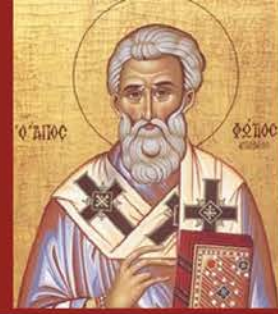


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2024 Clergy Family Retreat



His Eminence Metropolitan Savas cordially invites you to celebrate the dedicated volunteers of our Holy and God-protected Metropolis of Pittsburgh at the

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This year's Clergy Family Lenten Retreat was again hosted by Antiochian Village, Ligonier PA from March 26-28, 2024. This year's theme was "A brother helped is like a small city", focusing on deepening our relationships with each other, with Christ and with God. Our guest speaker was Rev. Dr. Nicholas Louh who provided much discussion and food for thought.

Our take-away from the retreat and Fr. Nick: Spend fifteen minutes a day with God: five minutes each in prayer, scripture reading, and silence.

Question who or what is ruling your life? Is Christ the King of our lives?

Have active conversation with Christ. Listen to Christ in our prayers and ask Him what He wants us to do, and what He wants us to stop doing.

Be grateful. Keep a gratitude journal documenting daily what you are grateful for.

In conclusion, the retreat offered a wonderful opportunity for the clergy and their families to recharge, reconnect, and reflect.

2024 Daffodil Luncheon

Metropolis Philoptochos President: Joyce Spanakis

The 2024 Daffodil Luncheon was held on April 6th at the Marriott Pittsburgh Airport. The women of the Holy Trinity Ambridge Philoptochos, led by president and luncheon chair, Paula Yakoumas, did an outstanding job hosting the beautiful event.

The Marriott Grand Ballroom was filled with approximately 150 smiling, embracing, excited Philoptochos members and guests from across the Metropolis. We were honored to have His Eminence Metropolitan Savas join us. The guest speaker for the day was Lacie Spagnolo, author of the book, *You Were Born to Do This- Now Push*. Lacie's husband, Jim, son, Jimmy and daughter, Lily were also guests at the event.

Following a delicious Lenten meal, guests heard inspiring remarks from Luncheon Chair, Paula Yakoumas, Metropolis Philoptochos President, Joyce Spanakis, Lacie Spagnolo and His Eminence Metropolitan Savas. In her presentation, Lacie shared the inspiration for her book and the miraculous events that strengthened her and her family through their courageous struggle with Jimmy's



malignant brain tumor diagnosis at 4 months of age. Her smile was contagious, and her story of faith, hope and resilience kept guests wanting to hear more. Coincidentally, Lacie's book became available on Amazon the day of the luncheon. On behalf of the Metropolis Philoptochos, President Joyce Spanakis presented Lacie with a marble icon of the Panagia Kardiotissa, as well as the plan to purchase 25 of Lacie's books to be placed in care packages for families of patients at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Monies raised from this year's event will be divided 2/3 to the Metropolis of Pittsburgh Emergency Fund (for Humanitarian Aid) and 1/3 to the Seminarians Our Future Fund.

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"Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!'"
JOHN 19:27

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