

THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

January
2019



MORNING BIBLE STUDY	TBA	
PHILOPTOCHOS MEETINGS.....	Bi-Monthly Meetings	
GOYA MEETINGS	TBA	
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION .. K-7.....	Resumed September 16, 2018	
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—PREK.....	Resumed September 16, 2018	
PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS.....	2nd Wednesday of the month	6:15 pm
FISH FRY	Fridays	3:00—8:30pm
GREEK DANCE PRACTICE — TEENS.....		TBD
GREEK DANCE PRACTICE — KIDS		TBD
CHOIR PRACTICE	1st Thursday of the month	6:00 pm

JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Office Closed 12/25 - 1/2

- 1: Happy New Year's Day! - Office Closed
- 2: Office hours resume
- 8: Philoptochos Holiday Lunch 1 pm
- 17: Dormition Dinner @ St. George, Flint 6 pm
- 19: Wedding of Paul & Lindsey! Congratulation!!
- 26: Elvis/Neil Diamond Impersonator Concert 7 pm



FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

- 3: DOP Meeting
- 14: Valentines Day
- 18: President's Day



FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council News for January

We wish you all a Happy New Year. Whenever we start a new year, it is like a new beginning where we can make the changes we have thought about making in the past but never got around to it. It is a time to set new goals for our parish and ourselves. The Parish Council is calling 2019 the year of STEWARDSHIP. Why Stewardship? What is Stewardship? Although we often think of Church Stewardship as dues, it is much more. This parish decided many years ago to move from using a specific amount to be a member to stewardship. Stewardship doesn't refer to just the amount you donate to the church in dollars, but also the time and talent that you donate. Stewardship is an act of faith, not just a way to balance the books. On your stewardship card this year, think carefully what you can contribute, not just monetarily, but what other commitments you are able to make. Go ahead and list them somewhere on the front or back of the card. Is there a committee you are willing to work on? Is there an event you are willing to participate in? Is there a cleaning or refurbishing project you are willing to be a part of? Remember, the church belongs to all of us. We are all Stewards of Assumption, OUR PARISH.

We the Parish Council wish each and every one of you a Joyous, Healthy, Faith-filled, and Prosperous 2019.

Don't forget to fill out your Stewardship Commitment for 2019.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL



Keep using your **Kroger Community Rewards card**. Thanks to all those who have shopped in these stores. Our last check was in November 2018 was \$31.89!

Prosporon Schedule

January

6: Clinton, Mike & Kathy
 13: Costa, John & Laura
 20: Costa, Kyriacos & Vasilias
 27: Dalbo, Helen

February

3: Dau, William & Joanne
 10: Davlantes, Alex & Alexis
 17: Delbridge, Ray & Carol
 24: Douros, Athanasios

March

3: Drolet, Mark & Penelopi
 10: Fahoome, Calliope
 17: Falaras, Mary
 23: Federick, Curt & Vivian
 31: Ferich, Andrew & Voula

Please make 3 loaves of Prospora and bring them to church by 9:30 am on the morning of the service. Be sure to include your lists of names, both living and dead, for Father to read the proskomide prayers: one list is for those who are living and the other for those who have died. If you choose not to make Prospora, please send a check to the church for \$20 made payable to "Philoptochos" with a note stating it is for Prospora. Be sure to include your list of names. If you have questions, please contact the church office, 810-771-4611.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. — James 5:16

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Lucas Paul; Nikolaos Karabinas; Dino Kondyles; Ted Lowe; Achilles Marks;
 George Pappadakis; Charlie Paraschos; and Gloria Watson

Sunday Reader Schedule

January	February	March
6 Tim Welch	3 Debbie Chinonis	3 Tim Welch
13 Crystal Demps	10 John Costa	10 Olga Steinhoff
20 John Kaloydis	17 Ruth Karabina	17 Niko Karabinas
27 John Costa	24 Cathy Yeotis	24 Crystal Demps
		31 John Costa

If you are unable to make your assigned reading date, please contact the church office, 810-771-4611 so we can find a replacement. Thank you!

Hope, Joy, & GOYA Corner

Happy New Year!

Totals sales for the month of November bake sales were \$324.00. Thank you to Tina Holland, Lena Grousopoulos, Kathy Sirakis, and Loukea Kovanis-Wilson that generously contributed items to be sold in November. Make sure to mark your calendars for the week you are assigned to bring baked goods in. If you have any questions please contact Lori Photiou at 810-444-1967 or loriphotiou@gmail.com. Items need to be at church by Friday at 2:00 pm. If you are unable to bake on your assigned week please make a \$20 donation for supplies and we will bake for you. It is also **very imperative** that you let us know the week before that you are unable to bake so that we can plan for the baking. The schedule again is as follows:

Date	Name 1	Name 2
1/4/2019	Smith	Stavridis
1/11/2019	Batsios	Carpenter
1/18/2019	Federick	Grousopoulos
1/25/2019	Hagler	Haralambous
2/1/2019	Holland	Karabinas
2/8/2019	Karakitsos	Kovanis-Wilson
2/15/2019	Kraemer	Leighton
2/22/2019	Mavrikos	O'Bee
3/1/2019	Panos	Paraschos
3/8/2019	Photiou	Smith
3/15/2019	Stavridis	Batsios
3/22/2019	Carpenter	Federick
3/29/2019	Grousopoulos	Hagler

We kicked off the Christmas season on December 2nd with a small group battling the rainy weather at Top Hill Tree Farm in Goodrich to select this year's tree. The annual Christmas party was held on December 8th with 50 people in attendance. The children each made ornaments to put on the beautiful tree they picked out. Since the children have been very good this year the Religious Education Committee put a special call into Santa and he was delighted to pay our children a visit and bring them a special ornament to put on their Christmas trees at home. Thank you to all everyone that helped make this event happen for the children by donating food and your time!

Besides making the ornaments the children, as well as the adults, assembled 200 gift bags for the clients of Catholic Charities Center for Hope. The bags were filled with basic necessity items such as; toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, hand lotion, sanitizer, shampoo/body wash, conditioner, deodorant, gloves, and candy. The children raised funds for this project from the bake sales at our Fish Fry's. The children personally handed these bags out to the clients at Catholic Charities Center for Hope on December 19th during our lunch serving. It was such a wonderful sight to see our Assumption family working together to serve God's people. This project has been a very important lesson for our children in learning the foundation of our Orthodox faith.

On December 15th, 16th, & 22nd several of our children along with their parents traveled Genesee County to carol for our parishioners. This annual tradition continues to grow each year and is such a fun event for the kids. Thank you to all the parishioners that welcomed us at their homes!

We look forward to the children growing in their faith and fellowship in 2019!

Upcoming dates in December and January:

Sunday, December 31st – No Religious Education

Saturday, January 12th – Flint Firebirds Game – Please RSVP to the AGOC RE Facebook page event

Sincerely,

Religious Education Committee

Lori Photiou and Ageliki Carpenter

**HERE COMES
SANTA CLAUS!**





Iconography Sponsorship Program

“Phase I”

Iconography Fund:

As you know, we have begun selling Icons for our Iconography Project. Thanks to many generous donors, we are well underway. If you would like to purchase an Icon, please contact a Parish Council member. Thank you for your generosity.



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN
 Mother Abbess Gabriella & The Community of
 The Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery on
 Thursday, January 17, 2019, at St. George Church for our
 ~ *7th Annual Winter Dinner To Support* ~

The Dormition of the Mother of God Orthodox Monastery

Donation Requested
 \$35 Adult / \$25 Student

*The Mothers will be
bringing the Monastery
Gift Shop to Flint!*

Evening Schedule

- ✓ 5:30 - *Vespers sung by the Mothers of Dormition Monastery*
- ✓ 6:15 - *Social Time & Bookstore Open*
- ✓ 6:45 - *Dinner & Speakers*
- ✓ 8:30 - *Benediction*

Names	Donation

See Your Parish Rep to make a reservation, volunteer your time or be a sponsor
 OR: Contact St. George Church at 810-732-0720

- ✓ Assumption..... Lori Photiou
- ✓ St. George..... Dn. Michael Bassett
- ✓ St. Mary Magdalene ... Dn. Michael Schlaack
- ✓ St. Nicholas..... Deborah Adams

~ 100% of your donation goes to Dormition Monastery ~

ALL ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD AT ST. GEORGE CHURCH
 5191 Lennon Rd., Flint, MI 48507



VASILOPITA SUNDAY BRUNCH

JANUARY 6

following the Liturgy

Philoptochos Society is sponsoring our brunch and all proceeds will go to St. Basil Academy!

Baked Chicken, Baked Fish or Plaki
Served with Rice, Vegetables, Greek Salad, and Roll

Children's Menu: Chicken Strips with Fries
or Mac & Cheese

ADULTS \$10.00 each

CHILDREN (5-12) \$6.00

CHILDREN (4 & UNDER) FREE





Not Just A Memory...An Experience...

A TRIBUTE TO ELVIS & NEIL DIAMOND

WITH RON SHORT

DATE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019

TIME: 7:00 PM (Doors open at 6:30 pm)

TICKETS: \$15 individual or \$25 for 2

PLACE: Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 2245 E. Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, MI 48439

RESERVATIONS:

Lori Photiou: 810-444-1967 or

loriphotiou@gmail.com

John Hountalas: 810-701-5164

**CASH BAR
& FOOD
AVAILABLE**

**LIMITED
FOOD
MENU**



Philoptochos Society — Friends of the Poor!

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and wishing you all a Happy New Year.

I would like to thank John H. , Clyde A, Zack C. , George M. , John K., Samantha M. and Christian M. for their hard work in the kitchen for our Holiday Luncheon. Also a special thanks to the bakers in our parish for all that they donated and the ladies that showed up to help with the Luncheon and Bake Sale. We do have pastries available for sale at the Fish Fry and on Sunday until they are gone. Also we do have small Tsoureki for sale for \$5.00 per loaf.

Ladies please don't forget our Holiday meeting at the Liberty Restaurant in Flushing, MI on Tuesday January 8, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Please make reservations with Susie Vergos at 810-919-6200.

I will continue to send cards out before the meetings as a reminder. Also we welcome any suggestions you might have, please advise any board member or myself of different things you would like to see this organization accomplish. Don't forget your 2019 Dues are due. And PLEASE try to attend our meetings. This is your organization and your participation is needed for it to be successful.

To all who contributed to our Christmas Card drive, we thank you on behalf of those whom we help, in their time of need. This supports our Angel Fund.

A big Thank you goes out to Laura our Church Secretary for all her help and also to the Religious Education teachers and the children for the beautiful decorating of our church. Last but not least a Big Thank you to Lucille Chiavaris for making and donating the beautiful wreath for our raffle.

Thank you,

Diana Panos-Lillar

Daughters of Penelope News for January

Saturday, February 2, 2019 we are scheduled to work at the **Food Bank of Eastern Michigan**. We will work from 9:00 am to noon then try to go to lunch as a group. Please make every effort to attend. It is always a wonderful feeling to know that you are working to help those in need, especially small children that would go hungry if it were not for agencies like the Food Bank that help provide them with the food and nutrients they need to grow into healthy young adults. We look forward to working with you. Remember, you do not need to be a member to come and help. We hope that we can encourage AHEPA members to join us too. Please notify me if you are able to come.

SAVE THE DATES

Don't forget, the next meeting is **Sunday, February 3** right after coffee hour. Another date to remember is **Saturday, March 2, 2019** when we host another exciting Greek Mardi Gras before the Lenten Season begins.



The Daughters of Penelope of Iris Chapter 242 wish you a Happy New Year, and extend an invitation to join our chapter and participate in the Good Works of our Organization. If you would like to join, please contact any of our members.

Cathy Yeotis

President

MORTGAGE DRIVE

(FROM 12-1-2017 TO 11-1-2018)

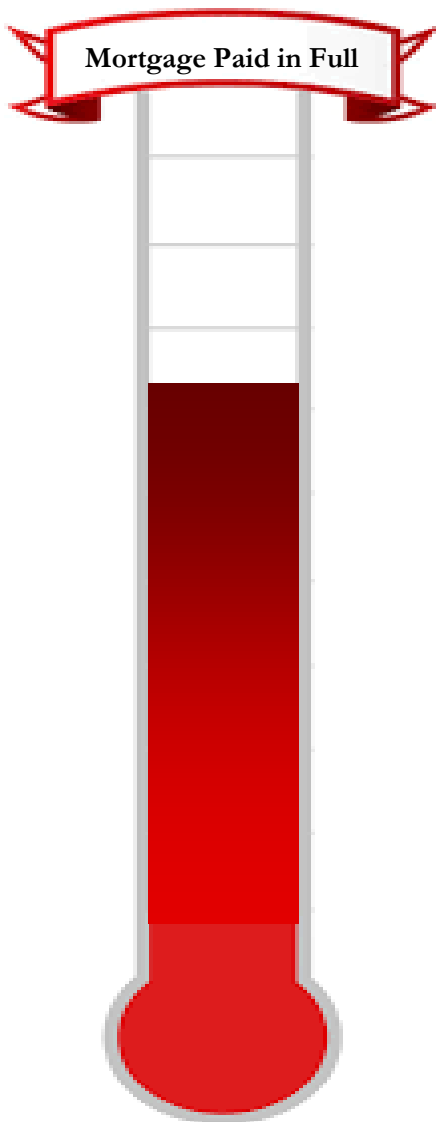
The following individuals and organizations have contributed this year to the Mortgage Drive:

1. Clyde & Georgia Allard
2. Dr. Nicholas Bakris
3. Karen Begley
4. +John & Linda Chinonis
5. Katie Chinonis
6. James & Liz Christopher
7. Helen Dalbo
8. Mark & Penelopi Drolet
9. Toula Edmonds
10. Pam Heos & Jeff Brancheau
11. Dennis & Alexis Branoff
12. Toula Edmonds
13. Dimitri & Brittany Hountalas
14. John & Tasia Hountalas
15. Yanni Hountalas
16. Athena Kalatzis
17. Agape Kallis
18. Penny Kallis
19. Nikolaos & Stephanie Karabinas
20. John & Karen Kaloydis
21. Pavlos & Ruth Karabinas
22. Jeff & Nancy Lauster
23. Fr. Angelo & Presvytera Teri Maggos
24. Taso & Mitra Pagonis
25. Tim & April Paraschos
26. Carol Photiou
27. Lucas & Lori Photiou
28. Mike Potsos
29. Steve & Martha Poulos
30. Ken & Kathy Richards
31. JoAnne Schultze
32. Jennifer Smallwood
33. Allen & Olga Steinhoff
34. Robert & Micheline Wilson
35. Catherine Yeotis
36. Hon. Thomas & Meg Yeotis
37. In Memory of Helen Anagnos
38. In Memory of Christ & Margaret Anastor
39. In Memory of Andrew Bageris
40. In Memory of Elaine Bakris
41. In Memory of Tim Bograkos
42. In Memory of John & Christine Caris
43. In Memory of Elias Chinonis
44. In Memory of Gus Chinonis
45. In Memory of John Chinonis
46. In Memory of Maria Contagianni
47. In Memory of James & Chryssee Daros
48. In Memory of London Eisenbeis
49. In Memory of John Helton
50. In Memory of Goldie Heos
51. In Memory of John Jimos
52. In Memory of James (Giannakopoulos) Johnson
53. In Memory of Harold Kallis (Leadership 100)
54. In Memory of Tony Karakitsos
55. In Memory of Nick Kondyles
56. In Memory of Anne Kossaras
57. In Memory of Sandy Bachakes Kraemer
58. In Memory of Tom Lamberson
59. In Memory of Suzanne Lauster
60. In Memory of Kathryn Menoutes
61. In Memory of Mike Michaelou
62. In Memory of Aristoteles Panos
63. In Memory of Niki Panos
64. In Memory of Tommy Stergiopoulos
65. In Memory of Cleo Tarlas
66. In Memory of Betty Vlahakis
67. In Memory of Gus Vergos
68. Daughters of Penelope
69. DOP Kafi Night
70. DOP Mardi Gras Bar Tips
71. Endowment Fund
72. Religious Education
73. Weeping Icon Service & Hall Rental
74. V.I.P.'s
75. Assumption Catering
76. Blessing of the Buses
77. Chili Cook-Off
78. Food Sales for Mortgage Reduction
79. GFS Rebate
80. Hall Rental Bar Tips
81. Hall Rental Dishwasher & Linens
82. Hall Rental Linens & Liquor Add On
83. Makaria
84. Makaria of Nick Kondyles
85. Makaria of Sandy Bachakes Kraemer
86. Sunday Brunch
87. 2nd Tray
88. ABC Auto Repair
89. MJ Auto Inc
90. Yanni's Opa Bar & Grill

Mortgage Drive:

In 4 years, we have reduced our mortgage balance more than \$200,000 due in part to the generosity of you, our parishioners, mortgage drive brunches, and the Greater Flint Orthodox Endowment Fund and Food Sales from our kitchen. Every donation made is applied directly to reduce the principal balance. Thank you all for your continued support in reducing our debt. With our regular monthly payments and your continued support, we are on track to pay off our mortgage in 4 to 5 years.

Parish Council



As of 11-30-18 our
balance is:
\$266,847.87

Thanks!

We have lowered our Mortgage Reduction balance by over \$400,000 since we started in 2013.

THANK YOU!

MONTHLY INCOME/EXPENSE

INCOME FOR NOVEMBER 2018

Other Income	\$9,158.04
Stewardship Income	\$10,307.00
Trays/Candles	\$1,217.00
<i>Total Income for November 2018</i>	<i>\$20,682.04</i>

EXPENSES FOR NOVEMBER 2018

Church Monthly Operating Expenses	\$16,907.21
Church Miscellaneous Expenses	\$3,940.03
<i>Total Expenses for November 2018 (unaudited)</i>	<i>\$20,847.24</i>

<i>Variance for Month</i>	<i>(\$165.20)</i>
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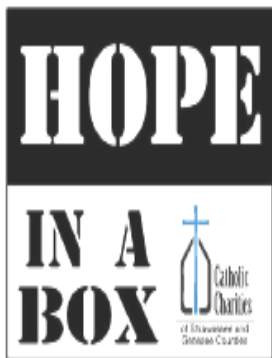


CHURCH DONATION REQUESTS:

1. COMMUNION CLOTHS, SIZE 8-10 @ APPROX. \$16—\$20 EACH
2. MATCHING ALTAR BOY ROBES, 2-XS & 2-SMALL
(to match current style)
3. XEON CUP—to be replaced. Re-plating was too expensive.

Please contact John Kaloydis with any interest or questions at 810-922-2047.

Thank you very much to those who have given donations for some of the items listed. We appreciate it very much!



Need of the Month Genesee County

January: Toilet Paper



A Christmas Gift To You

Beautiful flowers have been a part of many services here at Assumption Church. Many times we have wished that those flowers could last forever. Now, they can.

Over the past several years, Laura Mersinas has been collecting the flowers that decorated the Iconostasis, Icons, Kouvouklion, Royal Gates, and Resurrection Banner. She also collected the flowers from weddings, baptisms, etc. Then Laura dried, scented and placed the dried petals in sachet bags.

They will be available at the Christmas Services this year. Only 2 scents: Apple Cinnamon and Vanilla.



As we look around our church and her property, we see things that may need repair in the next few years. To that end, the Parish Council has started a **Property Improvement Fund**, initially funded by Fish Fry donations. The Property Improvement Fund gives everyone another option for your generous donations. Property Improvement Fund Balance as of November 30, 2018 is \$6,766.28.

NEW PROCEDURE FOR RECEIPTS

Due to the rising cost of mailing receipts for every donation received by the church, the Parish Council has established the following procedure for receipts:

When you mail in a donation to the church, or drop it off in the office, a receipt will not be mailed or given to parishioners of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. Your cancelled check can be used as proof of your payment, as well as the contribution statement you receive from the church at the end of the year. This includes donations for stewardship, mortgage reduction, iconography, festival, cash raffle, golf outing, memorials, miscellaneous, etc.

If you require a receipt, please contact the church office during normal business hours (Tuesday – Friday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM) or see a Parish Council member on Sunday's.

Receipts will continue to be mailed to non-parishioners.

FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS (JAN 1—OCTOBER 31)

Assumption Parish

Maggos, Fr. Angelo & Presvy. Teri

Chinonis, Dennis & Debra

Chinonis, +John & Linda

Chinonis, Nancy & Lauster, Jeff

Hountalas, Dimitri & Brittany

Hountalas, Yanni

Kalatzis, Athena

Kallis, Agape

Kaloydis, John & Karen

Karabinas, Pavlos & Ruth

Schultze, JoAnne

Yeotis, Catherine



Do you have the best chili recipe?

Do you like eating good chili?

Then we are looking for you!

Show off your chili making skills and/or vote for

Assumption's Best Chili

by joining us for the

5th Annual Super Bowl Chili Cook Off

Sunday, February 3rd

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Donation of \$10.00 per person



Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

2245 E. Baldwin Road

Grand Blanc, MI 48439

FISH FRY FRIDAY

3—8:30 PM

WE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

Come and see why our Fish Fry was voted one of the best in Genesee County. We use only Icelandic Cod



Our varied menu also offers these delicious choices:
Baked Fish * Baked Potato * Plaki * Pastitsio * Clam Strips
Chicken Strips * Fish Sandwich * Baked Chicken * Gyros
Mac and Cheese * Shrimp Basket * Greek Salad * Rice Pudding

And don't forget to support the Bake Sale to benefit
Hope, Joy & GOYA and Catholic Charities!

We welcome volunteers. Call the church if you would like to volunteer to help on a Friday night.

Teens: This is a great opportunity to earn your Community Service Hours for school.

Fish Fry total sales for October 2018 were \$6,772.67.



Here is your chance to support our Assumption Fish Fry and promote your business at the same time!

Advertise in our continuous video loop!

\$100 for a 1 year ad!

Contact John Hountalas for details

810-701-5164

STEWARDSHIP 2018

STEWARDSHIP LIST: Your name will only appear on the Stewardship List if a filled out and signed stewardship card and a payment have been received.

Allard, Clyde & Georgia

Altheide, Dena

Anagnostopoulos, Nick & Anna

Asa, Darwin & Barbara

Bachakes, Katheryn

Bakris, Dr. Chris

Bakris, Dr. Nicholas

Batsios, Eftyhia

Batsios, Evangelos

Birtsas, Sandra

Bistolaridis, Antonios & Maria

Bograkos, Tim & Sandra

Bograkos, Vera

Brown Jr., Andy

Brumar, Josh

Burani, Paul & Vasiliki

Carmean, Mike & Denise

Carpenter, Rob & Ageliki

Chiatalas, Andrew & Kelly

Chiavaras, Lucille

Chinonis, Dennis & Debra

Chinonis, Elias D.

Chinonis, +John & Linda

Chinonis, Katie

Chinonis, Richard

Chinonis, Sandi

Christakis, Zach

Christopher, Jim & Liz

Chuleas-Williams, Anna

Clinton, Mike & Kathy

Costa, John & Laura

Costa, Kyriacos & Vasilia

Dalbo, Helen

Daros, Christine

Dau, William & Joanne

Davantes, Alex & Alexis

Delbridge, Ray & Carol

Demps, Crystal

Dobbins, David & Dobbins, Nicholas

Douros, Athanasios

Douros, Evangelos

Drolet, Mark & Penelopi

Fahoome, Calliope

Falaras, Mary

Federick, Curt & Vivian

Ferich, Andrew & Voula

Foraker, Walt & Diane

Frantzis, Kanellios & Alexandra

Garceau, Greg & Sia

Giannouris, George & Anna

Gintsis, Nick & Dorothy

Greenberg, Robert & Camelia

Grousopoulos, Lambros & Lena

Hagler, Gary & Marian

Haralambous, Frank & Vania

Helton, Voula

Heos, Pamela & Brancheau, Jeff

Holland, Nick & Jennifer

Holland, Rick & Tina

Hountalas, Dimitri & Brittany

Hountalas, John & Tasia

Hountalas, Yanni

Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki

Jordanou, Bill & Lisa

Johnson, +James & Denise

Joseph, Patti

Joynt, Elaine & Duffy, David

Kalatzis, Athena

Kallis, Agape

Kallis, Nick

Kallis, Penny

Kallis, Susan

Kaloydis, John

Kapellas, Katina

Karabinas, Nikolaos & Stephanie

Karabinas, Pavlos & Ruth

Karay Sr., Nicholas X.

Kitsonas, William

Kokkinakos, Peter & Tula

20Komodromos, Tessie

STEWARDSHIP 2018 CONTINUED

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Kondyles, +Nick & Chryssoula
Kontoroussis, Dimitre & Jacqueline
Kosmanopoulos, Christos & Kelly
Kossaras, Dean & Joyce
Kottalis, Mary
Koutrouvidas, John & Nina
Kus, Michael & Alexis
Kuzmanovsky, Kosta & Shao-Chi
Kus, Michael & Alexis
Lauster, Jeff & Nancy
Leighton, Matt & Argyro
Lillar, Diana
Livaditis, Argie & Angela
Liveratos-Dobbins, Dr. Maria
Lowe, Ted & Ann
Maggos, Father & Presvytera Teri
Maggos, Stavro & Mary
Mandelaris, John & Pauline
Manousos, Joan
Manutes, Demi
Manutes, Nick & Maria
Margaritis, George & Sofia
Marks, Achilles & Afroditi
Martorelli, Matt
Martorelli, Sophia
Mavrikos, Ioannis & Aspasia
Mavrikos, Mike
Mavrikos, Paul
Menoutes, George
Mersinas, George & Laura
Michaelou, Sevesti
Neofotistos, John & Julie
Nitsos, Emma
Nitsos, George & Candy
O'Keefe, Derek & Michelle
Pagonis, Taso & Mitra
Pagonis, Voula
Palmer, Diane
Panos, John & Irene
Panos, Spiridoula
Pappadakis, Nikki
Paraschos, Sam & Sandra

Paraschos, Tim & April
Pavlis, John & Pat
Petropoulos, Diana
Photiou, Carol
Photiou, Lucas & Lori
Photiou, Maroulla
Politis, Dr. George & Rita
Potsos, Dimitris & Stergoula
Potsos, Mike
Poulos, Eleanor
Poulos, Steve & Martha
Psaros, John
Richards, Ken & Kathy
Rivette, Matthew & Lori
Rogind, Sally
Roufos, Vasiliios & Mary
Schultze, JoAnne
Sirakis, Kosta & Sofia
Stamatis, Tom & Sandra
Stavridis, Tomas, Zoe & Angelo
Steinhoff, Allen & Olga
Steinhoff, Amanda
Steinhoff, Dr. Stephanie
Stergiopoulos, Mary
Stergiopoulos, Zoi
Stickley, Bill & Lesley
Vakalopoulos, Petros & Iordana
Vergos, Dr. Peter & Susie
Vergos, Nitsa
Vitinaros, Nick & Effie
Wilson, Todd & Kovanis-Wilson, Loukea
Wright, Jeff & Kay
Yeotis, Art & Susan
Yeotis, Catherine
Yeotis, Dean & Lynda
Yeotis, Hon. Thomas & Meg
Yiannatji, Frank
Yiannatji, Helen
Yiannatji, Irene
Zaravelis, Fani
Zaravelis, George & Georgine

Mortgage Reduction Food Sales:

Pastitsio OR Moussaka **Half Pan — Serves 9-12 — \$25.00**

Spinach Cheese Pie **Tray — 15 pieces — \$25.00**

Greek Feta **2 1/2 pounds—\$8.00**

Tiropita (Cheese Triangle) **12 Pieces — \$10.00**

Lamb Shanks **2 Shanks cooked w/sauce \$15.00**

Jimmy's Plaki **Tray — \$25.00**

Greek Olives **3 LB Container \$16.00**

Dolmathes **25 for \$20.00**

Grecian Style:

Green Beans
\$15

Peas
\$15

Rice Pilaf
\$10

To order, call John Hountalas
810-701-5164

Philoptochos Sweet Bread Sale

TSOUREKI

SMALL \$5.00 LARGE \$8.00

PHYLLO DOUGH

1 pound package — \$2.00

CHURCH USAGE / HALL RENTAL FEES

(Approved by Parish Council Effective November 10, 2015)

For the Sacraments of Holy Marriage and Holy Baptism (there is no charge for Funeral or Memorial Services)

CHURCH USAGE FEE

Member in good standing of Assumption Church Grand Blanc – Minimum \$500 paid-up stewardship for previous year and up-to-date present year stewardship	Non-member at Assumption Church Grand Blanc
No fee for use of the church for sacraments	\$250 fee for use of the church for sacraments

Any deviation from this policy must be approved by the Parish Priest and Parish Council President and must be presented to them at least one month prior to the proposed sacrament date.

HALL RENTAL FEES

Member in good standing of Assumption Church Grand Blanc – Minimum \$500 paid-up stewardship for previous year and up-to-date present year stewardship	Non-member at Assumption Church Grand Blanc
Flat Fee of \$600 for Hall Rental (includes clean-up) If church dishes are used, dishwasher will be supplied at a cost of \$50 (cannot bring own dishwasher)	Flat fee of \$1,100 for Hall Rental (includes clean-up)
Members in good standing only Sunday – Thursday Hall Rental: \$300 minimum for 3 hours - \$100 each additional hour up to a maximum of \$600 Renter responsible for hall clean-up (no kitchen usage)	If church dishes are used, dishwasher will be supplied at a cost of \$50 (cannot bring own dishwasher)

PAYMENT IN FULL DUE 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE.

If you pay your stewardship using the offering envelopes provide in the church you must write “stewardship” on the envelope to ensure processing as stewardship. Unmarked envelopes will be considered a contribution only.



COFFEE HOUR

Each week, the Parish Council provides refreshments for Coffee Hour, and the women of the VIPs help with set up, serving and clean up afterwards as they have been doing for many years.

However, anyone (family, individual, group) can sponsor a coffee hour, be it for a birthday, anniversary, memorial, or just because. If you are interested in sponsoring a coffee hour, please contact a parish council member, or let the church secretary know during regular office hours.

If you have a collection tray for a coffee hour that you sponsor, please let a parish council member know what the funds should be used for (church general fund, memorial donation in memory of a love one, iconography fund, mortgage, etc.)

Those sponsoring a coffee hour are responsible for set-up, providing the food items, and for clean-up. Coffee, water, milk and/or juice will be provided by the Parish Council. If you would like the assistance of the VIPs in setting up, serving and clean up, please let Voula Pagonis know IN ADVANCE.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Scheduling of Memorial Services

All Memorial Services must be **scheduled through the church secretary** so that they may be placed on the church calendar.

Refreshments

Philoptochos no longer provides the refreshments. However, any family having a Memorial may sponsor the Coffee Hour and bring food.

If the family is providing food, Philoptochos will assist in set up and clean up. However, the family must contact the Philoptochos President, Diana Lillar, at least 2 weeks prior to the time the Memorial is scheduled with the church.

Koliva

If anyone is in need of Koliva, please contact Diana Lillar (of Philoptochos) for the names of those available to make it. The standard rate is \$150. **It is the responsibility of the family to arrange for Koliva.**

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AND ANTIDORON

“With the fear of God, faith and love draw near”

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is a solemn matter, and a time to approach the Cup of Christ with reverence, awe and respect.

In order to provide respect for the solemnity of the Eucharist, we have established the following order for the receipt of Holy Communion:

- ◆ *Newly Baptized or Chrismated*
- ◆ *Choir Members*
- ◆ *Far Left Side Pew*
- ◆ *Main Body of church* released by the Parish Council members *by row*, starting at the **BACK** of the church. Children will receive Communion with their parents. Please remain standing in your pew until a Parish Council member releases your row to receive Holy Communion.

After Liturgy is completed, ushers will release you by row to receive Antidoron. Please go up the center aisle and exit down the side aisles, as it is inappropriate to turn your back when the Body and Blood of Christ is present at the Altar.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Donations made at an Orthodox Funeral service in memory of the departed are typically collected by the church, which then presents the names and final donation amount to the designated surviving family member. At that time the family has the opportunity to decide on distribution of those funds and can determine if they would like to use memorial funds to purchase an item for the church in memory of the departed from a published list of approved items. (This list will be posted in the church office). We ask that should the family desire to purchase an item they indicate this to the priest and Parish Council by the time of the 40 day memorial, otherwise those funds will be released to the operating fund of our church. Any memorial donation checks not marked “*Assumption Church*” will be distributed for the purpose indicated on the check.

ASSUMPTION GOC MEMBER POLICY

The current approved policy for Parishioner Status of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church (AGOC) of Grand Blanc, Michigan is as follows:

Parishioner - Person Baptized and Chrismated according the rites of the Orthodox Church. and attending the AGOC.

Parishioner - Member in Good Standing:

- Person in compliance with Section 1 and 2 of Article 18 of the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.
- Person with an AGOC pledge card on file and current in pledges for active and preceding year.

In-Active Parishioner - Person not in compliance with requirements for Parishioner or Member in Good Standing as defined above.

Parishioners and In-Active Parishioners can receive all sacraments at AGOC but are required to pay church usage fee as per Page 19.

Any deviations from this policy must be approved by the Parish Priest and Parish Council President and must be presented to them at least one month prior to the proposed sacrament date.

Stewardship Policy - Only cash, check or credit card can be accepted as payment of stewardship. Donations of items or services cannot be accepted for stewardship in lieu of monetary payment.



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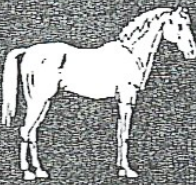
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- 23: Fr. Peter Bistolarides
- 24: Fr. Peter Bistolarides
- 25: Fr. John Artemas
- 30: Fr. Nick Pathenos

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