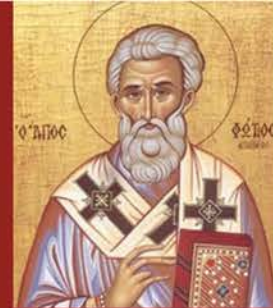


# A Good Word - Λόγον Αγαθόν

## NEWSLETTER OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH



### 48th BIENNIAL CLERGY-LAITY CONGRESS

#### SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 30-JULY 2, 2026

Join us in Cleveland, Ohio  
at the Huntington Convention Center

Online Registration is now open!

[www.clergylaity.org](http://www.clergylaity.org)

The theme of the Congress, "Rise and Build" (Neh. 2:18), emphasizes the growth and development of the parish — its ministries, its people, and its witness in the world.

Hotel Group Rates are now available:

<https://www.clergylaity.org/hotels>

Choose from Three Hotels: Delegates, attendees, and exhibitors of the 48th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress have the choice of staying in one of three hotels in the downtown Cleveland area, just minutes from the Huntington Convention Center where the Clergy-Laity Congress will be held.\*

Plan Your Visit: Parish delegates should plan to arrive on Monday, June 29. The Clergy-Laity Congress will begin at 10 AM on Tuesday, June 30 and will continue through 10 PM Thursday, July 2.

\*Meetings of the National Philoptochos Convention will be held at the Hotel Cleveland.

# Help us honor our 2026 Graduates!

Register your graduate before May 13th using the following links!

## High School Graduates

<https://tinyurl.com/GOMOPHS26>

## College, Graduate, & Specialized Degrees

<https://tinyurl.com/GOMOPCollege26>

Questions? [akyritis@pittsburgh.goarch.org](mailto:akyritis@pittsburgh.goarch.org)



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**JULY 1-5 2026**

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*Rise & Build:*  
**Claim Your Calling!**

Hosted at the  
Cleveland Marriott  
Downtown!

**Featuring:**

Engaging speakers - Interactive service project  
Themed evening events - Free time in Cleveland

**Register Now!**  
[clergyalaity.org/yalconference](http://clergyalaity.org/yalconference)

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Questions? Email us at [yal@goarch.org](mailto:yal@goarch.org).

# New Metropolis Center | April 2026

Did you receive our March mailing? Please consider a pledge or donation towards this worthy campaign that will benefit all. We are so close to our goal! To donate please scan the QR code or visit [pittsburgh.goarch.org/pledge](http://pittsburgh.goarch.org/pledge)




Images: Metropolis Center, Chapel Dome, Sanctuary, Social Hall



Images: Prayer Garden Walkway, Office, Kitchen

The Department of Greek Education for the Metropolis of Pittsburgh presents

## The Annual Greek Language Story Contest



Do you know of someone in your family or community with a fascinating story to tell? Interview and write the life story of an elderly immigrant with Greek or Cypriot roots living (either) independently or dependently, such as in a nursing home, assisted living, etc.; or interview the child or spouse of an elderly or deceased immigrant and tell their life story.

- Tell of their life before and after coming to the U.S.**
  - where they traveled from and why they left
  - who they traveled with and how they traveled
  - who they prayed to for strength and any miracles
  - how old they were when they arrived to the U.S.
  - what challenges they faced
  - what did they do here in the U.S.
- Provide pictures**
  - of them, their family
  - of places where they lived abroad, and in the U.S.
  - of their favorite places and pastimes, both abroad and in the U.S.
- Provide samples of**
  - their favorite Greek songs, hymns, poems, etc.

**You are not limited to only the above questions, nor are all of the above imperative**  
 Type this in Greek and in English in a Word document. Provide a copy for the person you interviewed and send a copy to:  
 The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh Department of Greek Education, 5201 Ellsworth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15232, also email a copy with the pictures separately not in the word document to [mstamoolis@verizon.net](mailto:mstamoolis@verizon.net)  
 Student interviewers are from 4th - 12th grade. Awards given to students who display thoroughness and hard work.

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - \$500**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - \$300**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE - \$100**

**Deadline to register is June 4, 2026. Deadline for submission is June 11, 2026. For information e-mail Maria Stamoolis, [mstamoolis@verizon.net](mailto:mstamoolis@verizon.net).**



Image: Bell Tower



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 It costs approximately \$1,000 per day to operate our Metropolis - including Metropolitan Savas's Archpastoral visitations, preparations for summer camp and GOYA retreats, our vital registry, and more.  
 Please consider sponsoring a day in the life of the Metropolis:  
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