

THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

April
2020



Note: In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, all regularly scheduled meetings and events at the Church are cancelled until further notice. Additionally, the events listed below may be cancelled as well. Please check your email for the Assumption Online Announcements for updates regarding Church meetings and events.

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

MAY 2020

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- 16: Metropolis Oratorical Festival
- 21: Divine Liturgy 9:30 - 10:30 am
- Sts. Constantine & Helen
- 25: Memorial Day
- 27: Vesperal Divine Liturgy 6 - 7:30 pm
- Ascension of the Lord
- 28: Ascension
- 30: AHEPA/DOP Convention 8 am - 12 pm

Prosphoron Schedule

April:

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

May:

- 3: Neofotistos, John & Julie
- 10: Nikolakeas, John & Polin
- 17: Nitsos, Emma
- 24: Nitsos, George & Candy
- 31: O'Bee, Matthew & Marialena

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

April

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

May

- 3 Nick Holland
- 10 Ruth Karabina
- 17 Tim Welch
- 24 Cathy Yeotis
- 31 John Costa

If you are unable to make your assigned reading date, please contact the church office,



FROM REV. FR. JARROD RUSSELL

Note: The message below was written prior to the recent developments regarding COVID-19. As we continue our Lenten journey under these difficult circumstances, the Prayer of St. Ephraim will be even more helpful to our spiritual health so it is being published as written.

Beloved Parishioners and Friends of Assumption Church,

We are in the midst of Great Lent. Great and Holy Pascha is just around the corner. There is still time to increase our fasting, prayer, and almsgiving as we prepare for the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we continue our Lenten journey, one of the best tools for our spiritual growth is the Prayer of St. Ephraim. The prayer reads as follows:

O Lord and Master of my life, do not permit the spirit of laziness and meddling, the lust for power and idle talk to come into me. (Prostration or Sign of the Cross)

Instead, grant me, your servant, the spirit of prudence, humility, patience and love. (Prostration or Sign of the Cross)

Yes, Lord and King, give me the power to see my own faults and not to judge my brother. (Prostration or Sign of the Cross)

For you are blessed unto the ages of ages. Amen.

We say this prayer during the weekdays of Great Lent and Holy Week. This prayer is included in many of the weekday Lenten services as well.

Reflecting on this prayer reveals how much spiritual work we all need in order to grow closer to God. Archimandrite Kyrill (Pavolov), a respected monastic Elder who reposed in 2017, offered these thoughts in a homily about the prayer: “This prayer con-

sists of only ten requests, but with its penitential spirit and ability to lead a person to heartfelt contrition it surpasses many other prayers, and that is why it is read during Great Lent, when the Church calls all to a renewal of soul, to the ascetic labor of self-proving, to increased prayer and repentance, to the cleansing away of our sins.” We can answer the Church’s call by making this prayer part of our daily Lenten prayer life, being sure to pray this prayer at least once a day. As we recite this prayer, we should be careful to focus on each of the ten requests saying the prayer slowly and reverently. Further, we should pause after each phrase and make a prostration or the sign of the Cross, if we are not physically able to make a prostration. This physical act of pray helps to focus our attention fully on the text of the prayer.

I wish you all a very blessed conclusion of this Great Lent and a blessed Holy Week.

With love in Christ,
Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell

1st Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy



Notice Regarding the Divine Services: At the time of publication, we are uncertain regarding the Holy Week services. We publish the original Holy Week schedule prayerfully hoping that we will be able to celebrate these services. Please check your email or contact the Church before Holy Week to determine which services will be celebrated and if there are limits on who may attend the celebrations.

**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 WEEK AND GREAT & HOLY PASCHA 2020
ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX 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 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: Vesperal 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!

Sermon for the Beginning of Holy Week and the Raising of Lazarus

By Fr. Maximos (Constas)

Interim Dean of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

By the grace of God, we have completed the Fast, and have now set our foot on the bridge leading from Great Lent to Holy Week.

Holy Week is called “Holy and Great Week,” or simply “Great Week” (Μεγάλη Ἑβδομάς), and is “great,” in the words of St. John Chrysostom, because “great and ineffable mysteries take place during this week.”

This is a time when the whole Church gathers together, when the whole Church celebrates the passion and resurrection of the Lord – and the overture, as it were, the prologue to the week, consists of two feasts: the Raising of Lazarus and Palm Sunday.

These two feasts, like all the feasts of the Church, do not have the primary purpose of recalling a historical event from the past, instead they have a deeper spiritual aspect.

These are also days of great grace – but to what extent we experience this grace is up to us – it depends on the degree of our preparation, on how much we prayed, how much we fasted, how much we struggled, how much we loved, so that we might hear what God is saying within us

The raising of Lazarus points to the Church’s faith in the general resurrection of all people – *την κοινήν ανάστασιν προ του σου πάθους πιστούμενος* – and if there is no resurrection of the dead, as St. Paul says, if Christ has not been raised, then our faith is in vain (1 Cor 15:14).

It is hope in the resurrection that enables us to live, that enables us to endure the trials that life brings us – otherwise our life is tragic and futile, because all our works, efforts, and accomplishments will be destroyed by death, swept away by time, as if we had never existed at all.

We have lost the sense of a life lived in the hope and expectation and experience of the resurrection – we’ve limited ourselves to worldly things; we don’t live in the light and perspective of the resurrection.

Most of us are just as troubled, stressed, confused and as lost as everyone else in society, and so people look at us and say, “Christians are no different than we are, why should we become Christian, or believe in Christ?”

To the contrary, St Silouan once said: “Christ, don’t give me more joy, or else my heart will break!” But what do we say? “Christ, don’t give me any more stress, problems, or difficulties, or else my heart will break!” Do you see the difference?

We’ve been going to church for so many years – but do we have this joy within us? If not, we need to seek out the reasons, the causes, and we will discover, as St Maximos the Confessor says, that the cause is that our bond with Christ, our connection with him, is weak.

But even when we are dead, in the very midst of our darkness and death, Christ comes to us, just as He came to the grave of Lazarus. When you hear that He raised Lazarus, and when you hear that He descended into hell to free the souls that were there, don’t think that this is something that happened only a long time ago.

The heart is a tomb, and deep within it are buried our thoughts, and our mind – our intellect, the core of who we are – is buried and imprisoned in heavy darkness. And so Christ comes to those souls who call upon him, who cry out to him, and He descends into the depths of their heart – He removes the heavy stone, the weight that oppresses the soul; He opens the tomb and resurrects us, for we were truly dead, and He leads us out of the darkness and into His own light.

Let us not be like that disciple who did not believe in the resurrection, which means he did not believe in the possibility of his own resurrection, of the resurrection of virtue and knowledge and new life within himself. His name means “double,” for he was double-minded, which means he doubted, and what he doubted was the resurrection of Christ within his heart.

Let us live in the joy and the blessing of the presence of God – the joy of the resurrection, the joy of Pascha – none of us should miss this! – We can’t let Bright Monday be just another day, when we go back to talking about ... the weather, because all the other joys in life fade in comparison to the joy of the resurrection; all the other joys will fade, grow old, break into pieces, slip through our fingers, and leave us alone and empty – but not this one – just as Christ said: “Now you have sorrow, but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you” (John 16:22).

This is the joy of Paschal!

Source: <http://myocn.net/sermon-for-the-beginning-of-holy-week-and-the-raising-of-lazarus/>



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March 17, 2020

Beloved Faithful,

Based on the recent statement from the Archdiocese and the new recommendations from the President of the United States and the CDC regarding the necessity to limit gatherings to very small numbers:

1. All services in the parish should be done with only the priest and selected staff to help with the service. Doors will be locked and no one will be allowed in.
2. Parishioners should watch services on the internet from home.
3. No one will be allowed into the church complex unless given permission by the parish priest. That includes all church organizations and outside organizations. Furthermore, all aspects of the complex are included in this prohibition (the church proper, social halls, Church School areas, cultural centers, etc.). In cases where there is no parish priest, the president of the parish council should contact Fr. Teodor Petrutiu (248)330-3177 or Fr. Nick Kotsis (734)604-3214 for instruction.
4. Please note that the parish priest will still perform necessary pastoral functions. However, he may be limited in visiting nursing homes, senior facilities, and even hospitals.

In order to help reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we have entered into a time in which we all must take extraordinary measures to do our part. We will notify you promptly as we adjust to this developing situation.

Please remain vigilant in your prayers for the health and salvation of all. Please remain vigilant in your prayers for those who are already sick. Please remain vigilant in your prayers for the doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals as they do their best to treat the sick and seek remedies for this virus.

While we know that everyone is affected by this situation, please keep your parishes in mind and continue to support them in every way you are able.

We will let you know as soon as any change in the situation allows for a change to these directives.

With Paternal Prayers and Love,

**+NICHOLAS
METROPOLITAN OF DETROIT**



STATEMENT FROM THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE REGARDING COVID-19

The Holy and Great Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, convened under the presidency of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, and among other issues, thoroughly deliberated upon the events of the COVID-19 (Corona) virus and with a feeling of pastoral responsibility, points out the following:

- 1) Despite the seriousness of the situation, prudence, patience, and the avoidance of panic are advised.
- 2) The Church has and continues to respect medical science. Thus, the Church recommends that all the faithful adhere to the official directives of both the World Health Organization and the pertinent pronouncements and legal regulations issued by the civil authorities of their respective countries.
- 3) The Ecumenical Patriarchate expresses its gratitude to all those working self-sacrificially within all health, medical, nursing, and research fields in order that this new pandemic be confronted and treated.
- 4) The Mother Church of Constantinople knows empirically from its two-thousand-year existence that Holy Communion is “the antidote to mortality” and remains firm in its Orthodox teaching regarding the Holy Eucharist.
- 5) It is considered self-evident that faith in God, as transcendence and not as the abolition of human reason, along with prayer strengthen the spiritual battle of every Christian. Therefore, the Mother Church of Constantinople urges its spiritual children throughout the world to intensify their petitions so that, strengthened and illumined by God, this contemporary tribulation may be overcome.

11 March 2020

From the Chief Secretariat of the Holy and Sacred Synod



FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

AGENDA – SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Sunday, May 3, 2020

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| 1. Call to Order | J. Hountalas |
| 2. Opening Prayer | Fr. Jarrod |
| 3. Election of General Assembly Chairman and Secretary | |
| 4. Priest Comments | Fr. Jarrod |
| 5. Acceptance of previous General Assembly Minutes | Meeting Chairperson |
| 6. Treasurer Report | J. Schultze |
| • 2020 Budget | |
| 7. Ministry and Organization Reports | |
| a. Fund Raising Events | J. Hountalas |
| • Fish Fry | |
| • Impersonator Concerts | |
| • Super Draw/Donkey Races | |
| • Golf Outing – August 2020 | |
| • Cash Raffle – September 2020 | |
| • Craft Show – November 2020 | |
| • Other – open for suggestions | |
| b. Stewardship | |
| c. Religious Education | |
| d. Philoptochos | |
| e. VIPs | |
| f. Choir | |
| g. Daughters of Penelope | |
| h. AHEPA | |
| 8. Call for Questions | Meeting Chairperson |
| 9. New Business | Meeting Chairperson |
| a. Appointment of Election Committee Chairperson | Meeting Chairperson |
| b. Church Investment Savings Fund | J. Hountalas |
| 10. Old Business | Meeting Chairperson |
| a. Iconography | J. Hountalas |
| 11. Call for Adjournment | Meeting Chairperson |
| 12. Closing Prayer | Fr. Jarrod |

In the interest of time and to allow ample time for a full and open discussion all ministry updates will be provided as a hard copy at the General Assembly meeting from which questions can then be asked.

Hope, Joy, & GOYA Corner

On Saturday, March 7th we held our annual Koliva lesson with the children and attended the 3rd Saturday of Souls Liturgy. We had 3 children in attendance. Then on Sunday, March 8th we celebrated the Sunday of Orthodoxy with our annual Icon procession with our children. Our children also participated in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. We had 2 junior level contestants, Anna Photiou & Alexander Photiou. We are so proud of all of them for going out of their comfort zone, preparing wonderful speeches, and presenting. Congratulations to Anna Photiou for taking 1st place and moving on to represent our parish at the District level competition on Saturday, April 25th here at our church. Please mark your calendars and come listen to all the youth in the Michigan District present their speeches.

Total sales for the month of February bake sales were \$502. 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
4/3/2020	Karakitsos	Kovanis-Wilson
4/10/2020	Kraemer	Leighton
4/24/2020	Mavrikos	O'Bee
5/1/2020	Panos	Paraschos
5/8/2020	Photiou	Smith
5/15/2020	Stavridis	Batsios
5/22/2020	Carpenter	Federick
5/29/2020	Grousopoulos	Haralambous
6/5/2020	Holland	Karakitsos
6/12/2020	Kovanis-Wilson	Kraemer
6/19/2020	Leighton	Mavrikos
6/26/2020	O'Bee	Panos

We are encouraging our children to attend as many of the Holy Week services as possible. Please see the Holy Week Schedule.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, April 12th Palm Sunday - Children to remain in liturgy and participate by carrying the Palms.

Sunday, April 19th PASCHA! Agape Service – Easter Egg hunt to follow

Sunday, May 3rd Last RE classes of the year

Sunday, May 10th – RE Graduation

Sincerely,

Religious Education Committee

Lori Photiou and Ageliki Carpenter



April 12

\$10

served with Rice, Green Beans
& Greek Salad

Πλακί με ρύζι και μπιζέλια

Adults—\$10

Ages 5-12 - \$6

*..... and join us for the Paschal Resurrection Dinner
after the Resurrection Service.*

Adults—\$10

Ages 5-12 - \$6

Ages 4 and under—**FREE**

Lamb served with
Roasted Potatoes & Green Beans
Chicken Lemon Rice Soup & Roll



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.	_____



Thank you to all who brought food item for Souper Bowl of Caring. The food went to the North End Soup Kitchen. It will help with feeding the hungry.

Love in Christ, Ruth



We will be putting out coin boxes, as we did last year. The coin boxes are for change, that will be used to help people go on mission's to help where there is a need. Please let us help during this Lenten seasons. The boxes will be collected last week in April and money collected will be sent to missions.

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Philoptochos Society — Friends of the Poor !

Dear Philoptochos,

- Tsoureki baking is Wednesday, April 8th, with the bread to be sold on Palm Sunday. The cost per loaf is \$6.50.
- Epitaphio collection will begin on Sunday, March 8th and Agape Kallis will head up the collection.

I would like to personally thank all the parishioners for their prayers before and during my surgery.

Diana Panos-Lillar
President



**Baptism of Elliott Chang
February 15, 2020**



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: \$ _____



Daughters of Penelope

Iris Chapter 242

Hellenism, Philanthropy, and Sisterhood

- The Daughters of Penelope meeting that was schedule on **Sunday, April 5** has been postponed. You will be notified when the next meeting will occur.
- The Spring Salad Luncheon that was to be held on Thursday, May 7 has been cancelled. We will have one in the fall.
- On **Sunday, May 10** we hope to be honoring all the Mothers in our community. We will be honoring both High School and College Graduates on **Sunday, June 7**, so please let us know immediately of any individuals graduating from high school or college from our Assumption community. Thank you.
- On **Saturday, May 30** we continue planning for the 89th Annual AHEPA Family District 10 Convention. We would like to invite you to attend the Awards Banquet and Dance that will be held at the Genesys Banquet Center. The price is \$55 per person and reservations must be made by **May 14**. We will let you know if there is a change.

Wishing you all a Καλή Ανάσταση και Καλό Πάσχα. A Blessed Easter.

Cathy Yeotis,

President





SAVE THE DATE!

The Pan Orthodox Churches of Genesee County

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

"Feasts of the Theotokos"

August 11th, 12, & 13 from 6:00pm—8:00pm
St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church
2439 S Long Lake Rd, Fenton, MI 48430

AGES 4 TO 14 WELCOME

- + Icon Making
- + Lessons
- + Worship
- + Liturgics
- + Activities
- + Snacks
- + Stump the Priest



REGISTRATION FORM TO FOLLOW!

St. Nikephoros, Pray to God for Us!

Many Orthodox Christians are turning to St. Nikephoros the Leper seeking his intercessions as we face the challenges presented by COVID-19. This saint is a modern saint, glorified by the Ecumenical Patriarchate in 2012. Below is a brief summary of his life. St. Nikephoros was a monk, not a priest. In our monastic tradition, many monks are referred to as "Father" regardless of whether they are a priest. Thus, St. Nikephoros is referred to at various points as Father Nikephoros because he was a monk.

Father Nikephoros (Nicholas Tzanakakis in the world) was born in 1890 in a mountainous village in Khania, in Sikari, Kastanohori to the west of the prefecture with a healthy climate, with beautiful forests, rich waters, gorges and caves. This village has a peculiarity that we do not often encounter: it is divided into eleven neighborhoods, which have also been named after the families who first settled there. So Saint Nikephoros was born in the neighborhood of Kostoyianides.

His parents were simple and pious villagers, who died when he was still a young child, leaving him as an orphan. So, at the age of thirteen, he left his home. His grandfather, who had undertaken to raise him, went to Khania to work there in a barber shop in order to learn the job. Then he showed the first signs of Hansen's disease, i.e. leprosy. The lepers were isolated on the island of Spinalonga because leprosy was a contagious disease and it was treated with fear and dismay.

Nicholas was sixteen years old when signs of the disease began to become more conspicuous, so he left on a boat to Egypt in order to avoid being confined to Spinalonga. He remained in Alexandria, working in a barber shop again, but the signs of the disease became more and more apparent, especially on his hands and face. That is why, through the intervention of a cleric, he went to Chios, where there was a church for lepers at that time, and the priest was Father Anthimos Vagianos, later Saint Anthimos (February 15).

Nicholas arrived in Chios in 1914 at the age of twenty-four. In the leper hospital of Chios, which was a complex with many homesteads, there was a chapel of Saint Lazarus, where the wonderworking icon of Panagia Ypakoe (Feb. 2) was kept. In this space, the course of virtues was opened for Nicholas. Within two years Saint Anthimos considered him ready for the angelic Schema and tonsured him with the name Nikephoros. The disease progressed and evolved in the absence of suitable drugs, causing many large lesions (a drug was found in 1947).

Father Nikephoros lived with unquestioning, genuine obedience to his Spiritual Father, and with austere fasting, working in the gardens. He also recorded the miracles of Saint Anthimos, which he had witnessed with his own eyes (many of these were related to the deliverance of those possessed by demons).

There was a special spiritual relationship between Saint Anthimos and the monk Nikephoros, who always remained close to him, as Father Theoklitos Dionysiatis writes in his book Saint Anthimos of Chios. Father Nikephoros prayed at night for hours on end making countless metanias, he did not quarrel with anyone, nor injure anyone's heart, and he was

the master chanter of the temple. Because of his illness, however, he slowly lost his sight, and so he chanted the troparia and the Epistles from memory.

The Chios leprosarium was closed in 1957 and the remaining patients, together with Father Nikephoros, were sent to Saint Barbara's home for lepers in Athens, in Aigaleo. At that time, Father Nikephoros was about 67 years old. His members and his eyes were completely altered and distorted by the disease.

There, Father Eumenios also lived there at the home for lepers. He also suffered from Hansen's disease, but with the medication he received, he was completely cured. However, he decided to remain in the home for lepers for the rest of his life near his fellow sufferers, caring for them with much love. Thus he submitted to Father Nikephoros, to whom the Lord had given many gifts as a reward for his patience. A crowd of people gathered in the humble cell of the leper Nikephoros, in Saint Barbara in Aigaleo to obtain his prayers. Here are some testimonies of those who met him:

“While he was prostrate with wounds and pains, he did not complain, but he showed great patience.”

“He had the charisma of consoling those who were sad. His eyes were permanently irritated, and he had limited sight. He also had stiffness in his hands and paralysis in his lower limbs. Nonetheless, he endured all of this in the sweetest, meek, smiling, delightful way, and he was also pleasant and lovable.”

“His face, which was eaten away by the marks of his illness, and his wounds, shone. It was a joy for those who saw this destitute and seemingly feeble man saying, May His holy name be glorified.”

Father Nikephoros reposed on January 4, 1964 at the age of 74. After three years, his holy relics were exhumed and found to be fragrant. Father Eumenios and other believers reported many cases where miracles occurred by calling on Saint Nikephoros to intercede with God.

The life of Saint Nikephoros was a brilliant example and model for everyone. He was pleasing to God because he had endured so much. For this reason, we have many testimonies that our saint received from the Holy Spirit the gift of discernment as and a host of other charisms. We should note that most of the miracles are recorded, and today the saint gives generous help to anyone in need. Surely there will be many more miracles which not have not yet been made manifest.

Source: <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/01/04/205506-saint-nikephoros-the-leper>

Catholic Charities
Center For Hope
Soup Kitchen
Adopt A Day

Anyone interested in sponsoring one of our Catholic Charities Center For Hope lunch days can do so by donating \$300 to Assumption to cover the food costs. Please see John Hountalas or Lori Photiou to schedule.



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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"/>

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Full Color	\$200	<input type="checkbox"/>
Front Inside Cover	\$225	SOLD
Back Inside Cover	\$225	SOLD
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.

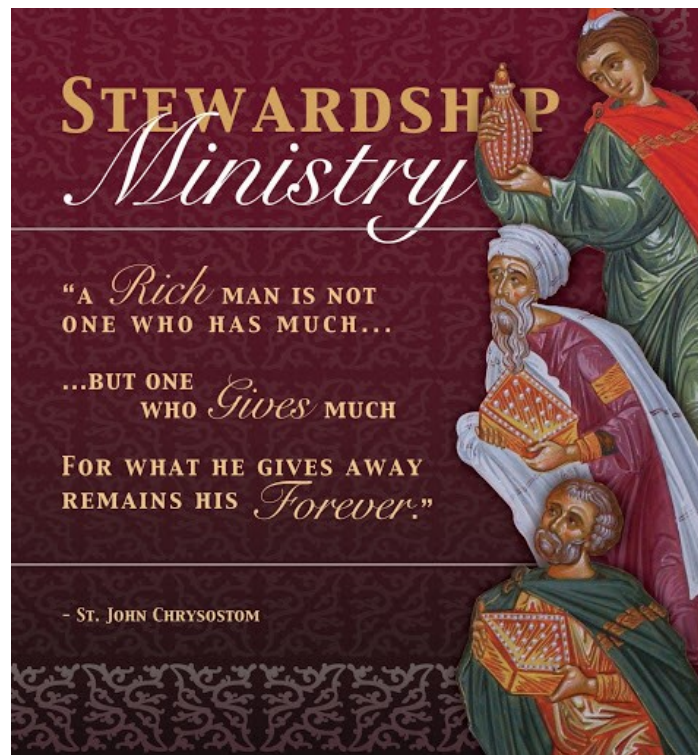
For Convention Information contact
Cathy Yeotis at (810) 344-7218 cathy.yeotis@wichita.edu or
John Costa at jnlcosta@sbcglobal.com

MONTHLY CHURCH EXPENSES	
Accounting Fees	100.00
Alarm	90.85
Allocation	2,405.33
Copy Machine/Printer Rental	377.84
FICA Taxes	739.81
General Insurance	600.00
Lawn/Snow	693.00
Health Insurance	1,505.00
Archdiocese Pension Plan	700.00
Maintenance Plan - Heating & Cooling	206.00
Mortgage Loan	4,165.69
Pest Control	50.00
Salaries	7,708.99
Towels/Aprons	79.80
Trash	169.97
Utilities - Cable	311.32
Utilities - Electric	1,048.38
Utilities - Gas	622.63
Utilities - Water	288.32
TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES	21,862.93

THESE ARE THE OPERATING FEES WE INCUR EVERY MONTH. THESE AMOUNTS DO NOT INCLUDE ANY REPAIRS OR MAINTENANCE.

Common Question: Why are Parish members asked to pay for candles, coffee hour, fellowship hall rental and other items and events at Assumption Church?

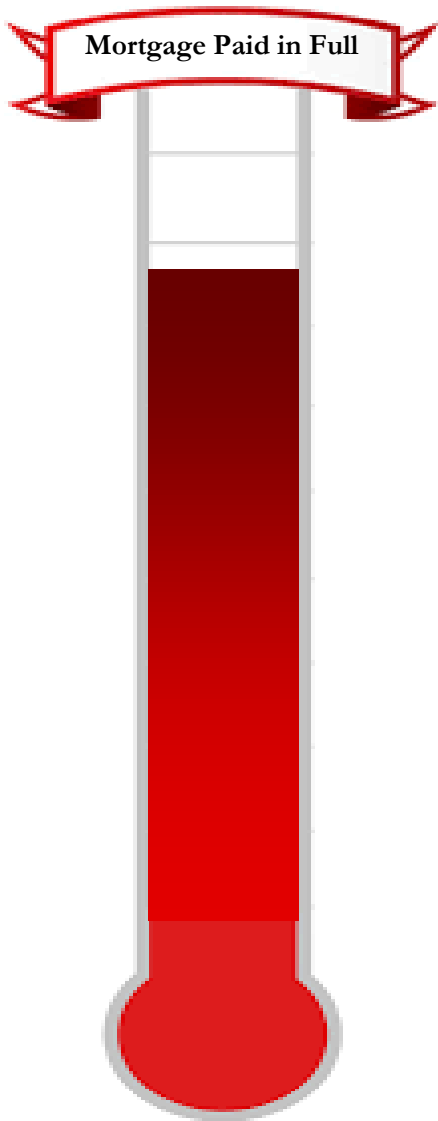
Answer: Parish stewardship should be sufficient to pay the entire cost of operating the Church. The stewardship commitment by our Parish members is currently well below the Church expenses. Accordingly, Assumption Church must charge Parish members for these items and events.



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 3-10-2020
our balance is:
\$131,278.64

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:

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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 Alex Karatza</p> <p>68. In Memory of Nick Kondyles</p> <p>69. In Memory of Anne Kossaras</p> <p>70. In Memory of Sandy Bachakes Kraemer</p> <p>71. In Memory of Tom Lamberson</p> <p>72. In Memory of Suzanne Lauster</p> <p>73. In Memory of Marianne Chardoul Mair</p> <p>74. In Memory of Kathryn Menoutes</p> <p>75. In Memory of Mike Michaelou</p> <p>76. In Memory of Nicholas Mighion</p> <p>77. In Memory of Aristoteles Panos</p> <p>78. In Memory of Niki Panos</p> <p>79. In Memory of Ida Payne</p> <p>80. In Memory of Dr. George Politis</p> <p>81. In Memory of John Siambis</p> <p>82. In Memory of Tommy Stergiopoulos</p> <p>83. In Memory of Cleo Tarlas</p> <p>84. In Memory of Betty Vlahakis</p> <p>85. In Memory of Gus Vergos</p> <p>86. Daughters of Penelope</p> <p>87. DOP Kafi Night</p> | <p>88. DOP Mardi Gras Bar Tips</p> <p>89. Endowment Fund</p> <p>90. Religious Education</p> <p>91. Weeping Icon Service & Hall Rental</p> <p>92. V.I.P.'s</p> <p>93. Assumption Catering</p> <p>94. Blessing of the Buses</p> <p>95. Chili Cook-Off</p> <p>96. Food Sales for Mortgage Reduction</p> <p>97. GFS Rebate</p> <p>98. Hall Rental Bar Tips</p> <p>99. Hall Rental Dishwasher & Linens</p> <p>100. Hall Rental Linens & Liquor Add On</p> <p>101. Heos Hall Rental & Bar</p> <p>102. Makaria of Nick Kondyles</p> <p>103. Makaria of Sandy Bachakes Kraemer</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>110. Yanni's Opa Bar & Grill</p> |
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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	Jeff and Nancy Lauster
Steve and Anita Arsman	Ann and Ted Lowe
Dennis and Alexis Branoff	William Lymperis
Debra and Dennis Chinonis	Lamprine Lymperopoulos
Katie Chinonis	Spiridoula Panos
Linda Chinonis	John and Irene Panos
James and Liz Christopher	Elaine and Dean Pappas
John and Laura Costa	Evan Pappas
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Daughters of Penelope	Allen and Olga Steinhoff
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Catherine Fechick	Bill and Lesley Stickley
Walt and Diane Foraker	Swartz Funeral Home
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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
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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.



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**FLINT AHEPA-DAUGHTERS
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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The Flint AHEPA/ Daughters Scholarship Foundation will award scholarships to qualified 2020 high school graduates. In order to qualify, the graduate must meet the following criteria:

1. Either the student, or at least one of the parents, grandparents, or legal guardian is a paid member of either Flint AHEPA Chapter #141, or Daughters of Penelope Iris Chapter #242, or a member in good standing of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Flint.
2. The student must be graduating from a Flint area high school, and planning to attend a trade school, college or university upon graduating from high school.
3. The student must have a minimum 2.75 grade point average on a scale of 4.00.
4. The student must submit a completed application and all supporting documents by the deadline of May 1, 2020.

If you are a graduate or anyone else that knows of any graduate that meets the above criteria, please contact John K. Costa directly at (810) 659-8533 or jnlcosta@sbcglobal.net. Scholarship Applications are also available at the church office.



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Need of the Month
Genesee County

April:
Deodorant

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 February 2020 were \$8,919.96.



**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



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 March 10, 2020 is \$6,771.44.

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 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS

(JAN 1 - JAN 31)

Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell

Chinonis, Dennis & Debra

Chinonis, Linda

Kalatzis, Athena

Kaloydis, John & Karen

Stamatis, Thomas & Sandra

STEWARDSHIP 2020

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

Asa, Darwin & Barbara

Bachakes, Vicki

Bakris, Dr. Chris

Bakris, Dr. Nicholas

Batsios, Christos & Ashley

Batsios, Efthya

Batsios, Evangelos

Birtsas, Sandra

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Chinonis, Dennis & Dr. Debra

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Heos, Pamela & Brancheau, Jeffrey

Holland, Nick & Jennifer

Holland, Rick & Tina

Hountalas, Dimitri & Brittany

Hountalas, John & Tasia

Hountalas, Yanni

Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki

Johnson, Denise

Joseph, Patti

Joynt, Elaine & Duffy, David

Kalatzis, Athena

Kallis, Agape

Kallis, Penny

Kallis, Susan

Kaloydis, John

Kapellas, Katina

Karabinas, Pavlos & Ruth

Karay, Sr., Nicholas

Kokkinakos, Peter & Tula

Komodromos, Tessie

Kondyles, Chryssoula

Kontorousis, Dimitre & Jacqueline

Kossaras, Dean & Joyce

Kottalis, Mary T.

Koutrouvidas, John & Nina

Kus, Michael & Alexis

STEWARDSHIP 2020

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.

Kuzmanovsky, Kosta & Shaochi	Politis, Rita
Lauster, Jeff & Nancy	Poulos, Chris & Debra
Livieratos-Dobbins, Dr. Maria, David, & Nicholas	Poulos, Steve & Martha
Lowe, Ted & Ann	Richards, Ken & Kathy
Mandelaris, John & Pauline	Russell, Rev. Fr. Jarrod
Manutes, Demitra & Thornton, Jerry	Schultze, JoAnne
Manutes, Nicholas & Maria	Sirakis, Kosta & Sofia
Menoutes, George	Stamatis, Thomas & Sandra
Marks, Achilles & Afroditi	Steinhoff, Allen & Olga
Marks, Jean	Steinhoff, Amanda
Mersinas, George & Laura	Steinhoff, Dr. Stephanie
Michaelou, Sevasti	Stergiopoulos, Mary
Neofotistos, John & Julie	Vergos, Nitsa
Nitsos, George & Candy	Vergos, Dr. Peter & Susie
Pagnonis, Taso & Mitra	Vitinaros, Nick & Effie
Pagonis, Voula	Walker, Kathy
Panos-Lillar, Diana	Welch, Tim & Joann
Panos, John & Irene	Wright, Jeff & Kay
Panos, Spiridoula	Yeotis, Art & Susan
Pappadakis, Nikki	Yeotis, Catherine
Pappas, Dean & Elaine	Yeotis, Dean & Lynda
Paraschos, Sam & Sandra	Yeotis, Hon. Thomas & Meg
Paraschos, Tim & April	
Pavlis, John & Pat	
Peters, Jeff & Maria	
Photiou, Carol	
Photiou, Lucas & Lori	

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
\$10

PHYLLO DOUGH

1 pound package — \$2.00

To order call John Hountalas
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Philoptochos Sweet Bread Sale
TSOUREKI

\$6.50

(Proceeds for Tsourekis go to the Philoptochos)

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.

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY
2020 DUES

The benevolent works of Philoptochos are a continuation of Christ's ministry on earth. I humbly accept the opportunity to return to God a portion of the time, talents and resources with which He has gifted me.

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Minimum Member Dues: \$30.00

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**We rely on your Stewardship to help fund
our many efforts to help those in need.**

**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.

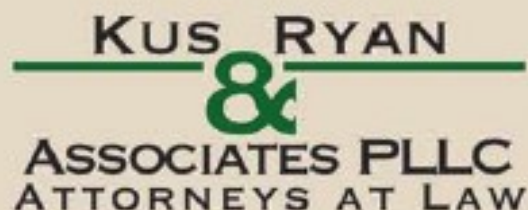
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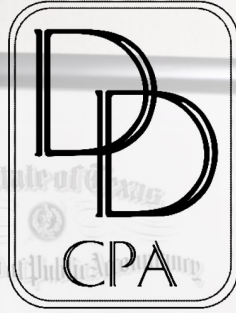


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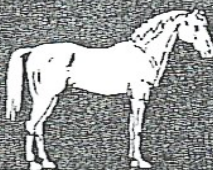
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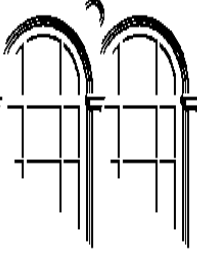
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