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Metropolitan Convenes 37th Metropolis Assembly

His Eminence Metropolitan Savas called to order the 37th Metropolis Assembly at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Mt. Lebanon, PA with an invocation service calling on the Holy Spirit to guide the delegates, and a memorial to departed Clergy, Presvyteres, and Archons who passed into eternal life since the last Assembly.

The one-day Assembly program focused primarily on the business of the Metropolis, adopting a shortened format to respect the time parish delegates gave in July to the Archdiocesan Clergy–Laity Congress. Following the Invocation and Keynote Address, the Assembly split into three parallel sessions, one focusing on the Metropolis ministries and administration, one on the work of the Philoptochos, and another on matters related to Youth and Young Adult ministries.

During the plenary session, “committees of the whole” were held for the traditional Assembly committees: Administration; Greek Education & Culture; Youth, Young Adult, and Camping Ministries; Finance (including the passage of the 2019 Metropolis Budget); Stewardship, Outreach, & Evangelism; and the ad-hoc New Metropolis Center Committee.

Under New Business, two primary motions were passed. The first related to electing a first-ever Metropolis Audit Committee, which will be made up of Metropolis Council member Harry Ruska as chair, and two delegates from the Assembly, John Chames of Akron and John Harblias of Camp Hill. The second authorized the sale of the Butler County property (originally purchased for Mt. Tabor) while maintaining the mineral rights.

2018 Assembly Documents & News

Important 2018 Metropolis Assembly Documents, have been posted on the Metropolis website

For more information, visit: http://pittsburgh.goarch.org/2018-assembly
PHILOPTOCOS ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS
SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Metropolis of Pittsburgh Chapters continued in 2018 the Philoptochos’ mission of serving our fellow man. They actively engaged in the national projects and worked within the Metropolis with our own special causes. Through staunch and steadfast participation in the National Philoptochos commitments by the parishes and Metropolises, the National Philoptochos was able to disburse a total of $1,737,511.00 in 2017. They have also collected $106,710 to date for the victims of the devastating and deadly wildfires in Attica, Greece. These funds are being distributed directly to those people in need.

The Metropolis of Pittsburgh Ladies Philoptochos Society has continued the Feed the Hungry program with remarkable success. The ladies of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Columbus, OH choir singing responses during the Sunday Hierarchical Liturgy. Photo by Diana Synadinos, used with permission.

The Metropolis of Pittsburgh Philoptochos Society has adopted the following disbursements.

- Metropolis of Pittsburgh Good Samaritan Fund $ 2,770
- Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery $ 2,500
- Metropolis Youth $10,000 – Earmarked as
  - $ 5,000 Youth Ministries
  - $ 5,000 Camp Ministries

The Metropolis of Pittsburgh Ladies Philoptochos Society granted honorariums for the seminary students from the Metropolis of Pittsburgh attending Holy Cross School of Theology of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

Please mark your calendars for the 2019 Daffodil Luncheon on March 16, 2019 at St. Haralambos in Canton, OH. This is the annual social services fundraiser of the Metropolis, and is open to men and women from across the Metropolis.

Sincere thanks are offered to the parish family of Holy Cross for their generous hospitality and their welcoming friendship to all our delegates from across the Metropolis.

The Philoptochos looks forward to working with all our Metropolis and Parish delegates for the 2020 Archdiocesan Clergy Laity and National Philoptochos Congress in Cleveland OH.