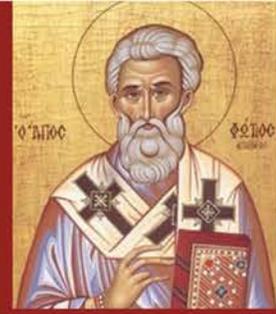


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NEWSLETTER OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH



44TH ANNUAL CLERGY-LAITY, YOUTH WORKERS & RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS ASSEMBLY

From Thursday September 25 to Saturday September 27, 2025 we came together to participate in the Metropolis of Pittsburgh's Annual Clergy-Laity Assembly at Annunciation, Columbus, Ohio. Clergy of the Metropolis met together for their Clergy Syndesmos Thursday afternoon followed by a welcome dinner with His Eminence Metropolitan Savas formally opening the 3-day Assembly and we welcomed 40 parishes, 114 delegates and 12 vendors to the Assembly. We enjoyed informative presentations and we especially thank guest presenters Melpomeni Murdakes, Stephen Karniotis and Break-Out Session presenters, Bryant Tela, Pres. Melanie DiStefano, Fr. Alexander Goussetis and Ted Cherpas who provided thoughtful, creative sessions. The Youth Workers and Religious Educators formed a robust collaboration fusing new and creative ideas for the future and Archon Nick Lekas provided a progress report on the construction and public fundraising campaign for the New Metropolis Center. We'd like to take this opportunity to say a BIG thank you to Annunciation Cathedral, Columbus for generously hosting the Assembly, providing catering for the Assembly and arranging a unique "Global Foodie Experience" serving delicious food on Friday evening. We are truly grateful for everyone's dedication, hard work and enthusiasm.



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The Metropolis of Pittsburgh Philoptochos held its annual Philoptochos Assembly at All Saints Church in Canonsburg, PA on October 3 & 4, 2025. 55 delegates from across the Metropolis were in attendance, as was National Philoptochos President, Debbie George. Special Guest Speakers included Rev. Fr. Paul Abernathy, CEO of the Neighborhood Resilience Project with Presvytera Kristina, Archon Regional Commander, Nick Tranto for the Archon Pilgrimage of Discovery, Archon Nick Lekas, Project Manager of the New Metropolis Center, Y2AM Director Alyssa Kyritsis, and John and Tula Dziak Directors of the Fresh Start Cafe in Canonsburg. The new Metropolis Board Members and Officers were elected and administered the oath of office for the 2025-2027 term. To give back to the community, delegates in attendance brought an abundance of non-perishable items for donation to the United Presbyterian Food Bank in Canonsburg.

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PRESENTED BY DR. ELIAS PETROU, PH.D

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Head of Classical, Medieval and Modern Greek Collections

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign



**NOVEMBER 10, 2025
AT 8:00 PM EST**



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