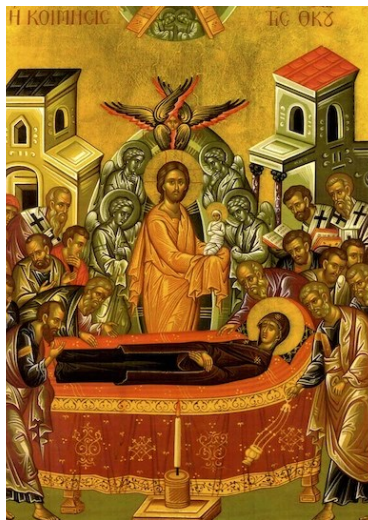




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Sunday Orthros – 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Please check our calendar for other services and times

Confession: By Appointment

If you would like an article, or photos in The Veil, submit them electronically to Fr. Michael (fmg@dormitionpgh.org) no later than the 15th of the month.

“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.” -James 5:14

If you or your loved one is sick, in the hospital, or need a priest, please contact Fr. Michael so that he will be able to visit them.

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Thank you for all of your pledge campaigns for the coming year!

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COVER ICON – Translation of the Relics of St. George

November 3rd

The glorious Great Martyr of Christ George was a Cappadocian according to the heritage of his father, and a Palestinian according to that of his mother. Having a good character and upbringing, and being of noble roots (his parents stood above their ancestors in nobility and piety), he was also brilliant and fit for battles. Wherefore even from the time when his beard began to grow, he was made by Emperor Diocletian a tribune of Numerian. Later he became a count due to his unconquerable bravery. Until then however he hid the fact that he was a Christian. When the Saint reached twenty years of age, his father died during the struggle he underwent on behalf of piety. Therefore he took his mother and departed from Cappadocia, and went to her homeland in Palestine, where she had much property and an inheritance.

After his mother died, the Saint inherited a lot of money and wealth. Therefore he took all the money and lovingly went to Diocletian in order to receive a greater office. But when he saw with how much madness the tyrant came against the Christians, he decided to distribute the money he had with him to the poor and hungry, in order to proclaim before Diocletian and the entire senate that he was a Christian. This he did. Having speedily distributed his money, and liberating his servants, he then made out a will concerning his wealth in Palestine. Then on the third day of the unbelieving senate gathering (for Diocletian and those with him called for a senate meeting with the purpose of erasing Christianity from the world), then the great George went of his own accord and stood in the midst of the senate, at a time when Diocletian was present. And there he brilliantly proclaimed Christ as true God and the Son of God, speaking openly about Christianity and piety. Wherefore the brave combatant for Christ was given over to various and immeasurable tortures. With a spear he was stabbed in his stomach, and underwent trials many times with the wheel and cowhide. He was also put in a pit of unquenchable fire, but because he was kept unharmed after all these by divine grace, he drew Diocletian's wife Alexandra to faith in Christ, and he also converted a farmer named Glykerios after he raised his cow from the dead. And we can simply say that he converted an innumerable amount of people to Christ through the various miracles he performed in the name of Christ. Having done these things, he was cast into prison bound in iron. That night Christ appeared to him while he slept, and evangelized to him the good things he was to inherit.

When the Saint awoke with joy, he thanked God, and pleaded with the prison guard to allow his servant to enter his prison cell, since he waited outside (it is he who authored with exactitude the sufferings of the Saint). The servant therefore entered the cell, and seeing his master bound, he venerated him, falling at his feet weeping. The Saint raised him up, telling him to rejoice. He then narrated to him the vision he saw. And then he ordered him, that after his death he was to take his body and go to Palestine. Also he was to take with him his will which he wrote before he bore witness. He also gave orders to him to always have within his soul the fear of God. The servant promised to keep his orders, and then left the cell.

The next day the Martyr was again brought for trial, and after not being persuaded to sacrifice to Apollo, through his prayers he destroyed the idols within the temple, and then he was beheaded by the sword. The servant of the Saint then took his most honorable relic, together with his will, and went to Palestine, where he reverently and honorably buried his sacred body, along with other Christians. Thus he was satisfied with having completed everything he was ordered to do by the Saint.

Not much time passed, and piety shined forth, and the renowned Constantine the Great, the emperor and equal to the apostles, reigned. Then the pious who loved the Holy Martyr George took the opportunity to build a most-graceful and most-beautiful Temple for him in Lydda, and they translated from an unknown place, where the much-contested body of the Martyr was to be found previously, worthy of much light, and they treasured it in this newly built Temple. And with the placement of this relic the consecration of the Temple took place, on this the third day of the month of November. The relic of the Saint then gushed forth an ever-flowing spring of miracles, for those who approached him with faith. Thus God glorifies those who glorify Him. From that time the holy Church of Christ annually celebrates on this day, the translation of the relic of Saint George, to the glory and praise of Christ our true God, as well as His Great Martyr George.

November 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Baptism
2 5th Sunday of Luke Sunday School	3	4 5:30 p.m. Greek School	5	6	7 Vigil – Synaxis of Holy Archangels 7:00 p.m.- 12:30a.m.	8
Parish Council Nomination for 2026-2028 October 26th-November 9th						
9 7th Sunday of Luke 2nd Annual Blessing of First Responders Philoptochos Luncheon of Thanks	10	11 5:30 p.m. Greek School	12	13 GOYA Art Night	14	15
16 Saint Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist Sunday School Philoptochos Meeting	17	18 5:30 p.m. Greek School	19	20 Half Pan Sale Pick-Up 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	21 Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy GOYA Fall Retreat <i>at Camp Nazareth</i>	22 Half Pan Sale Pick-Up 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. GOYA Fall Retreat <i>at Camp Nazareth</i>
23 9th Sunday of Luke Sunday School <u>Parish General Assembly</u> GOYA Fall Retreat <i>at Camp Nazareth</i>	24 Half Pan Sale Pick-Up 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	25 5:30 p.m. Greek School	26	27 Thanksgiving <i>(Offices Closed)</i>	28 <i>(Offices Closed)</i>	29
30 Saint Andrew the First-Called Apostle NO SUNDAY SCHOOL						

December 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 5:30 p.m. Greek School	3	4	5 St. Nicholas 6:30 p.m. Great Vespers at St. Nicholas Cathedral	6 St. Nicholas 8:30 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Cathedral
7 10th Sunday of Luke Sunday School	8	9 5:30 p.m. Greek School	10	11	12	13 Half Pan Sale Pick-Up 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
14 11th Sunday of Luke Sunday School 4:00 p.m. Pan-Orthodox Christmas Concert	15 Half Pan Sale Pick-Up 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	16 5:30 p.m. Greek School	17 Half Pan Sale Pick-Up 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	18	19	20
21 Sunday before Nativity NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	22	23	24 3:30 p.m. Royal Hours 5:00 p.m. Vespereal Divine Liturgy	25 (Offices Closed) Nativity of Christ 8:30 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy	26 (Offices Closed)	27
28 Sunday after Nativity NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	29 GOYA Ice Skating	30	31			

OCTOBER PHILOPTOCHOS HIGHLIGHTS

Visit to the Saxonburg Monastery

Members of our Philoptochos enjoyed a peaceful visit to the Saxonburg Monastery this October. While there was no formal tour, the sisters graciously welcomed us with cookies, coffee, and tea. We spent time browsing the monastery gift shop, which features beautiful homemade items, and visited the small chapel before departing. The chapel is a beloved and special part of the monastery visit, enjoyed by all who attend. Philoptochos presented a monetary donation on behalf of the chapter, and members also brought along household items to share with the sisters as individual offerings. Thank you to Eleni Spiridonakos, who chaired this meaningful visit and coordinated the details for our group.

Beverly's PGH Service Project

A small but mighty group of Philoptochos volunteers gathered to assemble care bags for local children served by Beverly's PGH. This hands-on effort reflected our mission of philanthropy and love in action, and we are grateful to those who donated supplies and time to brighten the day of local youngsters in need. Special thanks to Judi Contes, who chaired this project and organized the opportunity for us all to participate.



Upcoming Events

Thank you to everyone who signed up for the November 9 luncheon honoring our First Responders. There are still a few spots available to sign up to bring a dish or dessert. If you would like to contribute, please contact Olympia Arthur.

Sign-ups are now open for our annual Christmas Luncheon on December 6, 2025. Be sure to reserve your spot early.

Our Philoptochos Christmas Card is now live! To be a part of it, you can pay online, stop in the hall after Liturgy, or mail your form to the church. We appreciate your participation.

We are also grateful to those who have signed up to be coffee hosts each Sunday. Thank you for providing a snack or sweet for our fellowship hour. Please consider signing up to be a future host. See or call Mary McCrady or Cathy Champagne to select your date.

Birthday Group Lunch

Our monthly Birthday Group Lunch is a wonderful way to gather and celebrate fellowship throughout the year. For November, the group will meet at Knead Café on Tuesday, November 12 at noon. To RSVP, please contact Rosalyn Denillo, who chairs this monthly meetup.

Join Us

We warmly invite all women age 18 and older to be part of our Philoptochos. Whether you participate often or occasionally, your presence and support make a difference. Come share in faith, friendship, and service to others.

GOYA NEWS

Originally our GOYA event on Sunday, October 19th was supposed to be at Soergel Orchards, the weather did not cooperate. Because of this, the GOYA went to Southside Works to have fun at Pins Mechanical Company. Our GOYAns along with Ypapanti had a wonderful meal together followed by fellowship; this include bocce ball, foosball, duckpin bowling, and retro quarter video games.

The GOYA looks forward to our next event in November which the Stupakis family will be hosting an art night!



FESTIVAL UPDATE

FESTIVAL UPDATE: FALL FUNDRAISERS

Many thanks to all who helped prepare half pans for our "Greek to Go" frozen Half Pan Sale and we also sold them during the GyroFest. In total we prepared:

- 230 half pans of Spanakopita and 40 full pans

- 135 half pans Pastitso and 4 full pans

- 85 half pans Moussaka

- 60 half pans Lamb Shank

- 65 Gyro Kits

Also, many thanks to all who helped with final GyroFest prep on Wednesday before the GyroFest. We were able to get the gyro kits, tzatziki, grape leaves and pastries all done in record time.

Everything is now ready to go for the "Greek to Go" frozen half pan sale, on-line orders and GyroFest sales account for about 45% of what we prepared. If you have not yet ordered to secure your pans for holiday entertaining, you can click here to place your order: [Payment](#). Then just show up on any of the pick-up dates to retrieve your order.

October 25/26 we hosted our GyroFest and once again it was huge success. Final sales were \$37,158 about \$1,000 more than last year's record setting year.

Thanks to all who helped out over the weekend. It was such a joy to see all the youth that showed up to volunteer. Some of the adult volunteers remarked that it was easy work for them with all the youth working so hard. Great job by all!!

Again, thanks to all who have volunteered their time for our Fall fundraisers,
Andy & Chris



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Tuesday, September 30th, 2025
Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop of Armenia

Parish Council Nominations (2026-2028 Term)

The Parish Council consists of eleven (11) elected lay members serving a 3-year term. The following eight (8) names are current members of the Parish Council:

2025-2027 Term: Dr. Michael Contes, John Kamarados, esq., Zoe Lardas &, George Spiridonakos

2024-2026 Term: Chris Aivaliotis, Christina Contes, Christos Ioannou, Dimitri Tsambis

*The following three members completed their 3-year term: George Doas, Ted Ioannou, Bryan Romanelli.
They **are eligible** for the parish council if nominated to serve the 2026-2028 term.*

There are three (3) spots that are available to serve on the Parish Council for the 2026-2028 Term. The following is a timeline of how nominations will take place, when the Parish Council Seminar(s) will take place for all continuing and nominated members, and when elections take place (*if needed*).

Parish Council Nominations

Nomination forms and box will be in the Narthex of the Church. Nominations will be open from Sunday, October 26th-Sunday, November 9th. Please fill out your nomination form on one of the (3) Sundays or stop by Church during the week to fill out a nomination form. Only in-person nominations will be accepted.

Parish Council Seminar

All current and nominated Parish Council Members are required to attend one of the Parish Council Seminars listed below:

- During the October monthly Parish Council Meeting
- Sunday, October 26th, 2025 during coffee hour
- Sunday, November 2nd, 2025 during coffee hour

Elections & Parish General Assembly

On the last day of nominations on November 9th, if three (3) or less names have been submitted, then the slate of those three (3) names are presented to the General Assembly and no vote is necessary. If four (4) or more names are submitted, then a vote will take place via traditional paper votes during the General Assembly on Sunday, November 23rd, 2025 following Divine Liturgy.

Affirmation of Office

This will take place at the end of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday January 4th, 2026. Following the Affirmation of Office, a short meeting will take place with the eleven (11) elected Parish Council members to vote for the executive board.

In Christ,

Christos Ioannou
Parish Council

Rev. Fr. Michael A. Gavrilos
Parish Priest



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General Assembly

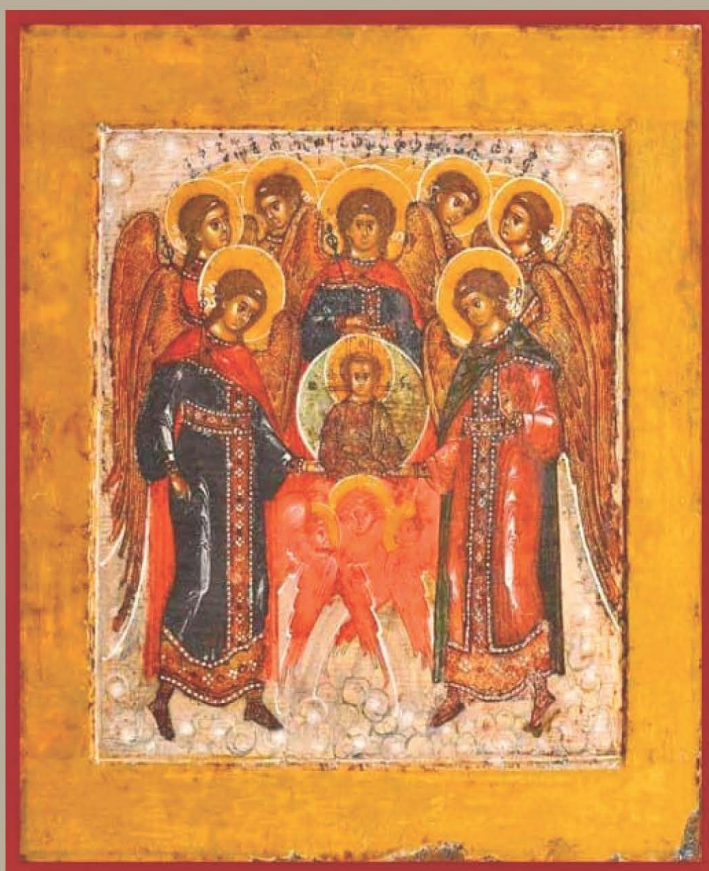
Sunday, November 23rd, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

(quorum of 25 or 1/3 of members in good standing)

If no quorum, a second call will be made at 11:15 a.m. according to our bylaws.

1. Call meeting to order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Election of Chairperson
 - a. Selection of Secretary
4. Approval of Fall General Assembly Minutes from Sunday, November 24th, 2024
5. Priest Report
6. Parish Council President Update
7. Financial Report
 - a. Approval of 2026 Budget
8. Committee & Ministry Updates
 - a. Hall
 - b. Festival
 - c. Stewardship
 - d. Maintenance / Capital Improvements
 - e. Philoptochos
 - f. GOYA
 - g. Sunday School
9. Old Business
 - a. Centennial Wrap Up
10. New Business
 - a. Building Expansion
11. Parish Council Nominations / Elections
12. Adjournment
13. Closing Prayer

Vigil in Commemoration of the Synaxis of the Archangels



Vespers
Litia w/ Artoklasia
Orthros
Liturgy
Followed by refreshments

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Friday,
November 7th,
7 pm -
12:30 am

2nd Annual Blessing of the First Responders

Sunday, November 9th, 2025 - 10:45 a.m.

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Our Church community will join together on this day to honor and pray for our Oakmont & Verona First Responders.

Following a short prayer service, the children of our community will have the opportunity to interact with the First Responders and the vehicles that they drive.

Our Church community will then offer a Meal of Thanksgiving to our local First Responders.





*RSVP must be
received by Sunday,
November 30, 2025*

St. Barbara's Philoptochos – Invitation to Ladies of the Church

Holiday Brunch

Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 11:00 AM
Riverside Landings Event Center
10 Washington Avenue - Oakmont, PA 15139

RSVP OPTION 1: Use this form and pay by check:

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (required): _____

Email (optional): _____

	List all attendee names <i>(be sure to include yourself !)</i>	Cost
1		\$ 25.00
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
TOTAL		\$

Please either mail your completed form and check to the address below, or drop off your envelope in the mailbox outside the church office.

St. Barbara's Philoptochos Society
12 Washington Avenue
Oakmont, PA 15139

RSVP OPTION 2: PAY ONLINE with a debit/credit card at
<https://tinyurl.com/PhiloHolidayBrunch> or scan the QR code
to be directed to the online form.



Bring a \$10.00 Wrapped Grab Bag Gift (optional activity)

Questions? Contact Susan Spiridonakos (724) 622-7976 (text or call)
or email susan@spir90.net

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP!

St. Barbara's Philoptochos is collecting these items to
bless others in need...

Please consider helping our mission!

SOCKS



*New socks of all sizes for
women, children and men
are needed for local shelters.*

CAKE KITS



*One cake mix, one container icing
and one can of soda in a
disposable cake pan is all it takes
to give supplies so someone can
celebrate a special day!*

Collection boxes located in the hall.

HYGIENE ITEMS



*Items for young men and
women who need help with
everyday supplies.*

STUFFED ANIMALS



*Cuddly teddies (or other
animals!) are given to
Neighborhood Resilience
Project for children in need
during traumatic times.*

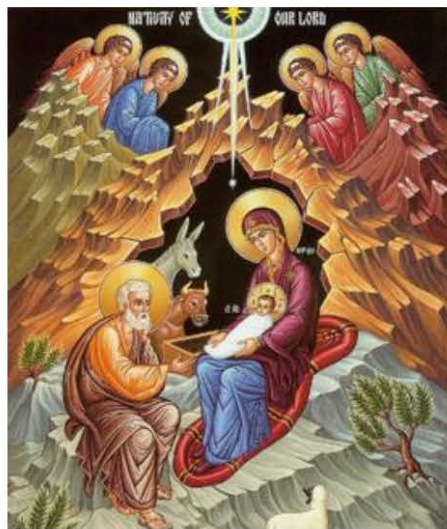
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“SING PRAISES TO OUR GOD, SING PRAISES”

THE ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS CONCERT Returns!



**FEATURING: CHOIRS FROM MULTIPLE
ORTHODOX JURISDICTIONS**

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**THE PAN-ORTHODOX CHOIR OF GREATER
PITTSBURGH**

Sunday, December 14, 2025, 4:00 pm

St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church
2110 Haymaker Road, Monroeville

SPONSORED BY: THE ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD OF GREATER PITTSBURGH

Fellowship following the concert • Freewill offering to benefit various Orthodox Charities

GREEK TO GO

2025 Frozen Half Pan Sale

Order now and pick-up later for the holidays!

- Spanakopita** (16 servings).....\$35
Spinach and cheese mixture baked into a filo dough crust, baking instructions included
- Pastitso** (12-16 servings).....\$40
Layers of pasta & ground beef topped with béchamel sauce, baking instructions included
- Moussaka** (12-16 servings).....\$40
Layers of potato, eggplant & gr beef topped with béchamel sauce, baking instructions included
- Gyro Party Kit** (10 gyros).....\$50
2½lb fully cooked gyro meat & 10-pack pita bread, heating instructions included
16oz tzatziki sauce (tzatziki sauce is refrigerated and keeps for about a month)
- Lamb Shank** (5-6 pieces about 1lb each)\$75
A tender shank w/diced vegetables braised in a tasty tomato/wine sauce, baking instructions included
- Traditional Baklava** (4 pieces).....\$11
Filo pastry filled with chopped walnuts and sweetened with syrup
- Apricot Baklava** (2 pieces) or **Pistachio Baklava** (2 pieces).....\$7
Filo pastry generously stuffed with an apricot or chopped pistachio filling and sweetened with syrup

Show up on any date
and pick-up your order:

Thursday, November 20, 4pm-6pm
Saturday, November 22, 11am-1pm
Monday, November 24, 4pm-6pm
Saturday, December 13, 11am-1pm
Monday, December 15, 4pm-6pm
Thursday, December 18, 4pm-6pm

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2025 NATIVITY SERVICE & SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

3:30 P.M. ROYAL HOURS

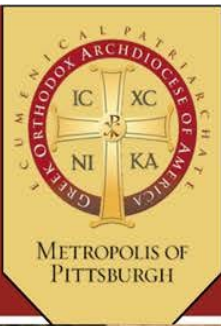
5:00 P.M. VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY

~~~ LENTEN REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW ~~~

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

8:30 A.M. ORTHROS

9:30 A.M. FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY

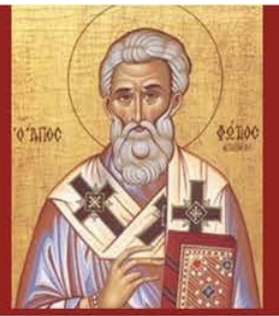


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# A Good Word - Λόγον Αγαθόν

## NEWSLETTER OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH



### 44TH ANNUAL CLERGY-LAITY, YOUTH WORKERS & RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS ASSEMBLY

From Thursday September 25 to Saturday September 27, 2025 we came together to participate in the Metropolis of Pittsburgh's Annual Clergy-Laity Assembly at Annunciation, Columbus, Ohio. Clergy of the Metropolis met together for their Clergy Syndesmos Thursday afternoon followed by a welcome dinner with His Eminence Metropolitan Savas formally opening the 3-day Assembly and we welcomed 40 parishes, 114 delegates and 12 vendors to the Assembly. We enjoyed informative presentations and we especially thank guest presenters Melpomeni Murdakes, Stephen Karniotis and Break-Out Session presenters, Bryant Tela, Pres. Melanie DiStefano, Fr. Alexander Goussetis and Ted Cherpas who provided thoughtful, creative sessions. The Youth Workers and Religious Educators formed a robust collaboration fusing new and creative ideas for the future and Archon Nick Lekas provided a progress report on the construction and public fundraising campaign for the New Metropolis Center. We'd like to take this opportunity to say a BIG thank you to Annunciation Cathedral, Columbus for generously hosting the Assembly, providing catering for the Assembly and arranging a unique "Global Foodie Experience" serving delicious food on Friday evening. We are truly grateful for everyone's dedication, hard work and enthusiasm.



### METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH PHILOPTOCHOS ASSEMBLY

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The Metropolis of Pittsburgh Philoptochos held its annual Philoptochos Assembly at All Saints Church in Canonsburg, PA on October 3 & 4, 2025. 55 delegates from across the Metropolis were in attendance, as was National Philoptochos President, Debbie George. Special Guest Speakers included Rev. Fr. Paul Abernathy, CEO of the Neighborhood Resilience Project with Presvytera Kristina, Archon Regional Commander, Nick Tranto for the Archon Pilgrimage of Discovery, Archon Nick Lekas, Project Manager of the New Metropolis Center, Y2AM Director Alyssa Kyritsis, and John and Tula Dziak Directors of the Fresh Start Cafe in Canonsburg. The new Metropolis Board Members and Officers were elected and administered the oath of office for the 2025-2027 term. To give back to the community, delegates in attendance brought an abundance of non-perishable items for donation to the United Presbyterian Food Bank in Canonsburg.



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Featuring dance workshops with guest instructors  
Groups & Individuals welcome. Ages 8 and up.



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**NOVEMBER 10, 2025  
AT 8:00 PM EST**



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It costs approximately \$1,000 per day to operate our Metropolis - including Metropolitan Savas's Archpastoral visitations, preparations for summer camp and GOYA retreats, our vital registry, and more.

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