

THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

December
2019



MORNING BIBLE STUDY	Starts November 18, 2019....10:30 - 11:30 am
PHILOPTOCHOS MEETINGS.	Bi-Monthly Meetings
GOYA MEETINGS	TBA
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION .. K-7.	Resumed September 15, 2019
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—PREK.	Resumed September 15, 2019
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

DECEMBER 2019

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- 5: St. Nicholas Vesperal Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm
@ St. Nicholas, Burton
- 7: Children's Christmas Party 6:00 pm
- 8: St. Nicholas Open House & Reception 12 - 4 pm
- 10: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm
- 11: Feast of St. Spyridon @ Metropolis 6:30 pm
- 12: Philoptochos Bake Sale & Luncheon 11-1:30 pm
- 14: Ron Short Concert 5:30 Food & Drinks 7:00 pm
- 15: DOP Meeting & Initiation
Caroling (Kalanda) Pt. 1 4:00 pm
- 21: Caroling (Kalanda) Pt. 2 4:00 pm
- 22: Caroling (Kalanda) Pt. 3 4:00 pm
- 23: No Bible Study
- 24: Royal Hours 9 am
Vesperal Divine Liturgy 6 pm
- 25: Christmas Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
- 30: No Bible Study

JANUARY 2019

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- 3: Royal Hours 9:00 am
- 5: Eve of Theophany - Small Blessing of the waters
- 5-6 No weddings
- 6: Theophany Divine Liturgy-Great Blessing of the Waters
- 7: St. John the Baptist Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
Philoptochos Holiday Luncheon & Meeting 1:00 pm
- 8: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm
- 17: St. Anthony Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
- 23: Dormition Dinner @ Assumption 6:00 pm
- 29: Three Hierarchs Vesperal Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm



FROM REV. FR. JARROD RUSSELL

Beloved Parishioners and Friends of Assumption Church,

I give all glory and thanksgiving to God for my assignment as the Parish Priest of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. I express my great gratitude to His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit for sending me to serve the Assumption Church. I greatly appreciate the Parish Council for their efforts and assistance during the assignment process. I also thank everyone reading this message, our entire Assumption Church family, that has received me with great love and hospitality.

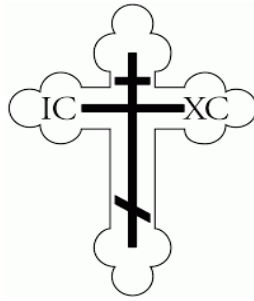
As we begin this new chapter together, it is important to remind ourselves that we, as the Assumption Church, are first and foremost a eucharistic community. We gather every Sunday and on major Feast Days such as Christmas and Theophany to worship our Lord by celebrating the Divine Liturgy and, when properly prepared, to receive our Lord in the Eucharist. We sing after receiving Holy Communion that "we have seen the true light; we have received the heavenly Spirit; we have found the true faith, worshipping the undivided Trinity, for the Trinity has saved us." This hymn goes to the very essence of who we are as Orthodox Christians and as the Assumption Church. We are the people of God who have received the true light and faith and "worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:24).

In the coming weeks, especially during the celebrations of Christmas and Theophany, we will have numerous opportunities to gather as the Assumption Church family to worship in spirit and truth. These are opportunities for us to turn our attention away from worldly cares and focus instead on our God who created us to love and worship Him. Regular attendance at the Divine Services, on Sundays **and** on Feast Days, provides the spiritual nourishment we need to grow closer to God and to truly love our neighbor as ourselves. Praying regularly together as the Assumption Church family will also bring us closer to our fellow parishioners and encourage all of us to increase our attendance at the Divine Services.

I look forward to seeing our Assumption Church family at the upcoming Divine Services. Through the prayers of our glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, the patron of our Assumption Church, may we all embrace these opportunities to receive spiritual nourishment through regular attendance at the Divine Services.

With love in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell



SACRAMENTS

Baptisms, Weddings, and Confessions at Assumption Church must be scheduled **directly** with the Parish Priest.

Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Priest at least **two** months in advanced of the preferred date to schedule a baptism.

Weddings: Please contact the Parish Priest at least **six** months in advance of the preferred date to schedule a wedding. Please be sure to formally establish a date and time with the Parish Priest **prior** to finalizing other arrangements.

Confession: Please contact the Parish Priest to schedule an appointment for confession. Contact the church office 810-771-4611 or frjarrod@gmail.com



FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

In an effort to provide a complete and timely newsletter, we are asking that all articles for the monthly newsletter be submitted to our church secretary Laura no later than the 10th of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter. In addition, all articles must be submitted in electronic format (word, pdf, png, pub). If your article is not received by the 10th it will not be included in the newsletter.

Thank you,
Parish Council

WELCOME
REV. FR. JARROD

1st SERVICE AT
ASSUMPTION



CONGRATULATIONS HOUNTALAS FAMILY
40 DAY BLESSING



Prosporon Schedule

December

- 1: Kottalis, LEMONIA
- 8: Kottalis, Mary
- 15: Kovanis-Wilson, Loukea
- 22: Kraemer, Mark
- 29: Kus, Michael & Alexis

January

- 5: Kuzmanovsky, Kosta & Shao-Chi
- 12: Lauster, Jeff & Nancy
- 19: Leighton, Matt & Argyro
- 27: Lillar, Diana

February

- 2: Livaditis, Argie & Angela
- 9: Liveratos-Dobbins, David & Dr. Maria
- 16: Lowe, Ted & Ann
- 23: Mandelaris, John & Pauline

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:

Anna Chuleas-Williams; Lucas Paul; Nikolaos Karabinas;
Ted Lowe; Achilles Marks; George Pappadakis; and Charlie Paraschos

Sunday Reader Schedule

December	January	February
1 Debbie Chinonis	5 John Kaloydis	2 Ruth Karabina
8 John Costa	12 Cathy Yeotis	9 John Costa
15 Olga Steinhoff	19 Nick Holland	16 Debbie Chinonis
22 Tim Welch	26 Debbie Chinonis	23 Nick Holland
29 Ruth Karabina		

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

Totals sales for the month of October bake sales were \$366.50. 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
12/6/2019	Karakitsos	Kovanis-Wilson
12/13/2019	Kraemer	Leighton
12/20/2019	Mavrikos	O'Bee
12/27/2019	Panos	Paraschos
1/3/2020	Photiou	Smith
1/10/2020	Stavridis	Batsios
1/17/2020	Carpenter	Federick
1/24/2020	Grousopoulos	Haralambous
1/31/2020	Holland	Karakitsos
2/7/2020	Kovanis-Wilson	Kraemer
2/14/2020	Leighton	Mavrikos
2/21/2020	O'Bee	Panos
2/28/2020	Paraschos	Photiou

We will be putting gift bags together again this year for the clients at the Center For Hope. Our youth will be personally handing those gift bags out at Center For Hope on Wednesday, December 18th from 11:00 to 1:00. **We highly encourage you to allow your child(ren) to join us for this activity of giving back to those in need in our community.**

We will have 3 dates for Kalanda this year so please call the church office or Lori Photiou @ 810-444-1967 and get your name on the list for our children to come sing for you. Once we have the list of houses to visit we will set the areas we are going to each day. The dates this year will be:

Sunday, December 15th starting at 4:00pm

Saturday, December 21st starting at 4:00pm

Sunday, December 22nd starting at 4:00pm

Parents please let us know which dates your children will be able to participate to sing.

Upcoming dates in December:

Sunday, December 1st @ 1:00 pm – Christmas tree cutting

Saturday, December 7th @ 6:00 pm – Children’s Christmas Party & Tree Decorating

Wednesday, December 18th - 11:00 am to 1:00 pm – Center for Hope Xmas bag serving

Sunday, December 22nd – Christmas Play after Liturgy

Sunday, December 29th – No Religious Education

Sunday, January 5th – Religious Education classes resume

Sincerely,

Religious Education Committee

Lori Photiou and Ageliki Carpenter



HARVEST FESTIVAL 2019







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 is also available on AmazonSmile (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
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ELVIS & FRIENDS
WITH RON SHORT**

DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

**ALA CARTE FOOD SERVED: 5:30 PM
SHOW STARTS: 7:00 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**



**VOTED BEST OF THE BEST FOR
2016, 2017, & 2018**



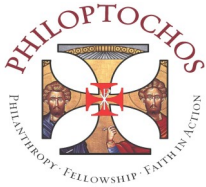
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Philoptochos Society — Friends of the Poor!

Please don't forget the Annual Philoptochos Holiday Luncheon and Pastry Sale , December 12, 2019. We would like to thank Lucille Chiavaras for the beautiful wreath she made for our Philoptochos raffle for the luncheon on December 12, 2019.

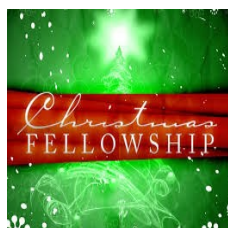
If you want to donate any pastries please contact Ann Lowe, 810-265-0605. For those of you that don't really know what the Philoptochos is really about I am including information that was submitted by Olga Steinhoff our Corresponding Secretary to the Metropolis for their project of "Philanthropic Promoting Personal Service. Olga also submitted a few pictures that highlight what we do.

As per your article in the Orthodox Observer, I am submitting some of the activities Chapter 7015, Assumption Philoptochos Society in Grand Blanc, Michigan has participated in.

1. Adopted a public school in Flint, Michigan and provided them with school and cleaning supplies and will continue to do so throughout the school year.
2. Provided IOCC school kits again this year.
3. We have been donating monthly for several years now a monetary amount to Love, INC. a Non-profit organization that assists those in need with their household expenses.
4. We have also adopted a group called FISH that is associated with Grand Blanc Schools providing assistance in several different ways. This has been done for several years now initially adopting families at Christmas time with gifts for the children and food baskets. Another year, we bought coats for the children and most recently gave them a donation. We also participate twice a month in their food distribution project.
5. Our ladies have also participated along with our other church organizations in distributing over 3800 gallons of milk to the citizens of Flint, Michigan this past year and in addition sorting and boxing over 14,000 pounds of food for the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan serving over 25,000 people.

These activities are **IN ADDITION** to what we participate in for our parish, which include but not limited to Fish Fry's, Funeral Dinners, fund raising for our parish. We are all wishing you a very Happy Holiday Season.

Diana Panos-Lillar
President



DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR FAMILY NAME INCLUDED IN OUR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD! CONTACT PHILOPOTCHOS OR AGAPE 810-579-0163



Philoptochos Society's Annual

2019 Holiday Pastry Sale and Luncheon

Thursday, December 12th
11am to 1:30pm

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Grand Blanc

2245 E. Baldwin Road Tel: 810-771-4611 (Between Holly & Fenton Roads)

Choice of Greek-Roasted Chicken or Vegetarian Plate
Peas, Rice, Tossed Green Salad, Bread Roll

\$10.00

Pre-order pastries for the Holidays

Greek Sweet Bread, Spinach and Cheese Pitas, Baklava, Greek Honey Nut Pastry,
Powdered Sugar Cookies, Greek Biscotti, Twisted Butter Cookies, Spice Cookies

Name _____

(Lunch To-Go Only)
Pick Up Time: _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip _____ Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Lunch To-Go Chicken	\$10.00	_____	_____
Vegetarian	\$10.00	_____	_____
Baklava	\$2.50	_____	_____
Sweet Bread (Tsoureki)	\$6.50	_____	_____
Spinach Pita (Frozen 15 pieces)	\$25.00	_____	_____
Cheese Triangles (Frozen)	\$1.00	_____	_____
Baklava (30 pieces)	\$50.00	_____	_____
Melomacaronia (Honey-spiced cookie)	\$1.00	_____	_____
Kourambietes (with almonds)	\$1.00	_____	_____
Koulourakia (Butter Twist)	3 for \$1.50	_____	_____
Paximathia (Biscotti)	3 for \$1.50	_____	_____
Variety Gift Box	\$12.00	_____	_____

TOTAL: _____

Please make checks payable to **Philoptochos Society** and mail to the church

Philoptochos Society, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 2245 E. Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, MI 48439

For more information, please contact the church at **810-771-4611**

Deadline for pre-orders December 1, 2019

Daughters of Penelope

Iris Chapter 242

Hellenism, Philanthropy, and Sisterhood

December 2019

Thank you to all the people who helped make our Fall Salad Luncheon a huge success. Thank you to those who contributed salads, pastries and other foods. Thank you to those who came and worked, especially those who are not even members of the DOP. A special thank you to Aspasia Mavrikos for her beautiful decorations, to Susan Kallis and JoAnne Schultze who made sure everyone contributed and knew about the luncheon. And of course, a special thank you to John Hountalas who oversaw the kitchen and helped in many ways.

On Saturday, November 9 we participated in the church Craft Show. Thank you to Joanne Dau, Elaine Joynt and their husbands for setting up our booth, and thank you to all who contributed and helped run it. It was a fun project.

Thank you to everyone who helped make Godparent Sunday such a wonderful Day. Thank you to Nancy Chinonis and Katerina Kraemer who shared their bond as Godparent and Godchild. We hope this was relevant to you.

This month we will hold an initiation at our regular meeting. So far, we are planning on initiating three new members. If you are not a DOP and would like to be, please contact one of our members for a membership application.

At our December meeting we will be setting the date for working at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Cathy Yeotis. It will be held on a Saturday in January or February.

If you have children attending college, please give us their names and addresses so we may send them care packages sometime next semester.

Our next big social event will be our Greek Mardi Gras Celebration. It will be **Saturday, February 22, 2020**. So, SAVE THE DATE. It is always a very fun event for both children and adults. Costumes are not necessary but encouraged, so start thinking about your possibilities.

WISHING YOU ALL ΚΑΛΑ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ
CATHY YEOTIS, PRESIDENT

Iconography Fund

As you know, we have begun our Iconography Project. We want to thank those who have purchased an icon or just donated a little to help with this. There are still icons available for purchase. If you would like to purchase an Icon or even just donate a little to the project, please contact John Hountalas (810-701-5164) or Father Jarrod.

The following individuals/families have contributed to the Iconography Project:

Donor

Peter and Alice Anastor	Ann and Ted Lowe
Steve and Anita Arsman	William Lympers
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Debra and Dennis Chinonis	John and Irene Panos
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James and Liz Christopher	Evan Pappas
John and Laura Costa	Barbara Santee
Helen Dalbo	JoAnne Schultze
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Tessie Komodromos	Memorial - Marika Kalafatis
Dimitri and Jacqueline Kontorousis	Memorial - Niki Panos
Dean and Joyce Kossaras	Memorial - Theodora Stevens
Maria Koutsoukos	Memorial - Tom Lamberson
Jeff and Nancy Lauster	Memorial - Michael Michaelou

Is there a Saint Jarrod?

The question, “is there a Saint Jarrod”, has been asked several times since Fr. Jarrod was assigned to Assumption Church. The answer is absolutely. The Righteous Jarrod or Jared (both are English transliterations of the Greek word Ἰαροῦδ), an Old Testament Saint, is an early descendent of Adam and the father of Enoch. His history is recorded in Genesis 5:18-20, and he is numbered in the genealogy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at Luke 3:37. The Church commemorates him on the Sunday before Christmas as one of the “Holy and Godbearing Ancestors of Christ, from Adam to Joseph the Betrothed”. The Greek word Ἰαροῦδ is a transliteration of a Hebrew word that means “descent” or “he who descended”.



Please help us help others!

\$65 per case will help!

Contact the church office, 810-771-4611 or John Hountalas, 810-701-5164. Thank you for your support!

We were able to help so much last year we are accepting donations to purchase chickens and help support the Catholic Charities for Christmas again this year!



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MONTHLY INCOME/EXPENSE

INCOME FOR OCTOBER 2019

Other Income	\$8,171.44
Stewardship Income	\$5,652.00
Trays/Candles	\$1,685.00
<i>Total Income for October 2019</i>	\$15,508.44

EXPENSES FOR OCTOBER 2019

Church Monthly Operating Expenses	\$20,066.20
Church Miscellaneous Expenses	\$5,952.51
<i>Total Expenses for October 2019 (unaudited)</i>	\$26,018.71

<i>Variance for Month</i>	(\$10,510.27)
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If you would like a more detailed report on our expenses, please contact any parish council member.



A set of silverware was found. If you have left a set of silverware here at the church, please contact the church office with a description.

Thank you!



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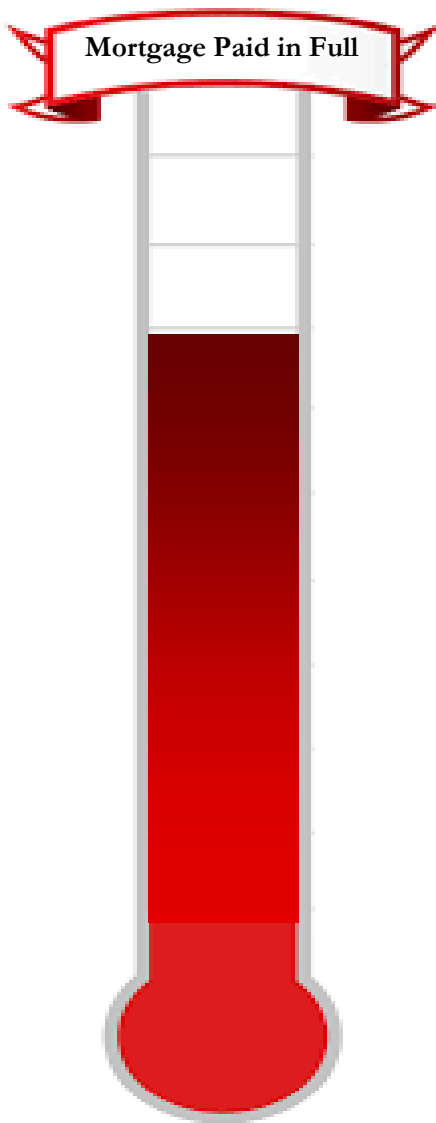
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Mortgage Drive:

This past March, it was 6 years since we started our Mortgage Drive. We have been able to lower our Mortgage by more than \$475,000 during this time. Approximately \$330,000 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 11-10-19 our
balance is:
\$154,547.71

Thank You!

MORTGAGE DRIVE

(FROM 12-1-2018 TO 11-1-2019)

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


1. Clyde & Georgia Allard
2. Rev. Fr. John & Presvytera Artemas
3. Karen Begley
4. Dennis & Alexis Branoff
5. Dennis & Debra Chinonis
6. Linda Chinonis
7. Katie Chinonis
8. James & Liz Christopher
9. Helen Dalbo
10. Mark & Penelopi Drolet
11. Toula Edmonds
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13. Nick & Jennifer Holland
14. Rick & Tina Holland
15. Dimitri & Brittany Hountalas
16. John & Tasia Hountalas
17. Yanni Hountalas
18. Efstratia Janis
19. David Duffy & Elaine Joynt
20. Athena Kalatzis
21. Agape Kallis
22. Penny Kallis
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26. Pavlos & Ruth Karabinas
27. Dean & Joyce Kossaras
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29. Jeff & Nancy Lauster
30. George & Margot Levas
31. Yanni & Aspasia Mavrikos
32. Taso & Mitra Pagonis
33. Tim & April Paraschos
34. Carol Photiou
35. Lucas & Lori Photiou
36. Mike Potsos
37. Steve & Martha Poulos
38. Ken & Kathy Richards
39. JoAnne Schultze
40. Allen & Olga Steinhoff
41. Robert & Micheline Wilson
42. Catherine Yeotis
43. Hon. Thomas & Meg Yeotis
44. In Memory of Jerry Apostle
45. In Memory of Helen Anagnos
46. In Memory of Christ & Margaret Anastor
47. In Memory of Theodore Bachakes, Jr.
48. In Memory of Andrew Bageris
49. In Memory of Elaine Bakris
50. In Memory of Tim Bograkos
51. In Memory of John & Christine Caris
52. In Memory of Elias Chinonis
53. In Memory of Gabriella Chinonis
54. In Memory of Gus Chinonis
55. In Memory of John Chinonis
56. In Memory of Maria Contagianni
57. In Memory of James & Chryssee Daros
58. In Memory of Gene Davidson
59. In Memory of London Eisenbeis
60. In Memory of George Giannouris
61. In Memory of John Helton
62. In Memory of Tom & Goldie Heos

MORTGAGE DRIVE

(FROM 12-1-2018 TO 11-1-2019)

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John Hountalas @ 810-701-5164

Lori Photiou @ 810-444-1967

This is a great opportunity for teens to earn their Community Service Hours for school.

FISH FRY FRIDAY

3—8:30 PM

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Baked Fish * Baked Potato * Plaki * Pastitsio * Clam Strips
Chicken Strips * Fish Sandwich * Baked Chicken * Gyros
Mac and Cheese * Shrimp Basket * Greek Salad
Rice Pudding

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 Sales for October 2019 were \$8,195.38



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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 10, 2019 is \$6,819.88.

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 2019 CONTRIBUTIONS

(JAN 1 - AUGUST 31)

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Assumption Parish

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Hountalas, Yanni

Kalatzis, Athena

Kaloydis, John & Karen

Lauster, Jeff & Nancy

Schultze, JoAnne

Stamatis, Thomas & Sandra

Yeotis, Catherine

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Bachakes, +Theodore & Vicki
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Bakris, Dr. Nicholas
Batsios, Eftyhia
Batsios, Evangelos
Birtsas, Sandra
Bistolaridis, Antonios & Maria
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Bograkos, Vera
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Chiavaras, Lucille
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Chinonis, Katie
Chinonis, Linda
Chinonis, Sandi
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Holland, Rick & Tina
Hountalas, Dimitri & Brittany
Hountalas, John & Tasia
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Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki
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Iordanou, Ilias & Joann
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Leighton, Matt & Argyro

Lillar, Diana

Livaditis, Argie & Angela

Liveratos-Dobbins, Dr. Maria & Dobbins, David

Lowe, Ted & Ann

Mandelaris, John & Pauline

Manos, Dr. M. Michelle

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Margaritis, George & Sofia

Marks, Achilles & Afroditi

Martorelli, Sophia

Menoutes, George

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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**

Dolmathes **25 for \$20.00**

Grecian Style:

Green Beans
\$15

Peas
\$15

Rice Pilaf
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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	\$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, for a small fee. 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.

Those sponsoring a coffee hour are responsible for providing the food items or snacks. Coffee, water, milk and/or juice will be provided by the Parish Council. There will be a donation tray. The family that is sponsoring the coffee hour can donate \$50 IN LEIU OF THE DONATION TRAY, to cover the expenses of the church. Please let us know, IN ADVANCE.

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 Fr. Jarrod** so that they may be placed on the church calendar.

Koliva

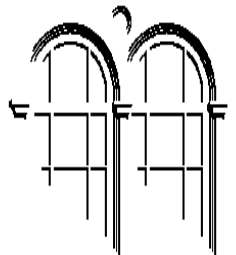
If anyone is in need of Koliva, please contact Diana Lillar (of Philoptochos) for the names of those available to make it. The standard rate is \$150. **It is the responsibility of the family to arrange for Koliva.**

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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.

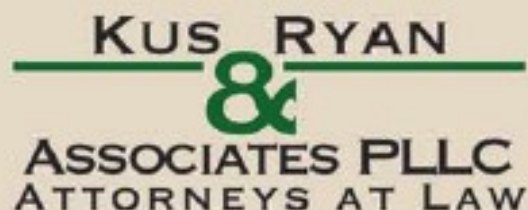
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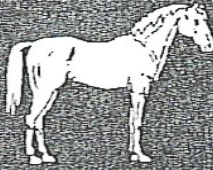
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