



# A GOOD WORD—Λόγον Αγαθόν

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Above: Clergy and faithful from the Orthodox communities of Greater Harrisburg pictured together at the site of the prayer blessing of the Susquehanna River on Jan. 27. The Susquehanna is one of the oldest rivers in the world, and is the longest US river to empty into the Atlantic Ocean.

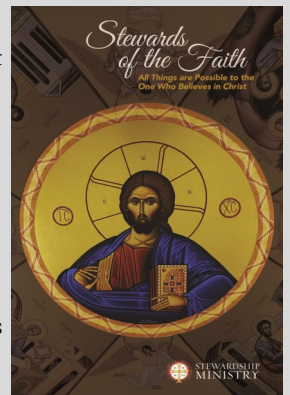
## SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BLESSED

On January 27 the Orthodox Communities of the Greater Harrisburg area gathered in the afternoon to sanctify the Susquehanna River. More than one hundred faithful braved the cold weather to participate in the service, held at a special area on the river front. Following the initial service, they processed to the bridge from where three ice crosses were thrown into the River by various Orthodox clergymen of the area. Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Camp Hill sponsored the reception that followed afterwards for all attendees (while a variety of foods were served, we have it on good authority that *avgolemono* soup “hit the spot” and was the favorite of all).



## STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

Parishes should be on the lookout for a letter from the Metropolis Stewardship Committee that offers a seven-year snapshot of their financial stewardship and information on each parish's stewardship performance in relation to similarly sized parishes in our Metropolis.



The committee is also distributing the 2019 Stewardship Data Form to gather information on the previous year's financial stewardship on each parish. Please remit the data form to Stacey Stathulis at [staceys@pittsburgh.goarch.org](mailto:staceys@pittsburgh.goarch.org) or contact him with any questions you may have.



## 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>

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CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE THE DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS  
OF OUR HOLY AND GOD-PROTECTED METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH AT THE



**6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**  
**ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET**

**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019**  
**4:00 PM HORS D'OEUVRES, 5:15 PM DINNER**

**DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL PITTSBURGH-CRANBERRY**  
910 SHERATON DRIVE, MARS, PENNSYLVANIA 16046 - 724-776-6900

**RESERVATIONS:** \$85/PERSON FOR ADULTS  
\$25/PERSON FOR CHILDREN (UNDER 12)

**RESERVATION & SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE: APRIL 19**

**REFER QUESTIONS TO: MARY DOREZA (412-877-3415)**

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