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2017 METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH CLERGY-LAITY ASSEMBLY

September 28-30 Annunciation G.O. Cathedral, Columbus, OH

Theme: Outreach & Evangelism

Guest Speakers: Fr. Theodore Dorrence (right) - *Director, Office of Home Missions, Metropolis of Denver*

Fr. Evan Armatas (below) - *St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church, Loveland, CO*



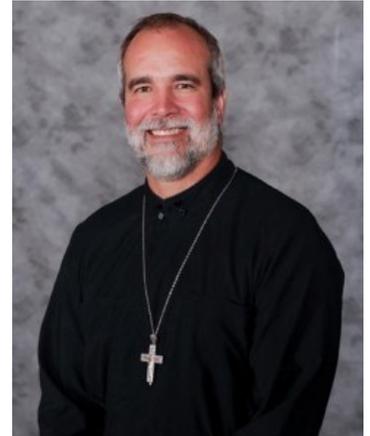
Jamil Samara—*Director, Department of Internet Ministries, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.*

Also on the Agenda:

- Regional Break-Out Sessions
- 2018 Metropolis Budget
- Election of Members for 2018-2020 Metropolis Council
- Update on the New Metropolis Center Project

More Information Coming Soon!

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COLUMBUS SENDS MISSION TEAM TO ALABAMA

A team of 16 high school-aged kids and five adults from the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Columbus spent a week in Bayou La Batre, AL acting as the hands and feet of Christ in service to an impoverished community.

Included in their work: home cleaning and painting, school cleaning and painting, visiting a convalescent home, hosting a daily kids camp, serving meals and much more. The Annunciation team was joined in their work by St. Peter's Episcopal Church from Amelia Island, FL.

On their way to Alabama, the team was hosted for Divine Liturgy by Holy Trinity Church in Nashville, TN and visited for a compline service by Fr. Elias Stevens from Annunciation Church in Mobile, AL.

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It costs approximately \$1,000 per day to operate our Metropolis—including His Eminence's pastoral visitations, preparations for Summer Camp and GOYA retreats, our vital registry (tracking marriages, baptisms, chrismations, and deaths), and more. Please consider sponsoring a day in the life of the Metropolis. To contribute, visit <https://pittsburgh.goarch.org/support>

2017 SUMMER CAMP SEASON

UNDERWAY

It's time for summer camp! After months of hard work and prayer, the efforts of the Camp Team are bearing fruit. For 2017, we have implemented customized sessions tailored to the needs of various age groups for "the best camping experience for the children's minds, hearts, souls and bodies." This includes different programming, activities and discussions suitable for each group of campers. Last year, God allowed us to work with the Carpatho-Russian Diocese to upgrade the camp's facilities. This year, we are upgrading the program itself. Glory to Him for all of these blessings.



MEFGOX GATHERS IN MONESSEN

Church musicians from across the metropolis are gathering for the 70th Annual Convention of the Mid-Eastern Federation of Church Musicians (MEFGOX) at St. Spyridon GOC in Monessen, PA, July 20-23. Thespina Christulides of Holy Cross in Pittsburgh has been selected as the Guest Director and choir members will sing hymns using the newly approved English translation at a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Eminence Metropolita Savas. For more information on the convention, please visit www.mefgox.org.



NEW METROPOLIS CENTER: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Does moving the Metropolis mean that St. Nicholas Cathedral is no longer the Cathedral?

A: St. Nicholas remains, and will remain, the Cathedral of this Metropolis. It is the oldest parish in the Metropolis, has been the Cathedral since our designation as an Archdiocesan District (1955), and is the only parish where one of our bishops was consecrated (Bishop Polyefktos).

Q: How will the new center be funded? By increasing the Allocation?

A: The project will be funded by a traditional Capital Campaign. Contribution will be voluntary.

Q: How was the design selected?

A: The committee has been working with a Conceptual Architect for more than a year to create a design that fulfills our needs (present and future), allows for great flexibility, and engages with the natural beauty of the property that was donated to us.



Q: What is your timeline?

A: We are working at a pace that is moving but deliberate, so as to make the best decisions for the benefit of the Metropolis.

Q: How can I help?

A: Prayer, promotion, and donation. Please pray for the project, the working committees, and the contractors who will work on the building. Please promote the work of our Metropolis and its various ministries. And please donate to our common work, and plan on contributing when the project is underway.