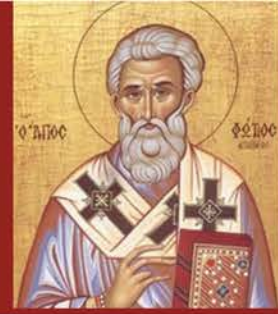


A Good Word - Λόγον Αγαθόν

NEWSLETTER OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH



“In Her Arms” Summer Camp at Camp Nazareth



We are grateful for a beautiful season of our Metropolis of Pittsburgh Summer Camp at Camp Nazareth! We welcomed 425 campers and over 100 staff members, including cabin, support, administrative, medical, and Clergy. We are thankful to them for their time, dedication, and love for our program!

This year’s theme was “In Her Arms” focusing on our relationship with the Panagia. “Behold your mother,”

Jesus said to St. John the Apostle and Theologian when He was on the cross. The campers and staff were able to learn about the Panagia’s early life, the Annunciation, her life with Christ, and her Dormition. We got to know God better by understanding that His Will was for her to become our mother, as well.



In addition to our curriculum, our days were filled with Services in the Chapel, Orthodox Life Sessions, Discussion Groups, Olympic Themed Activities, Campfires, Pool Days, Music, and Arts and Crafts.

Friendships were formed and connections were created by making life-long memories. We are appreciative of all of the support from our families, parishes, donors, and the many prayers. It is a true joy to see our campers love one another and grow in their Orthodox Faith each summer!





Metropolis of Pittsburgh St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

Senior Division Poem:

Apostle Paul refers to Adam as the first man, and Christ as the Second Adam. The Fathers of the Church, especially Saint Irenaeus of Lyon, refer to Christ and Panagia as the Second Adam and the Second Eve. Why is the Most Holy Theotokos called the "Second Eve"? And why is Christ called the "Second Adam"? How do Christ and Panagia fulfill and go beyond their prototypes?

Senior Division Poetry Winner:

"Two Stories, One Road" by Markella V. Nacopoulos

Koimisis Tis Theotokou, Erie

The angel offered, Mary accepted,
Would anything be any different, if our mother hadn't listened?

The Father called, Jesus answered,
Why'd it have to be this way, Him dead and rising for our sake?

I wonder

Did Eve know she'd fall from grace, as the apple neared her face?

How could Adam be so blind, when his Father was so kind?

Why were four ears flooded with serpent's venom, instead of open to words of wisdom?

The only answer I amass is: the first shall be last.

I wonder

Did Panagia know she'd be everyone's mother when she accepted the angel's offer?

How could Jesus hang in shame for sins of those who held the blame?

Why did four ears choose the hardship, instead of submitting to ease in darkness?

The only answer I infer is: the last shall be first.

As time flies like water runs

I wonder

If these stories intertwine, what's the outcome, what's the rhyme?

Two women, two men, what's the difference?

The answer lies in disobedience.

Where Eve folded, Mary straightened; While Adam followed, Jesus led,

Perhaps if we can learn from the first husband and wife, maybe we can leave our venom behind,

Perhaps this road is ours for fixing, thanks to a mother and Son's depicting,

Perhaps the road shattered that morning, is the road today we're walking,

Perhaps the road mended that evening, is the road we're still destroying.

As time stops like dust falls

I wonder

Does their story live on in our second chance?

Please consider donating to the Metropolis Scholarship Fund so that we may continue to offer scholarships to our talented youth.

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Clergy-Laity Assembly - September 28
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