

THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

March
2022



What's Happening

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

APRIL 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: Philoptochos Meeting 1 pm
- 9: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts 6 pm
- 10: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm
- 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

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- 1: Salutations Service (Fourth Stanza) 6 pm
 - 4: Lenten Bible Study 7 pm
 - 6: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts TBA
 - 8: Akathist Hymn 6 pm
 - 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
 - 24: Great & Holy Pascha
 - 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

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 Uction	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,

We begin Great and Holy Lent on Clean Monday, March 6. Faithful Greek Orthodox Christians will accordingly spend the next five Friday evenings at the church for the celebration of the four Salutations (Χαιρετισμοί) services and the Akathist (Ἀκάθιστος) Service. These Divine Services remind us of the essential role of the Panagia in the life and work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The services also remind us of how the Virgin Mary continues to intercede for all of us because she loves every person and wants to lead them to her Son. The first five Fridays in Great Lent should be dedicated by all of us to honoring the Most Holy Mother of God and seeking her intercessions.

During these services, we will sing the Kontakion, O Champion General (Τῆ ὑπερμάχῳ), which is also chanted during the Divine Liturgies on the Sundays of Great Lent.

Please prayerfully read this ancient hymn:

Τῆ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια,
Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια,
Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε.
Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον,
Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον,
Ἵνα κράζω σοι·
Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe
to you triumphant anthems as the tokens of my
gratitude, being rescued from the terrors,
O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power
unassailable, from all kinds of perils free me, so
that unto you I may cry aloud:
Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

This amazing hymn is one of the favorites of Orthodox Christians and evokes deep and sincere emotions when chanted. The hymn expressly honors the Panagia for her protection of Constantinople, which is referred to in the hymn by its common Greek name as ἡ Πόλις or the City.

Spiritually speaking, Constantinople is the Panagia's City.



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This hymn also reminds us individually of how the Panagia intercedes and protects those who call upon her for assistance. St. John of Kronstadt tells us “[w]hen you are about to pray to our Lady the Holy Virgin, be firmly assured, before praying, that you will not depart from her without having received mercy. To think thus and to have confidence in her is meet and right.” These first five Fridays of Great Lent provide a perfect opportunity for all of us to pray to the Virgin Mary with confidence and love. We can chant this ancient hymn as well as the other hymns recognizing the role of the Mother of God in the Lord’s plan for our salvation. As we begin Great and Holy Lent, we ask the Panagia to guide and protect us as we seek to grow closer to her Son and our Lord. May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through the intercessions of His Holy Mother, grant us all a blessed Lent!

Ἵπεραγία Θεοτόκε, σῶσον ἡμᾶς! Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

With love in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell



Sunday, January 30, 2022:

**We welcomed His
Eminence Metropolitan
Nicholas of Detroit**

Prosporon Schedule

March:

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

April:

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

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; Stephanos Hatzigeorgiou & Family;
John Margaritis; Tony Pappadakis; Charlie Paraschos; Lucas Paul

Sunday Reader Schedule

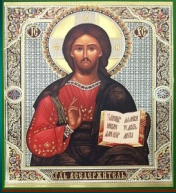
March

- 6 Dena Altheide
- 13 John Costa
- 20 Cathy Yeotis
- 27 John Kaloydis

April

- 3 Marian Hagler
- 10 John Costa
- 17 Cathy Yeotis
- 24 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 YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Parishioners of the Assumption,

As we embark on a New Year, the Parish Council officers and I, are fully aware of the obstacles we are presently encountering.

During my tenure we all will work together towards making changes for the betterment of our church. Every member of our beloved church is affected by the decisions we make.

We have faced challenges, especially with the existing pandemic and its variants, but we will together peacefully, with understanding, with communication, co-operation and respect towards each other and with everyone's help we will achieve our goals and advance towards a positive direction.

Wishing you all a “Kali Sarakosti” and a Happy Name Day to the March 25th celebrants, as this date is a dual celebration, celebrating the Annunciation by the Angel Gabriel to the Theotokos that she would bear the Son of God. Also, the Greek Independence Day, a national holiday commemorating the start of the war of Greek Independence in 1821.

Blessings to each and everyone,

Susan Kallis,
Parish Council President



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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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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

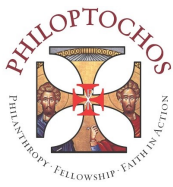
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10 am	Divine Liturgy
11:30 am	Lunch (free will offering)
12 pm	Registration
12:30 pm	Session 1 with Fr. Bogdan
1:30 pm	Break
1:45 pm	Session 2 with Fr. Bogdan
2:45 pm	Break
3 - 3:30 pm	Questions and Answers
4 pm	Vespers followed by Confessions

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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Philoptochos Society - Friends of the Poor!

The Assumption Philoptochos Chapter, led by President Diana Lillar, is the right hand of the church in helping those in need within our community, but it is also part of two larger groups. First it is part of the Archdiocesan National Philoptochos which is headquartered in New York City, and second the Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos. For both levels, our chapter has specific obligations to fulfill before they begin to consider their obligations to our Assumption community here in Grand Blanc. In 1931 Philoptochos was designated as the official philanthropic organization of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Debbie George, the new president of the Detroit Metropolis Philoptochos has identified three key efforts that will be the focus of her two year term.

1. Organize and host opportunities to connect with all the chapters throughout the Detroit Metropolis using Zoom for forums, service projects or question/answers sessions with His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas.
2. Grow the membership numbers by a minimum 10% since the 2019 numbers.
3. Increase our visibility and presence on social media. We need to promote the wonderful outreach and in reach projects of our chapters.

On January 25, 2022, twenty Detroit Metropolis board members and His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas met on Zoom for a two hour meeting. After the standing committees gave their reports, some of the more pertinent information reported included the following:

1. In January there were two requests for assistance, one to pay funeral expenses, \$2,000 was sent to the funeral home. The second was to assist with the purchase of a transportation van for an individual with a disability, \$1,000 was sent to the chapter. The names of the individuals are never used.
2. The Florence G. Stefanou Memorial Scholarship application was sent to all chapters in the Metropolis. The funds are available for trade schools as well as for colleges.
3. Chapters should report how they are carrying out the Operation Classroom Initiative.
4. The Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) website lists the names of churches near colleges to help students locate one. We should notify students about the OCF website as it could help them make connections with other orthodox students.
5. The Children's Medical Fund Luncheon was a great success, giving away \$272,195.00 in Grants to various Children's hospitals.

Cathy Yeotis, Vice-President of Assumption Chapter
Member of the Metropolis Philoptochos Board



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Wednesday, March 2, 2022

7:00 PM ET / 6:00 PM CT

**Session 2 ~ Fetch Me My Meal: A Talk
about Gluttony with Fr. Anthony Cook**





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Iris Chapter 242

Hellenism, Philanthropy, and Sisterhood



On Saturday, February 12, 2022, the Daughters volunteered at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. We had 10 individuals from our parish, including Father Jarrod that came and worked very hard. Our group also was joined by 4 young students from the Genesee Early College. We packaged a tremendous amount of food and drinks during the three hours we were there. Great job participants and we thank you for volunteering! Afterwards, those of us who had the time went for lunch at the White Horse for more fun and fellowship. A special thank you to Chris Poulos for his generosity.

Upcoming Events and Deadlines:

- 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
- 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

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

Joanne Dau

President

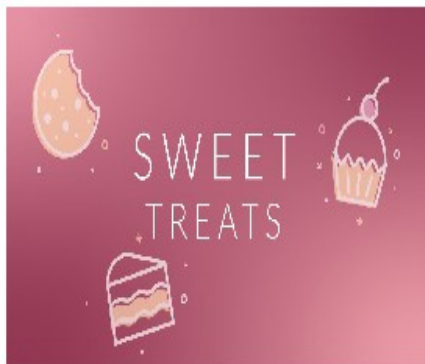


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Forgiveness Sunday by Father Alexander Schmemmann

In the Orthodox Church, the last Sunday before Great Lent – the day on which, at Vespers, Lent is liturgically announced and inaugurated – is called Forgiveness Sunday. On the morning of that Sunday, at the Divine Liturgy, we hear the words of Christ:

"If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses..." (Mark 6:14-15)

Then after Vespers – after hearing the announcement of Lent in the Great Prokeimenon: "Turn not away Thy face from Thy child for I am afflicted! Hear me speedily! Draw near unto my soul and deliver it!", after making our entrance into Lenten worship, with its special memories, with the prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian, with its prostrations – we ask forgiveness from each other, we perform the rite of forgiveness and reconciliation. And as we approach each other with words of reconciliation, the choir intones the Paschal hymns, filling the church with the anticipation of Paschal joy.

What is the meaning of this rite? Why is it that the Church wants us to begin Lenten season with forgiveness and reconciliation? These questions are in order because for too many people Lent means primarily, and almost exclusively, a change of diet, the compliance with ecclesiastical regulations concerning fasting. They understand fasting as an end in itself, as a "good deed" required by God and carrying in itself its merit and its reward. But, the Church spares no effort in revealing to us that fasting is but a means, one among many, towards a higher goal: the spiritual renewal of man, his return to God, true repentance and, therefore, true reconciliation. The Church spares no effort in warning us against a hypocritical and pharisaic fasting, against the reduction of religion to mere external obligations. As a Lenten hymn says:

In vain do you rejoice in no eating, O soul!

For you abstain from food,

But from passions you are not purified.

If you persevere in sin, you will perform a useless fast.

Now, forgiveness stands at the very center of Christian faith and of Christian life because Christianity itself is, above all, the religion of forgiveness. God forgives us, and His forgiveness is in Christ, His Son, Whom He sends to us, so that by sharing in His humanity we may share in His love and be truly reconciled with God. Indeed, Christianity has no other content but love. And it is primarily the renewal of that love, a return to it, a growth in it, that we seek in Great Lent, in fasting and prayer, in the entire spirit and the entire effort of that season. Thus, truly forgiveness is both the beginning of, and the proper condition for the Lenten season.

One may ask, however: Why should I perform this rite when I have no "enemies"? Why should I ask forgiveness from people who have done nothing to me, and whom I hardly know? To ask

these questions, is to misunderstand the Orthodox teaching concerning forgiveness. It is true, that open enmity, personal hatred, real animosity may be absent from our life, though if we experience them, it may be easier for us to repent, for these feelings openly contradict Divine commandments. But, the Church reveals to us that there are much subtler ways of offending Divine Love. These are indifference, selfishness, lack of interest in other people, of any real concern for them -- in short, that wall which we usually erect around ourselves, thinking that by being "polite" and "friendly" we fulfill God's commandments. The rite of forgiveness is so important precisely because it makes us realize -- be it only for one minute -- that our entire relationship to other men is wrong, makes us experience that encounter of one child of God with another, of one person created by God with another, makes us feel that mutual "recognition" which is so terribly lacking in our cold and dehumanized world.

On that unique evening, listening to the joyful Paschal hymns we are called to make a spiritual discovery: to taste of another mode of life and relationship with people, of life whose essence is love. We can discover that always and everywhere Christ, the Divine Love Himself, stands in the midst of us, transforming our mutual alienation into brotherhood. As I advance towards the other, as the other comes to me -- we begin to realize that it is Christ Who brings us together by His love for both of us.

And because we make this discovery -- and because this discovery is that of the Kingdom of God itself: the Kingdom of Peace and Love, of reconciliation with God and, in Him, with all that exists -- we hear the hymns of that Feast, which once a year, "opens to us the doors of Paradise." We know why we shall fast and pray, what we shall seek during the long Lenten pilgrimage. Forgiveness Sunday: the day on which we acquire the power to make our fasting -- true fasting; our effort -- true effort; our reconciliation with God -- true reconciliation.

Source: <https://www.schmemann.org/byhim/forgivenesssunday.html>



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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.	_____
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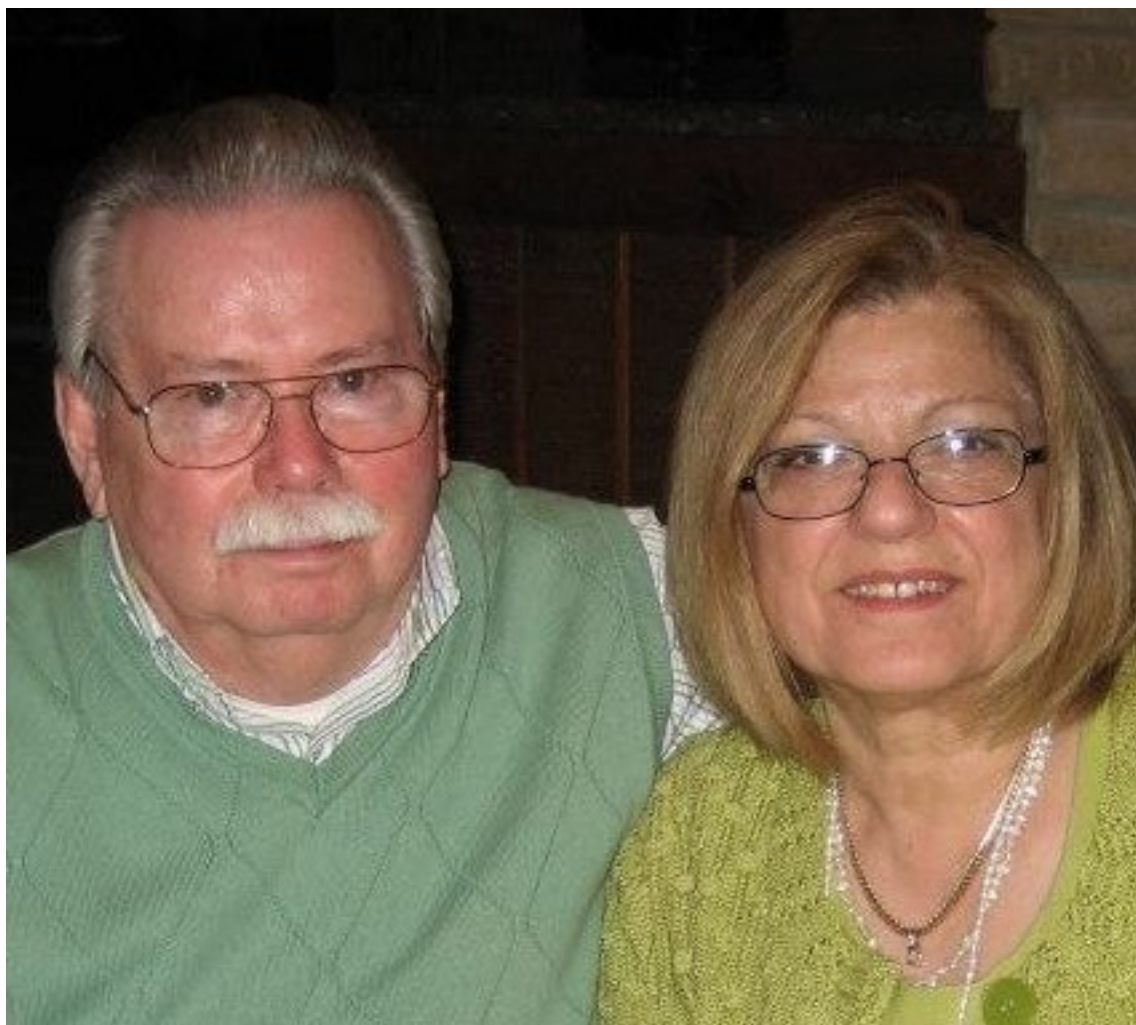
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EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST 2022 ...

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).

January

Funeral for George Manutes



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.




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When you mail in a donation to the church, or drop it off in the office, a receipt will not be mailed or given to parishioners of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. Your cancelled check can be used as proof of your payment, as well as the contribution statement you receive from the church at the end of the year. This includes donations for stewardship, iconography, cash raffle, golf outing, memorials, miscellaneous, etc. For credit card charges, please allow 24 hours to process your payment.

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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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

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Members in good standing only Sunday – Thursday Hall Rental: \$300 minimum for 3 hours - \$100 each additional hour up to a maximum of \$600 Renter responsible for hall clean-up (no kitchen usage)	If church dishes are used, dishwasher will be supplied at a cost of \$\$50 (cannot bring own dishwasher)

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

Scheduling of Memorial Services

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

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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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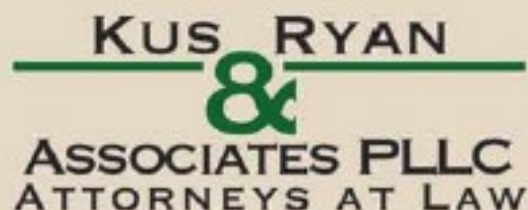
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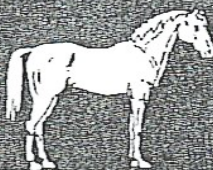
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