

Sisterhood News

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We received the following letter from His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas. We continue to keep him in our prayers.

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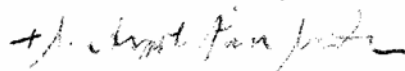
Dear Presbyteres of the Sisterhood of Detroit,

It is with much gratitude that I express the thanks of my brothers Michael and Pantelis, my sister Niki, along with their spouses and children, as well as myself and our entire family for the heartfelt concern and love which you demonstrated during the recent loss of our mother, Caliope. Your prayers and love helped strengthen us during our time of sorrow.

In addition, we thank you for the gracious donation of \$100.00 which you offered to the Caliope Pissare Memorial Scholarship Fund.

With thankfulness for your thoughts and prayers, and with faith in the loving mercy of our Lord for our mother, Caliope, I remain,

With Paternal Love,



†NICHOLAS
Metropolitan of Detroit

Dear Sisters,

How exciting it is to have a newsletter again and to be able to keep in touch with each other. By now you should have received the Detroit Sisterhood Directory, and I'm sure you agree that it looks great. Presvytera Harriet Wilson spent many, many hours preparing the document. Her husband, Father George, put the finishing touches on it and Presvytera Joan Bogdan printed and mailed it. Ms. Harriet Stoukas reviewed it and helped ensure that no Presvytera is left out. We thank all of them for their hard work and diligence! Now, if your address changes, please let me know. It will be nice to always have current information for everyone.

Now that we have each other's addresses, let's make it a point to keep in touch with each other. Take a few minutes every couple of weeks to pick up the phone and call a fellow presvytera. I've had the chance to call several sisters since the Clergy-Laity Congress in Washington, D.C. At the end of each of these conversations, I felt a sense of fulfillment. There is no doubt in my mind that you will feel uplifted also.

I recently attended the National Sisterhood Board meeting in St. Louis. One of the things that become more and more obvious to me as I learn more about the role of the NSP is how many support systems are available to us as Presvyteres. From the Prez to Prez e-mail ministry to the Listening Connection, none of us should ever feel alone no matter in what stage of life we are. If you have not been on the NSP website (nsp.goarch.org), do it really soon and revisit often.

One of my goals as your representative is to create opportunities for social gatherings and retreats. Our first priority should be to find a hosting parish for our annual Clergy Vasilopeta. If you live in the Detroit Metro area, please talk it over with your husband and volunteer. Secondly, would one of you ladies offer to mail out name day cards? Our namedays often go unnoticed and yet they represent who we are and who we aim to be as Orthodox Christians.

Finally, I love hearing from you. Your emails are a source of inspiration. Keep them coming! As always, keep me in your prayers as I keep you in mine. May the upcoming holidays be filled with blessings from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

With His Love,

Anastasia Cassis

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*Next issue: Meet a New Friend, recipes, and more.
Please send your news and recipes to
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Upcoming events:

Clergy Family Vasilopeta: Details to be announced.

**6th Biennial NSP Retreat: *Nurturing the Nurturer: Self Care for the Presvytera*
October 9-12, 2009 Marriottsville, MD**