

# THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

June  
2022



# Christ is Risen!

## JUNE 2022

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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- 1: Combined Vesperal Divine Liturgy 6 pm  
Holy Ascension, @ St. George, Flint
- 3-5: Archdiocese Oratorical Festival
- 5: 6 Month Memorial for Fr. Tom George and Alexis Davlantes
- 8: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm
- 12: Holy Pentecost  
Service of Kneeling 11:30 am  
Spring General Assembly
- 19: Father's Day
- 25: Knucklehead Blues Concert: (See Insert, page 14)

## JULY 2022

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- 3-7: Clergy-Laity Congress
- 4: Independence Day
- 10: Pan-Orthodox Baseball Game
- 13: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm

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

# **Prosporon Schedule**

## June:

- 5: Kallis, Penny
- 12: Kallis, Susan
- 19: Kaloydis, John & Karen
- 26: Kapellas, Katina

## July:

- 3: Karay, Sr., Nicholas
- 10: Kitsonas, William
- 17: Kokkinakos, Peter & Panagiota
- 24: Komodromos, Tessie
- 31: Kondyles, Chryssoula

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;  
Tessie Komodromos; John Margaritis; Tony Pappadakis;  
Diana Petropoulos; Helen & Irene Yiannatji

## **Sunday Reader Schedule**

### **June**

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

### **July**

- 3 Cathy Yeotis
- 10 John Kaloydis
- 17 Dena Altheide
- 24 John Costa
- 31 Debra Chinonis

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

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Christ is Risen! Khristos voskres!

Beloved parishioners and friends of Assumption Church,

*Trust God with your whole heart*

*and do not be exalted by your own wisdom. (Proverbs 3:5)*

Thank you for your kindness and love while I served as the parish priest of Assumption Church. Limitations of space preclude me from listing all the faithful Assumption Church family members who have been a blessing both to the church and to me personally since my assignment. I will simply express my appreciation of the entire Assumption Church family and assure you all of my prayers.

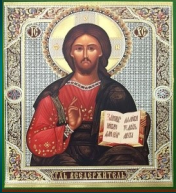
This time of transition is the perfect opportunity to increase our trust in God by not depending on our own wisdom. As another translation of Proverb 3:5 provides, “don’t get above yourself with regard to your own wisdom”. The key to not getting above ourselves with our own wisdom is to trust God completely in all things, in all times, and in all places.

To demonstrate that trust, we pray that the Lord will continue to guide and bless Assumption Church and her shepherd His Eminence Metropolitan Nichols of Detroit, especially during this time of seeking a new parish priest. Also, we pray for the Co-Chancellors and the entire Metropolis staff who assist His Eminence. These prayers are effective and will help us to increase our trust in God and depend less on our own wisdom.

Thank you again, and may our Risen Lord guide and bless you all.

With love in the Risen Christ,

Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell



## FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Parishioners of the Assumption,

As the school year comes to an end, summer is a fun season for families, but can be a trying time for churches. We are entering at present, a transitional period, but with patience, understanding, and compassion, we will normalize as soon as a new priest is assigned to serve our parish. We are grateful for the service Fr. Jarrod offered the Assumption during his brief tenure. Wishing Fr. Jarrod the very best of luck in Nashville. You will certainly be missed.

To Lucille Chiavaras sincere congratulations on reaching an amazing milestone. May your days be filled with love, laughter, sunshine and smiles. With all our love from the Assumption family.

A reminder to all regarding the upcoming June 25th “Knucklehead” Blues Band, do plan on attending for an enjoyable and entertaining evening.

Blessings to all,  
Susan Kallis,  
Parish Council President



**Holy  
Saturday**

# AGENDA – Spring General Assembly 2022

Sunday, June 12, 2022

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. Call to Order                                       | PC President  |
| 2. Opening Prayer                                      | Priest  |
| 3. Election of General Assembly Chairman and Secretary |   |
| 4. Opening Remarks                                     | PC President  |
| 5. Approval of previous General Assembly Minutes       | GA Chairperson  |
| 6. Priest's Report                                     | Priest  |
| 7. Treasurer Report                                    | Treasurer   |
| 8. Ministry and Organization Reports                   |   |
| A. Iconography Project Report                          | Committee Chair   |
| B. Stewardship Report                                  | Committee Chair   |
| C. Fund Raising Events                                 | Chairs of Events  |
| 1. Golf Outing   |   |
| 2. Blues Night   |   |
| 3. Car Show  |   |
| 4. Raffles   |   |
| a. Cash Raffle   |   |
| b. Super Draw Raffle                                   |   |
| 5. Other – Open for Suggestions                        |   |
| D. Religious Education                                 | } <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">In the interest of time and to allow ample time for a full and open discussion all ministry updates will be provided as a hard copy at the General Assembly meeting from which questions can then be asked.</div> |
| E. Philoptochos  |   |
| F. Choir   |   |
| G. GOYA  |   |
| H. Daughters of Penelope                               |   |
| I. AHEPA   |   |
| 9. New Business  |   |
| A. Appoint an Election Committee Chairperson           | GA Chairperson  |
| 10. Old Business                                       |   |
| 11. Call for Questions                                 |   |
| 12. Call for Adjournment                               | GA Chairperson  |
| 13. Closing Prayer                                     | Priest  |



## *Daughters of Penelope* Iris Chapter 242 Hellenism, Philanthropy, and Sisterhood



On May 10, the AHEPA Flint Milk Drive was held. I would like to thank sisters JoAnne Schultze, Marion Hagler, and Cathy Yeotis for coming out and supporting the event with me. In March, we initiated Yianna Welch and are very happy to have her join our sisterhood. On Mother's Day we served cake at coffee hour.

### Upcoming Events

- Honoring High School and College Graduates - June 12. Please let us know the names of our upcoming graduates.
- Spring Pastry Sale - Thursday, June 16
- Lunch with the DOP Bloomfield Chapter - Saturday, July 23

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

Joanne Dau, President



**Holy Week :  
Palm Sunday**



**Holy  
Tuesday**



**Holy Wednesday - Holy Unction Service**

# Holy Thursday





Holy Friday





Holy  
Saturday



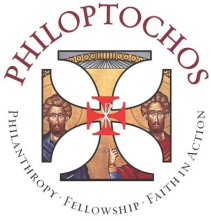
# Holy Saturday Night



# Great and Holy Pascha!

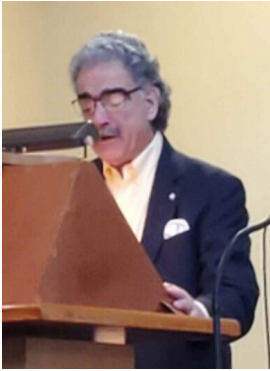


# Easter Egg Hunt



## Philoptochos Society - Friends of the Poor!

This year the Metropolis Spring Fundraiser is a “No Show Event honoring Men”. Our honoree is John Kaloydis.



John is a lifelong active member of Assumption GOC. Following in the footsteps of his parents the late Evangelos and Madeline (Joseph) Kaloydis who lived to serve the church in any way they could, John began serving in the altar at the age of 9. He was tonsured by Bishop Timothy of Chicago during one of his official ecclesiastical visits and for the next 62 years John continues to serve. He serves currently as senior acolyte and chanter and is a mentor to our young altar servers, and is always present to assist the priest whenever and wherever he is needed. He ensures that everything is set up properly for each Divine Liturgy and other sacramental services. The only interruptions from his service to our Assumption Greek Orthodox Church were when he attended Hellenic College from 1968-1970, and again when he served in the US Army from 1970-1972. He had the good fortune to serve in many liturgies with Archbishop Iakovos of blessed memory, for which he is extremely appreciative.

John has volunteered at every one of our church's Greek Festivals from the 1970's up to today in our new church in Grand Blanc. He was also a regular weekly volunteer when we had the weekly Fish Fry. He has been the Chairman of the church's last 6 very successful Golf Outings. This has become one of our major fundraisers.

Whatever project John takes on, he throws himself completely into it, to make sure it has outstanding results and his energy inspires each of the volunteers on the committee.

Outside the church, John volunteers on a regular basis at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan and the Crim Fitness Foundation. John has been a regular Red Cross donor (271 donations) including whole blood and Alphaeresis/Platelets since 1968. He and his wife Karen (Drury) enjoy giving back to the community.

Submitted by Cathy Yeotis, Vice President

# Spring Pastry Sale

Sponsored by the Daughters of Penelope of  
Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

This will be by Pre-order Only

You may pre-pay by check or credit card at time of pick up

Deadline for turning in orders is Friday, June 3, 2022

Orders are to be picked up

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Between 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Item</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Baklava (one piece)	\$2.50	_____	_____
Baklava (30 pieces)	\$50	_____	_____
MelomaCarona (Honey dip)	3 for \$5.	_____	_____
Kourambiethes (w/almonds)	3 for \$5.	_____	_____
Koulourakia (butter twist)	6 for \$3	_____	_____
Variety Box	\$15	_____	_____
Spinach Pie (15 pieces frozen)	\$25	_____	_____
Cheese Triangles (frozen).	6 for \$9	_____	_____
<b>Total Cost</b>			_____

Please make checks payable to Daughters of Penelope and mail

Along with your order form to:

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

Attention DOP

2245 E. Baldwin Road

Grand Blanc, MI 48439

For further information you may Call the Church at 810-771-4611

SAVE THE DATE  
DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT  
June 25th

at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 2245 E. Baldwin Rd,  
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featuring



Greek Dinner 5-7 pm                      \$15.00 per person  
Cash Bar & a'la carte items available  
Band Concert 7-9 pm                      \$10.00 per person

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# Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp 2022

GRADES 12-ENTERING COLLEGE

WEEK 0

JUNE 26 - JULY 2

GRADES 3-11

WEEK 2

JULY 10 - JULY 16

WEEK 3

JULY 17 - JULY 23

WEEK 1

JULY 3 - JULY 9

WEEK 4

JULY 24 - JULY 30

WEEK 5

JULY 31 - AUGUST 6

AGES 18-35

SEPTEMBER 2-5

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## 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 [agocsec@gmail.com](mailto:agocsec@gmail.com)

Kathy and Mike Clinton are excited to announce the marriage of their daughter, Christina, to Sean Lennox. Christina and Sean met while attending and working together at the Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp for several years beginning in 2008. Their wedding took place on May 14, 2022 at the 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 the church office for a pastoral visit. Also, please notify 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 APRIL 2022		EXPENSES APRIL 2022	
Stewardship	9,518.00	Operating Expenses for Month	\$16,638.97
Trays/Candles	\$2,890.00	Miscellaneous Expenses for Month	\$3,821.47
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,787.92	Fundraising Expenses for Month - Poker Nights	\$5,470.00
Youth Ministry	\$0.00	Youth Ministry Bills Paid	\$0.00
Fundraising - Poker Nights	\$0.00		
<b>Total Operating Income for Month</b>	<b>\$14,195.92</b>	<b>Total Bills Paid for Month</b>	<b>\$20,930.44</b>
<b>OPERATING GAIN/(LOSS) FOR MONTH: (\$6,734.52)</b>			

ACCOUNT BALANCES APRIL 30, 2022		PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT/MAINTENANCE	
General Checking (used for Operating Expenses	\$26,159.29	Maintenance bills paid out of	\$0
Property Improvement/Maintenance Savings Account	\$3,750.06	Property Improvement / Maintenance Savings Account	during month




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# STEWARDSHIP 2022

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Batsios, Eftyhia

Batsios, Evangelos

Batsios, Vasilios & Maria

Birtsas, Sandra

Bistolaridis, Antonios & Maria

Bograkos, Tim & Sandy

Bograkos, Vera

Brown, Andy

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Chinonis, Elias

Chinonis, Katie

Chinonis, Linda

Chinonis, Richard

Christopher, Jim & Liz

Clinton, Mike & Kathy

Costa, John & Laura

Costa, Kyriacos & Vasilias

Davlantes, Alexander

Dalbo, Helen

Daros, Christine

Dau, Bill & Joanne

Davis-Kirksey, Linda

Delbridge, Ray & Carol

Demps, Crystal

Fahoome, Calliope

Falaras, Mary

Ferich, Andrew & Voula

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Garceau, Greg & Sia

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Kalatzis, Athena

Kallis, Agape

Kallis, Nick

Kallis, Penny

Kallis, Susan

Kaloydis, John

Kapellas, Katina

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Kitsonas, William

Kokkinakos, Peter & Panagiota

Komodromos, Tessie

Kondyles, Chryssoula

Kontorousis, Dimitre & Jacqueline

Kossaras, Dean & Joyce

Kottalis, LEMONIA

# STEWARDSHIP 2022

Kottalis, Mary  
Koutrouvidas, John & Nina  
Kus, Michael & Alexis  
Lauster, Jeff & Nancy  
Levas, George & Margot  
Livaditis, Nick & Evie  
Livieratos, Dr. Maria & Dobbins, David  
Lowe, Ann  
Mandelaris, John & Pauline  
Manutes, Nickolas & Maria  
Margaritis, John & Vicki  
Margaritis, Sofia  
Marks, Afroditi  
Marks, Jean  
Martorelli, Matt & Jill  
Martorelli, Sophia  
Menoutes, George  
Mersinas, Chrysafis  
Mersinas, George & Laura  
Michaelou, Antonios  
Michaelou, Sevesti  
Nitsos, Emma  
Nitsos, George & Candy  
O'Keefe, Derek & Michelle  
Pagonis, Taso & Mitra  
Pagonis, Voula  
Panos, Spiridoula  
Panos-Lillar, Diana  
Pappadakis, Nikki  
Pappadakis, Tony & Kandis  
Pappas, Dean & Elaine  
Paraschos, Sam & Sandra  
Pavlis, John & Pat  
Photiou, Carol  
Photiou, Lucas & Lori  
Politis, Rita  
Poulos, Eleanor  
Poulos, Steve & Martha  
Preston, Shane & Melissa  
Richards, Ken & Kathy  
Rivette, Matthew & Lori  
Russell, Fr. Jarrod  
Salutes-Rogind, Sally  
Schultze, JoAnne  
Sirakis, Kostas & Sofia  
Sirakis, Paris & Athena  
Stamatis, Thomas & Sandra  
Steinhoff, Amanda  
Steinhoff, Olga  
Steinhoff, Stephanie  
Stergiopoulos, Mary  
Stone, Paula  
Thornton, Jerry & Demi  
Vergos, Peter & Susie  
Vitinaros, Nick & Effie  
Welch, Joann  
Wright, Jeff & Kay  
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## 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.

Receipts will continue to be mailed to non-parishioners.

## 2022 List of Donors



## FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS



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## FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS

2022

## CONTRIBUTIONS

(JANUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 28)

Assumption Parish

Rev. Fr. Jarrod Russell

Heos, Pam & Brancheau, Jeff

Kalatzis, Athena

Stamatis, Thomas & Sandra

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

<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

<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>
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.

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

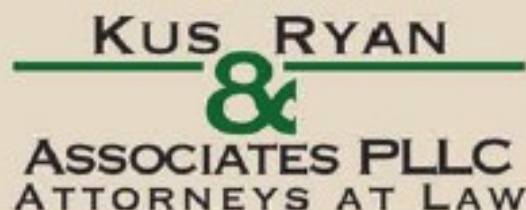
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**Stewardship Policy** - Only cash, check or credit card can be accepted as payment of stewardship. Donations of items or services cannot be accepted for stewardship in lieu of monetary payment.

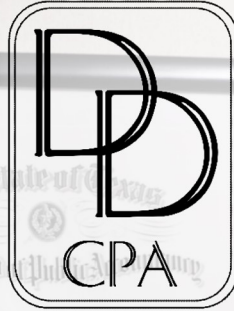


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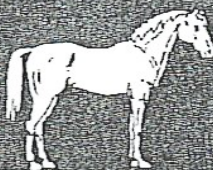
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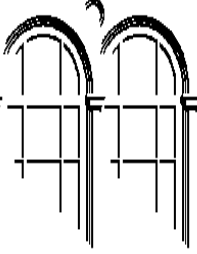
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