

THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

January
2020



MORNING BIBLE STUDY	Resumes January 13, 2020	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
CHOIR PRACTICE	TBA	

JANUARY 2020

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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	

3: Royal Hours	9:00 am
5: Eve of Theophany	10 am
Small Blessing of the Waters	
6: Theophany Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
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
11: Youth Flint Firebirds Game	
12: Vasilopita Sunday	
13: St. Anthony Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
Orthodoxy Explored	6 - 7 pm
23: Dormition Dinner @ Assumption	6:00 pm
27: Orthodoxy Explored	6 - 7 pm
29: Three Hierarchs Vespers Divine Liturgy	6:00 pm

FEBRUARY 2020

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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1: Food Bank of Eastern Michigan	
PanOrthodox Great Vespers for the	
Presentation of our Lord into the Temple	5 - 7 pm
2: Presentation of our Lord into the Temple	
9: Triodion Begins	
10: Orthodoxy Explored	6 - 7 pm
11: Philoptochos Meeting	1 pm
12: Parish Council Meeting	6:15 pm
16: Sunday of the Prodigal Son	
22: Divine Liturgy-Saturday of Souls	9:30 am
DOP Mardi Gras	
23: Judgment Sunday - Communion	
24: Orthodoxy Explored	6 - 7 pm
29: Divine Liturgy - Saturday of Souls	9:30 am



FROM REV. FR. JARROD RUSSELL

As You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord,
The Worship of the Trinity became manifest.
For the voice of the Father gave added witness,
Naming You His beloved Son.
And the Spirit in the form of a dove
Confirmed the certainty of that word.
O Christ, Who revealed Yourself as God and brought light to the world,
Glory to You.
(Troparion of Theophany)

Beloved Parishioners and Friends of Assumption Church,

Our Orthodox Church celebrates on January 6 the Feast of the Holy Theophany of our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ. This Feast calls us to enter into the mystery of the baptism of Christ, an event where the Worship of the Trinity was manifested and Jesus Christ was identified publically as the Son of God. As the hymn of Theophany states, this manifestation “brought light to the world.” Theophany is also a feast of renewal and regeneration. In the words of Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware), “Christ’s baptism in Jordan renews our nature, for it is the prelude to our baptism in the font; and it renews and regenerates, not our human nature only, but the whole material creation.” It is a perfect Feast for the beginning of the year as it calls us to renew our entire lives as we embark upon the New Year.

After the Feast, we will start blessing our homes with water that is blessed during the services for Theophany as an act of this renewal of “the whole material creation.” There is a form in this newsletter that should be completed and submitted to the Church office in order to schedule a blessing. The priest will contact you directly to schedule the blessing after the form is received. For the blessing, the parishioner(s) will provide a small bowl of water on a table; an icon of Christ, His Mother, or St. John the Baptist will be placed near the bowl; and a candle will be lit next to the icon. The priest will bring the blessed water and everything else needed for the blessing. All persons living in the home are encouraged to be present along with any invited family members and friends.

May the Lord our God continue to bless and guide our Assumption Church in the New Year and in all the days to come!

With love in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell

CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Metropolitan Maximos (Aghiorgoussis), the retired Metropolitan of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh and Distinguished Professor of Dogmatic Theology Emeritus at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, wrote answers to many common theological and spiritual questions. Addressing the question of whether Orthodox Christians must go to Confession prior to each time we receive Holy Communion, Metropolitan Maximos wrote the following:

“It is true that receiving Holy Communion is serious business. Saint Paul admonishes that those who receive the Body and Blood of Christ ‘without discernment’, and of course, without due preparation, receive to their judgment and condemnation (1 Corinthians 11: 27-30). Consequently the church in its wisdom has always asked for due preparation before receiving Holy Communion. This preparation includes reconciliation with the brother or sister ‘who hate us or have committed injustices against us’ (Divine Liturgy, based on Matthew 5:23-24).

“Prayer and fasting are also part of this preparation for Holy Communion. Confession of our sins to our spiritual father and absolution given by him in the name of the Lord Jesus who gave us his Apostles and their successors the power to forgive sins, may also be an important part of this spiritual preparation before Holy Communion. However, the Sacrament of Holy Confession is independent of that of Holy Communion. This means that one may see his (or her) spiritual father independently of receiving Holy Communion. Also, it means that Confession is not always required before receiving. Normally, accordingly to one practice, we require Holy Confession at least once a year, (the first days of Holy Week), another practice, at least four times a year before the four minimum dates for Holy Communion (Easter, Christmas, the feast of the Apostles, June 29, and the feast of the Dormition of the Holy Virgin, August 15). But even for these four dates of minimum mandatory Holy Communion, Confession is a counsel more than an order. This means that one should go to Confession as much as and as soon as he (or she) feels the need, independently of his (or her) receiving Holy Communion.”

Aghiorgoussis, Maximos. “Our Readers Ask . . . [About Confession Before Communion].” *The Illuminator* 5, no. 41 (March 1984): 4.



**Christmas Tree cutting
Sunday, December 1, 2019**

Prosporon Schedule

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 "Assumption Greek Orthodox Church" 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; Charlie Paraschos

Sunday Reader Schedule

January

5 John Kaloydis
12 Cathy Yeotis
19 Nick Holland
26 Debbie Chinonis

February

2 Ruth Karabina
9 John Costa
16 Tim Welch
23 Nick Holland

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 \$366.00. 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
1/3/2020	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
3/6/2020	Smith	Stavridis
3/13/2020	Batsios	Carpenter
3/20/2020	Federick	Grousopoulos
3/27/2020	Haralambous	Holland

We kicked off the Christmas season on December 1st with a small group at Top Hill Tree Farm in Goodrich to select this year's tree. The annual Christmas party was held on December 7th with 40 people in attendance. The children did a beautiful job decorating both the tree they picked out and the one in the church. 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 to make this event happen for the children!

Besides decorating the trees 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; sanitizer, shampoo/body wash, conditioner, deodorant, and gloves. 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 18th 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, 21st, & 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 2020!

Upcoming dates in December:

Sunday, December 29th – No Religious Education

Saturday, January 11th – Flint Firebirds Game – Please RSVP to the AGOC RE Facebook page event

Sincerely,

Religious Education Committee

Lori Photiou and Ageliki Carpenter



CHRISTMAS
PARTY
2019





BLESSING OF HOMES 2020

If you would like to have your home(s) blessed please fill out the form below or contact the church office for scheduling.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____

Check preferred Time & Day:	Morning	_____	Weekday	_____
	Afternoon	_____	Saturday	_____
	Evening	_____		

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date received: _____ Date scheduled: _____ Date completed: _____



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

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2016, 2017, & 2018**



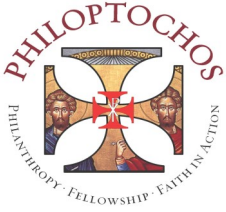
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Philoptochos Society — Friends of the Poor!

The December Bake Sale was a wonderful success, and we would like thank you all for your support!

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Diana Panos-Lillar
President

Assumption VIPs wish everyone a very
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



καλά Χριστούγεννα



Sincerely, Voula Pagonis

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:

Peter and Alice Anastor	Ann and Ted Lowe
Steve and Anita Arsman	William Lymperis
Dennis and Alexis Branoff	Lamprine Lymperopoulos
Katie Chinonis	Spiridoula Panos
Debra and Dennis Chinonis	John and Irene Panos
Linda Chinonis	Elaine and Dean Pappas
James and Liz Christopher	Evan Pappas
John and Laura Costa	Barbara Santee
Helen Dalbo	JoAnne Schultze
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Daughters of Penelope	Michael Stevens
Monica Dragan	Bill and Lesley Stickley
Catherine Fechick	Swartz Funeral Home
Greg and Sia Garceau	Peter and Susie Vergos
John and Marlo George	Cathy Yeotis
Camilla Greenberg	Memorial - Androulla Kyprianou
Pamela Heos & Jeff Brancheau	Memorial - Eugenia Routsis
Hountalas Family	Memorial - Giorgio Mirtsopoulos
Athena Kalatzis	Memorial - Kathryn Menoutes
Agape Kallis	Memorial - Kosta Zaravelis
Susan Kallis	Memorial - Marika Kalafatis
Tessie Komodromos	Memorial - Niki Panos
Dimitri and Jacqueline Kontorousis	Memorial - Theodora Stevens
Dean and Joyce Kossaras	Memorial - Tom Lamberson
Maria Koutsoukos	Memorial - Michael Michaelou
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Autumn
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MONTHLY INCOME/EXPENSE

INCOME FOR NOVEMBER 2019

Other Income	\$15,019.59
Stewardship Income	\$8,633.28
Trays/Candles	\$1,330.00
<i>Total Income for November 2019</i>	\$24,982.87

EXPENSES FOR NOVEMBER 2019

Church Monthly Operating Expenses	\$25,415.55
Church Miscellaneous Expenses	\$10,779.15
<i>Total Expenses for November 2019 (unaudited)</i>	\$36,194.70

<i>Variance for Month</i>	(\$11,211.83)
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If you would like a more detailed report on our expenses, please contact any parish council member.



Keep using your **Kroger Community Rewards card**. Thanks to all those who have shopped in these stores. Our last check was in December 2019 was \$32.21!



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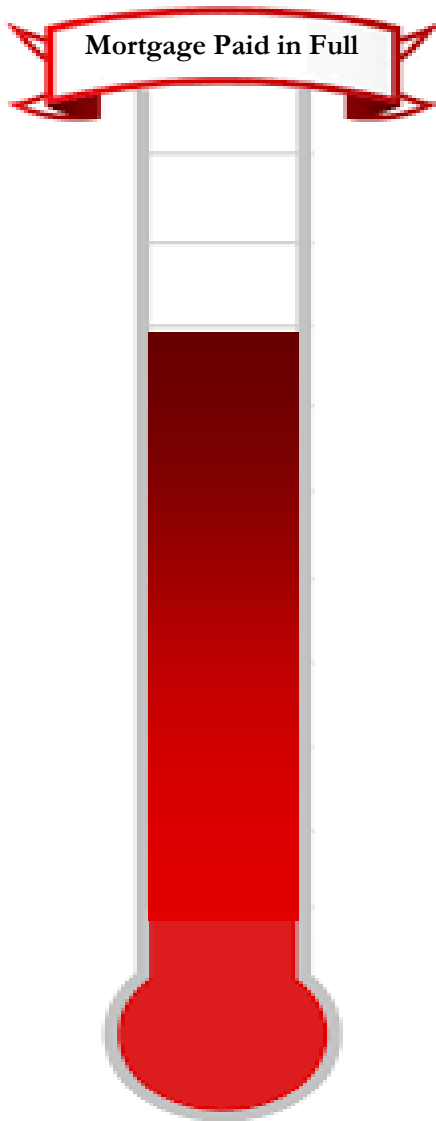
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Mortgage Drive:

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 12-10-19 our
balance is:
\$150,091.54

Thank You!

MORTGAGE DRIVE

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

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
12. Pam Heos & Jeff Brancheau
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
23. Susan Kallis
24. John & Karen Kaloydis
25. Nikolaos & Stephanie Karabinas
26. Pavlos & Ruth Karabinas
27. Dean & Joyce Kossaras
28. Paul & Pat Ladas
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 London Eisenbeis
59. In Memory of George Giannouris
60. In Memory of John Helton
61. In Memory of Tom & Goldie Heos
62. In Memory of John Jimos

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

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

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| <p>64. In Memory of James (Giannakopoulos) Johnson</p> <p>65. In Memory of Harold Kallis</p> <p>66. In Memory of Tony Karakitsos</p> <p>67. In Memory of Nick Kondyles</p> <p>68. In Memory of Anne Kossaras</p> <p>69. In Memory of Sandy Bachakes Kraemer</p> <p>70. In Memory of Tom Lamberson</p> <p>71. In Memory of Suzanne Lauster</p> <p>72. In Memory of Marianne Chardoul Mair</p> <p>73. In Memory of Kathryn Menoutes</p> <p>74. In Memory of Mike Michaelou</p> <p>75. In Memory of Nicholas Mighion</p> <p>76. In Memory of Aristoteles Panos</p> <p>77. In Memory of Niki Panos</p> <p>78. In Memory of Ida Payne</p> <p>79. In Memory of Dr. George Politis</p> <p>80. In Memory of John Siambis</p> <p>81. In Memory of Tommy Stergiopoulos</p> <p>82. In Memory of Cleo Tarlas</p> <p>83. In Memory of Betty Vlahakis</p> <p>84. In Memory of Gus Vergos</p> <p>85. Daughters of Penelope</p> <p>86. DOP Kafi Night</p> <p>87. DOP Mardi Gras Bar Tips</p> | <p>88. Endowment Fund</p> <p>89. Religious Education</p> <p>90. Weeping Icon Service & Hall Rental</p> <p>91. V.I.P.'s</p> <p>92. Assumption Catering</p> <p>93. Blessing of the Buses</p> <p>94. Chili Cook-Off</p> <p>95. Food Sales for Mortgage Reduction</p> <p>96. GFS Rebate</p> <p>97. Hall Rental Bar Tips</p> <p>98. Hall Rental Dishwasher & Linens</p> <p>99. Hall Rental Linens & Liquor Add On</p> <p>100. Heos Hall Rental & Bar</p> <p>101. Makaria of Nick Kondyles</p> <p>102. Makaria of Sandy Bachakes Kraemer</p> <p>103. Merrill Lynch</p> <p>104. Sunday Brunch</p> <p>105. 2nd Tray</p> <p>106. ABC Auto Repair</p> <p>107. McCredie Insurance</p> <p>108. MJ Auto Inc</p> <p>109. Swartz Funeral Home</p> <p>108. Yanni's Opa Bar & Grill</p> |
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Need of the Month
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OUR 8TH YEAR OPENED

SEPT. 6TH

3:00 TO 8:30 PM

Come and see why our Fish Fry was voted #1 in the Genesee County Area! We only use Icelandic Cod.

We need volunteers to help!!

Please call to let us know when you can help.

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

Come and see why our Fish Fry was voted #1 in the Flint area. 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

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 November 2019 were \$7,684.10



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



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 December 10, 2019 is \$7,231.73.

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 - NOVEMBER 30)

Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell

Assumption Parish

Chinonis, Dennis & Debra

Chinonis, Linda

Hountalas, Dimitri & Brittany

Hountalas, Ioannis & Tasia

Hountalas, Yanni

Kalatzis, Athena

Kallis, Agape

Kaloydis, John & Karen

Lauster, Jeff & Nancy

Mandelaris, John & Pauline

Mersinas, George & Laura

Schultze, JoAnne

Stamatis, Thomas & Sandra

Yeotis, Catherine

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

Altheide, Dena

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Bachakes, Katheryn

Bachakes, +Theodore & Vicki

Bakris, Dr. Chris

Bakris, Dr. Nicholas

Batsios, Eftyhia

Batsios, Evangelos

Birtsas, Sandra

Bistolaridis, Antonios & Maria

Bograkos, Tim & Sandra

Bograkos, Vera

Brown, Jr., Andy

Carmean, Mike & Denise

Carpenter, Rob & Ageliki

Chiavaras, Lucille

Chinonis, Dennis & Dr. Debra

Chinonis, Katie

Chinonis, Linda

Chinonis, Sandi

Chuleas-Williams, Anna

Clark, Natalie

Clinton, Mike & Kathy

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Douros, Evangelos

Drolet, Mark & Penelopi

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Falaras, Mary

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Hagler, Gary & Marian

Haralambous, Frank & Vania

Heos, Pamela & Brancheau, Jeffrey

Holland, Nick & Jennifer

Holland, Rick & Tina

Hountalas, Dimitri & Brittany

Hountalas, John & Tasia

Hountalas, Yanni

Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki

Iordanou, Bill & Lisa

Iordanou, Ilias & Joann

Johnson, Denise

Joseph, Patti

Joynt, Elaine & Duffy, David

Kalatzis, Athena

Kallis, Agape

Kallis, Penny

Kallis, Nick

Kallis, Susan

Kaloydis, John

Kapellas, Katina

Karabinas, Niko & Stephanie

Karabinas, Pavlos & Ruth

Karay Sr., Nicholas X.

Kokkinakos, Peter & Tula

Komodromos, Tessie

Kondyles, Chryssoula

Kontorosis, Dimitre & Jacqueline

Kosmanopoulos, Christos & Kelly

Kossaras, Dean & Joyce

Kottalis, LEMONIA

27 Kottalis, Mary

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Jimmy's Plaki Tray — \$25.00

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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.

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our Assumption Parish to join!**

**Please give or send your dues to Agape
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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 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.

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.**

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.

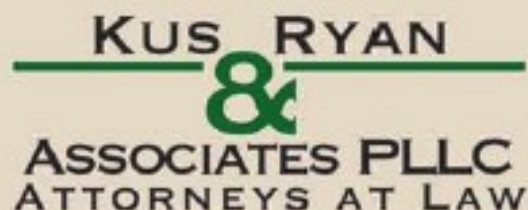
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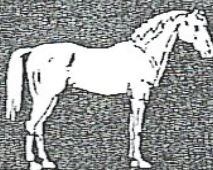
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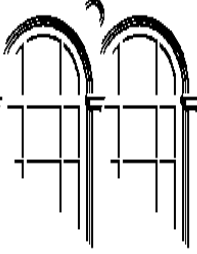
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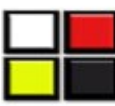
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