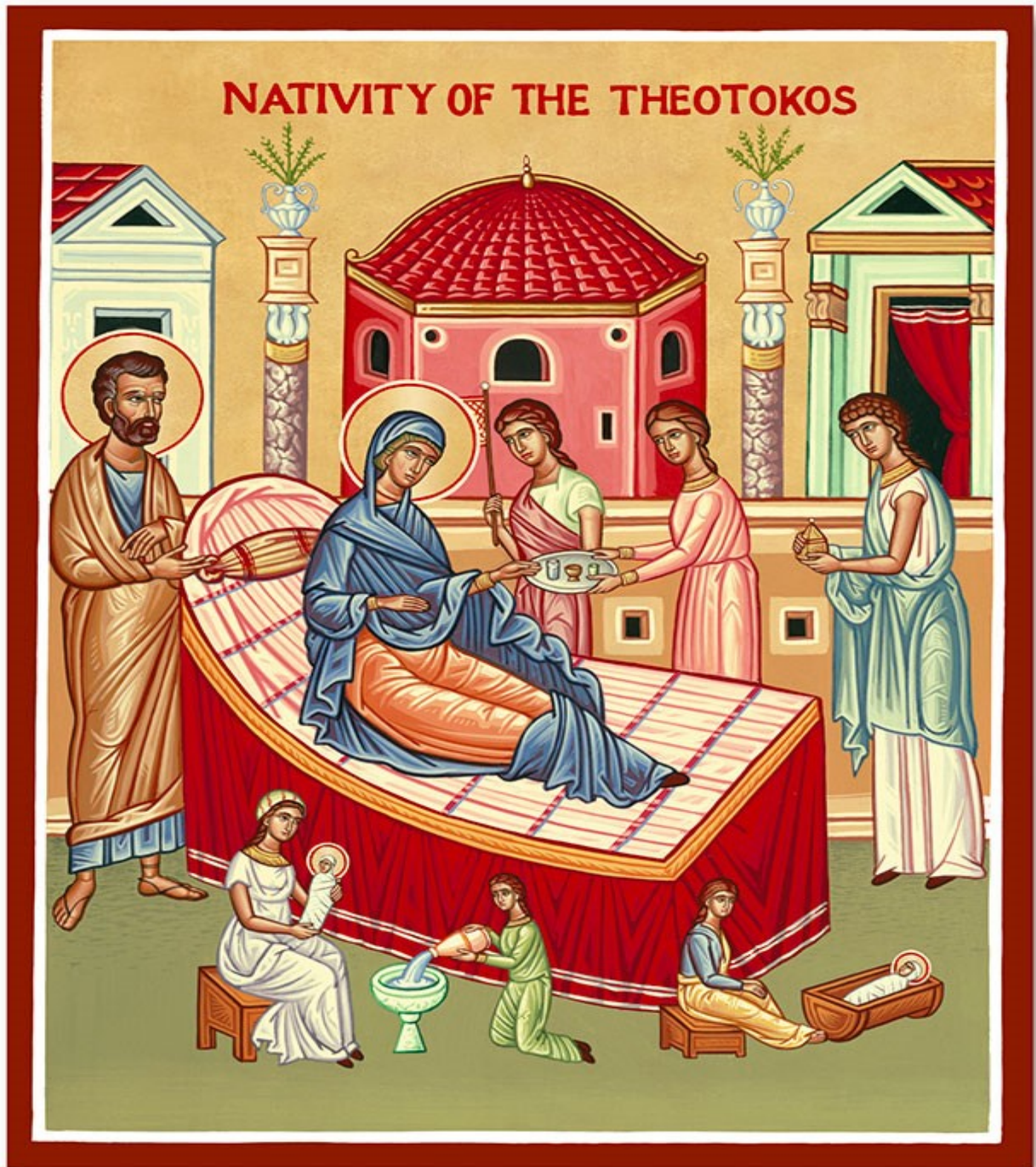


THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

September
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 Starts September 11th, Fridays 3:00—8:30pm
 CHOIR PRACTICE TBA

SEPTEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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27	28	29	30			

- 8: Pan- Orthodox Orthros 9 am
- Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy - Nativity of the Theotokos @ Assumption 10 am
- Parish Council Meeting 6:15 - 8:15 pm
- 9-10: Virtual Clergy - Laity
- 13: Pan-Orthodox Great Vespers - Exaltation of the Holy Cross @ St. Nicholas, Burton 6:30 pm
- 14: Divine Liturgy - Exaltation of the Holy Cross @ St. Mary Madgalene, Fenton 10 am
- 17: Virtual Cash Raffle
- 26: Taste of Greece 11 am - 7:30 pm
- 30: Divine Liturgy - Holy Protection of the Theotokos 6 pm

OCTOBER 2020

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- 14: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 - 8:15 pm
- 16 - 18: Hellenic Folk Dance Festival - St. Nicholas, Troy
- 26: Divine Liturgy for St. Demetrios 10 am
- 28: OXI Day

Prosporon Schedule

September:

6: Pappadakis, Nikki

13: Pappas, Dean & Elaine

20: Paraschos, Sam & Sandra

27: Paraschos, Tim & April

October:

4: Pavlis, John & Pat

11: Peters, Jeff & Maria

18: Photiou, Carol

25: Photiou, Lucas & Lori

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; Achilles Marks;
George Pappadakis; Charlie Paraschos; Heather Williamson

Sunday Reader Schedule

September

6 Cathy Yeotis

13 Nick Holland

20 Debbie Chinonis

27 John Costa

October

4 Ruth Karabina

11 John Kaloydis

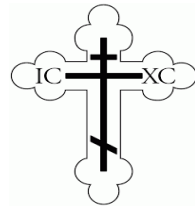
18 Cathy Yeotis

25 Nick Holland

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,

Every Divine Liturgy includes a reading from one of the four Gospels. The Gospel reading is normally intoned by the priest or deacon, and the people stand attentively during the reading. Prior to the reading, the priest offers the following prayer in a low voice while softly censing the Gospel books:

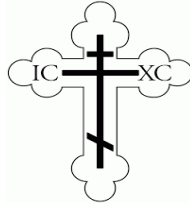
Shine in our hearts, O Master Who loves mankind, the pure light of Your divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our mind that we may comprehend the proclamations of Your Gospels. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments so that, having trampled down all carnal desires, we may lead a spiritual life, both thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the illumination of our souls and bodies, and to You we offer up glory, together with Your Father, Who is without beginning, and Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

This is a beautiful and powerful prayer that can also be offered before we read the Bible at home or other Orthodox book.

Fr. Emmanuel Hatzidakis writes that “the prayer expresses the correct *phronema* (mindset) a Christian should have when approaching to read or hear the Holy Scripture.” (*The Heavenly Banquet: Understanding the Divine Liturgy*, p. 143). When contemplating this prayer in light of Fr. Emmanuel’s statement, we note that the prayer (1) acknowledges God as the lover of mankind and as the illuminator of our souls and bod-



FROM REV. FR. JARROD RUSSELL



ies; (2) asks God to illumine our hearts and instill in us reverence for His commandments so that we can think and do things pleasing to Him and accordingly lead a spiritual life; (3) recognizes that we need the light of God's divine knowledge to comprehend the Gospel through the eyes of our mind; and (4) offers Glory to God as the Holy Trinity.

To sum it up, the prayer makes it clear that without God, we cannot truly understand and live the Gospels and His commandments. This is a key point that we must emphasize: the Lord calls us to both think AND do things that are pleasing to Him. Fr. Emmanuel explains further that "comprehension ultimately means that we apply the divine teachings in our everyday lives, or else without applying the knowledge we gain in our lives we would resemble the demons, to have knowledge, but no piety." Stated differently, we must implore God to understand how He wants us to think and to live our faith.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, as we enter the fall, we should seek to implore God with this prayer and other prayers as we continue to study and grow in our faith.

With love in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell

Hope, Joy, & GOYA Corner

Welcome back to a new school year! Per the guidelines of the Metropolis of Detroit, at this time we are not able to hold any activities outside of Divine services. This means that we are not able to hold in person classes. We held a parent Zoom meeting on August 19th to discuss our options. Please make sure to watch your emails & the AGOC RE Facebook page for more communication on what will be happening with Religious Education for the 2020-2021 school year.

Fish Fry will start back up on September 11th which means that so do our Bake Sales. Remember all the proceeds of the bake sales fund **ALL** the activities we do throughout the year with the kids, provide personal needs bags for the clients of Catholic Charities Center For Hope at Christmas, support the Greater Flint Orthodox Endowment Fund with an annual investment, and support our Assumption Church in many ways. 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 did last year. If you can't bake something on your assigned week we ask that you make a \$20 donation and we will bake for you. You **must** let us know the week before your assigned week so that we can plan to do the baking. The schedule is below so you can plan accordingly.

Date	Name 1	Name 2
9/11/2020	Photiou	Batsios
9/18/2020	Carpenter	Federick
9/25/2020	Grousopoulos	Haralambous
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

Lori Photiou and Ageliki Carpenter

Homily on the Nativity of the Theotokos Offered at the Holy Cross Hermitage, Wayne, West Virginia

There is no great event which is not proceeded with great longing and expectation. This Great Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God is no exception. This first of Feasts, celebrated on the eighth day of the New Church Year, was certainly preceded by great longing and expectation. First, we have the longing of the blessed parents of the Blessed Ever-Virgin, Joachim and Anna. Finding themselves childless even in old age and thus ashamed in front of Jewish society, they pleaded with God to relieve them of the curse of childlessness, a shame which even caused Joachim to be rejected from his service at the Temple and which sent him into the wilderness to plead with the Lord. Joachim and Anna did not lose their faith or cease their prayers even when it seemed that all the law of nature was set against them because of their age. Rather, they lived and prayed with longing and the expectation of deliverance.

Secondly, we have the longing and travail of the human race itself, which was until the dawn of Grace laboring under the yoke of the old law, the condemnation of the sin of our first ancestors, and the corruption of death. The people of the world had descended to such a state of moral degradation that it hardly seemed possible to redeem mankind. Indeed, it would take the very entry of God Himself, incarnate, into human history in order to save mankind inasmuch as the law was powerless to save it. Mankind, like Anna, was barren, not bringing forth fruit. The whole world was in longing, and the righteous, such as Joachim and Anna and Symeon the God-Receiver, were filled with expectation.

If the Incarnation of the Son of God was the rising of the Sun upon the darkness of the Earth, then surely the Birth of the Chosen Virgin and Bride of God was the dawn of morning breaking through the dark night of humanity. The child of Joachim and Anna was chosen before the ages by Divine Providence, was born of an aged woman thought to be barren, was offered as a pure sacrifice to God by her parents, was brought into the temple and preserved and nourished by the angelic hosts until her coming of age, entrusted to the aged Joseph, and then mystically conceived the Incarnate Word in her virginal womb. She contained the One who cannot be contained, and her womb became more spacious than the heavens.

In the same way that every great musician needs an instrument to create the melodies that well up in his soul and demand to make their way into the world, so God arranged everything for our salvation by making use of one perfect instrument, the Ever-Virgin Mary. Her Nativity represents a critical moment in the history of the universe, her birth represents the coming of the fullness of time, the end of the Old Law and the sounding forth of the first notes of the melody of the New Law, the Law of Love and salvation through Grace.

From the time of the Apostles and through the centuries, Orthodox Christians have devoted themselves and their talents to the Mother of God, the Gate of our Salvation. Hymnographers have composed new hymns, canons, and Akathists to her, Iconographers have created a multitude of types, each expressing something slightly different about the Mother of God, her life on earth and her intervention into human life through miracles and appearances. Many have built great temples and whole monasteries in her honor. Out of devotion saints have written their own private prayers and songs to the Mother of God, asking her to take them under her saving omophorion and bring them into the Heavenly Kingdom. Each of us, even if we are not hymnographers or iconographers by talent, must also create our own devotion to the Mother of God. Our song of devotion should be our very life. Let us ask the Mother of God to take us and plant us in her little garden, even if we seem to be the worst of weeds, so that she can tend to us and guide us on the way to Heaven. Amen.

Source: <https://orthochristian.com/82343.html>





A Note about Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology serves as both a graduate school of Orthodox Theology and as the only seminary of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Over 95% of the clergy serving the Archdiocese are graduates of Holy Cross. The School of Theology celebrates its Feast Day on September 14. Therefore, we provide to the Assumption faithful this background statement about Holy Cross as we pray for the school and its faculty and students during the month of September.

“The institution was originally founded as Holy Cross Theological School in 1937 in Pomfret, Connecticut. Since then Holy Cross has served as the seminary of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese in the Americas. In 1946 the school was moved to Brookline, Massachusetts, where the students and faculty could take advantage of the educational and cultural opportunities of Greater Boston. In response to the emerging needs of the Church, and by virtue of its own academic maturation, in 1966 Holy Cross expanded its collegiate division into a full four-year liberal arts college, a distinct undergraduate institution known as Hellenic College. Today the faculties and students of the undergraduate and graduate schools continue to form one community, sharing the same campus and facilities. However, the two schools are academically separate entities. Holy Cross offers graduate programs of study leading to the degrees of Master of Divinity (M.Div.), Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.), and Master of Theology (Th.M.). Holy Cross has developed into an accredited graduate school of theology, and as such has become one of the most im-

portant institutions of the Orthodox Church in the Western hemisphere.

“At Holy Cross, education is viewed as an integration of learning and faith. While committed to providing excellence in teaching, learning, and scholarship, the Holy Cross programs also reflect the religious and cultural values of the Greek Orthodox tradition.

“Holy Cross strives to fulfill the need of the Orthodox Church to educate each generation of leaders, clergy and laypersons who share a common experience of learning and faith; men and women who, in their chosen professions, will exemplify the values and spirit of Orthodox Christianity.

“The institution is engaged in a variety of teaching, scholarship, service, and worship activities directed toward developing the intellectual and spiritual potential of students, as well as enabling the faculty to pursue teaching and scholarship in their various disciplines with academic freedom. Thus, it constitutes a unique environment of personal growth and intellectual maturity for men and women who provide the priestly and lay witness and leadership of Orthodox Christianity in the Western world.

“Holy Cross is located in the Greater Boston area, the "Athens of America," notable for its numerous colleges and universities. The city is student-oriented and rich in cultural, educational, and athletic opportunities. Our own campus offers a variety of cultural activities and intramural sports. The underlying source of all of our experiences is our deep commitment to our faith and heritage, which allows us to blend a unified vision of the past, present, and future in all that we do.”

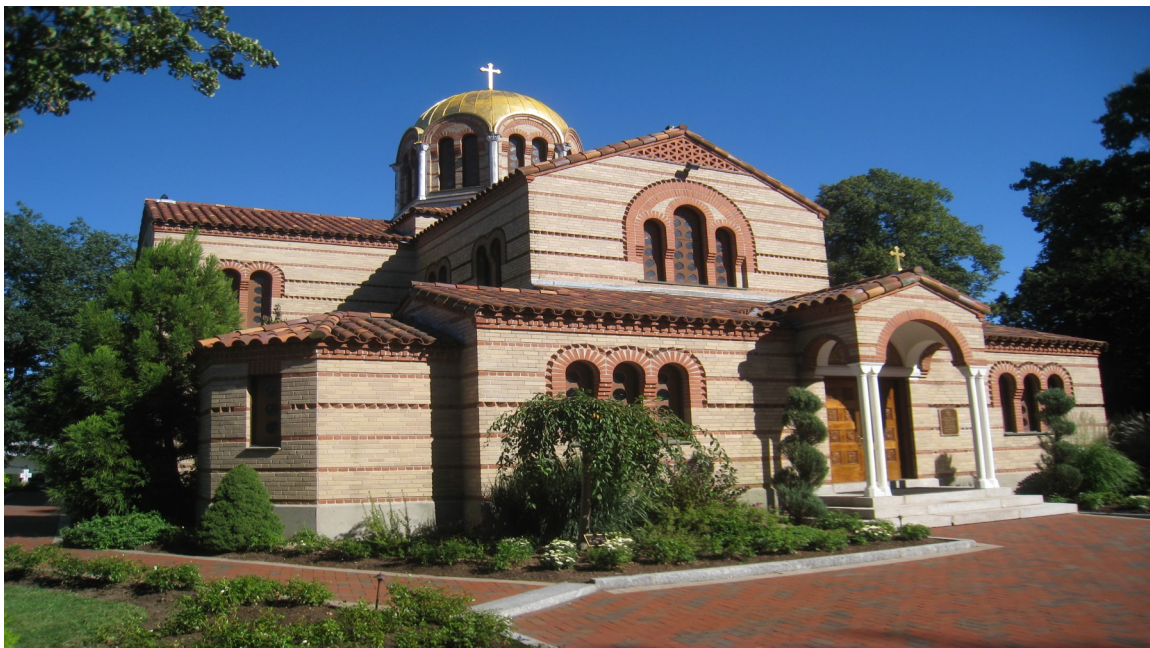
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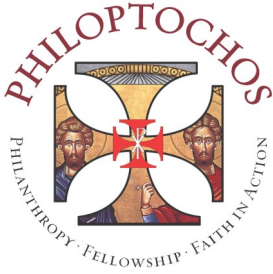
Holy Cross Commencement



Holy Cross Library



Holy Cross Chapel



Philoptochos Society — Friends of the Poor !

Ladies,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. Please continue to stay safe by wearing masks and complying with Social Distancing. These 2 requests are to keep you safe and for the safety of others.

While going through some old papers I found this prayer for the Philoptochos. While it was written for our organization it applies to the events of today. Please read this and think about the meaning behind the words.

God, who made all men in thy likeness,
And lovest all whom thou has made,
Reconcile us with one another, and with thee;

And as thy Son and our Savior was born of a Hebrew mother,
But rejoiced in the faith of a Syrian woman
And of a Roman soldier,
Welcomed the Greeks who sought him,
And suffered a man from Africa to carry his cross;

So teach us to look upon the members of all races
As fellow heirs of the Kingdom of Jesus Chris our Lord.

Amen

Please stay safe and continue to pray for our country and our world.

Thank you,
Diana Panos-Lillar



FLINT AHEPA-DAUGHTERS
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
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Date: August 13, 2020

John K. Costa
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Announcement:

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

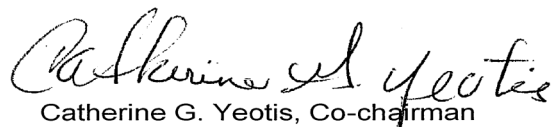
Lula Karakitsos, of Flushing, Michigan, has graduated from Flushing High School this year with high honors. She will be attending Michigan State University this fall, pursuing a career as a Physician's Assistant. Lula has been awarded the "Eli Chinonis Memorial Scholarship" in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Nicholas Pappadakis, of Grand Blanc, Michigan, has graduated from Grand Blanc High School this year with honors. He will be attending 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.

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
Iris Chapter 242
Hellenism, Philanthropy, and Sisterhood



September DOP Newsletter

The main event in August was the virtual District Convention. We were able to have six delegates represent our chapter, so we were well represented. Our next project will be to honor the 2020 graduates and along with the AHEPA Chapter we were able to present two scholarships to local students from Assumption.

We know that we will not be able to host a Fall Salad Luncheon in October. We hope that by November we will be able to host Godparent Sunday. We will just have to wait and see what the conditions will be in Michigan by then. Please stay safe, wear your masks and be careful.

Cathy Yeotis
President



The Holy Synod of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America designated Friday, July 24 as a Day of Mourning in response to the conversion of Hagia Sophia into a mosque and directed the parishes of the Archdiocese to celebrate the Akathist Hymn. Fr. Gabriel Bilas of St. Mary Madgalene Orthodox Church celebrated the service with Fr. Jarrod. Fr. Anthony Strouse of St. Pius X Catholic Church was present for the service as a sign of solidarity between Orthodox and Catholics against the action of the Turkish government.



TASTE OF GREECE



Saturday, September 26, 2020

11:00 am to 7:30 pm

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT



ALL DINNERS COME WITH CHOICE OF RICE OR FRIES, COLESLAW, & ROLL
\$1.50 EXTRA FOR GREEK FRIES

SHISHKABOB—PORK	\$10.00
SHISHKABOB—CHICKEN	\$10.00
PASTITSIO	\$12.00
MOUSSAKA	\$12.00
3 PC FRIED FISH	\$9.00
SHRIMP BASKET	\$9.00
4 PC CHICKEN STRIPS	\$9.00

ALA CARTE ITEMS:

GREEK SALAD	\$3.00	TOSSED SALAD	\$2.50
COLESLAW	\$1.00	FRENCH FRIES	\$3.50
BOWL OF RICE	\$2.75	GREEK FRIES	\$4.75
PC OF PASTITSIO	\$8.00	GYRO	\$5.00
PC OF MOUSSAKA	\$8.00	2 PCS SPANOKOPITA	\$5.00
6 PCS TIROPITA	\$5.00	SOFT DRINKS	\$1.25

GREEK PASTRIES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

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Cash Raffle

Thursday, September 17

Starts at 7:00 pm

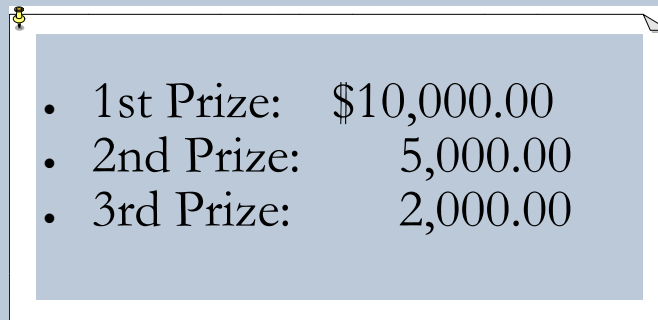
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1 Ticket \$200.00*

Cash Raffle will be live streamed on Facebook

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- 1st Prize: \$10,000.00
 - 2nd Prize: 5,000.00
 - 3rd Prize: 2,000.00

Every 10th ticket drawn gets the holder their money back!

To purchase tickets, see a Parish Council member, contact the office at 810-771-4611 or you may purchase online through our online store at assumptiongrandblanc.org

**Tickets may be purchased by individuals or by a group*

Catholic Charities
Center For Hope
Soup Kitchen
Adopt A Day

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



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Need of the Month
Genesee County

September:
Bar &
Hand Soap



On behalf of AHEPA District 10, I would once again like to thank all who participated in the eighth AHEPA "Milk for Flint" giveaway on July 16th. Whether you donated money, labor or both, all was appreciated and needed to again make this event a resounding success. It was great to see all the AHEPA Brothers' and DOP Sisters' smiling faces, who volunteered to help pass out the milk despite the steady downpour of rain! Thank you **Lou Pavledes, Cathy Yeotis, JoAnne Schultze,**

John Hauck II, John Hauck III, George Hauck, Nick Roumel, John Manolis, Nick Phillips, Fr. Simion Catau, Christos Michalakis, Nick Maodus, Jack Tsalis, Nick Koklanaris, Pam Heos, Jeff Brancheau, Fr. Jarrod Russell, John Kaloydis, Tom Yeotis, Yan Theros and Alex Theros. We worked as one big AHEPA team!

The line of Flint residents who received the milk was non-stop for almost 2 hours and they were very thankful for what they received. In total, 352 cars lined up, along with 42 walk-ups, representing 1,218 people served. The milk that remained, after the line subsided, went to the Catholic Charities Soup Kitchens, Greater Holy Temple Church of God in Christ, Mission of Hope, Well of Hope, Prince of Peace and Word of Life Churches and organizations. Nothing was wasted. There was coverage of the event by three television stations and one radio station.

After the Giveaway, a small group rushed down to the Flint City Hall, where Flint Mayor, Sheldon A. Neeley, and his wife, Michigan State Representative Cynthia Neeley, were waiting. I, on behalf of the AHEPA, was presented a proclamation proclaiming, "Thursday, July 16, 2020 to be AHEPA Day in the City of Flint, Michigan." Thank you to Judge Tom Yeotis and Dean Yeotis for coordinating the presentation, even though City Hall has been closed since March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Their efforts are much appreciated as it is always important to continually promote the AHEPA and the great things that it does!

To date, AHEPA District 10 has raised more than \$30,000 and has distributed almost 16,000 gallons of milk through the "Milk for Flint" program. Much of the funds were donated by the members of the AHEPA and the Daughters of Penelope. However, many donations also came from individuals as well as organizations from around the country. We would like to thank Flint's Catholic Charities, led by Mary Stevenson, for teaming up with the AHEPA to allow the many AHEPA volunteers to efficiently distribute the milk to the needy Flint residents from their Center for Hope facility. The AHEPA would also like to thank Kim Green, manager of Kroger store #404, for the great milk price and the coordination of the delivery to the distribution point in downtown Flint. Thank you to you ALL!

Our next milk giveaway is tentatively scheduled for late September, 2020. This will be our Ninth truck load of milk for the unfortunate victims of the "Flint Water Crisis". The need for AHEPA's help has not gone away. We may not hear about the problems in Flint as often as we've had in the past, but the need is still real. Many Flint residents continue to have elevated lead levels in their bodies, including **thousands of children**, due to the exposure of the tainted water still flowing from their faucets in their homes! Please help the AHEPA continue to help these victims!

Thank you,

Craig A. Theros

District 10 "Milk for Flint Chairman"

AHEPA





**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.

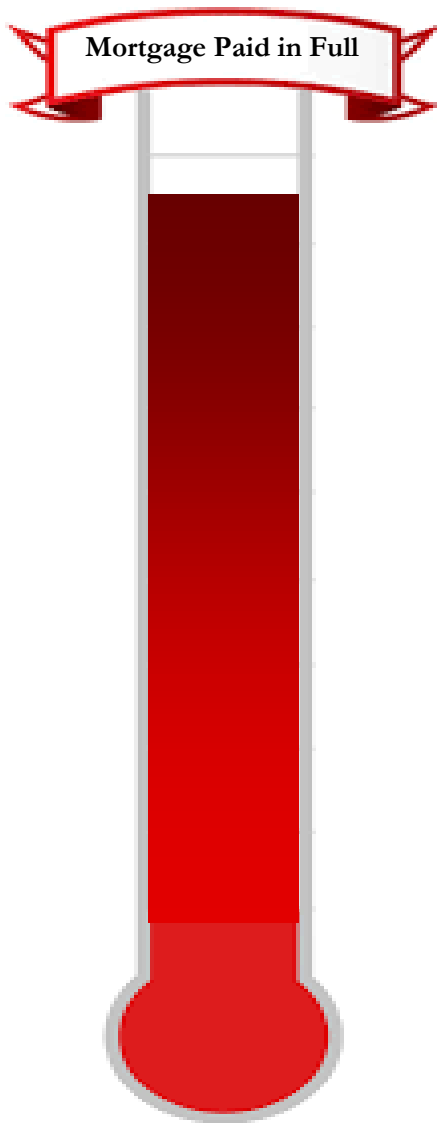
We are using a new platform for emails to the Church family. Thus, you should be receiving church emails now.

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!

Mortgage Drive:

This past March, it was 7 years since we started our Mortgage Drive. We have been able to lower our Mortgage by more than \$640,000 during this time. Approximately \$380,000 of this amount has been from fundraisers, your generous donations and from the Endowment Fund. The remainder is from our Monthly Mortgage Payment. Thank you for your continued support, we are almost there. Our goal is to pay the mortgage in full by the end of 2021. That is also the 100th Anniversary of our Church.

Parish Council



As of 7-31-2020
our balance is:
\$89,947.80

Thank You!

MORTGAGE DRIVE

(FROM 8-1-2019 TO 7-1-2020)

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

1. Clyde & Georgia Allard
2. Rev. Fr. John & +Presvytera Artemas
3. Karen Begley
4. Dennis & Alexis Branoff
5. Dennis & Debra Chinonis
6. Linda Chinonis
7. Katie Chinonis
8. James & Liz Christopher
9. Helen Dalbo
10. Mark & Penelopi Drolet
11. Toula Edmonds
12. Pam Heos & Jeff Brancheau
13. Nick & Jennifer Holland
14. Rick & Tina Holland
15. Dimitri & Brittany Hountalas
16. John & Tasia Hountalas
17. Yanni Hountalas
18. Efstratia Janis
19. David Duffy & Elaine Joynt
20. Athena Kalatzis
21. Agape Kallis
22. Penny Kallis
23. Susan Kallis
24. John & Karen Kaloydis
25. Nikolaos & Stephanie Karabinas
26. Pavlos & Ruth Karabinas
27. Dean & Joyce Kossaras
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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 Presvytera Nikie Artemas
45. In Memory of Jerry Apostle
46. In Memory of Helen Anagnos
47. In Memory of Christ & Margaret Anastor
48. In Memory of Theodore Bachakes, Jr.
49. In Memory of Andrew Bageris
50. In Memory of Elaine Bakris
51. In Memory of Tim Bograkos
52. In Memory of John & Christine Caris
53. In Memory of Elias Chinonis
54. In Memory of Gabriella Chinonis
55. In Memory of Gus Chinonis
56. In Memory of John Chinonis
57. In Memory of Maria Contagianni
58. In Memory of James & Chryssee Daros
59. In Memory of Evangelos Douros
60. In Memory of London Eisenbeis
61. In Memory of John Helton
62. In Memory of Tom & Goldie Heos

MORTGAGE DRIVE

(FROM 8-1-2019 TO 7-1-2020)

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

63. In Memory of John Jimos
64. In Memory of James (Giannakopoulos) Johnson
65. In Memory of Harold Kallis
66. In Memory of Tony Karakitsos
67. In Memory of Alex Karatza
68. In Memory of Anne Kossaras
69. In Memory of Sandy Bachakes Kraemer
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As you know, we have begun our Iconography Project. We want to thank those who have purchased an icon or just donated a little to help with this. There are still icons available for purchase. If you would like to purchase an Icon or even just donate a little to the project, please contact John Hountalas (810-701-5164) or Father Jarrod. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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Icon Update September 2020

The icon of the Resurrection was just installed. It is an amazing and beautiful icon! This is an exciting moment in the installation of the icons of our project. The next icon to be installed will be the Sermon on the Mount opposite of the icon of the Resurrection. It will make a beautiful connection between our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as teacher and savior.

Upcoming icons include the icons of the four Evangelists in each corner of the nave. These will be the icons of St. John, St. Luke, St. Mark, and St. Matthew. Having the icons of the inspired writers of the four Gospels in place will be a glorious reminder of these titans of faith as we hear the Gospel reading during the Divine Services. **Please note that the icon of St. Matthew is still available for donation.** Please see Fr. Jarrod Russell or John Hountalas if you are interested in donating an icon.



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NEW PROCEDURE FOR RECEIPTS

Due to the rising cost of mailing receipts for every donation received by the church, the Parish Council has established the following procedure for receipts:

When you mail in a donation to the church, or drop it off in the office, a receipt will not be mailed or given to parishioners of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. Your cancelled check can be used as proof of your payment, as well as the contribution statement you receive from the church at the end of the year. This includes donations for stewardship, mortgage reduction, iconography, festival, cash raffle, golf outing, memorials, miscellaneous, etc.

If you require a receipt, please contact the church office during normal business hours (Tuesday – Friday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM) or see a Parish Council member on Sunday's.

Receipts will continue to be mailed to non-parishioners.

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(Approved by Parish Council Effective November 10, 2015)

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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

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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.

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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.

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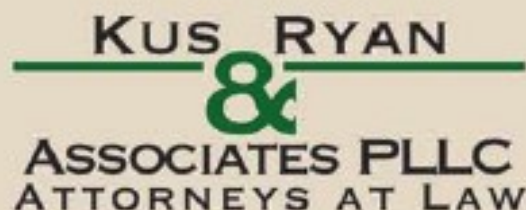
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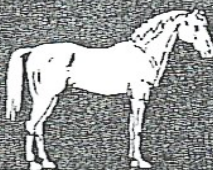
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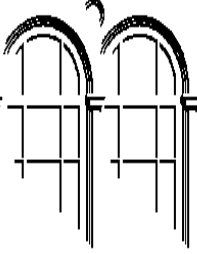
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