Nativity Epistle

August 2015

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit
His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas

Nativity of the Virgin Mary
39851 W. Five Mile Rd.
Plymouth, MI 48170
Phone: 734-420-0131
Fax: 734-420-0602
www.nativitygochurch.org

Parish Priest
Rev. Fr. Nick Marcus
frnickmarcus@gmail.com

Church Office Hours
Monday through Friday
10:00 am—2:00 pm

Office Administrator
Kathleen M. Kyriacou
secretarynvm@yahoo.com

2015 Parish Council

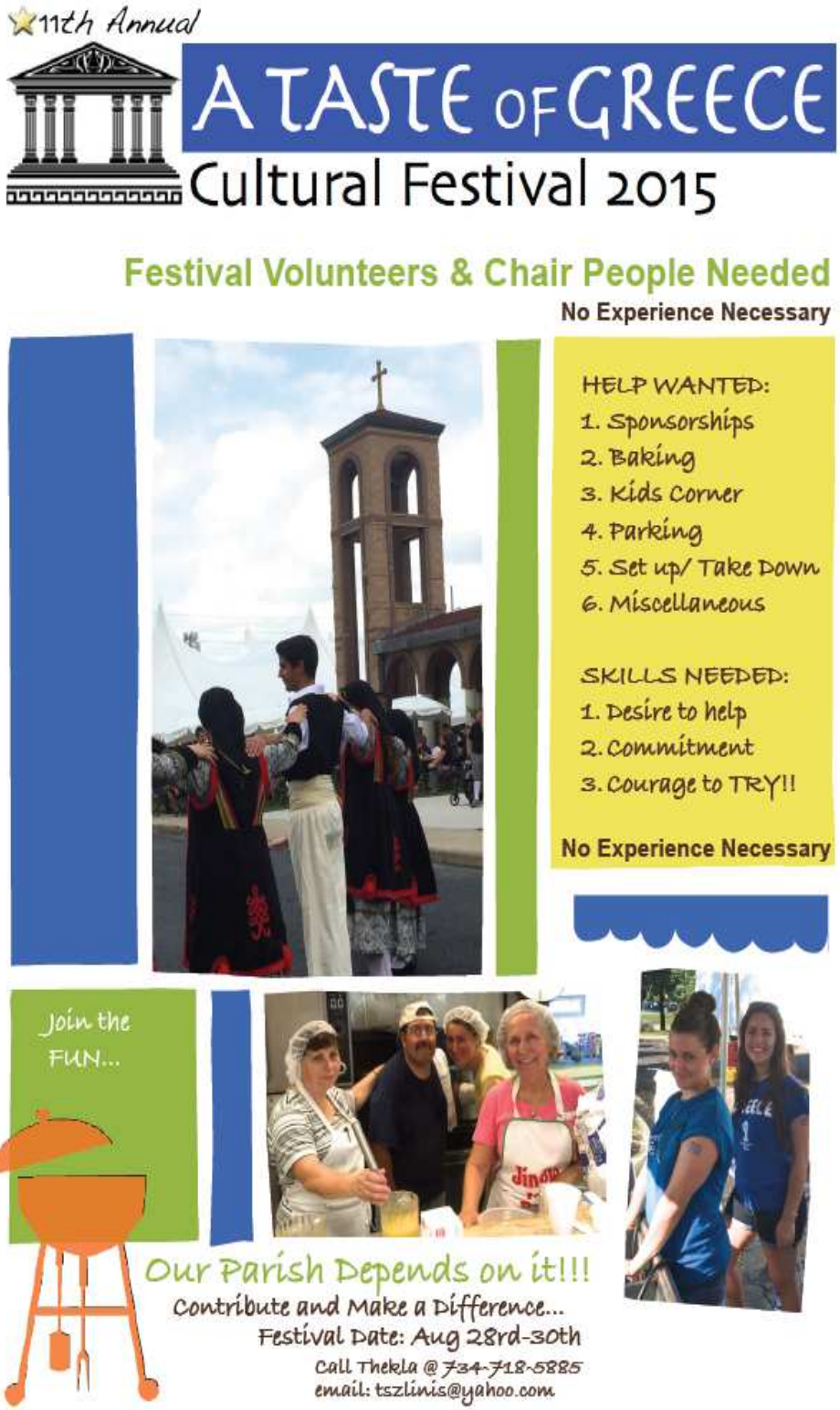
Louis Poulos
President

Angela Kheir
Vice President

Voula Sonbay
Treasurer

Charlene Galbraith
Secretary

Michael Fafalios
Evans Farres
Dennis Ford
Angelos Katramados
Georgia Koumariotis
Michael Szlinis
George Zervos



MESSAGE FROM FR. NICK

My Beloved in Christ,

The Lord said: *"If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?* (Mark 8:34-37)
The road to spirituality is not an easy path. Being a Christian in a world that denies Christ and His teachings singles you out to be tested daily. It requires much of each person who picks up their cross, denies themselves, and follows Jesus. Our Lord ultimately wants each person to realize that the most precious gift He has given us - is life. Our life is not something that we can just abuse, or throw away. Our physical existence, this life, together with the gift of *time*, has been given to us establish - a *Life in Christ.*

So many people are searching for the meaning of life, and the meaning of life is right before them – and that is to constantly prepare and receive the Holy Spirit. The early fathers of the Church taught this and lived by this principle. They wanted not only the rich person, but also the poorest of people, to realize that their life – this gift from God – is the most valuable possession that they have.

From the time that we were in our mother's womb, we were taken care of, and of course loved. We were safe there, and protected by both parents – mother and father. Our Lord did not mean for us to live there forever, so we were born into the world. What a great joy it is for a mother (and father) to hold their child for the first time. As that child grows with love, and appreciated, the parents understand (we hope) what a precious gift has been entrusted to them. It is the hope of the parents that the child, as it grows, will be healthy, joyful, smart, and be a good person. Our Father in heaven has the same hope for each of us.

Life in the world can become very busy and congested with the necessities of living as we believe. The Lord and His meaning of life can be set aside and not part of our dream for success for ourselves, or our children. How many parents have ever told their children that they want them to be "Holy"? Think about it. If God is not part of their plan for success, then coming to church for an hour a week will have little meaning. As parents raise their children, they need to pray with them, show them that they are spiritual beings, plant the seeds of holiness in them so that they can grow and blossom, and bear much fruit. That is the hope that the Lord has for all of us!

I pray that we will make time to receive the Holy Spirit with this precious life given to us. We cannot achieve this on our own, we need help, and the Holy Spirit is always ready. The Holy Spirit brings life into the world and gives us strength, guiding us along the way to become *"God like".*

As we enter the Fast of the 15 days of August, the Falling asleep of the Mother of God, may the Panayia guide us through her prayers to her son and her God.

Fr. Nick

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

With summer nearing it's end and our 11th Annual Taste of Greece Festival fast approaching, our parish enters one of it's busiest periods of the year. We begin August with the two week fast of the Dormition of the Theotokos which includes Paraclesis service daily (see calendar for times). Also celebrated this month is the Feast of our Lord's Holy Transfiguration on August 6th.

Final preparations for the festival continue with kabob skewering scheduled for August 10th and baklava on the 11th through 13th, please participate if you can. Also, be prepared to receive a call to volunteer during festival set up, tear down or during the festival. Your help is truly needed to ensure a successful festival again this year.

Additionally, looking into the month of September we have many more happenings: The beginning of the ecclesiastical year on September 1st; Our own Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos on September 8th; and the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14th.

The month of September also brings a new opportunity for our parish by participating in the Plymouth Fall Festival. The Fall Festival has been a staple in the Plymouth community for over 50 years and this year we will host a booth selling gyros and pastries during the 3 day event on September 11th through 13th. As our own festival is an occasion for inviting the community to experience our Faith and culture, so the Fall Festival is an occasion to witness our love of God and family in the community.

The funds raised from the Fall Festival event will be donated for the construction of the St. Nicholas Shrine at the World Trade Center in New York. Father Nick announced that our archdiocese has requested every parish in America try to raise $10,000 for this cause and God willing we raise it all during this event.

Yours In Christ,
Louis Poulos
Parish Council President

METROPOLIS OF DETROIT

ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

21800 Marter Rd. St. Clair Shores, MI 48080-2599 • Tel: 586.779.6111 Fax: 586.779-8369
Web: www.goassumption.org

ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

From the desk of
REVEREND FATHER MICHAEL N. VARLAMOS
fmichaelnv@wowway.com

July 8, 2015
St. Procopius the Great Martyr

Dear Reverend Fathers,

On behalf of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, it gives me great joy to invite you and your parishioners to join us for the Great Vespers for the feast of the Assumption (Dormition) of the Theotokos on Friday, August 14, at 7 PM at the Assumption Church in St. Clair Shores, MI.

This year, His Eminence has invited His Excellency Archbishop Allen Vigneron, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Detroit, together with his clergy and faithful, to attend our feast day vespers. Additionally, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas has asked Archbishop Vigneron to be the guest homilist that evening. After the vespers, our Assumption Philoptochos will host a reception that we hope you and your parishioners will also attend.

Furthermore, I also invite you to concelebrate the feast day Orthros and Divine Liturgy that will take place on August 15, at 8:30 AM and 10 AM, respectively. Our Ladies Philoptochos and I would also like to invite you to be our complimentary guest at our feast day luncheon, which will take place immediately after the Divine Liturgy. May we ask that you include the enclosed flyer in your parish publications and post in an appropriate location at your parish.

Please contact our church office no later than August 10 to inform us of whether or not you will be attending the Great Vespers.

I wish you all a restful summer.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Michael Varlamos
Protopresbyter
Assumption
Greek Orthodox Church
St. Clair Shores, MI

KOIMISIS OF THE THEOTOKOS

Assumption Philoptochos

FEAST DAY OF THE PANAGIA LUNCHEON

ASSUMPTION CULTURAL CENTER

AUGUST 15, 2015

Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Luncheon immediately following Liturgy

Menu includes:

Greek Salad, Chicken Marsala
Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Coffee,
Apple Pie Ala Mode

Adults - $22 Children under 12 - $10 2 & under free

For reservations please call:

Church Office 586.779.6111

Chairpersons: Maria Carson, Maria Tasiopoulos
and Presvytera Tina Varlamos

Stewardship

Orthodox Christian Stewardship is a way of life, which acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God. A primary goal of Stewardship is to promote spiritual growth and strengthen faith. Becoming a Steward begins when we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust and act on those beliefs. As Stewards, we affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him. Stewardship calls on the faithful to cheerfully offer back to God a portion of the gifts with which they have been blessed.

***An Orthodox Christian Stew*ard** is an active participant in the life of the Church. The parish encourages all who accept the Orthodox Faith to become practicing Stewards. Each year the Steward is expected to carefully review his or her personal circumstances and make a commitment of time, talent, and treasure to support the Parish and her Ministries, which in turn support the National Ministries of our Archdiocese, Metropolises, and institutions.

Stewardship 2015 Update

Thank you to the following faithful stewards who have submitted their pledge cards for the 2015 pledge year. Please join them in their support for Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church and submit your pledge card today!

2015 Budget	Pledge to Date	Total Pledge Amount
$260,000.00	138	$143,484.63

Fr. Nick & Presvytera Liza Marcus
Mr. & Mrs. Nikolaos Adonakis
Mr. & Mrs. Alec Applebaum
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Arvas
Mr. & Mrs. John Atsalis
Mr. & Mrs. Evans Bageris
Mr. & Mrs. Nondo Basoukeas
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Canelopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Alex Carayannopoulos
Dr. & Mrs. Branden Christodoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Perry Christy
Mr. & Mrs. Joel Cloutier
Ms. Peggy Collias
Ms. Shirley Collias
Mr. & Mrs. Dansby
Mr. George Demergis
Mrs. Cleo Demetriou
Mr. & Mrs. Niko Dimopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Vassilios Dionyssopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. David Droz
Mr. & Mrs. David Drummond
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Eliades
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fafalios
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Fales
Mr. & Mrs. Evans Farres
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Fitzgerald
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Floros
Mr. & Mrs. John Floros
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Ford
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Foster
Mr. & Mrs. Matt Galbraith
Ms. Antonia Georgilas
Mr. & Mrs. Christos Georvassillis
Mr. & Mrs. Panayiotis Goffas
Mr. & Mrs. David Hayes
Ms. Dorothy Hetu
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Holstad
Mr. & Mrs. John Houstoulakis
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Hunsinger
Ms. Katherine Jenaras
Ms. Helen Kaneris
Ms. Maria Kaneris
Mr. & Mrs. Elefterios Kaplantzes
Mr. Petros Karabatakis
Mr. & Mrs. Costas Kassapis
Mrs. Nicole Katikos
Ms. Roula Katikos
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Katopodis
Mr. & Mrs. Angelos Katramados
Mrs. Kanella Katsikas
Ms. Angela Kheir
Mr. William Kopanakis
Mr. Dimitris Kosta
Mr. & Mrs. Elias Koumariotis
Mrs. Soula Koumariotis
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kowalczyk
Mrs. Chris Krall
Mr. & Mrs. Costis Kyriacou
Mr. & Mrs. Marios Lambi
Mrs. Anna Liakou-Hentnik
Mr. & Mrs. John Liogas
Mr. Jim Loukopoulos
Ms. Kopy Lucas
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Lucas
Ms. Alexandria Marikis-Hamilton
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Marken
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Maroudis
Mr. & Mrs. Stavros Melabiotis
Dr. George Mellos
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Michalakis
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Miklos
Ms. Fay Mili
Mr. & Mrs. Dragan Milojevic
Dr. & Mrs. Panayiotis Mitsias
Mrs. Freda Mollasis
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Morakeas
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Morris
Ms. Becky Moustakeas
Mr. & Mrs. Wade Myers
Mrs. Sophia Nickoff
M/M Vasilios Papaefthimiou
M/M Kostantinos Papageorgakis
Ms. Marcella Papageorgakis
Mr. T. H. Papanastasopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Papas
Ms. Nikolia Pappas
Dr. Angelo Patsalis
Mr. & Mrs. James Patterson
Mrs. Nia Peluras
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Photsios
Dr. & Mrs. John Pispidikis
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Poulos
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Poulos
Mrs. Sophia Poulos
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Prokos
Mr. Nick Pyrros
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Randall
Mr. & Mrs. Marc Rentis
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Rifat
Mrs. Georgia Saridis
Mrs. Bessie Shell
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Sitaras
Mr. Christopher Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Sandy Smith
Mr & Mrs. Jon Sonbay
Mrs. Maria Sotiropoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Stassinos
Mr. & Mrs. John Stathopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Ioannis Stefos
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Stein
Ms. Fani Stoitsiadis
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Stoitsiadis
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Strom
Mr. & Mrs. John Szlinis
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Szlinis
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Takis
Ms. Georgia Theophelis
Mr. & Mrs. Panagiotis Tsallis
Ms. Angela Tzelepis
Ms. Christina A Tzilos
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Tzilos
Ms. Margaret Vardouniotis
Mr. & Mrs. John Vardouniotis
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Varlamos
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Varlamos
Mr. & Mrs. Gust Varlamos
Mr. Nick Varlamos
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Vergos
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Vlahakis
Mr. & Mrs. Stavros Vorias
Ms. Theodora Vorias
Dr. James Wahl
Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Yessaian
Mrs. Voula Zavos
Mr. & Mrs. George Zervos
Mr. & Mrs. Odisseys Zigouris
Mr. Angelo Ziordas

11th Annual

A TASTE OF GREECE
Cultural Festival 2015

Sponsorship Information

The WHO, WHAT and WHY:

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church is a Christian Community of about 200 families of diverse backgrounds and cultures where Greek predominates. We believe every cultural heritage is unique and irreplaceable and wish to preserve ours by passing it on to our children and also sharing it with our community. By showcasing traditional Greek food, music, dance and the Orthodox Faith, our **Annual A Taste of Greece Cultural Festival** is a natural expression of our love for God, family and community.

Sponsoring businesses and individuals can reach the community by choosing from one of our many sponsorship levels which includes an ad in the festival program. Program books will be distributed to participating businesses by early August and to every guest during the festival. Last year over **3800 people** attended.

Additionally, free admission will be given each day to those who bring 3 non-perishable food items, all of which will be donated to a local charity or soup kitchen. Please consider making a tax deductible donation and becoming a valued sponsor for this special event. With your support, we can raise the funds needed to keep our Church doors open, support the community and enjoy a weekend immersed in the sights, sounds, smells and of course...amazing tastes of Greece.

The WHERE and WHEN:

Nativity of the Virgin Mary
Greek Orthodox Church
39851 Five Mile Road
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

Fri., Aug. 28th – 5:00 pm - 11 pm
Sat., Aug. 29th – noon - 11 pm
Sun., Aug. 30th – noon - 7 pm

RAIN OR SHINE: Under tent cover!
ADMISSION: $2.00 per person
Kids under 12 free
PARKING: Free shuttle from BOSCH parking lot next door.

The HOW: 2015 Sponsorship Levels The HOW:

DIAMOND	Back Cover	$3,500	color full page ad, 6'x 8' banner in main tent, logo on web site, special mention during event, listed in program pg. 5
RUBY-1	Inside Front Cover	$2,250	color full page ad, 4'x 6' banner in main tent, logo on web site, special mention during event, listed in program pg. 5
RUBY-2	Inside Back Cover	$2,250	color full page ad, 4'x 6' banner in main tent, logo on web site, special mention during event, listed in program pg. 5
EMERALD-1	Page One	$1,250	B & W full page ad, 3'x5' banner in main tent, logo on web site, special mention during event, listed in program pg. 5
EMERALD-2	Page Four	$1,250	B & W full page ad, 3'x5' banner in main tent, logo on web site, special mention during event, listed in program pg. 5
EMERALD-3	Center Page One	$1,250	B & W full page ad, 3'x5' banner in main tent, logo on web site, special mention during event, listed in program pg. 5
EMERALD-4	Center Page Two	$1,250	B & W full page ad, 3'x5' banner in main tent, logo on web site, special mention during event, listed in program pg. 5
PLATINUM	Full Page	$1,000	B & W full page ad, logo on web site, special mention during event, listed in program pg. 5
GOLD	1/2 Page	$500	B & W 1/2 page ad, listed in program pg. 6, name displayed on sponsorship board in main tent
SILVER	1/4 Page or BC	$250	B & W 1/4 page ad or business card ad, listed in program pg. 6, name displayed on sponsorship board in main tent
BRONZE	List Page	$100	Listed in program pg. 6 or 7, name displayed on sponsorship board in main tent
FRIENDS	List Page	$50	Listed in program pg. 6 or 7, name displayed on sponsorship board in main tent

Any questions or concerns?
festinfo@nativitygochurch.org

Or call: 734-420-0131
fax: 734-420-0602

www.nativityfest.org

Advertising deadline is July 25th, 2015

Reserve your space today by returning this form

☐ I will provide artwork ☐ Please create an ad for me ☐ do not want to be in the program book

SPONSOR NAME _____ PHONE #1 _____

CONTACT PERSON _____ PHONE #2 _____

ADDRESS _____ FAX _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP_____ EMAIL_____

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL _____ PAYMENT AMOUNT_____CASH/CHECK #_____

(Make Check Payable to: Nativity Church)

CREDIT CARD _____ EXP DATE _____ SECURITY CODE _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

NATIVITY NEWS

SPECIAL THANK YOUS: To **Maria Smith** for preparing the wonderful food for Fr. Philemon's good bye luncheon. To **Thekla Szlinis** and **Kathleen Newton** for working hard to beautify our church grounds. To everyone who is utilizing their time, talents and treasure in preparation for our 11th Annual Taste of Greece Festival.

NATIVITY PRAYER LIST: *Lord Jesus Christ, Physician of our Souls and Bodies, have mercy on, forgive, heal and save your servants:* **Michael, Gerasimos, Charles, Maria, Chris, Andrew, Helen, Jenny, Richard, Ekaterini, Chris, Nick, Sandy, Taylor, Mia Grace, Despina, Athanasia, David, Pat, Maria. Lisa, Christine, John, Karl, David and Michali.** Submit to the office your name or those of loved ones who approve and want to be included. Names will be listed in the weekly bulletin and monthly Epistle.

40 DAY BLESSING (CHURCHING): Our Nativity family welcomed it's newest members to the community last month, **Noah Bielis**, son of Craig and Nicole and **Vasili Tsimpidis**, son of Nikolaos and Natalie. Congratulations and may their years be blessed by the Lord.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES: To the family and friends of **Kalliope Blankenbaker** who recently reposed in the Lord. May her memory be eternal.

NATIVITY GOLF OUTING: Save the date! Sunday, September 27th 2:30pm tee time at Links of Novi. This is the 2nd Annual golf outing to benefit the Nativity Basketball Ministry and golfers and sponsors are needed. For more information contact Dennis Ford at **ford-novi1@gmail.com**.

STEWARDSHIP 2015: Please fill out your 2015 stewardship pledge form and remember that according to our archdiocese, a "Parishioner in Good Standing" is an adult who lives their life according to the Orthodox Faith, fulfills their financial obligations and is current on stewardship.

NATIVITY DANCE PRACTICE: Tuesday nights this summer, please see schedule for dance times. If your children are interested in dancing, please call Peggy 586-945-5246

GOYA & PTO: will be collecting bottles and cans to help raise money for the Kids Corner at our 11th annual "Taste of Greece Festival". Container's will be located in the social hall and educational center.

COKE PRODUCTS FOR FESTIVAL: The festival committee is requesting the donation of canned coke, diet coke and sprite again this year. Please drop off during church office hours or on Sunday's.

SCHEDULE OF AUGUST WEEKLY SERVICES

Saturday, August 1
Small Paraclesis @ 10am

Monday, August 3
Small Paraclesis @ 7pm

Tuesday, August 4
Small Paraclesis @ 7pm

Wednesday, August 5
Small Paraclesis @ 7pm

Thursday, August 6
Transfiguration of the Lord-Divine Liturgy @ 10am

Friday, August 7
Small Paraclesis @ 7pm

Monday, August 10
Small Paraclesis @ 7pm

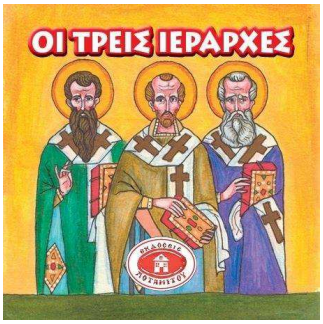
Tuesday, August 11
Small Paraclesis @ 6pm

Wednesday, August 12
Small Paraclesis @ 7pm

Thursday, August 13
Small Paraclesis @ 7pm

Friday, August 14
Great Vespers @ Assumption @ 7pm

Saturday, August 15
Dormition of the Theotokos Divine Liturgy @ 10am



2015-2016

"The Three Hierarchs" Greek school
Ελληνικό σχολείο "Οι Τρεις Ιεράρχες"

SS Constantine & Helen-Nativity of the Virgin Mary GOC joint ministry
Κοινοτικό σχολείο "Αγίων Κωνσταντίνου και Ελένης" και "Γενεσίου της Θεοτόκου"

Agiasmos (Blessing) and Orientation:

When: Sunday, September 13th , 2 pm.
Where: "Saints Constantine and Helen" GOC
36375 Joy Rd, Westland, MI 48185

Classes:

When: Every Monday, 10-12 am : pre-K, parent/child

Every Tuesday: Beginning level for teens, 6-8 pm

Every Thursday, 6-8 pm:
Kindergarten, Beginning (for kids), Intermediate

Program rehearsals: Three Fridays before each program, 6-8 pm
(see calendar for specific dates)

Where: Nativity of the Virgin Mary GOC
Educational Center
39851 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, MI-48170

Holiday Programs/Graduation:

Sundays (see calendar), 2 pm.
SS Constantine and Helen
Hellenic Cultural Center
Joy Road, Westland, MI-48170

For more information or to sign up for our newsletter
contact Anna Liakou-Hentnik
at nativity_greek_school@yahoo.com or 248-425-2321

Tuition: $400/student yearly; Books provided free by the Archdioceses ("Τα Ελληνικά μου")

GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
METROPOLIS OF DETROIT
The Shepherd's Staff Newsletter

Address: 2560 Crooks Road, Troy, MI 48084
Phone: (248) 823-2400
Fax: (248) 823-2401
E-mail: office@detroit.goarch.org
Web: www.detroit.goarch.org

Editor: Dcn. Alex Radulescu
Phone: (248) 823-2414
Fax: (248) 823-2401
E-mail: editor@detroit.goarch.org
Subscribe: detroit.goarch.org/subscribe

To our Friends:

With our hearts lifted high, we thank you for the abundant goodness shown to the Metropolis of Detroit. Because of your generous gifts to Friends of the Metropolis and to His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, our Metropolis remains financially strong, secure, stable and able to grow God's vineyard. To all our supporters of Friends we extend the following verse:

Numbers 6:24-26:

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace. Amen

As we look forward to the coming year, let us take this opportunity to encourage all Orthodox faithful prayerfully consider becoming a Friend. The Friends of the Metropolis Campaign is ongoing with a robust concentration in the months of September, October, November and December!

In His service,
Christi Hopper and Donna Mousourakis
Friends of the Metropolis Chairs and
Metropolis Council Members

Happy New Year!

Background: Pantocrator icon—St. George Church, Southgate, Michigan

Support our Friends Program

Send this card in an envelope to:
METROPOLIS OF DETROIT
2560 Crooks Road, Troy, MI 48084

Donate:

☐ $25 ☐ $50 ☐ $100 ☐ $250 ☐ $500 ☐ $100 ☐ Other

Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Parish Affiliation:

Method of Payment:

☐ Check to *Metropolis of Detroit* ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Charge my Card:

Credit Card # Exp. date

Signature Phone #

Greek Dancers

In preparation for NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY'S

Taste of Greece Festival 2015 *(August 28-30)*

Greek Dance Practices

will take place

TUESDAYS

June 9, 16, 23, 30
July 7, 14, 21, 28
August 4, 11 18, 25

BIDDIES	*(Grades K-2)*	*6:30-7:00 pm*
JUNIORS	*(Grades 3-5)*	*7:00-7:30 pm*
INTERMEDIATES	*(Grades 6-8)*	*7:30-8:15 pm*
SENIORS	*(High School and College)*	*8:15-9:15 pm*

Everyone welcome!

Peggy Collias 586-945-5246

(Dates subject to change)

Toiletries for the Homeless

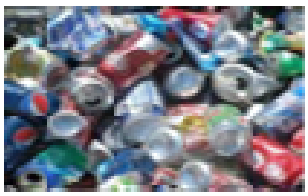
Thank you to all those parishioners who donated travel-size toiletries. The children were able to assemble **45** kits for the homeless.

There will be a donation box in the Education building for year-round collecting.

Thank you for your generosity! Efharisto!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Mary Takis
Nativity Scouts

11th Annual
A Taste of Greece Cultural Festival

GOYA & PTO *will be collecting bottles and cans again this year, to help raise money for the Kids Corner at our annual "Taste of Greece Festival". There will be a*  *container in the social hall and educational center.*

COKE PRODUCTS FOR FESTIVA*L The Festival committee is still looking for volunteers to purchase all coke products in cans for the Taste of Greece Festival. If you are interested you can drop them off during church office hours or on Sunday's after service. We are in great need of these items and your donation would be greatly appreciated.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2015–2016

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

It is very important to register your child

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Sunday School serves students from preschool (age 3 by September 30, 2015) through high school. Registration is $30.00 for the 1st child and $25.00 for each additional child. Children are expected in church at 10:00 am, seated with their class in the front rows. Students begin class in the Educational Center immediately following Holy Communion. Parents are expected to remain on site during class. Please let us know which of your children will be attending Sunday School in the fall and their grade placement so we can order the appropriate amount of supplies and materials. Please fill out the form below and return it to the office **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. Also, if you are interested in the rewarding experience of being a substitute Sunday School teacher, please indicate your interest on the form below. You do not need prior experience to volunteer as a substitute.

Student's Name/Baptismal Name _____

Date of Birth: _____ Public School Grade (Fall 2015: ___

Student's Name/Baptismal Name _____

Date of Birth: _____ Public School Grade (Fall 2015): ___

Student's Name/Batismal Name _____

Date of Birth: _____ Public School Grade (Fall 2015): ___

Parent Name(s) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: MI Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

If student is male, would he be willing to serve as an Altar Server? ( ) Yes ( ) No

If female, is she willing to serve the Church in an additional capacity this year? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Would you be willing to serve as a Sunday School Teacher? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Would you be willing to serve as a Sunday School Substitute Teacher? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Would you be willing to serve as a Parent Volunteer for Special Projects? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Detroit's Own Orthodox Radio
c/o Council of Orthodox Christian Churches
P.O. Box 70
23332 Farmington Rd.
Farmington, MI 48332
Phone: 248 345 9346

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ONLY:

program sponsor	- $80/program
15 sec. ad	$25/ad
30 sec. ad	- $50/ad
45 sec. ad	$75/ad
60 sec. ad	$100/ad

DETROIT'S OWN ORTHODOX RADIO

Detroit's Own Orthodox Radio

WNZK 690AM

Detroit's Station of Nations

Sunday 5:00-6:00 p.m.

2015

Nativity Church Golf Outing Fund Raiser For Kids Basketball Program

What: 9 Hole Golf Scramble and Banquet to raise funds for Our Kids Basketball Program.

When: Sunday September 27, 2015

Where: Links of Novi, 50395 W 10 Mile, Novi, 248-380-9595, just West of Wixom Rd on South Side of 10 Mile, 18 minutes, 11 miles from church.

Tee Off: 2:00, Shotgun, Scramble, Best Ball Format

Banquet: Following Golf, Drawings, Prizes, Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, Pop etc.

Cost: $40.00 per golfer. Non golfers $15.00.

Includes: 9 Holes of Golf, Driving Range Balls, Banquet, Prizes and Loads of Fun.

Sponsors Welcome: 1. Sponsor Sign on Hole. $100.00, recognition in program and at banquet.

Contests: Closest to Pins, Best Team, Long Drive Men and Women plus various other golf games.

Committee: Nondo Basoukeas, Mike Fafalios, Dennis Ford.
For Reservations or Additional Information.
Email Dennis Ford at fordnovi1@gmail.com

List your golfers names if bringing guests.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Send check to Nativity of the Virgin Mary, 39851 West Five Mile, Plymouth, Mi 48170. (Make out check to Nativity Church and add memo, basketball program.) Must be in by September 20.

Number of golfers: _____ x $40.00= _____
Number of non golfers: _____ x $15.00= _____
Total to send to church Address _____

Nativity Church Golf Outing Fund Raiser for Kids Basketball Program

September 27, 2015 at Links of Novi, 50395 W 10 Mile, Novi, just West of Wixom Rd.

2:30 Tee Time

Yes I want to sponsor a hole in the outing.

Enclosed is my check for at least $100.00.

I will send art work for my hole sign. _____

Please create the art work for me. _____

For my donation I will get one sign with my companies name on it, my name in the program and recognition at the banquet following. Also any discount coupons or advertisements would be distributed.

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Enclose check to Nativity Greek Orthodox Church for
Donation amount $_____
(Put on check for Kids Basketball Program)
(Cash or check is acceptable.)

Send check and form to Nativity of the Virgin Mary, 39851 West Five Mile, Plymouth , MI 48170

Thank you for your help in supporting this valuable program for our children.

For questions email fordnovi1@gmail.com Dennis Ford

Nativity of the Virgin Mary – August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Dormition Fast Begins Small Paraclesis @ 10am Fast
2 9th Sunday of Matthew 1 yr Memorial for Nick Peluras Fast: wine & oil	3 Small Paraclesis @ 7pm Festival Baking See Freda N for times & Days Fast	4 Small Paraclesis @ 7pm Nativity Dance Practice @ 6:30pm Fast	5 Small Paraclesis @ 7pm Fast	6 Transfiguration of the Lord Orthros @ 9am Divine Liturgy @ 10am Fast: fish, wine, oil	7 Small Paraclesis @ 7pm Fast	8 Fast: wine & oil
9 10th Sunday of Matthew Fast: wine & oil	10 Small Paraclesis @ 7pm Skewer Kabobs See Louis for time Fast	11 Small Paraclesis @ 6pm Nativity Dance Practice @ 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm Fast	12 Small Paraclesis @ 7pm Fast	13 Small Paraclesis @ 7pm Fast	14 7pm Great Vespers @ Assumption Fast	15 Dormition of the Theotokos Orthros @ 9am Divine Liturgy @ 10am
16 11th Sunday of Matthew	17	18 Nativity Dance Practice @ 6:30pm	19	20	21 Myers Wedding Rehearsal @ 6pm	22 10am Set up fencing for festival ALL HELP WELCOME Myers Wedding @ 3pm
23 12th Sunday of Matthew	24 Festival Tent Set-up AM 5pm set up begins	25 Festival Set-up 10am—? Nativity Dance Practice @ 6:30pm	26 Festival Set-up 10am—?	27 Festival Set-up 10am—?	28 Festival Set-up 10am "Taste of Greece Festival" 5pm-11pm	29 Beheading of John the Baptist "Taste of Greece Festival" 12pm-11pm Fast: strict fast
30 13th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 7:45am Divine Liturgy @ 9am "Taste of Greece Festival" 12pm-7pm	31					

Sunday Services | *8:45 am Orthros* | *10:00 am Divine Liturgy*

CHRIST, THE MASTER TEACHER

Christ was the Master Teacher although…
He never had a teacher's degree…
He never attended college…
He never heard of educational methods…
Yet…
Christ was the Master Teacher because…
He used events, experiences, and language of the people…
He knew how to love others…
He was a role model…
He shared the faith…
He prayed to His Father for help…
He gave Himself for others…
And…
You can follow in the footsteps of
Christ the Great Teacher if…
You live the faith…
You teach from knowledge…
You relate faith to life experiences…
You are willing to be a continual learner…
You teach with love, humility, and commitment…
You sow His seeds in the heart of others.

-Elaine Michaels

From *Sowing Seeds for Christ (*Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Religious Education, 1990)

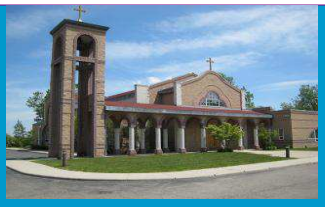
WISDOM

..The world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world but that you should keep them from the evil one...Sanctify them by Your truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

Jesus's prayer for His Disciples (John 17:14-18)

You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

Matthew 5:13-15



Nativity Ministries

Philoptochos
Betsy Basoukeas
President

Religious Education
Michele Prokos Hunsinger
Jerry Takis

Nativity GOYA
Irene Kaplantzes
Fay Mili

Senior Citizen Group
Kostantine Kassapis

Protopsaltis
Dr. Panayiotis Mitsias

Greek School
Anna Liakou-Hentnik

Fellowship
Georgia Koumariotis

Stewardship
Evans & Diane Bageris
Cleo Demetriou
Angela Kheir
Christina Tzilos

OYAA Basketball
Nondo Basoukeas
Michael Fafalios

Fundraisers
Angela Kheir

Book Club
Marc Rentis

Book Store
Jerry Takis

Usher Coordinator
Michael Fafalios

Nativity Dancers
Peggy Collias

Boy/Girl Scouts
Mary Takis

Hope/Joy
Alyssa Galbraith
Denise Stein

Building/Grounds
Nick Varlamos
George Zervos

Nativity "Kiss"
Anne Randall

Epistle Editors
Kathleen Kyriacou
Lous Poulos

Continued Thanks to our monthly Epistle Sponsors

George N. Atsalis, D.D.S
Atsalis Dental Excellence

Big Tommy's Parthenon
Greek Cuisine

Boloven, Tiano & Associates PC
Certified Public Accountants

Charles Step Funeral Home, Inc.
Redford Twp. And Walled Lake

George's Livonia Gardens
Diamond Kapsalis Steele and Family

Global GNC Industries Ltd.
The Stassinos Family

Karl's Cabin Restaurant
The Karl Poulos Family

Francis X. Kelly D.D.S.
Family Dentistry

L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Inc.
Canton, Livonia and Westland

Ram's Horn Restuarants
Gus and Eugene Kasapis

Seaway Painting
Steve Vlahakis

Transworld Title Company LLC
Farmington Hills

Undercover Self Storage
A Kallis Enterprise Company