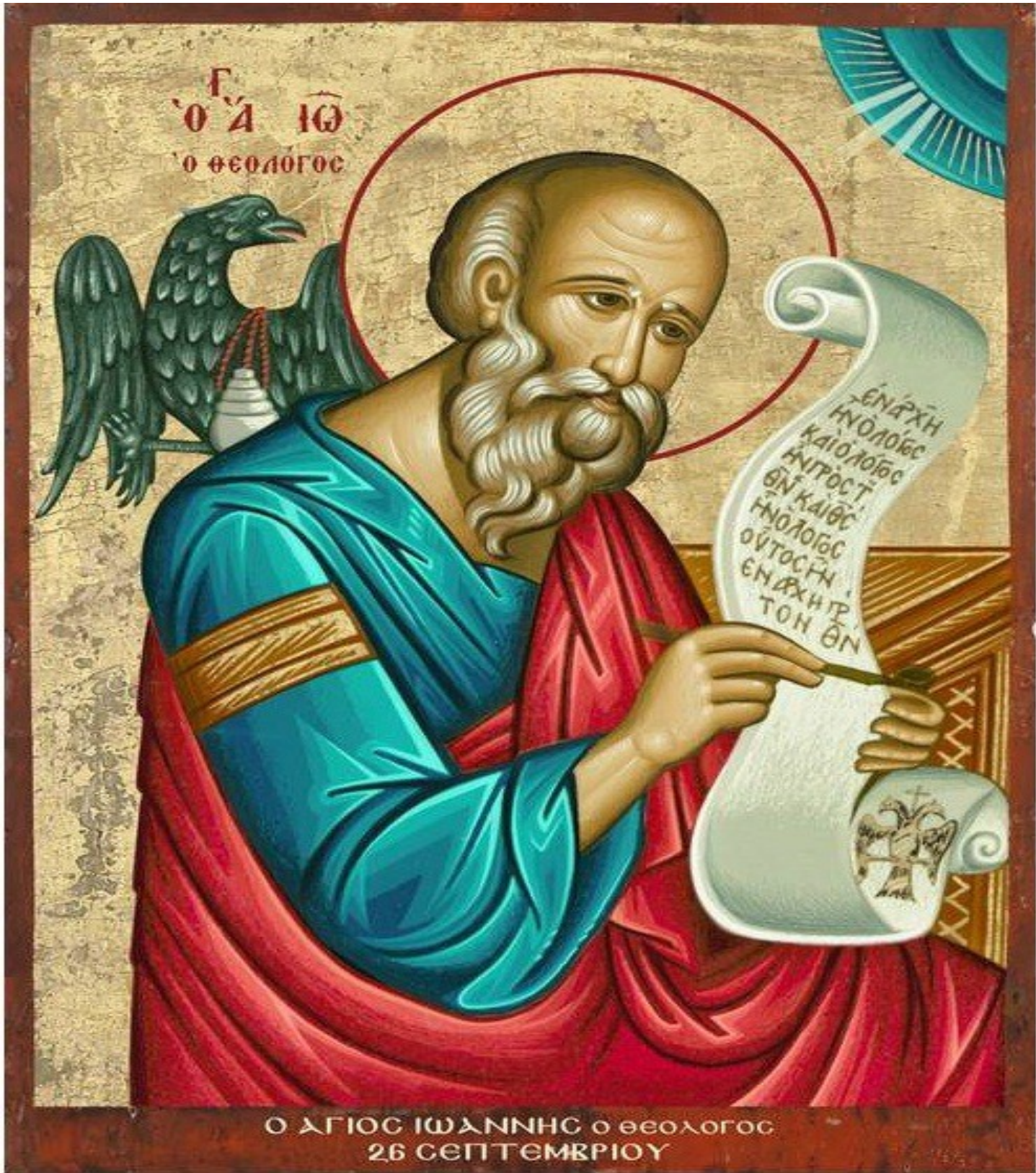


# THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

September  
2021



Ο ΑΓΙΟΣ ΙΩΑΝΝΗΣ Ο ΘΕΟΛΟΓΟΣ  
26 ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

# What's Happening

## SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 6: Labor Day
- 7: Philoptochos Meeting 11 am
- 8: Combined Divine Liturgy-Nativity of the Theotokos @ St. Mary Magdalene, Fenton 9 am
- Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm
- 12: Sunday School begins  
DOP Meeting following coffee hour
- 13: Combined Vespers Divine Liturgy - Exaltation of the Holy Cross @ St. Nicholas, Burton 6 pm
- 14: Bible Study @ Assumption & on Zoom 10:30 am
- 16: Virtual Cash Raffle (live on Facebook) 7 pm
- 23-25: Metropolis of Detroit Virtual Clergy-Laity

## OCTOBER 2021

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

- 1: Combined Divine Liturgy - Holy Protection @ St. Mary Magdalene, Fenton 10 am
- 13: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm
- 23: MDSC Anniversary Event 6:30 pm
- 25: Great Vespers @ St. Demetrios, Saginaw 6pm
- 26: Combined Divine Liturgy - St. Demetrios @ Assumption 10 am
- 28: OXI Day
- 30: Harvest Festival
- 31: Halloween

# 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; Voula Helton;  
Charlie Paraschos; Felicia Welch

## **Sunday Reader Schedule**

### **September**

- 5 John Kaloydis
- 12 Debra Chinonis
- 19 John Costa
- 26 Cathy Yeotis

### **October**

- 3 John Kaloydis
- 10 Debra Chinonis
- 17 John Costa
- 24 Cathy Yeotis
- 31 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 celebrate on September 14 the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Many Orthodox Christians know very well the Apolytikion of the Feast in the original Greek:

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου  
καὶ εὐλόγησον  
τὴν κληρονομίαν σου,  
νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι  
κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος,  
καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων  
διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Soson, Kyrie, ton laon sou  
kai evlogison  
tin klironomian sou,  
nikas tis basilevsi  
kata barba-ron doroumenos,  
kai to son philatton  
dia tou Stavrou sou politevma.

This hymn is translated into English as follows: Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful (literally “empire” or “kingdom” referring to the Christian Byzantine Empire) over the enemy (literally “barbarians” referring to enemies of the Christian empire), and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

When we sing this hymn, we are making a profound statement of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. The hymn begins with a modified version of Psalm 28:9 (LXX 27:9) (“ Save Your people, and bless Your inheritance.”). This Psalm is used in the hymn to proclaim Christ as our Lord and ourselves as the people of Christ. We appeal to him directly as Lord and ask Him to save us as His people and to bless us as His inheritance. This initial statement recognizes our complete dependence on Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Please note that here, save or Σῶσον (Soson) is used in a temporal sense referring to our present lives, not in terms of eternal salvation. It is comparable to St. Peter’s use of the same word when he started to sink after walking on water: “So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’ (Κύριε, σῶσόν με.)” (Matthew 14:29-30).



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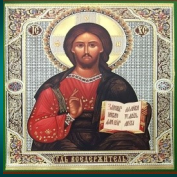
After this acknowledgment of Christ as Lord and us as His People, we ask for His continued protection over us collectively as the faithful community of God. The original Greek refers directly to the Christian Byzantine Empire recognizing that the entire empire at that time was dependent on God. Today, most English versions translate this hymn to refer to the faithful of God, regardless of locale or nationality. This is a theological translation recognizing that the Lord's protection extends to His people wherever they may be found. In doing so, we recognize that the faithful of God have enemies in this world and that the faithful require the protection of God to be victorious in conflicts with these enemies. We should see this conflict both in terms of spiritual challenges and persecution. This is **not** a call for temporal power in the world; rather, it is a call for dependence on Jesus as our Lord.

The hymn clarifies that this victory is through the Cross. We as Orthodox Christians view the Cross as a symbol of the victory of Christ over death. We venerate the Cross; we take the Cross in processions around the Church; and we receive a Cross at our Baptism that we wear as a reminder of our commitment to Christ. Our Lord defeated death through the Cross, and it is through the Cross that He will obtain victories for us. In the words of St. Paul, "the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (1 Corinthians 1:18). It is only through the power of God will we be victorious in the face of spiritual challenges and persecution.

As we approach the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we continue to proclaim Christ is our Lord and our protector!

With love in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell



## FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

### Getting Back Our Parishioners After COVID-19

The Assumption Church is completely open to everyone, allowing us to attend the Divine Liturgy services on Sundays, and to attend weekday and Saturday services. All COVID-19 restrictions have been rescinded and we are also enjoying fellowship in the church hall! So I ask, where are the families; where are the children; where are our friends? **Why haven't they come back to church?**

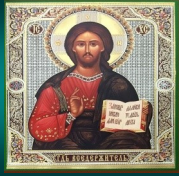
Live streaming has its purpose but it cannot be maintained over time nor can it replace true worship. In gathering information for this article, I came across the Barna Group; a research firm dedicated to providing actionable insights on faith and culture, with a particular focus on the Christian church. According to the Barna Group, 53% of all Christians watched worship services on live streaming during COVID-19, however we can infer that 47% did not watch. What did they do?

Our core group of parishioners still attends weekly services. The parishioners in the sliding group, who attended twice a month, now attend on a monthly basis. So that leaves us with a 20% unaccounted group of parishioners. Where are they and how do we get them back? Rather than leave this issue to some committee to resolve, we can each make a small effort to bring our families and friends back to church.

**What Can We Do?** When we are in church look around and notice who from our circle of family or friends has not been in church for some time. What you, and I and all of us need to do is call that person and say, “we miss seeing you in church,” or invite them to worship with us next Sunday. That simple act of connecting with someone may be all that is needed to bring someone back to church. We should make our conversation friendly, engaging and short. We might also use multimedia to reach out to family and friends since some are much more technologically inclined to respond to multimedia.

However we choose to reach out to someone, it may take more than one effort. Remind them that we are a congregation and not an audience; “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” Matt 18:20. We are not watching or listening to live streaming; that we are all gathered in one place to worship together in faith. We are gathered to give thanks and praise to our Lord, the Giver of all gifts. These gifts include life and health, food and shelter, family and friends, intellect, talents and faith, and to ask our Lord to heal us, to ask for his forgiveness, and to thank and worship our Lord and Savior, in a beautiful dialogue of clergy and Laity.

We remind one another, “Christ is in our midst,” we respond, “He is and always will be.”



## FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all the ladies of the Philoptochos for their hard work in preparing the Lenten meal for the Forefeast of the Dormition on Saturday evening and setting up the hall tables with the beautiful flowers and table settings.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank Susan Kallis and all her helpers for the hard work and preparation that went into the luncheon for the Feast Day of the Dormition of the Theotokos and the setting up of the hall tables with the beautiful flowers and table settings.

In Christ,  
Helen Dalbo  
Parish Council President





**Combined Great Vespers - Parish 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



1951-2021

A celebration of  
70 years of memories at MDSC

6:30 pm on  
Saturday, October 23rd, 2021

St. Nicholas Banquet Hall  
760 Wattles Rd., Troy, MI

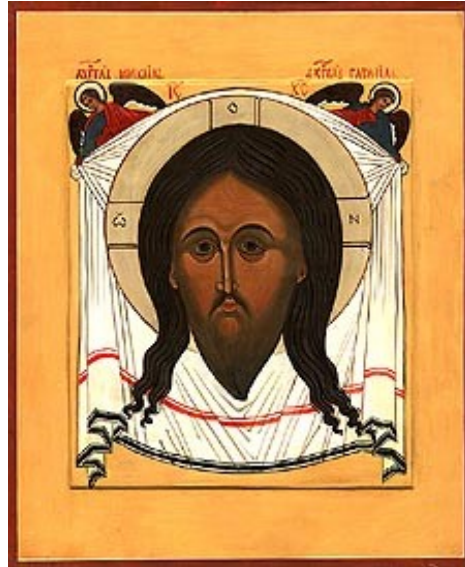
Ticket information to follow



A celebration of 70 years of Faith, Friendship, Love and Peace

*Note: Assumption Church recently installed the icon of the Holy Mandylion (Άγιον Μανδύλιον), which is also known as the Image “Not-Made-by-Hands”, above the Altar. This icon has an amazing history. Part of that history is recited below.*

## **Translation of the Image “Not-Made-By-Hands” from Edessa to Constantinople**



The Transfer of the Icon of our Lord Jesus Christ Not-Made-by-Hands from Edessa to Constantinople occurred in the year 944. Eusebius, in his *History of the Church* (I:13), relates that when the Savior was preaching, Abgar was the ruler of Edessa. He was stricken with leprosy all over his body. Reports of the great miracles performed by the Lord spread throughout Syria (Mt.4:24) and even reached Abgar. Without having seen the Savior, Abgar believed in Him as the Son of God. He wrote a letter requesting Him to come and heal him. He sent his own portrait painter Ananias to Palestine with this letter, and commissioned him to paint a likeness of the Divine Teacher.

Ananias arrived in Jerusalem and saw the Lord surrounded by many people. He was not able to get close to Him because of the large crowd which had gathered to hear the Savior. Then he stood on a high rock and tried to paint Christ's portrait from afar, but this attempt did not succeed. Then the Savior saw him, called him by name, and gave him a short letter for Abgar in which He praised the ruler's faith. He also promised to send His disciple to heal him of his leprosy and guide him to salvation.

Then the Lord asked for some water and a cloth to be brought to Him. After washing His Face, He dried it with the cloth, and His Divine countenance was imprinted upon it. Ananias brought the cloth and the Savior's letter to Edessa. Reverently, Abgar pressed the holy object to his face and received partial healing. Only a small trace of the terrible affliction remained until the arrival of the disciple promised by the Lord. This was Saint Thaddeus, an Apostle of the Seventy (August 21), who preached the Gospel and bap-

tized Abgar and all the people of Edessa. Abgar attached the Holy Napkin to a board and placed it in a gold frame adorned with pearls. Then he placed it in a niche above the city gates. On the gateway over the Icon he inscribed the words, “O Christ God, let no one who hopes on Thee be put to shame.”

For many years the inhabitants had the pious custom of bowing down before the Icon whenever they went forth from the gates. Later, one of Abgar's great-grandsons, who ruled Edessa, fell into idolatry, and decided to remove the Icon from the city wall and to replace it with an idol. In a vision the Lord ordered the Bishop of Edessa to hide His Icon. The bishop came by night with his clergy, lit a lampada before the Icon, and placed a ceramic tile in front of the Icon to protect it, and then he sealed the niche with bricks.

As time passed, the people forgot about the Icon. But in the year 545, when the Persian emperor Chozroes I besieged Edessa and the city's position seemed hopeless, the Most Holy Theotokos appeared to Bishop Eulabios and ordered him to remove the Icon from the sealed niche, saying that it would save the city from the enemy. When he opened the niche, the bishop found the Holy Mandylion, and the lampada was still burning before the Icon, and an exact copy was produced upon the tile protecting the Icon.

The Persians lit a huge fire outside the city walls. Bishop Eulabios carried the Icon Not-Made-by-Hands around the city walls, and a violent wind turned the flames back on the Persians. The defeated Persian army retreated from the city.

In his *Church History*, the sixth century writer Evagrius Scholastikos refers to the Holy Mandylion (or Napkin) as The Icon made by God (Ἡ θεοτεύκος εἰκών).

In the year 630 Arabs seized Edessa, but they did not hinder the veneration of the Holy Mandylion, the fame of which had spread throughout the entire East. In the year 944, the emperor Constantine Porphyrogenitos (912-959) wanted to transfer the Icon to Constantinople, so he paid a ransom to the emir of the city for it. With great reverence the Icon of the Savior Not-Made-by-Hands and the letter which He had written to Abgar, were brought to Constantinople by clergy.

On August 16, the icon of the Savior was placed in the Pharos church of the Most Holy Theotokos. There are several traditions concerning what happened later to the Icon Not-Made-by-Hands. According to one, Crusaders stole it during occupation of Constantinople (1204-1261), but the ship on which the sacred object was taken, perished in the waters of the Sea of Marmora.

Source: <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/08/16/102304-translation-of-the-image-not-made-by-hands-of-our-lord-jesus-chr>



**SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL  
BEGIN ON  
SUNDAY,  
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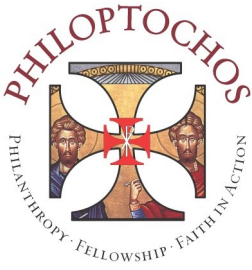
**WE ARE LOOKING  
FORWARD TO  
SEEING ALL OUR  
CHILDREN IN CLASS  
THIS FALL!**

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# Bible Study



**Tuesday, September 14 at 10:30 am at  
Assumption Church with a Zoom option**



## Philoptochos Society — Friends of the Poor !

Ladies of the Philoptochos it's time to bring our group back together, we have several items to discuss.

The Covid Pandemic has kept us apart and we have kept up with our obligations both national and local. But it is time to get back to the obligations here at Assumption Church.

First of all we need to fulfill our election obligations. Our church is open now and we need attend to business. I would like to have a meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 11:00 am. This meeting date has been added to the calendar. Along with the elections we will be discussing the baking of Tsoureki and our December Bake sale. If you have any other business that you would like to discuss please let me know and I will added it to the agenda. This is an open meeting and we will address any concerns or suggestions that the membership have. Please feel free to contact me, my number is 989-739-2289. Thank you for all that you do and for all that we will be doing.

Diana Panos-Lillar  
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

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

To the faithful Stewards of Assumption Church,


Your generous offerings of time, talent, and treasure continue to make a huge difference at Assumption Church. In addition to the many contributions of time and talent, the stewardship of treasure continues to increase. As of July 31, the Assumption Church has received \$91,536.83 in stewardship offerings. Glory to God, our level of giving continues to stay ahead of the amount received as of the same date in 2020. Thank you for your generous stewardship to our beloved Assumption Church!

We encourage all our parishioners to continue to prayerfully offer back their time, talent, and treasure to our Lord and His Church. If anyone has any questions about stewardship, please do reach out to any of the stewardship committee members.

Stewardship Committee: Nancy Chinonis, Chair  
John Costa  
Olga Steinhoff

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**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 JULY 2021		EXPENSES JULY 2021	
Stewardship	\$4,669.00	Monthly Bills Paid	\$14,292.01
Trays/Candles	\$671.00	Quarterly Bill Paid	\$0.00
Fundraiser Income for Operating Expenses	\$0.00	Annual Bills Paid	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$777.00	Miscellaneous Bills Paid	\$206.29
<b>Total Operating Income for Month</b>	<b>\$6,117.00</b>	<b>Total Bills Paid for Month</b>	<b>\$14,498.30</b>

ACCOUNT BALANCES JULY 31, 2021		PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT/MAINTENANCE	
General Checking (used for Operating Expenses)	\$28,732.90	Maintenance bills paid out of Property Improvement / Maintenance Savings Account	\$216.42
Property Improvement/Maintenance Savings Account	#6,657.97		

We also received a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan from the Small Business Administration (SBA) on 4-21-21 of \$26,867. This loan is to be used for payroll costs and utility expenses. If we abide by the rules and use most of the loan for payroll costs, the loan will be forgiven. As of May 31, 2021, we have used all the loan (87% for payroll costs and 13% for utilities. When notified by the Bank we will apply for forgiveness 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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:

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

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**Need of the Month**  
**Genesee County**

**September:**  
**Bar &**  
**Hand Soap**

## 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](mailto:frjarrod@gmail.com)).

### July:

Baptism of Elaria Vogel - Congratulations to the Livieratos-Dobbins & Vogel Families



## 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
Catherine Fechick	Cathy Yeotis
Walt and Diane Foraker	VIP'S
Greg and Sia Garceau	Swartz Funeral Home
John and Marlo George	Memorial - Kathryn Bachakes
Camilla Greenberg	Memorial - Dr. Chris Bakris
Pamela Heos and Jeff Brancheau	Memorial - Lazaros & Vasiliki Batsios
Nicholas and Jennifer Holland	Memorial - Thomas P. Chiavaras, Jr.
Hountalas Family	Memorial - Marika Kalafatis
Athena Kalatzis	Memorial - Androulla Kyprianou
Agape Kallis	Memorial - Tom Lamberson
Penny Kallis	Memorial - Achilles "Ike" Marks
Susan Kallis	Memorial - Giorgio Mirtsopoulos
Tessie Komodromos	Memorial - Kathryn Menoutes
Dimitri and Jacqueline Kontorousis	Memorial - Michael Michaelou
Dean and Joyce Kossaras	Memorial - Niki Panos
Maria Koutsoukos	Memorial - Eugenia Routsis
Jeff and Nancy Lauster	Memorial - John Siambis
Ann and +Ted Lowe	Memorial - Theodora Stevens
William Lymperis	Memorial - Athanasia Vitinaros
Lamprine Lymperopoulos	Memorial - Kosta Zaravelis



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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**We have collected over \$300 so far. Keep them coming!**

**THANK YOU!!**



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2021  
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**(JAN 1 - JULY 30)**

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Chinonis, Dennis & Debra

Chinonis, Linda

Dalbo, Helen

Kalatzis, Athena

Kallis, Agape

Kaloydis, John & Karen

Stamatis, Thomas & Sandra

Yeotis, Catherine

Thank you!

**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, iconography, cash raffle, golf outing, memorials, miscellaneous, etc. For credit card charges, please allow 24 hours to process your payment.

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

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Michaelou, Sevesti	Steinhoff, Dr. Stephanie
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# CHURCH USAGE / HALL RENTAL FEES

(Approved by Parish Council Effective November 10, 2015)

For the Sacraments of Holy Marriage and Holy Baptism (there is no charge for Funeral or Memorial Services)

## 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 <b>\$600</b> for Hall Rental (includes clean-up)  If church dishes are used, dishwasher will be supplied at a cost of <b>\$\$50</b> (cannot bring own dishwasher)	Flat fee of <b>\$1,100</b> for Hall Rental (includes clean-up)
<b>Members in good standing only</b> <b>Sunday – Thursday Hall Rental:</b> \$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 <b>\$\$50</b> (cannot bring own dishwasher)

**PAYMENT IN FULL DUE 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE.**

## 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 by the time of the 40 day memorial, otherwise those funds will be released to the “Iconography Project” 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.

### Koliva

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

## ASSUMPTION GOC MEMBER POLICY

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

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

### **Parishioner - Member in Good Standing:**

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

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

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

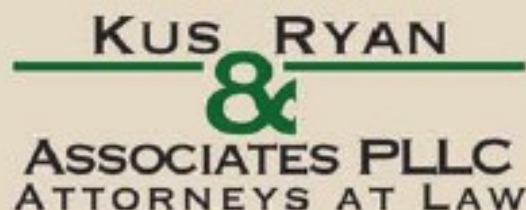
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**Stewardship Policy** - Only cash, check or credit card can be accepted as payment of stewardship. Donations of items or services cannot be accepted for stewardship in lieu of monetary payment.



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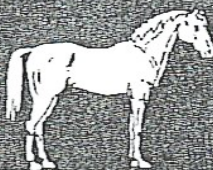
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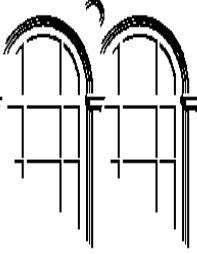
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