

THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

February
2022



What's Happening

FEBRUARY 2022

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- 1: Combined Divine Liturgy - Presentation of the Lord @ Assumption 6 pm
- 2: Bible Study - 1 Corinthians 10:30 am
- Transformative Christianity Webinar 7 pm
- 8: Transformative Christianity Discussion (AGOC Zoom) 7 pm
- 9: Bible Study - 1 Corinthians 10:30 am
- Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm
- 13: Valentine's Day Brunch
- 16: Bible Study - 1 Corinthians 10:30 am
- 23: Bible Study - 1 Corinthians 10:30 am
- 26: Divine Liturgy - 1st Saturday of Souls 10 am
- 27: Apokries (Greek Mardi Gras) Luncheon, Music, and Fellowship to follow Divine Liturgy

MARCH 2022

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- 2: Bible Study - 1 Corinthians 10:30 am
 - 5: Divine Liturgy - 2nd Saturday of Souls 10 am
 - 7: Great Lent Starts
Great Compline 6 pm
 - 8: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm
 - 9: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts 10 am
 - 11: Salutations Service (First Stanza) 6 pm
 - 12: Divine Liturgy - 3rd Saturday of Souls 10 am
 - 13: Procession of Icons
 - 14: Lenten Bible Study 7 pm
 - 16: Combined Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts @ St. George, Flint 6 pm
 - 18: Salutations Service (Second Stanza) 6 pm
 - 19: Lenten Retreat (St. Nicholas)
 - 21: Lenten Bible Study 7 pm
 - 23: Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 10 am
 - 25: Combined Divine Liturgy - Feast of the Annunciation Plus Salutations Service (Third Stanza) 6 pm
 - 27: Procession of the Cross
 - 28: Lenten Bible Study 7 pm
 - 30: Combined Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts @ St. Nicholas, Burton 6 pm

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

Prosporon Schedule

February:

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

March:

- 6: Haralambous, Frank & Vania
- 13: Heos, James & Cassie
- 20: Heos, Pam & Brancheau, Jeffrey
- 27: Herzog, Mary Caris

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; Alexandra Grivakis;
Stephanos Hatzigeorgiou & Family; John Margaritis; Charlie Paraschos; Lucas Paul

Sunday Reader Schedule

February

- 6 Maria Livieratos-Dobbins
- 13 John Costa
- 20 Cathy Yeotis
- 27 Nick Kallis

March

- 6 Dena Altheide
- 13 John Costa
- 20 Cathy Yeotis
- 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,

*Give the wise an opportunity to learn, and he will be wiser;
Make known to the righteous, and he will continue to receive. (Proverbs 9:9)*

Religious education is a major priority at Assumption Church. For our adults, we offer regular evening educational programs such as *Orthodoxy Explored* as well as a regular Bible Study. Most adult religious education programs have both online and in-person options. For our youth, we offer Sunday School following the Sunday Divine Liturgy. We also have various programs such as Vacation Church School in collaboration with the other Genesee County Orthodox Churches. Simply put, religious education is at the very core of our mission as the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church.

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit also makes religious education a major priority and is working to establish new religious education ministries. Our Metropolis has initiated a new religious education ministry called the *Transformative Christianity Webinar Series*. This is a 10-part series designed to demonstrate what Orthodox Christianity has to offer the world and ourselves. This webinar begins on Wednesday, February 2 at 7:00 pm with an Introduction featuring His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit, Father Jon Boukis (Parish Priest, Assumption Louisville, Kentucky), Father Cosmin Sicoe (Parish Priest, Holy Trinity Fort Wayne, Indiana), and Father Nicholas Tzetzis (Assistant Priest, Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Cincinnati, Ohio). This should be an exciting introduction to the very first Metropolis wide religious education ministry.

To give the wise another opportunity to learn as contemplated by the Proverb quoted above, we have scheduled a follow-up session hosted by the Assumption Church where we will discuss what we heard during the first session of the *Transformative Christianity Webinar Series*. This discussion session will occur via Zoom on Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00 pm. The purpose of this second session is to hear from all of you! Everyone will have an opportunity to offer their perspective on the series, to ask questions for future sessions, and to submit comments to the hosts of the webinar series.

Also, the *Transformative Christianity Webinar Series*, as well as the follow-up discussion session, are open to everyone, Orthodox or non-Orthodox. Especially for those of us with non-Orthodox family members,



FROM REV. FR. JARROD RUSSELL

this is a great opportunity to grow in our faith together, to learn about the Orthodox Church, and to stimulate further discussion about the transformative power of Orthodox Christianity.

Lord, make known to me your ways, and teach me your paths. (Psalm 24:4 LXX)

As we begin this new year, we seek the Lord's wisdom that He will open to us His ways and teach us His paths. All are invited to participate. Will we accept the invitation?

Be on the lookout for emails with more information regarding this exciting new ministry. I encourage anyone with questions about this new Metropolis of Detroit ministry or any of the religious education programs at the Assumption Church to email or call me. It would be a great blessing to hear from you. May God continue to guide and bless us all!

With love in Christ,

Father Jarrod Russell



Greek Orthodox
Metropolis of Detroit

presents

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!

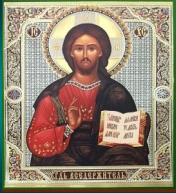
Wednesday, February 2, 2022

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.



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

THE PRODIGAL SON 20 February, 2022

A “Parable” is a short, fictitious story that teaches a spiritual lesson, a moral attitude or issues a warning. When reading the bible, more than thirty-five (35) parables by Jesus Christ are recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke (no parables are found in the Gospel of John). Jesus used parables as a method of teaching His disciples, Pharisees and followers. He spoke to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. His use of parables demonstrated a truth using analogy, comparison or hyperbole; He would use the familiar to illustrate unfamiliar images or thoughts. To those with willing ears, the parable was a blessing; to those with a dull heart, or ears that are slow to listen and hear, the parable could be both judgment and mercy.

The Parable of the Prodigal Son spoken by Jesus Christ (Luke 15:11-32)

Then He said: “A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to *his* father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls *to me*.’ So he divided to them *his* livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”’

“And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on *his* feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry.

“Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.’

“But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to *his* father, ‘Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots; you killed the fatted calf for him.’

“And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.’ ”

Question: What is Jesus teaching us?

Answer: Redemption and Repentance

Redemption is the deliverance of Christians from sin, error or evil.

Repentance is the gradual process by a sinner to confess his/her sin or fall, then with sincere remorse make a change of heart, mind and action and humbly turn to God.

Characteristics of the father in this parable include: compassion, forgiveness, love for the sinner/son, and joyfulness for his son's return. The older son's characteristics include: anger, envy, heartlessness, jealousy, judgmental, and self conceit. The characteristics of the younger son are many, but those of importance include: disobedience, greed, humility, redemption, repentance, selfishness, sinner and ungratefulness.

The father tells the older son, “My son, . . . you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found” ([Luke 15:31-32](#)). The father was especially joyful because his son had been spiritually dead and had now turned his life back to God. The son was controlled by his sinful pleasures, squandering his inheritance and eventually working with unclean animals (pigs) just to survive; the son was living without God. “But when he came to himself” ([Luke 15:17](#)), to his senses, hearing his conscience or God's voice within himself, he spiritually came back to life. The son resolved to renounce his sins and with humility and sincere repentance, he returns to his father and turns his life back to God. The sinner had repented!

As the father rejoices with the return of his younger son, the older son becomes angry, envious, jealous, and judgmental at the return of the young son. He (son) refuses to join in the merriment of the home; he reminds his father that in all the years of working together, he has never “transgressed . . . thy commandment” yet the returned son sinner gets the feast of the fatted calf, and merriment. That the Prodigal Son sinner had repented was unfortunately lost on the older son.

If we have lost our way from God, regardless of how reckless, foolish or wasteful with the gifts He has provided us, His unconditional love will be waiting for us when we turn back to Him. God never gives up on us!

In Christ,
Helen Dalbo
Parish Council





Sunday School Christmas Program





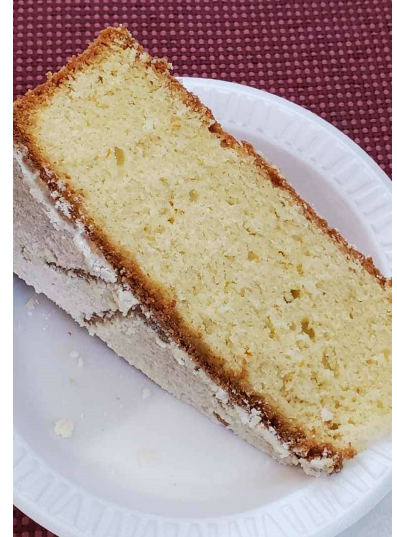
Christmas Eve



St. Basil Liturgy



Theophany



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Philoptochos Society- Friends of the Poor!

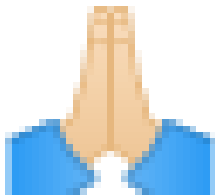
Another year has passed and we are still fighting Covid. The Philoptochos Executive Board and the Board of Directors would to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

I would like to thank all of the ladies who baked Tsoureki and the pastries for our Holiday Bake Sale. It was an awesome success.

I would like to start an Email listing of our membership, if you have an email PLEASE email me at dlillar@aol.com.

Don't forget your dues are \$35.

“Ladies please stay safe, wear your masks, and pray for those less fortunate to be safe.”



Sincerely,
Diana Panos-Lillar,
President

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.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

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!

Daughters of Penelope

Iris Chapter 242

The Daughters of Penelope hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year!

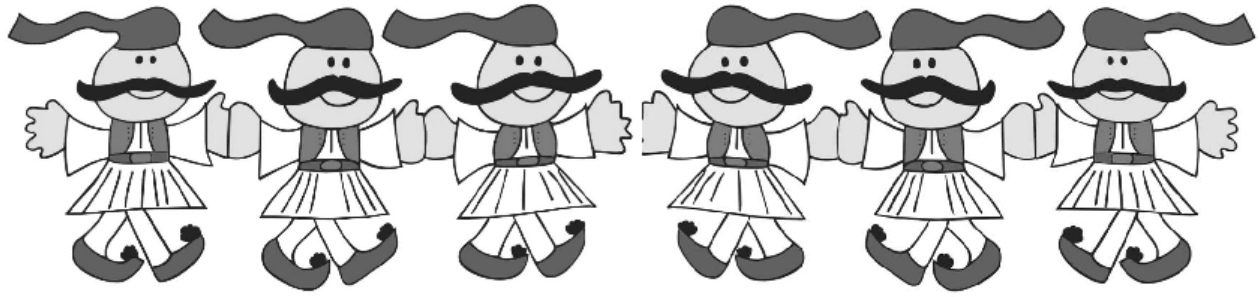
On Saturday, December 4, 2021, the Daughters and AHEPA held a Pot Luck Christmas Party. It was so nice to get together and share old stories and make new memories. We hope to make this an annual event.

Upcoming Events:

- Food Bank of Eastern Michigan - Volunteer Day
 - Saturday, February 12, 2022 from 9:00 am to noon.
 - Contact JoAnne Schultze if you would like to participate.
- Apokries (Greek Mardi Gras) Luncheon, Music, and Fellowship
 - Sunday, February 27, 2022 following Divine Liturgy
- Next Chapter Meeting
 - Sunday, March 13, 2022 following coffee hour
- Honoring High School and College Graduates - date TBD.
 - Please let us know the names of our upcoming graduates.
- AHEPA District #10 2022 Scholarship Applications
 - Due date: April 1, 2022

If you would like to join the Daughters of Penelope, please contact me or any other member.

Joanne Dau, President



Come join us & celebrate Apokries (Greek Mardi Gras)

**Sunday, February 27, 2022
following the Divine Liturgy**

Lunch, Music, and Fellowship

Adults: \$12.00

Children 12 yrs. and under: \$6.00

Buffet Style:

Medley of Meat Pastas, Greek Salad, and Desert

**Sponsored by the Daughters of Penelope
Iris Chapter 242**

**Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
2245 E. Baldwin Road
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Come, Join Us for this Lenten Retreat by Fr. Bogdan Bucur!



Our Covenant with God: Lessons from the Patriarchs, Prophets, Scribes, and Pharisees

Fr. Bogdan will discuss some Biblical texts including the persons of Abraham, Jacob, Esau, Moses, and the woman caught in adultery.

Saturday, March 19, 2022

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church • 2143 S Center Rd • Burton, MI
Please RSVP by March 14 to (810) 744-0070 or
stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com

10 am	Divine Liturgy
11:30 am	Lunch (free will offering)
12 pm	Registration
12:30 pm	Session 1 with Fr. Bogdan
1:30 pm	Break
1:45 pm	Session 2 with Fr. Bogdan
2:45 pm	Break
3 - 3:30 pm	Questions and Answers
4 pm	Vespers followed by Confessions

Guest Speaker: Fr. Bogdan Bucur

Fr. Bogdan Bucur is associate professor of Patristics at St Vladimir Orthodox Theological Seminary, Crestwood, NY since 2020. He is a priest of the Antiochian Archdiocese who received his M.Th. in Orthodox Theology at the University of Bucharest in his native Romania and then came to the United States to study under now-Archbishop Alexander (Golitzin) at Marquette University where he received his M.A. in Theology and Ph.D. in Religious Studies. Between 2007 and 2020, he was Assistant and then Associate Professor of Theology at Duquesne University, in Pittsburgh, where he worked in the areas of Early Christian Studies and Reception History of the Bible. In 2010 he was ordained a priest in the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese and served as the pastor of St Anthony Orthodox Church in Butler, PA (2010-2020). Fr Bogdan He is a scholar of early Christianity, with a special interest in the link between reception history of the Bible and doctrinal developments in early Christianity and the Byzantine tradition.

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2022 Great Fast and Bright Week



Pan-Orthodox Divine Services

Great Compline at St. George (*Mondays, 6pm*) All are welcome every Monday night. This beautiful service along with the Lenten Hours on Wednesdays allows us to experience the Great Fast more deeply. Confessions will be available from 5:30pm–6pm and after the service.

Lenten Hours at St. Nicholas (*Wednesdays, 10:30am*) All are welcome every Wednesday morning.

Presanctified Divine Liturgy and Lenten Potluck Dinner (*Wednesdays, 6pm*) We will celebrate together the Presanctified Liturgy and the Great Feast of the Annunciation according to the schedule below. Holy Communion is given at both. To partake of Holy Communion, please be prepared with prayer and fasting (*no eating or drinking after 12 Noon*). Confessions will only be available prior to the Liturgy from 5:30pm–6pm. The Lenten Potluck Dinners will be coordinated by the host parish.

- March 16th **Presanctified Liturgy at St. George** 6pm
March 19th Lenten Retreat led by Fr. Bogdan Bucur (*more information to follow*)
March 25th **Great Feast of the Annunciation Divine Liturgy and 3rd Akathist Stasis at Assumption** 6pm
March 30th **Presanctified Liturgy at St. Nicholas** 6pm
April 13th **Presanctified Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene** 6pm
April 16th **Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene** 9:15am

Bright Week (April 24th–30th)

- April 25th **Paschal Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene** 10am
April 26th **Paschal Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas** 10am
April 27th **Paschal Evening Liturgy & Feast of St. George at St. George** 6pm
April 29th **Paschal Divine Liturgy for the Life-giving Font at Assumption** 10am

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**JOIN US FOR A
VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022
AFTER CHURCH SERVICES
ADULTS—\$10.00
CHILDREN UNDER 12—\$5.00**



**Need of the Month
Genesee County**

**February:
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Note Regarding the Icons of St. Matthew the Evangelist and St. John the Theologian

The icon project continues with the recent installation of two icons of the Evangelists. The icon of St. Matthew the Evangelist was installed in the southwest corner of the church in May 2021. The icon of St. John the Theologian was installed in the northeast corner of the church in January 2022.

Both icons depict each saint writing a Gospel. St. Matthew is dictating the text to a scribe or secretary. It is not possible for most people to read the words from the floor of the church. The text being recorded by the scribe is upside down and reads, “And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and healing [all manner of] sickness”. Matthew 4:23 The phrase in brackets is covered by the left hand of the scribe. The scroll on the pedestal on the desk next to the scribe provides, “And His fame went throughout all Syria”. Matthew 4:24

Similarly, it will be difficult for people to read the words on the icon of St. John from the floor of the church. The book held by St. John reads on his left side, “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” John 1:14 In the Gospel According to St. John, Jesus Christ is called the Word or *Logos* in the original Greek. The right side of the book provides, “John bare witness of Him, and cried, saying, This was Him of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me for He [was before me]”. John 1:15 The phrase in brackets is covered by St. John’s right hand, which is holding the pen.

The book on the pedestal on the desk next to St. John contains further text from the Gospel According to St. John. The left side reads, “For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. [John 1:17] No man hath seen God at anytime;”. The left side continues, “the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. [John 1:18] And this is the record of John”. John 1:19 Please note that the John referenced in the phrase “the record of John” is actually St. John the Baptist, Forerunner, and Prophet, not St. John the Theologian. This becomes clear when chapter 1 of the Gospel According to St. John is read in full.

When we next look at these beautiful icons, we will now be able to know the text contained and where it is found in the two Gospels. If you have any theological or spiritual questions about the icons, please see Fr. Jarrod. If you are interested in donating an icon or donating generally to the icon project, please see John Hountalas.

In Loving Memory



of Tom and Goldie Heos



EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST 2022 ...

ALL CREDIT CARD transactions through the church will include a 4% processing fee. We are very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

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).

December:

Funeral for Alexis Davlantes



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.

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 DECEMBER 2021		EXPENSES DECEMBER 2021	
Stewardship	\$8,873.38	Operating Expenses for Month	\$20,185.41
Trays/Candles	\$1,322.00	Miscellaneous Expenses for Month	\$2,079.75
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,380.57	Fundraising Expenses for Month	\$3,430.35
Youth Ministry	\$0.00	Miscellaneous Bills Paid	
Fundraising: Charity Poker	\$7,580.00		
Total Operating Income for Month	\$19,155.95	Total Bills Paid for Month	\$25,695.51

ACCOUNT BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 2021		PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT/MAINTENANCE
General Checking (used for Operating Expenses)	\$29,418.71	Maintenance bills paid out of Property Improvement /
Property Improvement/Maintenance Savings Account	\$4,424.07	Maintenance Savings Account during month
		\$0

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: _____

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:

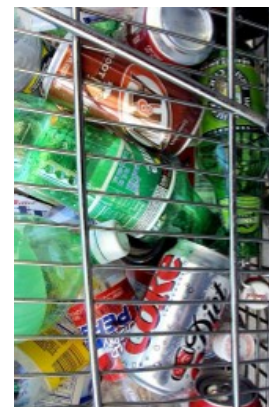
_____/We wish to have our gift remain anonymous.

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

TIRED OF THE LONG BOTTLE RETURN LINES?

**BRING YOUR EMPTY RETURNABLE BOTTLES AND CANS
TO ASSUMPTION CHURCH**

**(DROP-OFF IN BACK BY KITCHEN DOOR)
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Dimitri Hountalas
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Member in good standing of Assumption Church Grand Blanc – Minimum \$500 paid-up stewardship for previous year and up-to-date present year stewardship	Non-member at Assumption Church Grand Blanc
No fee for use of the church for sacraments	\$250 fee for use of the church for sacraments

Any deviation from this policy must be approved by the Parish Priest and Parish Council President and must be presented to them at least one month prior to the proposed sacrament date.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

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

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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.

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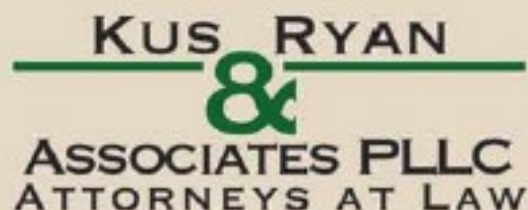
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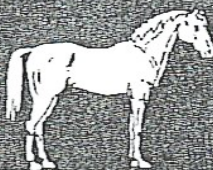
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