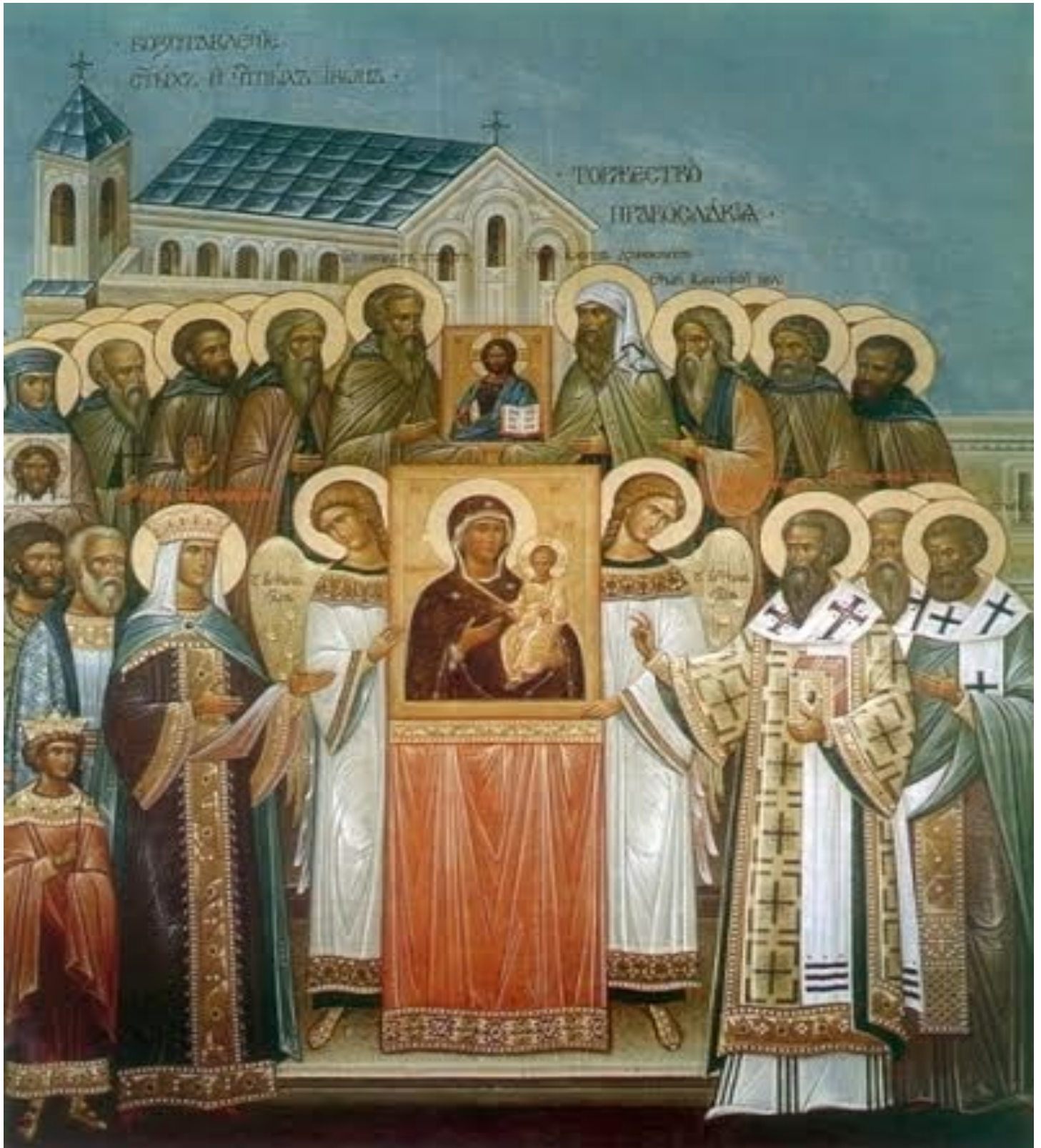


THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

March
2020



MORNING BIBLE STUDY	Mondays	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
	March & April dates changed due to Lent	
FISH FRY	Fridays	3:00—8:30pm
CHOIR PRACTICE	TBA	

MARCH 2020

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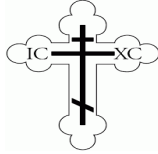
- 2: Great Lent Starts
- 7: RE Kids prepare Koliva & attend Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy
- 8: Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Procession
Parish Oratorical Festival 12 - 1 pm
- 10: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 - 8:15 pm
- 20: OCF Meeting 7 - 8 pm
- 25: Greek Independence Day
- 28: Annual Women's Retreat @ Dormition Monastery, Rives Junction
- 29: DOP Meeting following Divine Liturgy
Detroit Greek Independence 3 - 5 pm
Day Parade

APRIL 2020

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- 7: Philoptochos Member Meeting 1 - 3 pm
Parish Council Meeting 6:15 - 8:15 pm
- 21: Pan-Orthodox Divine 9:30 - 10:30 am
Liturgy @ St. Nicholas, Burton
- 22: Pan-Orthodox Vesperal 6 - 7:30 pm
Divine Liturgy for the Feast Day of St. George, Flint
- 24: Pan-Orthodox Divine 9:30 - 10:30 am
Liturgy Zoodochos Peghee
Philoptochos Light Lunch 11 am - 1 pm
- 25: District Oratorical Festival

GREAT LENT 2020 AT THE ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



Great Lent begins on Clean Monday, March 2. We will be celebrating a full Lenten Schedule at the Assumption Church in addition to the Pan-Orthodox services that will be celebrated at the other Flint area Orthodox Churches. The following Lenten services will be celebrated at the Assumption:

- ♦ **Monday, March 2 at 6:00pm: Great Compline**
- ♦ **Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00pm: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts**
- ♦ **Friday, March 6 at 6:00pm: Salutations to the Theotokos (First Stanza)**
- ♦ **Saturday, March 7 at 9:30am: Divine Liturgy for the Saturday of Souls**

- ♦ **Friday, March 13 at 9:30am: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts**

- ♦ **Friday, March 13 at 6:00pm: Salutations to the Theotokos (Second Stanza)**

- ♦ **Wednesday, March 18 at 6:00pm: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts**
- ♦ **Friday, March 20 at 6:00pm: Salutations to the Theotokos (Third Stanza)**

- ♦ **Wednesday, March 25 at 9:30am: Divine Liturgy for the Annunciation of the Theotokos**
- ♦ **Friday, March 27 at 9:30am: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts**

- ♦ **Friday, March 27 at 6:00pm: Salutations to the Theotokos (Fourth Stanza)**

- ♦ **Wednesday, April 1 at 6:00pm: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts**
- ♦ **Thursday, April 2 at 6:00pm: Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete**
- ♦ **Friday, April 3 at 6:00pm: The Akathist Hymn**

- ♦ **Friday, April 10 at 9:30am: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts**

**HOLY WEEK AND GREAT & HOLY PASCHA 2020
ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

LAZARUS SATURDAY, APRIL 11

9:30 am: Preparation of Gifts (Proskimide) on the Solea

10:00 am: Divine Liturgy (Raising of Lazarus)

5:00 pm: Great Vespers

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 12

9:00 am: Orthros

10:00 am: Divine Liturgy (Entrance of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem)

6:00 pm: First Bridegroom Service (Joseph, Son of Jacob)

HOLY MONDAY, APRIL 13

9:30 am: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

6:00 pm: Second Bridegroom Service (Parable of the Ten Virgins)

HOLY TUESDAY, APRIL 14

9:30 am: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

6:00 pm: Third Bridegroom Service (Anointing of Jesus Christ with Myrrh)

HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

9:30 am: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

3:00 pm: Fourth Bridegroom Service (The Last Supper)

6:00 pm: Service of Holy Unction (Healing Sacrament of the Church)

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 16

9:30 am: Vesperal Divine Liturgy – The Last Supper (Institution of the Eucharist)

6:00 pm: Service of the Crucifixion (Passion of Jesus Christ: The Twelve Gospels)

HOLY WEEK AND GREAT & HOLY PASCHA 2020
ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

HOLY FRIDAY, APRIL 17

9:00 am: Royal Hours (Standing at the Foot of the Cross of Jesus Christ)

3:00 pm: Service of the Descent from the Cross (Removal of Jesus Christ from the Cross)

6:00 pm: The Lamentations Service (Candlelight Funeral Service for Jesus Christ)

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 18

9:30 am: Vespers Divine Liturgy – Pre-Resurrection (Jesus Christ's Victory Over Death)

11:00 pm: Vigil of the Resurrection (Anticipation of the Resurrection)

12:00 Midnight: PASCHA: Service of the Resurrection

GREAT & HOLY PASCHA, APRIL 19

12:15 am: PASCHA: Divine Liturgy of the Resurrection

1:30 am: PASCHA: Church Family Meal

12:00 Noon: Agape Vespers (Proclaiming the Gospel in Multiple Languages)



Guest Holy Week Chanter: The Assumption Church is excited to welcome Konstantina Marinakos as our guest Holy Week chanter this year! Konstantina has led the left choir of St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church in Charlotte, NC since 2011. She homeschools her six-year-old son and has taught piano for twenty years. She and her husband, David, enjoy gardening and raising chickens. We look forward to having Konstantina with us this Holy Week!



FROM REV. FR. JARROD RUSSELL

Beloved Parishioners and Friends of Assumption Church,

We are entering Great Lent, and the Church calls us to increase our fasting, prayer, and almsgiving for the next forty days in preparation for the celebration of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection. Why forty days? As Saint Augustine explains, "[f]or forty days Moses, the guardian of the Law, fasted; for forty days Elias, the most excellent of the Prophets, fasted; for forty days the Lord Himself, to whom both the Law and the Prophets gave testimony, fasted." We follow these holy examples, especially of our Lord Jesus Christ, and engage in increased spiritual labors for the forty days of Great Lent.

In order for us to grow spiritually during the next forty days, we must increase our liturgical prayer through the additional services offered only during Great Lent and Holy Week, especially the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts. This ancient service occupies a unique place in the liturgical life of the Orthodox Church. In order to preserve the penitential character of the Lenten season, the Church prohibits the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on weekdays during Great Lent making an exception for the Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos. The Church accordingly provides the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts as an opportunity for the faithful to receive Holy Communion on weekdays during Great Lent.

The Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts consists of elements from Great Vespers and the Divine Liturgy, though the service does not contain a consecration of the gifts. Instead, an additional *amnos* or lamb, the bread that is mystically transformed into the body and blood of Jesus Christ, is consecrated on the Sunday prior to the celebration of the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts. During the service, the Presanctified Gifts are carried in a solemn procession by the Priest with his head covered while the people kneel be-

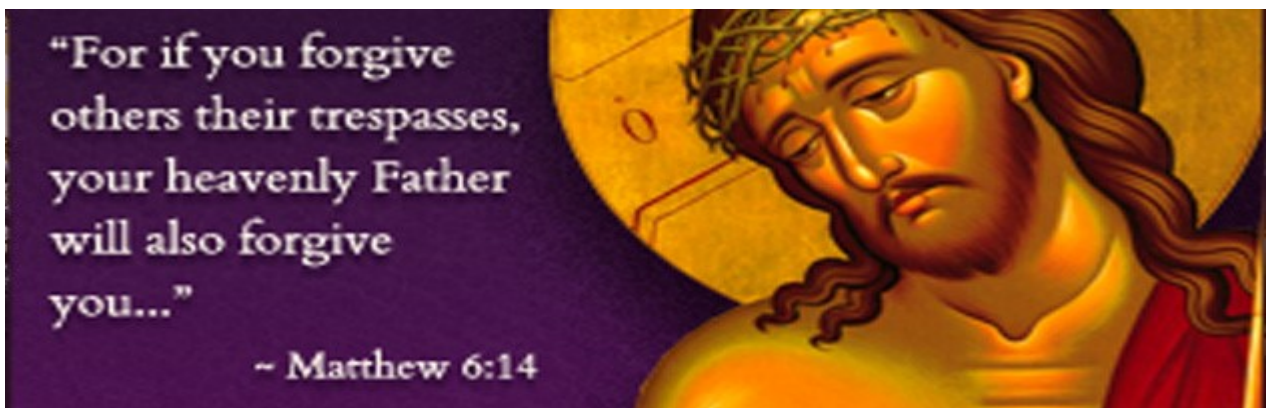
cause it is the Lord Himself that is being processed through the Church. This entrance is the high point of the service leading to the reception of Holy Communion.

The hymnology during the service reflects Lenten themes of repentance and fasting along with hymns for the saints commemorated that day. The service includes numerous Psalms and readings from the Old Testament. During Holy Week, the service also includes a Gospel reading. In this way, the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts allows us to receive our Lord both in Holy Communion and through the Holy Scriptures.

We only celebrate the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts during Great Lent and Holy Week. It is therefore essential for us to attend as many as possible of the opportunities we have for this unique service. During the month of March, we will celebrate the service on two Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm (March 4 & 18) and on two Friday mornings at 9:30am (March 13 & 27). Additionally, we will participate in a Pan-Orthodox Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts on Wednesday evening, March 11 at St. Nicholas Burton beginning at 6:00pm. As we plan to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we should make attendance at these celebrations of the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts during the month of March a high priority.

Have a blessed Lent!

With love in Christ,
Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell



Sam Cox Set Out to Make a Documentary About a Monastery in West Virginia. He Wound Up Converting.

By Sarah Edwards

In theory, the idea of parting with your iPhone and moving to a remote hamlet to tend bees and experience spiritual fervor is an appealing one, especially in 2019. In practice, the actual requirements of monkhood—dying to oneself and leaving behind sex, substances, and careers—is a commitment that has always been radical, regardless of the century it takes place in.

It's a choice that captured the attention of the filmmaker Sam Cox when he learned of the existence of a Russian Orthodox monastery tucked away in a remote holler of West Virginia. Cox, who grew up Pentecostal in Raleigh, had left organized religion behind after college, feeling that it didn't address contemporary "tensions."

His winding spiritual journey—through competitive professional years in New York City, a psychologically grueling stint at a farm outside Pittsburgh, and a move back to his hometown—led him, in 2017, to the All Saints Antiochian Orthodox Church in Raleigh. There, he learned of the Holy Cross Hermitage in West Virginia, where some twenty monks live and work, having committed to a life of prayerful asceticism until death.

After receiving permission from Archimandrite Seraphim, the head abbot at the monastery, Cox made numerous trips to West Virginia between 2017 and 2019. With unprecedented access, he chronicled the story of Father Justin, a new monk preparing for the tonsuring ceremony, in which he would take his final vows.

The result is *New Men*, a forty-nine-minute documentary that Cox directed, produced, and edited. Watching the monks gather eggs, mend fences, and murmur prayers among sweeping panoramas of the Appalachian mountains, it is easy to forget that these scenes are not taking place in ancient times. Central spiritual questions, though, have a way of staying in amber. By the completion of the film, Cox had converted to the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Before *New Men* screens at VAE Raleigh on Thursday, December 12, we spoke with Cox about how he discovered and got access to Holy Cross Hermitage and the appeal of monasticism today.

INDY: How common is a monastery like this in the United States?

SAM COX: There are about thirty or so. A community like this is pretty rare—there are probably twenty-five or so monks, which is large for a monastery. Most of them are American converts to the Eastern Orthodox church.

INDY: In 2017, the abbot gave permission for five monks to speak publically. Did they speak to multiple people or just you?

SAM COX: I was the only one. Visitors can go there—you could go there and be a pilgrim if you wanted to, but they're not going to open up to you about their lives. I was going there over a year and a half for multiple days at a time. I probably lived there for six weeks, just participating in life without filming. I was there for about three and a half months total.

INDY: How did you get them to open up?

SAM COX: I mean, I think it was an act of God. Because that's, like, high level. Lower level, the abbot said, "I can see that you're serious and authentic about this." I showed the abbot a film I had made about the All Saints Orthodox Church, and he really liked it. I'm hoping this can open up more doors—that people can see this and trust that I'll be respectful.

INDY: Did you ever think about joining?

SAM COX: Yeah. It's a very compelling way of life. I think you'd be hard-pressed to spend that much time there and not be deeply drawn to it.

INDY: I think a lot of Americans have an innate suspicion of religious sects.

SAM COX: I converted about a year into the project. I became Orthodox. Being there helped me overcome my suspicion of religion. I realized it's not an ideology you have to subscribe to; it's a way of life that applies to people regardless of their intellect or mind. We're so mind-centered in the West—everything is either intellectual or emotional. That's the only two modes people have.

INDY: What's a monastic schedule like?

SAM COX: They pray the Jesus prayer, which is "Lord Jesus Christ Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner," constantly throughout the day. There's the morning service that's from five to seven, and then you can go back to your cell from seven to nine and do whatever you want—more prayers or readings or just preparing. From nine to twelve is morning work period; twelve to one-thirty is lunch, then one-thirty to five is afternoon work period. Five-thirty is dinner and six-thirty is compline [an evening prayer service], and then they're done by seven-thirty or eight. After nine is silence.

INDY: What's your hope for the film?

SAM COX: I hope that it reaches an audience outside of the Orthodox community. My target audience is not Orthodox people; it's people like myself who are asking spiritual questions and dissatisfied with contemporary life and feel like something is wrong with it. My hope is that it reaches those people and kind of expands their palette of options.

INDY: You've talked about feeling like the Protestant Christian church is unable to address contemporary tensions. What is different to you about Orthodoxy?

SAM COX: The depth of it, the scope of how they understand a human person, is vast and mystical and matches the complexity of being human. If you're not struggling, you're not Orthodox. I think the spiritual struggle *is* the Eastern Orthodox experience. And that's the only way it can be, because the world has problems. So there's hope in that realism.

Correction: Sam Cox stayed at the monastery for about three and a half months, not six months.

Source: <https://indyweek.com/culture/screen/sam-cox-new-men-film-interview/>

For more information about the documentary, go to: <https://newmendoc.com/>

Prosporon Schedule

March

- 1: Manousos, Joan
- 8: Manutes, Demitra & Thornton, Jerry
- 15: Manutes, Nick & Maria
- 22: Margaritis, George & Sofia
- 29: Marks, Achilles & Afroditi

April:

- 5: Martorelli, Sophia
- 12: Menoutes, George
- 19: Mersinas, George & Laura
- 26: Michaelou, Sevesti

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:

Lucas Paul; Nikolaos Karabinas;
Ted Lowe; Achilles Marks; George Pappadakis; Charlie Paraschos

Sunday Reader Schedule

March

- 1 John Kaloydis
- 8 Cathy Yeotis
- 15 John Costa
- 22 Debbie Chinonis
- 29 Tim Welch

April

- 5 Ruth Karabina
- 12 Nick Holland
- 19 Cathy Yeotis
- 26 John Kaloydis

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!

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~ 2020 Great Fast ~ Pan-Orthodox Divine Services and Potluck Dinners

Great Compline (*Mondays, 6:30pm*) We will be celebrating the Great Compline service together every Monday night at St. George. This beautiful service allows us to experience the Great Fast more deeply. Confessions will be available from 6pm–6:30pm and after the service.

Lenten Hours (*Wednesdays, 10am*) St. Nicholas will celebrate the Lenten Hours every Wednesday.

Presanctified Divine Liturgy (*Wednesdays, 6pm*) We will celebrate the Presanctified Liturgy and the Great Feast of the Annunciation together according to the schedule below. Holy Communion is given at both. To partake of Holy Communion, please be prepared with prayer and fasting (not eating or drinking anything after 12 Noon). Confessions will only be available prior to the Liturgy from 5:30pm–6pm.

Potluck Dinners: A Lenten Dinner follows each Wednesday liturgy. Please bring a covered **Lenten Dish** (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil or their by-products*) to the hall prior to the beginning of liturgy. If you have questions, call the church office where the combined service will be celebrated.

- March 11th **Presanctified Liturgy Combined at St. Nicholas, 6pm**
- March 21st **Lenten Retreat led by Fr. Bogdan G. Bucur** (*see separate flier*)
- March 25th **Annunciation Divine Liturgy at Assumption, 9:30am** OR
Annunciation Evening Liturgy Combined at St. George, 6pm
- April 8th **Presanctified Liturgy Combined at St. Mary Magdalene, 6pm**
- April 11th **Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Divine Liturgy, and Lenten Breakfast Combined at Assumption 9:30am**

Assumption is located 1 ½ miles west of Holly Road on Baldwin Road.
St. George is located between Linden and Dye Roads on Lennon Road.
St. Mary Magdalene is located ¼ mile east of Torrey Road on South Long Lake.
St. Nicholas is located ½ mile south of Lippincott on Center Road.

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Come, Join Us for this Lenten Retreat by Fr. Bogdan Bucur!



Our Covenant with God: Lessons from the Patriarchs, Prophets, Scribes, and Pharisees

Fr. Bogdan will discuss some Biblical texts including the persons of Abraham, Jacob, Esau, Moses, and the woman caught in adultery.

**Saturday,
March 21, 2020**

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church • 2143 S Center Rd • Burton, MI

**Please RSVP by March 15 to (810) 744-0070 or
stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com**

9:30 am – 10 am	Registration and Refreshments
10 am – 11:30 am	Presentation #1 with question & answer
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch (free will offering)
12:30 pm – 2 pm	Presentation #2 with question and answer
2 pm – 2:30 pm	Break/Snacks
2:30 pm – 4 pm	Presentation #3 with question and answer
4:30 pm	Vespers and Confessions

Guest Speaker: Fr. Bogdan Bucur

Fr. Bogdan Bucur is a priest of the Antiochian Archdiocese who received his M.Th in Orthodox Theology at the University of Bucharest in his native Romania and then came to the United States to study under then-Archimandrite Alexander (Golitzin) at Marquette University where he received his M.A. in Theology and Ph.D. in Religious Studies. He serves as the priest of St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church, Butler, PA and is Associate Professor of Theology at Duquesne University. He is a scholar of early Christianity, with a special interest in the link between reception history of the Bible and doctrinal developments in early Christianity and the Byzantine tradition

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St. Mary Magdalene 2020 Lenten Monastery Pilgrimage

Trip Itinerary

Sunday, March 29th: Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene in Fenton Michigan. Depart for Holy Trinity Jordanville Monastery, arriving on Sunday Evening. **We will be traveling through Canada, so **Passports are required!***

Monday, March 30th: Morning Services at the Monastery and Breakfast. Tour of the Cathedral, Baptistry, Candle Factor, Incense workshop, and bookstore. Lunch and free time to explore, before departing for St. Tikhon's Monastery in the evening

Tuesday, March 31st: Early Morning Services at the monastery, followed by breakfast and a tour of the Monastery Church, Museum, and Grounds. Lunch, followed by free time in the afternoon. Depending on availability, a visit to see the weeping icon of "The Tender Heart" in Taylor, PA, followed by dinner at Cooper's restaurant in Scranton.

Wednesday, April 1st: Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy at the Monastery Church and a bookstore visitation. Departing early afternoon for Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Ellwood City, PA.

Thursday, April 2nd: Morning Services and breakfast with the Mothers and Sisters, followed by a tour of the Monastery Grounds and Bookstore. Lunch will be provided, before departing home for St. Mary Magdalene

Cost is \$340 per person

(Cost does NOT include fuel, restaurants, and donations to the monasteries)

Email Fr. Gabriel at frgabrielmm@gmail.com for more information!



8th Annual Dormition Monastery Dinner

On behalf of the Greater Flint Pan-Orthodox Dormition Monastery Committee, we thank EVERYONE for their time, talents, and treasure that went into making this another successful year for the sisterhood of the Dormition Monastery! We were able to raise **\$8,046.65** for the monastery. It is always great to get together with our brothers and sisters to share a meal and expand our understanding of our Orthodox faith. Please enjoy a few pictures from the wonderful evening. We look forward to making our 2021 dinner even better.

Lori Photiou
Assumption GOC Committee Member





8th Annual Dormition Monastery Dinner



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



Parishioner – John Panos – Owner/Manager

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Hours – Monday thru Sunday 7am to 9pm

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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 on Saturday, March 7th at 8:45 AM. **The last few year's 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 \$406.50. 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
3/6/2020	Smith	Stavridis
3/13/2020	Batsios	Carpenter
3/20/2020	Federick	Grousopoulos
3/27/2020	Haralambous	Holland
4/3/2020	Karakitsos	Kovanis-Wilson
4/10/2020	Kraemer	Leighton
4/17/2020	Mavrikos	O'Bee
4/24/2020	Panos	Paraschos
5/1/2020	Photiou	Smith
5/8/2020	Stavridis	Batsios
5/15/2020	Carpenter	Federick
5/22/2020	Grousopoulos	Haralambous
5/29/2020	Holland	Karakitsos

Upcoming Events:

Monday, March 2nd – Clean Monday – Great Lent begins

Saturday, March 7th @ 8:45 AM – Kids prepare Koliva and attend the 3rd Saturday of Souls Liturgy

Sunday, March 8th – Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon procession and Parish Oratorical Festival

Sincerely,

Religious Education Committee

Lori Photiou and Ageliki Carpenter



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 of the month** it will not be included in the newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE for General Assembly meeting on Sunday, May 3, 2020 after the Divine Liturgy.

Thank you,
Parish Council

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
2. Use the 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.

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 <u>Reusable Oil Candle</u>	\$225.00	_____
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 (2 total)	\$225.00 ea	_____
Bay Leaves	\$225.00	_____
Lilies (6 total)	\$35.00 ea	_____
Gardenias (12 total)	\$170.00	_____
Votive Candles (25 total) for Kouvouklion	\$ 5.00 ea.	_____

Daughters of Penelope

Iris Chapter 242

Hellenism, Philanthropy, and Sisterhood

On **Saturday, February 1, 2020**, the Daughters sponsored a workday at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. We were pleased that seventeen individuals including Father Jarrod came and worked very hard. Some had to cancel because of illness, but we thank you for volunteering. We packaged a tremendous amount of bread, biscuits, and pastries during the three hours we were there. Great Job participants! Thank you. Those of us who had the time went for Lunch at the White Horse. It was fun. A special thank you to Steve Poulos for his generosity.

On **Sunday, February 9th** we held our regular meeting and another **initiation**. We are pleased to welcome **Helen Dalbo** and **Alexis (Chiavaras) Kus** into our Iris Chapter Sisterhood. We look forward to working with both of you.

On **Saturday, February 22**, we held our annual Apokriatiko Glendi. On **Sunday, March 29, 2020** we will be holding our next regular **meeting** PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.

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 can be filled out directly on the computer and submitted electronically. The local application will be available in the church office.

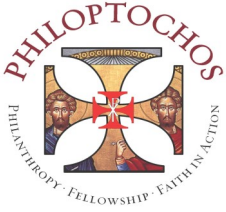
It was with a sad heart that we said goodbye to one of our longest continuous members, Anna (Chuleas) Williams who joined Iris Chapter in 1952. We performed the DOP Funeral Ceremony before the Trisagion service on February 9, 2020.

Cathy Yeotis,

President

February 1, 2020 Food Bank of Eastern Michigan





Philoptochos Society — Friends of the Poor!

Dear Philoptochos Sisters,

January got off to a very busy start. We celebrated the Feast of the Holy Theophany (Epiphany) of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ - the baptism of Jesus Christ by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. On the Eve of Theophany, our parish celebrated the Small Blessing of the Waters and at the Theophany Divine Liturgy, our parish celebrated the Great Blessing of the Waters and our parishioners received a bottle of Holy Water. We also celebrated the time honored tradition of the "cutting of the Vasilopita". On Thursday, January 23, we celebrated a Pan-Orthodox Vesper Service and Fundraiser Dinner for the Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery, from Rives Junction. Guest speakers included our very own Father Jarrod and Mother Gabriella.

In February a second tray was passed to collect funds for St. Basil Academy. Following the Divine Liturgy, the Church hosted a brunch and a great meal and fellowship was enjoyed by all attendees. All monies collected from the second tray and the brunch was for the benefit of St. Basil Academy.

If you are not already a Philoptochos Sister, please join us. If you are a Philoptochos Sister, we encourage you to renew your 2020 membership. Contact Diana Lillar or Helen Dalbo at (810)771-4611 for new membership details; please see Agape Kallis to renew your 2020 annual membership (\$30.00) or use the form found on page 43. We look forward to your smiling face, we welcome your ideas and participation in any and all our events.

On Monday, March 2nd LENT will begin and we will prepare ourselves for the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday, (April 19) by praying, fasting and abstaining.

Starting on Sunday, March 8, we will be asking for your financial help and support in collecting funds for the Epitaphio. Please see Agape Kallis or complete the form on page 20, write Epitaphio on memo line.

Up Coming Events

- Tuesday, March 10 – Executive Board Meeting 1:00 Assumption G.O.C.
- Saturday, March 28 - Annual Women's Retreat during Great Lent at the Dormition Monastery, Rives Junction

Speaker: Fr. John Konkle, *Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit* and Speaker: Monastic, TBA

Dearest ladies,

On behalf of Helen Dalbo and Joanne Dau, we would like to extend an invitation to join us at The Dormition Monastery for the Annual Women's retreat. This retreat is a one day event, for orthodox women in and around our state. Please join us and share this invitation with the ladies of our church, family and friends.

Thank you and we hope to see you there! *This retreat is FREE! (though donations will be accepted for The Dormition Monastery).* Please contact Helen at (810)844-2340 or Joanne at (248)444-5064 for details.

With Love in Christ,
Helen Dalbo

Ladies Philoptochos Society



Collecting for epitaphio flowers. Please send your check by Sunday, April 12th made out to Philoptochos and return to the church with the form below.

Epitaphio Flowers Offering
“Philoptochos Society”

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

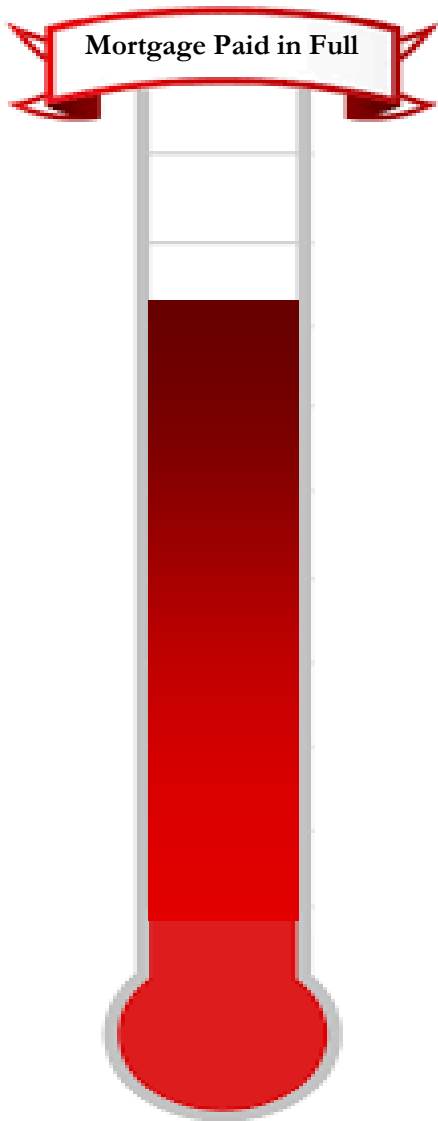
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

Offering: \$ _____

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 2-10-2020
our balance is:
\$135,640.95

Thank You!

MORTGAGE DRIVE

(FROM 3-1-2019 TO 2-1-2020)

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

MORTGAGE DRIVE

(FROM 3-1-2019 TO 2-1-2020)

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

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




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**89th Annual AHEPA Family
District #10 Convention
Commemorative Album Announcement
Grand Blanc, Michigan
May 30, 2020**

Dear AHEPA Family members, supporters, and friends:

This year's District Convention is being hosted by the AHEPA Flint Chapter #141 and the Daughters of Penelope Iris Chapter #242. Meetings will be held at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, and the Banquet and District Scholarship presentation will be held at the nearby Genesys Banquet Center.

As in the past, we will be creating a Commemorative Album for distribution to the Convention delegates, participants and guests. This is the perfect opportunity for an individual or business to show their support of the AHEPA family by purchasing an advertisement, announcement, or honorarium. Ads are not only purchased by businesses, but often include those wishing to welcome Convention delegates, honor loved ones, living or deceased, or congratulate a Scholarship recipient.

The attached Album Reservation Form provides a number of different options for showing your support. Rates range from \$35 to \$250, depending on the size and placement of the ad within the Album. Please complete the form, provide required information, and send payment as soon as possible.

We thank you so much for your support of the AHEPA family.

If you have any questions or need additional forms, please contact one of the persons below:

John Costa
(810) 730-7989
jnlcosta@sbcglobal.net

John Hountalas
(810) 701-5164
jhountalas@yahoo.com

Cathy Yeotis
(810) 344-7218
cathy.yeotis@wichita.edu



**Automotive District #10
89th Annual District Convention
May 30, 2020
Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
2245 E. Baldwin Road
Grand Blanc, MI 48439**



Commemorative Advertisement Album Reservation Form

The Album will provide a means for friends, relatives, and business acquaintances to advertise to all convention participants, and share in supporting local and national AHEPA family charities.

<u>Size of Ad</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Full page	\$125	<input type="checkbox"/>
Half Page	\$75	<input type="checkbox"/>
1/4 Page	\$50	<input type="checkbox"/>
1/8 Page	\$35	<input type="checkbox"/>

Special Full Pages

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Front Inside Cover \$225 SOLD

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Back Outside Cover \$250 SOLD

To complete this form:

1. Determine Size of the Advertisement that you want
2. Prepare your advertisement so that it is camera ready.
An electronic copy is preferred in PDF format.
3. Complete your information below and
4. Mail the following to the address below:
 - This reservation form
 - A copy of your ad (do not fold) or electronic copy
 - Payment to **Daughters of Penelope Chapter #242**

Mail to:

Cathy Yeotis
6163 Winegrass Ct
Grand Blanc, MI 48439
cathy.yeotis@wichita.edu

Purchaser Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Telephone No: _____ Cell No: _____ Email: _____

Signature of Purchaser: _____

For Credit Card payments- a 4% convenience fee will be charged-
please contact or leave a message for Joanne Schultze at (810) 241-6725.

For Convention Information contact
Cathy Yeotis at (810) 344-7218 cathy.yeotis@wichita.edu or
John Costa at jnlcosta@sbcglobal.com

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
Debra and Dennis Chinonis	Spiridoula Panos
Katie 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
Bill & Joann Dau	Allen and Olga Steinhoff
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 - Lazaros & Vasiliki Batsios
Pamela Heos & Jeff Brancheau	Memorial - Androulla Kyprianou
Nicholas & Jennifer Holland	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
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<u>MONTHLY INCOME - JANUARY 2020</u>		<u>MONTHLY EXPENSES - JANUARY 2020</u>	
<u>INCOME CATEGORY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>Expense Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Stewardship	\$ 32,600.00	Accounting Fees	\$ 450.00
Candles and First Tray	\$ 1,248.00	Alarm	\$ 80.85
Fish Fry Income (gross)	\$ 8,845.69	Allocation	\$ 2,405.33
Bookstore	\$ 3.00	Aprons & Towels	\$ 119.70
Miscellaneous	\$ 892.89	Contributions	\$ 100.00
		Copy Machine Rental	\$ 526.08
		Fish Fry	\$ 4,055.59
		Fish Fry Sales Tax	\$ 559.44
		Health Insurance	\$ 1,505.00
		Heating & Cooling	\$ 206.00
		Icon Flowers	\$ 121.95
		Lawn & Snow	\$ 693.00
		Licenses (Poker, Super Draw, Cash Raffle)	\$ 200.00
		Miscellaneous Purchases (Catholic Charities, Janitorial, Coffee Hour, Events, General, Altar, Office Supplies)	\$ 1,054.95
		Mortgage Payment	\$ 4,165.69
		Pension Plan	\$ 650.00
		Pest Services	\$ 50.00
		Salaries	\$ 7,483.56
		Trash Pickup	\$ 170.27
		Utilities: Cable	\$ 311.35
		Utilities: Electric	\$ 1,293.11
		Utilities: Gas	\$ 685.53
		Utilities: Water	\$ 288.32
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME - JANUARY	\$ 43,589.58	TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES - JANUARY 2020	\$ 27,175.72
OTHER INCOME DURING JANUARY NOT USED FOR MONTHLY EXPENSES			
Fundraiser - Elvis & Friends Ticket Sales	\$ 75.00	OTHER EXPENSES NOT INCLUDED IN MONTHLY EXPENSES	
Donations for Mortgage Reduction (Donations, 2nd tray, food sales, memorial donations)	\$ 5,130.00	Additional Mortgage Principal payments	\$ 5,130.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$ 5,205.00	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 5,130.00

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Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,

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Jan 31, 2020**

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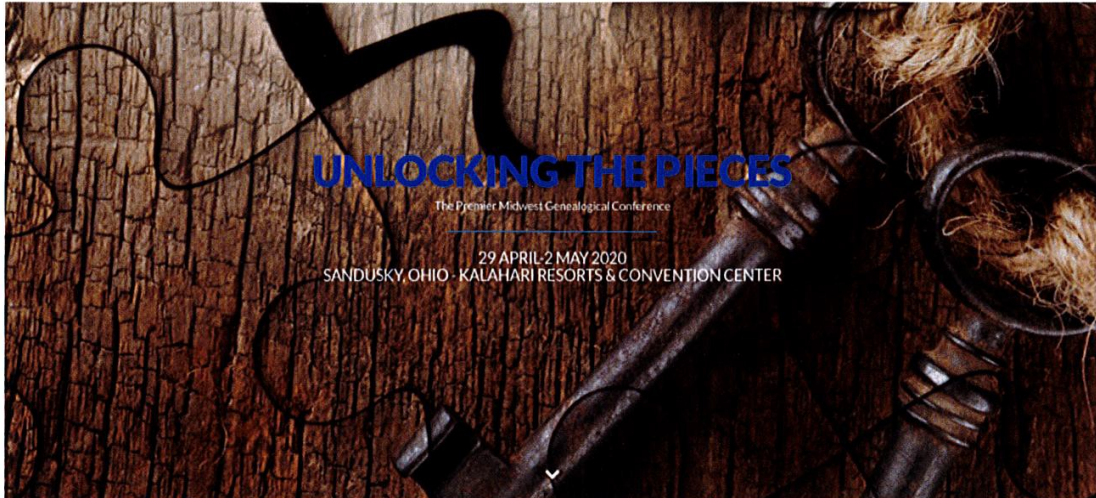
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<https://www.ogsconference.org>

**“Finding Three Key Pieces of Data Crucial to
Researching Hellenic Ancestry”**

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Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Free genealogical help by presenter on a first-come, first-served basis, Thursday evening through Saturday noon. Bring your family tree and unlock the pieces of your ancestral puzzle.



Need of the Month
Genesee County

March:
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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 John Hountalas (810) 701-5164 or
Lori Photiou (810) 444-1967 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 January 2020 were \$8,845.69.



**Here is your chance to support our
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**Advertise in our continuous video
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\$100 for a 1 year ad!

Contact John Hountalas for details

810-701-5164

Parish

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 February 10, 2020 is \$7,018.64.

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 - DECEMBER 31) Assumption Parish

Assumption Religious Education

Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell

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Hountalas, Dimitri & Brittany

Hountalas, Ioannis & Tasia

Hountalas, Yanni

Kalatzis, Athena

Kallis, Agape

Kallis, Susan

Kaloydis, John & Karen

Lauster, Jeff & Nancy

Mandelaris, John & Pauline

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Potsos, Emmanouil

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STEWARDSHIP 2019

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Allard, Clyde & Georgie	Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki	O'Bee, Matthew & Marialena
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Anagnostopoulos, Nick & Anna	Iordanou, Ilias & Joann	Pagonis, Taso & Mitra
Asa, Barbara	Johnson, Denise	Pagonis, Voula
Bachakes, Katheryn	Joseph, Patti	Panos, John & Irene
Bachakes, +Theodore & Vicki	Joynt, Elaine & Duffy, David	Panos, Spiridoula
Bakris, Dr. Chris	Kalatzis, Athena	Pappadakis, Nikki
Bakris, Dr. Nicholas	Kallis, Agape	Pappas, Dean & Elaine
Batsios, Eftyhia	Kallis, Penny	Paraschos, Sam & Sandra
Batsios, Evangelos	Kallis, Nick	Pavlis, John & Pat
Birtsas, Sandra	Kallis, Susan	Peters, Jeff & Maria
Bistolaridis, Antonios & Maria	Kaloydis, John	Petropoulos, Diana
Bograkos, Tim & Sandra	Kapellas, Katina	Photiou, Carol
Bograkos, Vera	Karabinas, Niko & Stephanie	Photiou, Lucas & Lori
Brown, Jr., Andy	Karabinas, Pavlos & Ruth	Photiou, Maroulla
Carmean, Mike & Denise	Karay Sr., Nicholas X.	Politis, +Dr. George & Rita
Carpenter, Rob & Ageliki	Kitsonas, William	Potsos, Dimitrios & Stergoula
Chiavaras, Lucille	Kokkinakos, Peter & Tula	Poulos, Eleanor
Chinonis, Dennis & Dr. Debra	Komodromos, Tessie	Poulos, Steve & Martha
Chinonis, Katie	Kondyles, Chryssoula	Richards, Ken & Kathy
Chinonis, Linda	Kontorousis, Dimitre & Jacqueline	Rivette, Matthew & Lori
Chinonis, Richard	Kosmanopoulos, Christos & Kelly	Rogind, Sally
Chinonis, Sandi	Kossaras, Dean & Joyce	Russell, Rev. Fr. Jarrod
Chuleas-Williams, Anna	Kottalis, Lemonia	Schultze, JoAnne
Clark, Natalie	Kottalis, Mary	Sirakis, Paraskevas & Athena
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Davlantes, Alex & Alexis	Leighton, Matt & Argyro	Stickley, Bill & Lesley
Delbridge, Ray & Carol	Lillar, Diana	Stone, Paula & Family
Demps, Crystal	Livaditis, Argie & Angela	Trifon, Nick
Douros, Evangelos	Liveratos-Dobbins, Dr. Maria & Dobbins, David	Vakalopoulos, Petros & Iordana
Drolet, Mark & Penelopi	Lowe, Ted & Ann	Vergos, Frank
Fahoome, Calliope	Mandelaris, John & Pauline	Vergos, Nitsa
Falaras, Mary	Manos, Dr. M. Michele	Vergos, Dr. Peter & Susie
Ferich, Andrew & Voula	Manousos, Joan	Vitaros, Nick & Effie
Foraker, Walt & Diane	Manutes, Demi	Walker, Bruce & Kathy
Garceau, Greg & Sia	Manutes, Nicholas & Maria	Welch, Timothy & Yianna
Gintsis, Nick & Dorothy	Margaritis, George & Sofia	Wright, Jeff & Kay
Gravanis, Effie	Marks, Achilles & Afroditi	Yeotis, Art & Susan
Grousopoulos, Lambros & Lena	Martorelli, Michael	Yeotis, Catherine
Hagler, Gary & Marian	Martorelli, Sophia	Yeotis, Hon. Thomas & Meg
Haralambous, Frank & Vania	Menoutes, George	Yiannatji, Frank
Heos, Pamela & Brancheau, Jeffrey	Mersinas, George & Laura	Yiannatji, Helen
Holland, Nick & Jennifer	Michaelou, Sevesti	Yiannatji, Irene
Holland, Rick & Tina	Neofotistos, John & Julie	Zaravelis, Fani
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Mortgage Reduction Food Sales:

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

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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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**We rely on your Stewardship to help fund
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**Our hope and goal is for every woman in
our Assumption Parish to join!**

**Please give or send your dues to Agape
Kallis. Thank you!**



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.

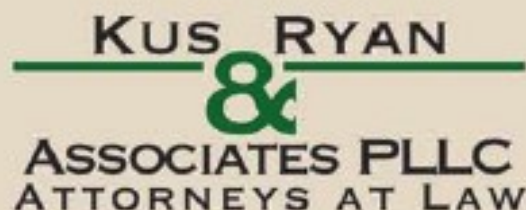
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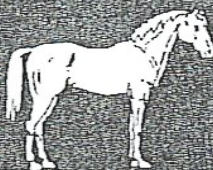
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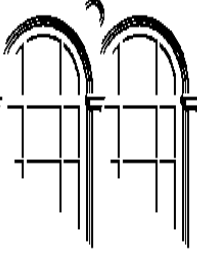
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