

THE **LAMPLIGHTER**

NOVEMBER 2011

"Yea, Thou dost light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness...." (Psalms 18:28)

The Board and members of Philoptochos dedicate this issue of the Lamplighter to everyone's health. May our spirits be bright, our minds sharp and our bodies healthy as we go through our lives we wish everyone, the best of health!

**Pastoral Reflection | "JUST THANKS" by Fr. Mark Sietsema**

**SAVE THE DATE**

In this month of Thanksgiving, I want to lead this issue of the Lamplighter with some expressions of thanks.

First of all, to all of you who stepped forward and identified yourselves as members of the Church by signing up as stewards, thank you. Signing a pledge form seems like a small thing, but it is the first step in helping our community make responsible and realistic fiscal plans for the year. *In the midst of uncertainty, you made a commitment.* Faithful supporters of Christ's ministry, God bless you!

To our Philoptochos Society, we owe a special debt of gratitude for the recently installed gift of a new processional sidewalk that completes the circuit of the entire church building. Not only will this make our Holy Friday worship more safe and accessible for parishioners, but it also is a great help in our drive-through service for our fund-raising dinners. Ladies of Philoptochos, God bless you!

To the members of the American Macedonian Bulgarian Association, who made a financial offering to the parish of nearly \$1500 in closing the accounts of the group, we are grateful. This Association upheld a proud heritage for many years, and it was an important part of the fabric of our Orthodox Christian community in the Lansing area. In making this final bequest to our parish, the AMBA reached out beyond the divisions and ethnic separations of decades past. Theirs was a gesture of Christian fellowship, grace, and class. May God grant rest to the members who have departed this life before us, and His blessings to the current generation!

To the family of Brian and Barbara Nicholoff and to Kris Nicholoff for their donations to the Fr. Mark Discretionary Fund, which have purchased a new brass standing sanctuary lamp, donated in memory of Phil Nicholoff, their father. This beautiful item has been lacking from the solemnities of our funeral services, and we thank the Nicholoff family for this generous gift. May God bless this faithful family and grant Memory Eternal to His servant Phillip! (continued on page 2)

**Thursday Nov. 3**  
Bake Sale

**Wednesday, Nov. 9**  
St. Nektarios  
Liturgy 10 am

**Saturday, Nov. 12**  
Church Clean-up Day

**Tuesday, Nov. 15**  
Christmas Lent Begins

**Monday, Nov. 21**  
Entrance of the  
Theotokos,  
Liturgy 10 am

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**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE by Elaine Christofilis**

The Parish Council wishes everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Come join us in fellowship on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00am for our FALL CLEAN UP DAY! All ages are welcome! Please consider giving up a little time to help keep our home beautiful.

The Parish Council elections will take place Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> following the Divine Liturgy. Watch out for the election information and a list of nominees to be sent out in early November.

**Stewardship**

Taking a look at the 2011 budget, 272,875.00 was budgeted for stewardship. To date we have 210 stewardship units who have pledged 251,954.00. A total of 208,553.89 has been received.

As reported in the October General Assembly we have yet to meet our stewardship goal. **The Stewardship 2012 campaign** will be launched soon, please if you haven't taken care of your 2011 Stewardship yet, this is the time to do it. All forms are available at the church office. Thank you!

Finally, to all of you who are so kind year round to Presvytera and the boys and me, we thank you once again for your love and support as a community of Christ's people here in the greater Lansing area. We love being here with you, and we love you and your families and pray for your peace and well being in all ways. God bless you all, and grant you and yours a Truly Happy Thanksgiving!!

## "You Are the Light of the World!"

*The following are excerpts from the keynote address of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas at the recent Metropolitan of Detroit Clergy-Laity Congress, delivered on September 29, 2011 in Saints Constantine and Helen Church in Westland, Michigan.*

This year we have chosen these few remarkable words from the Sermon on the Mount as recorded in the Gospel according to Matthew: "You are the light of the world." But then to whom does Christ speak? To the "luminaries" of society? To the rich and famous, to the movers and shakers? No.

"You are the light of the world," He says. But then are these words addressed to the spiritual elite, to the Sadducees in their zeal for ancient traditions, or to the Pharisees in their scruples for precepts and commandments, or to the disciples of John the Baptist in their fierce ascetic struggles? No.

As Christ surveyed the crowd that had gathered on that hill in Galilee at the beginning of His ministry, He saw neither accomplished saints nor learned theologians nor renowned wonderworkers. He saw ordinary people: fishermen and accountants

and tradesmen and servants. He saw a throng of "nobodies" in the estimation of the world.

And to *these* He declared, "You are the light of the world." For the Lord, who sees with the eyes of eternal truth, does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart (1 Samuel 16:7). By virtue of their character and their desire to be closer to God, these ordinary folk shine in the Lord's eyes. They came to Him as seekers, not as arrivers in the Kingdom of God. They came to

*Lost in the darkness we look for a light. Light attracts. Therefore, says the Lord: "let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matt. 5:16)*

Him, not as perfect, but as *imperfect* people *seeking* perfection. And for this reason, for their holy hunger and thirst for righteousness, Christ calls them blessed and confers on them the name of "Light."

Today, brothers and sisters, as I look out across this radiant sanctuary, I am called by the Lord to see you through His eyes and so I too behold this same wonder. By Hollywood standards, not one of us is a "star." And yet I declare to you, beloved of the Metropolitan of Detroit, by the very Word of God, YOU are the light of the world. You are the ones who shine with the beauty of holiness. Not like the false light of the celebrity star-

dom by which our modern culture is so blinded. But with the true light of love for God and yearning for the good which is in Him: you are the light of the world in each and every corner of this Holy Metropolis.

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"You are the Light of the world." But what does it mean to be light?

Firstly we must recognize that light has a tremendous power of attraction. There is something innate in living things that seeks out light. Plants grow toward the light, and even bend themselves in the course of the day to follow the sun. Moths and other insects congregate around the lamps of our porch or garage.

And people are drawn to light. Car dealers know this, and so they shine giant searchlights into the sky in hopes that we will follow the beam to its source. Spotlights and neon signs and flashing arrows all shine with the intent of bringing us in as customers. And even when we forsake the bright lights of the big city and set out for the wilderness, as we walk under the night sky we raise our eyes irresistibly, not to the path beneath our feet, but to the moon and stars above.

Because of this quality of light, its power to draw unto itself, Christ tells His disciples, "A city set on a hill cannot be hid." (Matt. 5:14) Even the flicker of one small candle or the glow of a single hearth gives away the presence of human settlement and brings sojourners near. Lost in the darkness we look for a light. Light attracts. Therefore, says the Lord: "let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matt. 5:16)

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So we too, beloved in the Lord, are the light of the world. Our task is to attract all those around us to our calling and way of life by the irresistible flame of our good works for God.

Let the world see your kindness to the stranger and to the outcast!

Let the world see your generosity to the hungry and the homeless!

Let the world see your care for the sick and aged and dying!

Let the world see your faithfulness to your spouses!

Let the world see your modesty in dress and comportment!

Let the world see your love for one another in the church, for by this shall all men know that you are the Lord's disciples (cf. John 13:35)!

We know that some of those who sit in the darkness – out of the Light – will jeer; some will shun. But others will see your good works and rejoice that there can be such a life, one with clarity and certainty and focus. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bushel, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house (cf. Matt. 5:15). You are not called to be self-enclosed – to radiate your light only upon yourselves – but to share the beauty of your light with the world.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have a calling! It is a calling to live consciously before the eyes of others with a view to shining the light of happiness and wholeness upon them, with a view to drawing them to catch on fire with the love of God! At Pascha we sing, "Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!" That Jerusalem is you, beloved. Let your neighbors see and be glad, as you shine upon them in your neighborhoods and in your workplaces and in your PTAs and in your service clubs.

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And my friends, there is another quality of light. It bears pointing out that the light that attracts and heals is also the light that *exposes*. For in truth, not all things are attracted to light. Turn over a log and you expose a great swarm of creatures that will quickly scuttle away for a new place of darkness. Some things fear exposure, fear the light.

What is true for the world of insects and animals holds true also in the world of men. The Gospel of John spells this out so clearly (3:19-21): "And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God."

From the beginning of the Gospel the Christian way of life has stirred up opposition and hatred, simply because it stands in such stark contrast to the darkness of this world, to the ways hatred and manipulation and abuse of power.

A Christian family is characterized by mutual servanthood rather than a struggle of wills.

A Christian business is characterized by honesty and fairness rather than profit motive.

A Christian church is characterized by the mutual respect and voluntary cooperation of its members rather than by power politics and demagoguery.

For this reason the Lord Jesus said, "The rulers of the Gentiles

lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave." (Matt. 20:25-26)

But there are those who love the darkness of greed and power, those who view the Christian way of meekness as the ultimate expression of weakness. Such people regard our way of life as a disease to be eradicated and to be replaced by survival of the fittest, they deal in life according to Darwin, Malthus, and Nietzsche – ignoring the creative design of the One True God.

In the face of such opposition, Saint Paul counseled the Christians of Ephesus: "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for it is because of these things that the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them, for once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them." (Eph. 5:6-11)

And it is this light that exposes the darkness, simply by its existence. The very presence of light, the very presence of a Christian witness, draws antagonism, for some regard the light of Christ as an invasion of privacy. "If you were of the world," the Lord told His disciples at the Mystical Supper, "the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you." (John 15:19)

This is a very real and present dynamic even in our experience, even in a land where the Gospel encounters no formal persecution. The Christian who lets his light shine will know derision and exclusion. This is a given! Not just for what we do, but for what we don't do, for all the ways in which we don't go with the flow, for the sense of guilt and shame that we provoke simply by the silent refusal to play the game like everyone else.

You should be aware that this dynamic can occur even in our parishes! Many times the opposition that your priest encounters arises simply because he unwittingly stirs up pangs of conscience in those who prefer the darkness of materialism or power-hungriness.

"Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness," wherever they might arise. Dare to take a stand! Dare to be different! There is a saying that "Only dead fish go with the flow." The Christian should always be swimming upstream towards the source of life, not being carried away by the latest current of social whims and fads.

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Beloved in the Lord, I leave you with these few words today. You are the light of the world – so shine! For all that you have received, and for all that you will receive of the Light of God in this world and in eternity ... Shine, and Shine forever! Amen.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- To George and Barbara Platsis on the birth of their granddaughter Georgiana Olivia Platsis to Maria Platsis in Greenwich, Connecticut on August 26, 2011. *Na Sas Zisei!*
- To Bruce and Heidi Abood on the baptism of their daughter Eden Faith on October 1. *Na sas zisei!*
- To John and Amalia (Boukos) Karagoulis on their wedding at the church on October 7. God grant you many years of joy!
- To Zachary and Gina (Luz) Abood on their wedding at the church on October 14. God grant you many years of joy!

### CONDOLENCES

- To Sophia Tesseris and family on the passing of Spiro Tesseris on October 20. *Aionia aftou e mneme*
- To Angela Vlahakis and family and all the family and friends of Brian Knoblock, who passed away suddenly on October 2. He was a true friend and supporter of this parish, and he will be greatly missed. May his memory be eternal!

### NEEDS

The parish is in need of high chairs for use in the social room. If you have a safe chair in good condition that you would be willing to donate to the parish, please let us know.

Bulletin announcements should be communicated to the Church office by e-mail or phone by Thursday morning.  
The parish e-mail is :  
holytrinitygreek@sbcglobal.net



### GRECIAN OLIVE OIL (FIRST PRESS)

This fine olive oil from the village of Metamorphosis is back in and available once again in the church office Monday-Friday from 9-1 p.m. The oil is available in 3 liter cans, and .75 and a limited supply of 1.0 liter bottles.

***Kali Orexi!***

### Parish Email List

Please forward your email address to the church office if they wish to receive email news from time to time. Send your request to HolyTrinityGreek@sbcglobal.net if you have not been receiving occasional general emails and wish to do so.



Visit us on line at <http://holytrinity-lansing.org/>

## PHILOPTOCHOS by Secretary Frances Katsiris



Our 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bake Sale is the Bake Sale.

coming on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. As this long standing tradition continues we are proud to enable the work of Philoptochos (Friend of the Poor) through this wonderful event. We could not do this

work without the help of our fellow parishioners. We would like to encourage both men and women to come and help out October 30<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup> through the 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have not received a phone call from Stella Economy, please speak to our president, Olga Pascalenos, or Glykeria Christofilis, Bake Sale Chairman, for specific dates and times where help is needed. We have an expanded array of raffle prizes this year and look forward to seeing many new people come join us.

Last Call for you to show your talents by consigning or donating items to the Gift Shop. Please see Nancy Malvetis or Frances Katsiris by Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> to help or provide items to be sold at the Gift Shop during

On Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, Pastries will be sold after Church Services and the Gift Shop will be open for you to pick up any items you may have missed! Also in this issue, you will find a flyer for Annual Christmas party which will be held on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Philoptochos will provide the main dish, but guests are asked to bring a side dish to pass. Table service for the meal will be provided also. The whole family is invited for a great get together to start our holiday season!

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, Philoptochos will host the St. Spyridon Coffee after Church Services. Please see Glykeria Christofilis for details.

**Please note:** There will be no general meeting in November, but rather a Bake Sale wrap up meeting to review and discuss this year's event. If you haven't yet joined Philoptochos, please come and join us! We look forward to seeing you.

## ODYSSEY GREEK LANGUAGE & CULTURAL PROGRAM by Zana Litos

There is still time to get enrolled!

Odyssey encourages young and adult members of our parish to come and learn Greek language /culture with pleasant textbooks, in an enjoyable environment from teachers who are fluent in Greek.

Students are placed according to their level of proficiency. Classes are made of small groups and lessons are tailored to individual needs.

During class students are trained to read, write comprehend and speak the daily language. A variety of instructional methodologies are used in class, as well as extra material provided for those interested applying their Greek at home.

The teachers Elitsa Nicolaou and Maria Palestis have an

extensive experience on teaching Greek as second/foreign languages to young children. They work closely with the parents in order to make the learning process fun and enjoyable.

Young children have the opportunity to spend two hours on Friday afternoon in a safe and educational program while they are exposed to religious and cultural activities as well.

A thank you note to everyone who helped us makes the OXI Day Program/Coffee Hour such a nice and enjoyable event.

**Upcoming event:** Loukoumathes Coffee Hour, Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

**Reminder:** No Class on Thanksgiving weekend.



# Merry Christmas

Please accept this Parish invitation to:

*The Ladies Philoptochos Society*

## Annual Christmas Party

Monday December 5, 2011

Social Hour 6:00 PM

Dinner 6:30 PM

Philoptochos will furnish the Main Dish

Place settings will be provided

Please bring a side dish to pass

Everyone is welcome!

Donations will be collected for: The Salvation Army

# A few minutes of time can save your life.

Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) is a progressive “head-to-toe” disease primarily caused by Atherosclerosis, a narrowing of the arteries due to a build-up of fatty deposits.

**PAD affects 8 to 12 million Americans, 70% of whom have no symptoms.**

## Three quick and painless tests can detect your risk for PAD.



### Stroke Screen:

A painless ultrasound of carotid arteries will assess your risk of stroke.



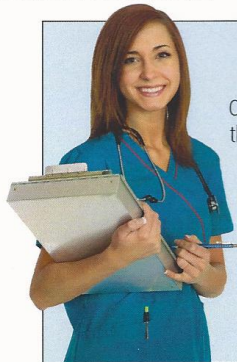
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An abdominal aortic ultrasound will detect deadly aneurysms that could rupture without warning.



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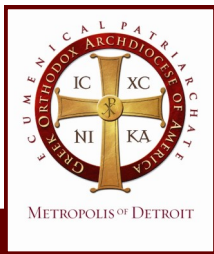
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# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DETROIT

## FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS

### Dear Friends of the Metropolis:

God has called us to do might deeds for the glory of His name and for the love of His people.

You are called upon to join in this reality of “faith working through love” as we continue to manifest the love of God for His Church and His people.

When you support the **Friends of the Metropolis** Campaign, you are part of a greater outreach that proclaims with one universal voice that God is truly our hope and our rock of salvation.

Because of your devotion and help to the Friends program, ministries and programs are implemented on a Metropolis-wide basis which strengthen and enhance our faith and our joint ministry of service.

If you have not yet become part of the Metropolis-wide effort, I would like to invite you to join forces with the faithful throughout the Metropolis in support of the ministries which are part of the Office of the Metropolitan,.

Thanking you for your kind and generous response, I remain, with paternal blessings and prayers,

**+NICHOLAS**  
**Metropolitan of Detroit**

### WHAT DOES FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS SUPPORT?

#### GENERAL

Fully fund the expenses of the Metropolis office, program and travels.

#### EDUCATION

Enhance scholarships and adult education programs, as well as support the Metropolis students at Hellenic College/Holy Cross.

#### SUPPORT

Develop and provide educational and instructional seminars and services to clergy and parishes.

#### YOUTH

Maintain and support the youth office and activities of a full-time Youth and Young Adult Ministries director.

#### OUTREACH/MISSIONS

Create opportunities to introduce our faith to society, participate in inter-Christian and inter-faith activities as well as provide quick responses to national disasters.

#### HELLENISM

Develop programs for Hellenic Cultural Outreach, including language, including language, history and arts.

#### LEADERSHIP

Organize Metropolis Clergy-Laity Conferences, Oratorical Festivals, Christmas Pageants, and Adult Education Programs.

#### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Website development, hospitality to visiting dignitaries and guests, Charity and Philanthropy.

PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING FORM IN AN ENVELOPE TO THE ADDRESS BELOW



I am pleased to support the work of Metropolitan Nicholas and the Metropolis through the Annual Metropolis Stewardship “Friends” Program

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\$25     \$50     \$100     \$250

\$500     \$1000     OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

#### METHOD OF PAYMENT

Check Enclosed (payable to Metropolis of Detroit)  
 Please Charge My Credit Card

CREDIT CARD # \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

## Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

Lansing, Michigan

### 2011 Stewardship Commitment

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### My/Our Stewardship Pledge to the parish for 2011 is::

- \$10,000 ● \$7,500 ● \$5,000 ● \$3,000 ● \$2,500
- 1,500 ● \$1,000
- \$500 (suggested minimum)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*"We offer these gifts from  
Your own gifts"*

## Why Should I Sign a Pledge Form?

There are lots of possible answers ...

**The Best Answer:** I believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and my Savior: He gave all for me, and I live to give something to Him, in proportion to the earthly gifts I receive.

**The Second Best Answer:** My church has been there for me through thick and thin, and I always give something back to keep the doors open for others in their times of need.

**The Third Best Answer:** I expect the Parish Council to run the church responsibly, and I know that they need some idea of expected revenues in order to make a sensible budget; my submitting a pledge helps with that, so I do it.

## Why Should I NOT Sign a Pledge Form?

There are lots of possible answers ...

**An Honest Answer:** I keep forgetting. Thanks for the reminder; I'll take care of it right now.

**A Bad Answer:** I'm afraid that if I put down a number and then can't give that much, the Parish Council will hunt me down or embarrass me publicly. [Note: This has never happened and never will. Folks come up short on their pledges every year. No one says "Boo." By the way, Happy Halloween.]

**A Worse Answer:** I don't need the church this year for a wedding or baptism or letter of good standing. I'll wait until a year when I do, then I'll pledge \$50 and pay it (maybe).

**The Worst Answer:** I don't have any money to contribute this year. Leave me alone and let me get back to (choose one): drinking my daily Starbucks frappuccino, playing with my smartphone, surfing channels on cable TV, planning my trip to the casino, downloading music for my iPod, watching this pay-per-view movie, playing this round of golf, ... [feel free to include whatever other activities you count more important than your God].



One of these answers is your own. Which is it?

### Consistency in Stewardship Giving

Looking specifically at Stewardship, one can easily see that parishioners have recognized the importance of consistent giving – making their stewardship offerings throughout the year, rather than waiting and doing it in one or two checks.

Enrolling for automatic bank transfers of stewardship not only simplifies meeting one's pledge, it benefits the parish by having stewardship offerings made regularly, even when one is away or not in attendance church services.

To become part of this program, please complete the form below and return it to the parish office.

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#### AGREEMENT FOR DIRECT STEWARDSHIP PAYMENTS TO

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Lansing, Michigan

I (We) authorize HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF LANSING, MICHIGAN, (HTGOC) to initiate transfers of my stewardship from my (our) account specified below at the financial institution named below. In addition, I (We) acknowledge that the direct payment (EFT) transactions from the account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

I (We) further acknowledge that if a transfer fails because of Insufficient Funds, Closed Account, or Wrong Account Number, I (we) may be responsible for any fee which the financial institution may assess HTGOC.

**NAME OF YOUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCOUNT NAME:** (e.g., Special Checking, Money Market Savings, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ [  ] Checking [  ] Savings

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTION ROUTING Number** (This 9-digit number, which identifies your bank, appears on the bottom line of your checks:: \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT TO BE TRANSFERRED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FREQUENCY:** [  ] Every Month [  ] Each Week

**IF MONTHLY, ON WHAT DAY OF THE MONTH:** \_\_\_\_\_

This authorization will remain in full force and effect until HTGOC has received written notification from me (us) of its termination in such time and in such a manner as to afford HTGOC and the Originating Financial Institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return completed form to the Parish Office**

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
 1701 East Saginaw Street  
 Lansing MI 48912  
 Office: 517-482-7341 Fax: 517-482-8524

8:45am ORTHROS SERVICE  
 10:00am DIVINE LITURGY  
 Fellowship coffee following Liturgy

# November 2011

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue                            | Wed                                 | Thu                    | Fri  | Sat                         |
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|   |   | 1                              | 2                                   | 3<br>BAKE SALE         | 4<br>Odyssey Classes<br>4:30-6:30 p.m.                   | 5                           |
| 6<br>AHEPA Hosts Coffee Hour                            | 7   | 8                              | 9<br>St. Nektarios Liturgy<br>10 am | 10                     | 11<br>Odyssey Classes<br>4:30-6:30 p.m.<br>Veteran's Day | 12<br>Church Clean-up Day   |
| 13<br>OCF Hosts Coffee Hour<br>Parish Council Elections | 14<br>Parish Council<br>Meeting 7 pm  | 15<br>Christmas Lent<br>begins | 16                                  | 17                     | 18<br>Odyssey Classes<br>4:30-6:30 p.m.                  | 19                          |
| 20<br>Choir Hosts Coffee Hour                           | 21— Entrance of the<br>Theotokos Liturgy<br>10 am<br>1:30 Interfaith Day Meeting<br>7 pm Philoptochos<br>Meeting bake sale<br>follow-up | 22                             | 23                                  | 24<br>Thanksgiving Day | 25   | 26<br>Lucas Wallick Baptism |
| 27<br>Open Coffee                                       | 28  | 29                             | 30                                  |                        |  |                             |

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| 4<br>Odyssey hosts coffee with<br>loukoumaithes                                   | 5<br>6 pm—Parish<br>Christmas Potluck                    | 6<br>St. Nicholas Divine Liturgy<br>10 am. | 7   | 8   | 9<br>Odyssey Classes<br>4:30-6:30 p.m. | 10  |
| 11<br>St. Spyridon Philoptochos<br>Sponsors Coffe                                 | 12<br>Parish Council 7 pm                                | 13   | 14  | 15<br>St. Eleutherios<br>Divine Liturgy 10 am<br>MARSP Luncheon | 16                                     | 17  |
| 18<br>Sunday School Sponsors<br>Coffee Hour<br>Sunday School Christmas<br>Program | 19<br>1:30 Interfaith Day Meeting<br>Lampighter Deadline | 20   | 21  | 22  | 23                                     | 24<br>Christmas Eve<br>Liturgy 10 a.m.<br>Great Vespers of Christ-<br>mas 5:30 pm |
| 25<br>Nativity of Our Lord Jesus<br>Christ, Liturgy 9 am<br>Open Coffee           | 26   | 27   | 28  | 29  | 30                                     | 31  |