

THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

May
2021



What's Happening

MAY 2021

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- 2: PASCHA! Agape Vespers 12 Noon
Easter Egg Hunt 1-2 pm
- 3: Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy 10 am
@ St. Mary Madgalene, Fenton
- 4: Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
@ St. Nicholas, Burton
- 5: Pan-Orthodox Vespers Divine Liturgy 6 pm
@ St. George, Flint
- 7: Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy 10 am
@ Assumption
- 9: Mother's Day
Religious Education in church with Fr. Jarrod following Liturgy 11:45 am
- 12: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm
- 16: Spring General Assembly following Liturgy
- 20: Divine Liturgy Sts. Constantine & Helen 6 pm
- 31: Memorial Day Cemetery Blessings

JUNE 2021

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- 9: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm
- 10: Divine Liturgy for Ascension 10 am
- 19: Divine Liturgy for Saturday of Souls 10 am
- 20: Holy Pentecost
- 24: Divine Liturgy for Nativity of St. John the Forerunner 10 am
- 28: Apostle's Fast
- 29: Divine Liturgy for Sts. Peter & Paul 10 am

Prosporon Schedule

May:

2: Yiannatji, Frank
9: Zaravelis, Fani
16: Zaravelis, George & Genie
23: Allard, Clyde & Georgia
30: Altheide, Dena

June:

6: Anagnostopoulos, Nick & Anna
13: Asa, Darwin & Barbara
20: Batsios, Christos & Ashley
27: Batsios, Eftyhia

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; Tim & Yianna Welch

Sunday Reader Schedule

May

2 Cathy Yeotis
9 Tim Welch
16 Debra Chinonis
23 John Kaloydis
30 Ruth Karabina

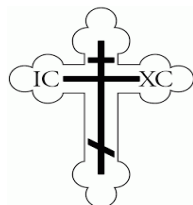
June

6 Tim Welch
13 Cathy Yeotis
20 John Costa
27 Debbie Chinonis

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



Christ is Risen! Χριστὸς ἀνέστη!

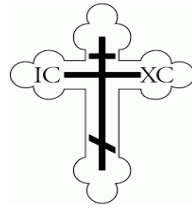
Beloved parishioners and friends of Assumption Church,

As you are reading this message, we will have just celebrated the Feast of Feasts, the Lord's Pascha, the day of Resurrection! God willing, our beloved parishioners will have assembled many times throughout the week to walk with Christ to the Cross and to stand at the Empty Tomb as His Resurrection was proclaimed. Some parishioners, who were unable to be present due to the Covid-19 pandemic, participated in Holy Week through watching some of the Divine Services through a live-stream, their personal prayers, and generous donations. Hopefully, all of us recognize the significance of this week and the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. It is truly our primary purpose as a Church and as Orthodox Christians to enter fully into this mystery of the death, burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. St. Paul made this abundantly clear in his First Letter to the Corinthians explaining that the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the central tenant of the Orthodox Christian faith. (1 Cor. 15).

As we continue to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection, we should also take time to reflect both on Great Lent and on Holy Week. We should make plans today to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for Great Lent in 2022. We should also commit to attending more services during the next Great Lent and Holy Week. Moreover, we should ask ourselves in the light of the Resurrection of Christ, is there someone that I need to forgive or to offer an apology today? Should I schedule a confession? Is the joy of the Resurrection part of my daily



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prayer life and interactions with others? In this way, this spiritual reflection includes both planning for Great Lent and Holy Week next year and fully embracing Pascha in the present moment.

This newsletter will likely arrive right before or during Bright Week, the week following Pascha. Each day of Bright Week, we should sing repeatedly the Paschal Troparion:

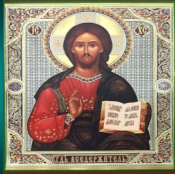
Christ is risen from the dead,
by death trampling down upon death,
and to those in the tombs
He has granted life.

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν,
θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας,
καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι,
ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

Each day of Bright Week and throughout the Paschal season we sing this beautiful hymn offering thanksgiving “to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Cor. 15:57). We must embrace this victory and proclaim in our words, thoughts, and deeds that, Truly, the Lord is Risen!

With love in the Risen Christ,

Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL



Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti

Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη!

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We began the month of May celebrating Great Saturday, the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and Pascha Sunday. Many of our faithful attended the church services in person while others watched on our live streaming services. On Pascha Sunday, many families gathered in smaller than traditional groups, to celebrate the biggest Greek holiday of the year. Tables were laden with endless varieties of foods including the traditional bowl of Easter soup - magiritsa (generally eaten following the Resurrection service, to break the fast), spit roasted whole lamb or the alternative roasted leg of lamb, tsoureki, red eggs and on and on, a generous array of mezedakia or small plates of food, and plenty of wine and tsipouro. We drank and ate till we could not drink or eat another bite of food.

The month of May brings us many other days and holidays to celebrate. Some of us may celebrate Cinco de Mayo on May 5th; many of us will celebrate Mother's Day on May 9th; all of us will celebrate Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd; most of us will celebrate Memorial Day, on May 31st; and our church will hold our **Spring General Assembly Meeting on May 16th** following the Divine Liturgy.

You may ask yourself, Why is it important for me to attend the General Assembly Meeting? Well first, it is important you attend the Divine Liturgy on that day (or any day) so that you can experience the energy of worshipping with your friends and fellow parishioners around you; to hear the hymns and prayers of the chanters' and the sermon of the day. You may find that energy following you throughout the General Assembly and the remainder of the day.

General Assembly meetings are important for several reasons: 1). It's where you can exercise your rights as a parishioner; 2). It's where you learn about the financial health of our church; 3.) It's where you learn about the budget; 4). It's where you learn about most if not all project timetables and preparations for upcoming events; 5). It's where you can ask questions about our church, make recommendations to improve, repair or correct problems; and 6). It's where we elect an Election Chairperson, and more. The short time we spend at our General Assembly meeting serves as a forum for all our parishioners, both young and old, to come together, to discuss, to be heard, and to be counted. I ask you **All** to please make every effort to attend our **Spring General Assembly Meeting on May 16th**.

SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO THE GREATER FLINT ORTHODOX ENDOWMENT FUND

On behalf of Father Jarrod, the Parish Council and Parishioners, I would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude for your recent donation to help pay down our church mortgage. Because of your continued generosity over the years our mortgage on April 15, 2021, is \$0.00. Thank you again for your very generous donation!

Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti

Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη!

In Christ,
Helen Dalbo
Council President

AGENDA – Spring General Assembly 2021

Sunday, May 16, 2021– Immediately Following the Divine Liturgy

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| 1. Call to Order | Helen Dalbo |
| 2. Opening Prayer | Father Jarrod |
| 3. Election of General Assembly Chairman and Secretary | |
| 4. Opening Remarks | Helen Dalbo |
| 5. Approval of previous General Assembly Minutes | GA Chairperson |
| 6. Priest's Report | Father Jarrod |
| 7. Treasurer Report and Approval of 2021 Budget | JoAnne Schultze |
| 8. Ministry and Organization Reports | |
| A. Iconography Project Report | John Hountalas |
| B. Stewardship Report | Committee Chair |
| C. Fund Raising Events | Chairs of Events |
| 1. Fish Fry | John Hountalas |
| 2. Golf Outing - TBD | John Kaloydis |
| 3. Indoor Craft Show - November | Susan Kallis |
| 4. Outdoor Craft Show -TBD | Laura Mersinas |
| 5. Raffles | |
| a. Cash Raffle - September | Debbi Chinonis |
| b. Super Draw Raffle | |
| 6. Other – Open for Suggestions | |
| D. Religious Education | } <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">In the interest of time and to allow ample time for a full and open discussion all ministry updates will be provided as a hard copy at the General Assembly meeting from which questions can then be asked.</div> |
| E. Philoptochos | |
| F. VIPs | |
| G. Choir | |
| H. GOYA | |
| I. Daughters of Penelope | |
| J. AHEPA | |
| 9. New Business | |
| A. Appoint an Election Committee Chairperson | GA Chairperson |
| B. Elect 2 Delegates to attend Detroit Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly-TBD (UPR's Art. 11 sec. 5c) | GA Chairperson |
| 10. Old Business | |
| 11. Call for Questions | |
| 12. Call for Adjournment | GA Chairperson |
| 13. Closing Prayer | Father Jarrod |

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

This is the operating income we received for the noted month and the Operating Expenses we incur on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Any questions regarding the monthly income and/or expenses should be directed to the Parish Council President or Treasurer.

OPERATING INCOME MARCH 2021		EXPENSES MARCH 2021	
Stewardship	\$15,827.00	Monthly Bills Paid	\$31,910.67
Trays/Candles	\$1,518.00	Quarterly Bill Paid	\$ 627.00
Fundraiser Income for Operating Expenses	\$17,861.27	Annual Bills Paid	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$220.66	Miscellaneous Bills Paid	\$ 2,221.59
Total Operating Income for Month	\$35,426.93	Total Bills Paid for Month	\$35,259.26

ACCOUNT BALANCES MARCH 31 2021		PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT/MAINTENANCE
General Checking (used for Operating Expenses	\$18,907.68	Maintenance bills paid out of Property Improvement/ Maintenance Savings Account
Property Improvement/Maintenance Savings Account	\$7,718.24	\$0

Hope, Joy, & GOYA Corner

Xristos Anesti! Christ is Risen!

It is always so nice to see all the children attending and participating in the Holy Week services and the Agape service every year.

On Saturday, April 10th, Anna Photiou competed in the Michigan District level 1st ever virtual Oratorical Festival that was hosted here at Assumption. There were 8 junior speakers and 6 senior speakers. Congratulations Anna we are very proud of you.

Our bake sales have continued to have much success each Friday at our Fish Fry. Total sales for the month of March were \$906. 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
5/7/2021	Kraemer	Leighton
5/14/2021	Mavrikos	O'Bee
5/21/2021	Panos	Paraschos

Religious Education classes will finish up for the year on May 9th in the church after Divine Liturgy with Father. We are very proud of all our students and the hard work they have done throughout the year in learning about our Faith.

Sincerely,

Religious Education Committee

Lori Photiou and Ageliki Carpenter

To the parents of all the children of Assumption Church:

Over the last 12 years I have had the joy of playing a small role in all of your children's lives. I have said it 1000+ times that I love each of them as my own. Every minute I have spent with them has brought so much fulfillment to watch them learn. In February at the Parish Council meeting, I announced my resignation as Religious Education Director at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. My love for your children will NOT end. I will continue to enjoy seeing all of them as they grow up. Thank you for allowing me to play such a role in their lives.

With Much Love & Gratitude,

Lori Photiou

2021 MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY BLESSINGS
(Monday, May 31st)

Father Jarrod will be performing the cemetery blessings in the order and times listed below. Please list the names of your loved ones down below for Father to commemorate at the gravesite.

Sunset Hills Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. (Section 3 Right of Chapel)
G- 4413 Flushing Rd., Flint, MI 48504

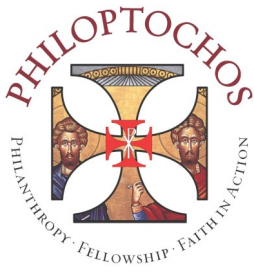
Crestwood Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. (Garden of Calvary)
2020 E. Hill Rd., Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Evergreen Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. (Section 11 – 3rd Block)
G-3415 E. Hill Rd., Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Great Lakes National Cemetery at 1:00 p.m.
4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI 48442

NAME OF DECEASED - ΟΝΟΜΑΤΑ ΝΕΚΡΩΝ

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Philoptochos Society

Friends of the Poor !

Ladies,

These are the pictures I took of the of the "ladies and gentlemen making Spinach Pies for sale at church. Baking and cooking never stops at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Grand Blanc".

Thank you,

Diana Lillar
President





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



The Daughters of Penelope met virtually in March and again on Sunday, April 18, 2021. On April 18th we initiated two new members, Delia Bartley and Cristiellen Heos Zarvas. Welcome Delia and Cristiellen we are so happy to have you join our sisterhood.

Thank you to all who purchased a hydrangea plant during our fundraising sale. We were able to sell 50 plants. This was a little below our anticipated goal, but we truly thank those who purchased plants. This will help us with our charitable pursuits. Plants will be available to be picked up on May 6. We will alert those who purchased plants of the exact times. They will be picked up at the garage at the far end of the church parking lot.

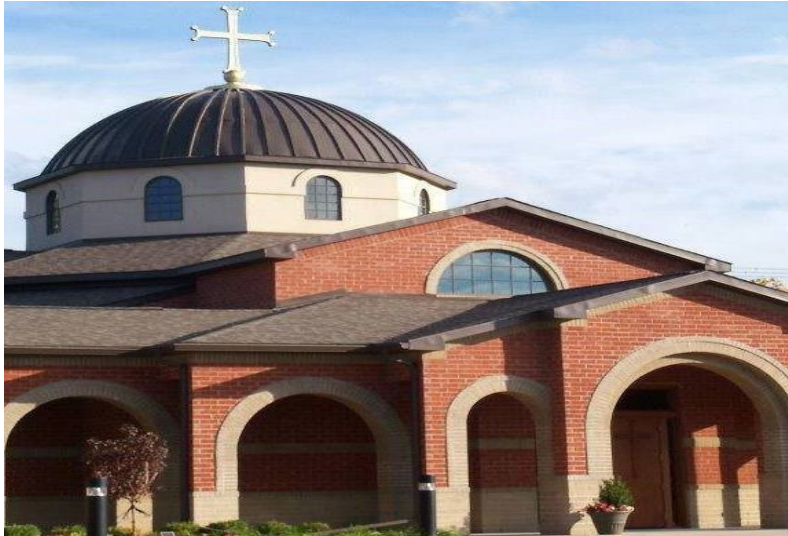
Again this year the Omega AHEPA Chapter that runs Senior Housing projects in the Detroit area was able to offer up to \$2,000 in matching funds to our Flint Ahepa and Iris DOP Chapters to donate to our church. Our chapters raised \$2,725. That way our Assumption Church will receive **\$4,725** to use as needed. **A special thank you to the following donors, listed in alphabetical order:**

Deb & Dennis Chinonis, Katherine Clinton, Laura & John Costa, Helen Dalbo, Joanne & Bill Dau, Carol & Ray Delbridge, Diana Lillar, Vasiliki & John Gravanis, Marian & Gary Hagler, Pam Heos, John Hountalas, Samantha McLean, Athena Kalatzis, Agape Kallis, Susan Kallis, John Kaloydis, Tula & Peter Kokkinakos, Joyce & Dean Kossaras, Alexis & Michael Kus, Aspasia & Ioannis Mavrikos, Laura & George Mersinas, Nikki Pappadakis, Irene & John Panos, Mike Potsos, JoAnne Schultze, Olga Steinhoff, Cathy Yeotis, Meg & Tom Yeotis.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **June 13**. We will be voting on a slate of officers for the 2021-2022 year. This meeting will be after church. You will be able to either meet in the hall with required distancing or on Zoom if you feel more comfortable that way. On Saturday, **August 21, 2021** we anticipate hosting the District 10 AHEPA Family Scholarship banquet here at Assumption. Details to follow.

Cathy Yeotis
President

MICHIGAN'S GREAT FISH FRY: GRAND BLANC'S GREEK CHURCH'S VERSION



Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Grand Blanc. (Photo via Facebook)

If you're hankering for good fish in Michigan it's not to be found at a fancy restaurant or by a Great Lake side, but at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Grand Blanc.

The church, reported Mlive, has essentially been running a weekly restaurant since 2012 and was voted by the site's readers to have the best fish fry in the Flint and Thumb region, not to mention Greek specialties.

“When we initially started it, it was just literally fish and chips, some shrimp and some clams,” Lori Photiou, a church member who's been volunteering there the whole run said.

The fish fry came out of the cancellation of the parish's yearly Greek Festival, shut down by the COVID-19 pandemic. “It's an all-volunteer crew,” Photiou said. “All of us are parishioners of the church. We take pride in it.”

From September to the end of June, the church and about 15 volunteers put on a full fish fry every Friday. Many of the volunteers have restaurant experience, having either owned one or worked at one. “We are running a one day a week restaurant,” Photiou said, serving 400-500 meals.

**JOHN HOUNTALAS ASKED THAT THIS LETTER BE
PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSLETTER:**

Nine years ago, in March of 2013, I asked for your support to get rid of the monster on our backs, the MORTGAGE. At that time, the Mortgage balance was \$697,000.00.

Because of all of your support, the support of our various organizations, all of our Mortgage fundraisers, and the support of the Greater Flint Orthodox Endowment Fund, whether you gave \$10 or \$10,000, as a parish we have accomplished our goal of paying off our Mortgage.

As of Tax Day, April 15, our Mortgage balance is

\$0.00

THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!

JOHN HOUNTALAS

This article was submitted by Nancy Chinonis, our Choir Director. The article can be found on the Orthodox Church Musicians Facebook page.

The Great Doxology: A Brief History and Explanation

By Emanuel H. Creekus

See the April Newsletter for Part 1

In Orthodox teaching, to be saved and redeemed is to become deified. St. Maximus the Confessor taught that theosis goes beyond simply restoring humankind to its pre-fall nature. Through Christ, we can become more God-like than Adam and Eve were, and be restored to our full potential, because of Christ's dual nature and His sacrifice on the Cross. We pray for this restoration at every Funeral Service when we chant the Evloghitaria for the Dead. What is this "synergia" with God, and how do we achieve it? Our synergia with God is our working together with Him in order to do His will and that which pleases Him; in other words, the cooperation of the divine will and our human will.

This is done by several means. Especially important is the participation in the life of the Church, including the regular partaking of the sacraments, in particular Holy Communion, and the sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation. Through the Eucharist, we are reunited with His being or *energia*, the theosis that all of creation is called to and to be transformed into, that is, its full and true God-like form. The word "eucharist" literally means "thanksgiving", and it is through this thanksgiving that the fullness of the soul is restored. Here again, we find a restoration or reversion of humanity to its previous nature. The entire Divine Liturgy, in fact, is a synergia of all the faithful acting together in full accord with the will of God, and we can look upon this very meaningful verse as another reference to preparing ourselves to receive Holy Communion. Other means of acting in synergia with God are through fasting and almsgiving, which would take too long to go into here. Do not confuse theosis with the one-time "born again" experience taught by most Protestants. It is the restoration of man to Adam's pre-fall state, it is a goal that is a life-long struggle to attain, and it can only be done through our faith in Jesus Christ and acting in synergia or working together with God through various means. It is the true Orthodox doctrine of salvation, and through it, by Christ's Resurrection, "Adam is recalled from the dead, the curse is made void, Eve is set free, death is slain, and we are endowed with life..." as the hymn sung immediately before the Great Doxology says.

Verse 9 is a quote from I Chronicles 29:10. This is the beginning of the praise David gives to God for the offerings the people of Israel gave for the purpose of building the temple, which was completed by Solomon. The offerings of precious metals, iron, and precious stones are a precursor of the offerings we make in the Divine Liturgy of the bread and wine, as David says later in this passage, "For all things are Yours, and of Your own we give to You" (verse 14). In the Divine Liturgy, the priest echoes these words at the moment of consecration: "Thine of Thine own we offer to Thee, in all and for all." Here again, as in other places in the Divine Liturgy, we are singing and praying these words in anticipation of receiving the Eucharist.

Verse 10 is a quote from Psalm 33 (32):22. According to the Orthodox Study Bible, this Psalm is a

prophecy that reveals the Holy Trinity as creator of the world. This particular verse is another petition, entreating the Trinity for continued mercy.

Verse 11 is from Psalm 119 (118):12. You may recognize it also as the refrain of the Evloghitaria that are sung during Matins and at the Vespers of Holy Saturday (the Good Friday Lamentations service), and the ones that are sung at funerals and memorial services. In fact, quite a bit of the Orthodox funeral service comes from this, the longest of all the Psalms (176 verses!). Its theme deals with the keys to a dynamic spiritual life through repentance and God's help, and that this is how we should prepare for our eventual death. See the reference to theosis above in the explanation for Verse 8.

Verse 12 comes from Psalm 90 (89):1 and Psalm 41 (40):5 in the Septuagint. In the Hebrew Psalm 41 it is verse 4. Psalm 90 was not written by David; it was the morning prayer of Moses, so it is appropriate to be a part of the morning prayer of Christians. This verse is a reference to the timelessness of God. Psalm 41 is a prophecy of Christ's death and resurrection; the reference is to Christ taking on our sins at the Cross and remitting them.

Verse 13 is from Psalm 143 (142):10. This Psalm is recited in its entirety as the last of the 6 Psalms during Orthros. In the Septuagint (Greek) text, the Psalm's heading is "A Psalm by David, when his son persecuted him." This heading is not in the Hebrew. Its theme is that man's efforts to attain righteousness through the Jewish Law are futile, because the enemy overcomes our feeble efforts. The "enemy" in this Psalm has two meanings; that of David's son Absalom, who revolted against his father, but it also refers to the devil. It is only through God and the gift of His righteousness through faith, and following His will, that the Spirit guides us into the land of uprightness (verse 10b). This is why David asks God to teach him God's will, similar to the petition "...teach me Your statutes..." in the Doxology's Verse 11 discussed above. It is this second half of this Psalm verse that we use as the Communion Hymn on the Sunday of Pentecost ("May Your good Spirit lead me into the land of uprightness.", or, "May Your good Spirit guide me on level ground.").

Verses 14 and 15 come from Psalm 36 (35):10-11. In the Hebrew Psalm 36 it is verses 9 and 10. This Psalm refers to the right and wrong uses of free will. In the verse immediately preceding these, it speaks of the upright, through the right use of free will, being intoxicated by drinking the abundant water of the river of God's delight, a reference to Baptism, hence the reference to the fountain. The fountain is God; the line "in Your light we shall see light" is a reference to Christ, and is where the phrase in the Creed, "...Light of light, true God of true God..." derives from.

The Trisagion, as far as its position and function later in the Divine Liturgy proper are concerned, deserves an article or perhaps even a small booklet of its own. Its history and theology, though, are keys in not only understanding the Great Doxology, but also the Divine Liturgy which follows it.

Biblically, we can trace the origins of the Trisagion to Isaiah chapter 6 and Revelation chapter 4, and it is related to the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" that comes directly from those passages, an explanation of which would take too long to get into here. The origins of the Trisagion text, as we know it today, trace back to the time of Proclus, who was Patriarch of Constantinople from the years 434 to 446.

During his tenure as Patriarch, there was a severe earthquake in that city, and the people were in constant prayer. A young boy was enraptured up to the third heaven, it is said, where he heard the angels chanting the Trisagion. The angels told the boy that the people were to chant this hymn, and when they did so, the earthquake ceased. **This is probably also the time when it began to be used liturgically, because we know that it was an extremely important part of the controversy between the Orthodox and the Monophysites, and was sung as an acclamation at the 4th Ecumenical Council in 451.**

We can find an excellent, brief summation of the theology behind the Trisagion in the Doxastikon of the Kneeling Service of Pentecost: “Come, all peoples, let us worship the Godhead in three persons: the Son in the Father, with the Holy Spirit. For the Father begat the Son before all ages, co-eternal and equal in majesty, and the Holy Spirit was in the Father, glorified with the Son: a single power, a single essence, one Godhead, which we all worship saying, "Holy is God, Who created all things with the Son, with the cooperation of the Holy Spirit. Holy and mighty, through Whom we have known the Father and the Holy Spirit came into the world. Holy immortal, the Paraclete Spirit, which proceeds from the Father and abides in the Son: Holy Trinity, glory to You.””

Orthopraxia (Correct Practice) and the Purpose of this Work

Most of the choral arrangements we sing today in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America set the Great Doxology in either the 3rd or the 4th Tone; today, many chanters, as a convenience, chant the Doxology in the same tone as the preceding Doxastikon at the end of Matins unless a rubric instructs otherwise.

On Sundays, though, the correct practice is to chant the Great Doxology in the same tone as the tone of the day; during weekday Liturgies, we should use the same tone as the Doxastikon. However, these practices were almost certainly not always the case. While the Great Doxology is like many of our hymns in that we don't know what its original melody may have been, we can infer what its preferred tone probably was. Many manuscripts infer that in 10th century Constantinople, the preferred tone for the Great Doxology was the 2nd Tone. Further evidence of this is indicated by the fact that from the 13th century at the latest, until the present time, the Great Doxology is preceded by the Theotokion “Ypervloghimeni yparhis, Theotoke Parthene” (“Most blessed are you, O Virgin Theotokos”).

While at this point in the service this is sung in all tones today, it is also the Theotokion of the 2nd Kathisma for the 2nd Tone, from earlier in the Matins service.

The Divine Liturgy is the Bible unfolded and opened for all to see, and is truly more than just a window into the Kingdom; it IS the Kingdom, as the priest proclaims with his very first statement, “Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages, AMEN.”

VOTED BEST OF THE BEST FOR
2016, 2017, & 2018



Parishioner – John Panos – Owner/Manager

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TASTE OF GREECE



Saturday, May 8, 2021

Noon to 7:30 PM

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT



ALL DINNERS COME WITH CHOICE OF RICE OR FRIES, COLESLAW, & ROLL
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Assumption Church Community Update

Our Church newsletter is one of the ways we keep in touch with one another. Each month there are special events in the life of the Church that should be shared with our entire community. This is especially true in terms of baptisms, weddings, and funerals. We will now be dedicating space in each newsletter to announce baptisms, weddings, and funerals that occur at Assumption Church as well as those involving community members that are celebrated at other Orthodox Churches. If you would like to submit an announcement regarding a baptism, wedding, or funeral that has been celebrated at an Orthodox Church other than the Assumption Church, please send it directly to Fr. Jarrod (frjarrod@gmail.com).

March:

Stavro Mago funeral was celebrated at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in

Tarpon Springs, Florida

http://www.obituarymanager.com/obititem.php?cust_id=18&id=42842

April:

Funeral: Dr. Chris Bakris



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.

THE IMAGE OF CHRIST IN THE DOME



By Bishop Joachim of Amissos

<https://stnicholaswtc.org/resources/iconography-the-image-of-christ-in-the-dome/>

Bishop Joachim of Amissos is an internationally recognized expert in Byzantine Iconography and is the Director of the Archbishop Iakovos Library at Hellenic College/Holy Cross.

After the period of Iconoclasm (ending in 843), Byzantine ecclesiastical architecture emerged most characteristically as a centralized plan surmounted by a prominent dome at its core. It continues as the most common scheme for an Orthodox church today. This form of architectural plan readily serves to reflect the hierarchical system of the Orthodox Faith and its visual expression, whereby the dome, the highest point within the church structure, became associated with heaven and thereby was reserved for the depiction of the holiest figure, Christ Himself. This has become the definitive image of the interior space of Orthodox churches.

The depiction of Christ that eventually became the standard image for the dome is that of a bust figure where the Lord is shown blessing with His right hand and holding the Gospel Book in His left, often encircled by a rainbow pattern. It is a particularly ideal rendering for a dome decoration—as if Christ were looking down from the heavenly realm on to the earth below. Byzantine writers, such as the 9th-century, sainted patriarch Photios, referred to such images as the Creator overseeing the earth and its orderly arrangement and revealing His care for us. Later, Nicholas Mesarites, a churchman who later became the Metropolitan of Ephesus, when writing his description of the mosaics of the church of the Holy Apostles in Constantinople at the end of the twelfth century, refers to Christ's image in the dome as He who looks through the lattice (the rainbow) in the manner of an ardent lover (paraphrasing [Song of Songs 2:9](#)), that is, as the One who loves His human creation, the Philanthropos.

Although such images of Christ were not inscribed themselves with the epithet Pantokrator until the twelfth century, the term was associated with such images from the

ninth century onwards. The term Pantokrator itself is found in the Scriptures, in both the Old and New Testaments (for example [2 Samuel 5:10](#); [1 Chronicles 29:12](#); and in several verses of the Book of Revelation, among which are 1:8, 4:8 and 21:22) where it is usually translated as “Almighty” but could be rendered also as “All-Governing” or “He Who Holds All Things in His Hands.” It is also employed in the Creed: “I believe in one God, the Father Almighty....”

For us believers who enter the church building and turn our gaze upwards to behold the Christ Pantokrator, the image is ultimately a transformative image, as scholars have noted. Beneath this image is where the Divine Liturgy is celebrated and it is directly beneath this image the faithful receive the Holy Eucharist—the very Body and Blood of the same Lord Jesus Christ, the Pantokrator. The liturgical celebrations and the Sacrament of the Eucharist unite us with Christ in the image directly above. They transform us to identify, in the most intimately means possible while on earth, with the Lord above. Liturgical commentators, such as Saint Maximos the Confessor (6th-7th century), and Nicholas Kabasilas (14th century), describe how when one receives the Body and Blood of Christ, one resembles and is transformed into Him.

The dome, and its image of Christ Pantokrator, is therefore a liminal zone, a transitional, sacred space between the celestial and the earthly. Directly beneath His image, the believer enters a performative space, that is, he or she participates in and engages with the mystical liturgical actions, actions that culminate in the faithful’s reception of the Lord’s Sacred Body and Blood, in order to be intimately transformed and held within the hands of the Christ Pantokrator directly above.



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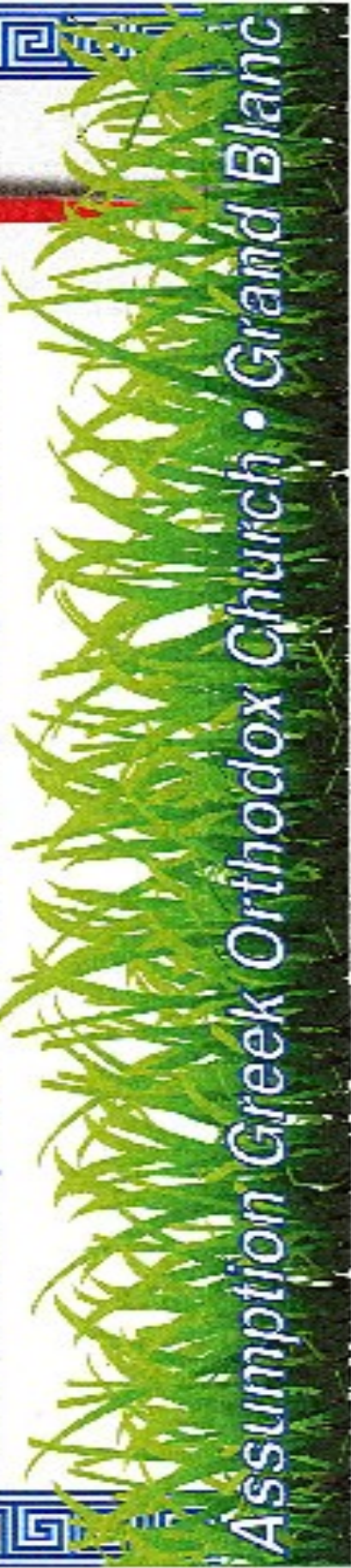


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Need of the Month
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AS OF 4-15-2021

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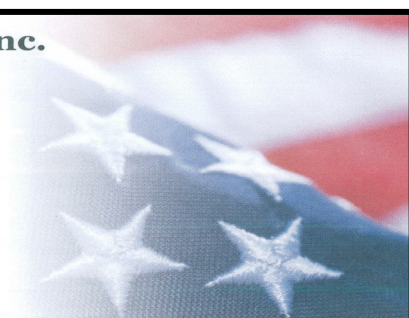
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The following individuals/families have contributed to the Iconography Project:

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(Approved by Parish Council Effective November 10, 2015)

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Member in good standing of Assumption Church Grand Blanc – Minimum \$500 paid-up stewardship for previous year and up-to-date present year stewardship	Non-member at Assumption Church Grand Blanc
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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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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.

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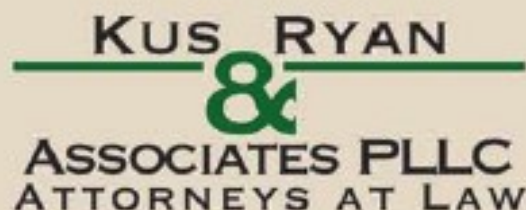
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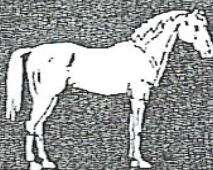
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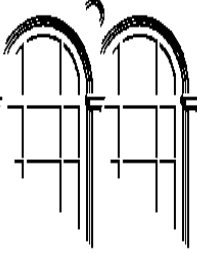
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