



A GOOD WORD—Λόγον Αγαθόν

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CAMP & RETREAT UPDATES!

Staff applications for Summer camp 2018 are open currently on the Metropolis website. Our goal is to make all Staff selections by late March. Our promotional video is available to watch here: <https://youtu.be/KSbyd15E718>

The GOYA Spring Retreat will take place March 16-18, at Camp Nazareth



Lastly, the following are the 2018 Summer Camp dates that have been released. We cannot wait for the warm summer months at Camp Nazareth! Seventh graders have the option of attending either session 1 or 2:

Session 1 // Elementary Week, 2nd-4th Grades:
Sunday, June 17 - Saturday, June 23

Session 2 // Middle School Week, 5th-7th* Grades:
Sunday, June 24 - Saturday, June 30

Session 3 // Junior High Week, 7th*-9th Grades:
Sunday, July 1 - Saturday, July 7

Session 4 // High School Week, 10th-12th Grades:
Sunday, July 8 - Saturday, July 14



THE GOYA BASKETBALL SEASON IS HERE!

Online Registration has opened for all participants for the upcoming GOYA Tournaments. Early Registration Deadline is January 4, 2018. Registration links, Tournament Assignments, Metropolis Rules & Guidelines, plus much more may be found on the Metropolis website: pittsburgh.goarch.org, under the Youth & Young Adults tab.



Mandatory Athletic Seminars for Advisors, Coaches, Clergy AND GOYA Officers

WEST: Saturday, Jan. 6 - St Paul, North Royalton (2pm)

CENTRAL: Sunday, Jan. 7 - Kimisis Tis Theotokou,
Aliquippa (2pm)

EAST: Saturday, Jan. 20 - Holy Trinity, Camp Hill (11am)

2018 Metropolis GOYA Basketball & Volleyball Tournaments

- January 12 - 14 / MLK Weekend: Annunciation, Akron, OH & Holy Cross, Pittsburgh, PA
- January 26-28 / Souper Bowl of Caring: Holy Trinity, Canton, OH & Annunciation, Columbus, OH
- February 9 - 11 / Senior Recognition – All Ohio Parishes: St Demetrios, Warren, OH
- February 16 - 18 / Senior Recognition – All PA Parishes: Sts Constantine & Helen, Reading, PA
- April 14 - GOYA Volleyball: St Nicholas Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA



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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>

MEFGOX: FOSTERING CHURCH MUSIC EDUCATION



A primary goal of the Mid-Eastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians (MEFGOX) is to encourage learning about Orthodox the hymnology – its melodies, its theology, and its forms and structures. Because our hymns are so rich in theological information and draw attention to daily, seasonal, and yearly variations in the ecclesiastical calendar, those who sing in the Church should have these underpinnings, given their important role in our services. The Federation sponsors four programs to support this goal.



- **WORKSHOPS** that provide information about both hymnology and music. A priest is invited to explain the theology behind hymns followed by a musician teaching participants how to produce better sounds or best interpret the hymns.

- Longer **CHURCH MUSIC INSTITUTES**, usually occurring during the Federation's Convention, provide more in-depth explorations of hymnology and musical techniques. We invite parishes to host CMI's in order to bring them to the local level.

- Through the **MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** program, the Federation provides scholarships to students who intend to continue their stewardship in church music.

- **CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANTS** is our newest initiative. These focus on church musicians who wish to attend non-college programs. We have a restricted budget line for private study in music lessons, church music seminars, or choir directing.

These opportunities are available to church musicians in parishes that are Federation stewards. We hope to create a church music "culture" where learning is valued because of the sacred role choirs and chanters play in our services. We

MANY THANKS TO THE 2017 STEWARDS OF THE HOLY METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH *(Reflecting contributions received through 12/15/2017)*

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