The Life of Saint Romanos the Melodist
October 1

St. Romanos was born in Syria in the fifth century. His parents were neither rich nor famous but they were good Christians and loving parents. Romanos grew up with love for God in his heart. When he grew old enough he became an altar boy and then a singer and reader in church - at first in his home town of Beirut and later in Constantinople. Romanos wanted to serve God to the best of his ability; he prayed a great deal; and was the first to come to Church and the last to leave. He lit the vigil lights with great reverence for he loved the saints before whose images they burned. Most of all he liked the church choir and was always happy when he was allowed to sing.

In those days the service of Matins, celebrated on feast days was very different from what it is now. During the service, psalms and verses from the Old Testament were chanted and then a singer stepped out into the middle of the church and sang a hymn called a "kontakion" which was much longer than the “kontakia” we sing today and explained the meaning of the event celebrated by the feast. Very often these singers improvised, that is to say, they thought up the words as they sang them and the faithful in the church would chant the response. Of course good singers were very much appreciated, for they had to be good musicians, as well as talented and well educated to be able to improvise such hymns. It was an honored position.

The Bishop of Constantinople became very fond of the new young singer Romanos. He saw his good life and how devoted he was to his service in church. Very soon he made Romanos one of the official readers and singers of the greatest church in Constantinople - Hagia Sophia (Church of the Holy Wisdom). The other singers did not like this at all. They were very proud of their voices and of their ability to compose hymns and they resented that an inexperienced newcomer like Romanos was singing like them.

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Congratulation to this year’s Cadillac Raffle Winner:
Peter G. Courlas
Visit our website for the complete listing of winners and prizes.
Christmas was drawing near and the great church of Hagia Sophia opened her doors to crowds of worshipers. On Christmas Eve, especially, Vespers were celebrated very solemnly, for the Emperor and his court were in church. The Patriarch himself officiated. When the time came for a singer to come out and sing his Christmas hymn, the jealous readers suddenly pushed Romanos to the center of the Cathedral. "If you are good enough to be an official singer," they said teasingly, "Go out now and do as we do - sing an appropriate hymn."

Romanos felt paralyzed. Everyone was looking at him and waiting. His mouth went dry. Not a single thought came to his mind, not a sound to his lips. In the silence the people waited smiling and whispering. At last, his eyes full of tears, Romanos escaped trying to hide behind the crowd of singers.

When the service had ended, Romanos remained alone for a long time in the dark and echoing cathedral. The fragrance of incense still filled the air and the vigil lights continued to glimmer in front of the icons. Romanos' eyes were drawn to the image of the Mother of our Lord. "Oh, gentle Mother," he prayed "help me, help me. My mind is empty, my lips are silent. How shall I glorify your new-born Son?"

Late that night Romanos returned home comforted by his long prayer and went to bed. While he slept he had a vision. The Mother of our Lord entered his room. She held in her hand a small scroll of paper and coming nearer to Romanos said very gently, "Open your lips." She then placed the paper in his mouth and ordered Romanos to swallow it. Romanos obeyed and immediately woke up. The room was empty, but his heart was full of great happiness and excitement while his mind was full of beautiful and sacred words.

It was Christmas morning and Romanos hurried to the Cathedral to attend Matins. As the moment came for a singer to step out and improvise a hymn, Romanos, without any hesitation, went forward. He was not afraid today; he did not hesitate to think. A beautiful melody burst from his lips and words that he had never heard before arranged themselves into sentences:

"Today the Virgin gives birth to the transcendent One,
And the earth offers a cave to the unapproachable One;
Angles with shepherds glorify Him!
The wise men journey with the star,
Since, for our sake the eternal God was born as a little child!"

No one had ever heard the prayer before, but it was so beautiful that the choir and entire congregation of the faithful took up the last words:
"Since, for our sake the eternal God was born as a little child!"

As soon as the service was over, the Patriarch hurried over to Romanos and asked him who had taught him this wonderful hymn. Humbly, the young singer told of the miraculous vision and the gift he received.

Saint Romanos used his gift gratefully the rest of his life. He developed his God-given talent composing many beautiful hymns, and as you attend church services on major Holy Days, you may be sure that some of the prayers you hear were written by Saint Romanos.
ST. DEMETRIOS DAY
DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
ST. NICHOLAS COMMUNITY HALL
7000 WINTON ROAD

ADULTS $30.00
CHILDREN $15.00
DANCE ONLY $10.00

MUSIC BY;
LAZARUS AND HIS BAND
“NEOS EHOS”

CASH BAR
HORS D’OEUVRES 6:30PM
BUFFET DINNER 7:30PM
DANCE 9:00PM

COME AND ENJOY A HOMEMADE SAVORY
DINNER & DELICIOUS PASTRIES FOR DESSERT

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MARIA PANAGIS ....513-218-1888

**ALL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR**
We had an indoor picnic in August, free to paid up members. We had fried chicken, potato salad and baked beans. For dessert we had cookies and watermelon. We had a great crowd with new members, Gary and Maria Kalemanis, John and Erato Kambelos and Eleni Caddell and her mother, Dora Inempolidis, from Greece. Also, we had lots of visitors. We welcomed Bess Chaldekas and her family, Ken and Marie Barnes, Jonie Christos, Belinda Kizmark, and Carolyn Jones. Also, we welcomed Dave Dargis’ sister, Pat Peurrung; Sofia Rombis’ brother-in-law, Kosta from Australia; and Angie Callos and daughter, Val Pepe. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

With paid up members and new members, we now have 116 paid members.

I neglected to thank two very important people for their help at the August luncheon. Thank you Alex Jonson and Jim Jonson. They are both always a big help.

We were saddened to hear of the loss of our dear friend, John Prasinos. Our sympathy to his wife, Zoe; his sons, Dino and Jim; daughter, Angie; and to his grandchildren. We lit a candle in his memory. He will be missed by so many friends. May he rest in peace. Also, our sympathy to Petros and Sofia Rombis on the loss of his only sister from Louisville, Kentucky. She was only 69 years old. Memory eternal.

Our next luncheon will be on October 19 at church.

Our Church School has classes for ages 3 years to high school senior. SCS classes begin each Sunday with the Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am. The first eight pews on the left side of the Nave are reserved for Sunday Church School. Classes begin directly following the distribution of Holy Communion. Classes end at 11:45 am. One of the best ways for a child to build a foundation as an Orthodox Christian is to attend Divine Liturgy and Church School on a regular basis. Our SCS program is offered free of charge thanks to your generous Stewardship donations.

We are in desperate need of assistant teachers or parent helpers for Pre-School, and grades 6, 7, and 8. If you love kids and your Orthodox faith, we need you! Please consider this opportunity to serve your parish and make our SCS program exceptional. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time and talents, contact Cara Chryssovergis at 513-226-2746 or htsnscs@gmail.com.

Last year SCS converted to an all electronic registration system. Because of the medical authorization form ALL STUDENTS must be registered electronically every year. A link to the registration form is available on the church website. Please register your children if you have not already done so.
The Ladies Philoptochos Society had a very successful luncheon and opening meeting after services Sunday, September 8, 2013, welcoming 7 new members. The busy but exciting fall calendar was reviewed.

The Metropolis of Detroit Clergy-Laity Conference took place here in the Greater Cincinnati area September 26th to 28th; our members prepared refreshments for the attendees and helped with registration, hospitality and other areas of assistance.

The Walk to End Alzheimer’s will take place Saturday, October 5. The Greek Team will meet at 9:15am in the Registration area at Sawyer Point with the Walk beginning at 10am. You can go online to the Walk to End Alzheimer’s to register for the Greek Team or see Melanie McNulty in the Church Hall to sign up to participate in this very worthwhile event.

Baking for Sweet Treats will begin Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 10am in the Church kitchen beginning with Galatobouriko. The October baking schedule is: Pasta Flora on Tuesday, October 15; Baklava on Tuesday, October 22; and Tiropita and Spanakopita will be prepared on Saturday, October 26 as well as Tuesday, October 29.

The Philoptochos October Meeting will take place Sunday, October 13 following Divine Liturgy. Prior to the meeting, members of Philoptochos will be distributing information on Breast Cancer in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness.

As always with the beginning of the year, there is a lot going on with Youth Ministry in our parish. JOY/HOPE will have its first meeting on Friday, October 4th where we will begin a series of discussion and activities related to Christ revealing Himself in the Old Testament. With the help of some great volunteers, we hope to revamp and revitalize our JOY/HOPE program. Please be on the lookout for flyers being passed out to your JOY/HOPE-aged children in Sunday School so your children won’t miss out!

Philoptochos will be celebrating Veterans Day by honoring United States Veterans and Active Duty Military, alive and deceased. During the month of October, please see our members in the hall where you can submit the names and military branch of family and friends to be honored. If you have photos in uniform, please bring them as well.

Last but not least, we are so proud of two of our longtime members who have contributed so much to Philoptochos and our Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Community. At the Clergy-Laity Grand Banquet, September 26, Pat J. Zaferes and Pat P. Zaferes were both named as Metropolis of Detroit 2013 Lay Person Honorees. These two lovely ladies have honored our community with their love and dedication to our Church and Community, and those of us in Philoptochos are privileged to stand beside them, work, bake and learn from them. Congratulations Pat and Pat!
Stewardship Message

Church stewardship has always been a theme emphasized throughout the Old Testament and further amplified within the New Testament. Christian stewardship was a fundamental principle of the teachings of Jesus Christ. His words are found throughout the New Testament. One of his parables, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”. (Luke 12:34)

Stewardship is fundamental to Christian discipleship. Through it the church can grow and sustain her many ministries. We can give of our time, our talents, and our treasure. Giving is part of our spiritual formation. We come to this beautiful edifice as individuals or as families. Our Divine Liturgy renews our spiritual needs. Our children benefit from Sunday Church School, Greek School, GOYA, JOY and HOPE.

As you prayerfully consider your stewardship commitments for 2014, remember that as members of God’s kingdom, we have to recognize that we have a responsibility for our own personal stewardship as well as of the church that has called us to be “a welcoming congregation seeking both to know Christ and to have Christ known”.

We live in a world of challenges and opportunities. We see stewardship as a journey, a journey about how we live our lives faithfully each day as Christians. We invite you to pray, look into your hearts, and join us on this journey.

“The rich man is not the one who has much, but the one who gives much. For what he gives away remains his forever.”

St. John Chrysostom

2013 STEWARDSHIP LIST THROUGH 9-20-13

The parishioners listed here have made a commitment and/or contribution towards 2013 Stewardship.

Let’s make this year our most successful year ever!

Aamodt, Peter & Karen
Adinamis, George & Robyn
Alex, James L. & Koula
Anagnostou, Elias & Helen
Anastasiou, Demetra
Andreadis, Paul
Andreadis, Sophie S.
Andrews, Evan & Terry
Antoniades, Anthony & Tracey
Apostol, Katherine
Apostolides, Vasso A.
Argeros, Aristeia
Arvanettes, Gregory & Sandra
Assaley, Lewis & Patricia
Balkenbusch, Matt & Nicole
Balli, James & Virginia
Barnhart, Thomas & Sylvia
Bates, Justin
Batsakis, George P.
Batsakis, Chris & Lydia
Batsakis, Pantelis & Eleni
Beish, Andrew
Beish, Karen
Belitsos, George P.
Beltsos, Chris & Melissa
Beltsos, Paul & Jeanna
Beltsos, Sam & Esmine
Beltsos, Steven & Kanda
Bender, Christina E.
Bender, Robert & Kathy
Berling, Ben & Jennifer
Betas, Christina
Betas, Dimitrios
Betas, Maria
Bikas, Michael & Anna
Bilionis, Charles & Angela
Binzer, Chrisanthi & Brian
Black, Dr. William & Lenora
Blavos, Sylvia
Borocman, Tate & Nicole
Borod, Gregory & Gloria
Bottomley, Stephen & Stephanie
Boulmetis, Samuel N. & Anita
Boumis, Peter & Kimberly
Bouras, Anna
Brausch, Robert & Julie
Brown, Bryan & Nickie
Brown, William & George-Ann
Burton, Michael
Caddell, Chris & Eleni
Callos, Harry & Angie
Caneris, Anthony & Antoinette
Caneris, Dr. Onassis A.
Cardullias, Dr. Peter & Elaine
Carey, Lee & Tula
Carumpalos, Constantine
Cassis, Eli
Cassis, Fr. William & Presvytera Anastasia
Chachoff, Nada
Chaldekas, Bess
Chantilas, George
Chantilas, James & Dr. Lydia
Chapas, Lefty
Chichura, Marcus & Michelle
Christman, Carl & Margaret
Christofield, Angeliki
Christofield, George J.
Christon, Angelos & Deanna
Christopoulos, Vassiliki
Christos, Mary J.
Chryssosvergis, Chris & Cara
Cimarosti, Eugene† & Helen
Claffie, Sean & Angela
Colak, Tony & Joan
Columbus, Richie & Eva
Colyer, Donna
Colyer, Jeana
Colyer, Jeff & Laura
Colyer, Keith & Diane
Condorodis, Anestis J. & Janeen D.
Condorodis, Dr. Constantinos J. & Carolyn
Cook, Barbara
Cook, Frank & Karen
Cooper, Charles & Aphrodite
Coles, George
Cranley, John & Dena
Cristell, Mark & Lia
Dalambakis, Chris & Judy
Daoud, Fahid & Laila
Dargis, David & Melody
Dalton, Andrew & Maria
Demakes, Mina
Diaz, Chris & Stephanie
Drew, Dr. William & Katherine
Economacos, Demetrios & Christine
Economacos, Eleftherios
Economakis, Tony & Jennifer
Economakis, Tina
Economou, Robert
Edgington, Paul & Mary Lou
Ehrenschwender, Robert & Anna
Elia, Tom & Tina
Ernst, James H. & Sue
Evangelou, Sofia
Fakoukakis, Emanuel & Susan
Fawcett, Tracy & Jessica
Fekkos, Haralambos & Laella Ann
Fielden, Brad & Tricia
Fillios, Alexandra
Fotopoulos, Christine
Francis, Dean & Kathy
Frankenstein, George & Christine
Franklin, Gari
Freeman, Maria
Freudenberg, Grey & Eleni
Fritz, Christine
Fritz, Margaret
Galanes, George
Galer, Jeffrey & Chris Anne
Gaskins, Mark & Kristin
Gaz, Georgianne
Gelis, James & Kathy
Gelis, Maria
Georges, Charles P. & Sophia
Georgescu, Dan
Georgetown, Chris P. & Barbara
Georgetown, John C. & Ann
Georgetown, John P. & Kimberly
Georgetown, Nickoletta†
Georgetown, Peter C.
Georgetown, Peter T. & Nancy
Georgiou, Dean
Georgiou, George & Maria
Georgiton, Nick
Georgiton, Peter J. & Betsy
Georgosthathis, Gus & Connie
Georgosthathis, Gus & Eleni
Georgosthathis, James & Lillian
Georgosthathis, Joanne
Georgosthathis, Maria
Georgoulakis, Athanasios & Sofia
Gromess, Alexander
Gerros, Carl & Mary
Ghiz, Leslie
Ghizas, John & Helen
Giovis, Thomas
Glasier, Brian & Stella
Gormas, Pete
Grammas, George & Pam
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Gregory, Dean & Hedy
Gregory, Matula
Gregory, Thomas & Pamela
Gregory, Victoria
Guethlein, Sophia
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Haggis, Flora
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Hagias, Evelyn
Haralamos, George & Eleni
Haralamos, Mike G. & Akri
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Herrmann, Kristen & Stephen Simmer
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Himondis, Chris & Ruth
Hock, Les & Jennifer
Hodges, Nick & Millie
Humbert, Randy & Dede
Ioannou, Maria & John
Ioannou, Michael & Meagan
Johnson, John & Antigone
Jones, Carolyn
Jones, Demus J. & Betty
Jones, James A. & Jo Ann
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Jonson, Chris C. & Loy
Jonson, George N. & Sophia
Jonson, James G. & Thelma
Jonson, Luke & Lauren
Kahle, John & Nickie
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Kalemanis, George & Nikki
Kales, Dean & Andrea
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Kalomeris, George C.
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Kanaris, Christos
Kanaris, Kostantinos & Katy
Kanelos, Dino & Julie
Kanaris, Eleni
Kanaris, John & Idalia
Kanaris, Melissa
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Kapurouras, Louis
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Karageorge, Dimitri & Athena
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Karas, Ted & Dixie
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Katsaounis, Nick & Fay
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Kehayes, William & Melissa
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Kelley, Michael & Pauline
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Kessis, Nick
Kessis, Paul
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Moraites, Dr. Richard S. & Aphrodite
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Muench, Sam & Melissa
Murray, Stella P.
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Psilountas, Mary
Quill, Kevin & Mary
Ralliis, Angelo
Ramstetter, Robert & Lisa
Raptis, James & Maria
Raptis, James & Olga
Reich, Joseph & Stacy
Riber, Sam & Filio
Richardson, Josh & Nicole
Riemann, Christopher & Blanca
Rigas, Thomas & Aphrodite
Robson, Brian & Crystal
Rodish, Peter & Suzanne
Romanos, Constantine & Carla
Romanos, Michael & Carla
Rombes, Maria
Rombes, Tom & Angie
Rombis, Petros & Sofia
Rose, Marvin & Chrysoulas
Rosenbaum, David & Maria
Saba, George & Youhana
Sakellariou, Maria B.
Sakellos, John & Kathleen
Sampson, Angelina
Sampson, Tony & Mary Ann
Sampson, Michael G. & Roxanne
Sansalone, Anthony & Angeleke
Saraktasannis, George & Marie
Saraktasannis, Nicholas J. & Vicki
Saraktasannis, Nicholas L. & Carla
Saraktasannis, Olympia
Saraktasannis, Panny & Judy
Saraktasannis, Spiro N.
Sarros, George H. & Alexandra
Sarros, Harry J.
Sarros, John H.
Schmitz, Thomas & Cathy
Schneider, Elizabeth R.
Schooley, Barbara
Schuler, Bill & Julie
Schulte, Nick & Ianthe
Schultz, James & Sarah
Schutter, Michael & Lynne
Sciorino, Mark & Jenny
Seremetis, Afrodite K.
Seremetis, Gregory G.
Seremetis, Stratia & Marjory
Sherlock, Michael & Chrysanne
Shteinwi, Rakan & Laila
Siambekos, Steve T. & Laura
Slas, Georgios N. & Kathy
Sideris, Danny & Amy
Sideris, Mina
Sideris, Nick & Jane
Siegel, August C.
Siegel, Daniel R. & Marianthi
Sifri, Suad
Simos, Marianthi
Sims, David & Penelope
Siouris, Andrea
Slaughter, Rea
Snider, Luke & Dacia
Snyder, Milan & Elaine
Soulas, Angelo & Eleni
Soulas, Konstantinos & Patricia
Spanorigas, Nicholas & Becky
Spanos, Van & Litsa
Sparks, Ryan & Sophia
Sperelakis, Dr. Nicholas & Dolores
Spirtof, John & Vicki
Stacey, Christine
Transitions

**BAPTISMS:**

The New Christian: Zara  
**Parents:** Igor and Fatima (Khabalova) Zubareva  
Sponsor: Yevgenia Klein  
**Date:** September 21, 2013

The New Christian: Blake  
**Parents:** Richard and Eva (Pappas) Columbus  
Sponsor: Harry J. Pappas  
**Date:** September 1, 2013

The New Christian: William Theodore  
**Parents:** Theodore and Katie (Minix) Cassis  
Sponsor: Constantine Cassis  
**Date:** September 15, 2013

**FUNERALS:**

John C. Prasinos, age 81, on August 31, 2013.  
Nicoletta Georgeton, age 76, on September 3, 2013.

Parish Announcements

John Leon has recently received three sculpture commissions: 1). The Western and Southern Open commissioned a six-foot bronze portrait figure of Mr. Paul Flory that will be placed at the entrance to the Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason. 2). The University of Cincinnati commissioned a 4 x 4 foot, cast-stone, bas-relief plaque of Neil Armstrong as part of a display honoring him at the entrance of Rhodes Hall. 3). The city of Carbondale, PA commissioned a one-and-a-quarter, life-size, bronze bust of General Alvin Ungerlieder for their Memorial Park.
## October 2013

For the most updated Calendar, visit www.holytrinity.oh.goarch.org

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### Roof Repair Update

All parishioners received a letter in September about the urgent need to replace sections of the roof over the gym and Sunday Church School wing. We need approximately $160,000 to complete the project. The response from our community has been wonderful. As of September 23rd, we have received $9,255 in donations. The work on the Sunday Church School has already been completed. Thank you to the parishioners who have already responded and to the ones who are planning to assist with our efforts.
Clergy
Presiding Priest: Very Rev. Father William Cassis
Assistant: Rev. Father Paul Truebenbach

Staff
Parish Administrator: Eugene Nicholas
Facilities Manager: Chris Jonson

Parish Council

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Organizations and Ministries

Philoptochos Society: Georgianne Gaz, President
Parish Choir: Janice Kellaris, Director
Cantors: Louis Kapourales, Tasos Ioannides, James Raptis, Philanthy Nichols
Altar Boys: Gus Siegel, Father William Cassis, Father Paul Truebenbach
Sunday Church School: Cara Chryssovergis, Director
Greek School: Alexandros Laftsidis, Director
GOYA: Father Paul Truebenbach, GOYA Ministry Team
HOPE and JOY Groups: Father Paul Truebenbach, Ministry Team
Mothers Club: Catherine Stavros
AHEPA: Andrew Stefanopoulos
Daughters of Penelope: Karen Aamodt, President
Over 50s Club: Ann Jonson
Parish Bible Study and Orthodoxy 101: Father William Cassis
Orthodox Reading Group: Father Paul Truebenbach
Outreach/Samaritan Fund: Father William Cassis,
                         Father Paul Truebenbach, Eugene Nicholas
Agios Demetrios Society: Jim Grammas, Maria Panagis
PANEGYRI: Frank Cook
Parish Bookstore: Beth Ubimchuk

Office Hours: Weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Worship Schedule: Matins, 8:15 a.m.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
Other Services as scheduled.

Our Mission
THE VOICE is the official monthly newsletter of Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Our Parish was founded in 1907 and serves Orthodox Christians throughout the tri-state area. Our mission is to reach out to all members of the Community by providing relevant information on the religious, spiritual and cultural life of the Parish; news on the accomplishments of Parish members and organizations, and editorial points of view.

The next deadline for submitting news to the "Voice" is October 6, 2013
Submissions can be dropped off or mailed to the Church Office or e-mailed to gopriest@gmail.com or goc7000@gmail.com

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