

PHILOPTOCHOS RAISES FUNDS FOR FOCUS DETROIT

On Saturday, September 17, the St. Helen Philoptochos held a Fashion Show and Luncheon which raised funds to benefit FOCUS Detroit and other charities. With fashions and accessories from the Clothing Cove in Milford, the Hellenic Cultural Center was turned into a marketplace and ladies from several area churches enjoyed shopping before lunch!

Speaking at the event were Eric Shanburn, the Director of FOCUS Detroit; and Niko Petrogeorge from FOCUS North America. Our beautiful models were: Joanna Colovas, Louise Holt, Mary Lee, Stephanie Ochadleus, Jamie Rimpley, Lexi Furkioti, Melinda Lazaros, Donna Linaras, Fevronia Pappas, and Andrea Thrubis.

FOCUS (Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve) Detroit works to empower Detroit children experiencing poverty to succeed in school! 94% of all funds go directly to help those in need. In the last 8 months, FOCUS has provided 42,750 weekend backpack meals, 1,966 new pairs of shoes, 1,667 back-to-school supplies, 1,394 tutoring hours with children, 1,812 books, and 1,505 meals.

Thanks to the many people who helped in making the event a success: Connie Bogdanos, Stella Boyer, Sweet Tooth Babycakes/Carol Bozadzis, Jan Cantelon, Pat Gazepis, Louise Holt, Sophie Kour, Tasia Lile, Bess Madias, Georgene Ochadleus, Jamie Rimpley, Lefka Simeon, Senate Coney Island, Lynn Vasiliades, Christine Verleye, Westborn Market, and Irene White.







NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY

Sunday, October 2nd our parish community observed National Church Music Ministry Sunday. The Archdiocese recognizes this day each year in the month of October, close to the feast day of Saint Romanos, the Melodist (October 1). On this day, we recognize those women and men who have heard and responded to the Lord's invitation to be church musicians: that is, parish chanters and choir singers. As church musicians, these people represent the laity in the liturgical dialogue of our worship services. An artoclasia was offered in honor of our choir members, organists and chanters; and a special blessing and commitment service was held. Many thanks to all the dedicated church musicians who share their musical talents with our parish family!



SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH REV. TEODOR PETRUTIU

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October 6, 2016

Dear Parishioners,

We pray this letter finds you and your family well.

The Fall General Assembly of our Parish will take place on Sunday, November 13, 2016 immediately following the Divine Liturgy, approximately at 12:00 p.m., in the Hellenic Cultural Center. A light lunch will be provided for everyone who attends. We ask that you make every effort to attend. Your presence is very important!

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

I. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Opening Prayer
- 2. Confirmation of Duly called meeting and Quorum
- 3. Approval of Chairman of Assembly and Appointment of Secretary
- 4. Approval of Minutes of the Spring General Assembly meeting
- 5. President's Remarks
- 6. Priest's Comments
- 7. Proposed 2017 Budget/Treasurer's Report

II. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Announce date for Parish Council Elections (tentative date: December 14)
- 2. Nominations for the Parish Council
- 3. Nominations for the Elections Committee
- 4. Nominations for the Audit Committee
- 5. Other New Business
- 6. Closing Prayer

In order to vote at the General Assembly, you must be current in your pledge for the year 2016.

In His service and yours,

John Avdoulos, President

Parish Council

Rev. Teodor Petrutiu

In. T. Petit

Parish Priest

A Message from Father Teodor

The first weeks of September mark the beginning of a new school year and the beginning of our ecclesiastical year. The children go to school and they come back to church. In many ways, this is how it has always been.



While this seems to be a natural cycle there is a danger when we associate the church year with the school year. It is all too easy to begin looking at the church as a sort of spiritual school where our children come to learn things about God. Summer becomes a time when we drop almost completely our church attendance. After years of study, our children suddenly "graduate" and we somehow believe either consciously or subconsciously that they have learned everything they need to know to be good Christians.

In some ways there are similarities between church and school but there are also profound differences. School helps prepare us for life whereas church helps prepare us for the eternal life as well. School helps prepare us to earn a living whereas church helps us earn entry into the kingdom of God. School begins at the pre-K level and ends at some point with a degree (or two) while church begins with our 40-day blessing and never ends.

The unfortunate reality, however, is that we all too often view church in the same way we view school. We get married and we bring our children to be baptized and attend Sunday School because it seems like the right thing to do. After a few years they grow up, become involved with other activities and go off to college and church seems to have fulfilled its function. Just as we stop going to school events, because our children are no longer there, we also stop going to church. Then the grandchildren come and the cycle begins again. Church was never meant to be like this.

Christ gave the church a way to enter into communion with God. The Divine Liturgy and all of the sacraments were given to us as a way to experience in a real way God's presence.

The church exists not so much as a way to "learn about God" but rather as a place to meet Him. While we do learn things from sermons and educational materials distributed at the church, the encounter with Him in the liturgical experience is meant to teach us in a unique way who He is and who we are intended to be.

School began once again and so did our church programs. I pray that we realize the proper place of both institutions in our lives. Our attendance at school as students and our participation in school programs will one day come to end.

Our journey as Christians with God and towards His Kingdom will never end.

Fr. Teodor

In. T. Petit

MEN'S CLUB GOLF OUTING FEEDS AREA NEEDY







Fore! On September 18th, our Men's Club held their 5th Annual Golf Outing, raising much needed funds for the John Koinis Feed the Needy Program. The weather was fantastic, and the company even better for the annual event, which helps our Men's Club provide fresh, delicious food delivered to more than 100 area families for Thanksgiving. After a day of golf, everyone came back home for dinner and fellowship at the Hellenic Cultural Center. Many thanks to all of our volunteers and to our Hole Sponsors for making this event an enormous success!

Golf Outing Hole Sponsors include: A.G. Redline Builders, AAA Nicholas Pallas Insurance, AHEPA Omega Chapter 371, Ameriprise Financial, Big Tommy's Restaurant, Bill's Olympic Coney Island, Carson and Koinis families, Century 21 Curran & Christie, Charles R. Step Funeral Home, Cheryl "Top Dollar" Christopher Jaghab, DDS, Cloud Tours, Dean Koulouras, Dynamic Abrasive Products, Inc., G & K Service, Inc., George's Senate, Global CNC Industries, Ltd., Gordon Food Service, Greek islands Restaurant, GS Realty, Herta LLC, Hudson Café, Karl's Cabin, LJ Griffin Funeral Home, Leo's Coney Island, Midwest Pro Painting, Norm Weast Financial, Red Balloon Saloon, Sophia's Bakery, Sysco Detroit, LLC, Thomas Appliance, Vanguard Motor Sales, Vickey Savas, MD, Westchester Barbershop, Zotos & Company.

FEED THE NEEDY

Volunteers and donations are still needed to support the John Koinis Feed the Needy program, which will take place on November 19th. If you can help to drive and make food deliveries, or to pack bags and boxes, contact Danny Stergiadis at 734.624.1699, Dino Lembesis at lembesis@sbcglobal.net, Jeff Zeh at 484.868.8736, or Al Sudia at a sudia@yahoo.com











BENEFIT FOR JUDY KELLER

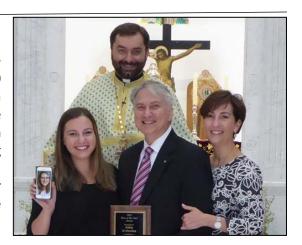
On August 5th, a fundraiser was held for Judy Keller, a long-time and much loved employee of the Hellenic Cultural Center, battling a rare and highly aggressive form of cancer, Dedifferentiated Chondrosarcomas. Judy's treatments were very expensive, with many doctors' visits, tests, and chemo.

Unfortunately our sweet Judy lost her battle with cancer on October 8th, but not before she received the Holy Sacrament of Baptism from Fr. Teodor. Judy's example of love and her kind and generous spirit have touched us all and many of our guests at the HCC. Judy has given so much to all of us, it was great to help her in her time of need. May her memory be eternal!

Many thanks to all the Hellenic Cultural Center staff and to all the parishioners who volunteered to help with event. Thanks also to the many people, church organizations, family and friends, and businesses who donated money or items to be auctioned off to raise additional funds. And the party was a blast! Two live bands, lots of good food and drink, and a room filled with laughter and love.

MAN OF THE YEAR, JOHN AVDOULOS

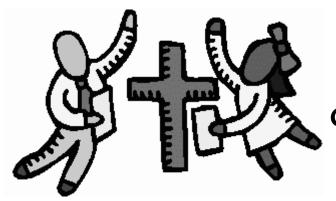
Congratulations to our 2016 "Man of the Year" John Avdoulos! The Saints Constantine and Helen Parish Council President for more than 10 years, John is a hard-working and dedicated leader of our parish community. A friendly face when in the Narthex every Sunday as people enter the church, John's positive energy is contagious. John is also an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, honored for his outstanding service to the Greek Orthodox Church and the Metropolis of Detroit. We're especially fond of this family photo, with his wife, Yiota, daughter Hanna, and daughter Eve, in attendance by proxy (on the phone) while studying at the University of Cambridge, UK.





LIBRARY RENOVATION

Thanks to Gas Gazepis, Kostas Voutsinas, Jim Ochadleus, Frances Marinos, and Theodora Grias for all their help as we work to build a church library! We will be accepting donations of used books about ORTHODOXY (history, services and sacraments); CHILDREN'S BIBLE STORIES (or books about our faith); and books that reflect our CULTURE, language, and customs. In the near future, we will be able to lend books out to our parishioners.



YOUTH PROGRAMS:

GROWING OUR FAITH TOGETHER!

It's a great time to be a kid at Saints Constantine and Helen Church! From birth to adulthood there are plenty of activities available at our church, no matter what your interest. Youth programs teach about our Orthodox faith, encourage church attendance and participation, and grow life-long friendships. Many of us have fond memories of our childhood activities at the church, and still count among our "facebook friends" people from all over the country that we met serving in the altar, playing basketball or learning Greek language or dance at church. Take a few moments to look through the many ministries new and old, that we provide to our youth, and then bring your children, grandchildren, and godchildren to participate. While you're there, lend a hand! - all of our youth programs need volunteers to help.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School is in session each Sunday, from September – May. Students, age 4 - 18, are instructed in the teachings and traditions of our Orthodox Faith. Youth begin in church with their parents, and then leave to attend their Sunday School class. Contact Andrea Uhlian, (734)981-5586 or aluning.comcast.net

GREEK SCHOOL: The Three Hierarchs Greek School is a joint ministry with the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, in Plymouth. Classes are held on Tuesday, Thursday evenings at Nativity. Levels offered this year are Pre-K, Kindergarten, Beginning levels 1,2,3 (up to 6th grade), 3b (7th grade+), Intermediate (upper elementary +) and Advanced (on request.) Contact Anna Liakou-Henrtnk at 248.425.2321 or nativity greek school@yahoo.com

YOUTH CHOIR: Our new youth choir meets twice monthly after church, and will be performing for the Christmas pageant, during Easter Season, and at our Name Day Dinner Dance. For children 8 and up, no previous musical experience is necessary. Contact Maritsa Madias-Kalasz at 734.516.8548 or mkalasz@att.net

ALTAR BOYS: Young men, grades four and up, are called to offer their love and devotion to the Church by serving in the Holy Altar. These young men assist the clergy in leading the community in worship according to our Sacred Traditions. Contact Fr. Teodor or Pete Simakas at 313.350.1111 or psimakas@yahoo.com

NURSERY: A no charge, volunteer-based nursery program in the "Cry room" on Sunday mornings, for children birth – three years, so parents can attend services while their children are being watched. Contact Jessica Kokalis at 248.207.8667or Staci Kokalis at staciboos@gmail.com

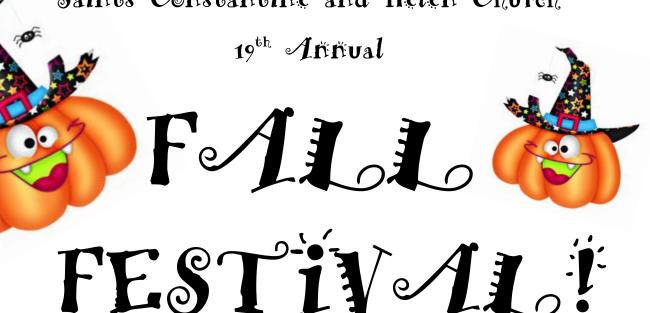
HOPE and JOY: We are forming two new groups, which will have their first meeting on November 20, 2016. H.O.P.E. (Hellenic Orthodox Primary Education) for children from K/4 years old to 2nd grade; and J.O.Y. (Junior Orthodox Youth) for children 3rd grade to 6th grade. These groups encourage children to interact in a safe, relaxed, casual setting and learn about our faith while having fun. Contact Frances Marinos at 734.776.4484 or fmarinos@comcast.net

GOYA: The Greek Orthodox Youth of America, or GOYA, is the ministry to teenagers of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Teenagers should be in seventh through twelfth grades to participate in community outreach, church service projects and social events. Contact Cathy Brylinski at 734.432.0834. or cbrylins@gmail.com

DANCE GROUP: Our youth dance group generally practices January – May. Young men and women learn traditional Greek dances and perform for our annual Name Day Dinner Dance and other events. Contact: Tom Alexandris, 734.453.1234 aalexandris@ci.plymouth.mi.us

BASKETBALL: Orthodox Youth Athletic Association (OYAA) signups for basketball will begin October 16th. Please stop by after church in the hall. We will be playing with Nativity again this year. The practices will be at Hillside again. Please call Pete Souchock if you have any questions – 734.558.7843.

Saints Constanting and Helen Church



Friday, October 21, 2016

6 - 9 pm



Hellenic Cultural Center 36375 Joy Rod., Westland, Mi 48185

includes I Hot dog or Pizza slice, Chips, Dessert, Pop, Games, Prizes, Crafts. Bingo, Bounce House, Pebbles the Clown, shutter booth, and Df!

Tickets: \$7.00 per person – Adults & Children (Children 2 and under Free)

For ticket information contact: Tracy (313)278-1541 or Kali (734)331-9515

APPROPROIATE COSTUMES ARE WELCOME!

Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Westland, MI

Putting on the

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Sunday, November 6, 2016
SILENT & LIVE AUCTION!

And REVERSE RAFFLE!

Maximum 500 tickets will be sold!

LAST ticket drawn wins \$3,000 Grand Prize!

With Additional Cash Prizes, Great Giveaways

\$125 per person includes Raffle and Gourmet Dinner

Raffle only - \$100; Dinner only - \$35

For Dinner only, No tickets given – Prepaid Reservations Only.

Note: Kids are welcome! Children 12 and Under, \$10. Separate room with food and entertainment.



5:30 pm Doors Open
5:45 pm Cocktails and Appetizers
6:30 pm Gourmet Dinner and Open Premium Bar
7:00 pm Raffle Begins



\$10 EXTRA AUCTION DOLLARS FOR ANYONE WEARING A FANCY HAT OR BOWTIE!

9:15 pm Raffle & Auction Complete

PUT ON YOUR GLITZ!

For reservations: contact the Church office at 734.525.6789, Yiota (Pam) Avdoulos at 248.348.6236 (avdoulospam@yahoo.com) or Lou Kircos at 313.885.1399

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Appetizers 5:45 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

Finished by 9:15 pm



SANIBEL ISLAND VACATION GETAWAY
Plus \$500 TRAVEL VOUCHER from COSMOPOLITAN TRAVEL

VALUE; \$2,000

One week stay in a beautiful one-bedroom condo at the Sanibel Arms Condominiums. Private gulf front beach and walking distance to fine dining restaurants and noteworthy shops.

VIP FIRE TRUCK RIDE AND TOUR OF THE NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT - PLYMOUTH STATION

VALUE: PRICELESS!!

This once-in-a-lifetime experience for up to 8 people is a great outing for a family, birthday party, girl's night out, or a corporate event. You will ride in the fire truck, ring the bell and sound the siren!

FR. TEODOR'S PARKING SPACE

VALUE: EVEN MORE PRICELESS!!

The highest bidder will have 24/7 access to Fr. Teodor's prime parking space at Sts. Constantine and Helen Church, with a personalized parking sign for one year, beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017.

6 DETROIT TIGER TICKETS WITH LIMOUSINE SERVICE

MAY OR JUNE 2016

VALUE: \$1,000

Six fantastic Row 1 & 2 box seats near first base to see the Detroit Tigers in May or June of 2016. Get there and back in style with a limousine for six from Brentwood Limousine.

8-BOTTLE WINE TASTING by PRP WINE

VALUE: \$300

The PRP Wine Consultants will bring the fun and discovery of fine wines from around the world for up to 16 people at your own home or business.

HOCKEY TICKETS, BASKETBALL TICKETS, SIGNED SPORTS MEMORABILIA, ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS, RESTAURANT AND STORE GIFT CARDS, GIFT BASKETS, AND MUCH MORE!

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Auction Donation Form

November 6, 2016

We need your help!

We need your donations!

Although we will accept last minute donations, please try to bring your donation to the church office by Sunday Oct 30.

We need your help in getting Auction items. Our 5th annual Reverse Raffle and Auction will be held on November 6, 2016. Please consider donating and asking your friends and businesses you know to donate. Suggested items to donate include:

Most Requested:		
Vacation timeshares	Sports tickets or memorabilia	Travel tickets or packages
Electronics/Jewelry	Wine or liquor bundles	Children's items
Other Great Items		
Theater tickets	Restaurant or store gift cards	Salon services
Hotel rooms	Christmas items	New and Estate Jewelry
Golf packages	Kitchen specialties	Collectables
Sporting goods	Limo Services	Accounting/tax/legal services
All items s	should be in excellent salable condition	n. (New or like new)
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Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help the Sts. Constantine and Helen Parish maintain its many ministries to our community and to others. We appreciate your help! This donation form will serve as your receipt. We are a 501(c) 3 organization and all donations are deductible to the extent allowed by law. Our Tax ID is available upon request by calling the Church office 734-525-6789.



Upcoming events and activities

<u>Please save the dates and plan to attend these upcoming</u>
<u>Sts. Constantine and Helen parish events and activities.</u>

- 10/16/16 GOYA HAYRIDE THREE CEDARS FARM
- 10/21/16 FALL FESTIVAL presented by the MOMS' GROUP
- 10/27/16 TLC 2nd ANNUAL OXI DAY CELEBRATION LUNCHEON
- 11/6/16 PUTTING ON THE GLITZ DINNER AND AUCTION
- 11/13/16 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
- 11/19/16 FEED THE NEEDY PROGRAM VOLUNTEER DAY
- 12/3/16 DETROIT AREA PHILOPTPCHOS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
- 12/18/16 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND CONCERT, TREE OF LIGHTS, AND PHILOPTOCHOS BAKE SALE
- 12/24/16 CHRISTMAS EVE, VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY
- 12/25/16 CHRISTMAS DAY DIVINE LITURGY

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"Where there is no vision, the people perish"

Proverbs 29:18

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Andrea Uhlian, 313-720-9465

TLC- THURSDAY LUNCH CLUB

Al Sudia, 734.455.2337.

SACRAMENTS AND SERVICES

40-Day Blessings: 7/17/16 - THEODORE MICHAEL BURNS, Parents Stephanie & Jordan Burns

7/31/16 - LAZAROS TAKES, Parents: John Takes & Maria Dagalakis

8/7/16 - CHRISTIAN ELIJAH MARINKOSKI, Parents: Sophia & Robert Marinkoski

8/28/16 - **GIANA STELLA BISBIKIS**, Parents: Marco & Anna Bisbikis 10/9/16 - **KATERINA TSOUKALAS**, Parents: George & Mariana Tsoukalas

Baptisms

7/9/16 - STEFANOS SAKAKINI, Parents: Fred & Anastasia Sakakini, Godparent: Lia Maggiorino

7/31/16 - NOAH THOMAS BIELIS, Parents: Craig & Nicole Bielis

Godparents: Penni & Joseph Palazzolo

7/31/16 – **SOPHIA MARIA KOKALIS**, Parents: Dean & Jessica Kokalis, Godparent: Arieta Papas

9/4/16 – **VASILIOS HATCHETT**, Parents, Erik & Emily Hatchett, Godparent: Andrew Kokas 10/9/16 -**ALEXANDER VOKSHI**, Parents: Edmond & Jennifer Vokshi Godparent: Tom Nicolaidis

10/9/16 - LENA CHRISTINA KISABETH, Parents: Dan & Joy Kisabeth

Godparents: Jim and Tanya Stefanidis

Adult Baptism: 10/6/16 – JUDITH KELLER, Sponsor, Liza Randazzo 10/3/16 – KELLY STERGIADIS, Sponsor, Chris Stergiadis

Weddings: 7/30/16 – JAMES THRUBIS to SARAH ELLSWORTH, Holy Trinity GOC, Lansing

9/24/16 - ELIZABETH MAKAS to JEFFREY SPARKS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Funerals: 8/3/16 – **ALICE KOINIS**

8/10/16 – SHIRLEY ANN KOLOKITHAS 8/18/16 – DEMETRA MONOLIDIS 9/27/16 – YVONNE SIKORA

10/5/16 - MARIA TSAKPIN 10/12/16 - JUDITH KELLER

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL!