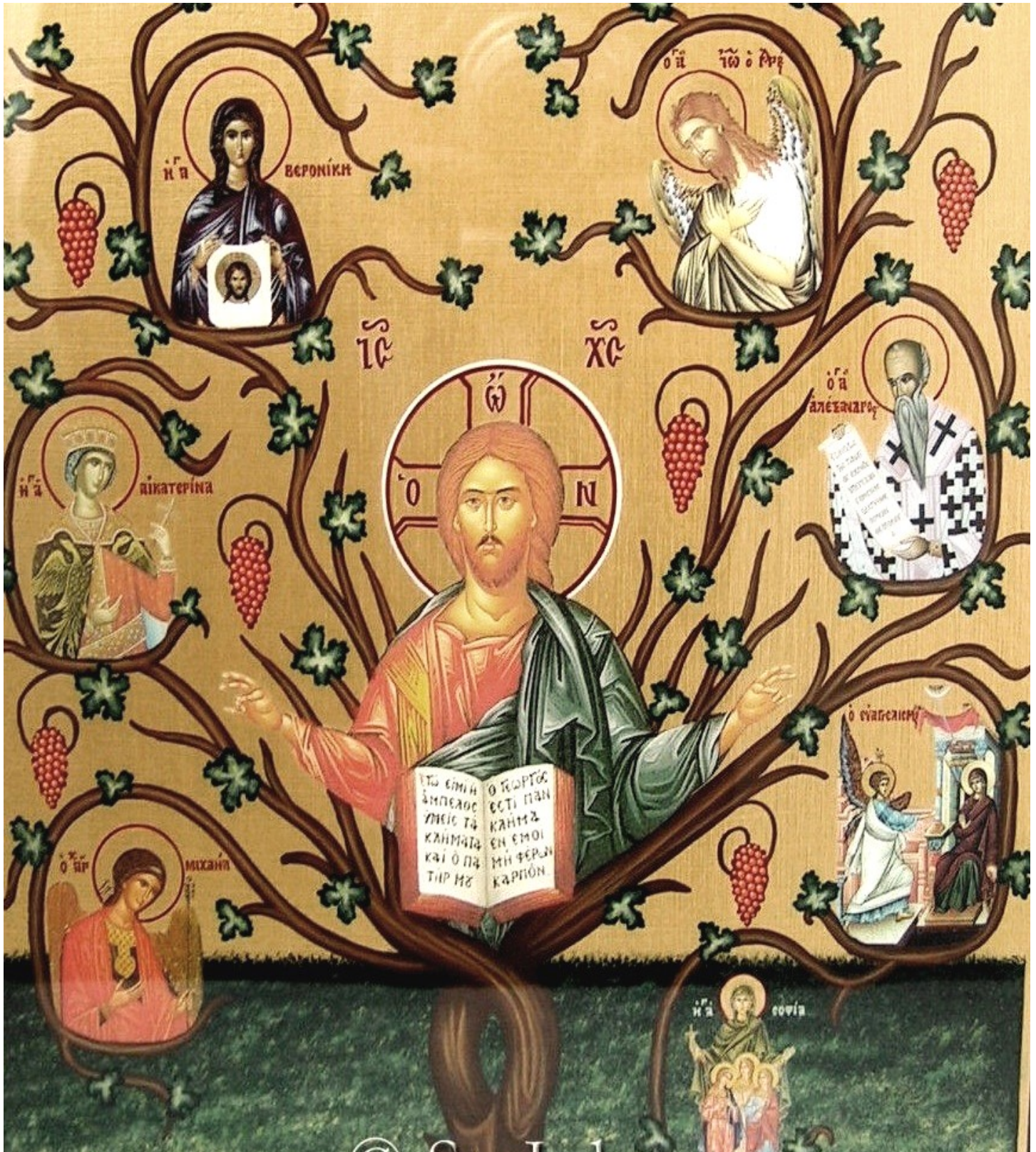


# THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

March  
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

## MARCH 2019

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31						

- 2: 1st Saturday of Souls 10:30 am
- DOP Mardi Gras 5-10 pm
- 3: Judgement (Meatfare) Sunday
- 9: Change Clocks Ahead (Spring ahead) 2 am
- 10: Forgiveness (Cheesefare) Sunday
- 10 Year Memorial for Nick Pappadakis
- 11: Clean Monday—Great Lent Begins
- 13: PreSanctified Liturgy @ Assumption 6 pm
- 15: Salutations @ Assumption 6 pm
- 16: Koliva Lesson 9:00 am
- 3rd Saturday of Souls 10:30 am
- 17: Sunday of Orthodoxy
- Oratorical Festival
- Philoptochos start collecting for Epitaphio Flowers
- 20: PreSanctified Liturgy PanOrthodox with 6 pm
- Lenten Potluck @ St. Mary Madglane
- 22: Salutations @ Assumption 6 pm
- 27: PreSanctified Liturgy @ Assumption 6 pm
- 29: Salutations 6 pm

## APRIL 2019

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

- 3: PreSanctified Liturgy PanOrthodox with 6 pm
- Lenten Potluck @ St. George, Flint
- 6: District Oratorical @ Ann Arbor
- 7: 1 Yr. Memorial for Nick Kondyles & Sunday Brunch
- Last Day of Religious Education
- 14: Greek Independence Day Parade—Detroit
- 17: PreSanctified Liturgy PanOrthodox with 6 pm
- Lenten Potluck @ St. Nicholas, Burton
- 20: Raising of Lazarus Divine Liturgy & 9:30 am
- Lenten Breakfast PanOrthodox @ St. George, Flint
- Holy Week Services TBD
- 28: Paschal 10 am
- 4-29 thru 5/4: Bright Week - No Memorials Allowed

## Prosporon Schedule

### March

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

### April

7: Foraker, Walt & Diane  
 14: Frantzis, Kanellos & Alexandra  
 21: Garceau, Greg & Sia  
 28: Gintsis, Nick & Dorothy

### May

5: Hagler, Gary & Marian  
 12: Haralambous, Frank & Vania  
 19: Helton, Voula  
 26: Heos, Pamela & Brancheau, Jeffrey

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; and Charlie Paraschos

### Sunday Reader Schedule

March	April	May
3 Tim Welch	7 Ruth Karabina	5 Debbie Chinonis
10 Olga Steinhoff	14 John Kaloydis	12 John Costa
17 Niko Karabinas	21 Cathy Yeotis	19 Ruth Karabina
24 Crystal Demps	28 Niko Karabinas	26 Nick Holland
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!



## FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish News for March 2019

Thank you to all parishioners who have filled out a stewardship card and have started making payments toward your 2019 commitment. This makes our job so much easier when we plan a budget and know what we have coming in to cover what we have to pay out. As in your own household budget it is important to know how you will cover all your expenses.

As you know we use a lot of candles in our church. We have tried to accommodate everyone, so for the small candles and the medium ones you will not see any prices. Several years ago we decided that we should leave the price of those up to you, whatever you want to donate. But, for the Seven Day Candles we do ask that you pay \$7.00 to help cover the cost. The loved ones for whom you light those candles along with the prayers that go with them are truly important. Whether for a loved one who is ill, or for the sole of a departed individual, the lighting of the candle along with your prayers when delivered in God's House with true faith can accomplish miracles.

To be able to continue to maintain God's House, we need your help. Remember, there are many ways you can offer stewardship. Your talents are as valuable as your monetary donations.

As most of you are aware, in following with the Orthodox tradition in God's house, we have fully embarked into our Iconography Project. If you are interested in taking part by sponsoring an icon, please let members of the Parish Council know.

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!

## Hope, Joy, & GOYA Corner

As we begin the greatest season of our church, we are excited for all the opportunities our children will have to participate. It is ***imperative*** that our children experience the services of our Church to allow them to grow in their knowledge of our Faith. The best promise you can make as a parent is to bring your children to the services offered, especially during Great Lent. This will start with the annual Koliva lesson that on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Last years participation was very poor and we need you as parents to commit to your children's growth in their Faith. Learning does not just happen in the classroom. It also happens by attending services and fellowship with other Orthodox children. Please mark your calendars with all the upcoming events listed below.

Total Sales for the month of January bake sales were \$288.50. Please remember we are assigning weeks for all Hope, Joy, & GOYA parents to bake items for the Bake Sale. 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
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
4/5/2019	Haralambous	Holland
4/12/2019	Karabinas	Karakitsos
4/19/2019	Kovanis-Wilson	Kraemer
5/3/2019	Leighton	Mavrikos
5/10/2019	Photiou	Smith
5/17/2019	Stavridis	Batsios
5/24/2019	Carpenter	Federick
5/31/2019	Grousopoulos	Hagler

### Upcoming Events:

Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – Clean Monday – Great Lent begins

Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM – Kids prepare Koliva and attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Souls Liturgy

Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon procession and Parish Oratorical Festival

Sincerely,

Religious Education Committee

Lori Photiou and Ageliki Carpenter



Sunday, February 3rd  
Metropolitan Nicholas  
with Deacon Bryce  
& Fr. John Artemas



# Join thousands of teens across the nation & **#ShareOrthodoxy!**

## 2019 ORATORICAL FESTIVAL



**EXPLORE** a deeper knowledge of your Orthodox faith  
**THINK** critically about current issues  
**SPEAK** to a gentle and loving audience

Share Your  
**FAITH**

Junior Division for Grades 7-9  
Senior Division for Grades 10-12

**AWARDS** - The Chrysostom Scholarship for Hellenic College  
The 2019 finalists are eligible to receive a Chrysostom Scholarship to Hellenic College.  
This scholarship provides awards ranging from \$2,500 up to \$30,000 per year.

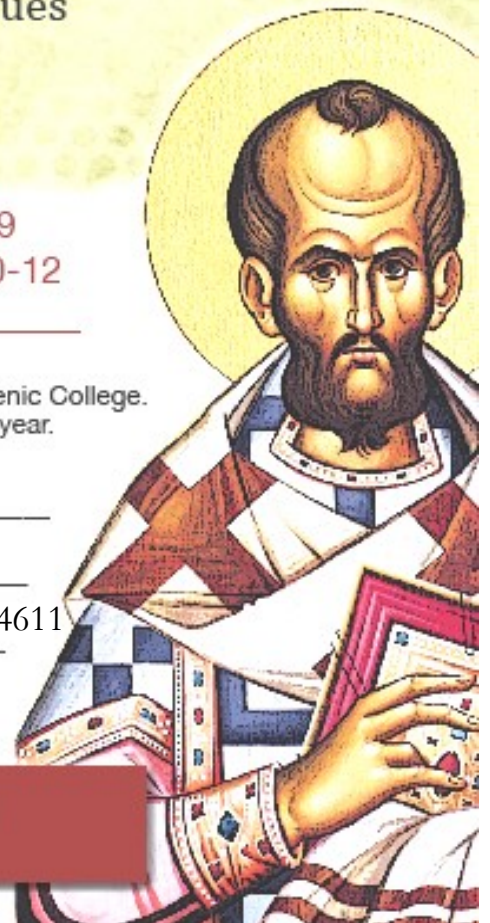
Parish Festival Date Sunday, March 17, 2019

Parish Chairperson Lori Photiou

Contact Information 810-444-1967 or the church office 810-771-4611

The St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival is a Ministry of the Department of Religious Education from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.

Find the topics, rules, guidelines, and prize information at  
[www.goarch.org/oratorical](http://www.goarch.org/oratorical)





## 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.



### BLESSING OF THE HOMES 2019

If you are interested in having your home blessed, please contact the church office at 810-771-4611.



## Lenten/Paschal Items Needed

Items listed are needed for the celebration of the special services during Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha. Contributions should be called in to the Church Office as soon as possible. We suggest that families share the cost of an item with one or more other families so that those wishing to contribute, may be able to.

Service:	Cost:	Donator:
1st Salutation – Theotokos Icon Flowers	\$55.00	_____
2nd Salutation – Theotokos Icon Flowers	\$55.00	_____
3rd Salutation – Annunciation Icon Flowers	\$55.00	_____
3rd Sun. of Lent (Veneration of the Cross) Daffodils	\$85.00	_____
4th Salutation –Theotokos Icon Flowers	\$55.00	_____
Annunciation Icon Flowers	\$55.00	_____
Akathish Hymn – Theotokos Icon Flowers	\$55.00	_____
Palms for Palm Sunday	\$165.00	_____
Nymphios Icon Flowers (2 Sets)	\$55.00	_____
Oil for Holy Unction Service	\$20.00	_____
Cotton for Holy Unction Service	\$10.00	_____
Pascha Red Eggs (35 dozen)	\$45.00	_____
Rose Petals – Holy Friday	\$20.00	_____
Rose Water – Holy Friday	\$20.00	_____
Resurrection Icon Flowers (1st)	\$55.00	_____
Resurrection Icon Flowers (2nd)	\$55.00	_____
Resurrection Banner	\$90.00	_____
Large Resurrection Candle for Father	\$55.00	_____
Oil for Altar Candles	\$55.00	_____
Cross Wreath for Holy Thursday	\$90.00	_____
Vase Set for Palm Sunday	\$55.00	_____
Vase Set for Easter Sunday	\$55.00	_____
Palm Sunday Icon	\$55.00	_____
Large Icon Screen (4 total)	\$120.00 ea.	_____
Bay Leaves	\$225.00	_____
Lilies (6 total)	\$35.00 ea.	_____
Gardenias (12 total)	\$100.00	_____
Votive Candles (25 total) for Kouvouklion	\$ 5.00 ea.	_____



Church Volunteers are needed for distribution of food thru FISH the 3rd Monday of every month at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church from 2:45 — 5:00 pm. A great way to get involved!

# FREE FOOD

**\*\*\*For residents living within the Grand Blanc School District\*\*\***

**WHEN:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays

**WHERE:** St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Grand Blanc  
9020 S. Saginaw (corner of S. Saginaw/Cook)

**HOURS:** 3-4:30 pm

**BRING:** Picture ID, Your own bags/containers



**\*FOODS ARE A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS\***

**\*\*QUANTITIES AND SELECTIONS WILL VARY\*\***



Items may include Produce, Dairy, Bakery, Frozen foods from the GBCS (hamburgs, french fries, chicken nuggets, breakfast items, etc.)

**DATES:** 19 (Tuesday)      MAR. 4, 18 (Mondays)  
APR. 1, 15 (Monday)      MAY 6, 20 (Monday)      JUNE 14 (Friday)

Presented by FISH of Grand Blanc

Call: 810.695.7868 or [fishofgrandblancmi@gmail.com](mailto:fishofgrandblancmi@gmail.com)



We apologize:

In the December 2018 Christmas Card, George and Candy Nitsos were accidentally omitted from the list of names.

Sincerely, Philoptochos Society

# Daughters of Penelope

Iris Chapter 242

## Hellenism, Philanthropy, and Sisterhood

On **Saturday, February 2, 2019**, the Daughters sponsored a workday at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. We were pleased that 22 individuals came and worked very hard. They told us that we packaged over 14 thousand pounds of food during the three hours we were there. Great Job participants! Thank you.

Our big event this year is the **Annual Greek Mardi Gras** that will be held on **March 2, 2019**. We are taking reservations prior to the event to be sure we have enough food for everyone. If you have attended in the past, you know how much fun it will be. Please make plans to attend.

On **Sunday, April 7, 2019** we will be holding our next **meeting** and another **initiation**. District Governor, Dorothea Williams informed us that she is planning to attend. We are excited to welcome new members into the Daughters of Penelope. For anyone interested in joining the Daughters, this would be an opportune time.

In conjunction with the Parish Council, we would like to set a date for a **Church Clean-up Day** sometime before Easter. This will be a wonderful opportunity for everyone at Assumption to get involved and contribute his or her talents. Please keep this in mind and look for the announcement.

Don't forget that both the Local AHEPA/Daughters and the District AHEPA/Daughters offer **Scholarships** for our youth. The District application can be found online, and the local application will be available in the church office.

Please give us the names and addresses of all the college undergraduate students from our Assumption Community so they may receive spring care packages. Also if you would like to donate anything for the care packages, please contact Crystal Demps or me. We accept baked goods, or anything else you think college students would appreciate or would find useful.

Cathy Yeotis,  
President



## Greek Mardi Gras (Apokries)

**Saturday, March 2, 2019**  
**5:00 - 10:00 PM**

**Dinner, Cash Bar, and Dancing**  
**Music by DJ Manolakis**

Adults: \$20.00  
Buffet Style Dinner choice of:  
Greek Style Baked Chicken, Baked Fish or Plaki  
with Rice Pilaf, Green Beans and Greek Salad

Children: \$10:00 (ages 5-12)  
Chicken Strips  
4 yrs. and under free

**Costumes encouraged, but not required**  
**Costume Drawing**  
**50/50/Raffle**

**Sponsored by the Daughters of Penelope**  
**Iris Chapter 242**  
**Reservations: 810-241-6725**

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church  
2245 E. Baldwin Road  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439  
810-771-4611

# MORTGAGE DRIVE

## (FROM 3-1-2018 TO 2-1-2019)

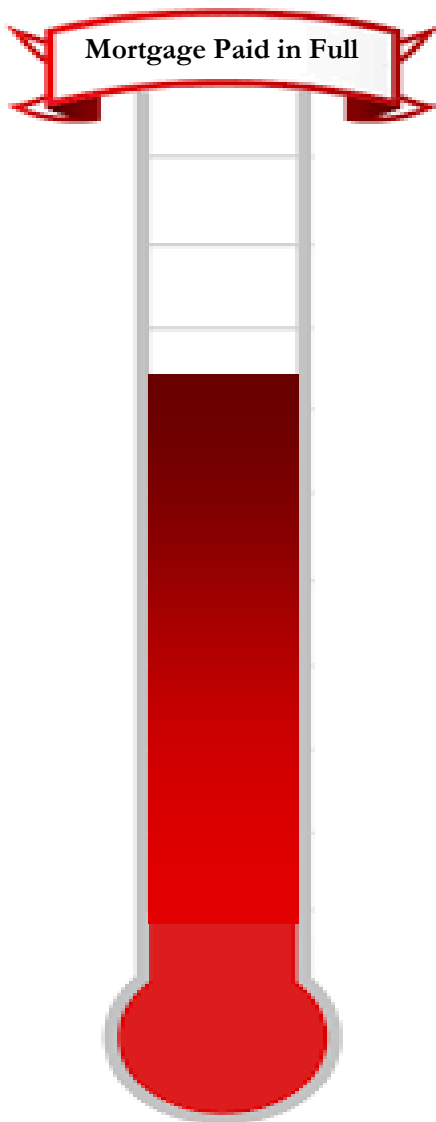
The following individuals and organizations have contributed this year to the Mortgage Drive:

1. Clyde & Georgia Allard
2. Karen Begley
3. Dennis & Alexis Branoff
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. Pamela Heos & Jeffrey Brancheau
14. Dimitri & Brittany Hountalas
15. John & Tasia Hountalas
16. Yanni Hountalas
17. Athena Kalatzis
18. Agape Kallis
19. Penny Kallis
20. Susan Kallis
21. John & Karen Kaloydis
22. Nikolaos & Stephanie Karabinas
23. Pavlos & Ruth Karabinas
24. Jeff & Nancy Lauster
25. Fr. Angelo & Presvytera Teri Maggos
26. Taso & Mitra Pagonis
27. Tim & April Paraschos
28. Carol Photiou
29. Lucas & Lori Photiou
30. Mike Potsos
31. Steve & Martha Poulos
32. Ken & Kathy Richards
33. JoAnne Schultze
34. Jennifer Smallwood
35. Allen & Olga Steinhoff
36. Robert & Micheline Wilson
37. Catherine Yeotis
38. Hon. Thomas & Meg Yeotis
39. In Memory of Jerry Apostle
40. In Memory of Helen Anagnos
41. In Memory of Christ & Margaret Anastor
42. In Memory of Andrew Bageris
43. In Memory of Elaine Bakris
44. In Memory of Tim Bograkov
45. In Memory of John & Christine Caris
46. In Memory of Elias Chinonis
47. In Memory of Gus Chinonis
48. In Memory of John Chinonis
49. In Memory of Maria Contagianni
50. In Memory of James & Chryssee Daros
51. In Memory of Gene Davidson
52. In Memory of London Eisenbeis
53. In Memory of George Giannouris
54. In Memory of John Helton
55. In Memory of Goldie Heos
56. In Memory of John Jimos
57. In Memory of James (Giannakopoulos) Johnson
58. In Memory of Harold Kallis (Leadership 100)
59. In Memory of Tony Karakitsos
60. In Memory of Nick Kondyles
61. In Memory of Anne Kossaras
62. In Memory of Sandy Bachakes Kraemer
63. In Memory of Tom Lamberson
64. In Memory of Suzanne Lauster
65. In Memory of Marianne Chardoul Mair
66. In Memory of Kathryn Menoutes
67. In Memory of Mike Michaelou
68. In Memory of Aristoteles Panos
69. In Memory of Niki Panos
70. In Memory of Ida Payne
71. In Memory of Tommy Stergiopoulos
72. In Memory of Cleo Tarlas
73. In Memory of Betty Vlahakis
74. In Memory of Gus Vergos
75. Daughters of Penelope
76. DOP Kafi Night
77. DOP Mardi Gras Bar Tips
78. Endowment Fund
79. Religious Education
80. Weeping Icon Service & Hall Rental
81. V.I.P.'s
82. Assumption Catering
83. Blessing of the Buses
84. Chili Cook-Off
85. Food Sales for Mortgage Reduction
86. GFS Rebate
87. Hall Rental Bar Tips
88. Hall Rental Dishwasher & Linens
89. Hall Rental Linens & Liquor Add On
90. Makaria
91. Makaria of Nick Kondyles
92. Makaria of Sandy Bachakes Kraemer
93. Sunday Brunch
94. 2nd Tray
95. ABC Auto Repair
96. MJ Auto Inc
97. Yanni's Opa Bar & Grill

## Mortgage Drive:

This March, it will be 6 years since we started our Mortgage Drive. We have been able to lower our Mortgage by more than \$450,000 during this time. Approximately \$300,000 of this amount has been from fundraisers, your generous donations and from the Endowment Fund. The remainder is from our Monthly Mortgage Payment. Thank you for your continued support, we are almost there. Our goal is to pay the mortgage in full by the end of 2021. That is also the 100th Anniversary of our Church.

Parish Council



As of 2-15-19 our  
balance is:  
**\$238,887.84**

# Thank You!

## MONTHLY INCOME/EXPENSE

### ***INCOME FOR JANUARY 2019***

<b>Other Income</b>	<b>\$7,158.45</b>
<b>Stewardship Income</b>	<b>\$20,214.26</b>
<b>Trays/Candles</b>	<b>\$1,027.00</b>
<b><i>Total Income for January 2019</i></b>	<b>\$28,399.71</b>

### ***EXPENSES FOR JANUARY 2019***

<b>Church Monthly Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$17,054.15</b>
<b>Church Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,252.55</b>
<b><i>Total Expenses for January 2019 (unaudited)</i></b>	<b>\$21,306.70</b>

<b><i>Variance for Month</i></b>	<b>\$7,093.01</b>
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## **CHURCH DONATION REQUESTS:**

Thank you to the recent anonymous donors for the following items:

1. Communion cloths
2. Zeon Cup
3. Additional Altar robes

May God bless you for your most generous and appreciated donations.



### **Donor/Donors Also Needed For:**

**Easter Candle with Brass Top (Follower)  
and  
Easter Candle Holder**

**Approx. Total for both items: \$600.00**

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact John Kaloydis for further information or call him at 810-922-2047.



**Thank you everyone for the food. We were able to donate to the North End Soup Kitchen. We are feeding the hungry!**

**Matthew 25:40**

**“And the King will answer and say to them, Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me!”**

**Thank you! Ruth Karabina, IOCC Representative**



## SUPPORT AN ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTS ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHUCH

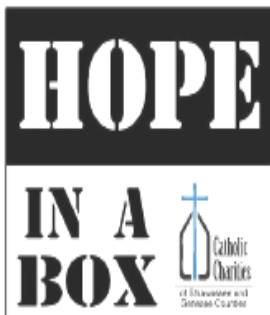
When you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. The charitable organization of Assumption’s choice is the **Greater Flint Orthodox Endowment Fund, Inc.** The Endowment Fund has helped the church out greatly over the years. For example, in recent years, they have paid for the shed in the back lot, our walk-in cooler, the sprinkler system that keeps our lawn green, the fence around the cooler, and helped us reduce our Mortgage Balance greatly.

Every item available for purchase on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) is also available on AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)) at the same price. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

Here is what you need to do:

1. Sign up for an Amazon account or use your current account at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-0634286>. This link will automatically ask if you want to support Greater Flint Orthodox Endowment Fund, Inc
2. Use the [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) site every time you shop at Amazon. There is no additional cost to you other than your Amazon Prime Membership cost.

It’s that easy! Consider supporting this wonderful charitable organization.



### Need of the Month Genesee County

### March: Feminine Care Products



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 January 31, 2019 is \$5,271.58.

#### **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—DECEMBER 31)**

Assumption Parish

Maggos, Fr. Angelo & Presvy. Teri

Chinonis, Dennis & Debra

Chinonis, +John & Linda

Chinonis, Nancy & Lauster, Jeff

Hountalas, Dimitri & Brittany

Hountalas, John & Tasia

Hountalas, Yanni

Kalatzis, Athena

Kallis, Agape

Kaloydis, John & Karen

Karabinas, Pavlos & Ruth

Potsos, Mike

Schultze, JoAnne

Yeotis, Catherine

## 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 January 2019 were \$6,698.48.



**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 2019

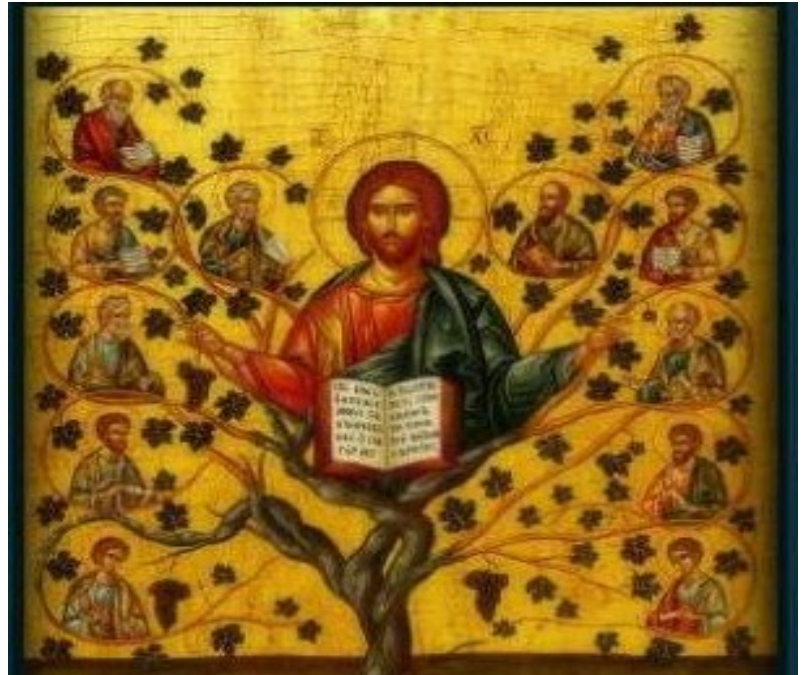
**STEWARDSHIP LIST:** Your name will only appear on the Stewardship List if a filled out and signed stewardship card and a payment have been received.

Allard, Clyde & Georgie	Holland, Rick & Tina
Altheide, Dena	Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki
Asa, Barbara	Johnson, Denise
Bakris, Dr. Chris	Kalatzis, Athena
Bakris, Dr. Nicholas	Kaloydis, John
Batsios, Eftyhia	Karabinas, Niko & Stephanie
Batsios, Evangelos	Karabinas, Pavlos & Ruth
Birtsas, Sandra	Kokkinakos, Peter & Tula
Bograkos, Tim & Sandra	Komodromos, Tessie
Bograkos, Vera	Kondyles, Chryssoula
Brown, Jr., Andy	Kontorousis, Dimitre & Jacqueline
Carmean, Mike & Denise	Kossaras, Dean & Joyce
Chiavaras, Lucille	Kottalis, Mary
Chinonis, Dennis & Dr. Debra	Kus, Michael & Alexis
Chinonis, Katie	Kuzmanovsky, Kosta & Cheng, Shao-Chi
Clark, Natalie	Lauster, Jeff & Nancy
Clinton, Mike & Kathy	Leighton, Matt & Argyro
Costa, John & Laura	Livaditis, Argie & Angela
Costa, Kyriacos & Vasilia	Liveratos-Dobbins, Dr. Maria & Dobbins, David
Dalbo, Helen	Lowe, Ted & Ann
Dau, Bill & Joanne	Mandelaris, John & Pauline
Davlantes, Alex & Alexis	Manutes, Nicholas & Maria
Delbridge, Ray & Carol	Margaritis, George & Sofia
Fahoome, Calliope	Martorelli, Sophia
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# STEWARDSHIP 2019

**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.

Pagonis, Voula  
Panos, Spiridoula  
Pappadakis, Nikki  
Paraschos, Sam & Sandra  
Peter, Jeff & Maria  
Photiou, Lucas & Lori  
Photiou, Maroulla  
Poulos, Steve & Martha  
Richards, Ken & Kathy  
Rogind, Sally  
Schultze, JoAnne  
Stamatis, Thomas & Sandra  
Steinhoff, Amanda  
Steinhoff, Olga  
Steinhoff, Dr. Stephanie  
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Wright, Jeff & Kay  
Yeotis, Art & Susan  
Yeotis, Catherine  
Yeotis, Hon. Thomas & Meg  
Zaravelis, Fani



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BUT I CHOSE YOU  
AND APPOINTED YOU TO GO  
AND BEAR FRUIT-  
-FRUIT THAT WILL LAST.  
THEN THE FATHER WILL GIVE YOU  
WHATEVER  
YOU ASK IN MY NAME.  
JOHN 15:16

As the  
Father has *sent me*, so I *send you*

John 20:21



STEWARDSHIP  
MINISTRY



# Mortgage Reduction Food Sales:

Pastitsio OR Moussaka Half Pan — Serves 9-12 — \$25.00  
*(made by Jimmy)*

Jimmy's Plaki Tray — \$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

Greek Olives 3 LB Container \$16.00

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**PHYLLO DOUGH**

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# 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	<b>\$250</b> 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 <b>\$600</b> for Hall Rental (includes clean-up)  If church dishes are used, dishwasher will be supplied at a cost of <b>\$\$50</b> (cannot bring own dishwasher)	Flat fee of <b>\$1,100</b> for Hall Rental (includes clean-up)
<b>Members in good standing only</b> <b>Sunday – Thursday Hall Rental:</b> \$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 <b>\$\$50</b> (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.

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**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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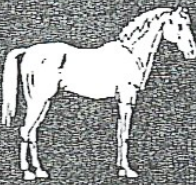
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Weekdays and Feast Days:  
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