

THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

June
2020



Note: This newsletter is being finalized while the restrictions in response to the coronavirus are in place. We hope and pray that the restrictions will be lifted in the near future. Please be sure to check the Church Calendar on the Church website and to review the Online Announcements for any adjustments or changes to the schedule. As of the date of publication, Divine Services will be conducted behind closed doors and live streamed on the Church Facebook page, and meetings will be conducted via teleconference. The Sunday Divine Liturgy continues to be celebrated every Sunday at 10:00am and is available for viewing on the Church Facebook page.

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- 6: Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy 10 am
- 7: Pentecost.....Divine Liturgy 10 am
-Service of Kneeling 11:30 am
- 10: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 - 8:15 pm
- 15 - 28: Apostles Fast
- 21: Father's Day
- 23: Divine Liturgy for Nativity of St. John the Baptist 6 pm
- 29: PanOrthodox Divine Liturgy for Sts. Peter & Paul TBD

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- 4: Independence Day
- 8: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 - 8:15 pm
- 15: Tax Day
- 27: Divine Liturgy for St. Panteleimon 10 am

Prosporon Schedule

June:

- 7: Martorelli, Sophia
- 14: Menoutes, George
- 21: Mersinas, George & Laura
- 28: Michaelou, Sevesti

July:

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

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

June

- 7 Ruth Karabina
- 14 Nick Holland
- 21 Cathy Yeotis
- 28 John Kaloydis

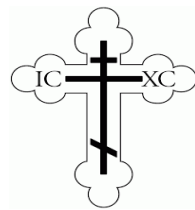
July

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

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



FROM REV. FR. JARROD RUSSELL



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. I Thessalonians 5:16-18

Beloved parishioners and friends of Assumption Church,

St. Paul provides us with simple directions as we face each and every day. These directions are even more meaningful when we face challenges such as the current coronavirus medical crisis. Regardless of what we face each day, we can still rejoice, pray, and give thanks. Consider the following as prayers of rejoicing and thanksgiving.

We rejoice and give thanks that our Lord has blessed us with the fullness of the faith by joining us to the Orthodox Church.

We rejoice and give thanks for those faithful Orthodox Bishops who rightly teach the word of the truth and have preserved our Orthodox faith throughout the ages.

We rejoice and give thanks for all the Orthodox clergy, laity, and monastics faithfully living out the Orthodox faith throughout the world.

We rejoice and give thanks for those blessed men and women who in faith founded the Assumption Church in Flint almost one-hundred years ago.

We rejoice and give thanks for our spiritual father, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit, who is faithfully leading our Metropolis and guiding our parish through his prayers and wisdom.

We rejoice and give thanks for the technology that allows us to broadcast the Divine Services to the faithful even though the doors must be locked.

We rejoice and give thanks for those faithful Orthodox Christians who have continued to serve during these days to keep our Assumption Church fully operational.

We rejoice and give thanks specifically for the faithful five (Nancy Chinonis,

Crystal Demps, Ruth Karabina, Alex Photiou, and Lori Photiou) who made it possible for us to celebrate a very beautiful and prayerful Holy Week.

We rejoice and give thanks for our spouses, our children, our parents, and all our family members, both nearby and throughout the world.

We rejoice and give thanks for our friends and our neighbors.

We rejoice and give thanks to the Lord for our health when we are healthy.

We rejoice and give thanks to the Lord that He will deliver us from sickness when we are ill.

We rejoice and give thanks for our employers when we are employed.

We rejoice and give thanks for our clients and customers when we own our own business.

We rejoice and give thanks that the Lord will provide for us when our employment is not secured.

We rejoice and give thanks to the Lord for all things including those things not listed above, in all times, in all places, and in all ways.

As Orthodox Christians, we pray with rejoicing and thanksgiving to God. As your Parish Priest, I personally rejoice and give thanks for all of you, the faithful parishioners and friends of Assumption Church. Thank you for your prayers and support.

With Love in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell



Holy Friday Evening



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Assumption Church family,

Our entire community, including our beloved Assumption Church, has been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The stay at home orders, business closings, reduced staffing and services, etc. have created many challenges. The most difficult part has been the separation of our Church family from the Divine Services, especially during Holy Week and Pascha. We miss each and every one of you and hope that you are all healthy and staying safe!

During the pandemic, our Assumption Church has been closing our doors both during services and throughout the week since March 17, the Friday fish fry has been closed since March 20, and we have cancelled and/or postponed fundraisers such as the annual super draw and donkey races. Our Assumption Church has definitely been experiencing the coronavirus along with everyone else in our community.

In light of these challenges, the parish council has taken measures to ensure that the Church continues full operations without any disruptions unrelated to the coronavirus and to guarantee that the ministries of our Church will continue to grow as we pray for the end of the pandemic.

Please note that the ultimate success of these measures depend entirely on the generosity of our faithful stewards to ultimately meet the financial obligations of our Assumption Church. Our community's continued financial support is needed and greatly appreciated!

The measures taken include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. We requested and received a deferment of our principal payment for our mortgage loan for three (3) months. This deferment does not release us from our obligation to pay the interest that accrues and the full principal amount of the loan;
2. In consultation with the Metropolis of Detroit, we have temporarily suspended payments on our parish allocation to the Archdiocese. This is a temporary pause as we remain responsible for the full amount of the allocation by the end of the calendar year;
3. Under the guidance and direction of the Metropolis of Detroit, we applied for and received a limited SBA Paycheck Protection Program loan to assist our Church in meeting

payroll and certain utility payments (all designated by the program) for eight (8) weeks. This is a very restricted and temporary measure designed to help small businesses and churches “get by” for a few weeks. The program includes loan forgiveness, which has to be requested after the funds have been expended and then must be approved by the federal government; and

4. We have set up “Online Giving” through our website (assumptiongrandblanc.org). Friends and parishioners may now use a credit card to provide a donation for:

- a. Stewardship (a 4% Credit Card Processing Fee applies)
- b. Mortgage Reduction
- c. Iconography
- d. Assumption Church Investment Fund (the Memorial Wall)
- e. Memorials
- f. Lighting a candle (small, large or seven (7) day)
- g. General donations

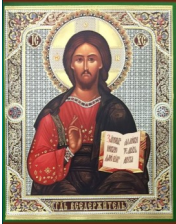
Again, the success of these measures depends entirely on the generosity of the faithful to support our Assumption Church.

Please continue praying to our Lord during these challenging times. Your patience and continued understanding is greatly appreciated. We hope to see you in person soon!!

Your Parish Council



We express our appreciation to Bill Dau and John Hountalas for painting the Fellowship Hall while it was closed due to the coronavirus pandemic. We also express our appreciation to those faithful parishioners who donated the paint and other materials. Thank you!



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

Hope, Joy, & GOYA Corner

What a crazy last few months we have had. We made some quick adjustments after the Stay Home Stay Safe Executive Order went into place and were able to start holding Religious Education remotely via Zoom every week with our PreK-5th grade students. We even remotely held our monthly session with our Middle School 6th-8th grade students. Thank you to all the parents who made it a priority for their children to attend the classes. It was a blessing to the teachers to be able to see all of their smiling faces. We wrapped up our academic Religious Education year on May 3rd with our PreK-5th grade kids in a Zoom session with Father giving them a great explanation of the different areas of the church building to the kids.

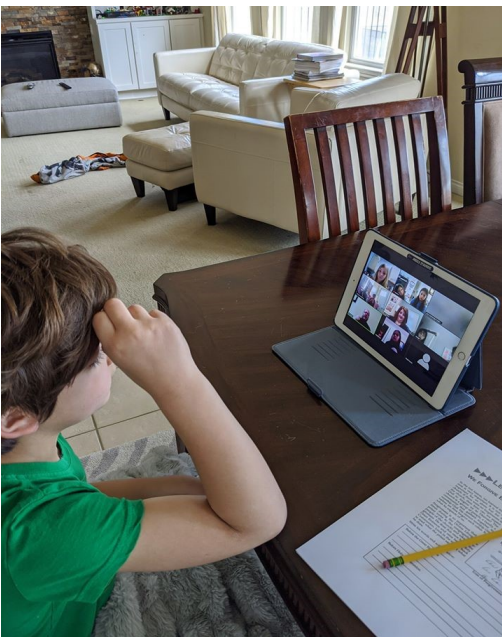
Since there was not an April or May Newsletter the total bake sale sales for the month of February were \$502 and for the month of March were \$344.50.

As we still learn what our new normal will be we will keep you posted on the plans for our next school year of Religious Education. Enjoy your summer break.

Sincerely,

Religious Education Committee

Lori Photiou & Ageliki Carpenter



A Note About Live-Streaming the Divine Services

We were very blessed during the coronavirus lockdown. Lori Photiou dedicated her time and talents to utilize modern technology and provide a live-stream broadcast of our Divine Services at Assumption Church. Thank you Lori! This is a temporary measure that reveals to our faithful a key theological point about our services. Even if we were not able to live-stream the Divine Services, we would still celebrate the services as they have a beneficial effect for our community and draw us closer to God even when we are unable to attend the services for good cause. At an appropriate time, once the lockdown is over, the live-streaming will be stopped. Until then, we are very thankful for the technology and the faithful servants making this live-stream possible.

We were very impressed with the number of people viewing our services. There have been hundreds of views of each service! That said, the viewing statistics recorded by Facebook reflect that our online viewing followed patterns of our normal attendance at Church. The Resurrection Service was the most viewed service by far with the Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday morning and the Lamentations Service on Holy Friday evening having the second and third highest viewing totals. The viewing numbers further reveal that our Church family should make a commitment next year to attend the Descent from the Cross Service on Holy Friday afternoon and the Crucifixion Service on Holy Thursday evening as the viewing totals for these services was average. Surprisingly, the Service of Holy Unction was not heavily viewed when compared to the other services.

As we continue our spiritual journey, one of ascent towards our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, this experience this year will hopefully motivate us to increase our attendance at the Divine Services, especially during Holy Week!

The Descent from the Cross



The Lamentations, Proto-Anastasi and Resurrection Services



**1st Saturday of Souls
Divine Liturgy**



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



St. John (Maximovitch) of Shanghai and San Francisco



We celebrate the life of our father among the saints, John (Maximovitch) of Shanghai and San Francisco, on July 2. Devotion to this modern saint of the Orthodox Church has grown exponentially since he fell asleep in the Lord in 1966. The Orthodox faithful in America are blessed to have his incorrupt relics preserved at the Russian Orthodox Cathedral of the Mother of God “Joy of All Who Sorrow” in San Francisco. Shortly after his enthronement, Archbishop Elpidophoros of America visited the Cathedral to venerate the relics of St. John. The life of St. John below is compiled from an article posted on Orthodoxwiki.com with additions from the biography by Bishop Alexander (Mileant).

The future St. John was born on June 4, 1896, in the southern Russian village (current day Ukraine) of Adamovka in the Kharkov province to pious parents, Boris and Glafira Maximovitch. He was given the baptismal name of Michael, after the Holy Archangel Michael. In his youth, Michael was sickly and had a poor appetite, but he displayed an intense religious interest. He was educated at the Poltava Military School (1907-14), Kharkiv Imperial University, from which he received a law degree (in 1918), and the University of Belgrade (where he completed his theological education in 1925).

He and his family fled their country as the Bolshevik revolutionaries descended on the country, emigrating to Yugoslavia. There, he enrolled in the Department of Theology of the University of Belgrade. He was tonsured a monk in 1926 by Metropolitan Anthony (Khrapovitsky) of Kharkov (later the first primate of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia). As is the custom for new monks, the future saint received a new name, John after St.

John of Tobolsk, who was a distant relation. Metr. Anthony later in 1926 ordained him a hierodeacon. Bishop Gabriel of Chelyabinsk ordained him a hieromonk on November 21, 1926.

Following his ordination, Hieromonk John began an active life of teaching at the Bitol Seminary and celebrating the Divine Services in various languages including, at the request of local Greeks, the Greek language. The Bitol Seminary was in the Serbian Diocese of Ohrid which was headed by the future St. Nikolai (Velimirovich) of Zhicha, who said repeatedly, "If you wish to see a living saint, go to Bitol to Father John."

Hieromonk John was consecrated bishop on May 28, 1934, with Metr. Anthony serving as principal consecrator, after which he was assigned to the Diocese of Shanghai. Twelve years later he was named Archbishop of China. Upon his arrival in Shanghai, Bp. John began working to restore unity among the various Orthodox nationalities. In time, he worked to build a large cathedral church that was dedicated to Surety of Sinners Icon of the Mother of God, with a bell tower and a large parish house. Additionally, he inspired many activities: building of churches, hospitals, and orphanages among the Orthodox and Russians of Shanghai. He was intensely active, constantly praying and serving the daily cycle of services, while also visiting the sick with the Holy Gifts. He often would walk barefooted even in the coldest days.

With the end of World War II and the coming to power of the Communists in China, Bp. John led the exodus of his community from Shanghai in 1949. Initially, he helped some 5,000 refugees to a camp on the island of Tubabao in the Philippines, while he travelled successfully to Washington, D.C., to lobby to amend the law to allow these refugees to enter the United States. It was while on this trip that Bp. John took time to establish a parish in Washington dedicated to St. John the Forerunner. In 1951, Abp. John was assigned to the Archdiocese of Western Europe with his cathedral in Paris.

In 1962, Abp. John was assigned to the Diocese of San Francisco, succeeding his long-time friend Abp. Tikhon. Abp. John's days in San Francisco were to prove difficult as he attempted to heal the great disunity in his community. He was able to bring peace such that the new cathedral, dedicated to the Joy of all Who Sorrow Icon of the Mother of God, was completed. Deeply revering St. John of Kronstadt, Abp. John played an active role in preparation of his canonization.

Abp. John fell asleep in the Lord during a visit to Seattle on July 2, 1966, while accompanying a tour of the Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God. He was laid to rest in a crypt chapel under the main altar of the cathedral.

Abp. John of Shanghai and San Francisco was canonized as a Saint by the Russian

Church on July 2 1994. It was an unforgettable event to which hundreds of clergy and many thousands of laymen came from all over the world.

Bishop Alexander concludes, “The importance of St. John for the people of today cannot be underestimated. Those who knew him personally or have read about his life and miracles have learned of the tremendous spiritual power embodied in this frail little man. God was drawn to the burning, loving heart of St. John, which became a vessel of His grace. He entrusted the Saint with heavenly secrets and the ability to transcend physical laws, making him a point of contact between Himself, the Creator, and us, His creatures.”



The Descent from the Cross



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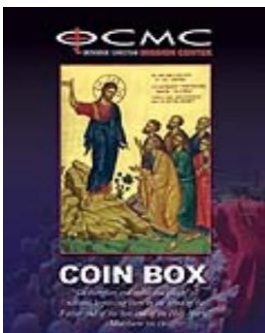


As the Covid-19 is unfolding, much of the world is struggling to navigate these turbulent waters. IOCC's mission is becoming more important than ever. Together, through prayer, self care, love & faith, we can weather this storm. You may make a donation on IOCC website. IOCC helps by being committed to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

Thank you,

The Theotokos be with all,

Love Ruth



Hope all are healthy and safe. Due to Covid-19 we aren't able to collect coin boxes.

If you would, continue to put change in them for missions, which is on going even more during this pandemic. When we get the ok to open Our church, I ask that you bring them to church. I will collect at that time, have change counted, and let you know how we did.

Thanks for all your help. Love in Christ, Ruth



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



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Sending prayers to our Sister Ann Lowe for the loss of her husband, Ted Lowe. May his memory be eternal.

Please don't forget to wear a mask if you have to go out during this time of quarantine and maintaining a safe distance. One person can infect 40, so please take care and stay safe. I would like to thank Father and his “Crew” for the online Services. We appreciate their efforts during this time. Prayers for our community, the country and the world.

Diana Panos-Lillar
President



The Lamentations



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

Daughters of Penelope June News

Since our meeting on February 9th there hasn't been a lot going on for any of us as I am sure you all have been staying home and staying safe. During this time I have been on several teleconferences concerning the upcoming District 10 AHEPA Family Convention. It was originally scheduled for May 30. We all know that is impossible since gatherings of that size are not safe. The convention has been rescheduled for Saturday September 26th. Please save the date on your calendar. The banquet will be held at the Genesys Banquet Center with music by DJ Manolakis and lots of Greek dancing. We will all need to get out and celebrate by then.

Thank you to all who have donated to the matching funds project for our church that was organized by the District Lodges and the Omega AHEPA Chapter. The Omega Chapter that owns Senior Housing Residences near Mount Clemens will match what we raise up to \$2,000. They are required to donate a certain amount of their profits to nonprofit entities. They will then donate \$4,000 to our church. We are so pleased they have decided to assist the Greek Orthodox Churches of Michigan this year.

We are still planning on having a Salad Luncheon in October.

We will let you know when our next meeting will occur. If you need help with anything, please feel free to contact the Daughters of Penelope.

Cathy Yeotis
President



SAVE THE DATE!

The Pan Orthodox Churches of Genesee County

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

"Feasts of the Theotokos"

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

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April 27, 2020

To the Reverend Fathers and Esteemed Parish Councils of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit,

Christ is Risen!

The Metropolis of Detroit has been keeping a close eye on the most up-to-date information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic from esteemed health professionals, as well as direction and guidance from our Holy Archdiocese. This continues to be a trying time for all of us as we adjust to a new definition of normal for now. May we continue to keep all those affected by this global pandemic in our prayers – those who have perished, those who have lost loved ones to the virus, those who are still fighting in the hospitals, and the heroic medical professionals who are fighting on the frontlines for each and every precious life.

After much prayer and deliberation, and in the best interest of the beloved faithful of our Metropolis, we have made the difficult but necessary decision to cancel the summer camp programs for 2020: MDSC – Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp (Michigan), St. Nicholas Summer Camp (Kentucky), and St. Timothy Summer Camp (New York). Although we hope that much of this crisis will subside by summertime, there are far too many medical and scientific unknowns which would leave our camps vulnerable and potentially dangerous to its participants as well as their loved ones at home.

Please know that this is a painful decision for our Metropolis. Our summer camp programs have an undeniably positive impact on campers, as well as the clergy, staff and volunteers. We understand that many campers and staff will be disappointed, and we truly share in that disappointment. However, given the current public health situation, our camps simply cannot guarantee what they affirm is their top priority - to keep all participants safe and healthy.

Our camping ministries programs, with the support and guidance of the Metropolis Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, are currently working on creative ways they can reach out to parishes this summer. Each one of our camps will send individual communications regarding issues of refunds and future plans.

Beloved faithful, the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior reminds us that there is hope even after the most hopeless of situations. We must keep the faith that the sacrifices we make now will result in a positive outcome, ensuring a most joyful reunion at our summer camps for 2021.

With heartfelt prayers of health and well-being to you all, and with faith in the Risen Christ, I remain,

+NICHOLAS
Metropolitan of Detroit

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**FLINT AHEPA-DAUGHTERS
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**
2245 E Baldwin Rd., Grand Blanc, MI 48439



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

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

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

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

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St. Nikephoros, Pray to God for Us!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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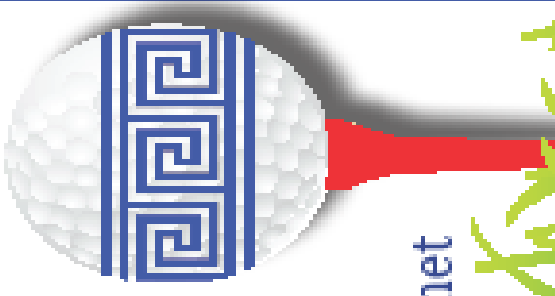
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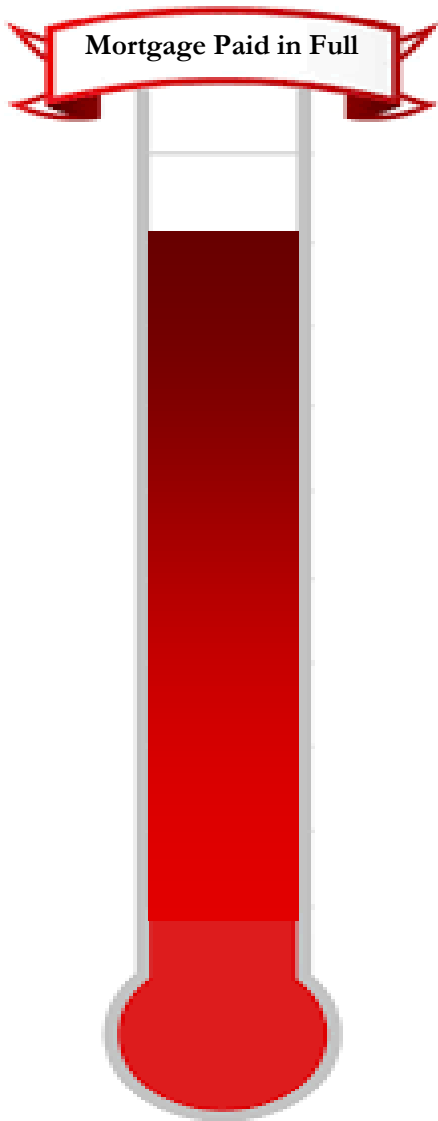
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Mortgage Drive:

This past March, it was 6 years since we started our Mortgage Drive. We have been able to lower our Mortgage by more than \$475,000 during this time. Approximately \$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 4-30-2020
our balance is:
\$95,013.64

Thank You!

MORTGAGE DRIVE

(FROM 4-1-2019 TO 3-1-2020)

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


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62. In Memory of John Jimos

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

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| <p>64. In Memory of James (Giannakopoulos) Johnson</p> <p>65. In Memory of Harold Kallis</p> <p>66. In Memory of Tony Karakitsos</p> <p>67. In Memory of Alex Karatza</p> <p>68. In Memory of Nick Kondyles</p> <p>69. In Memory of Anne Kossaras</p> <p>70. In Memory of Sandy Bachakes Kraemer</p> <p>71. In Memory of Tom Lamberson</p> <p>72. In Memory of Suzanne Lauster</p> <p>73. In Memory of Ted Lowe</p> <p>74. In Memory of Marianne Chardoul Mair</p> <p>75. In Memory of George Margaritis</p> <p>76. In Memory of Kathryn Menoutes</p> <p>77. In Memory of Mike Michaelou</p> <p>78. In Memory of Nicholas Mighion</p> <p>79. In Memory of Aristoteles Panos</p> <p>80. In Memory of Niki Panos</p> <p>81. In Memory of Ida Payne</p> <p>82. In Memory of Dr. George Politis</p> <p>83. In Memory of John Siambis</p> <p>84. In Memory of Tommy Stergiopoulos</p> <p>85. In Memory of Cleo Tarlas</p> <p>86. In Memory of Betty Vlahakis</p> <p>87. In Memory of Gus Vergos</p> <p>88. Daughters of Penelope</p> | <p>89. DOP Kafi Night</p> <p>90. DOP Mardi Gras Bar Tips</p> <p>91. Endowment Fund</p> <p>92. Religious Education</p> <p>93. 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:

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 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 |
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Assumption Church Icon Update

Our Assumption Church is in the midst of a major icon project and has been blessed with beautiful new icons written and installed by Sergei Mitrofanov. The icons currently installed add positively to the worship experience at our Church and remind everyone who sees them of the glory of God in His saints.

Icons Currently Installed

The first icon installed was the Platytera (Πλατυτέρα) on the wall in front of the Altar Table. This icon features the Most Holy Mother of God with her hands extended and a young image of Christ in front of her chest. It is called Platytera because by containing the Christ child in her womb, the Theotokos has become wider than the heavens. Two beautiful icons of angels on each side of the Platytera were installed at the same time. These angels have their arms presenting the Mother of God with the Christ child to the world.

The next icon installed was for the Feast Day of our Assumption Church, the Dormition of the Theotokos (Κοίμησις τῆς Θεοτόκου). This amazing icon is on the back wall of the Church. The entire life of the Mother of God points to her son, Jesus Christ. Consistently, He stands at the center of the icon cradling the soul of His mother. We then see the Apostles and bishops surrounding the body of the Theotokos with their heads bowed in reverence. St. Peter is censuring her body. Her body lays in a serene posture indicating that she is fully at peace as she is received into heaven by her son. It is a beautiful icon that reminds us that our Assumption Church is under the protection of the Most Holy Mother of God.

The most recent icon installed was the Last Supper (Μυστικός Δείπνος) above the Altar. This is the meal that Christ had with His Disciples before the Crucifixion. In the icon, we see St. John the Evangelist reclining his head on the chest of Christ (John 13:23). We see Judas revealing his planned betrayal by being the Apostle reaching over the table and receiving the dipped bread (Matthew 26:23; Mark 14:20; Luke 22:21 & John 13:26-27). We also see the Apostles looking concerned as they ask whether they will be the one who betrays the Lord (Matthew 26:22; Mark 14:19; Luke 22:23 & John 13:22). This beautiful icon was installed in time for Holy Week this year so it was present for the Vespers Divine Liturgy on Holy Thursday morning celebrating the event of the Last Supper.

Icons Scheduled to be Installed in the Coming Months

Sergei has advised that the next two icons to be installed will be the Resurrection (Ανάστασις) icon above the Altar Table on the south side and the Sermon on the Mount icon above the Altar on the north side. The Resurrection icon affirms our Lord as Savior, the one who gives His life for the life of the world and defeats death through His death.

The Sermon on the Mount icon presents Christ as Teacher, the one who educates man about God, salvation, and how we should live our Orthodox Christian faith. The placement of these icons together shows the connection between learning the faith, living the faith, and seeking salvation in Christ through His resurrection. These icons will be amazing additions to the Church when they are installed.

Icons Available for Donation

Our Assumption Church family has generously donated many of the icons for this project. There are still icons available for donation. Two icons currently available include the Nativity of Christ icon and the Communion of the Apostles icon. The Nativity icon will be installed on the north front wall of the Church behind the candle stand next to the baptismal font. This icon will have the Christ child in the cave with His mother, St. Joseph the Betrothed, the angels, and the magi. This is an appropriate placement next to the font as the Lord become man in the case for us at the Nativity to lead us to Him through the baptismal waters. The Communion of the Apostles will be installed on the south front wall behind the bishop's throne. This beautiful icon, which features Christ giving communion to His Apostles, is appropriately placed behind the bishop's throne as the bishop is the primary celebrant of the Divine Liturgy and gives communion to his priests and the people.

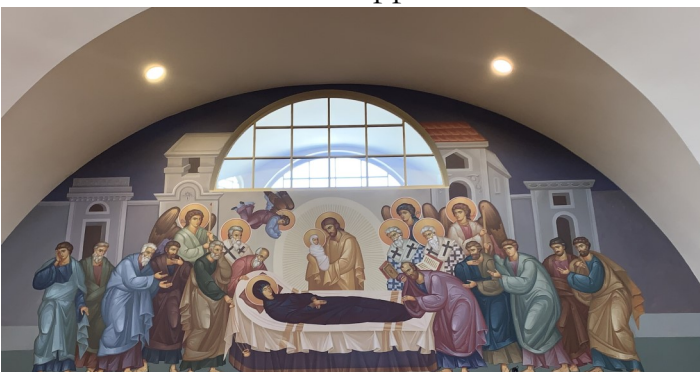
These are just two of the icons still available for donation. There are others that will be discussed in future issues of the Assumption Connection. Any questions about the icon project and possible donations, full or partial, should be directed to Fr. Jarrod Russell or Parish Council President John Hountalas.



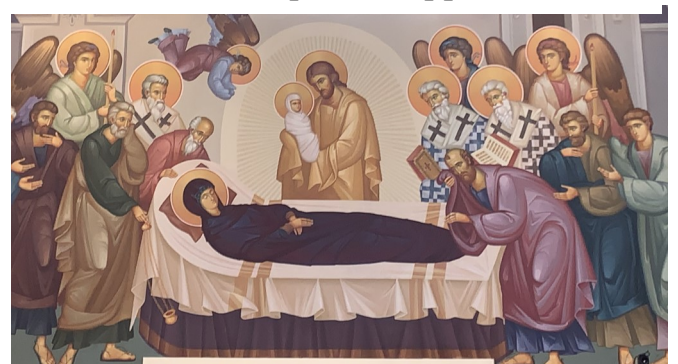
Last Supper



Close up Last Supper



Full Dormition



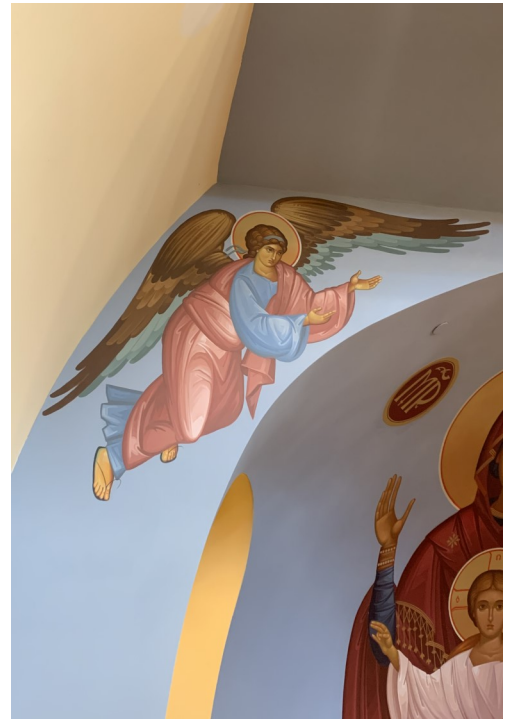
Close up Dormition



Platytera with Angel



South Angel



North Angel



Platytera Option 2



Platytera Option 1

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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.

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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



Holy Friday Evening

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Batsios, Evangelos

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Chinonis, Linda

Chinonis, Sandi

+Chuleas-Williams, Anna

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Kalatzis, Athena

Kallis, Agape

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(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 |
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| 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

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| 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) |

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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.

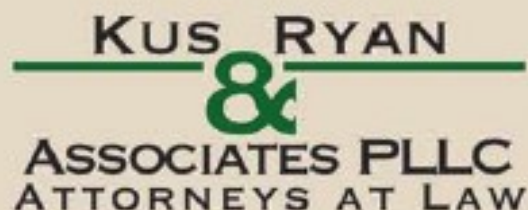
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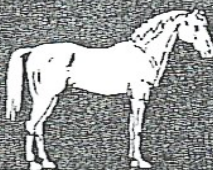
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