



# A GOOD WORD—Λόγον Αγαθόν

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## LATE-YEAR ORDINATIONS ABOUND

Following a calendar year 2017 with no ordinations within the Metropolis of Pittsburgh, His Eminence has ordained a number of young men to serve our local communities. The first half of the year saw the ordination to the priesthood of Fr. Christopher (Pres. Sophia) Zaferes, serving in Columbus.

In late August His Eminence ordained Aaron (Kyriaka) Gilbert to the Diaconate to serve at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Camp Hill, and in early December ordained him to the Holy Priesthood (*photo at right*). Fr. Aaron's father, the late Fr. Matthew Gilbert, originally hailed from the Eastern region of our Metropolis, and Pres. Kyriaka's family is from the York-Lancaster area.

In October His Eminence ordained Konstantinos (Evangelia) Koutroubas to the Diaconate to serve at Sts. Constantine & Helen in Reading (*photo below*). Dn. Konstantinos has been the pastoral assistant to Fr. Pappalas for a few years now, and originally hails from Philadelphia. Pres. Evangelia is the daughter of Fr. Nicholas & Pres. Irene Palis.

At the end of December, His Eminence will ordain Dn. Thomas (Dssa. Molly) Drenen to the Holy Priesthood, and he will continue to serve the Sts. Constantine & Helen Cathedral community in Cleveland Heights. His ordination to the diaconate was the last ordination before 2018, taking place in October 2016 in Cleveland.



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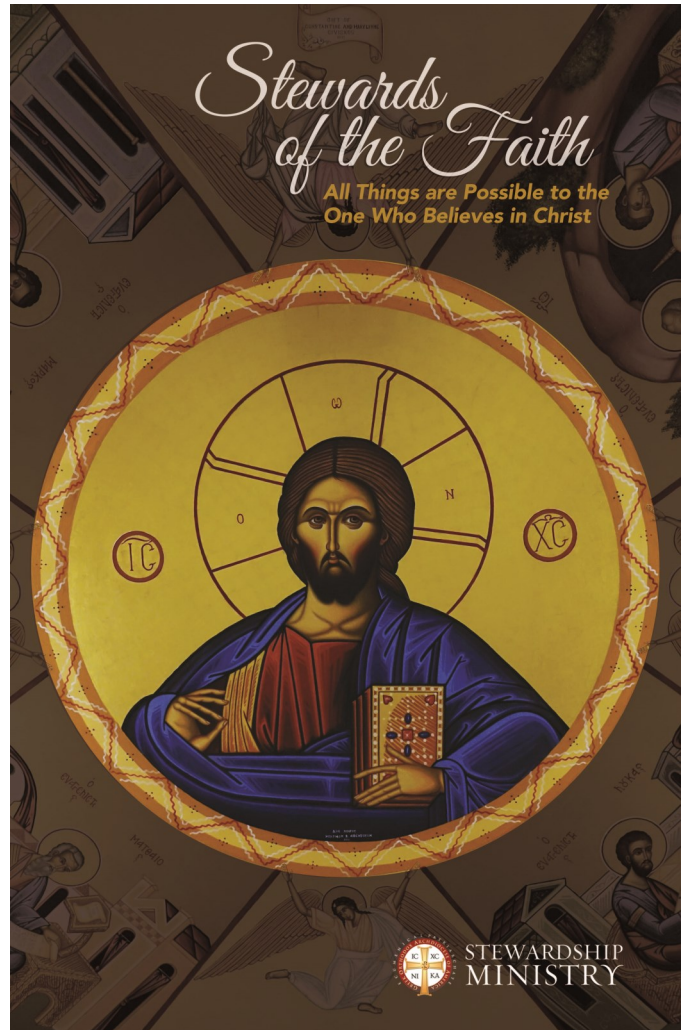
It costs approximately \$1,000 per day to operate our Metropolis—including His Eminence's pastoral visitations, preparations for Summer Camp and GOYA retreats, our vital registry (tracking marriages, baptisms, chrismations, and deaths), and more. Please consider sponsoring a day in the life of the Metropolis. To contribute, visit <https://pittsburgh.goarch.org/support>





## ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATED

His Eminence welcomed over 70 people to the Metropolis Center for feast of St. Savas the Sanctified on Dec. 5. The day featured the celebration of Orthros and Divine Liturgy, hors d'oeuvres, and fellowship time with the Metropolitan. Among the guests were a number of Metropolis Presvyteres from near and far (pictured above with His Eminence and Gerontissa Theophano of Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery in Saxonburg), Bishop Dorsey McConnell of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, and Rev. Liddy Barlow of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania.



## STEWARDSHIP MENTORS AVAILABLE

The Metropolis Stewardship team invites you to a video conference on Jan. 29 at 7 PM to learn about a new mentoring program available to parish stewardship chairs and clergy. Whether you are a new or long-serving stewardship chair (or committee member), this is a chance to find out about the people and resources available to help make your stewardship program dynamic - and contribute to the overall health of your parish. If you are interested or want more information, please email Stacey Stathulis at [staceys@pittsburgh.goarch.org](mailto:staceys@pittsburgh.goarch.org).

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