



# A GOOD WORD—Λόγον Αγαθόν

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## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATED IN YORK

His Eminence and the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation celebrated the parish's 100th anniversary on the weekend of April 28-29, 2018 with several events spread over two joyous days.

On Saturday, April 28, an open-house event called "A Day of Orthodoxy," featured remarks from Metropolitan Savas and two distinguished area clergy, Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick of Emmaus, PA, and Fr. Alexander Goussetis of Lititz, PA. His Eminence and the parish community then welcomed with gratitude and enthusiasm His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America, to a formal anniversary dinner-dance that evening, which also included several local Orthodox Clergy and local dignitaries. Both Hierarchs gave wonderful addresses to the attendees, congratulating our community on its longevity, and commending it to its bright future.



The weekend celebrations culminated with the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Sunday and the elevation of long-time pastor Fr. Andrew Tsikitas to the honor of *Economos*. Following the divine services, the community offered a luncheon in the Hellenic Cultural Center expressing gratitude for all the blessings past, present, and those yet to come.

## GREEK INDEPENDENCE REMEMBERED AT PENNSYLVANIA CAPITOL



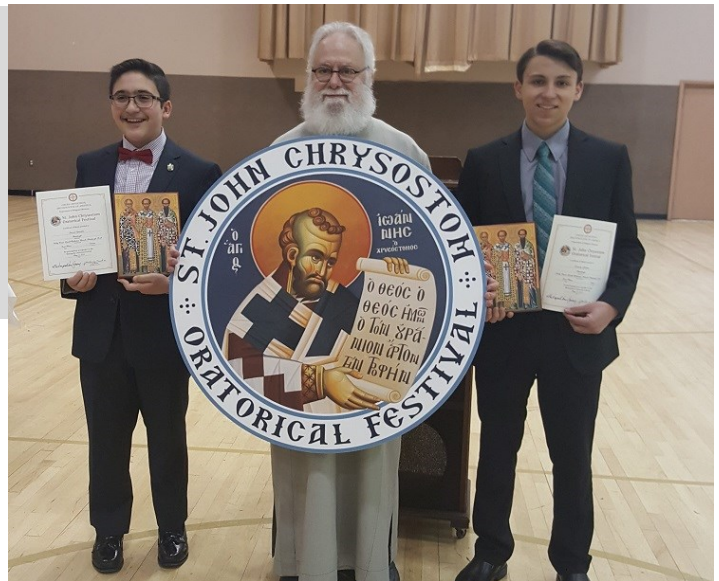
On March 13, eight members of the local AHEPA Chapter #64 of Harrisburg, PA along with various representatives embarked on a visit to the State Capitol to celebrate the 197th Anniversary of the Greek War of Independence which started on March 25th, 1821. This group which included a young man Angelos Giannaris who was dressed as an "evzone" (a Greek soldier) enjoyed the opportunity to be welcomed by Senator Mike Regan representing the State government of PA at the Capitol. Representatives Sheryl Delozier, Ryan Mackenzie, and Greg Rothman joined the delegation to commemorate Greek Independence Day. The resolution was then read aloud to all in attendance including special guests Lt. Colonel Vasileios Bobouzis of the Hellenic Army, along with local Ahepan special guests which included Event Coordinator Dr. Michael Billys and Protopsalti Tom Paparoidamis.



## 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>

*Right: His Eminence with the two Speakers who will represent the Metropolis at the 35th National Oratorical Festival hosted by the Metropolis of Chicago at St. John the Baptist, Des Plaines, IL, June 8-10. Senior Division: Gregory Anstine (Annunciation, York, PA) and Junior Division: Stavros Spanakis (Holy Trinity, Canton, OH).*



## YPAPANTI PROVIDES DISASTER RELIEF

On Holy Saturday morning, the Presentation of Christ Church of East Pittsburgh offered emergency assistance to 33 families that were displaced from supportive housing on Electric Ave. (near the Church) after a portion of US Route 30 collapsed, resulting in the destruction of several buildings. The Philoptochos worked with the Red Cross to host the residents in the parish community center until they were relocated to hotels where they remain indefinitely. The Philoptochos continues to support these neighbors, and has raised nearly \$15,000 from sources all over Western Pennsylvania. In consultation with the Allegheny County Health and Human Services Department, distribution of resources began in May and is planned through Christmas.



*Above: Workers representing utility companies, local government, the Red Cross, and other organizations gather in Olympia Hall to coordinate their relief efforts.*

## HONORING 35 YEARS AT CATHEDRAL

On May 5, His Eminence Metropolitan Savas and the Sts. Constantine and Helen Cathedral community in Cleveland held a joyous celebration honoring Rev. Dr. Stephen Callos, who recently surpassed 35 years of service to the Cathedral, more than 60 percent of the church's lifetime.

In recognition of Father's long and devoted service, the Saint Priscilla Scholarship endowment is being established at Hellenic College Holy Cross to provide scholarships for female students. Led by Parish Council President, Richard Warren, the community has raised \$62,000 initially for the principal of the fund (easily exceeding its \$50,000 goal).



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