

What's Happening

JULY 2021

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 4: Independence Day
- 14: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm
- 21: Combined Great Vespers Parish 6 pm
Feast Day @ St. Mary Magdalene, Fenton
- 22: Combined Divine Liturgy Parish 10 am
Feast Day @ St. Mary Magdalene, Fenton
- 27: Divine Liturgy for St. Panteleimon 10 am

AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 2: Paraklesis Service 6 pm
- 4: Paraklesis Service 6 pm
- 6: Combined Divine Liturgy Transfiguration 10 am
@ St. Mary Magdalene, Fenton
- 9: Paraklesis Service 6 pm
- 11: Paraklesis Service 6 pm
Parish Council Meeting TBD
- 13: Paraklesis Service 6 pm
- 14: Combined Great Vespers - Parish Feast Day 5 pm
- 17-19: Vacation Church School @ St. Mary Magdalene
- 23: Eli Chinonis Golf Classic
- 28: Summer Outdoor Craft & Art Show 10-4 pm

Prosporon Schedule

July:

- 4: Batsios, Vasilios & Maria
- 11: Birtsas, Sandra
- 18: Bistolaridis, Antony & Maria
- 25: Bograkos, Tim & Sandy

August:

- 1: Bograkos, Vera
- 8: Brown, Jr., Andy
- 15: Carpenter, Rob & Ageliki
- 22: Chiavaras, Lucille
- 29: Chinonis, Dennis & Debra

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:

Alexandra Grivakis; Lucas Paul; Anna Hagler (Gary's Mother);
Voula Helton; Afroditi Marks; George Pappadakis; Charlie Paraschos

Sunday Reader Schedule

July

- 4 John Kaloydis
- 11 Debra Chinonis
- 18 John Costa
- 25 Cathy Yeotis

August

- 1 John Kaloydis
- 8 Debra Chinonis
- 15 John Costa
- 22 Cathy Yeotis
- 29 Tony Pappadakis

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,

We will celebrate our parish Feast Day, the Dormition of the Theotokos, on Sunday, August 15. Our celebration will include the Great Vespers for the Feast on Saturday, August 14 followed by Orthros and Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 15. It is a great joy that this year we will be able to celebrate our Assumption Church Feast Day fully in-person and over a weekend. There will be opportunities for fellowship following the Divine Services on both Saturday evening and Sunday.

Occasionally, people will ask about the difference between the name of the Feast Day of our parish and the actual name of our Church. The Greek name of the Feast Day of our Church written on the side of the building is as follows: Ἡ Κοίμησις τῆς Θεοτόκου. Literally translated, this means the Dormition of the Theotokos. A Church in Greece dedicated to the Dormition of the Theotokos will be given the following formal name: Ὁ Ἱερός Ναός Κοιμήσεως τῆς Θεοτόκου. Literally translated, this formal name means the Holy Temple (or Church) of the Dormition of the Theotokos.

As the literal translation of the Greek name of the Feast of our Church is the Dormition of the Theotokos, why then do we call our Church the Assumption Church? The answer is that the word “Assumption” is a common English language equivalent of the word “Κοίμησις” because English speakers are familiar with the word “Assumption” as the title of the Feast of the Virgin Mary celebrated on August 15. Comparatively, English speakers are not as familiar with the word “Dormition”. Thus, it is common to use the words “Assumption” and “Dormition” interchangeably when translating the Greek work “Κοίμησις” into English. As these words are often used interchangeably, it is also common for Greek Orthodox Churches of America dedi-



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cated to the Dormition of the Theotokos to be called “Assumption Greek Orthodox Church”. In our Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit alone, there are five Churches called “Assumption Greek Orthodox Church” (Louisville, Kentucky; Grand Blanc, Marquette, St. Clair Shores, Michigan; and Springfield, Ohio). Comparatively, there are no Churches in the Metropolis of Detroit that are called “Dormition Greek Orthodox Church”.

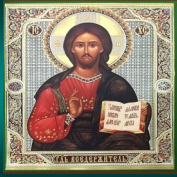
There are other examples of Orthodox Christians in America adopting common English names for our Feast Days. For example, consider the Feast Day we celebrate every December 25: Ἡ Γέννησις τοῦ Σωτήρος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Literally translated, this is the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. However, most of us refer to this feast as Christmas. As another example, consider the Feast Day we celebrate every January 6: Ἀγία Θεοφάνεια τοῦ Κυρίου. Literally translated, this is the Holy Theophany of the Lord. However, we can just as easily call this feast the Epiphany of the Lord. For a final example, consider the feast we celebrate every February 2: Ἡ Ὑπαπαντή τοῦ Κυρίου. Literally translated, this means the Meeting of the Lord. However, most Orthodox Christians, utilizing English language terms, call this feast day the Presentation of the Lord.

To sum it up, when we call our beloved Church the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, we are simply using an English equivalent of Ὁ Ἱερός Ναός Κοιμήσεως τῆς Θεοτόκου. I hope this explanation helps those with questions regarding the name of our Church.

As we celebrate our parish Feast Day the weekend of August 15, we should give thanks to the Theotokos for her guiding intercession for our Assumption Church!

With love in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Good Afternoon Parishioners,

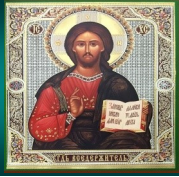
I would like to take a few minutes to thank you for your continued support of our Assumption Church through your generosity, your time and your talent(s). I would like to thank Father Jarrod for ALL his hard work and effort that he continues to put into his ministry at our Assumption Church. And I would like to thank the Parish Council and all the ministries for all their continued support and hard work. Father Jarrod and the Parish Council are striving towards what is best for our church. Let us know how we are doing; let us know where we can improve; let us know where you can give of your time, talent and treasure.



June is in our rear view mirror; July can be found directly ahead and August is just beyond our reach and around the corner. We have seen some changes, both at church and in our communities. This past month, Covid guidelines have been relaxed in the State of Michigan. This has allowed Michiganders the freedom to enjoy spending quality time with family and friends, to enjoy an evening out at a restaurant and to travel by plane or by cruise ship again. The relaxing of the Covid guidelines has allowed us the opportunity to offer fellowship hour here (with a few Guidelines) at the church, something we have missed. If you are interested in hosting a fellowship hour, please see a council member to schedule a date.

June also brought a few changes to our church. Our New Capital Improvement and Maintenance Committee members are Andy Brown and Bill Dau, with Andy Brown In-Charge of the committee. JoAnne Schultze is In-Charge of all Food Sales, which includes, among other items, feta, phyllo, olives, spinach cheese pie, tiropita, dolmathes, etc. If you have Food Sale questions or requests, please contact Joanne and she will gladly help you.

July found many of us celebrating Independence Day, taking in a Tigers game, attend-



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

ing graduation parties, going to the zoo, or taking the ferry to Mackinac Island. Others spent time checking out the Sand Dunes, going to the beach, hiking, glamping, visiting Tahquamenon Falls or enjoying nature and bird watching, still others toured the State photographing lighthouses, stopping in at the Traverse City Cherry Festival and or the Traverse City Art Festival. It's our last chance at summer fun before school kicks in. As a reminder; *If you receive this combined July/ August newsletter by July 5th, please be mindful that there are only 172 days, 11 hours, 15 minutes and I don't know how many seconds left, to do your Christmas shopping.* 😊 *Have Fun!*

As we look forward to August and the usual warmer weather, we remind ourselves that August 15 is the Great Feast Day of our Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. It is the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. The dormition or in Greek, *kimisis*, is the falling asleep of the Mother of Jesus Christ. The Feast honors our Savior Jesus Christ. That Christ received her soul and that the body of the Theotokos was transported or taken (assumed) from this worldly life to eternal life.

The icon of the Dormition depicts the Theotokos lying on her deathbed surrounded by the disciples. Christ is standing in the center of the icon and just behind the deathbed holding her soul, portrayed as a child in swaddling cloth; sometimes the child is portrayed with wings, "meaning her soul is pure like an angel and ready to fly to Heaven." The Mother of God has fallen asleep, St. Peter on the right swinging a censer and St Paul kneeling at her feet; St. John the beloved of Christ, is standing above her head and St Andrew, at the left near her feet, kneeling, with his hands open. Above Christ the gates of heaven stand open, ready to receive the Mother of God.

In Christ,
Helen Dalbo
Council President

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS



Saturday, August 14

5:00 pm

**Pan-Orthodox Great Vespers
(Lenten Fellowship to follow)**

Sunday, August 15

10:00 am

**Divine Liturgy
Light Luncheon to follow**



Please join us in celebrating our church Feast Day!



ATTENTION ASSUMPTION CHURCH PARSHIONERS

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese's Uniform Parish Regulations ("UPR") require every parish to have a Board of Auditors. Assumption Church does not currently have such a board. I appeal to our parishioners to step up and volunteer for positions (minimum 3) on the Board of Auditors. The purpose of a financial audit, which should be conducted annually, is to insure that the parish remains financially healthy so that the community can accomplish its main mission; that is, to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ for the salvation of many.

Sadly, our church finances have not been audited for several years. Some parishioners believe that conducting an audit requires the church to hire an agency outside the church walls. This is not true. According to **UPR's Jan. 2019, ARTICLE 33 BOARD OF AUDITORS Sec. 1.:**

The Board of Auditors shall consist of at least three parishioners none of whom are members of the Parish Council. The Board of Auditors shall be elected at the last Parish Assembly preceding an election from among those who have not served on the Parish Council for the year being audited and who are not candidates for election to the Parish Council. The Board of Auditors shall have the financial competency to properly execute its responsibilities.

To read the entire **ARTICLE 33 BOARD OF AUDITORS**, or to volunteer for a position on the Board of Auditors, please see Father Jarrod or me. Thanking you in advance for your contribution of time and talent to the Assumption Church.

In Christ,
Helen Dalbo
Parish Council President

The Pan –Orthodox Churches of Genesee County
presents

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL 2021

hosted by St. Mary Magdalene Parish

August 17th, 18th & 19th

Who: All children ages 4 through 11

What: “My Orthodox Tool-kit” -building a little church at home.

Where: St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church (2439 S. Long Lake Rd—Fenton, MI)

When: August 17-19th, Drop off 4:45pm Pick-up 7:15pm

Why: Being Orthodox isn't a name you call yourself it is a lifestyle that you live. Giving our youth the tools they need to create a little church in the home allows them to guard their lives from the trials of this fallen world. Our goal is to draw a correlation between the prayer life at home and the Liturgical prayer life and the importance of both in their life.

How: Fill out a registration form for each child that is attending and mail to St. Mary Magdalene, or drop off in person.

Early registration is open from June 21st - July 12th. Space is limited. Registration closes August 1st.

Children's Itinerary	Adult's Itinerary
4:45 –5pm Drop-off/ Check-in 5-5:30pm Lesson One 5:30-6pm Dinner 6-6:30pm Lesson with the Priest 6:30-7pm Creating a prayer corner 7-7:15 Small Compline in the Church all together 7:15-7:30 pick-up Tuesday: Iconography and the Cross Wednesday: Candles & Incense Thursday: Praying Groups: Group A: Ages 4, 5, & 6 Group B: Ages 7, 8, & 9 Group C: Ages 10 & 11	4:45 –5pm Drop-off/ Check-in 5-5:30pm Parent Fellowship 5:30-6pm Light Refreshment for Parents out by the Shrine 6-6:30pm Parent-led discussion about raising children in the Church 6:30-7pm Parent session with the priest (topics include; Holy Habits in the Home, Forgiveness in the Home & Raising Good Stewards) 7-7:15 Small Compline in the Church all together 7:15-7:30 pick-up <i>You are welcome to drop off your children at VCS, but we prefer you stay and join with other parents for fellowship and adult discussion topics.</i>

✠ For additional information please contact the St. Mary Magdalene Parish Office– Office hours are Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10am – 3pm Or email smmocaefenton@gmail.com

✠ There is no fee for a child to participate in VCS, however please consider a free-will offering to the church to help cover the cost of the event.



V.I.P'S

DUE TO COVID-19, THE V.I.P.'S ARE NO LONGER MEETING AT THIS TIME. THE MONEY LEFT IN THE ACCOUNT HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

- ⇒ \$40 TO ICONOGRAPHY
- ⇒ \$100 TO ASSUMPTION CHURCH INVESTMENT SAVING FUND

SINCERELY,
VOULA PAGONIS,
PRESIDENT

Seventy Years of Memories

**Metropolis of Detroit
Greek Orthodox Summer Camp**

**Register Campers and Staff at
GOMDSC.ORG**

2021

Campers Entering Grade 12/First Year of College
Week 0 June 27 - July 3



Campers entering Grades 3-11

- Week 1 July 4 - July 10**
- Week 2 July 11 - July 17**
- Week 3 July 18 - July 24**
- Week 4 July 25 - July 31**
- Week 5 August 1 - August 7**

**Ages 19-35
Young Adult September 3-
September 6**



MDSC

We are moving forward with hope and a mission to gather safely in Rose City for the 2021 camp season, but preparing a backup plan should our circumstances change.

Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

On behalf of AHEPA District 10, I would like to thank all who participated in the AHEPA "Milk for Flint" COVID-19 relief giveaway on May 18th. Their donation of time and labor was appreciated and needed to make this event a resounding success. It was great to see all the AHEPA Brothers' and DOP Sisters' smiling faces, who volunteered to help pass out the donated USDA food boxes, each containing meats, cheeses, milk, fruits, vegetables and more! We passed out 'personal item bags', which contained toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap and much more; items that most of us take for granted. We also supported a free vision screening station, which was a new and popular service to those that would not normally be able to afford to receive. Thank you **Father Jarrod Russell, Helen Velas, John Kaloydis, Ruth Karabina, JoAnne Schultze, John Manolis, Nick Maodus, Lou Pavledes, Cathy Yeotis, John Agapiou, Alexandra Agapiou, Nick Kallis, Marian Hagler and Greg Dallas**. Once again, we worked as one big AHEPA team! The Giveaway lasted for over 2 hours and the Flint residents were very thankful for what they received. In total, food and water was provided to 347 individuals/families, representing 1,121 people served. Personal items were provided for 231 adults and 130 children. Vision screenings were provided to 56 individuals and 253 eyeglass frames were given out free of charge. I would also like to thank **Judge Tom Yeotis** for buying lunch for all of the volunteers after the giveaway.

Lastly, I would like to thank Flint's Catholic Charities "Center For Hope", led by **Mary Stevenson**, for once again making the 'first call for help' to the AHEPA to distribute the Food Boxes. When asked why the AHEPA first? Mary stated, "The AHEPA has been a very reliable group that continues to want to help those in need. Other groups come and go, but the AHEPA has been a constant force in helping those in one of Michigan's most depressed communities since 2016."

Our next giveaway is tentatively scheduled for this Summer, 2021. When the USDA discontinues providing free food boxes (which includes milk), AHEPA District 10 "Milk For Flint" program will then purchase and deliver our Ninth truck load of milk for the unfortunate victims of the "Flint Water Crisis" and those affected by the fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic. The need for AHEPA's help has not gone away. We may not hear about the problems in Flint as often as we've had in the past, but the need is still real. Many Flint residents continue to have elevated lead levels in their bodies, including **thousands of children**, due to the exposure of the tainted water. Please help the AHEPA continue to help these victims!

Please make your tax deductible check out to "AHEPA District 10" and send to:

AHEPA District 10
284 Mason Ave
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

A tax receipt will be mailed back to you.
As always, 100% of your donation goes directly
to the purchase of the milk.

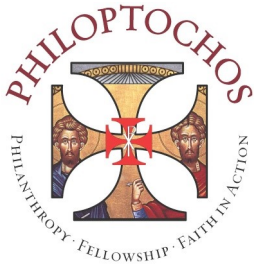
Thank you,

Craig A. Theros, PSG

District 10







Philoptochos Society

Friends of the Poor !



Just a reminder it is never too late to join our group. Please contact Agape Kallis if you are interested. Because of the COVID restrictions we have not had any meetings and I am sorry for that.

We continue to pay our National and local obligations to date.


The Philoptochos will be hosting a Lenten dinner on Saturday, August 14, 2021 after services. This will be a Pot-Luck dinner, please let me know what you could bring.

More information regarding our meetings will be coming by way of individual letters. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. Please stay safe and healthy.

Thank you,

Diana Lillar
President

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Daughters of Penelope

Iris Chapter 242

Hellenism, Philanthropy, and Sisterhood



At our regular meeting on Sunday, June 13 we held election of officers for the 2021-2022 fiscal year: The results of the election are as follows:

President - Joanne Dau

Vice-President - JoAnne Schultze

Secretary - Marian Hagler

Treasurer - Elaine Joynt

Priestess - Olga Steinhoff

Warden - Diana Lillar

Marshal - Kathy Clinton

Sentinel - Laura Costa

Advisor - Cathy Yeotis

The new officers and the members of the planning committee are working with AHEPA Chapter 141 to plan an event that would usually be held in conjunction with the District 10 convention. Because the convention was virtual in May, this event will be in person on Saturday, August 21. At this event The District 10 Education Foundation will be presenting scholarships to sixty deserving individuals from all over Michigan. The event will run from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm with brunch being served.

Our next regular meeting will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2021 following coffee hour. We hope to see many of our members in attendance. If you are not a member and interested in joining, please contact any of the officers listed above.

Joanne Dau

President

Virtual Cash Raffle

Is Happening!!

WILL BE:

**Thursday, September 16
Starts at 7:00 pm**

1 Ticket \$200.00*

**Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
2245 E. Baldwin Road
Grand Blanc, MI**

**Cash Raffle will be live streamed
Login details will be provided**

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

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

To purchase tickets, contact the office at 810-771-4611

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

For further information please contact the church office 810-771-4611



ΩMEGA
CHAPTER 371
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AHEPA OMEGA CHAPTER 371 PRESENTS

SPEED- NETWORKING EVENT

- + Lawn Games + Food + Drinks
- + Quick meet-and-greets with experienced AHEPA and DOP members
- + Pass on your knowledge and experiences to those starting out their careers

Sunday, July 11, 2021
3 pm
Livonia

REGISTER NOW!
bit.ly/OmegaNetwork



AHEPA & DOP
Members: \$5
~
General Public:
\$10



Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

Presents

Summer Outdoor Craft & Art Show



Saturday

August 28, 2021

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

2245 E. Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc

(Located on Baldwin Road between Fenton & Holly Roads)

Several tables of unique items

Holiday, jewelry, fabrics, toys, bakery

All homemade items, no commercial vendors

FREE ADMISSION

Concession Available



Come to look for something special, visit with crafters, and spend time with friends while you enjoy lunch

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

This is the Operating Income we received for the noted month and the Operating Expenses we incurred for the noted month.

Any questions regarding the monthly income and/or expenses should be directed to the Parish Council President or Treasurer.

OPERATING INCOME MAY 2021		OPERATING EXPENSES MAY 2021	
Stewardship	\$16,351.00	Monthly Bills Paid	\$16,810.89
Trays/Candles	\$ 2,721.00	Quarterly Bills Paid	\$ 2,058.00
Fundraiser income for Operating Expenses	\$ 3,506.30	Annual Bills Paid	\$0
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 5,472.00	Miscellaneous Bills Paid	\$ 2,854.02
Total Operating Income for Month	\$28,050.30	Total Bills Paid for Month	



OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCES MAY 31, 2021		PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT/MAINTENANCE FOR MONTH	
General Checking (used for Operating Expenses)	\$32,305.75	Maintenance Bills paid out of Property	\$0.00
Property Improvement/Maintenance Savings Account	\$ 8,138.24	Improvement/Maintenance Savings Account	

We also received a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan from the Small Business Administration (SBA) on 4-21-21 of \$26,867.00. This loan is to be used for payroll costs and utility expenses. If we abide by the rules and use of the loan for payroll costs, the loan will be forgiven. As of May 31, 2021 we have used \$9,738.59 of the loan.

PARKING LOT PLEDGE

For the last few years, a volunteer group has been sealing the parking lot during the summer months to help extend the life of our parking lot. In the next few years we will need to completely replace our parking lot. We are looking to start the fundraising for this very large project now in order to have the funds collected and ready when it comes times to pay for it. The anticipated cost for this project is upwards of \$300,000. Please faithfully pledge to assist our church in maintaining our beautiful property.

PLEASE NOTE: This gift/pledge is above and beyond your regular offering.

Gifts of any size are appreciated!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

PLEDGE INFORMATION

I/We pledge a total of \$ _____ to be paid:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Now	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annually
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Total Length of pledge: ___ one time ___ 1 yr ___ 2 yrs ___ 3yrs ___ other _____

I/We plan to make this contribution in the form of:

___ Cash ___ Check ___ Credit Card ___ Other _____

Credit Card Type: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Print Name As Shown On Card: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

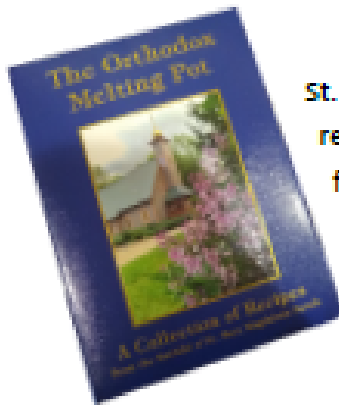
Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgements:

_____ I/We wish to have our gift remain anonymous.

Make all checks payable to "Assumption GOC" with a memo of "Parking Lot"

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church Cookbook Fundraiser Order Form

Proceeds Benefit the Building Fund



St. Mary Magdalene Parish is blessed to offer a delicious compilation of recipes in "The Orthodox Melting Pot" cookbook. These are favorite recipes from our parishioners, from all backgrounds, brought together in one book. Funds raised will benefit our upcoming church expansion.

Please send the order form and payment (checks made out to St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church and note 'building fund' in the memo line) to:

**ONLY
\$25
EACH!**

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church
2439 S. Long Lake Rd
Fenton, MI 48430



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Purchaser Name _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Name of Parish _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

I will pick up from St. Mary Magdalene I will pick up from my parish after August 15th Please mail

We have three delivery options available. (1) You can pick up in person from the St. Mary Magdalene Parish Office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 10am & 3pm. (2) All orders received by August 1st can be delivered to each Pan-Orthodox Parish in Genesee County sometime the week of August 15th for pick up the following Sunday. (3) We can send the cookbooks via USPS with an additional shipping fee.

The Orthodox Melting Pot - A Collection of Recipes from the Faithful of St. Mary Magdalene Parish	Quantity @ \$25.00 each	U. S. Shipping & Handling @ \$3.00 per copy (no shipping charge if picking up)	Total

OFFICE USE ONLY: Received _____ Cash _____ Check Date _____ Check # _____

Pick up date: _____ Cookbook Mailed on _____ Tracking _____



If you have any questions please contact our parish office.
 Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10am—3pm
 Phone: 810-730-1401 or email: smmocafenton@gmail.com

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



Parishioner – John Panos – Owner/Manager

6277 W. Pierson Rd., Flushing, MI 48433

810-867-4768

Hours – Monday thru Sunday 7am to 9pm

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Need of the Month
Genesee County

July:
Toilet Paper
August:
Diapers

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).



On Sunday, May 9, we honored Lori Photiou on her final day as Religious Education Director. Thank you Lori for your service.

Iconography Fund

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
Steve and Anita Arsman	John and Irene Panos
Dennis and Alexis Branoff	Elaine and Dean Pappas
Debra and Dennis Chinonis	Evan Pappas
Katie Chinonis	John and Pat Pavlis
Linda Chinonis	Barbara Santee
James and Liz Christopher	JoAnne Schultze
John and Laura Costa	Allen and Olga Steinhoff
Helen Dalbo	Michael Stevens
Bill and Joanne Dau	Bill and Lesley Stickley
Mark and Penelopi Drolet	Tom and Sandra Stamatis
Daughters of Penelope	Peter and Susie Vergos
Monica Dragan	Joann and +Tim Welch
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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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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, iconography, cash raffle, golf outing, memorials, miscellaneous, etc. For credit card charges, please allow 24 hours to process your payment.

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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)

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

Scheduling of Memorial Services

All Memorial Services must be **scheduled through Fr. Jarrod** so that they may be placed on the church calendar.

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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.

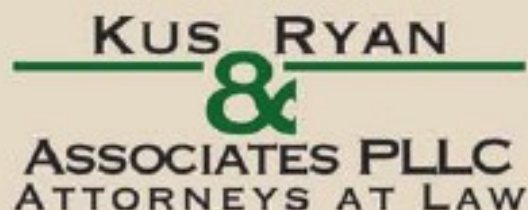
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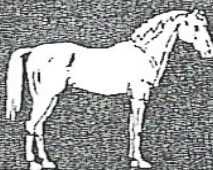
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