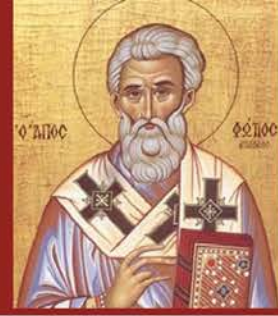


A Good Word - Λόγον Αγαθόν

NEWSLETTER OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH



10th St. Photios Awards Banquet

Congratulations!

On Saturday, May 18th we came together to celebrate and honor 65 Awardees and 1 Metropolis Honoree at the 10th Annual Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh St. Photios Awards Banquet. These wonderful individuals have dedicated their precious time, energy and life to supporting their parish, a true reflection of their faith to their Church and Christ, an inspiration to us all!



We'd also like to say an immense thank you to our St. Photios Awards Banquet Committee, in particular Co-Chair, Marianne Stearns, who coordinated the event with such care and vigor, ensuring the event went off without a hitch.



Please join us in congratulating all our wonderful 2024 St. Photios Awardees!



New Metropolis Center Construction Report

NMC Project Manager; Archon Nick Lekas

More and higher foundation walls are in process with some areas complete along with additional flat concrete work. In the coming few weeks, we will see the growth of first floor walls while the floors and foundations are finished. It was particularly exciting to stand in the basement record storage room, now enclosed by walls and ceiling.

As we turn our attention to Furnishings, Finishes and Décor, we are hoping that there is no shortfall in funding that might compromise our ability to make all the final touches to the building, e.g. chapel décor, a prayer garden, landscaping throughout, office and social hall furniture, appliances and furniture for the Metropolitan's home, some of which are highlighted below.



CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING

Since our last report, Kathy and I have visited another two parishes: Assumption, Morgantown, WV and Holy Trinity, Pittsburgh. Between a Parish Council presentation at Holy Trinity on a Thursday evening and their General Assembly

the following Sunday, they have already pledged \$50,000! We have also received pledges from St. Demetrios, Warren of \$25,000 and have been informed that St. Nicholas, Bethlehem, PA has pledged \$100,000!!! Amazingly, we have also been graced by Philoptochos chapter pledges, \$5000 from Holy Trinity, Camp Hill, \$3000 from St. Demetrios, Warren and \$5000 from Annunciation, Cleveland.

This month marks our greatest month-over-month increase in pledges, from \$545,000 to \$733,000! We could not be more impressed by the love and support of our parishes and Philoptochos chapters! It's wonderful to experience so much goodwill and support among our brothers and sisters in Christ! Truly inspiring! And if you have received a pledge card in the mail and have yet to pledge, please do. We are slowly making our way to the \$12M mark of this \$14M project! By God's Grace alone! AND as I always will, I ask that you seriously consider a pledge, or raising your pledge, or pre-paying your pledge so that we AVOID ANY DEBT! We will continue fundraising until we are there!

To make a pledge or donation visit:

<https://onrealm.org/GreekOrthodoxMe/-/form/give/NMC>

Metropolitan Savas invites YOU to the First Annual

Are You a Musician, Band or Artist?

Want to Perform or Display Art?

Contact Fr. Joe DiStefano

frjdistefano@yahoo.com

The Meraklides Clergy Supergroup

St. Demetrios Community Center
3223 Atlantic St. NE
Warren, OH

Saturday August 17th
11am - 9pm

Free Admission & Parking

Fun for All the Family!

2 Music Stages

Karaoke

Art & Craft Exhibits

Food & Beverages

Scan me!

MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

GOMOP-ALOOZA

All Proceeds go to the GOMoP Youth & Young Adult Ministries

SUPPORT HIS EMINENCE AND OUR METROPOLIS MINISTRIES

It costs approximately \$1,000 per day to operate our Metropolis - including Metropolitan Savas's Archpastoral visitations, preparations for summer camp and GOYA retreats, our vital registry, and more. Please consider sponsoring a day in the life of the Metropolis:

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh, 5201 Ellsworth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15232

412-621-5529 (Main) 412-465-0460 (Camp) 412-621-8543 (Youth)

pittsburgh.goarch.org info@pittsburgh.goarch.org

