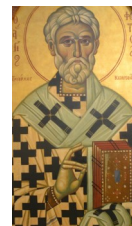




A GOOD WORD—Λόγον Αγαθόν

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GOYA RETREAT

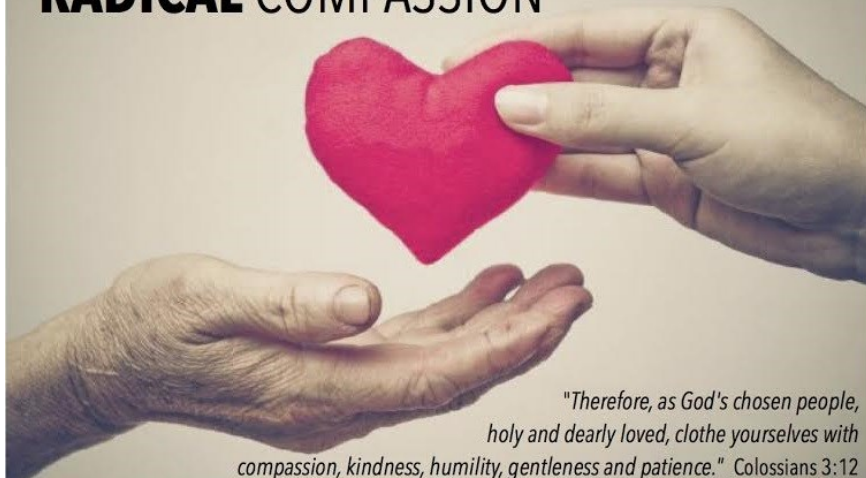
Our annual Spring GOYA retreat will take place **March 16-18, 2018 at Camp Nazareth**, focusing on the theme of “**Radical Compassion**” - exploring what it means to have compassion in everyday life according to the tenets of the Gospel and the witness of the Saints. The keynote speaker is Priscilla Callos, M.Div. (Holy Cross SOT '09), who is a chaplain at the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington, VT.



Registration is now open, and scholarships are available from many of the parishes, and through the Metropolis thanks to the generosity of Leadership 100.

For more information or to register, visit <https://pittsburgh.goarch.org/camp>

RADICAL COMPASSION



"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians 3:12

5TH ANNUAL ST. PHOTIOS BANQUET

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018—4:00 PM HORS D'OEUVRES, 5:15 PM DINNER

LOCATION: DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON HOTEL PITTSBURGH-CRANBERRY
910 SHERATON DRIVE, MARS, PENNSYLVANIA 16046

RESERVATIONS: \$85/ADULT, \$25/CHILD (UNDER 12)



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RESERVATION

DEADLINE: APRIL 6

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SUMMER CAMP DATES—2018

For more information, and to register (beginning mid-March), visit: pittsburgh.goarch.org/camp

Session	Grades*	Dates
1	2nd-4th	June 17 - June 23
2	5th-7th**	June 24 - June 30
3	7th**-9th	July 1 - July 7
4	10th-12th	July 8 - July 14

**All grades listed are for 2017-18 school year.*

***Please note: 7th Graders have the option of attending either Session 2 or 3.*



SUPPORT HIS EMINENCE AND THE METROPOLIS MINISTRIES

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>

METROPOLIS GOYA ATHLETICS

The 2018 GOYA basketball season concluded following six tournaments involving over 1000 registered participants comprising nearly 70 Teams from 25 parishes from throughout the Metropolis. Due to the number of teams & parishes, each community was invited to participate in a maximum of three tournaments.

Specials thanks to the parishes who hosted tournaments on behalf of the Metropolis: Annunciation GOC of Akron; Annunciation GO Cathedral of Columbus; Holy Cross GOC of Pittsburgh; Holy Trinity GOC of Canton; St. Demetrios GOC of Warren, and, for the first time in six years, Sts. Constantine & Helen GOC of Reading.

During the season, various opportunities were provided to make the weekends more than just about basketball. The GOYAns participated in the "Souper Bowl of Caring," by raising funds for local soup kitchens, and many GOYAns also participated in a presentation on the effects of opioid addiction in the community.

Eastern Region athletic events this year have included Dodgeball Tournament hosted by Holy Trinity GO Cathedral of Camp Hill and Gaga Ball Tournament & Dance hosted by Annunciation GOC of Lancaster. After Pascha, the Eastern Region will host a GOYA Olympics on April 29 and a GOYA Soccer Tournament hosted by Holy Trinity, in Camp Hill on May 5. In the Central Region, St Nicholas Cathedral will host the Metropolis GOYA Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, March 24.

For more info, please visit <https://pittsburgh.goarch.org/goya>.



YOUNG ADULT RETREAT AT CAMP NAZARETH

On the weekend of May 4-6, a Young Adult Retreat will be held at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA co-sponsored by the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh, American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.

The keynote speakers: His Grace Bishop Gregory of Nyssa and Stephen Christoforou, Y2AM National Director. Theme: "God's Plan and Your Plan. Will it Ever Make Sense? Look for updated information in the near future, and registration info, at <https://pittsburgh.goarch.org/ya>



Left: Graduating seniors posing with Fr. Costa Valantasis, Proistamenos of the host parish of St. Demetrios GOC of Warren, and Fr. Andrew Lentz of Annunciation GOC of Akron, following the Divine Liturgy at their final GOYA basketball tournament, Sunday February 11.

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