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Saints Raphael, Nicholas, & Irene of Lesvos

April 9th & Bright Tuesday

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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.



Fr. Michael's Message

Christ is in our Midst

Beloved Stewards of the Dormition of the Theotokos,
Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After 7 weeks of fasting, prayer and the difficult struggle (for some) that is Great Lent, we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Allow me to quickly reflect on Holy Saturday evening when we enter into the day of Pascha itself.

What do you remember about this event? Everyone has his or her memories. The church is dark and quiet. The priest comes out of the Altar with the Light of Christ, the Light of the Resurrection. The Light proceeds throughout the Church and everyone has a lit candle. While we are outside, we hear the Gospel of the Resurrection of Christ, and after chanting "Christ is Risen" we hear the Resurrection Homily of St. John Chrysostom. The main theme of this homily is: ALL ARE WELCOME! It doesn't matter what you did this Great Lent. It doesn't matter whether or not you came to the Church. It doesn't even matter whether or not you fasted... ALL ARE WELCOME! We know what we are *supposed* to do and how we are *supposed* to prepare for Lent & Pascha. WE ALL CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST. This is our salvation, and we know *where* we are *supposed* to celebrate.

This year for Holy Week, come to church. Come to ALL the services of Holy Week to truly experience the beauty and the mystery of Pascha. I'm not talking about "Greek" Easter. The traditions and celebrations of "Greek" Easter, which is an incorrect label, are meaningless without a full understanding of what the Resurrection truly means. Come and celebrate life in Christ. Prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Communion with prayer and fasting. This is our true celebration and we conduct these services of Pascha, or Orthodox Easter, as a Church family.

It is my hope and prayer that we come together to shout in unison, "Death, where is your sting? Hell, where is your victory? Christ is Risen! Death is Abolished! The joy of the Resurrection is universal and spreads throughout the world! Join us with your family, your friends and even your non-Orthodox friends and family to celebrate together. Let us come and see the empty tomb of Christ to proclaim that Christ is Risen!

In Anticipation of our Risen Lord, I remain,

Fr. Michael A. Gavrilos

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Thank you to everyone who already filled out and / or contributed to their 2026 Stewardship Pledge.

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COVER ICON – Saints Raphael, Nicholas, & Irene of Lesbos

April 9th & Bright Tuesday

For many years a monk had been seen walking on the hill at Karyes in Lesbos, Mytilene in Greece. Many Christians and Turks had seen him. The hill was also called Kaloyeros after the monk, who was seen holding a censor and would disappear in a splendor of light.

In 1917 the Turk who owned an estate with olive trees on the hill at Karyes, Hasan Bei, commissioned the police officer of Thermi, Efstratios Sitara to solve this mystery. The short investigation was soon abandoned as the belief was held that these visions were of a supernatural nature.

There was a small chapel there in the name of Panagia. Residents of Thermi held a service there every Easter Tuesday without hindrance from the Turkish owner of the property.

Many saw the monk. Shepherds grazing their flocks heard singing and bells from the chapel.

Tradition said the monk was killed by the Turks, but when this had happened no one knew. There had also been a female monastery there, but had been destroyed by barbarians. There was a strong belief that the place had Divine Grace and was Holy. After the destruction and problems suffered by the Greeks in Asia Minor, the Turkish olive tree property was given to a Mr Marangos and his family. They sought permission to build a church.

On 3rd July 1959, excavations began for the foundations of the church. A grave was found containing a human skeleton and giving off a sweet fragrance. The head of the skeleton was resting on a round stone, much like a pillow. The head was about 30cms away from the body. The lower jaw was missing. The excavators also found a ceramic tile from the Byzantine era with a Cross engraved on it.

After the discovery of the grave, amazing phenomena started to occur. The bones were put in a sack by a Mr Doukas Tsolakis. He was in charge of the excavations. He could not lift the sack up due to the excessive weight. Noises were heard from the bones. They were also producing a fragrant incense. One of the workers, a Mr Leonidas Sideras kicked the sack and his leg went numb. Tsolakis hand remained motionless. He could not lift the sack. The priest was asked to do a Trisagion - a prayer for the departed. The night before he was due to conduct the service, he was wondering what name he should use. During the night Saint Raphael appeared to the Priest. He told him who he was, and that he was born on the island of Ithaka.

Since then St Raphael has appeared many times to different people. He suffered martyrdom on 9th April 1463.

St Raphael was born Georgios Laskaridis. His father was called Dionysios and his mother Maria. They were a devout family. St Raphael served in the army. He then became a monk and clergyman taking the name of Raphael.

He served as parish priest in the parish of St Demetrios of Loubardiaris in Athens. He then became Archimandrite and Bishop at the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

It was when he traveled to France that he met St Nicholas at Morlaix. Nicholas was from a wealthy family. He was a young student from Thessalonika studying at a French university. Nicholas was moved by the teaching of st Raphael and they became firm friends.

They lived in the monastery for nine years. In 1462 Mohammed the conqueror captured Lesbos after a seventeen day siege. It fell on 17th September 1462. The Turks did not disturb the Monastery immediately. After 6 months, in April 1463, during Holy Week, a movement occurred in Thermi, causing some agitation. The Christians went up to Karyes to hide. The teacher Theodoros and the Community Chief Vasillios together with his family went up to the Monastery. St Raphael conducted the Divine Liturgy for the last time on Holy Thursday. On Good Friday the Turks came to the Monastery seized Abbot Raphael, Deacon Nicholas, the family of the Community Chief and the Teacher Theodoros. Everyone else had fled to the mountains. The Turks started torturing them to find out the hideout of the others.

Irene, the twelve year old daughter of the Community Chief had her hand cut off in front of her parents, who were tied to a tree. She was then put in a big earthen pot and burned to death. Her father, mother, and the teacher Theodoros were all murdered. St Raphael was horribly tortured in front of Saint Nicholas. St Nicholas died of heart failure, on seeing his mentor murdered.

The Monastery was then torched and the Turks fled. The next night some devout Christians buried the Holy Martyrs secretly.

When St Raphael started to appear to people he revealed everything - where the bones of the Martyrs were buried, the pot where little Irene was burned, the grave of the Teacher Theodoros, and the graves of Irene and her father.

At The site of the Ancient Church, icons were found, Holy Water, Sheets from handwritten Gospels and a round icon of Jesus. St Raphael also revealed the spot where his jaw was.

The grave of Mother Olympia, who suffered Martyrdom in 1235 when pirates destroyed Panagias Old Monastery and killed the nuns, was also found. Three large nails were found in her skull. More nails were found on her body.

In 1963 at the place of the Holy Martyrdom a Convent for Ladies was established.

St Raphael has performed and still performs many miracles to this day.

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>6:00 p.m.</i> <u>Presanctified Liturgy at St. John in New Kensington</u>	2	3	4 8:30 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy (Saturday of Lazarus)
5 Palm Sunday <i>Myrrh Bearing Women Rehearsal</i> 6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Service	6 2:30 p.m. Sunday School Visit to Neighborhood Resilience Project 6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Service	7 6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Service	8 2:30 p.m. Holy Unction 6:00 p.m. Orthros of Holy Thursday	9 9:00 a.m. Vespers Divine Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Service of the 12 Passion Gospels	10 8:00 a.m. Royal Hours 2:30 p.m. Decent from the Cross Vespers 6:00 p.m. Lamentations at the Tomb	11 9:00 a.m. Vespers Divine Liturgy 11:00 p.m. Paschal Vigil
12 Great & Holy Pascha 12:00 noon Agape Vespers Pascha Panayiri to follow	13 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers & Orthros (<i>Sts. Irene, Raphael, & Nicholas</i>) 7:00 p.m. Greek Dance for Adults	14 10:00 a.m. Paschal Hours & Divine Liturgy (<i>Sts. Irene, Raphael, & Nicholas</i>) 5:30 p.m. Greek School	15	16	17	18 Baptism Wedding
19 Thomas Sunday Dance Practice Junior Grecian Stars Last day to Order Flowers & Plants from St. Barbara Philoptochos	20 7:00 p.m. Greek Dance for Adults	21 5:30 p.m. Greek School	22	23	24	25
26 Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women Festival Prep (<i>spinach</i>) Dance Practice Junior Grecian Stars	27 7:00 p.m. Greek Dance for Adults	28 5:30 p.m. Greek School	29	30		

May 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Sunday of the Paralytic Festival Prep <i>(spinach)</i>	4 7:00 p.m. Greek Dance for Adults	5 5:30 p.m. Greek School	6	7	8	9 Wedding Wedding
10 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	11 7:00 p.m. Greek Dance for Adults	12 5:30 p.m. Greek School	13	14	15	16
17 Sunday of the Blind Man Sunday School Graduation Dance Practice Junior Grecian Stars Festival Prep <i>(meatballs)</i>	18 7:00 p.m. Greek Dance for Adults	19 5:30 p.m. Greek School	20	21	22	23
24 Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council	25 7:00 p.m. Greek Dance for Adults	26 5:30 p.m. Greek School	27	28	29	30 Saturday of Souls 8:00 a.m. Orthros, Divine Liturgy, Memorials Grave Blessings
31 Holy Pentecost Dance Practice Junior Grecian Stars Festival Prep <i>(moussaka)</i>						

FESTIVAL UPDATE

Kitchen renovations are running a little behind schedule and as a result we had to delay Meatballs until May.

Food prep dates have been scheduled around the current kitchen renovation schedule and hall bookings:

Apr 26 – Spinach #1

May 3 – Spinach #2

May 17 – Meatballs

May 31 – Moussaka

Jun 7 – Pastitso #1

Jun 14 – Pastitso #2

Jun 21 – Tzatziki Cupping

Jun 22-25 – Pastry Packing

June 24 – Rice Pudding, Grape Leaves

We still need to schedule mid-week dates for:

Lamb Shank #1

Lamb Shank #2

Karithopita

Galatouboureko

Festival Kick-Off Meeting is scheduled for Friday April 24 at the church (6:00pm dinner and 7:00pm meeting) we need everyone's input and ideas to ensure another successful year.

Please mark these dates on your calendar and help out as you can. We need everyone's understanding and support this year as the prep dates are all later than normal. In a typical year, Meatballs and Spinach would already be in the freezer.

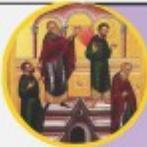
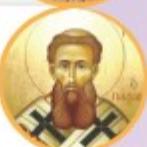
Andy and Chris
Festival Co Chairs

HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE 2026

SATURDAY OF LAZARUS Orthros & Divine Liturgy	April 4th 8:30 a.m.	ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ ΤΟΥ ΛΑΖΑΡΟΥ "Ορθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία
PALM SUNDAY Orthros & Divine Liturgy Bridegroom Service	April 5th 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΒΑΙΩΝ "Ορθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία "Η Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου
HOLY MONDAY Bridegroom Service	April 6th 6:00 p.m.	ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ "Η Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου
HOLY TUESDAY Bridegroom Service	April 7th 6:00 p.m.	ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΡΙΤΗ "Η Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου
HOLY WEDNESDAY Holy Unction Orthros of Holy Thursday / Anointing	April 8th 2:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ Τὸ "Αγιον Εὐχέλαιον "Ορθρος τῆς Μεγάλης Πέμπτης / Χρῆση με Εὐχέλαιον
<i>Reminder: Holy Unction will not be available to take home. If you or someone in your family is in need of anointing, please contact Fr. Michael.</i>		
HOLY THURSDAY Vesperal Divine Liturgy Service of the 12 Passion Gospels	April 9th 9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ Εσπερινή Θεία Λειτουργία "Η Ακολουθία του Ἐσταυρομένου
HOLY FRIDAY Royal Hours Descent from the Cross Vespers Lamentations at the Tomb	April 10th 8:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ "Η Ακολουθία τῶν Μεγάλων Ὁρῶν "Η Ακολουθία τῆς Αποκαθλώσεως "Ορθρος του Ἐπιταφίου
HOLY SATURDAY Vesperal Divine Liturgy Paschal Vigil	April 11th 9:00 a.m. 11:00 p.m.	ΜΕΓΑ ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ Εσπερινή Θεία Λειτουργία "Η Αγρυπνία του Πάσχα
SUNDAY OF PASCHA Agape Vespers	April 12th 12:00 noon	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ Ὁ Ἐσπερινὸς τῆς Ἀγάπης

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2026

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 1st	 <i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 8th	 The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 15th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	 The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare FEBRUARY 22nd FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 1st	 <i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 8th	 ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 15th	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent MARCH 22nd	 ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent MARCH 29th	 ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 5th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 10th	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 12th NO FASTING!	 <i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

2026 Pascha Fanigiri

Pascha Sunday, April 12th

12:00 noon Agape Vespers

**ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR PASCHA POTLUCK MEAL
FOLLOWING AGAPE VESPERS**

Lamb, Magiritsa, & Potatoes are Provided

Please RSVP by April 7th to Janine Michael (Church Admin)

Office@dormitionpgh.org / (412) 828-4144

- **How many are attending?**
- **What dish you are bringing?**
- **Also, if you are available to help set-up or clean-up.**

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH 2026

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED
TO HELP COVER THE COSTS OF THE MEAL.

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, PLEASE

RSVP WITH NUMBER OF ADULTS & CHILDREN

BY THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH

PHONE (412) 828-4144 OR EMAIL

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FISH
SALAD
VEGETABLE
PASTA & SAUCE
ROLL

*FISH STICKS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN



Myrrh Bearing Women (Myrofores)

ON HOLY FRIDAY, AT THE EVENING LAMENTATIONS SERVICE, GIRLS IN GRADES K-12 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS MYRRH BEARING WOMEN. THE MYRRH BEARING WOMEN CAME TO THE TOMB OF JESUS VERY EARLY IN THE MORNING TO ANOINT HIS BODY AFTER HIS DEATH.

**THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE ARE ASKED TO DRESS IN ALL WHITE
(DRESS / SHOES / SWEATER / ETC.)**

A WHITE BASKET FILLED WITH ROSE PETALS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH GIRL.

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF REHEARSAL AFTER THE PALM SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY.

THOSE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, PLEASE CONTACT PRESVYTERA MARIA AT
(MARIAGAVRILOS13@GMAIL.COM)

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH - OAKMONT, PA



Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy.

Join us this Lent as the parishes of
Dormition of the Theotokos &
St. John the Baptist
host Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy

Presanctified Liturgy at 6:00 p.m.
Followed by a Lenten Meal

Wednesday, March 11th, 2026

Dormition of the Theotokos Church (GOA)
12 Washington Avenue
Oakmont, PA 15139

Wednesday, April 1st, 2026

Saint John the Baptist Church (OCA)
150 Elmtree Road
New Kensington, PA 15068



LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

ORGANIZED BY: Dormition of the Theotokos Sunday School



BENEFITTING
The Neighborhood
Resilience Project

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY:
Canned Goods, Pasta,
Rice, Cereals, Peanut
Butter, Soups, etc.

PLEASE MAKE ALL DONATIONS BY FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Help us nourish our neighbors this Lenten season

Spring 2026 FLOWER & PLANT FUNDRAISER

Sponsored by St. Barbara's Philoptochos Society

*Order Hanging Baskets, Patio Pots,
Flats (32 plants/Tray), Small Pot Annuals, and Herbs TODAY*



PAY BY CHECK - Print the form at
<https://tinyurl.com/2026SpringBasketsForm>
or Scan the QR code for the printable mail-in order form



*Printed order forms and envelopes will be available
in the Narthax. Completed orders may be mailed or
dropped in the church office mailbox.*



PAY ONLINE WITH A DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD at
<https://tinyurl.com/2026SpringBaskets>
or Scan the QR code to access the Online Order Form



Orders must be received by **Sunday, April 19, 2026**

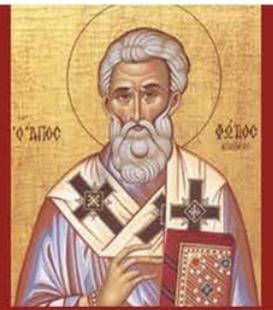
Mark your Calendar and Pickup Your Order at the Social Hall Entrance
Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.



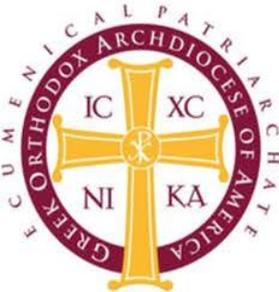
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A Good Word - Λόγον Αγαθόν

NEWSLETTER OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX
METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH



This year's Clergy Family Spring Retreat at Antiochian Village Conference & Retreat Center, Bolivar, PA



48th BIENNIAL CLERGY-LAITY CONGRESS SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 30-JULY 2, 2026

Join us in Cleveland, OH at the Huntington Convention Center

Hotel Group Rates are now available:

<https://www.clergylaity.org/hotels>

Choose from Three Hotels: Delegates, attendees, and exhibitors of the 48th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress have the choice of staying in one of three hotels in the downtown Cleveland area, just minutes from the Huntington Convention Center where the Clergy-Laity Congress will be held.*

Plan Your Visit: Parish delegates should plan to arrive on Monday, June 29. The Clergy-Laity Congress will begin at 10 AM on Tuesday, June 30 and will continue through 10 PM Thursday, July 2.

*Meetings of the National Philoptochos Convention will be held at the Hotel Cleveland.



Metropolis of Pittsburgh
Ladies Philoptochos Society

Virtual Daffodil Fundraiser

March 15, 2026 ~ April 18, 2026

Proceeds to benefit:

Metropolis Social Service Fund
&
Our Seminarians Our Future Fund

Join us in almsgiving this Lenten Season and help make this year's Virtual Daffodil Fundraiser a true blessing to others!

Donations can be made by scanning this QR code:



Or by check payable to:
The Metropolis of Pittsburgh Philoptochos
c/o Paula Yakoumas
220 Littell Road
Aliquippa, PA 15001

4th Annual Metropolis of Pittsburgh Ladies Philoptochos Society Retreat

The 4th Annual Metropolis of Pittsburgh Ladies Philoptochos Society Retreat brought together 75 members from Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia at the DoubleTree Hotel in Washington, Pennsylvania. The weekend featured fellowship and meaningful engagement, including reports from Metropolis President Joyce Spanakis and committee chairs, an update on the New Metropolis Center from Chancellor Fr. George Callos, and a Lenten reflection offered by His Eminence Metropolitan Savas. Participants also spent time preparing for upcoming National Philoptochos Convention in Cleveland, to be held June 29–July 2. The retreat was a successful and enriching gathering, and the Metropolis of Pittsburgh Philoptochos looks forward to welcoming sisters from across the country this summer.



New Metropolis Center



Have you received our recent mailing? Please consider a pledge or donation towards this worthy campaign that will benefit all. We are so close to our goal! To donate please scan the QR code or visit pittsburgh.goarch.org/pledge

All donations received by **MARCH 25** will have their names added to a plaque in the main entrance and also in the bricks lining the prayer garden walkway.

Thank you!



Example



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