

THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

July
2020



MORNING BIBLE STUDY TBA
 PHILOPTOCHOS MEETINGS. Bi-Monthly Meetings
 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

JULY 2020

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4: Independence Day
 8: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 - 8:15 pm
 15: Tax Day
 16: AHEPA District 10 Milk Give-A-Way
 @ Catholic Charities - Volunteers Needed
 19: Hosting Pan-Orthodox Church of 3:00 pm
 Genesee County Baseball Game (See Insert, page 22)
 27: Divine Liturgy for St. Panteleimon 10 am

AUGUST 2020

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1 - 14: Dormition Fast
 3: Paraklesis 6 pm
 5: Divine Liturgy Transfiguration of Our Lord 6 pm
 7: Paraklesis 6 pm
 10: Paraklesis 6 pm
 11 - 13: Vacation Church School 6 - 8 pm
 @ St. Mary Madgalene Orthodox Church, Fenton
 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
 29: Divine Liturgy Beheading of St. John the Baptist 10 am

Prosporon Schedule

July:

5: Neofotistos, John & Julie
12: Nikolakeas, John & Polin
19: Nitsos, Emma
26: Nitsos, George & Candy

August:

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

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

July

5 John Costa
12 Ruth Karabina
19 Cathy Yeotis
26 John Kaloydis

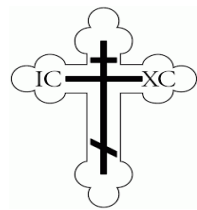
August

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

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 Parishioners and Friends of Assumption Church,

Glory to God in His Saints! We are blessed as Orthodox Christians that God has revealed so many wonderful saints to His Church. Each day, the Church commemorates many saints, some who lived hundreds of years ago and others who only recently fell asleep in the Lord. On July 12, we commemorate Saint Paisios of Athos, a modern saint recently glorified by our Church. Saint Paisios fell asleep in the Lord in 1994 and was glorified by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople in 2015. We have included two articles in this newsletter about this amazing saint. One article is a summary of his life. The second article is a personal reflection by Metropolitan Nicholas (Hatzinikolaou) of Mesogaia and Lavreotiki, a bishop of the Church of Greece, who lived near the saint on Mount Athos.

When asked about his time living next to Saint Paisios, His Eminence made the following statement: “I’ll tell you, these are completely different things: To hear something about a saint, to read about his works, to meet a saint, and to live together with a saint. When you find yourself near such a person, like Elder Paisios, you are assured: The Lord lives. He’s real and you communicate with Him.” In other words, when we encounter genuine holiness in a person like Saint Paisios, we are encountering the presence of God in our midst. This description by Metropolitan Nicholas is consistent with the lived experiences of the Orthodox Church throughout the ages. Simply put, we can encounter God in this lifetime, through both our own

spiritual efforts and through encountering His saints.

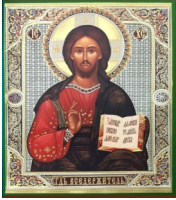
It is this desire to encounter God that leads faithful Orthodox Christians to make pilgrimages to places where the saints lived and are buried. For example, Saint Paisios is buried at the Monastery (Hesychastirion) of St. John the Theologian in Souroti, just outside of Thessaloniki. Pilgrims have been visiting the gravesite of Saint Paisios for many years. Even before he was formally acknowledged as a saint, busses full of pilgrims from all over the world would line up outside the monastery waiting for the gates to open so they could visit the grave of this saint. Many pilgrims will make prostrations at his grave and even take some of the dirt from the grave in order to have something material to connect them with this saint. It is an overwhelming experience to be there at the gravesite of Saint Paisios.

In addition to obtaining icons of the saints, seeking their prayers, learning about their lives, and teaching our children and godchildren about saints, pilgrimages like this allow us to grow closer to the saints and to experience, in part, that holiness described by Metropolitan Nicholas. There are possible pilgrimages in the United States including the Holy Virgin Cathedral in San Francisco, the location of the relics of Saint John (Maximovitch) of Shanghai and San Francisco; the Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Kodiak, Alaska, the location of the relics of Saint Herman of Alaska; and the St. Sava Monastery in Libertyville, Illinois., where Saint Mardirije of America is buried. These are three examples of Orthodox pilgrimage locations in the United States, though there are others.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord has revealed His saints to us as a guide and a light as we all seek to live our lives according to His commandments. Through the intercessions of Saint Paisios, may we all seek true unity with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

With love in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Assumption Church Family,

We want to remind you of our “Online Giving” option of making donations using a credit card on our website (assumptiongrandblanc.org). Donations can be made for:

Stewardship (a 4% Credit Card Processing Fee applies)

Mortgage Reduction

Iconography

Church Investment Savings Fund (the Memorial Wall)

Memorials

Lighting a candle (small, large, or seven (7) day

General Donations (please include a comment what the donation should be used for, (such as, painting project, LED Lights project, Catholic Charities Adopt a Day, General church expenses, etc.)

Prospora - You may include your List of Names in the comments

We would like to thank everyone who donated for “Giving Tuesday” in May. We also would like to thank all who gave a little extra in their stewardship during these troubling times.

Our Fish Fry re-opened on June 12, 2020 and will continue through July this year. Our Golf Outing (August), Cash Raffle (September) and Craft Show (November) are still planned at this time. Look for further information on these fundraisers. We need the support of our Assumption Family and friends in order for all of our fundraisers to be successful.

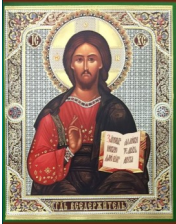
Please continue praying to our Lord during these challenging times. Your patience and continued understanding and support are greatly appreciated.

Your Parish Council

MONTHLY CHURCH EXPENSES - MAY

Accounting Fees	200.00	
Alarm	90.85	
Copy Machine/Printer Rental	410.46	
Lawn/Snow	693.00	
Health Insurance	1,599.00	
Archdiocese Pension Plan	700.00	
Maintenance Plan - Heating & Cooling	206.00	
Mortgage Loan	362.75	Interest Only for 3 months
Pest Control	50.00	
Salaries	7,152.20	
Utilities - Cable	368.31	
Utilities - Electric	824.91	
Utilities - Gas	331.43	
Utilities - Water	261.71	
TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES -MAY 2020	<u>13,250.62</u>	

These are the operating fees we incur every month. These amounts do not include any repairs or maintenance or miscellaneous expenses



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

COVID-19 SCAMS: BE A SAVVY CONSUMER



Coronavirus scams are becoming more ingenious every day. The American Bankers Association (ABA) recently published a list of a few of the current scams targeting older Americans, but they apply to all ages.

TIPS FOR IDENTIFYING AND AVOIDING SCAMS

- **BEWARE OF SCAMS.** If you receive calls, emails, or other communications claiming to be from the FDIC or another federal agency and offering COVID-19 related grants or payments in exchange for personal financial information, or a charge of any kind, please do not respond. These are scams.
- **IF YOU USE A COMPUTER (INCLUDING A MOBILE DEVICE), WATCH OUT FOR PHISHING SCAMS:** Phishing scams use fraudulent emails, texts, phone calls and websites to trick users into disclosing private account or login information. Do not click on links or open any attachments or pop-up screens from sources you are not familiar with, and NEVER give your password, account number or PIN to anyone.
- **IGNORE OFFERS FOR A COVID-19 VACCINE, CURE OR TREATMENT:** If there is a medical breakthrough, it will not be reported through unsolicited emails or online ads.
- **DO SOME RESEARCH BEFORE MAKING A DONATION OR INVESTMENT.** Be wary of any business, charity or individual requesting COVID-19 related payments or donations in cash, by wire transfer, gift card or through the mail. You should be wary of any company claiming the ability to prevent, detect or cure coronavirus.

Source: The information in this article was taken from an ABA Bank Compliance article in the May-June 2020 issue

Life of Saint Paisios of Athos

Saint Paisios of Mount Athos was born in Cappadocia [*modern day Turkey*] on July 25, 1924. Almost immediately his family was forced to flee with the general exodus of Greek refugees from Asia Minor. They settled in Eperos in northwestern Greece. He first visited Mount Athos in 1949 after his time in the army. He returned in 1950 and, after a short time in the neighborhood of Karyes [*the administrative center of Mount Athos*], settled in the Monastery of Esphigmenou. In 1954 he was tonsured there as rasophoros monk [*the first degree of monasticism where the monk is tonsured*] with the name Averkios [*a monk receives a new name at his tonsure*]. That same year he moved to the Monastery of Philotheou, which at that time was still idiorhythmic [*a monastic arrangement where the monks worship together liturgically but live and work separately either individually or in small groups*]. The elder observed in later years that one could even live a more ordered and stricter ascetic life in an idiorhythmic monastery than in a cenobium [*a monastic arrangement where the monks pray, live, and work all together*] if one was under close supervision of a good spiritual father. After two years he was tonsured to the small schema [*the second degree of monasticism where the monk makes his formal vows*] in Philotheou and given the name Paisios. In 1958 Father Paisios [*monks are often referred to as Father regardless of whether they are ordained – Saint Paisios was never ordained*] left the Mountain and went to the Stomio Monastery of Konitsas north of Ioannina. He stayed there for four years and in 1962 went to Mount Sinai where he lived in the Skete of Saint Epistime on Gebel Mugufa. In the two years that he stayed there he gave himself to strict physical asceticism which he later said was the breaking of his health.

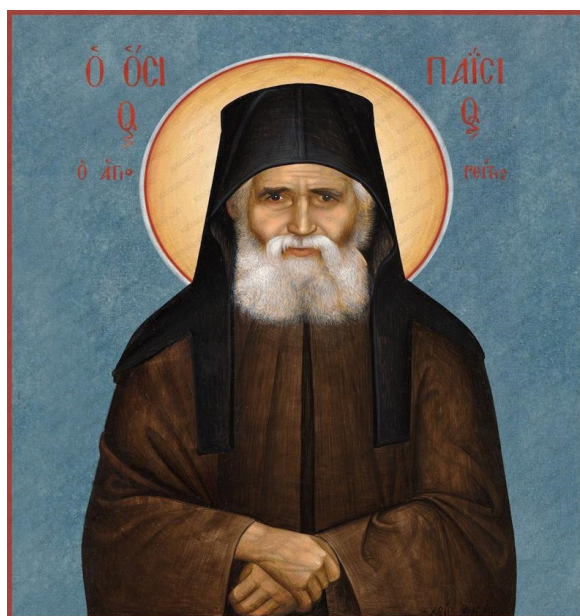
In 1964 he returned to Mt. Athos and lived in the Cell of the Archangels in Iveron Skete. He was hospitalized in 1966 and while on the mainland became acquainted with the nuns of the Hesychastirion [*a monastery where the monastics practice the prayer of silence or hesychist prayer*] of St. John the Theologian, whom he helped greatly in years to come and where he died and was buried. In 1968 he went to Stavronikita Monastery and was tonsured to the great and angelic schema [*the final degree of monasticism where the monk has reached a high live of spiritual excellence*] by Papa-Tychon of the Kelli of the Holy Cross. After Papa-Tychon's passing he left the kelli [*monastic cell*] to Geron Paisios and the elder remained there from 1968 to 1979. In 1979 he moved to the kathisma of Koutloumousiou Monastery known as Panagouda near Karyes. At his request the kathisma was made a kelli and the elder was given an omologo/life-lease. Many of his monastic spiritual sons settled nearby

in kellia or in kalyvia of Koutloumousiou Skete, but the elder lived alone. Many, many pilgrims came to visit him there. He finally died and was gathered to the Lord on July 12, 1994.

Saint Paisios's life is distinguished for his excessive asceticism, vigils, fasting, and ceaseless prayer. These did not subside with the multitudes who resorted to him for help, nor with the illnesses which—especially during the last part of his life—unintentionally perfected and completed his earlier intentional asceticism. Of course, his asceticism has become known to us in spite of his deep humility, as it was apparent in the rest of his behavior. For one's behavior is the only firm foundation and seal of sanctity. Saint Paisios's wondrous life, which has been brought to light by Christ's love for His Church, exactly followed the footsteps of the Saints of old in all its manifestations. These are complete obedience and the seizing of one's will at the start of the monastic life in a cenobitic monastery, complete asceticism and silence, the completion of prayer (as much as is humanly possible), the guidance of other souls and the institution of "schools of virtue" (monasteries), the spiritual education of spiritual guides embellished with gifts similar to his, the gift of clairvoyance and discernment, the gift of healing, the zealous defense of Orthodoxy against heresies and blasphemy, God-pleasing prayer for the whole world out of love (both for his earthly nation and every soul), the gift of consoling and of simplicity. In addition, in the general consciousness of the Church, even while he was still alive, he was considered a saint according to the example of the ancient ascetics.

Source: <https://www.omhksea.org/archives/5561>

Note: The comments in italics contained in brackets were added by Fr. Jarrod.



ELDER PAISIOS'S SEVEN TANGERINES

By Metropolitan Nikolaos of Mesogaia and Lavreotiki

It was in February 1988. It was very cold in Karyes [*the location of the administrative center of Mount Athos*]. It was high above sea level. The humidity usually hampered our movements. But now the weather was dry. The wind was blowing and it was enjoyable if you were suitably dressed. The evening was falling. The sun had just hid beyond the mountain. Elder Paisios and I were walking along a path. We met Fr. Kallinikos from Koutloumousiou Skete [*a smaller monastic institution dependent on a larger monastery*] on our way.

We were approaching the skete's wooden bridge and were surrounded only by bare, lifeless hazel-trees with their bare branches.

"H'm. Who has brought me tangerines?" Elder Paisios wondered with surprise.

In the distance, over sixty-five yards away, we could make out the door of the elder's kaliva [*a building housing monastic cells*] in the yard, along with something red—or, to be more exact, something orange—hanging on the doorknob. We couldn't see what exactly was hanging there because of the distance.

A little while later we approached the elder's kaliva. In front of ourselves we indeed could see a large transparent, orange cellophane bag full of tangerines. How had he spotted them from so far away? How had he figured out that those were tangerines and not oranges, for example? After all, the bag was orange, and there could have been apples in it!

"Ah, I adore tangerines!" Elder Paisios said with obviously feigned greed in his voice. "I'll take three tangerines... No, let me take five... No, if there is such a brilliant opportunity, I'd better take seven!" he said with a charming smile. "Fr. Kallinikos, please take the other tangerines and bring them to Elder Joseph who lives in front of my kaliva."

Elder Joseph was an elderly monk who struggled at Koutloumousiou Skete. Though he was 103 years old, he would work in his kitchen garden every day.

Fr. Kallinikos received Fr. Paisios's blessing and left. Then Elder Paisios and I entered his little cell. There he asked me to read one of his handwritten texts. About twenty minutes passed and we heard someone knock at the kaliva's entrance door. I thought it was some pilgrim wishing to speak to the elder.

"Geronda [*literally translated, elder – the Greek word used to address the head of a male monastery or a respected monastic*], shall I open the door?" I asked.

"You'd better not do it. If they are curious pilgrims, they will leave soon. But if they are suffering and spiritually hungry people, they will insist on meeting with me."

We continued our reading. A few minutes later someone knocked at the door again.

"Geronda, what shall we do this time?" I asked again.

A strip of bedsheet was hanging over his window instead of a curtain.

"Look at them from the side so that they can't see you. And tell me how many of them there are."

“I can’t count them. I can’t see them from here,” I replied.

“Well, did you really learn mathematics? What did you do in America for so many years? Let’s wait. They’ll knock again.”

And he was right. A few minutes later the pilgrims knocked at the door for the third time.

“Now I’ll go and try to count them. True, I didn’t finish primary school, but I’ll manage,” he said to me.

The elder stood up and opened the door of the kaliva.

“Guys, why have you arrived at this time? What have you come to me for?”

“Geronda, we want to talk with you a little. May we speak to you?”

“Yes, you may. But let me treat you to something first. How many of you are here? One, two... seven. Let’s see, what can we find in our ‘shop’ right now.”

Elder Paisios stepped back into his cell and soon came out with seven tangerines.

“What a marvelous person he is!” I thought with surprise. “How did he know how many tangerines he should leave for himself? Did he foresee this? Did God enlighten him, while he was unconscious of it?”

“Where have you come from?” the elder wondered.

“We are from Athens. Bruce and John are from the USA.”

“From the USA? So if we treat them to tangerines, the whole world will laugh at us! Let me look for something American in the ‘supermarket’.”

He left again and soon returned with a packet of American biscuits and a bag full of many varieties of nuts of a well-known American brand. Stunned, the young men expressed their amazement were deeply impressed.

“Geronda, what does the semantron¹ beaten at Orthodox monasteries symbolize?” one of them asked timidly.

“I don’t know what it symbolizes. And it doesn’t matter. The one who multiplies his God-given talents² instead of beating the semantron is worth a lot. Listen, it is late and it’s time for you to leave. I would like to make only one remark: The problem with Americans is that in English they always capitalize the pronoun ‘I’, while we Greeks don’t always capitalize our pronoun ‘ἐγώ’ [meaning “I” in Greek.—Trans.]”

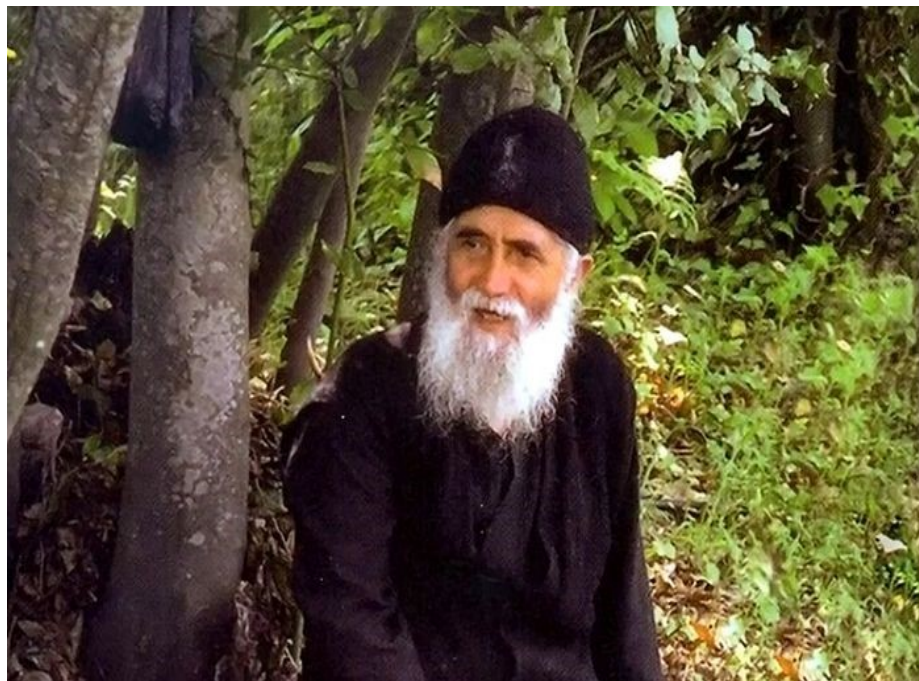
The pilgrims laughed at the funny remark and the Americans asked: “What does it mean? What ought we to do?”

“My children, remove the word ‘ego’ from your vocabulary! Egoism is a great enemy of ours. All of us without exception should struggle against it.”

Nobility, gentleness and refinement are among the elements of holiness. Elder Paisios neither spoke about wisdom, nor pronounced theological words, nor spoke about supernatural revelations. But he did fill the hearts of all pilgrims. He would think soberly, hiding his gift of grace, treating his visitors in a courteous, beautiful, and original manner, instructing them with his words and comforting them by his presence. He would convince everybody of the greatest things without trying to convince anybody of anything. You would be enlightened, rejoice and find consolation with him. You would feel like Mary at Jesus’s feet or like the apostles on Mount Tabor (the mountain of the Transfiguration), and you would want to stay in his cell forever.

¹ A semantron is a wooden or metal plank which is struck with a hammer or a stick. In ancient times it was an everyday musical instrument or else used to sound the alarm; afterwards it was chiefly used instead of a church bell.

² In Greek the words “semantron” and “talent” are expressed by the same word, τάλαντο.



Translated from the Russian version by Dmitry Lapa *Pravoslaven Sviat*

Source: <https://orthochristian.com/131714.html> (accessed June 9, 2020)

Note: The comments in italics contained in brackets were added by Fr. Jarrod.

Memorial Day Cemetery Blessings 2020

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church celebrated the annual cemetery blessings on Memorial Day, May 25. Trisagions were celebrated at Sunset Hills Cemetery, Crestwood Memorial Cemetery, Evergreen Cemetery, and Great Lakes National Cemetery. Many faithful, while observing the social distancing norms in place, prayed together for the souls of their loved ones who have fallen asleep in the Lord, may their memory be eternal! All the names submitted during the Memorial Day Cemetery Blessings were subsequently included in the Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy on June 6, the Saturday prior to Pentecost.



Memorial Day at Sunset Hills Cemetery



NOTE: The Orthodox Church cannot grant a Funeral Service or a Memorial Service (with Kolyva) to an Orthodox Christian who is cremated. The following excerpt from an article by His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah succinctly summarizes the teaching of the Church regarding cremation.

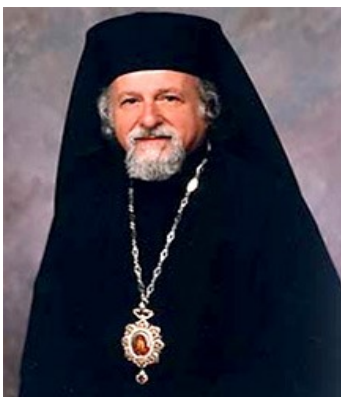
Regarding Cremation by Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver

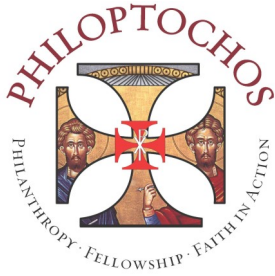
In the matter of cremations, the inference is that there is no resurrection of the body, contrary to what we read in the New Testament, and thus the cremation returns the body to its basic elements. It is also important to note that the Orthodox Christian funeral service is written on the premise that a body is present. Consequently, whether a body is cremated, lost at sea, or otherwise absent, the funeral service cannot be conducted. The reason for this is that the funeral service is deliberately written in such a way as if the deceased were singing the dramatic hymns. Specific verses are taken from the Book of Psalms (118) which are in the first person, using the pronoun “I.”

Aside from this fact, cremation goes contrary to Holy Scripture. One good example is found in St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians where we read, “...glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God’s (6:20).” In other words, our bodies and souls belong to God, and not to us. Therefore, we have no right to do with our bodies what we please. In addition to all of this, there is even a greater reason why cremation is contrary to our Christian faith. Simply put, it desecrates the body. Moreover, the so-called ashes from a cremation are not ashes. They are the crushed and pulverized skull and bones of the body, the arms and legs. They are put through a grinding machine which actually turns the bones into dust.

Finally, for an Orthodox Christian to fulfill the wishes of a member of the family who wishes to be cremated after death actually defiles the sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, Confession, Holy Unction, Holy Matrimony, and the Holy Eucharist by considering the wishes of the deceased more important than the divine blessing of the Holy Spirit upon the deceased body throughout the years that the body was the recipient of those holy blessings. On the basis of these realities, it is the responsibility of not only the clergy, but of all our faithful Greek Orthodox Christians to do whatever they can do, in a positive way, to impress upon those who accept this pagan practice that it is wrong. The fact that the deceased body of an Orthodox Christian receives multiple blessings from the Lord in preparation of the eternal Kingdom any violence upon a dead body is the desecration of God’s temple.

Source: <https://www.goarch.org/-/regarding-suicides-and-cremation>





Philoptochos Society — Friends of the Poor !

Our Mission Statement

“To aid the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of the impoverished person and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church...”

As we are coming to the end of the quarantine and the re-opening has begun please adhere to the re-opening instructions . Our church will be open on June 21, 2020. There will be restrictions in place for this process. For your own health and safety please respect the instructions that are for the church and also for the opening of our Assumption community. Hopefully in the coming months we will be reunited as a Parish. We are all in this together!

Diana Panos-Lillar

President



As the Covid-19 is unfolding, much of the world is struggling to navigate these turbulent waters. IOCC's mission is becoming more important than ever. Together, through prayer, self care, love & faith, we can weather this storm. You may make a donation on IOCC website. IOCC helps by being committed to causes that not only save lives, they help to rebuild lives. We can assemble kits from home and send to IOCC. If people could make care calls to people you know to check on them to make certain they are safe, that is all we are asking.

Thank you,

The Theotokos be with all,

Love, Ruth



Thank You



A special thank you for the 24 donations received from AHEPA family members of our parish totaling \$2,045. This amount was then matched by the Omega AHEPA Chapter with the huge donation to our church totaling \$4,045. These funds will help make up for some of the funds we did not receive because of the closure of our church and the cancellation of our fundraising activities during the pandemic.

The donors were asked to donate either in honor of someone living or to memorialize a friend or loved one and to give a brief statement of why.

The following are **Honored**:

- **Carol Photiou**, because she is the best Mom. She is amazing, loving, strong, honest, selfless, and gracious.
- **First Responders**, because during the Covid-19 Pandemic they have been dedicated and courageous. They are putting themselves in harms way by putting their lives on the line every day for us. (four donors listed this)

The following are **Memorialized**:

- **Sandra Bachakes Kramer**, for her two-year memorial and for her true dedication to her children. (three donors listed this)
- **Tom and Goldie Heos**, for their love and devotion to AHEPA. They were lifetime members and financial donors who gave their service to the fraternity. They believed in promoting Hellenism.
- **George Giannouris**, our wonderful, funny, yet loving uncle
- **Dimitri Hountalas**, well respected Father
- **Gordon Joynt**, he was a loving, kind, wonderful husband and daddy. There isn't a day that we don't miss him dearly.
- **Maryellen Anastor Jansen**, loving Niece.
- **Elia and Angeliki Kalatzis**, wonderful In-laws
- **Nicos Komodromos**, loving and dedicated husband
- **Gus and Ann Kossaras**
- **Rose and George Lamberson**, loving Parents
- **Tom Lamberson**. Wonderful Brother
- **Ted Lowe**, from a Friend



Thank You

(continued)



- **Aristoteles Panos**, wonderful Husband and loving Father
- **Peter Photiou**, loving Husband
- **Peter Photiou**, wonderful and loving Father
- **Anne Schultze**, the best Mother ever, still miss you
- **Betty Yeotis Vlahakis**, amazing and loving Sister
- **Those who died because of Covid-19**



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 have been experiencing technical issues which have blocked emails from being sent to the faithful. It appears that the Church emails have been labeled spam, whether intentionally or unintentionally, leading to Google blocking our attempts to send Church emails.

We are working to resolve the situation and resume Church emails. Hopefully, that will occur by the time you read this note. **IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE INCLUDED ON CHURCH EMAILS, PLEASE EMAIL FR. JARROD (frjarrod@gmail.com), AND HE WILL REMOVE YOU FROM THE LIST, NO QUESTIONS ASKED.** We have a growing email list, and we want to be sure that only people who want to receive the emails are on the list.

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 for your patience and understanding!



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Daughters of Penelope July 2020 News

Although in last month's newsletter I noted that the District Convention had been rescheduled for September 26, it will still be on Saturday, September 26, but it will be very different. **The convention will be a virtual meeting** with only 2 delegates from each chapter. We will have to have a virtual chapter meeting to determine who the two delegates will be.

On Thursday, July 16 there will be another AHEPA District 10 Milk Give-Away at the Catholic Charities Center For Hope. Although they are looking for volunteers, there will be several restrictions and the number of volunteers will be limited to 20. If you would like to volunteer, contact Craig Therros at ctheros10@gmail.com.

The National Convention was scheduled in July at one of the Disney World resorts in Florida, but that has been totally cancelled. Life as we knew it is not the same. We all carry our masks with us so they are readily available when needed and we keep our social distance. None of us knows how long this will last, but we need to follow directives and stay safe, so that maybe in May 2021 we can host a real District Convention.

Cathy Yeotis
President



I am continuing with letter writing to prisoners at this time. If any one is interested, please let me know. My number is (810)348-1372. "For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me." (Matthew 25:36-41) Letter writing is one way we can come to those in prison.

Love in Christ, Ruth



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
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AGES 4 TO 14 WELCOME

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



REGISTRATION FORM TO FOLLOW!

The Pan-Orthodox Churches of Genesee County Softball Game



Drinks & Food
will be provided.

For Questions email
Fr. Gabriel
frgabrielmm@gmail.com

Sunday, July 19, 2020
3:00pm

St. Pius X Catholic School
Baseball Field
(3139 Hogarth Ave. Flint, MI 48532)

✦ St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox
Church 2439 S. Long Lake Rd— Fenton

✦ St. George Orthodox Church
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Need of the Month
Genesee County

July:
Toilet
Paper

17th Annual Elias D. Chinonis Golf Classic

August 17, 2020

at Pine Knob Golf Course

5580 Waldon Road • Clarkston, MI 48348

Registration 9:30 AM • 11:30 AM Shotgun Start

\$125 per Golfer • Dinner ONLY \$40

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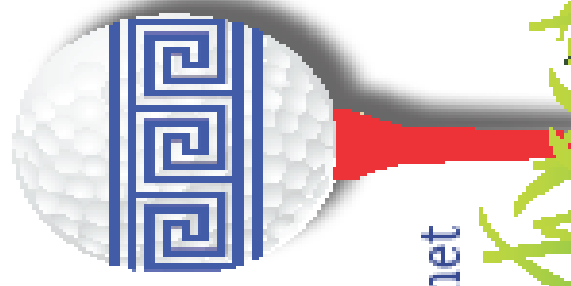
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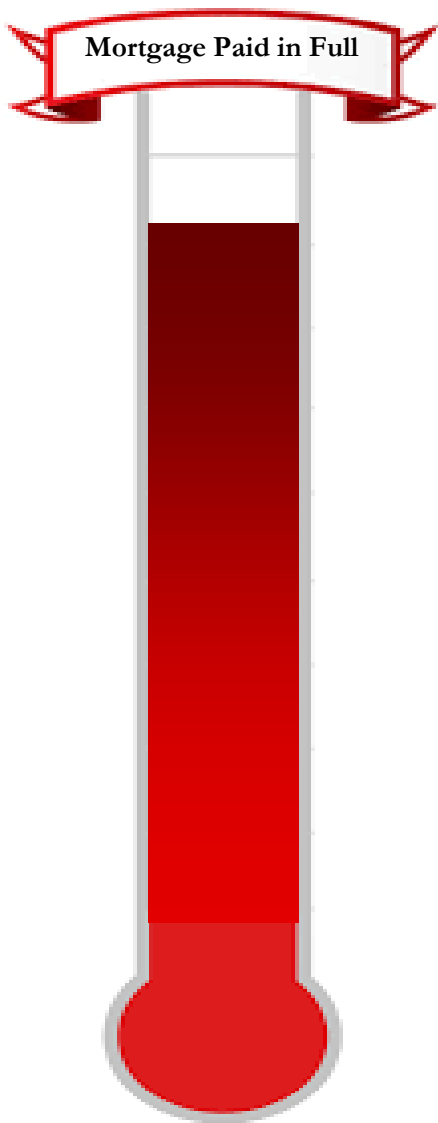
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 Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
 2245 W. Baldwin Road • Grand Blanc, MI 48439
 Attn: John Kaloydis • 810-922-2047 • jekaloydis@comcast.net



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 6-10-2020
our balance is:
\$94,683.50

Thank You!

MORTGAGE DRIVE

(FROM 5-1-2019 TO 4-1-2020)

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


1. Clyde & Georgia Allard
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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
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60. In Memory of John Helton
61. In Memory of Tom & Goldie Heos

MORTGAGE DRIVE

(FROM 5-1-2019 TO 4-1-2020)

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

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| <p>62. In Memory of John Jimos</p> <p>63. In Memory of James (Giannakopoulos) Johnson</p> <p>64. In Memory of Harold Kallis</p> <p>65. In Memory of Tony Karakitsos</p> <p>66. In Memory of Alex Karatza</p> <p>67. In Memory of Nick Kondyles</p> <p>68. In Memory of Anne Kossaras</p> <p>69. In Memory of Sandy Bachakes Kraemer</p> <p>70. In Memory of Tom Lamberson</p> <p>71. In Memory of Suzanne Lauster</p> <p>72. In Memory of Ted Lowe</p> <p>73. In Memory of Marianne Chardoul Mair</p> <p>74. In Memory of George Margaritis</p> <p>75. In Memory of Kathryn Menoutes</p> <p>76. In Memory of Mike Michaelou</p> <p>77. In Memory of Nicholas Mighion</p> <p>78. In Memory of Aristoteles Panos</p> <p>79. In Memory of Niki Panos</p> <p>80. In Memory of Ida Payne</p> <p>81. In Memory of Dr. George Politis</p> <p>82. In Memory of John Siambis</p> <p>83. In Memory of Tommy Stergiopoulos</p> <p>84. In Memory of Cleo Tarlas</p> <p>85. In Memory of Betty Vlahakis</p> <p>86. In Memory of Gus Vergos</p> | <p>87. Daughters of Penelope</p> <p>88. DOP Kafi Night</p> <p>89. DOP Mardi Gras Bar Tips</p> <p>90. Endowment Fund</p> <p>91. Religious Education</p> <p>92. Weeping Icon Service & Hall Rental</p> <p>93. V.I.P.'s</p> <p>94. Assumption Catering</p> <p>95. Blessing of the Buses</p> <p>96. Chili Cook-Off</p> <p>97. Food Sales for Mortgage Reduction</p> <p>98. GFS Rebate</p> <p>99. Hall Rental Bar Tips</p> <p>100. Hall Rental Dishwasher & Linens</p> <p>101. Hall Rental Linens & Liquor Add On</p> <p>102. Heos Hall Rental & Bar</p> <p>103. Makaria of Nick Kondyles</p> <p>104. Makaria of Sandy Bachakes Kraemer</p> <p>105. Sunday Brunch</p> <p>106. 2nd Tray</p> <p>107. ABC Auto Repair</p> <p>108. McCredie Insurance</p> <p>109. MJ Auto Inc</p> <p>110. Swartz Funeral Home</p> <p>111. 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. Thank you for your generosity.

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
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Helen Dalbo	Barbara Santee
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Daughters of Penelope	Michael Stevens
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Camilla Greenberg	Memorial - Androulla Kyprianou
Pamela Heos & Jeff Brancheau	Memorial - Eugenia Routsis
Nicholas & Jennifer Holland	Memorial - Giorgio Mirtsopoulos
Hountalas Family	Memorial - Kathryn Menoutes
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Icon Update Part Two

Update part two begins with an icon that has been donated for the project. The Holy Icon Made Without Hands will be installed in the near future on the ceiling above the Holy Altar (the entire area behind the iconostasis is referred to as the Holy Altar). An example of the icon is included with this article to provide an idea what the final icon will look like in the Assumption Church. Here is a reading from the website of the Archdiocese that provides background for this icon:

When the fame of our Lord Jesus Christ came to Abgar, the ruler of Edessa, who was suffering from leprosy, Abgar sent a messenger named Ananias, through him asking the Savior to heal him of his disease, while bidding Ananias bring back a depiction of Him. When Ananias came to Jerusalem, and was unable to capture the likeness of our Lord, He, the Knower of hearts, asked for water, and having washed His immaculate and divine face, wiped it dry with a certain cloth, which He gave to Ananias to take to Abgar; the form of the Lord's face had been wondrously printed upon the cloth. As soon as Abgar received the cloth, which is called the Holy Napkin (Mandyllion), he revered it with joy, and was healed of his leprosy; only his forehead remained afflicted. After the Lord's Death, Resurrection, and Ascension, the Apostle Thaddaeus (see Aug. 21) came to Edessa, and when he had baptized Abgar and all his men, Abgar's remaining leprosy also was healed. Abgar had the holy image of our Savior fixed to a board and placed at the city gate, commanding that all who entered the city reverence it as they passed through. (<https://www.goarch.org/chapel/saints?contentid=167>)

This icon will serve as a beautiful reminder of the healing power of our Lord.

An icon that is available for donation is the icon of the Transfiguration of our Lord. The event of the Transfiguration is where our Lord took the Apostles Peter, James, and John with Him up unto Mount Tabor. While there, He was transfigured with Moses and Elijah by His side. This event, commemorated each year on August 6, is one of the Major Feasts of the Church and is an extremely theologically important event in the life of Christ as revealing how the uncreated light of the Lord can be experienced in this life. The Transfiguration of our Lord is recorded in three of the Gospels (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; & Luke 9:28-36). An example of the icon is also included with this update. The icon will be installed in the Diaconikon,

the side altar on the right side of the Holy Altar. Anyone interested in donating this icon to Assumption Church should contact John Hountalas or Fr. Jarrod.



An example of the Holy Icon Not Made by Hands. A similar icon will be installed above the Altar.



A model icon of the Transfiguration - the one installed will look similar.

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THRU THE END OF JULY

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As we look around our church and her property, we see things that may need repair in the next few years. To that end, the Parish Council has started a **Property Improvement Fund**, initially funded by Fish Fry donations. The Property Improvement Fund gives everyone another option for your generous donations. Property Improvement Fund Balance as of June 10, 2020 is \$7,197.77.

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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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.

January 2020

Funeral of Alex Karatza

February 2020

Funeral of Anna Williams

Baptism of Elliot (Elias) Chang

March 2020

Funeral of George Margaritis

April 2020

Funeral of Ted Lowe

Funeral of Athanasia Vitinaros

June 2020

Funeral of Evangelos Douros

Assumption Church notes with sorrow the falling asleep in the Lord of Fr. John Moutafis, may his memory be eternal! Fr. John served as a visiting Priest many times at Assumption Church throughout the years. He was born in Chania, Crete, Greece on August 14, 1945, to Marinos and Athina Moutafis. He married Presvytera Kassiani on October 6, 1968. Fr. John was Ordained a Greek Orthodox Deacon on December 12, 1985, and later Ordained a Greek Orthodox Priest on January 12, 1986. His greatest joy was celebrating Church Services, and he did so in countless Churches across many states. Private Funeral Services were held at St. John Greek Orthodox Church on June 18, 2020.

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Costa, John & Laura	Kapellas, Katina
Costa, Kyriacos & Vasilias	Karabinas, Pavlos & Ruth
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Dau, Bill & Joanne	Karay, Sr., Nicholas
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Jimmy's Plaki Tray — \$25.00

Spinach Cheese Pie Tray — 15 pieces — \$25.00

Greek Feta 2 1/2 pounds—\$8.00

Tiropita (Cheese Triangle) 12 Pieces — \$10.00

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Greek Olives 3 LB Container \$16.00

Dolmathes 25 for \$20.00

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Peas
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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.

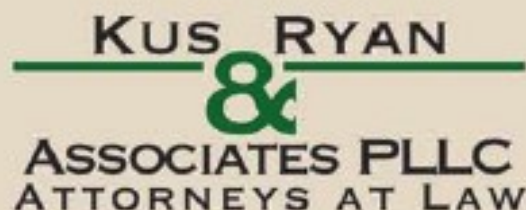
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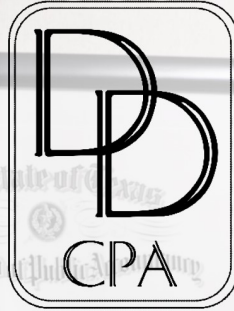


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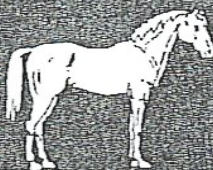
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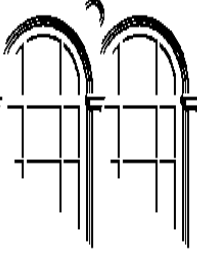
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