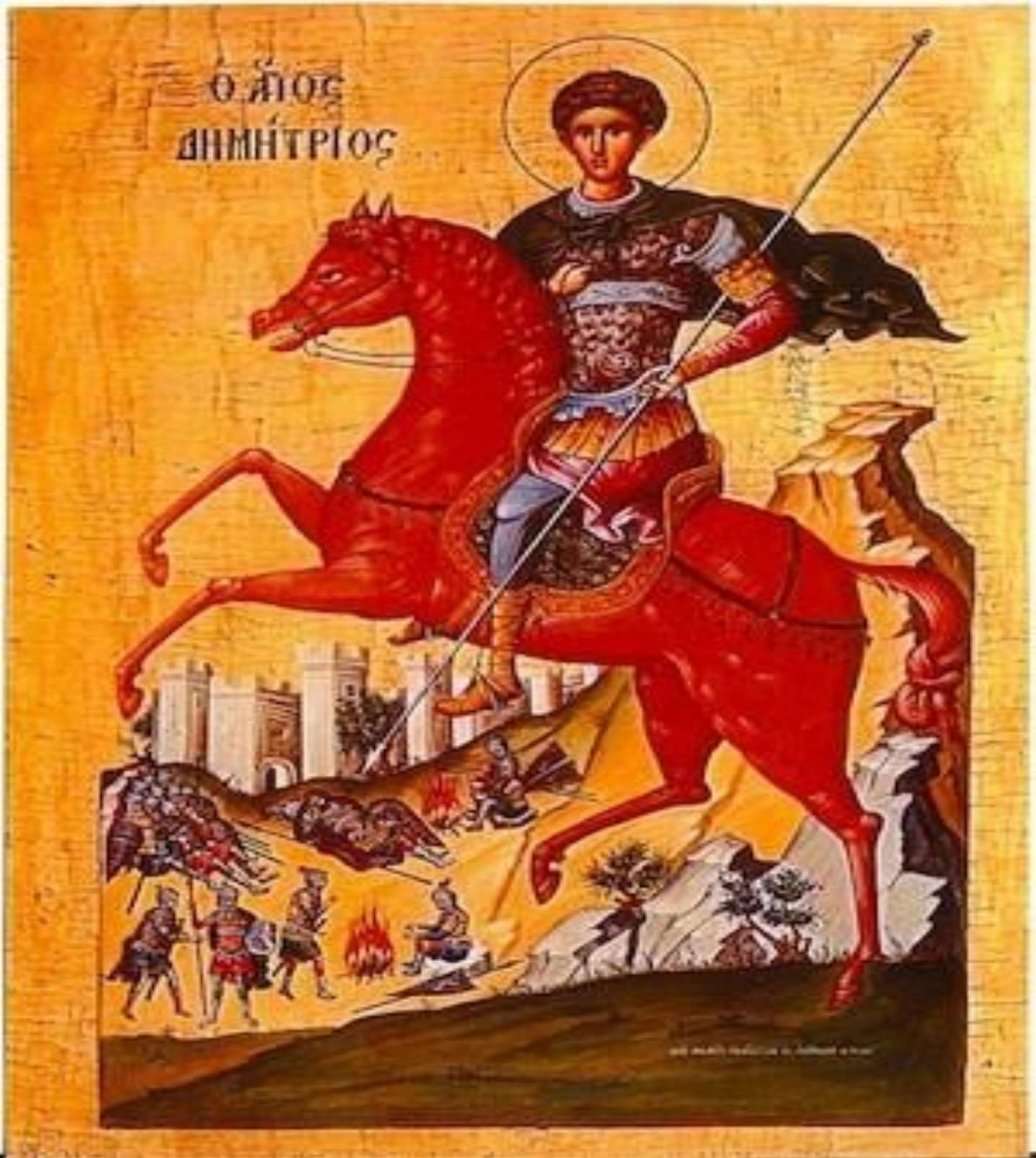


THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

October
2020



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

OCTOBER 2020

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- 14: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 - 8:15 pm
- 26: Divine Liturgy St. Demetrios 10 am
- 28: OXI Day

NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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29	30					

- 1: Daylight Savings Time Ends - Turn clocks back 1 hour
- 3: Election Day
- 8: Fall General Assembly
- 9: Divine Liturgy St. Nektarios 10 am
- 11: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 - 8:15 pm
- 12: Divine Liturgy St. John Chrysostom 6 pm
- 21: Divine Liturgy Nativity of the Theotokos 10 am
- 22: Parish Council Elections
- 25: Divine Liturgy St. Katherine 10 am
- 26: Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
- 27: Office Closed

Prosporon Schedule

October:

4: Pavlis, John & Pat
11: Peters, Jeff & Maria
18: Photiou, Carol
25: Photiou, Lucas & Lori

November:

1: Photiou, Maroulla
8: Politis, Rita
13: Potsos, Dimitrios & Stergoula
22: Poulos, Chris & Debra
29: Poulos, Eleanor

Please make 3 loaves of Prospora and bring them to church by 9:00 am on the morning of the service. Be sure to include your lists of names, both living and dead, to be read during the Proskimide (Preparation) Service: 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;
George Pappadakis; Charlie Paraschos; Heather Williamson

Sunday Reader Schedule

October

4 Ruth Karabina
11 John Kaloydis
18 Cathy Yeotis
25 Nick Holland

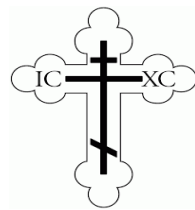
November

1 Debra Chinonis
8 John Costa
15 Ruth Karabina
22 Tim Welch
29 Cathy Yeotis

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,

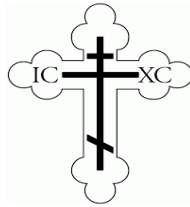
October begins and ends with the Feast Day of the Holy Protection of the Theotokos, Ἁγία Σκέπη τῆς Θεοτόκου. This Feast Day commemorates the appearance of the Virgin Mary in the Church of Blachernae in Constantinople in the tenth century. While the faithful were gathered in the church, the Theotokos was seen above the faithful spreading out her veil over them, signifying her unceasing protection of all Orthodox Christians. This is a feast of gratitude reflecting our appreciation to the Virgin Mary for her constant intercessions for the Orthodox faithful.

The ancient custom of the Church is to celebrate this Feast Day on October 1. In 1952, the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece decreed that the Feast Day of the Holy Protection would be celebrated in parishes in Greece on October 28 concurrently with OXI Day. As our parish is under the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, the Assumption Parish may celebrate the feast on either the ancient date of October 1 or on OXI Day. **This year, we will be celebrating this significant feast on the eve of the ancient date, Wednesday, September 30th at 6:00 p.m.**

The Feast Day of the Holy Protection is especially significant for us because the Assumption Parish is under the direct protection of the Most Holy Theotokos. We



FROM REV. FR. JARROD RUSSELL



should recognize that it is through the prayers of the Virgin Mary that the Assumption Parish was founded in Flint and continues to serve the Orthodox faithful from our current location in Grand Blanc. In every activity, we should seek the intercessions and protection of the Most Holy Theotokos as she has always guided the Assumption Parish and will continue to guide the parish provided we remain faithful to our Orthodox faith.

In addition to seeking the intercessions and protection of the Theotokos, we should also offer her thanksgiving and express our appreciation to the Virgin Mary for her protection. October presents a unique opportunity for us to express this appreciation on both days commemorating the Holy Protection of the Theotokos. We will begin with the ancient date of October 1, and we will have a second opportunity on OXI Day to further express our appreciation to the Mother of God. These two days of celebration will hopefully inspire us to constantly offer thanks to the Theotokos every day during our prayers.

As we celebrate this glorious feast of the Mother of God, we give thanks to the Virgin Mary as we seek her protection in all the days to come!

With love in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell

Hope, Joy, & GOYA Corner

Well, it's that time again. A new 2020-2021 school year kicked off Sunday September 27th. The beginning of this year is going to look different than our normal. What does not look different anymore? We are still in 2020! Since we are unable to hold RE classes in our classrooms, we will be holding a session once a month after Liturgy in the church with Father and the children in attendance. These sessions will be recorded and posted to our AGOC RE Facebook Page. We will then hold a Zoom session one night the week before the next session. We ask every family to do their best to participate in all of these sessions. The only thing that is especially important for our children during this pandemic is to keep their closeness to their church family. The sessions and topics are as follows:

1. September 27: Back to School Orthodox Reminders (Reminding ourselves how to live our Orthodox Christian faith every day and everywhere)
2. October 25: Thanksgiving Prayers to God (True thanksgiving is thanking God in prayer)
3. November 22: Giving Back to God (The Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple as a model for our giving back to God)
4. December 20: Glorifying Christ at His Birth (Christ is Born! How will we glorify Him?)

Due to the current restrictions for gatherings we are unable to have our annual Harvest Fest Party. We hope and pray that by Fall of 2021 things will have changed with the pandemic and we will be able to once again host our annual Harvest Fest.

Fish Fry started back up on September 11th which means that so did our Bake Sales. Remember all the proceeds of the bake sales fund ALL the activities we do throughout the year; provide personal needs bags for the clients of Catholic Charities Center For Hope at Christmas, support our Assumption Church in many ways such as; lunch serving at Catholic Charities Center For Hope, landscaping, maintenance, the mortgage drive, and the memorial fund. Without your help in making items for sale none of this would be possible! We will use the same method of assigning weeks like we have the last few years. The schedule is below so you can plan accordingly.

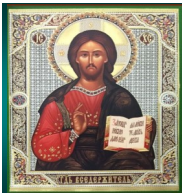
Date	Name 1	Name 2
10/2/2020	Holland	Karakitsos
10/9/2020	Kovanis-Wilson	Kraemer
10/16/2020	Leighton	Mavrikos
10/23/2020	O'Bee	Panos
10/30/2020	Paraschos	Photiou
11/6/2020	Smith	Stavridis
11/13/2020	Batsios	Carpenter
11/20/2020	Federick	Grousopoulos
12/4/2020	Haralambous	Holland
12/11/2020	Karakitsos	Kovanis-Wilson
12/18/2020	Kraemer	Leighton

We look forward to another successful learning year for our Assumption children as they grow and learn about our Orthodox faith!

Sincerely,

Religious Education Committee





FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Announcements

**General
Assembly**



Fall General Assembly: Sunday, November 8

The Fall General Assembly will occur in the Church immediately following the Divine Liturgy as directed by the Metropolis of Detroit.



Parish Council Election: Sunday, November 22

Nominations are now being accepted for four positions on the Parish Council. If you are interested in running for the Parish Council, please contact Fr. Jarrod or Parish Council President John Hountalas to discuss the requirements and obligations. A ballot will be printed in the November newsletter. Therefore, nominations must be received by Friday, October 9.



**EXCERPTS FROM A HOMILY ON THE PROTECTION OF THE MOST
HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
by St. Dimitry of Rostov**

During the last, difficult times, when with the increase of our sins our perils have also increased, in fulfillment of the words of the holy apostle Paul: In perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren (2 Cor. 11:26), when in fulfillment of the words of the Lord Himself, nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places (Matt. 24:7), when we are pressed with invasions by foreign nations, civil wars, and fatal diseases, the Most Holy and Most blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Lord, gives us her protection as our shield, in order to free us from all disasters; in order to protect us from famines, floods, and earthquakes, to save us from wars and diseases, and preserve us unharmed under her protection. A sign of this protection appeared in the royal city of Constantinople during the reign of the pious King Leo the Wise in the glorious church of the Most Holy Theotokos in Blachernae. There during the All-Night Vigil for Sunday, on the first day of the month of October, in the fourth hour of the night, in the presence of many people, St. Andrew the fool for Christ lifted up his eyes and saw the Heavenly Queen, the Protectress of the whole world, the Most Holy Virgin Theotokos, standing in the air and praying, shining with the light of the sun and covering the people with her honorable omophorion. Seeing this, St. Andrew said to his disciple Blessed Ephiphанийos:

“Do you see, brother, the Queen and Mistress of all, praying for the whole world?”

Ephiphанийos replied: “I see, holy father, and I tremble.”

As once St. John the Theologian saw a great sign in the heavens, a woman clothed with the sun, so also did St. Andrew in the Blachernae church, like the heavens, see the Unwedded Bride, clothed in the sun’s porphyry. . . .

. . . we celebrate the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos Virgin, remembering her most glorious appearance in the Blachernae church, seen by Sts. Andrew and Epiphанийos. We celebrate, giving thanks to our Protectress for her great mercy shown to the Christian race, and we earnestly pray to her that she would now and always prayerfully protect us who seek her protection. We pray, because without her protection it would be impossible for us, who continually anger God,

to live. Sinning over and over again, we are likewise subjected to many punishments according to the words of the Psalmist: Many are the scourges of the sinner (Ps. 31:10). We would have perished long ago for our iniquities if the merciful Sovereign Lady had not interceded for us: “If we had not had Thee ever interceding for us, who would have delivered us from so many dangers, who would have kept us free until now?” The prophet Isaiah advises the Jews to hide themselves for a little while, until the Lord’s wrath has passed them by. But where can we hide from the wrath of the Lord? In our sufferings we have found no cover to shield us but the only Sovereign Lady of the world, who speaks of herself with the lips of the Holy Spirit that she covered the earth as a cloud (Sirach 24:3). . . . All of these perilous days of ours have need of Thy merciful protection, O Most Holy Virgin! Do thou protect us throughout all our days, and especially in that terrible day when our souls will be separated from our bodies. Come to us with thine aid and hide us from the aerial spirits of wickedness under the heavens; and in the day of the Terrible and Dread Judgment, conceal us in the secret recesses of Thy Protecting Veil! Amen.

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These photos are from the Church of the Blachernae that currently exists on the location of the miracle commemorated on Feast Day of the Holy Protection.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Announcement:

The Flint AHEPA-Daughters Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients for this year's annual scholarships.



Lula Karakitsos, of Flushing, Michigan, has graduated from Flushing High School this year with high honors. She will be attending Michigan State University this fall, pursuing a career as a Physician's Assistant. Lula has been awarded the "Eli Chinonis Memorial Scholarship" in the amount of \$2,500.00.



Nicholas Pappadakis, of Grand Blanc, Michigan, has graduated from Grand Blanc High School this year with honors. He will be attending Delta College this fall, studying Criminal Justice. Nicholas has been awarded the "Harry and Catherine Yeotis Memorial Scholarship" in the amount of \$2,000.00.

The Flint AHEPA-Daughters Scholarship Foundation fund was established in 1987 to encourage and assist eligible students graduating from a Flint Area high school with plans to enter a university, college, or trade school. Funds have been raised from many activities and sources over the many years. To date the organization has awarded \$87,000.00 to 89 recipients.

The awards will be presented to the recipients during a ceremony at the church in the near future.


John K. Costa, Chairman


Catherine G. Yeotis, Co-chairman



Daughters of Penelope

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Where has 2020 gone and what has it turned into? Mostly it has been, stay at home and virtual communication. For those of you who do not have computers or iPads, you have probably felt much more isolated than the rest of us. Thank you to our six delegates who participated in the virtual District Convention on August 22. It was so nice to see our Executive Director make an appearance from Washington DC and our Grand President from her home in Canada. Also, our Grand Governor from Ohio attended the entire meeting. If we would have had a regular convention, they would not have been able to attend, so virtual meetings have some definite advantages.

Our new District officers are as follows:

District Governor – Peggy Collias – Doris Chapter #157, Bloomfield Hills

Lt. District Governor – Christina Vlahopoulos – Knossos Chapter #174, Ann Arbor

District Secretary – Elizabeth Bairactaris – Knossos Chapter #174, Ann Arbor

District Treasurer – Dimitra Boutsikakis – Knossos Chapter #174, Ann Arbor

District Marshal – Elaine Charalambopoulos – Dares Chapter \$252, Dearborn

District Advisor – Dorothea Williams – Thamyris Chapter 272, Detroit

Our sincere congratulations to the newly elected officers. We look forward to working with all of them

After experiencing the online meeting, I have had several requests to have our next meeting online using Zoom. We still have about 18 members that do not have access to equipment to do this. It was suggested that they buddy-up with someone who does, but if we are practicing social distancing, I am not sure that will work. **Please let me know how you feel about having a virtual meeting.**

We had two applicants for our local AHEPA/DOP Scholarship. We are pleased to announce that we gave two scholarships, one to Lula Karakitsos and one to Nicholas Pappadakis. Be sure to congratulate them when you see them or any of their family members. We wish them much success in college.

If you know of any other graduates from either HS or College, **PLEASE** give me their names so that we can honor all of them. Thank you.

Since we do not know when the Governor's restrictions will be lifted, it is difficult to make plans for normal future events, but we need to start thinking "Out of the Box" to come up with alternative fundraisers. Many organizations are doing drive through events and virtual fundraisers. So, let's start brainstorming ideas, even if they sound "off the wall" to begin with, they might work out in the end. Please let me hear from each one of you.

Please note, the **2021 National Convention will be held in Greece in July.**

Cathy

Catherine Yeotis, President

Catholic Charities
Center For Hope
Soup Kitchen
Adopt A Day

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



Support OUR Seminary!

The previous issue of the newsletter provided a short history of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts. Holy Cross is the only seminary of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, and its continued existence and growth are essential to the future of our Church in America. At the same time, Holy Cross is a graduate school that requires funding in addition to the tuition and fees paid by or on behalf of the students. This is especially true as the restrictions imposed in response to the coronavirus have financially impacted Holy Cross leading to a declaration of financial exigency and dramatic reorganization of the school. More information is available at the following website: <https://www.hchc.edu/hchc-begins-restructuring-process/>.

If you would like to support Holy Cross and the future clergy of the Archdiocese, donations may be sent directly to Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, 50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA 02445. Please contact Fr. Jarrod with any questions about Holy Cross or supporting our seminary.



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Pine Knob Golf club - Clarkston, MI

Monday, August 17, 2020

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Colony Market - Grand Blanc	McLean, Sammie	Vasilakis, Lucky (Lucky's Steakhouse)
Daughters of Penelope	Menoutes, George	Virkler, Kim & Ginger
		Wingman Water

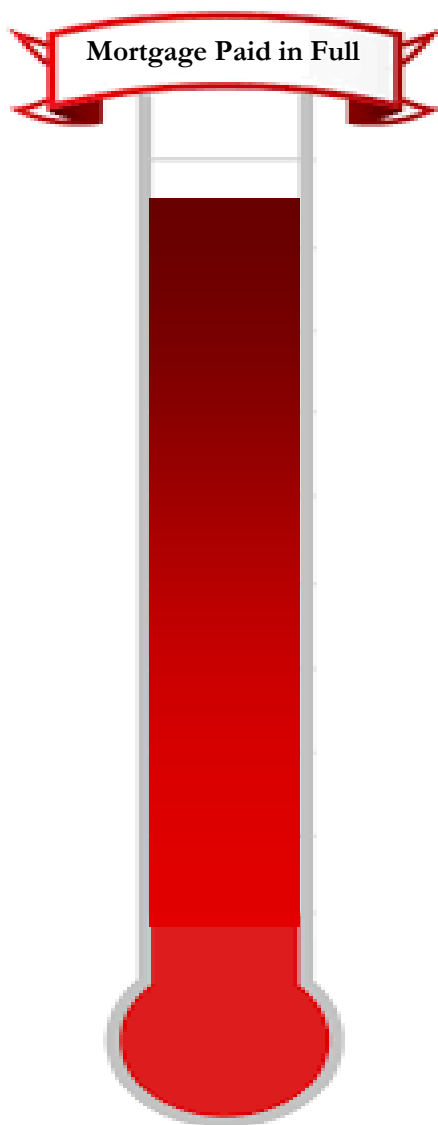
The Assumption community would like to thank you all for making this event a success.

THANK YOU!

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 8-31-2020
our balance is:
\$85,856.31

Thank You!

MORTGAGE DRIVE

(FROM 9-1-2019 TO 8-1-2020)

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

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53. In Memory of John & Christine Caris
54. In Memory of Elias Chinonis
55. In Memory of Gabriella Chinonis
56. In Memory of Gus Chinonis
57. In Memory of John Chinonis
58. In Memory of Maria Contagianni
59. In Memory of James & Chryssee Daros
60. In Memory of Evangelos Douros
61. In Memory of London Eisenbeis
62. In Memory of John Helton

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80. In Memory of Niki Panos
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84. In Memory of Cleo Tarlas
85. In Memory of Betty Vlahakis
86. In Memory of Gus Vergos
87. Daughters of Penelope
88. DOP Kafi Night
89. DOP Mardi Gras Bar Tips
90. Endowment Fund
91. Religious Education
92. V.I.P.'s
93. Assumption Catering
94. Blessing of the Buses
95. Food Sales for Mortgage Reduction
96. GFS Rebate
97. Hall Rental Bar Tips
98. Hall Rental Dishwasher & Linens
99. Hall Rental Linens & Liquor Add On
100. Heos Hall Rental & Bar
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102. Makaria of Sandy Bachakes Kraemer
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As you know, we have begun our Iconography Project. We want to thank those who have purchased an icon or just donated a little to help with this. There are still icons available for purchase. If you would like to purchase an Icon or even just donate a little to the project, please contact John Hountalas (810-701-5164) or Father Jarrod. Thank you for your generosity.

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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 (fjarrod@gmail.com).

August:

Baptism of Sapphira Sirakis

September:

Funeral of Achilles (Ike) Marks

A red-bordered rounded rectangle containing the text "Attention Please!" in bold red font. A red megaphone icon is positioned to the left of the rectangle, pointing towards the text.

**Attention
Please!**

PLEASE READ THIS NOTE ABOUT CHURCH EMAILS

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

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

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

MONTHLY CHURCH EXPENSES - AUGUST		
Accounting Fees	0.00	
Alarm	90.85	
Allocation	0.00	
Copy Machine/Printer Rental	384.69	
FICA Taxes	2,413.94	
General Insurance	0.00	Paid Quarterly
Lawn/Snow	693.00	
Health Insurance	1,599.00	
Archdiocese Pension Plan	700.00	
Maintenance Plan - Heating & Cooling	412.00	
Mortgage Loan	5,014.04	Includes a loan renewal fee of \$848. Loan was renewed Aug 24, 2020
Parish Stewardship Software	6.50	
Pest Control	0.00	
Salaries	7,020.04	
Towels/Aprons	0.00	Stopped for month of August; resume 9/11/20
Trash	177.59	
Utilities - Cable	370.01	
Utilities - Electric	1,456.81	
Utilities - Gas	152.49	
Utilities - Water	418.63	
TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES -AUGUST 2020	20,909.59	

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help on a Friday night.

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Fish Fry resumed September 11, 2020



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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 August 31, 2020 is \$7,200.51.

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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Pagonis, Voula	Vergos, Dr. Peter & Susie
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Panos, Spiridoula	Wright, Jeff & Kay
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Pappas, Dean & Elaine	Yeotis, Catherine
Paraschos, Sam & Sandra	Yeotis, Dean & Lynda
Paraschos, Tim & April	Yeotis, Hon. Thomas & Meg
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Peters, Jeff & Maria	Zaravelis, Fani

Mortgage Reduction Food Sales:

Pastitsio OR Moussaka Half Pan — Serves 9-12 — \$25.00
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Jimmy's Plaki Tray — \$25.00

Spinach Cheese Pie Tray — 15 pieces — \$25.00

Greek Feta 2 1/2 pounds — \$9.00

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CHURCH USAGE / HALL RENTAL FEES

(Approved by Parish Council Effective November 10, 2015)

For the Sacraments of Holy Marriage and Holy Baptism (there is no charge for Funeral or Memorial Services)

CHURCH USAGE FEE

Member in good standing of Assumption Church Grand Blanc – Minimum \$500 paid-up stewardship for previous year and up-to-date present year stewardship	Non-member at Assumption Church Grand Blanc
No fee for use of the church for sacraments	\$250 fee for use of the church for sacraments

Any deviation from this policy must be approved by the Parish Priest and Parish Council President and must be presented to them at least one month prior to the proposed sacrament date.

HALL RENTAL FEES

Member in good standing of Assumption Church Grand Blanc – Minimum \$500 paid-up stewardship for previous year and up-to-date present year stewardship	Non-member at Assumption Church Grand Blanc
Flat Fee of \$600 for Hall Rental (includes clean-up) If church dishes are used, dishwasher will be supplied at a cost of \$\$50 (cannot bring own dishwasher)	Flat fee of \$1,100 for Hall Rental (includes clean-up)
Members in good standing only Sunday – Thursday Hall Rental: \$300 minimum for 3 hours - \$100 each additional hour up to a maximum of \$600 Renter responsible for hall clean-up (no kitchen usage)	If church dishes are used, dishwasher will be supplied at a cost of \$\$50 (cannot bring own dishwasher)

PAYMENT IN FULL DUE 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE.

If you pay your stewardship using the offering envelopes provide in the church you must write “stewardship” on the envelope to ensure processing as stewardship. Unmarked envelopes will be considered a contribution only.

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.

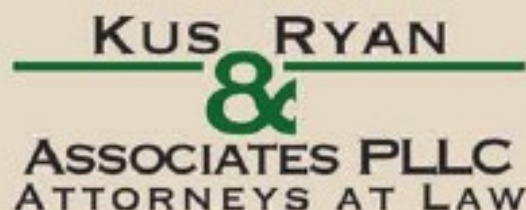
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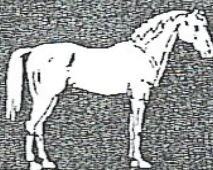
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