

Using Wealth for the Benefit of Others by Chris Andreas

(The following essay has been provided by the Department of Stewardship Ministries
of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America)

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also, (Luke 12:34).

Whatever you consider to be of most value to you, that is where your heart will be, whether it be the riches of the world, a fabulous home, land, or even great books of a library. The same is true for our families, our fellow man, our God and our salvation. Regarding salvation, our Lord Jesus Christ states vividly in a parable that, "...the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchantman, seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it," (Matt 13:45-46). Here, the Lord's kingdom becomes man's greatest treasure, and he is unable to detach his heart from it.

In the sphere of resources America is the most affluent nation on earth. For instance, we see one of our greatest cities, New York, as the financial capital of the world. Here we find Wall Street; some of the world's largest multi-national companies; a city budget in the tens of billions, normal size homes worth a quarter of a million dollars and up, billions spent on marketing through media; some of the world's greatest hotels. We also find LOTTO almost continually hovering in the tens of millions. Several of these characteristics are to be found across America as a whole where we also discover some of world's largest gambling casinos, contracts for athletes that also run into the millions per year, and some of the most magnificent vacation resort areas that money can obtain. We could go on indefinitely. And yet in the midst of all of this, we find abject poverty: people unable to pay for their room and board; families having little to eat; we find children roaming the streets without supervision and a growing welfare society with unemployment, higher crime and poor education for our young.

Quite often, those of us who are affluent fail to see the needs of those who are impoverished in one way or another, whether physically, morally or spiritually. The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-32) is the New Testament's prime example of such a problem. Here we have a man, a beggar who is full of sores, who places himself at the gate of a rich man's home desiring to be fed of the crumbs which fall from the rich man's table. Even the dogs from the streets come and lick his sores. The rich man, however, is "clothed in purple and fine linen" and eats very well each and everyday of his life. And what does the Lord Jesus teach us about such extremes and the attitude of the rich man? When they both die, as we all must someday, one goes to heaven and the other to hell. Lazarus the poor man is carried by the angels of God into Abraham's bosom whereas the rich man receives as his reward everlasting torments. What goes around, comes around, and now the shoe is on the other foot. The rich man becomes the impoverished beggar, and Lazarus is in the presence of God's glory. We now see the one in hell asking for some water from the hand of Lazarus to cool his tongue. He is refused, however, by Abraham who says, "Remember that in your life you received the good things, and Lazarus the evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented." The position has reversed itself for each man. The more we have in this world, the more we must answer for in the next. Lazarus had nothing, and his life was without value in the eyes of the world. But this was not so in the eyes of God, and Lazarus was rewarded with the Kingdom of Heaven with all his needs being cared for throughout eternity. The reward for the rich man, however, for all his worldly attitudes was everlasting punishment.

In Mark 8:38, we read "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Let us be truthful with ourselves: Do we not often allow our wealth to obscure our focus on our God in Heaven. Yet we know that truth lies only in Jesus Christ and His teachings. Jesus has taught us to love and to do all things for the benefit of others and not ourselves. A man's personal riches can indeed be a means toward salvation but only if he keeps his attention focused upon our one, true God and not upon the world nor himself. No possessions are good except by the good use we make of them, and the best use we can make of them is for the benefit of others. For as Saint John Chrysostom said, "A rich man is not one who has much, but one who gives much, for that remains his forever."

We work for the benefit of others both directly and through the ministries of agape within the Church. As the early Church taught us by her example, we place all that we possess at the disposal of God's loving care and service: our time, our talents, and our treasures. And this is the actual, true teaching of Jesus Christ.

St.
Nicholas
Greek
Orthodox
Cathedral

JULY 2017
Newsletter

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IMPORTANT:

NOTICE FOR ALL ORGANIZATIONS OF ST. NICHOLAS

To organize and prioritize the daily needs of St. Nicholas Cathedral, our maintenance staff has adopted a task-list system, prepared with their input, which allots time for routine, seasonal and unexpected needs of our facilities. Employees are required to submit a check list of tasks accomplished daily to the Office Manager who, in turn, confirms the work has been completed.



Any additional task that may be required of the maintenance staff must be scheduled through the Office Manager.

EXAMPLES INCLUDE: running errands, emptying deliveries, setting up tables and chairs, taking something to storage, etc. The OM is responsible for all scheduling of help, including extra personnel needed for church functions.

All organizations are asked to adhere to this policy.
We have established a proven labor pool that must be respected and used efficiently. **THANK YOU!**

SIXTY CLUB NEWS: Contact Virginia 412-687-4804 OR Fran 412-731-0790. Write checks, including **2017 dues (\$10)**, to St. Nicholas 60 Club. Virginia is the membership chairman.



**Show your support by donating
and *TOGETHER*
we can reach our goal!**

St. Nicholas Cathedral thanks you for your support.

YASOU!

Ypapanti Active Seniors Opportunities Unlimited

Join our Active Adults (50+)

**BUS TRIP TO ASSUMPTION GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH'S**

ANNUAL FESTIVAL IN ERIE, PA
Bus leaves on July 8 from the Presentation of Christ in East Pittsburgh
at 8 a.m. returns at 8 p.m. with a few stops along the way!

Cost is \$50 per rider, with a few extra perks!
Guests age 21+ are welcome.
SEATING IS LIMITED!

Contact Deborah Grysiak for info and reservations at 412-371-2465.

www.facebook.com/PresentationOfChrist/

www.ypapanti.net

Keeping up with Philoptochos

PHILOPTOCHOS' MISSION: Your time, talent and treasure, is needed so we can continue to help those individuals in need.

Philoptochos is continuously preparing for fundraisers and our on-going outreach programs, which is the very essence of Philoptochos. You are cordially invited to participate in our efforts. **Please take a minute to see what Philoptochos is all about!**

OUTREACH

FOOD BANK - The Food Bank supports several of our parishioners and continues to need your support. You can donate by making a check payable to the "St. Nicholas Philoptochos Food Bank" or through United Way by designating the St. Nicholas Food Bank through your employers United Way contribution. Just designate #3288. Questions: contact Elaine Andrianos (412-731-4334) or Denise Daugherty (412-508-1326).

FUNDRAISERS - To fulfill our mission of helping those in need, fundraisers continue to be the primary source of income for Philoptochos. If you have an idea, please contact any member of Philoptochos.

ONLY \$9.00 PER LOG; GET YOURS TODAY! A LIMITED NUMBER OF DELICIOUS SPINACH (SPANAKOPITA) LOGS are still available (**about 100**) from the Philoptochos. They make an excellent addition to your Memorial Day picnic or graduation party! Please speak to Michelle Kotsagrellos or any other Philoptochos Board member. *Hurry before they're gone!*

FATHER'S DAY HONOREES/MEMORIALS - Philoptochos thanks all our parishioners who supported the Father's Day card fundraiser by honoring/memorizing the special men who had touched their lives.

FEEDING THE HOMELESS—Be on the lookout when we will be making lunches again, as well as, cooking and serving dinner on a Wednesday this summer for FOCUS Pittsburgh!

PARISH DIRECTORY—Philoptochos will be updating our Parish Directory this year as a Service Project. The last update was December, 013. Please be on the lookout for the Directory Listing Form & Sponsorship Letter soon.

PHILOPTOCHOS ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

On Sunday, June 18, 2017, the Oath of Office was administered to the Philoptochos Board by Father Christopher Bender and they elected **their Officers for 2017-2019:**

President: Nikki Lykos

Vice-President: Mary Peterson

Secretary: Catherine Pandeladis

Treasurer: Marcie McGuire

Assistant Treasurer: Denise Daugherty

Advisor: Michelle Marie Kotsagrellos

Board Members: Elaine Andrianos, Estair Kotsagrellos, Anna Kukunas, Alisa Mathews and Elaine Vitsas

CONGRATULATIONS!

Yours in Christ, Michelle Marie Kotsagrellos, President
(Missing from pic: Catherine Pandeladis (Secretary),
Marcie McGuire (Treasurer), Alisa Mathews & Elaine Vitsas.)

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Philoptochos Father's Day 2017 Honorees

Mennel G. Anthon—George Anthon

Nicholas A. Beldecos—Vange Beldecos

George Bellios - Talia Cominos

Gust Bellios—George & Maive Bellios

Father Christopher Bender

Presbytera Filitsa Bender

Sophia & Maria Bender

St. Nicholas Cathedral Altar Boys

St. Nicholas Cathedral Church School

Archdeacon Euripides Christulides

Denise & Bridgette Daugherty

George Chronis - Elaine Vitsas

Spencer Cominos—Dina & Talia Cominos

Robert Diaconis - Virginia Fekaris

Demetri Ellis

Melissa Bennett

Patricia DiNatale

John Edgos

Dina & Talia Cominos

Houston & Evina Frentzos

Robert C. Falck—Penny Falck

Robert M. Falck—Penny Falck

John Frentzos

Houston & Evina Frentzos

Tommy, Kalliope & Antoni Kristian

Michael Gabriel—Patricia DiNatale

Christ Geanopulos—Georgette Nelson

Chris Geronimos - Ted Hages

James Hages—Ted & Nicholas Hages

Nicholas Kleissas—Amy Kleissas

Anest (Tasso) Kotsagrellos

Estair Kotsagrellos

Michelle Kotsagrellos

Georgette Nelson

Aimee Walker

Brooke & Drew Walker

Stacey Whipple

Tasso & Faith Whipple

John Kristian

Tommy, Kalliope & Antoni Kristian

Nicholas Lamprinakos

Deborah & Louis Lamprinakos

Deacon Robert Lykos

Yoanna & Stamatia Lykos

James Machin—Nicholas Hages

Nicholas Mastro—Helen Mastro

Conrad Mitchell

Deborah & Louis Lamprinakos

Eric Mitchell—Leona & Sarah Mitchell

Brian Nelson - Brooke Walker

John Peterson

Jamie Contis

Jasmine Peterson

Toula Peterson

Mark Peterson - Patti McKee

Larry Reina - Penny Falck

Steven Roman

Michelle Kotsagrellos

H.R. Sheetz—Tara Pallas-Sheetz

Gus Stamoolis- Aimee Walker

Anastasios J. Tousimis

Popie Tousimis

Mel Trifanoff—John, Mary & Jasmine Peterson

Perry Velisaris

Yoanna & Stamatia Lykos

Bob Walker

Jason & Aimee Walker

Brooke & Drew Walker

Jason Walker

Brooke & Drew Walker

Tasso Whipple

Scott Whipple

Tasso & Faith Whipple

Leo Yannopoulos—Peter & Emily Yannopoulos

Peter Yannopoulos—Drew Walker

Philoptochos Father's Day 2017 Memorials

Emanuel Amurgis
Michelle Kotsagrellos

William Amurgis
Estair & Tasso Kotsagrellos

Theodore Andrews—Steve Andrews

Andrew Beldecos
Vange & Nicholas Beldecos

Harry Bender
Fr. Christopher & Presbyteria Filitsa
Sophia & Maria Bender

George Bertos—Pamela Bertos

Thomas Chester
Thomas J. Plakidas

George Christ—Martha Kartsotis

Paul Chronis- Elaine Vitsas

Constantine A. Contis
Kyriakos & Alexandra Davides

Deno G. Contis—Georgia Contis

George Contis—Jamie Contis

John G. Contis
Dn. Robert, Nikki, Yoanna & Stamatia
Lykos

Thomas Contis—Jamie Contis

Gus Dakis
Alexandra, Michael & Corey Gregory

Harry Darakos—
Taki & Argy Darakos

Ron (Richards) Daugherty
Denise & Bridgette Daugherty
Kay Thimoleas & Family

Andreas Delivorias
Petros & Marlene Delivorias

Constantin Davides
Kyriakos & Alexandra Davides

Sotirios Diacoyanis
Virginia Fekaris

James Dordas—Demetra Craig

Jules Falck—Penny Falck

Peter Flocos
Martha Kartsotis, Patti McKee

Tom Frentzos
Houston & Evina Frentzos
Tommy, Kalliope & Antoni Kristian

Charles Garbinski—Melissa Bennett

Michael Geanopulos
Estair & Tasso Kotsagrellos
Michelle Kotsagrellos
Georgette Nelson
Aimee Walker, Stacey Whipple

Thomas Geanopulos
Estair & Tasso Kotsagrellos

George Gregory
Alexandra, Michael & Corey Gregory

Edward Gust—Thomas J. Plakidas

Eleftherios Hages
Jim & Linda Hages
Nick Hages
Teddy & Nicholas Hages

John C. Hanna—Frances Hanna

Anastasios Hatzivasilou
Fr. Christopher & Presbyteria Filitsa
Sophia & Maria Bender

Pete Kappas—Frances Hanna

George Kotsagrellos
Estair & Tasso Kotsagrellos
Michelle Kotsagrellos
Georgette Nelson
Aimee Walker
Stacey Whipple

Denis Latos—Georgia Contis

Constantine J. Leoleos
Georgia Contis

James Leoleos—Georgia Contis

Sotirios Livanos
Leona & Sarah Mitchell

George Lykos
Yoanna & Stamatia Lykos

Michael Markas—Thomas J. Plakidas

Athanasios Markopoulos
Greg & Electra Markopoulos

John Mastros—Kostas J. Mastos

Anthony Morrison—Helen Mastros

Theodore Pallas, Sr.
Tara Pallas-Sheetz

Leonard Panos
Denise & Bridgette Daugherty
Caroline Panos

Sotirios N. Papandreas
Elaine Andrianos

Robert Peterson
John, Mary & Jasmine Peterson

Gust Petinos—Alice Lardas Gary

George Petritis
Eugenia & Emanuel Vergis

Vasilios Petritis
Eugenia & Emanuel Vergis

James Petrolis—John Petrolis

Alex Plakidas—Thomas J. Plakidas

George Plakidas
Thomas J. Plakidas

James Plakidas
Thomas J. Plakidas

John Plakidas
Thomas J. Plakidas

John Seitanakis
Vange & Nicholas Beldecos

Walter Stefanowicz
Petros & Marlene Delivorias

Paul Telakis—Elaine Vitsas

Dan Thimoleas
Denise & Bridgette Daugherty
Caroline Panos
Kay Thimoleas & Family

Louis Torlidas—Penny Falck

Angelo Tsudis
Peter & Carol Tsudis

Chrysostomos Tzamouzakis
Conrad Mitchell

George K. Vasilakis
Mary Vasilakis

Athanasios Vergis
Eugenia & Emanuel Vergis

Nicholas T. Vergis
Eugenia & Emanuel Vergis

Gust Vitsas
Martha Kartsotis, Patti McKee

Louis G. Vitsas
Martha Kartsotis, Patti McKee

Theodore Vlahoulis
Mary & George Kappakas

Joseph Wimmer
Demetri & Irene Ellis

John Xidis
Jamie Contis, Toulia Peterson



ECCLESIASTICAL MUSIC MINISTRY AT THE CATHEDRAL

You are cordially invited! Come and learn Byzantine chant from a world-class instructor, or join our choir and learn to sing the unique and beautiful arrangements composed by our founding choir director!

Our Cathedral is graced by two music ministries grounded in tradition that we hope you will consider participating in:

The first is rooted at the Analogion (the Chanter Bookstand). Our Analogion Ministry, blessed by the volunteer service of Dr. Nick Giannoukakis, invites and welcomes anyone with some musical ability, especially the younger generation, to join and learn the beautiful and 1200 year-old tradition of Byzantine hymnology and chant. Those who faithfully adhere to the ministry will not only have an opportunity to grow musically, but more importantly, will solidify their understanding of Greek, gain an appreciation for the structure of the services, and a better insight into our Orthodox faith and its theology through a comprehension of the hymns. With the exception of the summer months (June-August), the Ministry will focus on the Sunday Orthros and the occasional Vespers, in addition to the evening services of Lent and Holy Week. Between June and early September, the Ministry will also focus on the Holy and Divine Liturgy.

Dr. Giannoukakis, who was distinguished and tonsured as Protosaltis by Metropolitan Maximos in 1998, and noted to be among the "who is who" of Byzantine Chanters in a historical compendium published in Greece in 1994, is also the only chanter in our Metropolis to hold a certificate and diploma in Byzantine Music from a Greek Music Conservatory. Dr. Giannoukakis, personally-trained by renowned and respected Greek chanters (Constantin Lagouros, Georgios Syrkas, Emmanuel Hatzimarkos), offers music to the highest possible standards of the Great Church of Christ (the Ecumenical Patriarchate) and has successfully trained young and old individuals for more than 25 years. To learn more, and to consider

participating, contact Dr. Giannoukakis at ngni@andrew.cmu.edu or at ngianni@pitt.edu. All educational materials are complimentary.

The second is rooted in the rich polyphonic innovations of the late Rudolph Agraphiotis who in the early 1900s, first composed the lyrical Liturgy conducted in our church to this day. Some of the choir members are among those who came together to constitute the first choir directed by Mr. Agraphiotis. Today, the choir is in the very capable hands of Mr. Steve Andrews who directs it as another of our Cathedral's volunteers. The choir can be heard during the Divine Liturgy for most of the year's Sunday services as well as at the services for Holy Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Choir invites and welcomes anyone with some musical ability, especially the younger generation, to join. To learn more, and to consider participating, contact Mr. Steve Andrews at beyondfromwithin@comcast.net. Why not join both ministries? As it is written: "He who delights in the Lord, and walks in the Light will not stumble" (From the Doxastikon of the Orthros of the 5th Sunday of Lent).

You are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World

"As the Father Has Sent Me, So I Send You" John 20:21

(and the theme of the 2016 Clergy-Laity Congress)

If you have already submitted your 2017 Stewardship Commitment, **THANK YOU!** If not, please take the time to make your financial Stewardship Commitment today and complete the talent portion of the card to enable **OUR** Community to grow and carry on the mission of our faith.

Re-dedicate yourself to God by participating in the Divine Liturgy each Sunday and offer your **TIME, Talent and treasure.**

HELP US REACH/EXCEED OUR GOAL!!



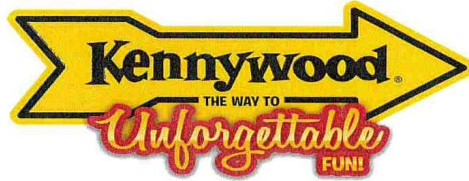
| <u>2017 STEWARDSHIP</u> | | 6/18/2017 |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Total Stewards | | 186 |
| Total Amount Pledged | | \$125,825.00 |
| Average Pledge | | \$676.48 |
| % Parish Participation to Date | | 57% |
| 2017 Stewards (GOAL) | | 300 |
| % of Total Budget to Date | | 68% |
| 2016 Budget (GOAL) | | \$175,000.00 |
| | <i>Giving to Date:</i> | <i>\$38,618.98</i> |
| <u>AS OF 5/31/2017</u> | | |
| Income: Pledges & Basket Collection and Food Festival | \$310,727.00 | |
| Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maint., Commitments, etc. | \$214,963.00: | \$95,765.00 |

Dear Friends and Parishioners of St. Nicholas,

With permission from Father Chris, I am able to offer **NOTARY PUBLIC** services to you and your families! All you have to do is call the office and let me know when you can come by! Fees are very nominal, and I am pleased to offer this service to you!!

At my last Parish, many of the members, friends and family of theirs as well, enjoyed this very convenient addition!

I look forward to hearing from you!
Yours in Christ, Debbie Sandherr



Come and join us for
GREEK DAY AT KENNYWOOD PARK!!!

JULY 25, 2017

GYROS

GYRO PLATTERS, DOLMATHES, RICE PILAF

PASTRIES

GREEK DANCING

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!!!

For tickets contact Presentation of Christ Church at 412-824-9188, email at lkoutsavlis@ypapant.net Credit Cards now accepted for phone orders.

Ticket Prices: Regular Day Pass - \$27.00

Seniors 55+ - \$16.00

Seniors 70+ - \$11.00

We remember in prayer,
Laia H. Copetas,
died on April 25, 2017
and was buried on
April 29th at the
Annunciation Church in
Akron, OH. She was
predeceased by
her husband,
George C. Copetas.

In 
Loving
Memory

GOYA NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to our newly elected officers!!

Co-Presidents: Jacob Kefalos & Andreas Paljug

Vice President: (TBA)

Corresponding Secretary: Christos Mavrogeorgis

Recording Secretary: Christianna Paljug

Treasurer: Demetri Strauch

May our gracious Lord bless you in all your endeavors! Thank you also to our outgoing officers and their parents for their hard work and leadership over the past year.



PRAY. VOLUNTEER. DONATE.

FOCUS NORTH AMERICA-SUMMER FEEDING

Childhood hunger is a problem that affects over 13 million children in the United States, and too many of these children live right here in our community. For eleven weeks this summer, the Orthodox churches of Pittsburgh will serve over 1,000 meals to children who suffer from childhood hunger.

***We need volunteers to prepare
and distribute meals!!***

WE NEED YOU each week until AUGUST 11!!

Sign up at www.focusnorthamerica.org/summer feeding.

For questions, email apazzynski@focusna.org



Presentation of Christ "Ypapanti" Greek
Orthodox Church

Annual Golf Outing!



**Sunday July 30th, 2017
4 Man Scramble at Grandview Golf Club
1:30 Shotgun Start
12:00pm Registration**

Price per Player \$100

**Includes: Golf, Refreshments, Dinner, Prizes, and Various Skill
Competitions**

**Prizes include:
Golf Clubs, Bags, Golf Accessories, Clothing and Much, Much More!**

You may sign up as a foursome or we can pair you with someone. Field is limited. Make your reservations today!
E-mail questions to Dean Leventopoulos at Greek2001@aol.com Subject: Ypapanti Golf Outing

The format of play will be a scramble. Each player hits a ball and the group will play from the best lying ball.

**Registration form is on reverse.
Payment must accompany registration.
Only the first 36 paid foursomes can be taken!
Don't miss out!!**

JULY 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | NOTE: Summer Hours begin JULY 2ND! | | | | | |
| 2 4 th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Orthros, 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. | | Father | | Chris | | |
| 9 5 th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| Orthros, 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. | | Is | | Away | | |
| 16 SUNDAY OF HOLY FATHERS | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Orthros, 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. | until | | July | | 21 | |
| 23 7 th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| Orthros, 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. | Parish Council Meeting 7 p.m. | | St. Paraskevi Orthros, 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. Orthodoxy 101 7 p.m. | St. Panteleimon Orthros, 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m. | | |
| 30 8 th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW | 31 | | | | | |
| Orthros, 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. | | | | | | |

June 1, 2017—Dear Friends,

Please join us to help the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery fundraise to build new facilities. Each year, the monastery hosts a dinner to raise awareness and financial support for its building project. We are honored to serve on the committee to help plan this year's dinner, which will be held on Saturday, September 9th.

We hope that you will consider attending this beautiful event. If you cannot attend, please show your love for the monastery by offering financial support to help defray the costs of the dinner. Every donation, large or small, brings spiritual benefit and honors our blessed Panagia, for whom the monastery was named. Together we can help to build a new monastery "brick by brick"!

The Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery was the first female Greek Orthodox Monastery established in the U.S. in 1989. It is the only Greek Orthodox Monastery in southwestern PA. Expansion of the facilities will allow the sisters to accommodate new novices and the many visitors who wish to attend services and/or stay overnight on the monastery grounds. Over the years, the monastery has quietly and humbly struggled with modest support from a handful of churches and individuals. Our hope is to continue to raise awareness and solicit the help of the many faithful in our Metropolis, so that we can all play a part in supporting our sisterhood and expanding this precious gem where they so generously welcome and minister to us all.

We hope that you will find it in your hearts to donate to this very worthy cause, attend the dinner, and help spread awareness within your parish. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ellen Kaffenes at 412-638-8296 or at ellenkaffenes@comcast.net. May our most blessed Panagia keep you in her care!

With Love in Christ, the 2017 Nativity of the Theotokos Adelfotita Committee:

Olympia Arthur, Dormition of the Theotokos, Oakmont, PA
Elaine Bellios, St. Nicholas Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA
Athena Bober, Holy Trinity, Pittsburgh, PA
Penny Bouris, Dormition of the Theotokos, Oakmont, PA
Cathy Champagne, Dormition of the Theotokos, Oakmont, PA
Argiri Christou, St. George, New Castle, PA
Denise Panos-Daugherty, St. Nicholas Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA
Diane Davliakos, Ypapanti, East Pittsburgh, PA
Sophia Facaros, Dormition of the Theotokos, Oakmont, PA
Ellen Kaffenes, Kimisis Tis Theotokou, Aliquippa, PA
Zelfa Kahlil, St. George Antiochian Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA
Elesa Kantzos, St. Anthony's Monastery, Arizona
Kelli Katsadas, Archangel Michael, Campbell, OH
Catherine Koliass, St. Nicholas Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA
Michelle Kotsagrellos, St. Nicholas Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA
Irene Lampros, Koimisis Tis Theotokou, Erie, PA
Kiki Lazaridis, Ypapanti, East Pittsburgh, PA,
Nick Ligerakis, St. George, New Castle, PA
Georgene Snyder-Petrovich, Holy Trinity, Pittsburgh, PA
Elaine Spiridonakos, Dormition of the Theotokos, Oakmont, PA
Elaine Vitsas, St. Nicholas Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA
Jean Walter, Dormition of the Theotokos, Oakmont, PA

Contract for the Nativity of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Monastery 2017 Dinner Banquet Program Ads

Dear Friends, the 2017 Dinner Banquet Committee (Adelfotita) for the Nativity of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Monastery is soliciting ads for the 2017 Dinner Banquet Program Souvenir Book. The Dinner Banquet is scheduled for Sat, Sept. 9th.

The program book will be 8 ½" X 11" in glossy, vibrant, high resolution, full color, with the prices as follows:

Full Page Ad: \$500.00 Half Page Ad: \$300.00 Quarter Page Ad: \$200.00

Please indicate the wording of your advertisement in the space provided below, attach a business card or printed advertisement to this form, or email a digital copy of your advertisement to irenelampros@verizon.net (preferred for ads that include pictures or images). All hardcopy advertisements and payments should be sent to Irene Lampros at ATTN: Dinner Banquet Ads, 1468 West Gore Road, Erie PA 16509;

MEMO LINE: Dinner Banquet Ads. If you have any questions, please call Irene Lampros at 440-813-3462 or by email at irenelampros@verizon.net.

Deadline for Ads and Payment is July 10, 2017

Name: _____
Address: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please make your tax deductible check payable to: **Nativity of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Monastery**
Thank you for your support! **(Donation form on the next page.)**

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4th Annual Dinner Banquet in Memory of Gerontissa Taxiarchia

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New Caterer! This year's event catered by George Loutsion

September 9th at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

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