



# A GOOD WORD—Λόγον Αγαθόν

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## KEY DATES IN 2018

February 2—Feast of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple and 16th anniversary of Ordination to the Episcopacy for His Eminence Metropolitan Savas

February 6—Feast of St. Photios the Great, Patron Saint of our Holy Metropolis—Regional celebrations in East Pittsburgh (C), North Royalton (NW), Lancaster (E), and Belpre (SW).

March 3—Philoptochos Daffodil Luncheon, Canonsburg, PA

March 16-18—GOYA Spring Retreat, Camp Nazareth, Mercer, PA

April 14—Greek Language & Culture Festival

April 21—St. Photios Awards Banquet, Cranberry, PA

May 12—Metropolis Oratorical Festival, Mt. Lebanon, PA

June 17—Beginning of Summer Camp (Session 1)

July 1-5—Archdiocesan Clergy-Laity Congress, Boston, MA

July 19-22—MEFGOX Convention, Dayton, OH

September 29—Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly, Mt. Lebanon, PA

November 16-18—GOYA Fall Retreat, Camp Nazareth, Mercer, PA

December 5—Feast of St. Savas, Pittsburgh, PA

December 8—7th Anniversary of Enthronement for His Eminence Metropolitan Savas

## 2018 PARISH CENTENNIALS

18 Metropolis Communities reached their 100th birthday before 2018, and 3 more are scheduled to reach that milestone by year's end:

Annunciation GOC of York, PA will be celebrating their Centennial on the weekend of April 28-29.

The celebratory weekend for St. Spyridon GOC of Clarksburg, WV will take place September 22-23.

St. Spyridon GOC of Monessen, PA will have their events on the weekend of November 10-11.

We are also working with Holy Trinity GOC of Altoona on the scheduling of their celebratory weekend in late 2018. Their 100th anniversary took place in 2017 but the community was in the midst of several capital projects that precluded the celebration of their Centennial at that time.



*Above: Interior photo of Annunciation GOC of York, PA, which will celebrate its Centennial in 2018.*



## 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>

## ANNUAL PRIESTS, PRESIDENTS, TREASURERS MEETING—FEB 17

The St. Spyridon parish community of Monessen, PA will host this annual gathering of parish leaders from all over the Metropolis. Organized by the Metropolis Finance Committee, the meeting has provided an opportunity for continuing education in key topics affecting parishes and their financial operations, including recent sessions on endowments and trusts, clergy benefits, and the Archdiocesan allocation program.

This year's featured speaker is Mr. Lou Kircos of Detroit, MI, who is the Chairman of the Archdiocesan Finance Committee. Lou has been a member of the committee for many years while serving his Metropolis with distinction in multiple areas. His background is in finance (he was a CPA for a multi-national firm).

Mr. Kircos will be discussing the recent news about the Archdiocesan finances, the steps that have been taken to rectify the situation, and the steps that will be taken in the coming months and years.



The day will begin with Liturgy (2nd Saturday of Souls) at 9:30am. The meeting will commence at 11:00am and will conclude no later than 4:00pm. Lunch is included.

Contact the Metropolis for more information.



*Above: Exterior photo of St. Spyridon GOC of Clarksburg, WV, which will celebrate its Centennial in 2018 along with Annunciation in York PA, and St. Spyridon GOC of Monessen, PA (below left).*

## FEASTDAY OF ST. PHOTIOS THE GREAT

On Tuesday, February 6, 2018 we celebrate the Feastday of our Father Among the Saints **Photios the Great, Patriarch of Constantinople, the Confessor and Equal-to-the-Apostles, Patron Saint of our Holy Metropolis**. This year 4 parishes will be hosting a regional gathering (*Synaxis*) to celebrate our revered Patron Saint. We invite you to join the clergy and laity of the Metropolis at the following locations:

**In the Central region** - Ypapanti GOC, East Pittsburgh  
Orthros: 8:30am                      Divine Liturgy: 9:30am

**In the East region**—Annunciation GOC, Lancaster, PA  
Orthros: 8:45am                      Divine Liturgy: 10am

**In the Northwest region**—St. Paul GOC, North Royalton  
Orthros: 9am                          Divine Liturgy: 10am

**In the Southwest region**—St James GOM., Belpre, OH  
Orthros: 9:45am                      Divine Liturgy: 11am

For more information, please feel free to contact the host parishes.

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