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Conditions improve in Baton Rouge but more help is needed

BATON ROUGE, La. (August 24, 2016) — Hope is on the horizon for Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Baton Rouge following days of severe flooding. Fr. Anthony Monteleone and the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church community extend many thanks for the physical, spiritual and monetary support of parishioners, local parishes, the Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos, the National Philoptochos and the IOCC.

Everyone in the community is safe, although several have been displaced from their homes and have lost many, if not all, of their physical belongings. Aid to these families continues to be provided by the generosity of the Metropolis of Atlanta and National Philoptochos chapters.

On Sunday, the parish celebrated their first Divine Liturgy on church grounds since the floods occurred. The exterior of the church is still standing but the inside has been badly damaged by the flooding. Over the weekend, the interior and exterior of the church were cleaned up, damage assessed and all icons salvaged. The community continues to move forward with restoration plans.

“I can tell you I feel far better about this entire situation than I did when I first set foot in the church this past Wednesday and saw what we would be dealing with,” stated Mike Rood, Holy Trinity’s Parish Council President, “As time goes on, I know that through the Lord's guidance, our efforts, and with the assistance and prayers of our entire Orthodox family that we can't fail.”

Donations are still needed at this time to help with rebuilding efforts and to aid displaced families. To make a donation to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Baton Rouge, La. for flooding disaster relief, please contact Ms. Dee Nicolaou, Director of Disaster Response and Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos President, at 813-294-0346 or nicolaou@msn.com.

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