



Rev. Chris W Hadgigeorge

August 3, 1924 - December 31, 2015

REV. CHRIS HADGIGEORGE
A PRIEST FOREVER

Father Chris Hadgigeorge, Pastor Emeritus of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, joined his heavenly Father on December 31, 2015. Father Chris was born on August 3, 1924 in Youngstown, Ohio to William and Paraskevi (Spanos) Hadgigeorge. He was the second child of three, brother Dr. Frank George (deceased) and sister, Presvytera Zafera Bartz.

He graduated in 1942 from East High School in Youngstown, Ohio. He then followed his calling, becoming a priest and attended Holy Cross School of Theology in Pomfret, Connecticut and Brookline, Massachusetts.

He married Ann Tsagaris from Warren, Ohio on March 7, 1948. He was ordained a priest on April 29, 1948 and he was assigned by Bishop Germanos Polyzoidis in Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1957, he was transferred to Saint Nicholas Church in Detroit, Michigan. In December 1960, he became the pastor of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Toledo, Ohio. He retired on September 1, 1991. He then became Pastor Emeritus of Holy Trinity until his death on December 31, 2015. Fr. Chris was elevated to Protopresbyter by Archbishop Iakovos in 1973. He was presented the Patriarchal Cross from Patriarch Bartholomew in 2006 in Constantinople. In 1985, he was awarded

the Saint Paul Medal by Archbishop Iakovos, and in 1973 he was elevated to Protopresbyter (Very Reverend) by Archbishop Iakovos. The St. Romanos Melodos Medal was given to Fr. Chris from the Mid-Eastern Greek Orthodox Choir Federation in 1998.

Fr. Chris was a priest for 67 years. He served as pastor at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral for 31 years and 24 years as Pastor Emeritus. He presided over the 50th, 75th, and 100th year celebration of the Cathedral. In 1966, the church was consecrated and elevated to a Cathedral status. In 2004, on his 80th birthday, the corner of Walnut and Superior was renamed Fr. Chris Hadgigeorge Way by proclamation of the City Council.

Fr. Chris was a humble, compassionate, and kind man. He was soft-spoken and a gentle soul. He loved his family, his Church, and his parishioners. He was a role model for other priests. Not only was Father a pillar of the community but also the pillar of his family. He always offered his guidance, love, and support. He enjoyed the growth of his family and loved each and every one of his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. His eyes would light up whenever they were present.

Fr. Chris was a member of Young At Heart and a life-long member of Ahepa. He also served on the Toledo Council of Churches.

Fr. Chris is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Presvytera Ann Hadgigeorge, twin daughters, Pattie Senerius, and Angie (Tom) Bohland, son, William (Eva) Hadgigeorge of Strongsville, Ohio, grandchildren, Christopher (Amberly) Bohland of Columbus, Indiana, Alexis (Kevin) Van Valkenburgh of Beaver, Pennsylvania, Nicole Senerius, Kristi Hadgigeorge of Strongsville, Ohio, Michael Senerius of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Anastasia Hadgigeorge of Strongsville, Ohio, great grandchildren, Audrey Bohland and Sophia VanValkenburgh.

Visitation will be at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral on Monday, January 4, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Trisagion Prayers will be held at 7:00 pm. A Vesperal Liturgy will be held Tuesday January 5, 2016 at 9:00 am. at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Funeral Services will be held at the Church at 11:00 am. followed by internment at Toledo Memorial Park. A memorial lunch will be held after the internment.

Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to the entire family on the passing of our beloved Fr. Chris. He has been a shining example of devotion, diligence, joy and love. Now that he is with our Lord, I'm sure he is praying for all of us, the family of Holy Trinity, near and far. Everlasting indeed will be his memory.

Fr. Seraphim Dedes - January 05, 2016 at 07:45 AM

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“ Toledo was blessed with Father Chris as a strong presence in our community. He was kind and gracious. His smile was endearing and always made you feel like he was so glad to see you.

My condolences to the family.

Donna Owens

Donna Owens - January 04, 2016 at 11:38 PM

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“ A beautiful, kind man and loving priest. May his memory be eternal.

George Anagnos Family - January 04, 2016 at 02:58 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Fr. Chris' family on his passing. What a wonderful man he was. His kindness to others will always be remembered.

*Love and Prayers,
Dr. James and Helen Kakos
Long Grove, Illinois*

Helen Bekos-Kakos - January 03, 2016 at 07:32 PM



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eternal to our spiritual father. My sincerest condolences to all the family
peace Fr. Chris.. you lead your flock well*

Niki Brass - January 02, 2016 at 05:48 PM