

THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

April
2022



What's Happening

APRIL 2022

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- 1: Salutations Service (Fourth Stanza) 6 pm
- 4: Lenten Bible Study 7 pm
- 6: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts 6 pm
- 8: Akathist Hymn 6 pm
- 10: Parish Oratorical Festival
Greek Independence Day Parade
- 11: Lenten Bible Study 7 pm
- 13: Combined Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts @ St. Mary Magdalene, Fenton 6 pm
- 14: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm
- 16: Combined Divine Liturgy - Saturday of Lazarus @ St. Mary Magdalene, Fenton 10 am
- *** See Schedule on page 3 for Holy Week Services
- 24: Great & Holy Pascha
Easter Egg Hunt 12:30 pm
- 25: Bright Week Begins
Combined Divine Liturgy @ St. Mary Magdalene, Fenton 10 am
- 26: Combined Divine Liturgy @ St. Nicholas, Burton 9:30 am
- 27: Combined Divine Liturgy @ St. George, Flint 6 pm
- 29: Combined Divine Liturgy @ Assumption Theotokos of the Life-Giving Spring 10 am
- 30: District Oratorical Festival

MAY 2022

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- 8: Mother's Day
- 11: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm
- 13-15: Metropolis Oratorical Festival
- 21: Divine Liturgy - Sts. Constantine & Helen 10 am
- 30: Memorial Day Cemetery Blessings

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

ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA 2022

APRIL 16	LAZARUS SATURDAY	Resurrection of Lazarus	Combined Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene Fenton	10:00AM
APRIL 17	PALM SUNDAY	Entrance of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem	Divine Liturgy	10:00AM
		Joseph, Son of Jacob (Book of Genesis)	First Bridegroom Service	6:00PM
APRIL 18	GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY	Parable of the Ten Virgins	Second Bridegroom Service	6:00PM
APRIL 19	GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY	Anointing of Jesus Christ with Myrrh	Third Bridegroom Service	6:00PM
APRIL 20	GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY	Holy Eucharist	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	10:00AM
		Healing Sacrament of the Church	Service of Holy Unction	6:00PM
APRIL 21	GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY	The Last Supper: The Institution of the Eucharist	Vespereal Divine Liturgy	10:00AM
		Passion of Jesus Christ: The Twelve Gospels	Service of the Crucifixion	6:00PM
APRIL 22	GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY	Standing at the Foot of the Cross of Jesus Christ	Service of the Royal Hours	9:00AM
		Removal of Jesus Christ from the Cross	Service of the Descent from the Cross	3:00PM
		Candlelight Funeral Service for Jesus Christ	Lamentations Service	7:00PM
APRIL 23	GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY	Jesus Christ's Victory Over Death	Pre-Resurrection Vespereal Divine Liturgy	10:00AM
		Anticipation of the Resurrection	Vigil of the Holy Resurrection	11:15PM
		The Holy Resurrection of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ	Service of the Holy Resurrection and the Paschal Divine Liturgy	MIDNIGHT
APRIL 24	GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA	Proclaiming the Gospel in Multiple Languages	Agape Vespers	11:30AM



FROM REV. FR. JARROD RUSSELL

Beloved parishioners and friends of Assumption Church,

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday (April 17) evening. **All** Orthodox Christians should be present for each and every Holy Week service. Tragically, that does not occur due to unavoidable conflicts with work and school schedules. That acknowledged, we should all make every effort to be present for as many of the Divine Services throughout Holy Week as possible.

In order to make this happen, we should clear our personal schedules during Holy Week. We should be sure we are not allowing voluntary recreational and athletic activities serve as conflicts with Holy Week services. For example, if we normally spend Saturday mornings at the Flint Institute of Arts (an excellent choice of recreation), we should plan to be present instead at the Church for the Holy Saturday Morning Vespers Divine Liturgy.

As another example, if our children are involved with athletic, musical, or theatrical programs, we should let the leaders of those programs know that our children will be at the Assumption Church during Holy Week and accordingly unavailable. **Please contact the church office as soon as possible if you need a letter explaining why your children should be excused from other obligations during Holy Week.**

Simply stated, it is our privilege and blessing as Orthodox Christians to be present at the Divine Services of Holy Week, and we should fully embrace that privilege by making Holy Week our highest priority, second to none.

With that in mind, the question is often asked, which Holy Week Divine Services should be our highest priority? In other words, if we are forced due to legitimate conflicts to choose among the services, which ones should be emphasize?

As an initial matter, **all** Holy Week services are spiritually edifying and will help us grow closer to Christ. Our highest priority should be the Service of the Resurrection on Holy Saturday Evening. All Orthodox Christians should make every



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effort to be present from the beginning of the service at 11:15 pm until the conclusion of the Paschal Divine Liturgy. Additionally, we should make every effort to be present for the Service of the Crucifixion (Twelve Gospels) on Holy Thursday Evening and the Lamentations Service on Holy Friday Evening. In order to prepare fully for the joy of the Resurrection, we should first stand at the foot of the Cross of Christ on Holy Thursday Evening as well as chant Lamentations before His tomb on Holy Friday Evening.

Additionally, we should definitely place a great emphasis on the Vespereal Divine Liturgy on Holy Saturday Morning. This amazing service contains the proclamation of “Arise O Christ, and judge the earth” as the priest spreads flower petals throughout the church. The Service of the Descent of the Cross on Holy Friday Afternoon should be on our personal Holy Week schedule. During this service, the body of Christ is solemnly removed from the Cross and placed in the tomb. Finally, we should do our best to attend at least one Bridegroom Service, which are celebrated on Palm Sunday Evening, Holy Monday Evening, and Holy Tuesday Evening.

In anticipation of Holy Week and as we begin to say to each other on Palm Sunday Evening, I wish you all Kalo Pascho Καλό Πάσχα!

With love in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell



Prosporon Schedule

April:

3: Holland, Nick & Jennifer
10: Hountalas, John & Tasia
17: Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki
24: Iordanou, Bill & Lisa

May:

1: Johnson, Denise
8: Joseph, Patti
15: Kalatzis, Athena
22: Kallis, Agape
29: Kallis, Nick

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; Vasilias Costa
Stephanos Hatzigeorgiou & Family; John Margaritis;
Tony Pappadakis; Diana Petropoulos

Sunday Reader Schedule

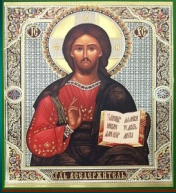
April

3 Marian Hagler
10 John Costa
17 Cathy Yeotis
24 John Kaloydis

May

1 Dena Altheide
8 John Costa
15 Debra Chinonis
22 Nick Kallis
29 Cathy Yeotis

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 YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Parishioners of the Assumption,

These past 2 years have certainly been challenging and different from anything we have experienced during most of our lifetimes. Hopefully most of the pandemic is behind us. Despite all of the uncertainties we have endured, the Resurrection of our Lord reminds us daily that the love of Christ conquers all fears and fulfill us with hope and a new life. Perhaps more than ever, this Easter is a good reason to be hopeful in our faith as the pandemic numbers are decreasing. Easter remains a great joy and hope.

To all the outstanding wonderful volunteers and generous donors who donate so much of their time, a special thanks to you all. A very special thanks and gratitude to Sia Mavrikos who always graciously accepts, regardless of the numerous times that I have asked her, to decorate the social hall with her special talents. A very gifted lady. You all truly make a difference, I am extremely grateful.

Wishes for a Happy Easter filled with love, happiness, and many gifts from the Orthodox Easter Bunny. Kali Anastasi.

Susan Kallis,
Parish Council President



Orthodox Churches of Genesee County, Michigan

Assumption (Greek) 2245 Baldwin Road ♦ Grand Blanc, MI 48439 ♦ 810-771-4611
St. George (Antiochian) 5191 Lennon Road ♦ Flint, MI 48507 ♦ 810-732-0720
St. Mary Magdalene (OCA) 2439 S. Long Lake Road ♦ Fenton, MI 48430 ♦ 810-750-1401
St. Nicholas (OCA) 2143 South Center Road ♦ Burton, MI 48519 ♦ 810-744-0070

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

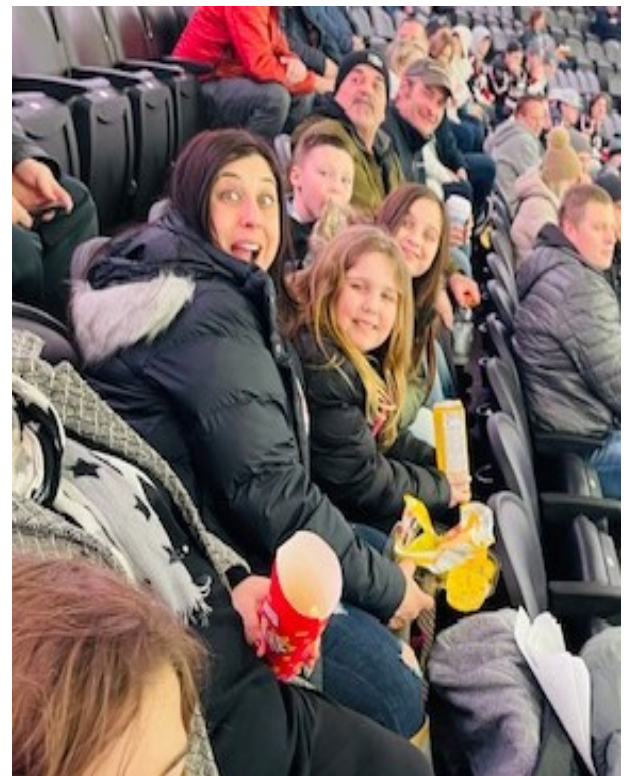
Bright Week (April 24th–30th)

- 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

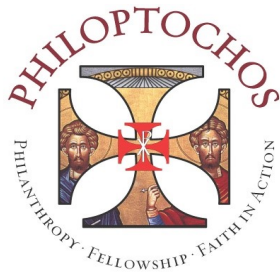
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FLINT FIREBIRDS HOCKEY NIGHT







Philoptochos Society - Friends of the Poor!

Our Mission: To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach; to preserve the sanctity of life and family; and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions.

To the Philoptochos membership: Your 2022 Dues are past due. Our membership continues to drop, and we need all of valued parishioners to continue to support our Philoptochos Ladies Society. This group of women try and continue our philanthropic work in our church and in our community. We do and will continue to support our National Obligations, but we need the support of the Women in our parish. We have made it through the Covid Pandemic and are working our way back to normalcy. We all need to reach out and bring our parishioners and children back to our Parish.

On a positive note we will be making Tsourekii for Easter. Pre-orders will be taken and we will have bread for sale on Palm Sunday. You can email me at dlillar@aol.com for further information or pre-ordering bread. Each loaf is \$8.00. Deadline for pre-orders is Friday, April 8, 2022.

Remember the Philoptochos is here to support the Parish and Parishioners in any way possible.

Diana Panos-Lillar
President





Daughters of Penelope

Iris Chapter 242

Hellenism, Philanthropy, and Sisterhood



On Sunday, February 27, 2022, following the Divine Liturgy, the Daughters of Penelope held an Apokries (Greek Mardi Gras) Luncheon, with Greek Dancing and music by DJ Manolakis. Thank you to the committee who helped with the food and festive decorations and a very special thank you to John Costa, our AHEPA president for making the delicious pastas. We would like to thank everyone who came and supported our event. It was wonderful seeing everyone having fun, sharing stories, Greek dancing, and making new memories.

Upcoming Events and Deadlines:

- Next Chapter Meeting, Sunday, May 1 following coffee hour
- Mother's Day Coffee Hour - May 8
- AHEPA Milk for Flint - May 10. Contact JoAnne Schultze if you would like to help that day.
- Lunch with the DOP Bloomfield Chapter - date TBD in April or May
- 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
- Flint AHEPA - Daughters of Penelope Scholarship Foundation.
 - Scholarships are available for high school students and applications are available at the church office.
 - Due Date: May 1, 2022
- AHEPA Educational Foundation Golf Outing - Friday, June 3
- 91st AHEPA & DOP Convention & Banquet - June 4 at Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Westland

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

Wishing you all a Καλή Ανάσταση, Καλό Πάσχα, a Blessed Easter,

Joanne Dau
President



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April:
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LAZARUS SATURDAY

by Archpriest Alexander Schmemmann



The Beginning of the Cross: Saturday of Lazarus

“Having fulfilled Forty Days... we ask to see the Holy Week of Thy Passion.” With these words sung at Vespers of Friday, Lent comes to its end and we enter into the annual commemoration of Christ's suffering, death and Resurrection. It begins on the Saturday of Lazarus. The double feast of Lazarus' resurrection and the Entrance of the Lord to Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) is described in liturgical texts as the "beginning of the Cross" and is to be understood therefore, within the context of the Holy Week. The common Troparion [hymn] of these days explicitly affirms that by raising Lazarus from the dead, Christ confirmed the truth of general resurrection. It is highly significant that we are led into the darkness of the Cross by one of the twelve major feasts of the Church. Light and joy shine not only at the end of Holy Week but also at its beginning; they illumine darkness itself, reveal its ultimate meaning.

All those familiar with Orthodox worship know the peculiar, almost paradoxical character of Lazarus Saturday services. It is a Sunday, i.e., a Resurrection, service on a Saturday, a day usually devoted to the liturgical commemoration of the dead. And the joy which permeates these services stresses one central theme: the forthcoming victory of Christ over Hades. Hades is the Biblical term for Death in its universal power, for that unescapable darkness and destruction that swallows all life and poisons with its shadow the whole world. But now—with Lazarus' resurrection—"death begins to tremble." For there the decisive duel between Life and Death begins, and it gives us the key to the entire liturgical mystery of Pascha. In the early church Lazarus Saturday was called "announcement of Pascha", it announces and anticipates, indeed, the wonderful light and peace of the next Saturday—the Great and Holy Saturday, the day of the Lifegiving Tomb.

Lazarus, the Friend of Jesus

Let us first of all understand that Lazarus, the friend of Jesus, personifies the whole mankind and also each man, and Bethany, the home of Lazarus the Man, is the symbol of the whole world as a home of man. For each man was created friend of God and called to this Divine friendship: the knowledge of God, the communion with Him, the sharing of life with Him. “In Him was life and the life was the light of men.” (John 1:4) And yet this Friend whom God loves, whom in love He has created, i.e. called to life, is destroyed and annihilated by a power which God has not created: death. God encounters in His own world a power which destroys His work and annihilates His design. The world is but lamentation and sorrow, tears and death. How is this possible? How did this happen? These are the questions implied in John’s slow and detailed narrative of Jesus’ coming to the grave of His friend. And once there, “Jesus wept.” (John 11:35) Why does He weep if He knows that in a moment He will call Lazarus back to life? Byzantine hymnographers fail to grasp the true meaning of these tears. They ascribe them to His human nature, whereas the power of resurrection belongs to God in Him. But the Orthodox Church teaches that all actions of Christ are “theandric,” i.e., both Divine and human, are actions of the one and same God-Man. But then His very tears are Divine. Jesus weeps because He contemplates the triumph of death and destruction in the world created by God.

Love, the Power of Life

“It stinketh.” say the Jews trying to prevent Jesus from approaching the corpse, and this awful warning applies to the whole world, to all life. God is Life and the Giver of Life. He called man into the Divine reality of Life and behold “it stinketh”... The world was created to reflect and proclaim the glory of God and “it stinketh.” At the grave of Lazarus God encounters Death, the reality of anti-life, of destruction and despair. He meets His Enemy, who has taken away from Him His World and become its prince. And we who follow Jesus as He approaches the grave, enter with Him into that hour of His, which He announced so often as the climax and the fulfillment of his whole work. The Cross, its necessity and universal meaning are announced in the shortest verse of the Gospel: “and Jesus wept”... We understand now that it is because He wept, i.e., loved His friend Lazarus, that Jesus had the power of calling him back to life. The power of Resurrection is not a divine “power in itself,” but power of love, or rather love as power. God is Love and Love is life, Love creates Life... It is Love that weeps at the grave and it is Love that restores life. This is the meaning of the Divine tears of Jesus. In them love is at work again—recreating, redeeming, restoring the darkened life of man: “Lazarus, come forth!...” And this is why Lazarus Saturday is the beginning of both: the Cross, as the Supreme sacrifice of love, the Resurrection, as the ultimate triumph of love.

From The Christian Way, 1961

Source: <https://orthochristian.com/29999.html>

20TH ANNUAL
GREEK
INDEPENDENCE DAY
PARADE

SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2022

3:00 PM

MONROE ST.
HISTORIC GREEKTOWN
DETROIT, MI

DOXOLOGY AT 12 PM
AT ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL DETROIT
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April 17

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Lenten/Paschal Items Needed

Items listed are needed for the celebration of the special services during Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha. Contributions should be called in to the Church Office as soon as possible. We suggest that families share the cost of an item with one or more other families so that those wishing to contribute, may be able to.

Service:	Cost:	Donator:
1st Salutation – Theotokos Icon Flowers	\$55.00	_____
2nd Salutation – Theotokos Icon Flowers	\$55.00	_____
3rd Salutation – Annunciation Icon Flowers	\$55.00	_____
3rd Sun. of Lent (Veneration of the Cross) Daffodils	\$85.00	_____
4th Salutation – Theotokos Icon Flowers	\$55.00	_____
Akathist Hymn – Theotokos Icon Flowers	\$55.00	_____
Palms for Palm Sunday	\$165.00	_____
Nymphios Icon Flowers (2 Sets)	\$55.00	_____
Oil for Holy Unction Service	\$20.00	_____
Cotton for Holy Unction Service	\$10.00	_____
Pascha Red Eggs (25 +1 dozen)	\$45.00	_____
Rose Petals – Holy Friday	\$20.00	_____
Rose Water – Holy Friday	\$20.00	_____
Flowers for Cross on Sepulcher (Kouvouklion)	\$55.00	_____
Resurrection Icon Flowers (1st)	\$55.00	_____
Resurrection Icon Flowers (2nd)	\$55.00	_____
Resurrection Banner	\$90.00	_____
Large Resurrection Candle for Father	\$55.00	_____
Oil for Altar Candles	\$55.00	_____
Cross Wreath for Holy Thursday	\$90.00	_____
Vase Set for Palm Sunday	\$55.00	_____
Vase Set for Easter Sunday	\$55.00	_____
Palm Sunday Icon	\$55.00	_____
Large Icon Screen (2 total)	\$280.00 ea.	_____
Bay Leaves	\$225.00	_____
Lilies (6 total)	\$35.00 ea.	_____
Gardenias (12 total)	\$182.00	_____
Votive Candles (25 total) for Kouvouklion	\$ 5.00 ea.	_____

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JULY 3 - JULY 9

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JULY 24 - JULY 30

WEEK 5

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Happy 100th Birthday
To Our Mom, Lucille Chiavaras

100 years of living the journey of her life with grace and humility.
100 years of modeling her faith in God
100 years of finding the humor in life
100 years of sharing her wisdom
100 years of countless moments to cherish
Our lives are so wonderful because God blessed us with you as our mother!

All our love,
Barbara, Alexis, and Jim

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).

February:

Funeral for Tina Iordanou



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.

PERATING INCOME FEBRUARY 2022		EXPENSES FEBRUARY 2022	
Stewardship	\$18,283.00	Operating Expenses for Month	\$21,250.41
Trays/Candles	\$1,001.00	Miscellaneous Expenses for Month	\$676.90
Miscellaneous Income	\$800.24	Fundraising Expenses for Month	\$0.00
Youth Ministry	\$116.00	Youth Ministry Bills Paid	\$368.00
Total Operating Income for Month	\$20,200.24	Total Bills Paid for Month	\$22,295.31
OPERATING GAIN/(LOSS) FOR MONTH: \$(2,095.07)			

ACCOUNT BALANCES FEBRUARY 28, 2022		PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT/MAINTENANCE
General Checking (used for Operating Expenses)	\$31,927.23	Maintenance bills paid out of Property Improvement / Maintenance Savings Account during month
Property Improvement/Maintenance Savings Account	\$3,749.07	\$0

We have applied for forgiveness of our second Paycheck Protection Program loan with the Small Business Administration.




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

Gifts of any size are appreciated!

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

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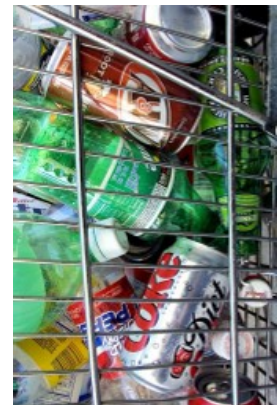
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Due to the rising cost of mailing receipts for every donation received by the church, the Parish Council has established the following procedure for receipts:

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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2022 List of Donors



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(JANUARY 1 - JANUARY 31)

Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell

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Thank you!

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 \$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)

PAYMENT IN FULL DUE 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE.

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“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.

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

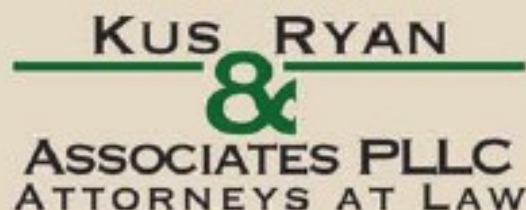
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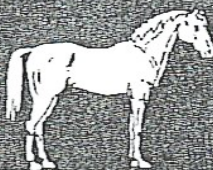
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