Newly Ordained Priest in Columbus

Punctuating a weekend pastoral trip to Central Ohio, His Eminence ordained the then-Dn. Christopher Zaferes to the Holy Priesthood during the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, March 10 in Columbus. Fr. Christopher, with Pres. Sophia, arrived at the Annunciation Cathedral in the fall to serve as the Pastoral Assistant & Youth Director in anticipation of his eventual ordination to serve as the assistant Pastor. He is the son of Fr. Tom and Pres. Julie Zaferes, who serve in Oakland, CA, and was ordained to the Holy Deaconate on New Year’s Eve by Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco.

The prior day, His Eminence met with the area Clergy to discuss the life of the Cathedral, Metropolis, and Archdiocese, and in the evening presided over the Small Compline with the 3rd Stanza of Salutations to the Theotokos. Following the service, he shared a Dinner with the members of the Parish Council to discuss the same topics with them. On Sunday, March 11, His Eminence celebrated the Divine Liturgy and Elevation of the Holy Cross at the nearby community of Sts. Constantine and Helen in Mansfield, OH.

6th Annual Greek Language Festival

The 6th Annual Greek Language Festival will take place Sat., April 14, 2018 at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Cleveland Heights, OH. Key portions of the program include:

1. Quiz Bowl: Teams of three (3) students will compete in two levels. Eligible contestants are those currently or previously enrolled in Greek Language Studies. A team can be comprised of students from multiple churches or schools. Each team creates its own name. A large traveling trophy cup will be placed at the winning team’s church or churches. Individual awards will also be given. All the material needed to study for the Quiz Bowl is available to download from the Metropolis website.

2. For students who are musically talented we encourage you to perform either solo or with others an original Greek song or Greek instrumental selection or a selection from an existing Greek composer. This is open for all grades, K - 12th grade American School.

3. For students who love to act we encourage you to perform an original Greek skit or one from an existing writer. This is open for all grades, K - 12th grade American School.

4. For students who love art we encourage you to submit your artwork for the Art Exhibit with the title in Greek. This is open for all grades, K - 12th grade American School.

In addition, there will also be various booths, food, and fun for all. Registration forms are available on the Metropolis website.

Support His Eminence and the Metropolis Ministries

It costs approximately $1,000 per day to operate our Metropolis—including His Eminence’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.
2018 Metropolis Awardees Announced

His Eminence is pleased to bestow the St. Photios Award for service to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh to Pres. Rozalia (Lia) Christulides and Dr. & Mrs. Peter & Theanne Gagianas. Pres. Lia, Theanne, and Peter have distinguished themselves through many years of dedicated service to the Metropolis. For many, these three are primarily associated with their work for the Summer Camp program, for which they have provided energetic, creative, and stable leadership that has benefited multiple generations of campers and staff.

Their time and talent have not been restricted to these areas, however, as they have used their God-given gifts to benefit our Youth Commission, THEOS, various missions and service efforts, Church musicians, and more. His Eminence intends this honor not to mark an end to their continued active ministry, but rather as an opportunity to reflect on what has been done and what yet can be accomplished, and to inspire those who will take up their mantle in future service to our people, young and old alike. In doing so, he proclaims them Axioi! Worthy!

Where in the World is Metropolitan SAVAS?

GREAT AND HOLY WEEK 2018
March 31: Saturday of Lazaros - St. Matthew Church, Blandon, PA
April 1: Palm Sunday - Holy Trinity Cathedral, Camp Hill, PA
April 1: 1st Bridegroom Orthros - Sts. Constantine and Helen Church, Reading, PA
April 2: 2nd Bridegroom Orthros - Transfiguration Mission, Lititz, PA
April 3: 3rd Bridegroom Orthros – Annunciation Church, Scranton, PA
April 4: Sacrament of Holy Unction – Annunciation Church, Easton, PA
April 4: 4th Bridegroom Orthros - St. Nicholas Cathedral, Bethlehem, PA
April 5: Vesperal Divine Liturgy - Holy Cross Church, Stroudsburg, PA
April 5: Orthros of the Passion of our Lord – Annunciation Church, Lancaster, PA
April 6: Un-Nailing Vespers - Dormition of the Theotokos Church, Oakmont, PA
April 6: Orthros with Lamentations and Procession of the Epitaphios – Ypapanti Church, East Pittsburgh, PA
April 7: Vesperal Divine Liturgy “First Resurrection” - St Nicholas Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA
April 7: Vigil and Divine Liturgy of Pascha - St Nicholas Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA
April 8: Agape Vespers - All Saints Church, Canonsburg, PA

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