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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Sun. January 9

Vasilopita Luncheon

Wed. January 12

Outreach

Committee Meeting

“Meet Micah”

New Youth Director

Tues. January 18

Philoptochos

Bingo—Fun

Brief Meeting

Fri—Sun. January  
28-30

Volleyball Tourney

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This common feast of these three teachers was instituted a little before the year 1100, during the reign of the Emperor Alexis I Comnenus, because of a dispute and strife that arose among the notable and virtuous men of that time. Some of them preferred Basil, while others preferred Gregory, and yet others preferred John Chrysostom, quarreling among themselves over which of the three was the greatest. Furthermore, each party, in order to distinguish itself from the others, assumed the name of its preferred Saint; hence, they called themselves Basilians, Gregorians, or Johannites. Desiring to bring an end to the contention, the three Saints appeared together to the saintly John Mavropous, a monk who had been ordained Bishop of Euchaita, a city of Asia Minor, they revealed to him that the glory they have at the throne of God is equal, and told him to compose a common service for the three of them, which he did with great skill and beauty. Saint John of Euchaita (celebrated Oct. 5) is also the composer of the Canon to the Guardian Angel, the Protector of a Man's Life. In his old age, he retired from his episcopal see and again took up the monastic life in a monastery in Constantinople. He reposed during the reign of the aforementioned Emperor Alexis Comnenus (1081-1118).

## Three Things You Can Do To Experience Renewal in 2011

By- Father Paul Costopoulos

A New Year is synonymous with “resolutions” and renewal. With its arrival everyone hopes that the New Year will be better than the previous one, or at least just as good. Resolutions, therefore, to make or do things better are quite common. For example, the resolve to work harder, study more, drink less, lose weight, come to church more often, spend more time with the family are but a few of the resolutions that people make to experience renewal.

Resolutions are good and easy to make. Keeping them, however, is difficult. Why? For a very simple reason! Unless God’s grace “anoints” a resolution, the resolution is doomed to failure.

How can one appropriate God’s grace in 2011 to experience renewal? Very simply! There are three things you can do:

1. Believe in the One Who Makes Things New—In the Book of Revelations 21:5 we read, “Then He who sat on the throne said, ‘Behold, I make all things new.’” He who sits on the throne is Jesus. Belief in Him as expressed by the Nicene Creed is fundamental to the actualization of renewal through grace in our life. Apart from such belief in Christ, there is no renewal, there is no goodness, there is no joy, and in fact there is no salvation. Paul in Ephesians 2:8 puts it this way, “For by grace you have been saved by Faith...”

2. Go to Confession—Jesus once said to Nicodemus, “Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born again (anew), he cannot see the Kingdom of God.” For us Orthodox Christians, the day of our born again experience was the day of our Baptism. But since that day our lives like past years have been fraught with failure, misgivings, disappointment, hurt and sin. Hence, the reason why it is so important that in 2011 we make a resolution to go to Confession. Confession is a Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins. When received with the fear of God, faith, love and contrition it has the power to forgive sins. As Fr. Ignatius in a recent sermon so beautifully put it in quoting St. Gregory the Theologian, “Confession is a Baptism of tears that can wipe our (spiritual) slates clean.”

3. Go to Church—Do not come sporadically, occasionally and irregularly. Instead, come every Sunday and for as many of the week day Liturgies as possible. Church has the power to renew. She is the pillar and ground of truth. Through her are availed to us two blessings that are absolutely critical to the actualization of renewal and grace in our life. The one is the Word of God. And the other is the sacraments most especially the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. How can anyone possibly experience renewal in any New Year without receiving Eucharist? Speaking of the blessings of Communion St. John Chrysostom tells us Eucharist give us “well being and sanctification of our souls and bodies...the averting of every evil...the peace of our spiritual powers, a faith unashamed... the receiving of divine grace and the inheritance of Christ’s Kingdom.”

I pray that all in our Community will have a Happy New Year. I am confident that you will if God anoints your resolutions with His grace. As stated He will provided you do the three things mentioned above. Believe in Christ! Confess your sins! And go to Church!

# **CATHEDRAL NEWS NOTES**

## **BLESSING OF HOMES**

Persons interested in having their house blessed during the month of January should call the church office, #716-3080, or sign up in the Narthex on Sundays. Only parishioners who request visitations will be visited. Persons who request a visitation will be telephoned in advance, and advised of the scheduled time of the visitation.

## **VASILOPETA LUNCHEON SCHEDULED**

Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> following the Divine Liturgy. It is co-sponsored by the Parish Council and the Philoptochos. All proceeds of the luncheon are forwarded to St. Basil's Academy, an Archdiocesan Institution for children from broken homes. St. Basil's Academy is located in Garrison, NY, on the banks of the Hudson River opposite West Point Military Academy.

## **FAMILY NIGHT TO RECONVENE**

Wednesday evening, January 12<sup>th</sup>. Dinner, 5:00 p.m. Educational programs for youth (ages 4 and up) and adults, 6:00 p.m. Micah Hirschy our new Youth Director will be with us. He will be meeting with the parents of our youth at 6:00 p.m. to discuss youth programming for the new year.

## **MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY TO RECONVENE**

Tuesday morning, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Men's Bible Study, 7:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study, 10:30. Both groups are presently engaged in a study on "The Person, Life and Death of Mary the Mother of God."

## **EPIPHANY**

Epiphany, January 6<sup>th</sup>, is one of the major Feast Days of our Lord. It commemorates the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist at the River Jordan, and also the Revelation of God as Holy Trinity. It is always observed liturgically with the celebration of Orthros, Divine Liturgy, and the Service of the Great Blessing of Waters. All are invited to be present. Services will be held in the Cathedral Church.

## **PARISH COUNCIL ELECTS NEW OFFICERS**

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 26, 2010, the Parish Council took the Oath of Office and afterwards met to elect new officers. Officers elected include: Tommy Yearout, President; E.J. Vakakes, Vice President; Pete Lafakis, Treasurer; Alex Yearout, Secretary; and Jimmy Cosmas, Steve Nickolson, and Nick Petelos, Assistant Treasurers. Others who will be serving on the Parish Council in 2011 include Mark Boardman, Greg Burge, George Dikis, Nick Erben, Joe Fawal, Dwight Greene, Nick Manakides and Joey Valekis.

We thank our Parish Council for their stewardship of time, talent, and treasure, and congratulate our newly elected officers. We also thank our out-going Parish Council members, Alex Kontos and Doug Shipp.

## **APPLICATIONS FOR THE NICHOLAS C. SARRIS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE**

If you are interested in applying for a grant from the Nicholas Scholarship Foundation, call the church office. Tel. # 205/716-3080. Applications are available and must be returned by May 20, 2011.

This Foundation was established from a generous gift from the Angeliki Sarris Estate to promote, encourage and advance the education of members of our Cathedral Community at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Foundation funds are available to any and all members (and/or the children of members) of the Holy Trinity-Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

## **CONDOLENCES**

Our condolences are extended to the Pelekis family. On Christmas Eve, December 24, 2010, Dena Pelekis Moraites of Cincinnati, Ohio died. She was the oldest sister of the late Gus Pelekis, and is survived by her son Steve, her daughter Eleni, and sister-in-law Lillian Pelekis. May God remember Dena in his Kingdom.

# A Teaching: “Why Holy Communion is Called *Eucharist*...”

By--Father Paul Costopoulos

The Divine Liturgy, which is the central act of worship in the Orthodox Church, is the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Holy Communion is often times referred to as Holy Eucharist. *Eucharist* is a word that comes from the Greek word εὐχαριστία which means “thanksgiving.”

Why is Holy Communion often referred to as Eucharist?

There are two reasons. The one reason is because Jesus offered up thanks to God as the Last Supper when he broke bread with his disciples. The other reason is that at various points in the Divine Liturgy we offer up thanks to God for the redeeming events of Christ’s Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Referring to Holy Communion by the term *Eucharist* dates back to the second century. The term is first mentioned in the ancient Christian writing called *The Didache*.

Other names for Eucharist are the Lord’s Supper and the Bloodless Sacrifice.

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## Encyclical of Archbishop Demetrios for the Feast of Saint Basil and the New Year

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:  
old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. II Corinthians 5:17*

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The conclusion of one calendar year and the beginning of another is a time filled with reflection and anticipation. It is a time when we look back over the past year and consider our challenges and joys, our highlights and struggles, and our accomplishments as well as the tasks that are not completed. It is also a time when we look ahead to a new year with a sense of anticipation, contemplating what may come, planning our activities, and hoping for health and happiness.

All of this reflection and anticipation is encouraged by a culture around us that celebrates the passing of the year and of time without a deep spiritual connection to the events and commemorations that reflect genuine hope and assurance. As Orthodox Christians we are blessed at this time of year to celebrate two beautiful and holy feasts of the Church which are filled with both reflection and anticipation. Only a few days have passed since our celebration of the Feast of our Lord’s Nativity, a commemoration of the light of truth dispelling the darkness of sin and death and a feast of joy in anticipation of God’s blessings.

In a few days we will celebrate the Feast of Theophany, another great occasion filled with light and grace. We will commemorate the baptism of Jesus by John in the Jordan and the revelation of the Holy Trinity as Christ inaugurated His earthly ministry. On this day we will reflect on the spiritual significance of this miraculous event, and we will anticipate our continuous transformation in the journey of faith unto salvation.

Both of these feasts help us to put the passing of time and the beginning of the new year into a proper and spiritual context. This is not simply a non-religious event marking the changing of a number or turning of the calendar. When joined with our festal commemorations as Orthodox Christians, this beginning of a new year, this time of reflection and anticipation is focused on our spiritual lives and on our ministry of prayer and service. In the Feast of the Nativity we are presented with the One who became man for our salvation, and in the Feast of Theophany we are enlightened by the witness of the One who sanctifies our lives with His presence. In His holy birth we receive the gift that should be offered and proclaimed throughout the world, and in His baptism we see the power of the Holy Spirit who also anoints us to share grace and truth through our lives.

Thus, we begin a new year with our hearts and minds filled with these celebrations and with the grace and calling we share as the children of God. We begin a new year with opportunities for worship and service as we deepen our communion with God and strengthen our witness to others. We begin a new year in the Lord with a commitment to live each moment in the presence of Christ and to use each day to bring Him honor and glory. We begin a new year reflecting on the revelation of God's love, on His forgiveness, on our journey, and we anticipate the blessings of His power and grace in days to come.

It is also our tradition on this Feast of St. Basil and the inception of the New Year to honor a faithful and beautiful ministry of our Holy Archdiocese, Saint Basil Academy. During this first month of the year we are led by our Ladies Philoptochos Society in collecting offerings to assist in the witness and service of the staff and directors of Saint Basil's as they nurture and guide young lives with compassion and faith. This is a ministry of reflection and anticipation. It is a reflection on over sixty-five years of dedicated service and on the numerous lives that have found hope, love, and support at Saint Basils. It is also a ministry of anticipation. All children who come and reside at Saint Basil Academy have a need for an environment that will give them guidance and encouragement and develop their potential. For all of us, we can only anticipate the great and wondrous things that will be accomplished in and through the lives of the children and youth who are blessed by this ministry.

On this New Year's Day and the Feast of our Father and Teacher, Saint Basil the Great, I encourage you to give generously to the work of Saint Basil Academy, and to offer your prayers for those who work diligently and faithfully in the service of our youth and of God. May we also share in the joy of this season of light and life, expecting the great and abundant blessings of God in the coming year as we offer our worship and prayers and as we serve one another and all people in the grace and power of Jesus Christ our Lord.

With paternal love in Christ  
†DEMETRIOS  
Archbishop of America

# Announcements

# A n n o u n c e m e n t s

## Father Paul to Lead Group on Tour of Holy Lands

+Father Paul will be leading a "tour" of the Holy Lands in the spring of 2011. Parishioners who are interested should call the church office. The Holy Lands to be visited will include Israel, Constantinople and the monastery of St. Katherine's.

Departure will be from Atlanta on May 30 with a return on June 13. The cost is approximately \$3850.00 per individual. Included is air transportation to and from the Holy Lands, deluxe motor coaches, guided sight seeing, first class hotels, a daily buffet breakfast, 4 lunches, a daily buffet dinner, and entrance fees to the sites visited. A \$350 reservation deposit is required by January 27, 2011, with full payment due by the end of February.

For more information, call the church office at (205) 716-3080.

Flyers with detailed information on the trip may be picked up from the church office or the Cathedral narthex.

The trip is certain to be a super, edifying and once-in-a-lifetime trip for all who participate.

Reservations are limited to 35 people. First come, first serve!

## VASILOPITA LUNCHEON



**Vasilopita Luncheon Confirmed  
this Sunday, January 9th  
following Divine Liturgy.**

**Luncheon will be prepared by  
Chef Nick Sarris.**

**Famous Greek Chicken,  
Famous Greek Green Beans  
and Greek Potatoes  
with a Greek Salad and Rolls.**

**Donation \$8.00**

**Please bring your favorite bread  
or dessert!**

**See you there!**

The Vasilopita Luncheon is co-sponsored by the Parish Council and the Philoptochos. All proceeds of the luncheon are forwarded to St. Basil's Academy, an Archdiocesan Institution for children from broken homes. St. Basil's Academy is located in Garrison, NY, on the banks of the Hudson River opposite West Point Military Academy.

## Taking down of the Memorial Tree

Thanks to all that shared in the Memorial Tree Services during the Christmas season. It is now time for us to take the tree down until another year. Please kindly stop by the atrium at your earliest convenience and take your beautiful ornaments off the tree.



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Congratulations  
to  
Patricia Flach

Who was honored with the title

*“Miss Heritage”*

of  
Homewood High School

Patricia is the daughter of  
Mary and Peter Flach

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OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12th

4:30 p.m.

Third Floor Conference Room

Please make every effort to be with us to  
make final plans for “SENIOR SUNDAY”  
January 30, 2011.

12<sup>th</sup> Annual

Co-Ed Volleyball  
Tournament

Birmingham, AL

January 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

Guest Speaker

Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis

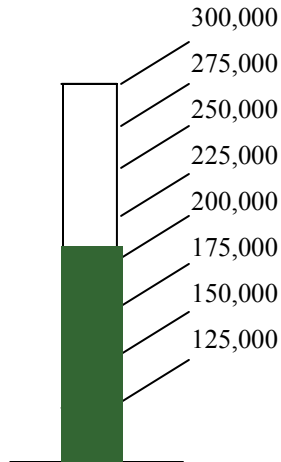
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# Building Fund Report

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## BUILDING FUND REPORT



<b>BUILDING FUND PLEDGE GOAL</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
<b>TOTAL PLEDGES RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$240,260</b>
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AGAINST PLEDGE</b>	<b>\$196,276</b>

Outstanding Loan Balance as of June 1, 2009	\$274,000
Amount paid on Principal thru January	<u>116,000</u>
Loan Balance as of Dec. 2010	<u>\$158,000</u>

## Outreach & Evangelism Committee Report

### CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE

Stop in Soon and Shop.

Come and see the new items: Baptism, Wedding, Icons, Greeting cards, Crosses, Spiritual Books, and gifts for all ages are available!

**Available Now:**

#### The 2011 Orthodox Planner

Dawn Manakides, Cathedral Bookstore Manager  
Loretta Garrigan, Assistant

*Penny O. Kovakas, Coordinator  
Outreach & Evangelism*

## Outreach & Evangelism Committee Report (Con't)

OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

INVITES ALL SENIORS

JANUARY 30th

TO ATTEND DIVINE LITURGY AND

FELLOWSHIP WITH THE ENTIRE PARISH FAMILY.

You will be seated Front Row and Center in the Cathedral

Because You are Special and Favored!

A light luncheon will be served in Room 207. Please Come!!!

Family members are encouraged to bring our Seniors. Pick up and delivery back will be done by our Volunteer Committee for Seniors who do not have transportation.

Call Penny O. Kovakas @ 365-6001 for transportation.

RSVP to Dorothy McAdory @ 716-3080.

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## **PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATE**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Hope the Holidays were good to you.

Here it is another year, 2011. It seems only yesterday that we were concerned with Y2K. Philoptochos is up and ready and moving!

The Vasilopita Luncheon is scheduled for January 9. As you know, the proceeds go to St. Basil's Academy, a home for Orthodox children who have lost or are unable to live with their families. St. Basil's has been in existence since 1944

Hope to see you all at the luncheon.

Our Annual Lenten Retreat will take place on February 25th and 26th with Fr. Thomas Hopko as Guest Speaker. Fr. Hopko has authored many books on Orthodoxy and living the Orthodox Faith. He is a well-known speaker and has been featured several times on [ancientfaithradio.com](http://ancientfaithradio.com).

Over the last two weeks it seems that I kept having "FAMILY" thrown at me:

Rearranging my bookcase, I picked up a copy of Mother Teresa's book, "A Gift for God" in which she states that "Love begins at home". Home is the place where we find the love that Jesus spoke of, "Love one another as I have loved you". She says, "We must make our homes centers of compassion and forgive endlessly".

Watching Larry King interviewing Carlos Slim, the richest man in the world, he asked him that with all the experiences he had, all the places he had gone, all the people he has met, what was the most important thing in his life. Without blinking an eye, he said, "Family! Family is the most important. Family is not a burden, it is not to be pushed aside. Family is where I find my support and always have. I could not have achieved what I have or be who I am without my family." Sideline: he was born in Lebanon, moved to Mexico as a child, worth 53 billion and the best thing about him, I think, is that he is a faithful, practicing Maronite Christian.

An icon that remains solidly in my mind, January, 1944---my very best friend's parents, active members of our church, received a telegram, that telegram that all families dreaded, their only son, Nick Gavalas was missing in action. His plane had not returned from a bomb run over Italy destroying a major munitions plant. There was only one survivor, the gunner that had bailed out and taken

prisoner. After the war when he was released he reported to a Board of Inquiry that the plane had exploded in mid-air right after he bailed out. Nick was awarded the Purple Heart given to his father at a ceremony in a hangar at the Birmingham Airport. In January, 2009, sixty-six years after the plane was reported lost, a retired archaeologist discovered the wreckage of Nick's plane in the lagoon of the small deserted barrier island of Mago, Italy submerged in mud. He did extensive on-site research, notified the U.S. government, who sent their own investigators and this April a final determination will be made about the feasibility of retrieving and bringing the remains of the seven airmen on board home. I ask myself, is it the pull, the need, the love of family that brought this about. That the seven airmen can come home, that Nick's remains can be buried next to his parents in Elmwood Cemetery?

FAMILY! The circuitious road this information took to get to the Gavalas family is truly amazing. Another story-----

This pull of family was most evident in the Memorial Tree service held at our church on the Eve of St. Nicholas. Many came to remember our departed love ones. Thank you Presv. Garnette and Boula Constantine for making this such a memorable evening. To Alexis Pappas thank you for bringing the young GOYANS. They were wonderful, respectful, helpful hosts.

The last "event" of the last two weeks: I was watching a program on APT on which a historian told of how music through the ages connected with events of the time. In 1942 Bing Crosby recorded a song that sold more records than White Christmas. The recording voiced the feelings of the millions of young men who were so far from home, "I'll Be Home for Christmas-----If only in my dreams".

Family! That pull of Family! To me Philoptochos is family, love, compassion, support-----

"Love one another as I have loved you", saith the Lord

God Bless,

Helen Bekrakis



# 2011 New Year's Resolution

## Join Philoptochos!

Join the Ladies of Holy Trinity-Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Cathedral on **January 18<sup>th</sup>** in the Banquet Hall for a night of Bingo, Margaritas and La Paz Mexican dinner, beginning at **6:30pm**

As Orthodox Christian women, Philoptochos gives us the opportunity to do charitable works and reach out to those in need.

Each and every one of you is **INVITED** to **EMBRACE** Philoptochos and get **INVOLVED!**

**Plan to join us on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Invite your friends & family to come too.**

Our annual **Vasilopita Luncheon** is Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Liturgy.  
All proceeds go to Saint Basil's Academy in Garrison, NY.

God Bless You & Yours in the coming 2011 year.

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**Please detach and return**

**Please join us in our 2011 Membership Campaign with your pledge of any amount.**

Please make your check payable to Philoptochos and send it to:

Philoptochos Membership, 307 South 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Birmingham, AL 35233.

It is important for you to know, we send \$15.00/ member to National and \$7.00/member to our Metropolis. Our local chapter sends \$22.00 of your pledge and keeps the remaining portion for our local ministries.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell#: \_\_\_\_\_

BINGO!!

FUN!

Dinner from LaPaz!

Laughs!

Prizes!

Margaritas!

EVERYONE

Join us on Tuesday, January 18th  
6:30

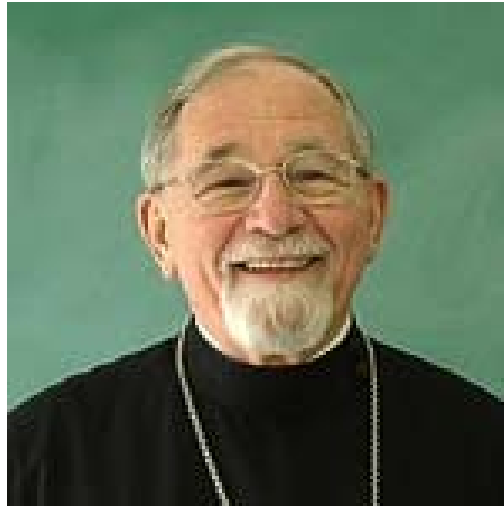
for a great evening  
with Philoptochos  
in the Banquet Hall.

There will be a brief meeting too!

*The good things in life....*

*Not our weaknesses and faults...*

*Can sometimes be our greatest temptations*



## Vices vs. Virtues

Winter Retreat

For the entire community  
sponsored by Philoptochos  
Featuring

Fr. Thomas Hopko

February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Holy Trinity Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
Birmingham, Alabama

## Retreat Overview

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Fr. Thomas Hopko will focus on the timeless Christian struggle of vices versus virtues. He will present how our thoughts, feelings, passions and demons assail and often enslave us and how we can become victorious in Christ. Participants will also be able to attend focused small group sessions led by visiting clergy. Fr. Hopko's address will be pertinent and timely for adults of all ages and anyone interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith. Retreats for youth are offered throughout the weekend.

## Retreat Schedule

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### Friday, February 25th

5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers - Cathedral
6:15 – 7:00 p.m.	Social Hour- Banquet Hall
7:00-8:00 p.m.	Fr. Hopko

### Saturday, February 26th

8:30/9:00 a.m.	Orthros/Divine Liturgy
10:15 a.m.	Light Breakfast – Banquet Hall
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Fr. Hopko - Banquet Hall
12 Noon – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch – Gym
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.	Focused Small Groups – Participants choose one to attend
	Just for Men – Fr. Alexander Fecanin
	Addiction and Healing – Fr. Elias Stevens
	Prayerful Consideration- Fr. Ignatius Crockett
2:00-3:00 p.m.	Fr. Hopko

## **Fr. Thomas Hopko**

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The distinguished Fr. Thomas Hopko is in his 48th year of marriage and the priesthood. He was a parish priest for twenty years and a theology professor for thirty four years.

Fr. Thomas served as the Dean of St. Vladimir's Seminary for ten years (1992-2002).

He retired in 2002 to Ellwood City, PA where he serves at the Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration -- a women's monastery. He is married to Anne Schmemmann and has five married children, one son (a priest) and four daughters, sixteen grandchildren and a new great granddaughter. It is our distinct pleasure to welcome him to Birmingham, Alabama for this year's Winter Retreat. Several of his talks "Speaking the Truth In Love" can be heard at [www.ancientfaithradio.com](http://www.ancientfaithradio.com).

### Costs and Registration

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Please complete the reply card and mail back no later than February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Cost of retreat is \$20 per person and \$35 per couple. Make check payable to Philoptochos.

For questions email: [hpkoretreat@gmail.com](mailto:hpkoretreat@gmail.com) or contact Chum Atkins 967-5731.

Youth Retreats - \$10.00 per child – Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 – 3:30

Maximum cost per family \$50.00. Scholarships available

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Childcare available for infants through 3 years of age by reservation only – Friday and Saturday

4k-4<sup>th</sup> Grade – "Journey through the Sundays of Great Lent" retreat led by Presbytera Diane Miles and will take place on the second floor of the Education Building – Saturday only

5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – "Taste and See" off site retreat with Holy Cross seminarian– meet at the Cathedral for day trip to a parishioner's lake house for a day of discovery regarding the gifts of the Holy Eucharist and outdoor activities. Saturday only

8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Lock In – Friday Night – Micah Hirschy, Youth Director Holy Trinity-Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

# Registration Form

Adult Participants : \_\_\_\_\_

Address & Zip Code : \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_ cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Childcare: Friday Saturday - Circle all that apply

Youth Participants:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Notes regarding children: Allergies, etc.

Winter Retreat is sponsored by the generous support of the Ladies of Philoptochos. Committee Members include: Fr. Paul Costopoulos, Sonthe Burge (President of Philoptochos), Chum Atkins, Alexis Pappas, Stephanie Knisely, Helen McEwen, Derek Gaylard, Alex Yearout, Teddy Hontzas.

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**Hope Joy  
October  
Fall Festival at the Stevens Farm**

Thank you to Tom Stevens for hosting the Fall Kickoff for Hope Joy. It was an incredibly beautiful day as we fished, painted pumpkins, played flag football, roasted smores and had a great time. Fr. Paul led a wonderful discussion about taking care of God's Creation. This has been an annual event for over 11 years and we look forward to it every year!





## Meet Micah

Wednesday Night Dinner & Talk  
January 12, 2011  
Banquet Hall  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*The entire parish is encouraged to attend the first Wednesday Night program as we introduce our new youth director, Micah Hirschy. Come hear Micah's story and share information about our youth programs.*

*Youth ages 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up welcome  
Childcare for youth nursery through 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Dinner 5:15-6:00 p.m.  
Micah 6:00-7:00 p.m.*

PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

HOLY TRINITY – HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL  
PARISH MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please complete clearly in print)

**HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD:**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HOLY TRINITY-HOLY CROSS GOC CALENDAR & SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Cathedral Website: [www.holytrinity-holycross.org](http://www.holytrinity-holycross.org)

January 2010

### Volunteers for the January 2011

#### Sunday

**1st** M. Boardman, D. Greene, T. Yearout  
**2nd** G. Dikis, N. Manakides, E.J. Vakakes  
**3rd** P.Lafakis, N. Erben, J. Valekis  
**4th** G. Burge, J. Fawal, A. Yearout  
**5th** J. Cosmas, S. Nickolson, N. Petelos

#### Parish Council

**January 2**

**January 9**

**January 16**

**January 23**

**January 30**

#### Readers

Nicholas Erben  
Chris Jebeles  
Tom Constantine  
Mark Boardman  
Katherine Long

#### Nursery

**TBA**



#### Coffee Fellowship

**TBA**

#### Early Duty

January 2	Mark Boardman
January 9	George Dikis
January 16	Nick Erben
January 23	Greg Burge
January 30	Jimmy Cosmas
February 6	Dwight I. Greene
February 13	Nick Manakides
February 20	Pete Lafakis
February 27	Joe Fawal

#### **OUTREACH & EVANGELISM GREETERS**

January 2	Mary Calamas, Boula Constantine
January 9	Sonthe&Greg Burge, Genera Cockrell
January 16	Paula & George Kustos
January 23	Nick Erben, Nancy Drakos
January 30	Dennis Saltzman

### **VASILOPITA LUNCHEON**

**JANUARY 9, 2011**

**FOLLOWING  
DIVINE LITURGY**

# January 2011

## Greek School:

4:15 p.m. Youth Classes  
6:00 p.m. Adult Level 1 (Beginners)  
7:00 p.m. Adult Level 2

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> New Year's Day 8:30/9:30a O/DL, "St. Basil"
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Old Firehouse Shelter	<b>4</b> 6:00p Philoptochos Bd Mtg.	<b>5</b> 8:30/9:30a Orthros/Divine Liturgy, "Eve of Theophany"	<b>6</b> 8:30/9:30a Orthros/Divine Liturgy, "Theophany"	<b>7</b> 8:30/9:30a Orthros/Divine Liturgy, "Synaxis of John the Baptist"	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Memorials: See Worship Bulletin  Vasilopita Luncheon	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <u>Bible Studies:</u> 7:00 a.m. Men 10:30a Women 9:00 a Staff 6:30 p.m.	<b>12</b> 4:30p Outreach Committee Meet- ing, 3rd Fl, Conf. Rm. 5:00 p.m. Wednes- day Night "Meet Micah" Greek School 7:00p GOYA Volley- ball Tourny Mtg, GOYA Rm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal, Alexis Petelos & Tim Vakakes	<b>15</b> Wedding: Alexis Petelos & Tim Vakakes Reception, Banquet Hall
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Office & Day Care Closed! 8:30/9:30a O/DL "St. Anthony"	<b>18</b> <u>Bible Studies:</u> 7:00 a.m. Men 10:30 a.m. Women 8:30/9:30a O/DL "Athanasios & Cyril, Patriarchs..." 6:30p "BINGO" Philoptochos	<b>19</b> 5:00 p.m. Wednes- day Night Programs Greek School 6-6:30p GOYA/Jr. GOYA Bible Study 6:30-7:15p V.B. Practice	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Wedding, Eugenia Klezaras & Chet Jaskowski, Cathedral
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <u>Bible Studies:</u> 7:00 a.m. Men 10:30 a.m. Women 8:30/9:30 a.m. O/DL, "St. Gregory the Theologian" 6:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting	<b>26</b> 5:00 p.m. Wednes- day Night Programs Greek School 6:30p GOYA/Jr. GOYA Bible Study 6:30-7:15p V.B. Practice	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Volleyball Tournament	<b>29</b>  Volleyball Tournament
<b>30</b> Volleyball Tournament  Senior Day Luncheon 207 Outreach & Evangelism Committee	<b>31</b>					





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# VASILOPITA LUNCHEON

Following

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 9, 2011