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Does it make a Difference?



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This was the question posed by His Eminence, Metropolitan NICHOLAS, to the 2017 Metropolis of Detroit Clergy-Laity. Does our Orthodox faith make a difference in our daily lives? And do those lives make a difference in the lives of those around us?

My friends, we are called to be the salt of the earth, by which the otherwise bland creation is to be seasoned. We are called not just to make, but to *be* the difference that *Christ* makes in the world. But how can we do this? How can we allow Christ, through us, to transform the world?

My friends, we are the difference when we study and embrace our faith from the heart—when we worship together, not just on Sunday, but at the Paraklesis on Wednesday evening and at the service of Great Vespers, on Saturday night, at which we prepare for the Divine Liturgy. We are the difference when we embrace the opportunity to learn, by prayerfully and thoughtfully attending our adult study classes and participating in the dialogue. We are the difference when we offer stewardship to our community—offering of our time, our talents, and our treasure, that they might be sanctified and lifted up before the mighty throne of the Most High God as an offering. And we are the difference when, having received these things, we take them into the world. My friends, we *can* be the difference in the world!

Let us do these things. Let us recommit ourselves to Christ our Lord. Let us embrace Him from the heart. And having embraced Him ourselves, let us rush out into the world to embrace those in the who do not know Him, that they might be welcomed, through us, into His loving arms.

2017 Metropolis of Detroit Clergy-Laity Gathering



From September 27th to 30th, LeeAnn Cottrell, your duly appointed parish delegate, and I attended the 2017 Metropolis of Detroit Clergy-Laity. Clergy-Laity is always an event which allows parishes on the individual level to participate in the workings of the Metropolis, as well as to develop bonds of love with our sister parishes throughout the lands under the steady omophorion of His Eminence, Metropolitan NICHOLAS. Truly every time I speak with Him, I feel blessed, and I shall ever be grateful to God for placing me in the Metropolis of Detroit, and under His loving care.

During the conference, I sent updates electronically to our parish contact list, and so I shall only briefly summarize the proceedings here. If you did not receive the email updates during the conference, please let me know, and I will get you a hard copy. In summary, all is well on the Metropolis level. The finances are steady and transparent. The ministries are flourishing under innovative leadership teams which are always willing to listen to the laity and the clergy. The committees did their job so well during the week, and there was such a spirit of fellowship and concord, that every measure was approved unanimously at the Plenary Session. If you would like more information than is provided here, please contact me. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.



Worship and Church Events Schedule

Wednesday, October 4th

6:00 PM – Paraklesis
7:00 PM – Adult Study

Saturday, October 7th – GRAND OPENING

6:00 PM – Great Vespers and Memorial
7:00 PM – Reception with His Eminence

Sunday, October 8th – GRAND OPENING

9:00 AM – Matins and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
12:00 PM – Festive Banquet

Tuesday, October 10th

7:00 PM – Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 11th

6:00 PM - Vespers
7:00 PM – Adult Study

Saturday, October 14th

9:00 AM – Fellowship Nature Walk at Lower Howard's Creek
6:00 PM – Great Vespers

Sunday, October 15th

9:00 AM – Matins and Divine Liturgy
12:00 PM – IOCC Hurricane Packet Assembly

Wednesday, October 18th – Luke the

Evangelist

9:00 AM – Matins and Divine Liturgy
6:00 PM - Vespers
7:00 PM – Adult Study

Saturday, October 21st – NO GREAT VESPERS

2:00 PM – Fall Youth Family Day at Devine Farm and Corn Maze (with the Louisville parish)

Sunday, October 22nd

9:00 AM – Matins and Divine Liturgy
12:00 PM – Philoptochos Chili Cookoff

Monday, October 23rd – James, Brother of the Lord

9:00 AM – Matins and Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, October 25th

6:00 PM - Vespers
7:00 PM – Adult Study

Thursday, October 26th – Demetrius the Myrrh- Streaming Great Martyr

9:00 AM – Matins and Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 28th – Holy Protection of the Theotokos

9:00 AM – Matins and Divine Liturgy
6:00 PM – Great Vespers

Sunday, October 29th

9:00 AM – Matins and Divine Liturgy

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THE OPENING OF THE DOORS OF OUR NEW CHURCH

SATURDAY
October 7

6:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS AND
MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR
THE DECEASED FOUNDERS,
MEMBERS & BENEFACTORS
OF THE CHURCH

Fellowship time with
refreshments by Philoptochos

SUNDAY
October 8

9:00 AM - MATINS

10:00 AM - HIERARCHICAL HOLY
LITURGY WITH
HIS EMINENCE,
METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS
Thanksgiving Service

12:00 PM - FESTIVE BANQUET
AND PROGRAM



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OF DETROIT

TICKET PRICE

\$30 for adults (18 and over) • **\$10** for youth (13 through 17)
The admission will be free for children

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An Appeal for Friends of the Metropolis...

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have had many of you come up to me and express appreciation for the email updates I sent you all during the recent Metropolis of Detroit Clergy-Laity Conference in Buffalo. Many of you have said that it made you feel more cognizant of your connection to the larger Church, and specifically that part of Her which functions as the Body of Christ under the loving omophorion of His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas. Truly it is a good and just thing for us to be reminded of this connection!

This connection also calls to mind the many gifts and blessings we have received from our Beloved and Holy Metropolis of Detroit, and, particularly, from His Eminence. We have received freely that love, compassion, and pastoral care which His Eminence and the Metropolis Staff have freely given. We have beheld the loving advice and guidance this community has been given through times of transition in the past. And we will soon see His Eminence, as he visits His parish in Lexington and spends the weekend with our small yet close family—in spite of the fact that he is currently managing two Metropolises, in spite of His obligations to Synods and Assemblies, and in spite of His obligations to the staff at the Metropolis offices in Detroit. This is a striking measure of the dedication of the Pastor to His flock.

My friends, having freely been given so much by His Eminence and the Metropolis Staff, and having freely received it, we must ask ourselves how we might give, in turn, that others might receive the blessings of Christ through our Holy Metropolis. My friends, the answer is to become “Friends”! Through your participation in the Friends of the Metropolis Program you support the ministries, programs, and proper function of our beloved Metropolis of Detroit. By contributing, you are directly involved in everything from the design and maintenance of the beautiful and informative Metropolis website, to ensuring that seminarians are properly trained and provided with the tools of study; from the frugal travel of His Eminence as He attends various synods and assemblies on our behalf, to the support of the staff that assists Him in His ministry on behalf of and for all of us.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, let us become also friends of Christ. And one of the surest ways to do this is to become Friends of the Metropolis of Detroit, through which He showers us with His sacramental graces and spiritual blessings. Please consider joining together with the rest of your parish family in this ministry by filling out and sending in the form on the back of this page. May God bless and keep you all, and may He continue to bless our Holy Metropolis of Detroit!

*With love in the Service of Christ
-Fr. William*

FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS

When you support the Friends of the Metropolis campaign, you are part of a greater outreach that proclaims with one universal voice that God is truly our hope and our rock of salvation. Because of your devotion to the Friends program, ministries and programs are implemented on a Metropolis-wide basis which strengthen and enhance our faith and our joint ministry of service. I would like to invite you to join forces with the faithful throughout the Metropolis of Detroit in support of the ministries which are part of the Office of the Metropolitan.

Thanking you for your kind and generous response, I remain, with paternal blessings and prayers,

+NICHOLAS
Metropolitan of Detroit

MORE INFO AT:
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GENERAL SUPPORT

Fully fund the general expenses of the Metropolis office, including programs and travels.

OUTREACH/MISSIONS

Create opportunities to introduce our faith to society. Participate in inter-Christian and interfaith activities. Provide quick responses to national and international disasters.

EDUCATION

Enhance various scholarship opportunities, adult education programs, and support Metropolis students at Hellenic College/Holy Cross.

HELLENISM

Develop programs for Hellenic Cultural Outreach, including language, history, and arts.

CLERGY/PARISH SUPPORT

Develop and provide instructional seminars and services for clergy and parishes.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Support the youth & young adult ministries, including our summer camps, as well as the activities of a full-time Metropolis Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

LEADERSHIP

Organize Clergy-Laity Conferences, Oratorical Festivals, Youth Worker and Religious Education Training, and Adult Education Seminars.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Continued website development, hospitality to visiting dignitaries, charity and philanthropy.

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