

THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

August
2020



MORNING BIBLE STUDY TBA
 PHILOPTOCHOS MEETINGS. TBA
 GOYA MEETINGS TBA
 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION . . K-7. TBA
 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—PREK. TBA
 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS. See Below
 FISH FRY Fridays thru July 3:00—8:30pm
 CHOIR PRACTICE TBA

AUGUST 2020

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1 - 14: Dormition Fast
 3: Paraklesis 6 pm
 5: Pan-Orthodox Vespers Divine Liturgy 6 pm
 Transfiguration of Our Lord @ St. Nicholas, Burton
 7: Paraklesis 6 pm
 10: Paraklesis 6 pm
 11: Parish Council Meeting (Tentative) 6:15 - 8:15 pm
 12: Paraklesis 6 pm
 14: Great Vespers Dormition of the Theotokos 6 pm
 15: Divine Liturgy Dormition of the Theotokos 10 am
 17: 17th Annual Elias D. Chinonis Golf Classic
 Registration..... 9:30 am
 Shotgun Start..... 11:30 am

SEPTEMBER 2020

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7: Divine Liturgy - Nativity of the Theotokos 6 pm
 9: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 - 8:15 pm
 9-10: Virtual Clergy - Laity
 14: Divine Liturgy - Exaltation of the Holy Cross 10 am
 17: Virtual Cash Raffle
 30: Divine Liturgy - Holy Protection of the Theotokos 6 pm

Prosporon Schedule

August:

2: O'Keefe, Derek & Michelle
9: Pagonis, Taso & Mitra
16: Pagonis, Voula
23: Panos, John & Irene
30: Panos, Spiridoula

September:

6: Pappadakis, Nikki
13: Pappas, Dean & Elaine
20: Paraschos, Sam & Sandra
27: Paraschos, Tim & April

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;
Achilles Marks; George Pappadakis; Charlie Paraschos

Sunday Reader Schedule

August

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

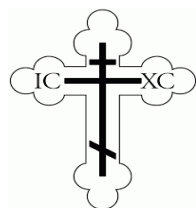
September

6 Cathy Yeotis
13 Nick Holland
20 Debbie Chinonis
27 Tim Welch

If you are unable to make your assigned reading date, please contact the church office, 810-771-4611 so we can find a replacement. Thank you!



FROM REV. FR. JARROD RUSSELL



Beloved friends and parishioners of Assumption Church,

We celebrate this month the Feast Day of the Assumption Church, the Dormition of the Theotokos (Η Κοίμησις τῆς Θεοτόκου). We plan to celebrate the Great Vespers for the Feast on Friday, August 14 at 6:00 pm. The Divine Liturgy for the Dormition will be celebrated on Saturday, August 15 at 10:00 am. God willing, a picnic lunch will follow immediately after the Divine Liturgy. We will follow all the necessary social distancing norms required at the time of this celebration.

The Feast of the Dormition is important to us both as members of the Assumption Church, which is under the protection of the Most Holy Theotokos, and as faithful Orthodox Christians. The Dormition of the Theotokos is one of the most significant feast days of the Orthodox Church and is preceded by a fourteen day fast to prepare the faithful for the celebration. Fasting is one of the most important ascetical practices of our faith, and increasing our fasting in times of difficulty and pestilence is a way we live out our complete dependence on God. We should all look at increasing our fasting during the Dormition Fast this year in the face of the coronavirus medical crisis. Increasing our fasting this year is a way we can demonstrate our dependence on God and our appreciation to the Panagia for her prayers.

During this medical crisis, we have experienced both as a parish and as individuals the prayers of the Most Holy Theotokos. We have not been alone during these difficult days as she never abandons the world. This reflects the hymn we sing most Sundays at the Assumption Church:

In giving birth you have preserved your virginity,
at your Dormition you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
You passed over into Life,
Mother who has given birth to Life,
and through your prayers of intercession,
from death you have redeemed our souls.

This hymn beautifully summarizes our beliefs about the Panagia as well as our dependence on her prayers. She is the Ever-Virgin Mary, who gave birth to our Lord Jesus Christ, and though she has fallen asleep in the Lord, she never abandons the world. Through her prayers to her Son, she has redeemed our souls from death. This is a profound reality that encourages us in difficult days and increases our joy in good times.

As we begin the Dormition Fast in anticipation of the Assumption Church Feast Day, we should both thank the Panagia for her prayers of intercession and continue to seek additional prayers for our Church and our world!

With love in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell

Hope, Joy, & GOYA Corner

We hope you are all enjoying your summer break. We will be holding a virtual parent meeting on Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend so we can discuss what our Religious Education program will look like for the 2020-2021 school year. Look for the Zoom invitation to be coming to your emails soon.

Sincerely,

Religious Education Committee

Lori Photiou and Ageliki Carpenter



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

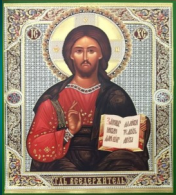
AGES 4 TO 14 WELCOME

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



REGISTRATION FORM TO FOLLOW!

Vacation Church School has been **cancelled**. The theme was going to be "Feast of the Theotokos." A packet is being prepared and will be available in early August for the kids to work on them at home.



FROM YOUR 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.

Beloved parishioners of Assumption Church,

The Assumption Church was unable to convene a Spring General Assembly this year due to the restrictions related to the coronavirus. Following the guidance of the Metropolis of Detroit, written reports are being presented to the community through the newsletter to be sure that the parishioners receive the information that is normally provided at a General Assembly. If you have questions regarding these reports, you may contact the author of the report directly or you may email me the questions at frjarrod@gmail.com. If you choose to send the questions to me, I will facilitate obtaining the answers and information requested.

“This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:24). Since the previous General Assembly in November of 2019, the Assumption Church has experienced challenges that are unique to our times. We hopefully have recognized in the midst of these challenges that, “This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.” This is neither a mere motto nor simply an encouraging statement. It is instead a theological truth about God’s creation of the world and practical guidance for us as Orthodox Christians as to how we should live in this world. We are able to rejoice and be glad in these difficult days because we have faith and trust in our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Reflecting back on the months since our last General Assembly, we should express eternal gratefulness to our Lord for His mercy and blessings on the Assumption Church family. We should all express our appreciation to the faithful five, in alphabetical order, Nancy Chinonis, Crystal Demps, Ruth Karabina, Alex Photiou, and Lori Photiou, for their service during the lockdown, especially during Holy Week. We should also thank the parish council and all the leaders of the Assumption Church for their efforts during these challenging days. To all the faithful stewards of the Assumption Church who made sure to support the parish as much as possible during 2020, we definitely say, thank you, thank you, thank you.

As we look to the future, we recognize that tomorrow is also “the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.” We go forward to the conclusion of this year with full faith and confidence in God, knowing that He will guide and protect the Assumption Church and each one of us. We should all be sure to remember in our prayers the Assumption Church as well as the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, and the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit. We should similarly pray for His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit and all the faithful bishops of our Church. I also ask for your prayers for the parish council, the leaders of the ministries of the parish, and myself personally. I likewise assure you of my prayers for you.

In closing, as the Assumption Church family, we will rejoice and be glad in all the days the Lord has created for us. Glory to God in all things!

With love in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell



**PLEASE READ THIS NOTE ABOUT
CHURCH EMAILS**

We seek to use all possible means to stay in touch with the Assumption Parishioners, including email.

We are using a new platform for emails to the Church family. Thus, you should be receiving church emails now.

If you have not received Church emails in the recent past and would like to be added to the Church email list, please contact Fr. Jarrod and he will add you to the list. Thank you!

Treasurer Report

Account Balances as of June 30, 2020:

- **General Checking:** \$23,890.66 – In April 2020, with the guidance of the Metropolitan of Detroit and our parishioner David Duffy, CPA, we obtained a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan from The State Bank. The PPP Loan is intended to provide economic relief to small businesses (including non-profits such as Churches) adversely impacted under the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The loan is limited to the payment of payroll costs, including payroll, health insurance and pension, and certain operating expenses (such as mortgage interest, utilities (electricity, gas, and water), and telephone and internet expenses. We received \$19,320 and have used the majority of the loan amount on the eligible payroll costs with the rest of the funds used to pay for the applicable allowable items. We are currently in the process of documenting the use of the funds and applying for loan forgiveness. We will provide a full report of the loan proceeds and forgiveness at the Fall General Assembly Meeting.
- **Special Events Checking:** \$4,841.36 (funds in this account are being held for other purposes such as Easter Items (bills not yet received), golf outing, undesignated memorials, etc.).
- **Iconography:** \$4,315.58 (in February 2020 we transferred \$75,000 of the Iconography balance from our Savings account to an Investment account at IB Wealth Management, managed by Dimitri Hountalas. The current balance of the Investment account is \$95,600.77).
- **Property Improvement:** \$7,200.51
- **Mortgage Balance:** \$93,997.50 (Due to COVID-19 we were able to obtain a deferment of the principal portion of our mortgage payment for 3 months. For April, May, and June 2020 we only made interest payments, resuming the regular principal and interest payment in July).

Treasurer Report continued

- **Church Investment Savings Account:** \$7,501.58 (In January 2020, we transferred \$50,000 and we transferred another \$5,000 in May 2020 to an investment account held at IB Wealth Management, managed by Dimitri Hountalas. The current balance of this Investment Account is \$63,483.20).

Ministry and Organization Reports

a. Fund Raising Events:

- **Fish Fry:** Due to COVID-19 and restriction imposed by the Governor, we shut the fish fry down in March 2020. We opted not to open for take out dinners due to concerns for the safety of our volunteers. On May 22, 2020, a few of us got together, prepared, and delivered 170 dinners to Grand Blanc First Responders (Police, Fire, and ER)
- **Golf Outing** – Schedule for August 17, 2020 at Pine Knob Golf Course. We will be following restrictions in place at the time of the Golf Outing.
- **Cash Raffle** – currently scheduled for September 17, 2020. Debra Chionis is in the process of obtaining the license and getting the tickets printed. 250 Tickets to be sold at \$200 donation. First Prize \$10,000; 2nd prize \$5,000; 3rd prize is \$2000; 24 prizes at \$200 each. This year we will not be having a Steak Dinner. Instead, we will have a virtual raffle with a select few present in the church hall to pull the winning numbers.

Old Business

- a. **Iconography:** Icons of The Resurrection and The Sermon on the Mount will be installed this summer. See John Hountalas or Fr. Jarrod for donor opportunities.

New Business

- a. **Maintenance Projects:** Bill Dau and John Hountalas have been busy painting the hall, hallway to the Narthex door and hallway outside of office. John also organized the storage room, painted the floor, and cleaned and organized the shed out back.

MONTHLY CHURCH EXPENSES - JUNE		
Accounting Fees	0.00	
Alarm	181.70	
Allocation	2,405.33	
Copy Machine/Printer Rental	885.23	
FICA Taxes	0.00	Paid Quarterly
General Insurance	1,861.00	Paid quarterly
Lawn/Snow	693.00	
Health Insurance	1,565.50	
Archdiocese Pension Plan	700.00	
Maintenance Plan - Heating & Cooling	206.00	
Mortgage Loan	388.05	Interest Only for 3 months
Parish Stewardship Software	6.50	
Pest Control	50.00	
Salaries	7,152.18	
Towels/Aprons	43.08	
Trash	0.00	On Hold
Utilities - Cable	367.19	
Utilities - Electric	800.77	
Utilities - Gas	214.20	
Utilities - Water	243.97	
TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES - JUNE 2020	17,763.70	

These are the operating fees we incur every month. These amounts do not include any repairs or maintenance or seasonal expenses (such as for Easter Flowers)

Daughters of Penelope
Iris Chapter 242
Hellenism, Philanthropy, and Sisterhood

DOP Report for 2020 General Assembly Meeting

The Daughters of Penelope Iris Chapter 242 has not been able to meet since February 9th, therefore, there is not a lot to report. On February first we worked at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, February 15th we held our annual Mardi Gras Glendi which was a great success. We were going to host our Spring Salad Luncheon on May 7th, but that had to be cancelled. We had been planning to host the District 10 AHEPA Family Convention on May 30th, but that was cancelled. We were planning on honoring our HS and College graduates in June, but that has been postponed. Therefore, our spring calendar was very different this year. We do not think that we will be able to host our Fall Salad Luncheon, because it is a buffet and the foods come from so many different households.

At the present time we have 53 paid members who are active in the church and usually enjoy being involved in fundraising events that serve the church and other charities. Since we were unable to raise funds that way, our members along with AHEPA members donated \$2,045 of which \$2,000 was matched by the Omega AHEPA Chapter, allowing us to donate \$4,045 to our Assumption Church this year.

We also gave the church a \$500 usage fee for 2020.

July 16, 2020 we helped with the AHEPA Flint Milk Drive at the Catholic Center for Hope in downtown Flint.

We hope and pray that when the Covid-19 virus is under control we will be able to be active again and contribute more to our Assumption Community.

General Assembly Philoptochos Report

August 2020

Local Charities that AGOC Philoptochos contributes to:

1. LOVE, Inc

People Helping People in Christ's name.

\$150 per month, (all year). LOVE, Inc. serves Genesee County to mobilize local churches to help transform lives and communities in the name of Christ.

2. Fish, Inc.

A local Grand Blanc charity that provides clothes and food for children in the Grand Blanc School System who also have State Bridge cards. We purchase winter coats for both boys and girls. We also collect for their Christmas Drive. Also do Volunteer Work 1st and 3rd Monday at St. Christopher's.

3. Christmas Card Drive - Moneys collected to help persons in our own church community in need.

4. Blanket Drive - To help support local charities such as "Carriage Town" and the "Shelter of Flint."

5. Metropolis Charities

- Partners in Philanthropy Fund (Local Metropolis needs)
- Scholarship Fund (Hellenic College/Holy Cross)
- Summer Camp Program
- Emergency Relief Fund

National Philoptochos Charities

- Hellenic College/Holy Cross Scholarship Fund
- Orthodox Christian support to College Students
- Emergency Fund (National Disasters)
- UNICEF
- Social Services
- Autism Fund
- Orthodox Christian Missions
- St. Basil's Academy
- 3 projects in connection with IOCC

General Assembly Philoptochos Report August 2020 Continued

2020 to Date:

1. We have been donating monthly for several years now a monetary amount to Love, INC. a non-profit organization that assists those in need with their household expenses.
 2. We have also adopted a group called FISH that is associated with Grand Blanc Schools providing assistance in several different ways. This has been done for several years now initially adopting families at Christmas time with gifts for the children and food baskets. Another year, we bought coats for the children and most recently gave them a donation. We also participate twice a month in their food distribution project.
 3. Our ladies have also participated along with our other church organizations in distributing gallons of milk to the citizens of Flint, Michigan this past year.
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VIP 's ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN August, 2020

The Assumption VIP's continue to support our church by serving at the Sunday Coffee hour. They also continue to support the church and all events when called upon .

Dormition Fast: Why a Fast for Dormition?

By Reader Daniel Manzuk

The Birth-Giver of God (Theotokos), the Virgin Mary, was “blessed amongst women,” and she was chosen “to bear the Savior of our souls.” Orthodox Christians consider her to be the Queen of all the saints and angels.

Knowing that she is eternally present at the throne of God interceding for mankind, we pray for her love, guidance, and protection. Every year the Orthodox Church sets aside the first fourteen days of August in honor of the Virgin Mary. This fast period is climaxed on August 15th, when the Church gathers to celebrate the Great Feast of the Dormition (Falling-Asleep) of the Birth-Giver of God.

It would be a gross understatement to say that much has been written about the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. Yet very little has been written about the fast that precedes it.

Every Orthodox Christian is aware and generally knows the reason behind the fasts for Pascha and Christmas. But while they may know of the Dormition Fast, few follow it, and more than a few question why it is there, neither knowing its purpose. First, given the pervasive misunderstanding of the purpose of fasting itself, a refresher on its purpose is always a good idea. There is a perception that we should fast when we want something, as though the act of fasting somehow appeases God, and seeing us “suffer” gets Him to grant our request. Nothing can be further from the truth. It is not our fasting that pleases God, it is the fruits of our fast (provided we fast in the proper mind set, and do not merely diet) that please Him. We fast, not to get what we want, but to prepare ourselves to receive what God wants to give us. The purpose of fasting is to bring us more in line with another Mary, the sister of Lazarus, and away from their sister Martha, who in the famous passage was “anxious and troubled about many things.” Fasting is intended to bring us to the realization of “the one thing needful.” It is to help us put God first and our own desires second, if not last. As such it serves to prepare us to be instruments of God’s will, as with Moses in his flight from Egypt and on Mt. Sinai, as well as our Lord’s fast in the wilderness. Fasting turns us away from ourselves and toward God. In essence it helps us become like the Theotokos, an obedient servant of God, who heard His word and kept it better than anyone else has or could.

So why do we fast before Dormition? In a close-knit family, word that its matriarch is on her deathbed brings normal life to a halt. Otherwise important things (parties, TV, luxuries, personal desires) become unimportant; life comes to revolve around the dying matriarch. It is the same with the Orthodox family; word that our matriarch is on her deathbed, could not (or at least should not) have any different effect than the one just mentioned. The Church, through the Paraklesis Service, gives

us the opportunity to come to that deathbed and eulogize and entreat the woman who bore God, the vessel of our salvation and our chief advocate at His divine throne. And as, in the earthly family, daily routines and the indulgence in personal wants should come to a halt. Fasting, in its full sense (abstaining from food and desires) accomplishes this. Less time in leisure or other pursuits leaves more time for prayer and reflection on she who gave us Christ, and became the first and greatest Christian. In reflecting on her and her incomparable life, we see a model Christian life, embodying Christ's retort to the woman who stated that Mary was blessed because she bore Him: blessed rather are those who hear His word and keep it. Mary did this better than anyone. As Fr. Thomas Hopko has stated, she heard the word of God and kept it so well, that she of all women in history was chosen not only to hear His Word but give birth to it (Him). So while we fast in contemplation of her life, we are simultaneously preparing ourselves to live a life in imitation of her. That is the purpose of the Dormition Fast.

When the assumption of your undefiled body was being prepared, the Apostles gazed on thy bed, viewing you with trembling. Some contemplated your body and were dazzled, but Peter cried out to you in tears, saying, I see you clearly, O Virgin, stretched out, O life of all, and I am astonished. O undefiled one, in whom the bliss of future life dwelt, beseech thy Son and God to preserve your people unimpaired. (Sticheron after the Gospel, Matins)

Source: https://uocofusa.org/news_150814_1



Sermon on the Dormition of the Theotokos by St. John of Kronstadt

“Magnify O my soul, the honourable Translation of the Mother of God from earth to heaven.” (Refrain for the 9th Ode of the Canon)

Let us be happy, beloved brothers and sisters that we belong to the Holy Orthodox Church, worthily and rightly glorifying the Most Holy Sovereign Theotokos on this eminent day out of all the days of the year with special solemnity. There exists on earth many societies and entire governments that do not consider the need nor the obligation to call upon and glorify the Queen of heaven and earth, the Mother of Our Divine Lord Jesus Christ, and other saints and angels; to submissively serve Her lovingly, as the true Mother of God.

Today the Holy Church solemnly glorifies the honorable Dormition or translation of the Mother of God from earth to heaven. A wonderful translation - she died without serious illness, peacefully. Her soul is taken up in the divine hands of Her Son and carried up into the heavenly abode, accompanied by the sweet singing of angels. And then, her most pure body is transferred by the apostles to Gethsemane where it is honorably buried, and on the third day it is resurrected and taken up to heaven. You see this on the icon of the Dormition of the Theotokos. On it is represented the life-bearing body of the Theotokos laying on a bier, surrounded by the apostles and hierarchs, and in the center of the icon the Lord holding in His hands the most pure soul of the Theotokos. The translation of the Mother of God is a paradigm of the translation in general of the souls of Christians to the other world.

We say that our dead have “fallen asleep” or “passed away.” What does this mean? This means that for the true Christian there is no death. Death was conquered by Christ on the cross. But there is a translation, i.e. a rearrangement of his condition, i.e. his soul is in another place, in another age, in another world beyond the grave, eternal, without end, that is what is meant by “falling asleep”. It is as if it were a temporary dream after which, by the voice of the Lord and the fearful yet wonderful trumpet of the Archangel, all the dead shall live and come forth each to his place: either to the resurrection of life or to the resurrection of condemnation (John 5:29). This is what the Christian means by translation. We should be ready for this translation, for the day of the general resurrection and judgment, for this indescribable world event, recorded in the Holy Scriptures.

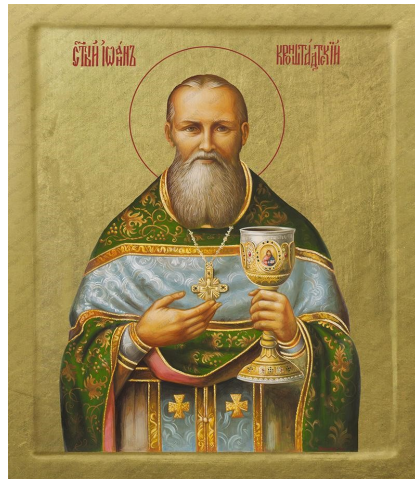
This preparation for the meeting of the heavenly King before the dread judgment seat, after death, is essentially the person’s preparation throughout the whole of his life. This preparation means a change in all his thoughts, and the moral change of all his being, so that the whole man would be pure and white as snow, washing clean everything that defiles the body and spirit, so that he is adorned with every virtue: repentance, meekness, humility, gentleness, simplicity, chastity, mercifulness, abstention, spiritual contemplation, and burning love for God and neighbor.

Our preparation for meeting the heavenly King, and for the inheritance of eternal life in heaven, should consist of these things. The heavenly King desires souls adorned with immutable virtue, souls prepared so that the Very Lord Himself could abide in them. Do not marvel that

the Very Lord wants to live in us. In fact the human soul is more spacious than the heavens and the earth, for it exists in the image of God. And if one removes sins from the soul, the Lord of all will settle in it and will fill it with Himself. “We will come to him and make our dwelling with him” (John 14:23), says the Lord about the souls who love Him.

And so, ye participants in the Christian feasts, and especially the present feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God, ye who are brightly adorned with every virtue and translated to the heavenly kingdom, to Her Son and God, proclaim to each and every one about preparing their souls to be the dwelling place of the Lord, about continual repentance, and about the incorruptible adornment of Christian virtue. Let your death also be unashamed and peaceful, serving as the pledge of a good answer at the dread judgment seat of Christ. Amen.

Source: <https://www.oca.org/fs/sermons/sermon-on-the-dormition-of-the-most-holy-theotokos>



Assumption Church Community Update

Our Church newsletter is one of the ways we keep in touch with one another. Each month there are special events in the life of the Church that should be shared with our entire community. This is especially true in terms of baptisms, weddings, and funerals. We will now be dedicating space in each newsletter to announce baptisms, weddings, and funerals that occur at Assumption Church as well as those involving community members that are celebrated at other Orthodox Churches. If you would like to submit an announcement regarding a baptism, wedding, or funeral that has been celebrated at an Orthodox Church other than the Assumption Church, please send it directly to Fr. Jarrod (frjarrod@gmail.com). This initial community update will include the baptism and funerals that have been celebrated at Assumption Church during 2020.

August 2020

Wedding of Demi and Jerry Thornton



Establishment of the Stewardship Committee

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church joyfully announces the establishment of the Stewardship Committee! Nancy Chinonis, John Costa, and Olga Steinhoff have agreed to serve our Assumption Church on this newly established committee. Susan Kallis will be the Parish Council representative for the committee. The parish priest and parish council president will serve as *ex officio* members of the committee. We thank these faithful parishioners who will serve the Assumption Church in this vital ministry.

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (Matt. 6:21)

Stewardship acknowledges God's many gifts of time, talent, and treasure to each of us. Being blessed with these gifts, we should be stewards of them. These gifts are for the benefit of others and ultimately, for the glory of God. The Stewardship Committee will work to develop strategies and lead campaigns to encourage our church family to embrace the spiritual practice of stewardship and to increase our personal stewardship of the gifts given to each of us by God. We ask for your prayers for this new committee and the spiritual growth of the stewardship ministry at the Assumption Church.

What have you that you did not receive? (1 Cor. 4:7)

We are now in the second half of 2020 and in the process of reopening the Assumption Church following the shutdown related to the coronavirus. The shutdown reminded us of the many blessings we have received from God, especially the Assumption Church. It also reminded us of the importance of our stewardship commitment to the church. We fulfill this commitment by prayerfully considering our many gifts from God and honoring God through His Church with our time, talent, and treasure. Considering our past stewardship commitments, the parish council set a stewardship goal for 2020 of \$132,000. We are over halfway to accomplishing this goal, and through the prayerful efforts of our beloved parishioners, we will exceed this goal! If you have not made your 2020 stewardship commitment to the Assumption Church yet, the Stewardship Committee kindly requests that you do so in the very near future. The committee expresses its great appreciation to all the faithful stewards of Assumption Church!

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Annual
Virtual
Cash Raffle

Thursday, September 17

7:00 pm

1 Ticket \$200.00*

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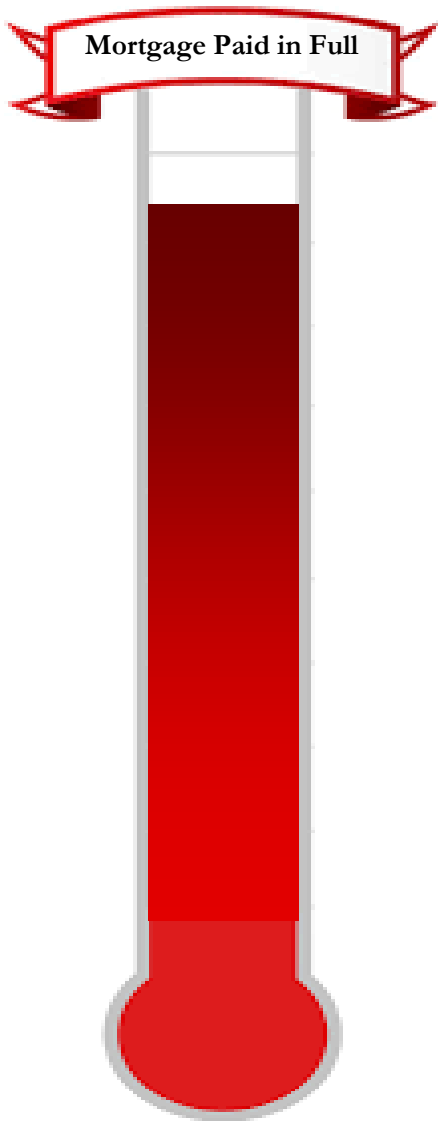
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Mortgage Drive:

This past March, it was 7 years since we started our Mortgage Drive. We have been able to lower our Mortgage by more than \$640,000 during this time. Approximately \$380,000 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 7-10-2020
our balance is:
\$90,105.80

Thank You!

MORTGAGE DRIVE

(FROM 6-1-2019 TO 5-1-2020)

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


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71. In Memory of Sandy Bachakes Kraemer
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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. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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Common Statement on Hagia Sophia

As Brothers in Christ, and the leaders of our respective communities here in New York, we lament and decry the decision of the Turkish government to change the status quo of the world renown Hagia Sophia, and re-convert this monument of human and divine achievement into a mosque.

The Hagia Sophia was for nearly a millennium not only the greatest Church in the world, but the greatest edifice as well. Its purpose was to be a place of Christian worship par excellence. When the Roman Empire came to a conclusion by conquest, and the Great Church was converted into a mosque, this was an era when human events were advanced through violence. But this is not the way we live today.

The creation of the modern State of Turkey is synonymous with a secular ideal of inclusivity. By changing the status of Hagia Sophia from a mosque to a museum, President Atatürk manifested this global monument to be a sign of transition from a theocratic empire, to a secular state that valued the equality of all its citizens.

We affirm the wisdom of this earlier decision, and call for a reversal of the current policy of the Turkish government to change the status of Hagia Sophia. We stand together as brothers in faith, and in solidarity with all people of good will and good faith, so that Hagia Sophia may remain what She is – a symbol of encounter, history, spiritual aspiration, and human achievement of the highest order, glorifying the One God Who has made us all to be sisters and brothers of one human family.

† ELPIDOPHOROS

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Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

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STATEMENT ON THE TRAGIC CONVERSION OF HAGIA SOPHIA FROM MUSEUM TO MOSQUE

Friday, July 10, 2020

We, the Executive Committee of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, protest the decision of the civil courts in Turkey, as well as the clear direction of their government, to re-convert Hagia Sophia into a mosque. As citizens of the United States of America, we implore our government to intervene for the reversal of this decision. Furthermore, we urge the Turkish government to return to the status quo whereby Hagia Sophia remains a museum, respecting both its origins and history.

By contrast, this unilateral action denies the universal vocation of this holy and sacred place. Hagia Sophia belongs to the whole of humanity as a World Heritage Site. Built in 537 AD during the reign of Emperor Justinian, it has been, for more than a millennium, a place of rich cultural and spiritual inspiration for all.

We are particularly concerned about the negative effects such a change will have on religious pluralism in Turkey, as well as on the relations among nations and between faith-based organizations. We call on the international community to invite the Turkish authorities to revise their decision, affording all people the opportunity to continue enjoying the full and rich history and beauty of this outstanding landmark. This unique Christian monument should remain open to all as a sign of co-existence and peace among all peoples of good will.

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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.

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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.

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.

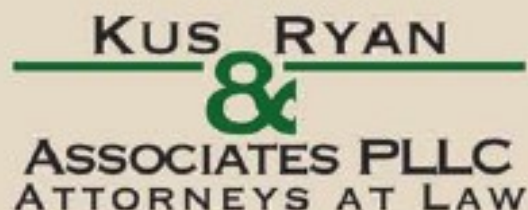
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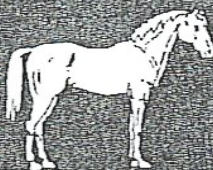
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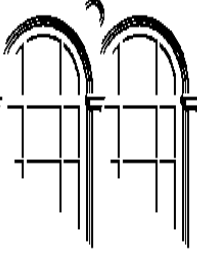
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