

# THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

January  
2022



# What's Happening

## JANUARY 2022

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- 1: Divine Liturgy - St. Basil & Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 10 am
- 5: Great Hours - Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 9 am
- Vesperal Divine Liturgy - Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 10 am
- Small Blessing of the Waters 11:30 am
- 6: Divine Liturgy - Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 10 am
- Great Blessing of the Waters 11:15 am
- 7: Divine Liturgy - Synaxis of St. John the Baptist, Prophet, and Forerunner 10 am
- 9: Cutting of the Vasilopita
- 11: Philoptochos Meeting 1 pm
- 12: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm
- 20: Dormition Monastery Winter Dinner @ St. George, Flint 5:00 pm
- 23: Special General Assembly to set budget for 2022

## FEBRUARY 2022

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- 1: Divine Liturgy - Presentation of the Lord 6 pm
- 2: Transformitive Christianity Webinar Series 7 pm
- 9: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm
- 14: Valentines Day
- 26: Divine Liturgy - 1st Saturday of Souls 10 am
- DOP Mardi Gras

Please watch your email account for updates on youth events, Bible Study, and Orthodoxy Explored.

# Prosporon Schedule

## January:

- 2: Fahoome, Tom & Calliope
- 9: Falaras, Mary
- 16: Ferich, Andrew & Voula
- 23: Foraker, Walter & Diane
- 30: Frantzis, Kanellos & Alexandra

## February:

- 6: Garceau, Greg & Sia
- 13: Gintsis, Nick & Dorothy
- 20: Grousopoulos, Lambros & Lena
- 27: Hagler, Gary & Marian

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:**

Sandra Birtsas; Sandi Chinonis; Alexis Davlantes; Alexandra Grivakis; Stephanos Hatzigeorgiou & Family; John Margaritis; Charlie Paraschos; Lucas Paul

## **Sunday Reader Schedule**

### **January**

- 2 John Costa
- 9 Dr. Maria Livieratos-Dobbins
- 16 Tony Pappadakis
- 23 Cathy Yeotis
- 30 John Kaloydis

### **February**

- 6 Cathy Yeotis
- 13 John Costa
- 20 Nick Kallis
- 27 John Kaloydis

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,

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

We just celebrated the Holy Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Standing at the cave, we proclaimed that Christ is Born, that our Lord became man in order to bring us closer to Him. God willing, it was a wonderful celebration for all of our parishioners and friends.

January brings us many opportunities to worship our Lord. The first opportunity is on New Year's Day when we celebrate the Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord and St. Basil the Great. With this double celebration, we both commemorate the way Christ fulfilled the Abrahamic Covenant and Mosaic Law through circumcision (Luke 2:21) and honor one of the great saints of the Church. The Major Feast of Theophany is then celebrated both on the Eve on January 5 with the Vespertal Divine Liturgy followed by the Small Blessing of the Waters and on the day of the Feast, January 6, with the Divine Liturgy followed by the Great Blessing of the Waters. Both Divine Services will be celebrated in the morning at 10:00 am.

After celebrating the Major Feast of Theophany, we then celebrate the Synaxis of St. John the Forerunner, Baptist and Prophet. The tradition of the Church is to commemorate significant saints involved in the events of the Lord's life on the day following the celebration of the event. As St. John baptized the Lord as commemorated during the Major Feast of Theophany, the Church appoints January 7 as his primary feast day. St. John is commemorated multiple times by the Church. However, it is January 7, which is the feast day where the Church celebrates St. John as the "Friend of the Bridegroom" (John 3:29), the one whose joy is completed by Christ. We should make every effort to be at the Church on January 7 at 10:00 am to commemorate St. John.

In January, we also have an opportunity to serve our Lord in a unique way by supporting the Dormition Monastery. On Thursday, January 20, the Orthodox



FROM REV. FR. JARROD RUSSELL

Churches of Genesee County will gather at St. George Orthodox Church in Flint to support the Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction, Michigan with the annual Winter Dinner. This year, we will be blessed with the presence of His Eminence Archbishop Nathaniel of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of the Orthodox Church in America. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the mothers of Dormition Monastery and to hear the inspiring words of His Eminence.

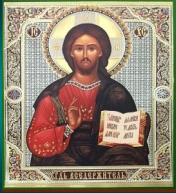
These are just some of the ways we can begin 2022 worshiping and serving our Lord. May He guide and bless us all in the New Year!

With love in Christ,  
Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell



## General Assembly

**WE HAVE A SPECIAL  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23RD  
TO SET THE 2022 BUDGET.**



## FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

### **Epiphany or Holy Theophany The Baptism of Our Lord in the Jordan River**

One of the most sacred feast days in the Greek Orthodox Church is the celebration of the Epiphany. The celebration is rich in both tradition and symbolism, dating back to biblical times. According to our Greek Orthodox Archdiocese website, the Epiphany, or Holy Theophany, commemorates the Baptism of Jesus Christ in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist. In Orthodox churches around the world, Christians celebrate the Epiphany on January 6, also known as a day of joy and brightness.

On this day, Greek Orthodox priests celebrate an important service, the “Blessing of the Waters”. Many priests will celebrate this service in their churches; some priests who are fortunate to have a body of water or river nearby, will then celebrate this service at the banks of the water. In the case of a nearby body of water, the priest will first bless a vessel or font of water, then he immerses a hand cross into the blessed water three times, imitating Christ’s baptism; the priest will then pour some of the holy water into the nearby body of water. To see how St. Nicholas Cathedral in Tarpon Springs, FL celebrates Epiphany, go to **Epiphany: festival of lights, on YouTube** or go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HuT2U3zZZc&t=210s> The video includes the tradition of tossing a cross into the water and then to be retrieved by young men from the church.

The four Gospels: Matthew 3, Mark 1:1-9, Luke 3:21-22, and John 1:31-34, tell the story of the Baptism of Christ. God had chosen John the Baptist, a cousin to Jesus, to proclaim His coming. John was preaching in the Judean wilderness about repentance; “I baptize you with water for repentance. ... comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Matthew 3:11). When Jesus came from Galilee to John, to be baptized by him, John refused and told Jesus that it is He that should baptize him [John]. “Let it be so now; ...to do this to fulfill all righteousness”, Jesus replied (Matthew 3:13). In this verse, the roles are reversed when the one “...who is more powerful...” is baptized by the one “...not worthy to carry ...” the other’s sandals. (Matthew 3:11). John agreed to baptize Christ, “And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’” (Mark 1:10-11). \*

Jesus' baptism is seen as the manifestation of Christ as both fully human and fully divine. All three Persons of the Holy Trinity were made manifest together: God The Father spoke from the heavens to the divine Son; God The Son, seen in the flesh was baptized in the Jordan River; and God The Spirit coming down from the heavens seen as a dove, resting upon the Son.

*\*It is important to note that the Epiphany is one of two occasions, when all three persons of The Trinity showed themselves at the same time to mankind; the second occasion was the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor.*



## FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The holy water from the Feast of Epiphany or Holy Theophany, is given to the faithful to consume. In the following weeks, clergy will visit parishioners and use the holy water to bless their homes.

In Christ,  
Helen Dalbo  
Parish Council President

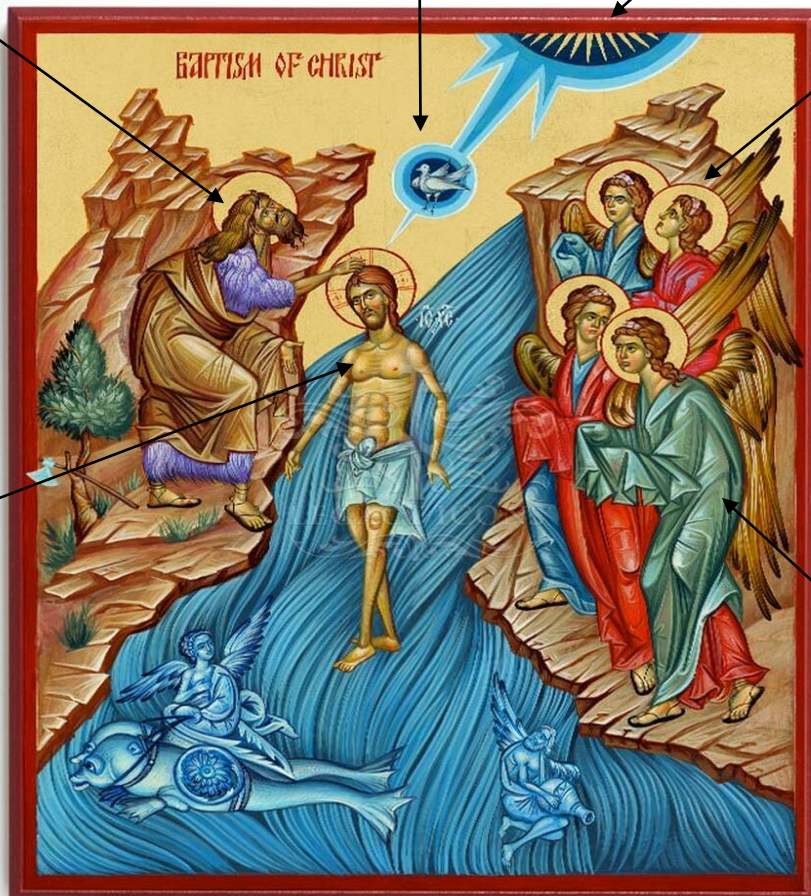
### Theophany Icon

*Above His head, the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descends upon Christ.*

*At the top of the icon, a semicircle portrays the opening of the Heavens and the voice of the Father.*

*John the Baptist - his arm outstretched, in prayer and reverence to Christ. With his right hand he preforms the baptism.*

*Angels of the Lord gathered on the shore of the Jordan River, give praises to Christ.*



*Christ is in the center being baptized in the Jordan. He is standing in the water wearing a waistcloth; with His right hand, Christ is blessing the Jordan.*

*An angel of the Lord prepares to receive Christ as he comes out of the Jordan River.*

~ Thursday, January 20, 2022 ~

# 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Winter Dinner for the Holy Dormition of the Mother of God Orthodox Monastery

*Special Guest / Speaker*

## **Archbishop Nathaniel**

Minimum Donation Requested

\$35 Adult / \$25 Student

### Evening Schedule

- ✓ 5:00 - *Vespers sung by the Monastery Community*
- ✓ 6:15 - *Social Time & Gift Shop*
- ✓ 7:00 - *Dinner & Speaker*
- ✓ 8:30 - *Closing Prayer & Good Night!*

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home page.

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- ✓ St. Mary Magdalene Church ..... Dn. Michael Schlaack
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## DECORATING THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE





## Philoptochos Society- Friends of the Poor!

The Ladies Philoptochos would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. Our ladies have outdone themselves in 2021, they continue to support the church and the Grand Blanc community. They have donated their time and talents to the church and always go above and beyond.

Happy New Year 🙏



## Assumption Greek Orthodox Church LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY 2022 DUES

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

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**Minimum Member Dues: \$35.00**

**Checks payable to Philoptochos Society**

\$15.00 is distributed to National Philoptochos  
\$6.00 is distributed to Metropolis Philoptochos  
and the balance remains in our chapter.

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

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



**The Ladies Philoptochos busy baking for the Holiday Bake Sale in December**





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Thank God for all things, as well for the opportunity to read the prayers to the sisters and have thus been vouchsafed to serve them in this. But it is not good to think that this will be accounted to you. Accounted to us is the great sacrifice that Sweetest Jesus offered for us on the cross of Eternal Righteousness. But we have nothing good of our own (St. Anatoly).

You should be thankful, a thousand times thankful, that you are protected from the wolves, that you are watched over, and taken care of. And accept joyfully whatever punishment you are given. Blessed is he whom Thou hast chastened, O Lord! (St. Anatoly).

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Question: “If people thank me and show their love, I feel as if guilty, and my soul feels heavy.” Answer: “Count it all to God’s help...” Say: “The Lord helped and not I. He is the One to thank” (St. Anatoly).

If you are able to do something good for someone or give alms, then you should say, “I did it with Your blessing, Lord!” St. Nektary.

With God’s help, try to dispose yourself in such a way that you would be able to hold to your interior ascetic labor; which, according to the Apostle, consists of four parts: “Be patient toward all men, rejoice evermore, pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks” (cf. Thess. 5:14:16–18). We should begin with the last part—that is, giving thanks for everything. The beginning of joy is to be content with your own situation (St. Ambrose).

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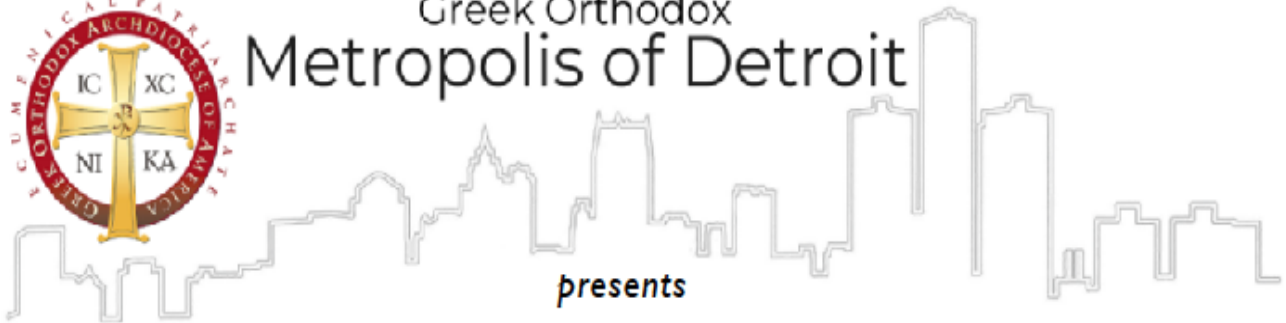
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## Transformative Christianity Webinar Series

*Join us for a 10-part webinar series to find out what Orthodox Christianity really has to offer to us and to the world!*

**Wednesday, February 2, 2022**

**7:00** PM ET

**Session I: Introduction to the Series with**  
His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas  
Father Jon Boukis  
Father Cosmin Sicoe  
Father Nicolaos Tzetzis



*A faith that is meant not only to transform us, but everyone around us as well.*



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

**January:**  
**Toilet Paper**

**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. Operating Income and Expenses do not include income received or expenses paid for Fundraising events such as Golf Outing, Cash Raffle, etc. These funds are held in our Special Events Checking account and net profit will be transferred to the General Checking account after all fundraiser expenses are paid. Any questions regarding the monthly income and/or expenses should be directed to the Parish Council President or Treasurer.

OPERATING INCOME OCTOBER 2021		EXPENSES OCTOBER 2021	
Stewardship	\$5,689	Monthly Bills Paid	\$16,729.73
Trays/Candles	\$1,151.00	Quarterly Bill Paid	\$0
Miscellaneous Income	\$2,013.74	Annual Bills Paid	\$0
Youth Ministry	\$328.00	Miscellaneous Bills Paid	\$686.04
<b>Total Operating Income for Month</b>	<b>\$9,181.74</b>	<b>Total Bills Paid for Month</b>	<b>\$17,415.77</b>

ACCOUNT BALANCES OCTOBER 31, 2021		PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT/MAINTENANCE
General Checking (used for Operating Expenses)	\$41,977.87	Maintenance bills paid out of Property Improvement / Maintenance Savings Account
Property Improvement/Maintenance Savings Account	\$5,097.87	

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.

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Parishioner – John Panos – Owner/Manager

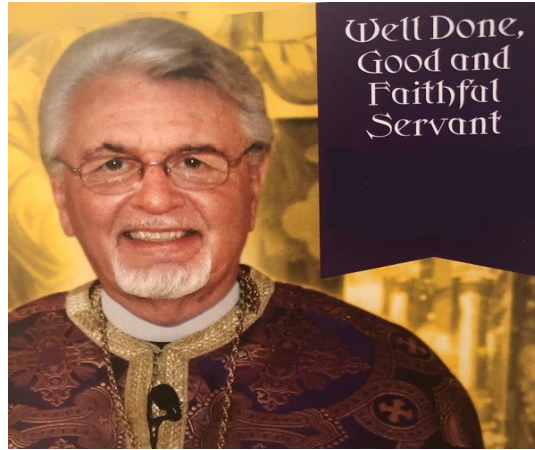
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# Memory Eternal!!



## Very Reverend Athanasios G. George (Fr. Tom)

July 17, 1937- December 6, 2021

Reverend Father Athanasios Gregory George was born July 17, 1937, in Belvidere, Illinois. He is the only child of Nicholas and Ethel George, loving parents who guided their son to follow the footsteps of Christ. He has been known all his life as Tom. The George family moved to Michigan in 1939. He was always close to the Church, serving in the Altar, as a member of Jr. GOYA and later Sr. GOYA. He joined the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church choir at the age of fourteen.

It was during his later years in choir that he met Demetra Jeanne Xenakis who soon became his loving wife and eventually his Presbytera. They were married at the Assumption Church in Detroit on June 19, 1966. This marriage brought forth their wonderful children Rebecca, Christina, Joanna and Paul.

On March 19, 1972, Athanasios (Tom) was ordained to the Holy Diaconate at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Detroit and served almost all of his Diaconate at the SS. Constantine and Helen Church of Detroit.

On September 14, 1974, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, he was ordained to the Holy Priesthood at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Detroit at which time he was assigned to the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Flint, Michigan, where he served for twenty-one years.

On October 2, 1983, Fr. Tom was elevated by Bishop Timothy of Detroit to the rank of Confessor and Steward (Oikonomos) and on September 28, 1986, to Protopresbyter at the consecration of the Assumption Church in Flint, Michigan.

While in Flint, Fr. Tom instituted the annual Greek Festival and directed a \$1.5 Million dollar building expansion program which was completed in 1981. He was also instrumental in forming the Holy Cross Society, a Pan Orthodox cooperative endeavor which united the three canonical Orthodox parishes in Genessee County, thereby perpetuating, strengthening, and making Orthodoxy very visual through various religious and educational programs. He was very active in the Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp program in Rose City where he spent a week every summer for 25 years. He loved interacting with the youth.

Fr. Tom was also involved in ecumenical work. He was instrumental in the institution of the Apostolic Clergy Association comprised of Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Byzantine Catholic and Anglican clergy.

On October 1, 1995, he was appointed by His Grace Bishop Maximos of Pittsburgh (Locum Tenens-Detroit) to assume the position of Dean of the Annunciation Cathedral of Detroit. He was also a member of the Christian Communication Council of Metropolitan Detroit; an organization representing almost 2000 Protestant, Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches in the Metropolitan Detroit and Windsor area. He retired from the Priesthood in October 2012, and remained strong in his connections with his faith and parishioners.

Fr. Tom is survived by his wife Demetra (Jeanne), his daughters Rebecca Papas, Christina George, Joanna (Jeff) Hadsell, son Paul George, and his 7 grandchildren: George Papas, Athan Papas, Demetri Papas, Christopher Peppes, Nicholas Peppes, Alaina Hadsell and Ava Hadsell.

## 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)).

### December:

Funeral for George Georgiou

Funeral for Anna Georgiou (Holy Trinity  
Greek Orthodox Church in Lansing)



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.

# Congratulations!!

Dr. Kosta Vergos graduated from the Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2021.

Family Medicine Resident  
at Mercy Hospital in Muskegon.



**In Loving Memory  
of Tom and Goldie Heos**

## 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
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Lamprine Lymperopoulos	Memorial - Kosta Zaravelis

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!**

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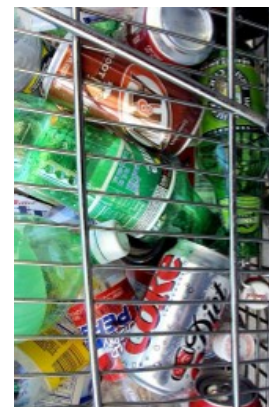
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**(JAN 1 - NOVEMBER 30)**

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Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell

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Kalatzis, Athena

Kallis, Agape

Kaloydis, John & Karen

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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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(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

<b>Member in good standing of Assumption Church Grand Blanc –</b> Minimum \$500 paid-up stewardship for previous year and up-to-date present year stewardship	<b>Non-member at Assumption Church Grand Blanc</b>
No fee for use of the church for sacraments	<b>\$250</b> 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

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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 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 989-739-2289 (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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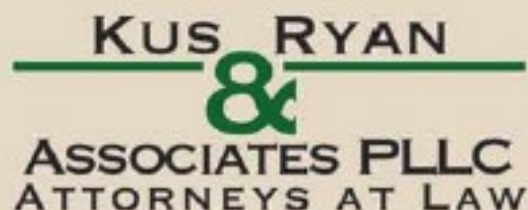
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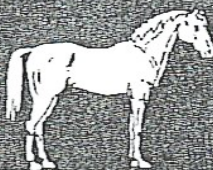
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