

THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

December
2020



What's Happening

DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 3: Divine Liturgy St. Barbara 6 pm
- 9: Parish Council Mtng 6:15 - 8:15 pm
- 10: Philoptochos Pastry Sale 11-4 pm
- Virtual Super Draw Raffle 7 pm
- 12: Divine Liturgy St. Spyridon 10 am
- 24: Royal Hours 9 am
- Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Eve of Nativity 6 pm
- 25: Divine Liturgy Nativity of Christ 10 am
- 31: Divine Liturgy St. Basil the Great 6 pm

JANUARY 2021

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- 1: New Year's Day
- 5: Royal Hours 9 am
- Vesperal Divine Liturgy 6 pm
- 6: Divine Liturgy Theophany 10 am
- 7: Divine Liturgy Synaxis of St. John the Baptist 10 am
- 13: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 - 8:15 pm
- 18: Martin Luther King Day
- 30: Divine Liturgy Three Hierarchs 10 am

Prosporon Schedule

December:

6: Poulos, Steve & Martha
13: Richards, Ken & Kathy
20: Rivette, Matthew & Lori
27: Rogind, Sally

January:

3: Schultze, JoAnne
10: Sirakis, Kosta & Sofia
17: Sirakis, Paris & Athena
24: Stamatis, Tom & Sandra
31: Stavridis, Tomas & Zoe

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

Sunday Reader Schedule

December

6 John Kaloydis
13 Debra Chinonis
20 Tim Welch
27 Ruth Karabina

January

3 John Costa
10 Cathy Yeotis
17 John Kaloydis
24 Debra Chinonis
31 Tim Welch

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



FROM REV. FR. JARROD RUSSELL

Beloved parishioners and friends of Assumption Church,

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese lost a great leader and pastor on November 2 when His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos, former Metropolitan of Pittsburgh, fell asleep in the Lord. This newsletter contains an article written by a non-Orthodox person that includes many biographical details about Metropolitan Maximos's life and reflects his broad influence both inside and outside the Archdiocese as a theologian and a bishop. The faithful are encouraged to read this article to learn more about this very influential scholar and metropolitan.

Metropolitan Maximos was a familiar face for the faithful of the Metropolis of Detroit. Following the retirement of His Grace Bishop Timothy, Metropolitan Maximos served as *locum tenens* (the bishop who heads a diocese temporarily when there is not a bishop in place) for the then Diocese of Detroit until the enthronement of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas. Metropolitan Maximos served the parishes of the Detroit diocese with the same love and concern as he served the parishes in the Pittsburgh diocese. He was truly a spiritual father even in this temporary role.

Metropolitan Maximos had taught at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology before he was elected the ruling bishop of the then Pittsburgh diocese. Faculty and staff at Holy Cross still talked about his dogmatic theology classes and theological writings when I was a student at the school over thirty years after he was last on campus. Many of the current professors had studied under Metropolitan Maximos and viewed him as a mentor and guide. Moreover, there were many seminarians from the now Metropolis of Pittsburgh who Metropolitan Maximos had both inspired and blessed to enroll at Holy Cross.

After completing the Master of Divinity pastoral degree, I enrolled in the academic



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Master of Theology program with an emphasis on historical theology. The Master of Theology program requires the completion of a 75 page thesis. My thesis director was a former student and spiritual son of Metropolitan Maximos. At the earliest stages of this program, I knew my thesis was going to address the life, writings, and theology of Metropolitan Maximos.

The thesis required a deep immersion into the writings of Metropolitan Maximos, both scholarly articles published in academic journals and pastoral articles published in the diocese (later metropolis) newsletter, *The Illuminator*. Whether the articles were about St. Basil the Great or the ecumenical movement or commemorations during the Divine Liturgy, Metropolitan Maximos wrote with a broad knowledge of Orthodox theology and a pastoral sensitivity towards the needs of the faithful and the ecumenical impact of his articles. Researching and reading these writings, and subsequently writing about them in a thesis, was a learning experience comparable to a second seminary education. I never met Metropolitan Maximos in person, but working on this thesis was like learning at the feet of a great theologian and bishop.

To help readers understand this major leader and pastor, here is a summary of the man from the thesis: “Metropolitan Maximos is ethnically Greek, a spiritual son of the Ecumenical Patriarchate having graduated from the Halki Seminary in Turkey, an academic theologian with two degrees from a major Catholic university in Western Europe, an observer at the Second Vatican Council, a dogmatic theology professor at a seminary, a major figure in the ecumenical movement, and a hierarch having faithfully served the Metropolis of Pittsburgh.” We were blessed as an Archdiocese with the service of Metropolitan Maximos, may his memory be eternal!

With love in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell

Where Did the Bible Come From?

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Advent Lecture—The Pan Orthodox Churches of Genesee County

December 16th, 6:30 PM: Where Did the Bible Come From? With Guest
Speaker, Fr. Stephen De Young

Rev. Dr. Stephen De Young is the Priest of Archangel Gabriel Orthodox Church in Lafayette, Louisiana. He holds a PhD in Biblical Studies from Amridge University. Fr. Stephen is also the host of the Whole Counsel of God podcast from Ancient Faith and author of the Whole Counsel Blog. He co-hosts the live call-in show and podcast Lord of Spirits with Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick.



Hope, Joy, & GOYA Corner

Totals sales for the month of October bake sales were \$365. Make sure to mark your calendars for the week you are assigned to bring baked goods in. If you have any questions please contact Lori Photiou at 810-444-1967 or loriphotiou@gmail.com. Items need to be at church by Friday at 2:00 pm. If you are unable to bake on your assigned week please make a \$20 donation for supplies and we will bake for you. It is also very imperative that you let us know the week before that you are unable to bake so that we can plan for the baking. The schedule again is as follows:

Date	Name 1	Name 2
12/4/2020	Haralambous	Holland
12/11/2020	Karakitsos	Kovanis-Wilson
12/18/2020	Kraemer	Leighton
1/8/2021	Mavrikos	O'Bee
1/15/2021	Panos	Paraschos
1/22/2021	Photiou	Smith
1/29/2021	Stavridis	Batsios
2/5/2021	Carpenter	Federick
2/12/2021	Grousopoulos	Haralambous
2/19/2021	Holland	Karakitsos
2/26/2021	Kovanis-Wilson	Kraemer

We hope you were all able to watch our recorded RE sessions that are posted on our AGOC RE Facebook page. The schedule for the next session will be December 20: Glorifying Christ at His Birth (Christ is Born! How will we glorify Him?). Reminder, 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. We are encouraging you to bring your children to experience these sessions in person. For those that are not in attendance we will stream these sessions via Facebook Live on the Assumption Facebook page and then post that session on the RE 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 these sessions. The only thing that is especially important for our children during this pandemic is to keep their closeness to their church family.

As stated last month, due to the current restrictions for gatherings we are unable to have our annual Christmas Tree cutting, Christmas Party with Santa, Kalanda, and annual personal needs bag serving at Catholic Charities this year. We hope and pray that by Fall of 2021 things will have changed with the pandemic and we will be able to once again resume our normal activities.

Sincerely,

Religious Education Committee

Lori Photiou and Ageliki Carpenter

Metropolitan Maximos, former Metropolitan of Pittsburgh, Falls Asleep in Lord

His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos fell asleep in the Lord on November 2, 2020. Metropolitan Maximos was a familiar face to the faithful of the Metropolis of Detroit as he served as the *locum tenens* of our metropolis following the retirement of His Grace Bishop Timothy and until the enthronement of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit. The following is an article published in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, written by a non-Orthodox person, that demonstrates the impact of the ministry of Metropolitan Maximos, may his memory be eternal!

Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Maximos dies at 85

March 5, 1935 - Nov. 2, 2020

By Peter Smith

Metropolitan Maximos Aghiorgoussis, the longest-serving spiritual leader of Pittsburgh's Greek Orthodox community, with a 32-year tenure marked by growth and efforts toward unity among Orthodox churches and the wider Christian community, died Monday. He was 85. The Greek-born son of a priest, he went on to become a prominent Orthodox theologian who in 1965 helped to engineer a historic breakthrough in Orthodox-Catholic relations.

Sent to Pittsburgh in 1979, he worked tirelessly for Orthodox unity in America until his retirement in 2011 due to health problems. Previous bishops had led the Pittsburgh-area flock, but he was the first to lead the newly created Greek Orthodox Diocese of Pittsburgh when he arrived in 1979. When the Pittsburgh diocese was elevated to the status of metropolis in 2002, he assumed the title of metropolitan of Pittsburgh. He did his own driving and didn't need a map to find his way around the metropolis, which includes most of Pennsylvania and Ohio and all of West Virginia. "He presided over its period of greatest growth," said his successor, Metropolitan Savas Zembillas. "He ordained nearly all the priests who are serving in the metropolis now. He was a profound theologian, very accessible, very beloved of the youth."

Born March 5, 1935, on the Greek island of Chios, he earned a degree in Orthodox theology at the Patriarchal Theological School at Halki, Turkey. He was ordained a priest on his native island in 1959. Like many Halki graduates he chose celibacy and was eligible to be made a bishop. There had been estrangement between the Orthodox and Catholic churches since 1054, when the bishops of Rome and Constantinople excommunicated each other in a dispute over papal authority. But Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras made a bold move, sending Father Maximos and another top student for doctorates at Catholic universities.

After studies at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, Father Maximos became the Greek pastor in Rome. Father Maximos became an official observer at the Second Vatican Council of 1962-1965. As an authority on the shared early history of Orthodoxy and Catholicism, he became an expert adviser to the drafters of *Nostra Aetate*, a document on relations with non-Catholics, and on *Lumen Gentium*, on the nature of the church, said the Rev. Jerome Vereb, a Catholic priest from Pittsburgh who knew Vatican officials who had worked with him. It was Father Maximos who proposed simultaneous trips to the Holy Land by Pope Paul VI and Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras, where in 1965 they lifted the mutual excommunica-

tions of their predecessors. At the close of Vatican II the pope gave Father Maximos a priestly stole. “It was Pope Paul’s way of saying they were one in the sacraments,” Father Vereb said in an interview several years before his own death in 2019.

Archbishop Elpidophoros of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America said Metropolitan Maximos was “among the best and brightest who emerged from Halki in the 1950s and became leaders in the ecumenical movement. ... His pastoral perspectives were always considered the world over for their sagacity.”

In 1966, Patriarch Athenagoras sent him to teach at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology near Boston. “He was one of the most educated hierarchs in the history of the Greek church in America,” said Andrew Walsh, a Greek Orthodox layman and associate director of the Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. “Beyond that, he had an unusually great capacity to imagine how things were for other people, non-Orthodox as well as ordinary Orthodox people.” Known as “Father Max,” his accented English became peppered with mild American slang. His priests and parishioners were “my guys.”

Just 44 when he became bishop of Pittsburgh in 1979, he soon called a spiritual renewal conference and helped to facilitate a move into Orthodoxy by evangelicals and others. “A major purpose here is to reach out to everyone. Orthodoxy cannot be looked upon as an ethnic religion — it is not,” he said. He presided at the wedding of Pittsburgh’s most famous Orthodox Christian, the Steeler great Troy Polamalu, and his wife Theodora. Locally, Metropolitan Maximos’ top priority was youth ministry. He spent ample time at an Orthodox summer camp in Mercer County, most memorably in 1988 when he affirmed reports that 19 icons of Mary had wept there. “I saw it myself!” he joyously told a skeptical reporter.

He longed for Orthodox unity in America, where immigration patterns had produced overlapping ethnic dioceses. He was a co-founder of national pan-Orthodox agencies such as International Orthodox Christian Charities. In 1994 he helped organize a meeting of all Orthodox bishops in the Western Hemisphere at a retreat center in Ligonier. He was sure that its call for one American church under the Ecumenical Patriarchate was exactly what the patriarch wanted.

But that dream remains unrealized. Metropolitan Maximos blamed “ethnic factions” in the church for relaying distorted accounts of the gathering to Patriarch Bartholomew, who denounced it as a rebellion. “We were made monsters,” Metropolitan Maximos said. “They set us back many years.”

Even amid leadership controversies in the archdiocese, Metropolitan Maximos never wanted to become archbishop. “I really love Pittsburgh and I don’t want to move, period,” he said.

He was deeply involved in ecumenical work on local, national and international levels, remaining committed when other Orthodox pulled away in response to mainline Protestant liberalism and Catholic missions in former Soviet nations. He participated in National Council of Churches fact-finding missions and delegations to the Middle East, China, the Soviet Union. “He had a very collegial working relationship regardless of whether it was with his colleagues in Orthodoxy or Catholics or Protestants,” said the Rev. Don Green, retired executive director of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania. “He was in many ways very quiet, very unassuming. He did not parade his status as a hierarch.”

Bishop David Zubik of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh echoed the thought. “Metropolitan Maximos was a brilliant and holy bishop who followed humbly in the footsteps of Jesus as he encouraged Christian unity,” he said. “...He remained joyfully committed to ecumenical friendship and dialogue, while never wavering in commitment to his own tradition.”

Metropolitan Maximos’ funeral [was] held at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Pittsburgh on Saturday, followed by interment at St. Gregory Palamas Monastery in Perrysville, Ohio.

Source: <https://www.post-gazette.com/news/faith-religion/2020/11/03/Greek-Orthodox-Metropolitan-Maximos-dies-at-85/stories/202001010043>





Philoptochos Society's Annual 2020 Holiday Pastry Sale



Thursday, December 10th

PICKUP FROM 11:A.M. TO 4 P.M.

**Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Grand Blanc
2245 E. Baldwin Road Tel: 810-771-4611 (Between Holly & Fenton Roads)**

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Baklava	\$2.50	_____	_____
Sweet Bread (Tsoureki)	\$6.50	_____	_____
Spinach Pita (Frozen 15 pieces)	\$25.00	_____	_____
Cheese Triangles (Frozen)	\$1.00	_____	_____
Baklava (30 pieces)	\$50.00	_____	_____
Melomacarona (Honey-spiced cookie)	\$1.00	_____	_____
Kourambiethes (with almonds)	\$1.00	_____	_____
Koulourakia (Butter Twist)	3 for \$1.50	_____	_____
Paximathia (Biscotti)	3 for \$1.50	_____	_____
Variety Gift Box	\$12.00	_____	_____

TOTAL: _____

Please make checks payable to Philoptochos Society and mail to the church
Philoptochos Society, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 2245 E. Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, MI 48439
For more information, please contact the church at 810-771-4611

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Center For Hope
Soup Kitchen
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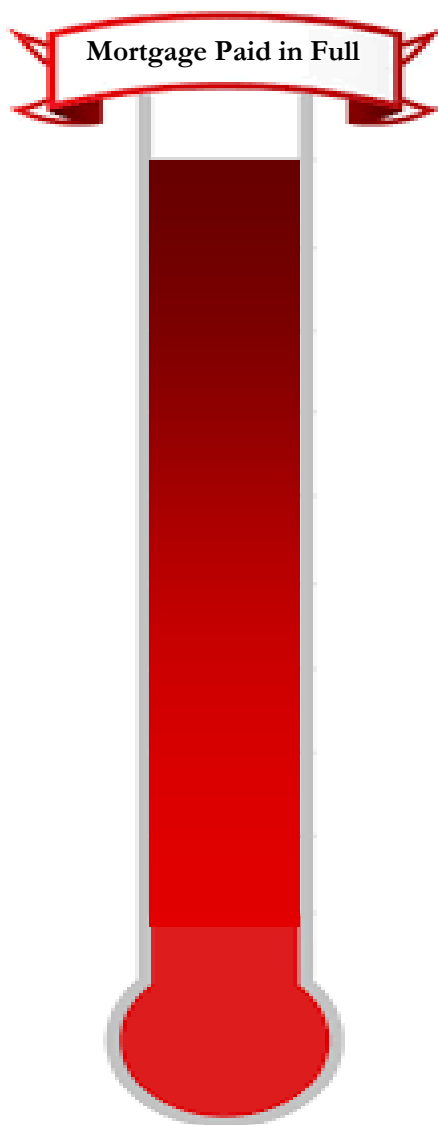
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Mortgage Drive:

This past March, it was 7 years since we started our Mortgage Drive. We have been able to lower our Mortgage by more than \$665,000 during this time. Approximately \$393,000 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 10-31-2020
our balance is:
\$69,577.14

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT OF OUR
MORTGAGE RECUCION
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MORTGAGE DRIVE

(FROM 12-1-2019 TO 11-1-2020)

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

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2. Rev. Fr. John & +Presvytera Artemas
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48. In Memory of Christ & Margaret Anastor
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50. In Memory of Andrew Bageris
51. In Memory of Elaine Bakris
52. In Memory of Tim Bograkos
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 Athena Chuleas
60. In Memory of James & Chryssee Daros
61. In Memory of Evangelos Douros
62. In Memory of Douglas Edmonds

MORTGAGE DRIVE

(FROM 12-1-2019 TO 11-1-2020)

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69. In Memory of Tony Karakitsos
70. In Memory of Alex Karatza
71. In Memory of Anne Kossaras
72. In Memory of Sandy Bachakes Kraemer
73. In Memory of Tom Lamberson
74. In Memory of Ted Lowe
75. In Memory of George Margaritis
76. In Memory of Achilles (Ike) Marks
77. In Memory of Kathryn Menoutes
78. In Memory of Mike Michaelou
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87. In Memory of Gus Vergos
88. In Memory of Heather Williamson
89. Daughters of Penelope
90. DOP Kafi Night
91. DOP Mardi Gras Bar Tips
92. Endowment Fund
93. Religious Education
94. V.I.P.'s
95. Assumption Catering
96. Blessing of the Buses
97. Food Sales for Mortgage Reduction
98. GFS Rebate
99. Hall Rental Bar Tips
100. Hall Rental Dishwasher & Linens
101. Hall Rental Linens & Liquor Add On
102. Heos Hall Rental & Bar
103. Makaria of Nick Kondyles
104. Makaria of Sandy Bachakes Kraemer
105. Sunday Brunch
106. 2nd Tray
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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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Maria Koutsoukos	Memorial - Athanasia Vitinaros
Jeff and Nancy Lauster	Memorial - Kosta Zaravelis
Ann and Ted Lowe	

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).

October:

Funeral of Douglas Edmunds

November:

Funeral of Athena Chuleas



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3—8:30 PM

RESUMED SEPTEMBER 11TH

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Fried & Baked Fish * Plaki * Pastitsio * Moussaka * Clam Strips
Chicken Strips * Fish Sandwich * Baked Chicken * Triopitas * Gyros
Spanakopita * Greek Fries * Mac & Cheese * Greek Salad
Dolmathes * Shrimp * Onion Rings * Rice Pudding

And don't forget to support the Bake Sale to benefit
Hope, Joy & GOYA and Catholic Charities!

We welcome volunteers. Call John Hountalas (810) 701-5164 or
Lori Photiou (810) 444-1967 if you would like to volunteer to
help on a Friday night.

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Fish Fry total sales for September 2020 were \$5,527.42



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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 October 31,, 2020 is \$6,961.78.

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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(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.

Koliva

If anyone is in need of Koliva, please contact Diana Lillar (of Philoptochos) for the names of those available to make it. The standard rate is \$150. **It is the responsibility of the family to arrange for Koliva.**

ASSUMPTION GOC MEMBER POLICY

The current approved policy for Parishioner Status of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church (AGOC) of Grand Blanc, Michigan is as follows:

Parishioner - Person Baptized and Chrismated according the rites of the Orthodox Church. and attending the AGOC.

Parishioner - Member in Good Standing:

- Person in compliance with Section 1 and 2 of Article 18 of the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.
- Person with an AGOC pledge card on file and current in pledges for active and preceding year.

In-Active Parishioner - Person not in compliance with requirements for Parishioner or Member in Good Standing as defined above.

Parishioners and In-Active Parishioners can receive all sacraments at AGOC but are required to pay church usage fee as per Page 19.

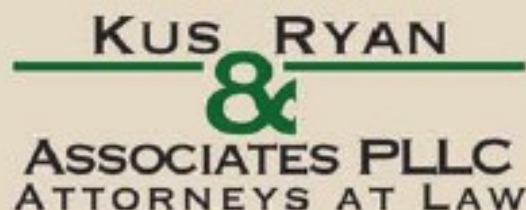
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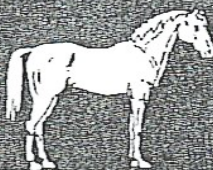
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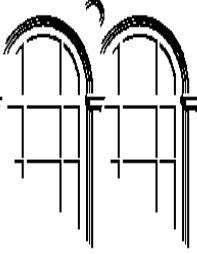
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