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October, 2019

**Rolling Up Our Sleeves**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this message, I've been at Holy Trinity for about 8 weeks. We've worshipped together, rolled cookies together, and we've met for council, committees, and ministries together. Over this month I've also come and blessed many of your houses, along with one or more of my children! It has been wonderful hearing stories about you, about your family, and about your time here at parish and in the city. Soon after the blessings are over, I will be in Camp Hill, PA for our Metropolis Clergy-Laity Congress, representing all of you to the rest of our Metropolis. It has been a busy but very fulfilling period, and now that the dust it is settling, I'm excited to start new or expand current ministries and activities of our parish.

All change, no matter if it's good or bad, is experienced as loss. It's important to recognize that, as I'm going to do some things that are different than have been done in the past.

If you've been coming to Liturgy lately, you'll notice that we (the choir, chanters, and myself) pared some of the extra components of the Liturgy down to better reflect the service in our pew books. You may notice the sermon is preached directly following the Gospel. I'm considering some requests that we revert to our former pre-communion prayers.

Please note that Bible Study has been moved from Wednesday to Thursday morning, and I will respect the 10am-11am schedule. As part of my commitment that we be a worshipping community, we will start Great Vespers with confession on Saturday nights. I also pray we can restart our Parish Family Night starting in November and create a consistent adult education program starting at the Nativity Fast. And then from there, who knows where God will take us!

Two things we have already started working on are revamping our website and our Live stream service for ease of use. The Parish Council is committed to having Holy Trinity's message and mission be shared in the highest possible quality, and I'm excited that we should be ready sometime this month! I'm deeply grateful to the Parish Council, as well as Greg Matzorkis and Jessica Elias for their support on this project.

If you have any desire or ability to help us see any of these projects off the ground please call me. The building of services, programs, fellowship, and outreach is more successful with many hands to help.

In Christ,

Fr. Matthew

P.S. – Please remember this month that we're always looking for photos of our Holy Trinity family! If you have anything you want to share please send it to [office@holytrinitystb.org](mailto:office@holytrinitystb.org).

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Sunday Worship ..... October**

Our fall schedule for Sunday Worship Orthros begins at 9:00 A.M. and Liturgy begins at 10:00 A.M.

**Wednesday Paraklesis Services ..... October**

Paraklesis Services will be offered every Wednesday evening at 6:00 P.M. unless otherwise stated.

**Saturday Great Vespers & Confessions ..... October**

Great Vespers and Confession will be offered every Saturday evening at 6:00 P.M. unless otherwise stated.

**October**

These are the services for the month of October. Please check your schedules and plan to attend.

**Saturday, October 26 ..... St. Demetrios**

9:00 A.M. Orthros  
10:00 A.M. Liturgy

**Monday, October 28 Holy Protection of the Theotokos**

9:00 A.M. Orthros  
10:00 A.M. Liturgy

**PARISH ASSEMBLY**

The Parish Assembly meeting will be on Sunday, October 6, 2019, following Divine Liturgy. Please review the last meeting minutes from June Parish Assembly for approval at the meeting. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

The following people will be celebrating their birthdays in the month of October:

**OCTOBER**

Patra Kavades	10-01	Angie Teramana	10-13
Sonja Richardson	10-01	Argie Karvounides	10-13
Debra Fuller	10-01	Nicholas Panagis	10-15
Nick Tsouris	10-03	Frankie Collaros	10-17
Deena Riley	10-03	Alexandra Panagis	10-17
Madison Manneh	10-03	Steve Lardis	10-18
George Panagis	10-06	Ava Terezis	10-24
Michael Kisner	10-08	Dean Collaros	10-28
Diana Terezis	10-12	Ethel Scavdis	10-29
Marlene Figurski	10-13		

If your name was not listed and you had a birthday during this month, please contact the office; and we will be happy to place it on our roster for next year.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**BIBLE STUDY ..... October**

The Bible Study will meet every Thursday of the month at 10:00 A.M. at the church unless otherwise stated. Please check the weekly bulletins for any changes.

**PARISH GROUPS**

**AHEPA ..... TBA**

The AHEPA Society will now have their meetings scheduled through our One Call system.

**PARISH COUNCIL ..... October 8**

Parish Council meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. at the church unless otherwise stated.

**PHILOPTOCHOS ..... October 3**

The Philoptochos Ladies will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, October 3, at 6:30 P.M. at The Steubenville Country Club. Please check the weekly bulletins and Call-Now system for information. Thank you.

**CHOIR ..... October 7**

Choir rehearsals will be held on the first Monday of each month at 5:00 P.M. (Changes will be made through the One Call System). Please contact Pete Caleodis if you are interested in joining the choir. Thank you.

**PINK SUNDAY**

Breast cancer is one of the most common kinds of cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point. The good news is that most women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early. A mammogram – the screening test for breast cancer – can help find breast cancer early when it's easier to treat. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of finding breast cancer early. Make a difference! Spread the word about mammograms, and encourage communities, organizations, families, and individuals to get involved.

**GYRO SALE**

Philoptochos will be holding their next gyro fund raiser on Tuesday, October 8 from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. This event is open to the public. Gyros are \$7.00 each chicken gyros \$8.00 each. There will be a \$.25 up charge for extra tzatziki sauce. Koulourakia (twist cookies) are \$6.00 a dozen. Please join us for this event.

**YOUNG ADULT FALL RETREAT**

*"I believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 24:9)* is the theme for this year Young Adult Fall Retreat. The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh Y2AM is the sponsors. The Retreat will be held on Friday, October 25 to Sunday, October 27, at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA. Keynote speaker: Very Rev. Kenneth Bachofsky.

All college students and young professionals (19-35) are invited to attend. Scholarships are available. Go register at [tinyurl.com/YoungAdultsFall2019](http://tinyurl.com/YoungAdultsFall2019) or email [youngadultretreats@gmail.com](mailto:youngadultretreats@gmail.com).

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION DEADLINES**

The following are the deadlines for the upcoming Parish Council elections:

- October 6            Parish Assembly - Nominations are taken
- Week of Oct. 7    Nominee forms are sent out
- October 20        Nomination forms are due
- October 27        Last day to request an absentee ballot
- October 28        Absentee ballots are sent out
- November 9       All absentee ballots must be received
- November 10     Election Day - end of liturgy until 1:00 P.M.

**2019-2020 GOYA OFFICERS**

Congratulations to the 2019-2020 GOYA Officers:

- President-Vasile Matzorkis
- Vice President- Frankie Vostatek
- Secretary-Sophia Riley
- Treasurer-Olivia Balakos
- Historian/Marketing- Alivia Vostatek and Katie Riley

**AUGUST FINANCIALS**

August weekly income	\$2152.00
August weekly expense	\$9269.71

**WHERE IS THIS IN OUR CHURCH**



“The Holy Saints GOYA group had a pool party kickoff event in September!”



“Some of the members of Holy Trinity attended the Friendship Room Dinner on Sept 15



Fr. Matthew & Pres. Jennifer are excited that Adeline completed her first round of braces.”

Father Matthew and the GOYA 2019-2020 Officers



## Marriage, Mirrors, and the Path to Salvation



*Our wedding day was magical, filled with joy and tears, love and nerves, excitement and countless other emotions. This moment had been planned out for months, every detail meticulously reviewed and anticipated. With every last flower arranged to perfection, the tables precisely set, our guests welcomed, and pictures taken, this was the day. Hand in hand, we took our first steps as husband and wife. All of the hard work from the year of planning came to a climax as we celebrated the magnificence of our wedding feast! However, as we basked in the beauty of the celebration, we knew that the real work was just beginning.*

During the feast of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross on September 14, I am always reminded that the sorrow of the Cross and the joy of the Resurrection are inextricably tied and can never be separated; there cannot be one without the other. Similarly, in marriage the joyous fruits *and* labors of love walk hand in hand. Jesus once said, “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Luke 9:23). When we are joined in matrimony, the Church places us side by side so that we may carry the cross of life together. But what does this journey look like as we face the day-to-day struggles of marital life?

A priest close to our hearts once talked about how my husband and I are mirrors for each other, which was a very eye-opening statement. I look in a mirror multiple times a day to make sure that my lipstick isn’t smudged, that I do not have food stuck in my teeth, etc. Even though mirrors show my flaws and imperfections, I am thankful, for without them I would never see the things I need to fix about my physical appearance. In the same way, our true inner selves are reflected in the “mirror” of our spouse. When you live so closely with another human being, you get a much fuller picture of what you truly look like, not physically but in your heart and soul. When my husband and I point out to each other something that was said or done that was hurtful or selfish, it can be painful to hear and hard to admit, but seeing our flaws reflected in each other is the best way for us to better ourselves. As uncomfortable as this process can be at times, I am realizing the value of this necessary step toward transformation and repentance.

As a “mirror” to my spouse, I must often remind myself that my role is not to point out my husband’s imperfections and flaws and simply say *change them*. Our Orthodox perspective of love never intrudes upon personal freedom. My job is to exude Christ’s love, confronting issues with tenderness and grace, to provide my husband the opportunity to be transformed through his experience of God’s love through me, and vice versa. I see this example throughout the New Testament in every story of Jesus, especially in the story of the sinful woman washing Jesus’s feet with her tears. Simply being in Jesus’s presence inspired this woman to change her entire life. What a motivation! If we as husband and wife, sinners ourselves, can show even a fraction of this kind of love toward each other, there is great hope for our marriage and for our ultimate salvation. My husband is not a series of problems to be fixed; rather, he is a person who has a need to be loved and heard in a Christ-like manner and, through this, transformed. Despite this difficulty of having to confront our flaws, mirroring each other is an important aspect in the growth of our marriage and our growth toward Christ.

Moving forward in our marriage, I know that we will have moments when we exhibit true Christian love to each other while also having just as many moments when we are not. I know we will have times of growth when we are reflecting well to each other what we need to work on, as well as many times when it feels like we are not growing at all. However, in the times of doubt and struggle, I hope to cling to these beautiful words from Archimandrite Aimilianos’s homily *Marriage: the Great Sacrament* as motivation, “When two people get married, it’s as if they’re saying: Together we will go forward, hand in hand, through good times and bad. We will have dark hours, hours of sorrow filled with burdens, monotonous hours. But in the depths of the night, we continue to believe in the sun and the light. Oh, my dear friends, who can say that his life has not been marked by difficult moments? But it is no small thing to know that, in your difficult moments, in your worries, in your temptations, you will be holding in your hand the hand of your beloved.” Taking hold of the hand of my beloved husband, I pray that we will continue to bear our cross together as we continue our journey toward the Lord.

*Maria is the Media Coordinator for the Center for Family Care. She and her husband Brian reside in Wheaton, Illinois.*

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# HOLY SAINTS GOLF OUTING



## TOP GOLF

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HOLY TRINITY OCTOBER CALENDAR

2019 October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b>	<b>Sep 30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5:00 PM Confession 6:00 PM Paraklesis	<b>3</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Philoptochos Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:00 PM Great Vespers & Confession
<b>6</b> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy 11:00 AM Hymnology 12:00 PM Parish Assembly Meeting	<b>7</b> 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 10:00 AM Gyro Sale 7:00 PM Parish Council	<b>9</b> 5:00 PM Confession 6:00 PM Paraklesis	<b>10</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:00 PM Great Vespers & Confession
<b>13</b> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy 11:00 AM Sunday School 2:30 PM GOYA Top Golf Outing	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 5:00 PM Confession 6:00 PM Paraklesis	<b>17</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:00 PM Great Vespers & Confession
<b>20</b> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy 11:00 AM Sunday School	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:00 PM Confession 6:00 PM Paraklesis	<b>24</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study	<b>25</b> (6:00 PM) YOUNG ADULT RETREAT	<b>26</b> St. Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM Great Vespers &
<b>27</b> (6:00 PM) YOUNG ADULT RETREAT 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Sunday School	<b>28</b> HOLY PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 5:00 PM Confession 6:00 PM Paraklesis	<b>31</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study	<b>Nov 1</b>	<b>2</b>





# A GOOD WORD—Λόγον Αγαθόν

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## EASTERN REGION BROTHERS IN LAW AND SPIRIT ORDAINED, PRIESTS HONORED

On August 21, His Eminence traveled to Reading to ordain then-Deacon Konstantinos Koutroubas to the Holy Priesthood. Fr. Konstantinos had served for multiple years as the pastoral assistant and (recently) second deacon at the large community of the Eastern region, and early in his tenure he married Evangelia Palis, daughter of Fr. Nicholas and Pres. Irene Palis of St. Nicholas Cathedral.



Three and one-half weeks later, His Eminence returned to the Eastern region, first to “install” Fr. Konstantinos as the new *proistamenos* for Holy Cross GOC in Stroudsburg, PA, and then to ordain then-Deacon Theodosios Palis (son of Fr. Nicholas & Pres.

Irene, and younger brother to Pres. Evangelia Koutroubas) to the Holy Priesthood. Fr. Theodosios and Pres. Elizabeth have been associated with the Annunciation GOC of Lancaster, PA, where he will continue to serve as the second full-time clergyman.



He “installed” Fr. Konstantinos in Stroudsburg because the former pastor, Fr. Theodore Petrides, had recently started a tenure as the *proistamenos* of Sts. Constantine & Helen in Reading, PA. Fr. Theodore came to Reading following the retirement of Fr. Thomas (Pres. Anne) Pappalas following his 35 year tenure as pastor of Sts. Constantine and Helen. A beautiful retirement dinner was held in Reading on Saturday, September 7, and during the Liturgy on Sunday His Eminence “installed” Fr. Theodore as the new *proistamenos* of the community—and he elevated Fr. Theodore to the dignity of *Protopresbyter*, in recognition of his many years of service to the Archdiocese, Metropolis, and the community of Holy Cross in

Stroudsburg, (where he was the *proistamenos* for more than half of the parish’s history). Fr. Theodore has served as a regional Vice President of the Metropolis Clergy Syndesmos and in multiple positions, including President, of the Hellenic College—Holy Cross Alumni Association, as well as a tireless volunteer for our Metropolis Summer Camp program and Youth ministries.

Following the ordination to the Priesthood of Fr. Theodosios, His Eminence elected to honor the *proistamenos* of the Annunciation Church of Lancaster—Fr. Hector Firoglanis—by elevating him to the dignity of *Economos*. Fr. Hector and Pres. Katerina have served as foreign missionaries, and he has been a clergyman in Lancaster for over a dozen years following his return from Albania. He has volunteered as a member of the Summer Camp committee and as a regional Vice President for the Metropolis Clergy Syndesmos.



### SUPPORT HIS EMINENCE AND THE METROPOLIS MINISTRIES

It costs approximately \$1,000 per day to operate our Metropolis—including Metropolitan Savas’s pastoral visitations, preparations for Summer Camp and GOYA retreats, our vital registry (tracking marriages, baptisms, chrismations, and deaths), and more. Please consider sponsoring a day in the life of the Metropolis. To contribute, visit <https://pittsburgh.goarch.org/support>

**NATIONAL MISSIONS & EVANGELISM CONFERENCE: COLUMBUS OH**

The Metropolis of Pittsburgh is hosting the next National Missions & Evangelism Conference at Annunciation Cathedral in Columbus, Feb. 3-5, 2020. Featured presenters include Fr. Evan Armatas, Fr. Theodore Dorrance, Fr. Aris Metrakos and Mr. Steve Tibbs. The conference theme is 'Leading Change Toward A Healthier Parish' and registration is open now at [www.goarch.org/evangelism2020](http://www.goarch.org/evangelism2020). Space is limited. Please contact Stacey Stathulis ([staceys@pittsburgh.goarch.org](mailto:staceys@pittsburgh.goarch.org)) with any questions you may have.



**KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR A SPECIAL ISSUE FOLLOWING THE METROPOLIS CLERGY-LAITY ASSEMBLY!**

"I believe, help my unbelief!" -Mark 24:9



**YOUNG ADULT FALL RETREAT**

Ages 19-35, \$75 (Scholarships available)



**Fri-Sun, October 25-27  
CAMP NAZARETH  
Mercer, PA**

Keynote Speaker: Very Rev Kenneth Bachofsky

Register here: [tinyurl.com/YoungAdultsFall2019](http://tinyurl.com/YoungAdultsFall2019)

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More info? Ph: 724.662.4840 or 412.621.8543  
Email: [youngadultretreats@gmail.com](mailto:youngadultretreats@gmail.com)

**Y2AM UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Make plans now to attend!*

**Young Adult Fall Retreat Weekend** – October 25-27, Camp Nazareth

**Metropolis Folk Dance Festival** – November 15-17, Holy Cross, Pittsburgh featuring the Hellas Dancers from Clearwater, FL

**Metropolis GOYA Fall Retreat** – November 22-24, Camp Nazareth

**OCF College Conference** – December 27-30, Antiochian Village, Bolivar, PA

**For more information:** <https://y2am.pittsburgh.goarch.org/>



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### About the Icon on the Cover



"Born in Antioch, he applied himself in his youth to the study of Greek philosophy, medicine and art. At the time that the Lord Jesus was at work upon earth, Luke came to Jerusalem, where he saw the Saviour face to face, heard His saving teaching and was a witness of His wonderful works. Coming to belief in the Lord, St Luke was included among the Seventy and sent forth to preach the Gospel. Together with Cleopas, he saw the risen Lord on the road to Emmaus (Lk. 24). After the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, Luke returned to Antioch and there became a fellowworker with the Apostle Paul, with whom he travelled to Rome, bringing Jews and pagans to the Christian faith. 'Luke the beloved physician salutes you', writes the Apostle Paul to the Colossians (4:14). At

the request of the Christians, he wrote his Gospel in about the year 60. After the death by martyrdom of the great Apostle, Luke preached the Gospel all over Italy, Dalmatia, Macedonia and elsewhere. He painted three icons of the most holy Mother of God and also icons of the Apostles Peter and Paul, and is regarded as the founder of Christian iconography. In old age, he visited Libya and Upper Egypt, and thence returned to Greece, where he set himself with great zeal to preach the Gospel and bring men to Christ, disregarding his great age. St Luke wrote both his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, and dedicated them both to Theophilus, governor of Achaia. He was eighty-four years old when wicked idol-worshippers put him to torture for the sake of Christ and hanged him from an olive tree in the town of Thebes in Beothia. The wonderworking relics of this wonderful saint were taken to Constantinople in the time of the Emperor Constantius, son of St Constantine." This is a laminated and mounted print of a contemporary icon of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist depicting him writing his Gospel and inscribed in English. This icon is part of a Four Evangelist series and matching icons can be found of Matthew, Mark & John.

*-Taken from: <https://www.hchc.edu/election-of-archbishop-elpidophoros/>*