

# THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

March  
2023



# What's Happening

## MARCH 2023

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- 8: Philoptochos Meeting 1:00 pm
- 8: Pan-Orthodox PreSanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm  
@ St. Mary Magdalene Fenton
- 12: Parish Council Meeting After Liturgy
- 18: Pan-Orthodox Lenten Retreat
- 22: Pan-Orthodox PreSanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm  
@ St. Nicholas Burton
- 25: Pan Orthodox Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM  
Feast of the Annunciation @ Assumption
- 26: DOP Meeting after coffee hour

## APRIL 2023

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- 5: Pan-Orthodox PreSanctified Liturgy 6:00 PM  
@ St. George Flint
- 9: Palm Sunday
- 16: Pascha
- 19: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 PM
- 21: Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM  
For The Life Giving Font @ Assumption
- 23: DOP Meeting after coffee hour
- 27: DOP Salad Luncheon

# Prosporon Schedule

March:

- 5: Pagonis, Taso & Mitra
- 12: Palmer, Diane
- 19: Panos, Spiridoula
- 26: Panos, John

April:

- 2: Panos-Lillar, Diana
- 9: Pappadakis, Anthony & Kandis
- 16: Pappadakis, Nikki
- 23: Pappas, Dean & Elaine
- 30: Paraschos, Tim & April

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.

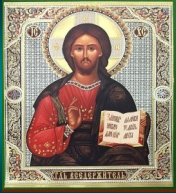
If you would like to add your name or the name of a family member to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 810-771-4611.

*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 REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Sandi Chinonis; Maria Chuleas; Stephanos Hatzigeorgiou & Family;  
Tessie Komodromos; Afroditi Marks; George & Laura Mersinas;  
Sam Paraschos; Helen Yiannatji

<b>SUNDAY READERS SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>APRIL</b>
5 John Costa	2 Debra Chinonis
12 Dena Altheide	9 John Costa
19 Nick Kallis	15 Dena Altheide
26 Cathy Yeotis	23 Nick Kallis
	30 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,

With most of winter behind us, I hope March is the month when ice starts to melt and perhaps an occasional bird chirping are signs of Spring approaching. With the month of March, let us all “march” towards positivity.

Upcoming is the major Feast day of the Annunciation. This feast day commemorates the visit of the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, during which he informed Mary that she will be the mother of Christ. A Divine Liturgy on this day, March 25th, will be held at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church with our local sister churches at 10:00 am. To the celebrants on this day, Evangelos & Evangelia, wishing you a very happy name day and many happy returns on your special day.

Also, March 25th is the Greek Independence day commemorating the 1821 war.

As you all well know by now, Father Angelo Artemas, son of Father John Artemas has been stricken with a very serious health affliction. I kindly ask of you to light a candle and pray wishing Father Angelo a speedy recovery.

To our amazing Fr. John,

Many warmest thanks for your graciousness, support, wisdom, love, and kindness you have given us these past few months. We are extremely grateful and appreciative. You will be missed. **YOU ARE THE BEST!!!!**

Warmest wishes for a wonderful Spring.

Susan Kallis

Parish Council President

## MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

The GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT holds our operating income we receive each month including stewardship, trays and candles, and other donations. Paid out of this account are the operating expenses each month.

The SPECIAL EVENTS ACCOUNT is used to hold income from fundraising events such as Golf Outing, Cash Raffle, other Fundraisers. These funds are released to the General Checking Account once all associated bills are paid for that fundraiser and a final accounting is done. Also included in this account are the monies collected by our Religious Education group for Youth Ministry, monies donated for the Parking Lot Pledge project, and Easter Item Donations.

We currently have 3 Savings accounts for designated purposes – Iconography, Church Investment Savings Fund (Wall Savings) and Property Improvement. We also have an Investment Account for Iconography and an Investment Account for the Church Investment Savings Fund

Any questions regarding the Monthly Treasurer's Report should be directed to the Parish Council President, Treasurer or Co-Treasurer.

OPERATING INCOME JANUARY 2023			OPERATING EXPENSES JANUARY 2023		
	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE		CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Stewardship	\$28,958	\$28,958	Operating Expenses	\$13,431.69	\$13,431.69
Trays & Candles	\$1,476	\$1,476	Miscellaneous Expenses*	\$1,085.45	\$1,085.45
Memorial income	\$1,565	\$1,565	Fish Fry Expenses	\$2,536.19	\$2,536.19
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,414.11	\$1,339.11	Maintenance Exoenses	\$841.79	\$841.70
Fundraising Income	\$2,000	\$2,000			
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$35,413.11</b>	<b>\$35,413.11</b>	<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$17,895.12</b>	<b>\$17,895.12</b>
<b>OPERATING GAIN( LOSS) FOR MONTH: \$17,517.99</b> <b>OPERATING GAIN/(LOSS) FOR YEAR: \$17,517.99</b>					

\*Miscellaneous Expenses include Office, Janitorial, Altar and Kitchen supplies

OTHER INCOME – JANUARY 2023		OTHER EXPENSES JANUARY 2023	
ICONOGRAPHY DONATIONS	\$6,384	Iconography Expenses	10,000
DONATIONS FOR SCAFFOLDING	\$2,754	Transfer to Iconography Investment Account	\$0
CHURCH INV SAVINGS FUND – WALL DONATIONS	\$2,075	Wall Savings Expenses	\$0
DONATIONS FOR FISH FRY EXPENSES	\$375	Transfer to Wall Savings Investment Account	\$0

We could like to say THANK YOU everyone who has donated to the Iconography Project for the Scaffolding. We are a little over half way to our goal. Keep the donations coming.

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023			
General Checking	\$86,325.92	Church investment Savings Fund – Wall Savings	\$2,188.38
		Church Investment Savings Investment Account	\$138,025.89
Special Events – Consists of: Easter Item Donations \$500.00 Parking Lot Savings \$1,376.85 Youth Ministry \$1,012.47 Emergency Funds \$3,000	\$5,889.35	Iconography Savings	\$1,794.59
		Iconography Investment Account	\$80,259.65
		Property Improvement Savings	\$2,576.92

# ICONOGRAPHY PROJECT

In 2018 we began our Iconography Project that had a total project cost of approximately \$340,000. Thank you to those who have purchased or committed to purchasing an Icon. To date we have raised approximately \$250,000. Our Iconographer is currently working on the icons for the dome.

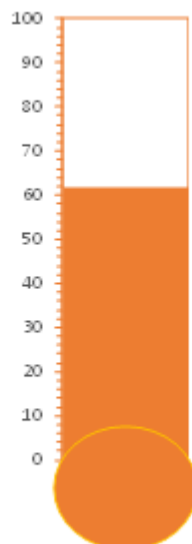
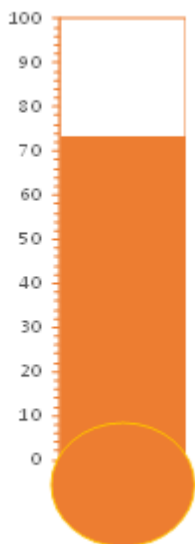
In order to install these icons, we are going to have to rent scaffolding which was not included in the original budget for the project. The cost of the scaffolding is going to be \$21,000. We are asking everyone to consider giving the church a donation for the scaffolding. We would like at least \$200 from each parishioner, however any donation, big or small, will definitely help. Thank you to those that have contributed to that project. To date we have raised \$13,000 towards the scaffolding.

Please send your donations to the church with a notation that it is for the Iconography scaffolding. You can also give your donations to John Hountalas, JoAnne Schultze, or Debra Chinonis in church on Sundays.

There are still Icons available for sale. Please consider purchasing an icon, either by yourself, or with other individuals/families. If you would like to purchase an icon or even just donate a little, please contact John Hountalas at (810) 701-5164.

Thank you for your support of our Assumption Church and the Iconography project.

ICONOGRAPHY PROJECT	SCAFFOLDING PROJECT
GOAL: \$340,000	GOAL: \$21,000
ACHIEVED: \$250,000	ACHIEVED: \$13,000
73.5% OF GOAL	61.9% OF GOAL



## Scaffolding Project Donors

Allard, Georgie & Clyde	Drolet, Mark & Penelopi	Panos, Angelo
Altheide, Dena	Hanna, Elias	Panos-Lillar, Diana
Anonymous	Hountalas, Dimitri & Brittany	Potsos, Emmanouil
Artemas, Rev. Fr. John	Hountalas, John & Tasia	Red Baron
Bakris, Nicholas	Kondyles, Chryssoula	Richards, Ken & Kathy
Batsios, Eftyhia	Kossaras, Dean & Joyce	Schultze, JoAnne
Chinonis, Dennis & Debra	Lauster, Jeff & Chinonis, Nancy	Sirakis, Kosta & Sofia
Chinonis, Linda	Lowe, Ann	Thornton, Jerry & Demi
Christopher, James & Elizabeth	Mandelaris, John & Pauline	Wright, Jeff & Kay
Churchills Food & Spirits	Mavrikos, Ioannis & Aspasia	
Clinton, Mike & Kathy	Melonkos, Anthony & Paula	

### Available Icons of the 12 Profits for the dome

Jeremiah	Solomon	Isiah	Aaron
Elijah- <b>SOLD</b>	Micah	Ezekiel- <b>SOLD</b>	Joel
Elisha	Daniel	Jonah	Hosea
David- <b>SOLD</b>	Habakkuk	Moses- <b>SOLD</b>	Job

### Two icons available that have already been installed:

Nativity (left side looking at Altar, left of Baptismal Font)



Communion of the Apostles (by Bishops Throne)



***National Philoptochos joins with His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros in prayer for all those who have been affected by the devastating earthquake that took place this morning in Turkey and Syria. We mourn the loss of life and pray for those who have been injured and displaced. May Our Lord bring comfort to all. National Philoptochos will monitor the situation and consult with both IOCC and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America to determine what assistance we can provide. As soon as we are able to determine how we can best provide assistance, we will advise our Metropolis Presidents and all chapters.***



## COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS

MARCH		APRIL	
5TH	Stella Daskalakis, Kathy Clinton	2ND	Cathy Yeotis, Olga Steinhoff, Marina Valentine
12TH	Spiridoula Panos, Katina Kapellas	23RD	John Costa, Mark Kraemer
19TH	Elpida Christakis, Evanthia Livaditis	30TH	Dena Altheide, Diana Panos-Lillar
26	Maria Bistolaridis, Alexandra Frantzis, Nina Koutrouvidas		

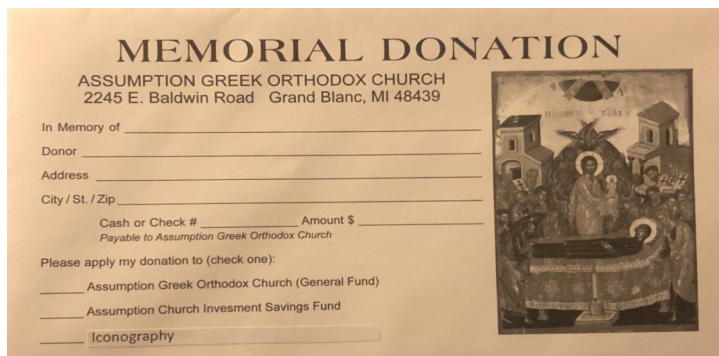
## LENTEN/PASCHAL ITEMS NEEDED

Items listed are needed for the celebration of the special services during Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha. Contributions should be called into 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	Donation Received
2nd Salutation-Theotokos Icon Flowers	\$55	Donation Received
3rd Salutation-Annunciation Icon Flowers	\$55	
3rd Sunday of Lent-Veneration of the Cross Daffodils	\$85	Donation Received
4th Salutation-Theotokos Icon Flowers	\$55	
Annunciation Icon Flowers	\$55	
Akathish Hymn - Theotokos Icon Flowers	\$55	
Palms for Palm Sunday	\$165	
Nymphios Icon Flowers - 2 Sets	\$55 each	
Oil for Holy Unction Service	\$20	
Cotton for Holy Unction Service	\$10	
Pascha Red Eggd (25+1 dozen)	\$100	\$45 Donation Received
Rose Petals - Holy Friday	\$20	
Rose Water - Holy Friday	\$20	
Flowers for Cross on Sepulcher Kouvoukalion	\$55	
Resurrection Icon Flowers 1st	\$55	
Resurrection Icon Flowers 2nd	\$55	
Resurrection Banner	\$90	
Large Resurrection Candle for Father	\$55	
Oil for Altar Candles	\$55	
Cross Wreath for Holy Thursday	\$90	
Vase set for Palm Sunday	\$55	Donation Received
Vase set for Easter Sunday	\$55	Donation Received
Palm Sunday Icon	\$55	
Large Icon screen (2 total)	\$280	
Bay Leaves	\$225	
Lillies (6 total)	\$35 each	
Gardenias (12 total)	\$182	Donation Received

## 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. Any memorial donation checks not marked “ *Assumption Church*” will be distributed for the purpose indicated on the check.



The image shows a 'MEMORIAL DONATION' form for the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. The form includes fields for 'In Memory of', 'Donor', 'Address', and 'City / St. / Zip'. It also has a section for 'Cash or Check #' and 'Amount \$', with a note 'Payable to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church'. Below this, there is a section 'Please apply my donation to (check one):' with three options: 'Assumption Greek Orthodox Church (General Fund)', 'Assumption Church Investment Savings Fund', and 'Iconography'. To the right of the form is a small icon depicting a religious scene, likely the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

### Scheduling of Memorial Services

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

### Koliva

If anyone is in need of Koliva, please contact the church office (810-771-4611) 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 with a minimum pledge of \$600 per family or \$350 per single 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.

Any deviations 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.

**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.

# CHURCH USAGE/HALL RENTAL FEES

(Approved by Parish Council Effective December 4, 2022)

For the Sacraments of Holy Marriage and Holy Baptism

There is no charge for Funeral or Memorial Services.

## CHURCH USAGE FEE

<p><b>Member in good standing of AGOC-Grand Blanc:</b> Person with an AGOC pledge card on file with a minimum pledge of \$600 per family or \$350 per single and current in pledges for active and preceding year</p>	<p><b>Inactive Parishioner/Non-Member at AGOC-Grand Blanc:</b>  See ASSUMPTION GOC MEMBER POLICY on page 8.</p>
<p>No fee for use of the church for sacraments.</p>	<p>\$750 fee for use of the church for Sacraments</p>

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

<p><b>Member in good standing of AGOC-Grand Blanc:</b> Person with an AGOC pledge card on file with a minimum pledge of \$600 per family or \$350 per single and current in pledges for active and preceding year</p>	<p><b>Inactive Parishioner /Non-Member at AGOC-Grand Blanc:</b></p>
<p>Friday-Saturday Hall Rental: 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)</p>	<p>Flat fee of \$1,100 for Hall Rental (includes clean-up)  If church dishes are used, dishwasher will be supplied at a cost of \$50. (cannot bring own dishwasher)</p>
<p>Sunday - Thursday Hall Rental: \$300 minimum for 3 hours - \$100 each additional hour up to a maximum of \$600. Renter is responsible for hall clean-up. No kitchen usage.</p>	

# STEWARDSHIP 2023

THANK YOU to the following faithful stewards who have submitted their pledge cards for 2023. Please join them in their support of our Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and submit your pledge card today!

Allard, Clyde & Georgia

Altheide, Dena

Artemas, Rev. Fr. John

Asa, Barbara & Darwin

Bakris, Dr. Nicholas

Batsios, Eftyhia

Birtsas, Sandra

Bistolaridis, Tony & Maria

Bograkos, Tim & Sandy

Bograkos, Vera

Chiavaras, Lucille

Chinonis, Dennis & Dr. Debra

Chinonis, Elias

Chinonis, Katie

Chinonis, Linda

Chinonis, Nancy & Lauster, Jeffrey

Chinonis, Richard

Christopher, James & Elizabeth

Clinton, Mike & Kathy

Costa, John & Laura

Costa, Kyriacos & Vasilias

Davis-Kirksey, Steve & Linda

Demps, Crystal

Falaras, Mary

Ferich, Andrew & Voula

Foraker, Walter & Diane

Garceau, Greg & Sia

Heos, Pamela & Brancheau, Jeffrey

Hountalas Family

Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki

Kalatzis, Athena

Kallis, Agape

Kallis, Penelope

Kallis, Susan

Kaloydis, John

Kitsonas, William

Kokkianokos, Peter & Panagiota

Komodromos, Tessie

Kondyles, Chryssoula

Kontorosis, Dimitri & Jacqueline

Kossaras, Dean & Joyce

Kottalis, Mary

Koutrouvidas, John & Nina

Kus, Michael & Alexis

Levas, George & Margot

Livieratos-Dobbins, Maria

Lowe, Ann

Mandelaris, John & Pauline

Margaritis, Ioannis & Vicky

Martorelli, Matthew & Jill

Martorelli, Michael

Mavrikos, Ioannis & Aspasia

Melonakos, Anthony & Paula

Menoutes, George

Michaeloou, Sevasti

Neofotistos, John & Julie

Panos-Lillar, Diana

Panos, Spiridoula

Pappadakis, Nikki

Pappas, Dean & Elaine

Photiou, Carol

Photiou, Lucas & Lori

Politis, Rita

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Poulos, Eleanor

Poulos, Steve & Martha

Richards, Kenneth & Kathy

Rivette, Matthew & Lori

Schultze, JoAnne

Sirakis, Costa & Sofia

Stamatis, Sandra & Thomas

Steinhoff, Allen & Olga

Steinhoff, Amanda

Stergiopoulos, Mary

Thornton, Jerry & Demitra

Thurber, Chuck & Paula

Vergos, Dr. Peter & Susie

Vitinaros, Effie & Nick

Walker, Bruce & Kathy

Welch, JoAnne

Wright, Jeff & Kay

Yeotis, Catherine

Yeotis, Hon. Thomas & Meg

## *The Orthodox Churches of Greater Flint*

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 South Long Lake Road ❖ Fenton, MI 48430 ❖ 810-750-1701  
St. Nicholas (OCA) 2143 South Center Road ❖ Burton, MI 48519 ❖ 810-744-0070

**Come, Join Us for this Lenten Retreat by  
Archbishop Alexander and Bishop Anthony!**

## **The Cross of Christ – The Scriptures and the Priesthood**



**Bishop Anthony**

*Diocese of Toledo & the Midwest  
Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese*



**Archbishop Alexander**

*Bulgarian Diocese of Toledo  
Orthodox Church in America*

**Saturday  
March 18, 2023**

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church  
2143 S Center Rd • Burton, MI**

**Please RSVP by March 13 to  
(810) 744-0070 or  
[stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com)**

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| <b>10 am</b>       | <b>Divine Liturgy</b>                                      |
| <b>11:30 am</b>    | <b>Lunch (free will offering)</b>                          |
| <b>12 pm</b>       | <b>Registration</b>  |
| <b>12:30 pm</b>    | <b>The Scriptures and the Cross – Archbishop Alexander</b> |
| <b>1:30 pm</b>     | <b>Break</b>   |
| <b>1:45 pm</b>     | <b>The Priesthood and the Cross – Bishop Anthony</b>       |
| <b>2:45 pm</b>     | <b>Break</b>   |
| <b>3 - 3:30 pm</b> | <b>Questions and Answers</b>                               |
| <b>4 pm</b>        | <b>cathedral vigil followed by Confessions</b>             |

### *Guest Speakers*

**Archbishop Alexander** was consecrated on May 5, 2012 as bishop of the Bulgarian Diocese of Toledo (OCA) and on March 30, 2016 was elected to his second see of Dallas and the Diocese of the South (OCA).

**Bishop Anthony** was consecrated on December 11, 2011 as Auxiliary of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest, for the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

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## *Orthodox Churches of Genesee County, Michigan*

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### **2023 Great Fast and Bright Week**



#### **Pan-Orthodox Divine Services and Lenten Refreshments**

**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 after the service.

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

**Presanctified Divine Liturgy** and **Lenten Refreshments** (*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 at evening liturgies, please be prepared with prayer and fasting (*no eating or drinking after 12 Noon*). Confessions will only be available prior to the evening liturgies from 5:30pm–6pm. Unfortunately, we will not be having Potluck Lenten Meals this year, but we will break the fast with Lenten Refreshments.

March 8<sup>th</sup> **Presanctified Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene** 6pm

Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> **Lenten Retreat** (*more information to follow*)

March 22<sup>nd</sup> **Presanctified Liturgy at St. Nicholas** 6pm

March 25<sup>th</sup> **Great Feast of the Annunciation Divine Liturgy at Assumption** 10am

April 5<sup>th</sup> **Presanctified Liturgy at St. George** 6pm

April 8<sup>th</sup> **Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Liturgy at St. George** 9:30am

#### **Bright Week** (April 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>)

April 17<sup>th</sup> **Paschal Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene** 10am

April 18<sup>th</sup> **Paschal Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas** 10am

April 19<sup>th</sup> **Paschal Evening Liturgy at St. George** 6pm

April 21<sup>st</sup> **Paschal Divine Liturgy for the Life-giving Font at Assumption** 10am

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# WE'RE BACK FOR LENT!

Starting Friday, February 24, 2023 through April 7, 2023

3:00 to 8:00 pm

Our varied menu offers these delicious choices:

Fried & Baked Fish \* Shrimp Basket \* Plaki \* Pastitsio \*

We are in need of volunteers. Call the church if you would like to volunteer to help on a Friday night.

Teens: This is a great opportunity to earn your Community Service Hours for school.

Anyone willing to help subsidize the cost of running the Fish Fry, donations are graciously accepted. The list below contains some of the items needed each week with the costs associated with those items. Please give any donations to John Hountalas or JoAnne Schultze.

Items Needed	# Needed Each Week	Price Per Case/Item:
Icelandic Cod	15 cases	\$75.00 per case
French Fries	6 Cases	\$50.00 per case
Fry Oil	2-35 lb tubs	\$40.00 per tub
Mayo	1/2 case	\$70.00 per case
Tartar	1/2 case	\$60.00 per case
Ketchup	1/2 case	\$45.00 per case

# OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2023

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week <b>FEBRUARY 5th</b>		<i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> <b>Publican and the Pharisee</b> Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week <b>FEBRUARY 12th</b>		<b>The Prodigal Son Returns!</b> Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare <b>FEBRUARY 19th</b> FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY		<b>The Last Judgement</b> Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare <b>FEBRUARY 26th</b> FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY		<b>Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise!</b> <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 5th</b>		<i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> <b>SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY</b> Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 12th</b>		<b>ST GREGORY PALAMAS</b> Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 19th</b>		<b>VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 26th</b>		<b>ST JOHN of the LADDER</b> Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 2nd</b>		<b>ST MARY of EGYPT</b> Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! <b>APRIL 9th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS		<i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <b>APRIL 14th</b>		<b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! <b>APRIL 16th</b> NO FASTING!		<i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> <b>HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!



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## Assumption Church Community Update

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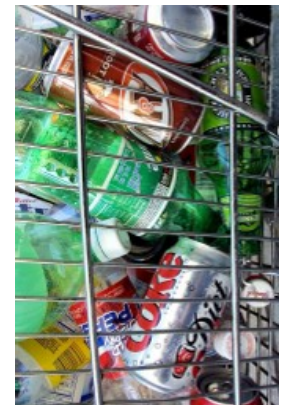
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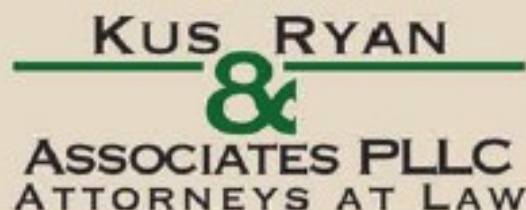
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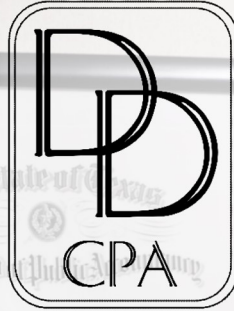


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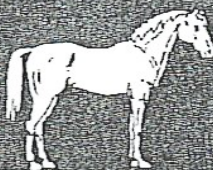
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