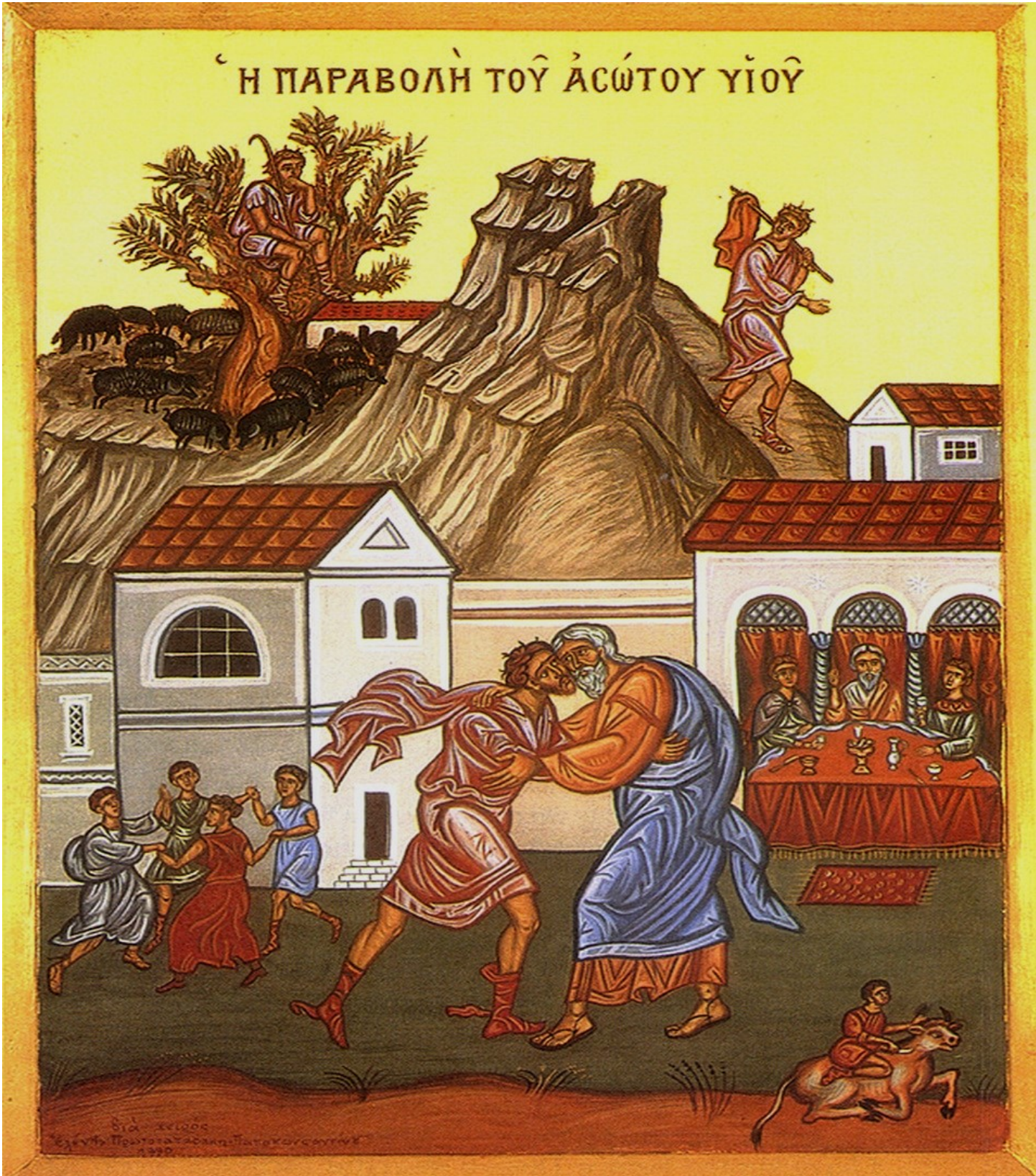


THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

February
2021



What's Happening

FEBRUARY 2021

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- 1: Pan-Orthodox Vesperal Liturgy 6 pm
Presentation of the Lord (Assumption)
- 2: Virtual Orthodoxy Explored 11 am
- 3: Virtual Orthodoxy Explored 7 pm
- 10: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 - 8:15 pm
- 14: Valentine's Day
- 15: President's Day
- 16: Virtual Orthodoxy Explored 11 am
- 17: Virtual Orthodoxy Explored 7 pm

MARCH 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 6: Divine Liturgy - Saturday of Souls 10 am
Pan-Orthodox Pre-Lenten Retreat
- 9: Virtual Orthodoxy Explored 7 pm
- 10: Virtual Orthodoxy Explored 11 am
Parish Council Meeting 6:15 - 8:15 pm
- 13: Divine Liturgy - Saturday of Souls 10 am
Change clocks
- 15: Clean Monday - Great Lent Starts
Great Compline 6 pm
- 17: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts 6 pm
- 19: Salutations 6 pm
- 20: Divine Liturgy - Saturday of Souls 10 am
- 21: Sunday of Orthodox
- 24: Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (St. Mary Magdalene) 6 pm
- 25: Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy Annunciation (Assumption) 10 am
- 26: Salutations 6 pm
- 28: Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas
Sunday School in Church
- 31: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts 6 pm

Prosporon Schedule

February:

7: Steinhoff, Allen & Olga
14: Stergiopoulos, Mary
21: Thornton, Jerry & Demi
28: Vergos, Nitsa

March:

7: Vergos, Dr. Peter & Susie
14: Vitinaros, Nick & Effie
21: Walker, Bruce & Kathy
28: Welch, Tim & Joann (Yianna)

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; Afroditi Marks;
George Pappadakis; Charlie Paraschos

Sunday Reader Schedule

February

7 Ruth Karabina
14 Tim Welch
21 Cathy Yeotis
28 John Kaloydis

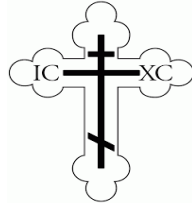
March

7 Debra Chinonis
14 John Costa
21 Ruth Karabina
28 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



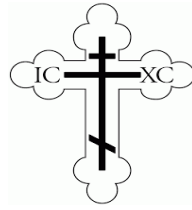
Beloved parishioners and friends of Assumption Church,

The Covid-19 pandemic has forced all of us to adapt in ways we likely never expected. Examples include wearing masks, maintaining social distance, and evaluating whether an event will be safe to attend. A significant adaptation for our Church is religious education. The adult religious education program, Orthodoxy Explored, is now offered exclusively through an online format. In years past, I politely declined requests to offer Orthodoxy Explored through an online format. The circumstances, however, required the initiation of Virtual Orthodoxy Explored, and now, it is exclusively online until the restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic are lifted.

The question has been asked whether Orthodoxy Explored will remain online after the Covid-19 pandemic. In other words, will there still be a Virtual Orthodoxy Explored when we are able to gather again at the Church for religious education? There is not currently a final answer to that question. It is likely that some online presence will continue. The response to Virtual Orthodoxy Explored has been very positive both in terms of our Assumption parishioners who have faithfully participated as well as participation by parishioners from other parishes. All these things have to be taken into consideration. The one thing that I can write with certainty is that I look forward to resuming live Orthodoxy Explored sessions at the Church when the Metropolis allows in-person religious education to resume.



FROM REV. FR. JARROD RUSSELL



In the meantime, Virtual Orthodoxy Explored will continue online. By the time you are reading this message, the program will have resumed in late January. The dates and times will be noted in the online announcements and on the church calendar on the website. It is our hope and prayer that as many parishioners as possible will participate. This leads to the question, how do we participate?

The first step is to email me (frjarrod@gmail.com) and advise that you would like to participate in the program. You will then start receiving emails with links to Zoom where you will be able to join the sessions. If you have never used Zoom before, please let me know, and we will set up a time to walk you through the basic operation of the program so you can participate. All that is needed is a computer, an internet connection, and the willingness to try something new in order to grow in our faith.

Candidly, I was ambivalent about taking Orthodoxy Explored online. It was a significant change, and the various online platforms seemed challenging. After making the plunge though, it has proved easier than expected and has been a great spiritual benefit for those who have participated. God willing, more will join us as we seek to grow in our knowledge of the faith of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

With love in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell

Hope, Joy, & GOYA Corner

Total Sales for the month of December bake sales were \$151.00. Thank you to the families that generously contributed items to be sold in December. Please remember we are assigning weeks for all Hope, Joy, & GOYA parents to bake items for the Bake Sale. 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
2/5/2021	Carpenter	Federick
2/12/2021	Grousopoulos	Haralambous
2/19/2021	Holland	Karakitsos
2/26/2021	Kovanis-Wilson	Kraemer
3/5/2021	Leighton	Mavrikos
3/12/2021	O'Bee	Panos
3/19/2021	Paraschos	Photiou
3/26/2021	Smith	Stavridis
4/2/2021	Batsios	Carpenter
4/9/2021	Federick	Grousopoulos
4/16/2021	Haralambous	Holland
4/23/2021	Karakitsos	Kovanis-Wilson

The time of year has arrived that our children need to start preparing for the 2021 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. The 2021 Junior and Senior division topics can be found at <https://www.goarch.org/documents/32058/3219459/2021+Oratorical+Festival+Topics/534579a2-29af-4107-be75-8591fd236612>. The Junior Division is for students in grades 7-9. The Senior Division is for students in grades 10-12. If you have a student that will be competing in the Junior or Senior Division please let us know. As in years past, we will also have our children grades PreK-6 participate at our Parish level to earn the experience for when they are able to compete in the Junior and Senior Divisions. We are still in the planning phase of how we will hold our Parish Level Oratorical Festival.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, March 15th - LENT BEGINS

Sunday, March 21st - Sunday of Orthodoxy (Icon Procession) & Parish Level Oratorical Festival

Sincerely,

Religious Education Committee

Preparing for Our Lenten Journey

by Fr. John Matusiak

Orthodox Christians observe the beginning of the pre-lenten season of the Church year through use of a liturgical book known as the Triodion.



Use of the Triodion begins with the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee [February 21], the 10th Sunday before Holy Pascha and the 22nd day before the beginning of Great Lent. It is in the Triodion that the texts for the services of the pre-lenten season, the days of Great Lent proper, Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday, and Great and Holy Week are found.

The Gospel reading for the first pre-lenten Sunday – Luke 18:10-14 – offers a striking contrast between the pharisee, a genuinely religious man, and the publican, an equally genuine sinner, a tax collector known for cheating others. In his prayers, the pharisee boasted before the Lord: "God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess." The publican, meanwhile, "standing afar off," begged for mercy: "[He] would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, 'God be merciful to me a sinner.'" The pharisee's religious yet boastful piety did not justify him, while the publican's humble repentance – that repentance to which we especially aspire during the season of Great Lent – is revealed as the first step in our salvation. The pharisee sought adu-



On the second pre-lenten Sunday, the Parable of the Prodigal Son [February 28]– Luke 15:11-32 – is read. In it, Our Lord reveals that our heavenly Father offers to us unconditional forgiveness and mercy if, like the prodigal son, we "come to our senses," see ourselves for who we really are, and turn away from the "hunger" of "riotous living" in a "far country." The prodigal son discerned his need to return to his true home, his father's house, and acted decisively: "When he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him," exclaiming "'for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.'" In the same way, our heavenly Father unconditionally forgives and receives us, His prodigal children – but it is we who, laying aside our pride, must "come to our senses," acknowledge that we "have sinned," and return to our "true home."



The Parable of the Last Judgment [March 7] – Matthew 25:31-46 – is read on the third pre-lenten Sunday, commonly referred to as Meatfare Sunday, since it is the last day on which we partake of meat before Holy Pascha. In this parable, Our Lord reveals that, while it is important for us to desire Him, to repent and seek His mercy, to see ourselves for who we truly are, and to return to Him, we also must discern His very presence in everyone around us, in the "least of the brethren," and minister to them as if we were ministering to Christ Himself – and for the sake of Christ Himself. Our Lord reveals that our salvation and judgment depend on how we put our desire, repentance, and the mercy we receive into action, in the midst of others, for their sake as well as for the sake of the One Who feeds us, clothes us, ministers to us, and ultimately calls us to the life of His Kingdom. "Good intentions," as Our Lord reveals, are insufficient; crucial as prayer, fasting and almsgiving indeed are, they certainly are not mere "religious exercises" performed for their own sake, and surely not for the sake of acquiring a sense of "pride in accomplishment." Discerning Christ's presence in everyone – and especially in those who so often are ignored, forgotten, abandoned, or despised – while offering them the same loving kindness that He first offered to us is the ultimate



Forgiveness Sunday [March 14] – commonly known as Cheesefare Sunday, since it is the last day on which we partake of dairy products before Holy Pascha – falls on the eve of the first day of Great Lent. In the day's reading from the Gospels – Matthew 6:14-21 – we hear Our Lord's teaching about forgiveness: "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." We also hear His teaching about fasting: "When you fast, do not be like the hypocrites,

with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father Who is in the secret place; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you openly." Like Adam, exiled from Paradise, we lament our sins. Forgiveness and mercy are ours, but if only we fast from those things, those passions that, with Our Lord's help, we can bring under control, even if we all too often allow them to control us.

The pre-lenten Sundays prepare us for our "lenten journey." They arm us with that which we need to "enter the Fast with joy," to make the most of the "time for action," for as we sing on the first day of Great Lent, "salvation is at the door."

Source: <http://ww1.antiochian.org/print/25303>



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Help Assumption Family

During this time of Covid-19 many are in need and hungry. We will be collecting nonperishable food items thru February 7th 2021. This is Souper Bowl Sunday. Please bring food items to church and put in box. Thank you everyone you are helping many in need. Love in Christ. Russ

Souper Bowl of Caring on February 7





Philoptochos Society — Friends of the Poor !

Dear Philoptochos,

The Philoptochos Executive Board and Board of Directors would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

I would like to apologize to Ann Lowe and Olga Steinhoff for not acknowledging their participation at the Holiday Bake Sale. I would also like to apologize for the late arrival of the Christmas Card. It has been obvious that our Postal Service has had some problems in the service to our community. Thank you everyone for their donations to the Christmas Card project.

I have sent an inquiry to the Metropolis Board regarding the upcoming 2021 elections. As of this writing the elections will proceed as usual. We will be collecting \$35 for dues. Dues can be sent to the church, please mark the envelopes with "Philoptochos Dues". Please stay Safe and Healthy and pray for the World to heal.

Diana Panos-Lillar
President

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY
2021 DUES

The benevolent works of Philoptochos are a continuation of Christ's ministry on earth. I humbly accept the opportunity to return to God a portion of the time, talents and resources with which He has gifted me.

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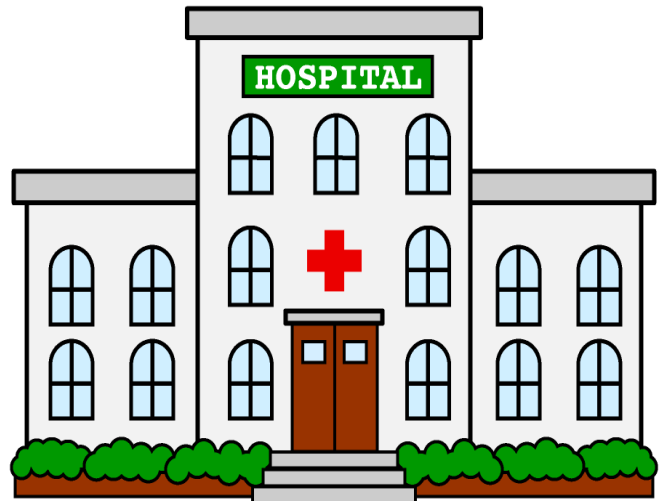
Checks payable to Philoptochos Society

\$15.00 is distributed to National Philoptochos

\$6.00 is distributed to Metropolis Philoptochos
and the balance remains in our chapter.

We rely on your Stewardship to help fund our many efforts to help those in need. Our hope and goal is for every woman in our Assumption Parish to join!

Please give or send your dues to Agape Kallis. Thank you!



Due to HIPAA privacy rules, hospitals no longer provide a list of Orthodox patients to us. Therefore, if you or a loved one are, or will be, in the hospital, please contact Fr. Jarrod or the church office for a pastoral visit. Also, please notify Fr. Jarrod or the office if a friend or family member is in a rehab center, nursing home, assisted living facility or under hospice care.





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National Scholarship

The AHEPA Educational Foundation (AEF) 2021 National Scholarship season is on! Please download the application.

Any questions pertaining to the AEF Scholarships, please email directly to admin@ahempa.org.

Please note that headquarters cannot confirm receipt of a scholarship.

Questions about our scholarship?

Call: (202) 232-6300

or

NOTE: This is not the District Scholarship. Those are handled by your local chapter.



Daughters of Penelope

Iris Chapter 242

Hellenism, Philanthropy, and Sisterhood



Dear Daughters,

After the message went out about our \$5 dues increase, many of you have been paying your 2021 dues. We truly appreciate you paying them by this month. National wants them all paid by March 31. I understand that the chapters who get all their dues paid by then or before will receive a monetary reward. So let's work hard to do it.

We still don't know if we will be able to host the AHEPA Family convention in May. We pray that by then we will all have been able to take the Covid-19 vaccine. Until then, please stay safe, wear your masks and social distance.

Since we have not been able to hold any of our annual events, we are in need of some fundraising projects. If you have any ideas, please let us know. So far we have decided to hold a potted plant sale this spring. Please see the flyer with the order form also in the newsletter. We hope to sell 100 hydrangea plants that are about 20 inches tall. They will be delivered to the church where you can pick them up. This fundraiser will enable us to continue our charitable work. We hope you will plant these in your yard both to remember the work of the Daughters of Penelope and to help contribute to the charities we support. Please let your friends know about the sale of these beautiful flowering plants. We thank you in advance.

Cathy Yeotis, President

Mother's Day Hydrangea Plant Sale

All proceeds benefiting the philanthropic work of
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Your Name _____

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Number of Plants _____ Color of Plants _____

Total amount due @ \$30.each _____

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Make checks payable to: DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Ungrateful People are never Satisfied, they Complain about Everything
By Saint Paisios the Athonite
Edited by Stelios Koukos

When you see people who are very worried, troubled and sad, even though they want for nothing, you should know that they want for God.

If people have everything - material goods and health - but, instead of being grateful to God, make absurd demands on Him, they're going to hell in a handcart.

If people are grateful they're satisfied with everything. Every day they think about what God's given them and they enjoy everything. But if they're ungrateful, nothing pleases them. They complain about everything and are in a constant bad temper. Let's say they don't appreciate the sunshine and complain. The north wind comes and freezes them. They don't want the sun, they want the shivering that the north wind brings.

Elder, what do you mean by that?

I mean to say that if we don't recognize the blessings that God has given us and complain instead, then trials come and we roll up into a ball.

No, I really mean this. People who have this 'rule', the habit of complaining, should be aware that God will give them a clout, so that they can at least repair some of the damage in this life. And if they don't get this slap, that's worse, because they then pay for everything, once and for all, in the next life.

In other words, Elder, complaining can become a habit?

It becomes a habit because complaining begets more complaining and being miserable makes you more miserable. Sow misery and you'll reap misery and store up anxieties.

Sow praise of God, on the other hand, and you'll receive divine grace and eternal blessings. It doesn't matter how many blessings God gives to complainers, they don't recognize them. This is why the Grace of God departs from them and temptation approaches. Temptation is always at their heels and keeps tripping them up. If you're grateful, however, God will hunt you down with His blessings.

Ingratitude is a great sin, which brought a reprimand from Christ: 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?', He said to the leper who returned to thank Him. Christ asked for gratitude not for Himself but because it would benefit the lepers themselves.

Source: <https://pemptousia.com/2020/12/ungrateful-people-are-never-satisfied-they-complain-about-everything/>

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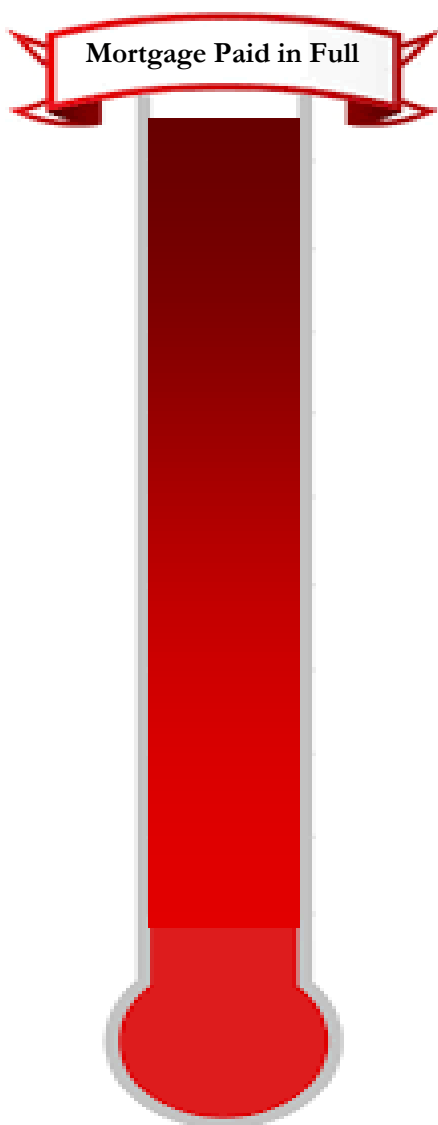
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Mortgage Drive:

March 2021 will mark 8 years since we started our Mortgage Drive. We have been able to lower our Mortgage by more than \$685,000 during that time. Approximately \$410,000 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 in 2021 which is also the 100th Anniversary of our Church.

Parish Council



As of 12-31-2020
our balance is:
\$49,331.25

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT OF OUR
MORTGAGE REDUCTION
DRIVE!**

MORTGAGE DRIVE

(FROM 2-1-2021 TO 1-1-2020)

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
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5. Dennis & Debra Chinonis
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51. In Memory of Elaine Bakris
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53. In Memory of John & Christine Caris
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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

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68. In Memory of Harold Kallis
69. In Memory of Tony Karakitsos
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73. In Memory of Sandy Bachakes Kraemer
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75. In Memory of Ted Lowe
76. In Memory of Dena (Yeotis) McCollum
77. In Memory of George Margaritis
78. In Memory of Achilles (Ike) Marks
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92. DOP Kafi Night
93. DOP Mardi Gras Bar Tips
94. Endowment Fund
95. Religious Education
96. V.I.P.'s
97. Assumption Catering
98. Blessing of the Buses
99. Food Sales for Mortgage Reduction
100. GFS Rebate
101. Hall Rental Bar Tips
102. Hall Rental Dishwasher & Linens
103. Hall Rental Linens & Liquor Add On
104. Heos Hall Rental & Bar
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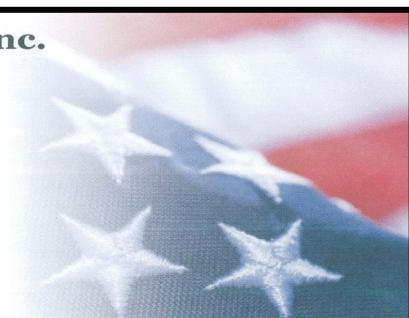
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Iconography Fund

As you know, we have begun our Iconography Project. We want to thank those who have purchased an icon or just donated a little to help with this. There are still icons available for purchase. If you would like to purchase an Icon or even just donate a little to the project, please contact John Hountalas (810-701-5164) or Father Jarrod. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Peter and Alice Anastor	Spiridoula Panos
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2021 Great Fast and Bright Week



Pan-Orthodox Divine Services

Great Compline (Mondays, 6:30pm) We will celebrate the Great Compline service together every Monday night at St. George. This beautiful service allows us to experience the Great Fast more deeply. Confessions will be available from 6pm–6:30pm and after the service.

Lenten Hours (Wednesdays, 10:30am) at St. Nicholas.

Presanctified Divine Liturgy (Wednesdays, 6pm) We will celebrate the Presanctified Liturgy and the Great Feast of the Annunciation together according to the schedule below. Holy Communion is given at both. To partake of Holy Communion, please be prepared with prayer and fasting (*no eating or drinking after 12 Noon*). Confessions will only be available prior to the Liturgy from 5:30pm–6pm. Unfortunately, we will not be having Potluck Lenten Meals this year.

- March 6th Pre-Lenten Retreat led by Fr. Maximos Constas (*more information to follow*)
- March 24th **Presanctified Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene** 6pm
- March 25th **Great Feast of the Annunciation Divine Liturgy at Assumption** 10am
- April 7th **Presanctified Liturgy at St. Nicholas** 6pm
- April 21st **Presanctified Liturgy at St. George** 6pm
- April 24th **Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Liturgy at St. Nicholas** 9:30am

Bright Week (May 2nd–8th)

- May 3rd **Paschal Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene** 10am
- May 4th **Paschal Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas** 10am
- May 5th **Paschal Evening Liturgy & Feast of St. George at St. George** 6pm
- May 7th **Paschal Divine Liturgy & Life-giving Font at Assumption** 10am

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MONTHLY CHURCFH EXPENSES

These are the operating expenses we incur every month. These amounts do not include any repairs or maintenance to church property and equipment, or fundraising expenses. Any question regarding the monthly expenses should be directed to the Parish Council President or Treasurer.

Description	Amount	Frequency		
Accounting Fees	\$ 100.00	Monthly	Actual	
Allocation	\$ 2,405.33	Monthly	Actual	No change for 2021
Federal Payroll Taxes	\$ 243.96	Quarterly - \$975.84	Average	
Fire Panel Monitoring	\$ 186.67	Annual - \$2240	Actual	
Food Services license	\$ 29.17	Annual - \$350	Actual	
Goyette	\$ 206.00	Monthly	Actual	
Guardian Alarm	\$ 90.85	Monthly	Actual	
Insurance: Church/Building	\$ 171.50	Quarterly - \$2058	Actual	Increase from 2020
Insurance: Health (Priest)	\$ 1,599.00	Monthly	Actual	
Insurance: Workman's Comp	\$ 53.50	Annual - \$642	Actual	
Jet Stream (Sprinkler sys)	\$ 11.67	Annual - \$140	Actual	
Lawn/Snow	\$ 750.00	Monthly	Actual	
Lush Lawn	\$ 34.14	Annual - \$409.71	Actual	Decrease from 2020
Maurer's (Towels & Aprons)	\$ 42.47	Monthly	Actual	
Mortgage Payment	\$ 2,566.15	Monthly	Actual	
Parish Software Subscription	\$ 39.15	Monthly	Actual	
Pension Plan	\$ 700.00	Monthly	Actual	
Pest Control	\$ 50.00	Monthly	Actual	
Salaries (Secretary/Janitor)	\$ 1,158.28	Bi-Monthly \$579.14	Average	
Salaries Priest	\$ 6,323.23	Monthly	Actual	
Toshiba copier/printer	\$ 456.75	Monthly	Average	
Trash Removal	\$ 153.57	Monthly	Average	
Utilities: Cable	\$ 360.73	Monthly	Average	
Utilities: Consumers Electric	\$ 1,060.18	Monthly	Average	
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As of December 31, 2020, the **Property Improvement Savings Fund** has a balance of \$7,191.56.

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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Batsios, Evangelos	Heos, James & Cassie	Mandelaris, John & Pauline
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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.

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Flat Fee of \$600 for Hall Rental (includes clean-up) If church dishes are used, dishwasher will be supplied at a cost of \$\$50 (cannot bring own dishwasher)	Flat fee of \$1,100 for Hall Rental (includes clean-up)
Members in good standing only Sunday – Thursday Hall Rental: \$300 minimum for 3 hours - \$100 each additional hour up to a maximum of \$600 Renter responsible for hall clean-up (no kitchen usage)	If church dishes are used, dishwasher will be supplied at a cost of \$\$50 (cannot bring own dishwasher)

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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.

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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.

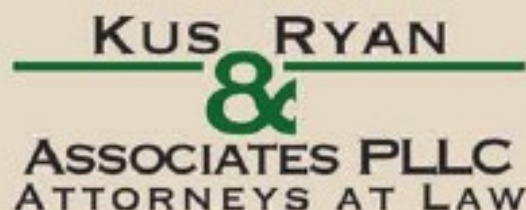
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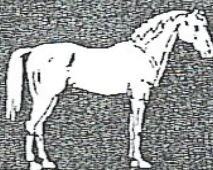
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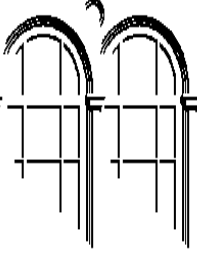
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