφορούν άλλες θρησκευτικές ομάδες και όχι την Μία, Αγία, Καθολική και Αποστολική Εκκλησία του Χριστού (δηλαδή την Ορθοδοξία). Ας ζητήσουν τον λόγο οι ενδιαφερόμενοι από εκεί και ας μην λασπολογούν αναίδως κατά του «Σώματος του Κυρίου». «Γνώσεσθε την αλήθειαν, και η αλήθεια ελευθερώσει υμάς»

NOTES FROM OUR CHOIR

The choir has recently completed another year of singing together in the music ministry of our church.

We wish to acknowledge our members and thank you all for your commitment to the choir. This was a transitional year for us as we worked for the first time with Father Angelo and we are grateful for his support and guidance of the music ministry. We also experienced transitions with several new organist candidates and we hope that next year will bring more continuity.



We welcome new members and hope to grow our choir in the year to come. Please consider joining us ! We will begin singing again on September 8th.

For more information on joining the choir, contact:

Zoi Varahidis zozovara@gmail.com

- or -

Julie Eveleigh jseveleigh@frontiernet.net



HALL RENOVATION PLEDGE

As most of you know, at the Fall General Assembly we introduced some conceptual ideas for renovating our hall so it can become a focal point for community gatherings. Based on the positive feedback we received we established a Renovation Committee to formally investigate the details of the Hall renovation. Each of the members of this Committee bring a specific expertise to building construction and renovation. During the time between the Fall and Spring General Assembly this team worked to pull together the details of this project and at the recent Spring General Assembly presented a formal plan with a budget and several prospective architects who would bid on this project. The decision made at this General Assembly was to authorization to proceed with a budget of not to exceed \$425,000. Most everyone we have spoken with is very excited to see us move ahead with this project. Our church is without a doubt one of the most beautiful expressions of Greek Orthodox tradition vividly displayed in magnificent mosaic art reflected in the comments I continuously receive from those who tour our church. The excitement generated by the Hall Project reflects the desire to have a hall that will parallel the beauty of our church. The hall will once again be the center point of community gatherings such as Baptismal receptions, Wedding Rehearsals, Makarias, Memorial Luncheons and the host of dances and celebrations our parish has during the year.

The energy that this project has sparked has resulted in several parishioners donating very generously to see that this project becomes a reality. In addition to this there have been bequeathed to the church funds in support of this effort. All total thus far these efforts have resulted in our collecting approximately \$350,000 which puts us well within reach of the proposed budget of \$425,000.

Since the Parish Council and I feel very strongly that everyone must have the opportunity to be part of this important project, we are encouraging everyone to donate whatever they can. If this is to truly be a community hall let us demonstrate this in whatever way we can whether that be \$20 or \$20,000. We have provided a pledge form below which can be mailed or dropped off to the church with your donation.

Be assured that as we move forward we will be providing updates on our progress, through our website, the Good News, and church announcements. We currently project that this will be completed in December of this year in time for our annual Christmas parties.

Thank you and may God continue to bless our endeavors.

Annunciation Parish Council and Fr Angelo

DONATION PLEDGE FORM FOR HALL RENOVATION

Contact Information (Please print all information clearly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Donation Amount \$ _____

Pledge Amount \$ _____ Payment to be made _____ Monthly _____ Quarterly

Payment form (Circle one): Check VISA/Mastercard/American Express

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date _____ CVV Code _____

Name as it appears on the card: _____

Signature: _____

This Donation/Pledge is made in honor/memory of: _____

Please send notification of my gift to: _____

Address: _____

HALL RENOVATION PLEDGE DONARS TO DATE

Nicholas and Catherine Sfikas

Margaret Kitz

Jeanette and Michael Lazary

Fr. Angelo and Presvytera Teri Maggos

Maria Vasho

Jim and Dori Stathopoulos

Helen Eisenberg

Niki Chamberlain

Eric Vangellow

Ronald and Christine Kerxhalli-Wiegand

Drosopigi Society

Annunciation Policies

MEMORIAL FUNDS DISTRIBUTION POLICY

All monies received during a funeral or memorial service that are made out to the church, that is, checks marked with “Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church” or cash with the envelope marked with “Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church” will be used for purposes in support of church operation.

These could include support of recognized church ministries, sacramental articles purchased for the church proper or for ongoing campaigns such as Hall Renovation or other capital improvements.

If it is desired that these monies are to be used for other wishes that the family may have the family must ensure that they announce that these checks or cash be designated as such.

All monies received for funerals are tracked, and family members will receive a listing of those who donated and a total amount of the donation, typically within 40-60 days following the date of the funeral. In addition, for all monies received designated “*Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church,*” donors will receive a letter thanking them for their donation to the church in memory of the deceased.

POLICY FOR DOCUMENT PREPARATION:

There is a required processing charge of \$40 per document. This charge covers research, preparation and routing of documents such as Certificate of Residency, Certificate of Freedom to Marry, Reissued Marriage Certificate, Reissued Baptism Certificate and Certificate of Death. Additional documents are \$20.00 per document.

2019 ADVERTISING/SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

In order to help defray costs of printing and mailing and to increase awareness among our community of the broad range of experience and services available from our parishioners, we are inviting both parishioners and any vendors to our church to consider advertising in our monthly newsletter. Just complete the form below and mail, email or drop off to the church office. For email use office@agocroc.org



Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Contact _____ Email _____

<p>ADVERTISING OPTIONS:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Full Page.....\$500/yr</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Half Page.....\$300/yr</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Business Card\$150/yr</p>	<p>NOTES:</p> <p>Newsletter is printed 11 months per year as June/July is a combined newsletter</p> <p>For best quality, artwork should be high resolution jpeg files or similar</p> <p>Emailed ads must be 600 dpi or greater PDF</p> <p>Please include or email artwork</p>
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FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS

When you support the Friends of the Metropolis campaign, you are part of a greater outreach that proclaims with one universal voice that God is truly our hope and our rock of salvation. Because of your devotion to the Friends program, ministries and programs are implemented on a Metropolis-wide basis which strengthen and enhance our faith and our joint ministry of service. I would like to invite you to join forces with the faithful throughout the Metropolis of Detroit in support of the ministries which are part of the Office of the Metropolitan.

Thanking you for your kind and generous response, I remain, with paternal blessings and prayers,

+NICHOLAS
Metropolitan of Detroit

MORE INFO AT:
WWW.DETROIT.GOARCH.ORG/FRIENDS



GENERAL SUPPORT

Fully fund the general expenses of the Metropolis office, including programs and travels.

OUTREACH/MISSIONS

Create opportunities to introduce our faith to society. Participate in inter-Christian and interfaith activities. Provide quick responses to national and international disasters.

EDUCATION

Enhance various scholarship opportunities, adult education programs, and support Metropolis students at Hellenic College/Holy Cross.

HELLENISM

Develop programs for Hellenic Cultural Outreach, including language, history, and arts.

CLERGY/PARISH SUPPORT

Develop and provide instructional seminars and services for clergy and parishes.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Support the youth & young adult ministries, including our summer camps, as well as the activities of a full-time Metropolis Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

LEADERSHIP

Organize Clergy-Laity Conferences, Oratorical Festivals, Youth Worker and Religious Education Training, and Adult Education Seminars.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Continued website development, hospitality to visiting dignitaries, charity and philanthropy.

FRIENDS INFORMATION

Please print the following required details.



PAYMENT INFORMATION

Make checks payable to Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit.



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Fill out this card and send it with payment to: Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit - 2560 Crooks Road - Troy, MI 48084



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