

THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

June
2023



What's Happening

JUNE 2023

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4: Holy Pentecost

10: Taste of Greece

11: Spring General Assembly

14: Parish Council Meeting

20: Daughters of Penelope Mtg & Potluck

Noon-7:30 PM

After Liturgy

6:15 PM

6:00 PM

JULY 2023

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9: Pan Orthodox Softball Game

Prosporon Schedule

June:

- 4: Photiou, Carol
- 11: Photiou, Lucas & Lori
- 18: Photiou, Maroulla
- 25: Photiou, Christakis

July:

- 2: Politis, Rita
- 9: Potsos, Emmanouil
- 16: Poulos, Mr. & Mrs. Chris
- 23: Poulos, Eleanor
- 30: Poulos, Mr. & Mrs. Steven

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 deceased, to be read during the Proskimide (Preparation) Service: one list is for those who are living and the other for those who have fallen asleep to the Lord. 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.

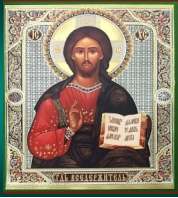
If you would like to add your name or the name of a family member to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 810-771-4611.

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; George Levas, Afroditi Marks; George & Laura Mersinas; Sam Paraschos

SUNDAY READERS SCHEDULE	
JUNE	JULY
4 Nick Kallis 11 Debra Chinonis 18 John Costa 25 Cathy Yeotis	2 Dena Altheide 9 Debra Chinonis 16 John Costa 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 FATHER PETER

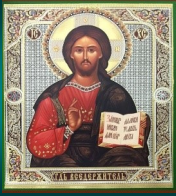
CULTIVATING THE SEED OF THE CHURCH

“The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church”. The second-century church father, Tertullian, made this statement in his defense of the Christian faith to non-believers, but it is a reminder in this day and age to all of us who call ourselves Christians.

The Orthodox Church, in particular, has held strongly to this. For example (and I’m sure very few of you know this) at the consecration of a church building and the altar in it, relics of actual martyr-saints are sealed into the altar table by the presiding bishop; these relics form the special blessing and foundation on the altar on which we consecrate the bread and wine offered and turn it into the body and blood of Christ.

In my travels over the years to various parishes in our Metropolis, I have served at many altars. What is interesting is that of those communities that have had a formal consecration, many of them do not know or can’t remember – or the information has been lost to history) – whose relics their altar contains. I have always felt that to be important for any parish to know – it is the presence of these saints that brings special sanctity not only to the altar itself, but to the entire community. Until recently, this was case of our altar here at Assumption, which was consecrated on September 28, 1986 (when we were located on Beecher Road) by His Grace, Bishop Timothy of blessed memory.

I love history – so I like researching the past. Sometimes, however, things have a way of revealing themselves. People think this is serendipity, but we have to look beyond this and see the hand of God Himself. One of our long-time parishioners just happened to find the commemorative keepsake given to each person who attended the consecration on that day – consisting of an icon card, a piece of the white tunic worn by the bishop, and – the names of the saints whose relics are sealed in our altar table.



FROM FATHER PETER

This was announced to our parishioners present at the Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the Myrrhbearers. The martyr-saints sanctifying our altar are:

St. Justin the Martyr and Philosopher (June 1)

and

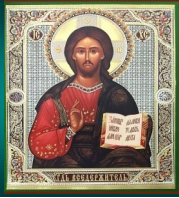
St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr and Healer (July 27)

The word “martyr” comes from the Greek word ‘μαρτυρία’, which means “witness”. In English, we tend to associate this word with the death of someone, or at least some sacrifice. In the broader sense, however, we are all martyrs – witnesses. There are many ways we do this, not the least of which is our faithful work in promoting our Orthodox faith and sustaining the house where we worship Christ, as the light of Pentecost to those outside of our community but, just as critically, to ourselves.

The founders of the Assumption community expressed their ‘μαρτυρία’, their witness, more than 100 years ago (the community was founded in 1920, although the first church building on Gillespie was built in 1928) and planted the seed of the Church in the Flint and Genesee County area. Like any seed, it requires care and cultivation at the least to help it survive. The seed of the Assumption community has passed through generations, three physical church buildings, and through many challenges.

The seed of this community is now the responsibility of its current witnesses – YOU! The revelation of our saint-martyrs in the altar are the message of the need for YOUR witness – your μαρτυρία.

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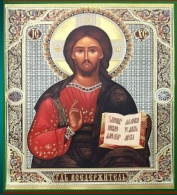
During this month of June, besides your faithful presence at the Divine Liturgy, we have the opportunity to contribute by our presence and participation at the Spring General Assembly of the parish. This will take place on Sunday, June 11, following the Divine Liturgy.

While the meeting is open to all, and all may partake in the deliberations, please remember that under parish by-laws, only those who have signed a stewardship card and are current in their contributions can vote and make motions.

The request is simple: IF you have not completed (and signed) a stewardship card and made a pledge for 2023, PLEASE DO SO. Your FULL participation in the general assembly is valued.

In the meantime, I invite you to consider four aspects of our community: its STRENGTHS, its WEAKNESSES, the OPPORTUNITIES we have, and the THREATS we face. Please share them with me (FrPeterAGOCGrandBlanc@gmail.com) or with any member of the parish council and participate in the discussions as witnesses and stewards of the seed which is our Assumption community.

In Christ,
+Fr. Peter



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Christ is Risen!

Every season has its joys & challenges. Our lives also have “seasons”. Sometimes we feel springlike, energetic & dynamic, or perhaps more like winter - dormant & quiet. Whatever the season life moves forward.

The iconography installation is underway. A slight inconvenience temporarily, and with anxiety & anticipation we will shortly be admiring the beautiful masterpiece above us.

I will post a sign-up sheet on Sundays for coffee hour sponsors. An occasional change may occur on the dates if a memorial is to be scheduled. To all sponsors, a heartfelt thank you making my job a little easier.

The “Taste of Greece” is rapidly approaching. Saturday, June 10th is the date, plan on joining us for a wonderful variety of foods & pastries, & an enjoyable fellowship.

We are looking to start a Garden Committee that will be responsible to maintain our beautiful landscaping. Any one that loves to garden and is interested in helping please let a Parish Council member.

Wishing you all a safe & fun summer,
Susan Kallis - Parish Council President

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS

We are seeking people to sponsor coffee hour in May & June. If you are interested please see Susan Kallis.

JUNE		JULY	
4TH	Mary Stergiopoulos & Susan Kallis	2ND	
11TH	Georgie Allard	9TH	
18TH		16TH	
25TH		23RD	
		30TH	

AGENDA – Spring General Assembly 2023

Sunday, June 11, 2023

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| 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. 2023 Proposed Budget | |
| 9. Ministry and Organization Reports | |
| A. Iconography Project Report | Committee Chair |
| B. Stewardship Report | Committee Chair |
| C. Fund Raising Events | Chairs of Events |
| 1. Fish Fry | |
| 2. Taste of Greece | |
| 3. Golf Outing | |
| 4. Blues Night | |
| 5. Car Show | |
| 6. Raffles | |
| a. Cash Raffle | |
| b. Super Draw Raffle | |
| 7. Other – Open for Suggestions | |
| D. Religious Education | } |
| E. Philoptochos | |
| F. Choir | |
| G. Daughters of Penelope | |
| H. AHEPA | |
| 10. New Business | |
| A. Appoint an Election Committee Chairperson | GA Chairperson |
| B. Metropolis Clergy-Laity, September 21-22, 2023
(Nominations and elections of parish delegates) | GA Chairperson |
| 11. Old Business | |
| A. Church Investment Savings Fund Bylaws | GA Chairperson |
| 12. Call for Questions | |
| 13. Call for Adjournment | GA Chairperson |
| 14. Closing Prayer | Priest |

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.

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 APRIL 2023			OPERATING EXPENSES APRIL 2023		
	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE		CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Stewardship	\$13,217.00	\$61,239.64	Operating Expenses	\$17,412.74	\$48,762.15
Trays & Candles	\$2,845.00	\$6,651	Miscellaneous Expenses*	\$2,281.41	\$5,789.23
Memorial income	\$0.00	\$2,405.00	Fish Fry Expenses	\$7,553.14	\$31,001.19
Miscellaneous Income	\$5,555.33	\$10,504.41	Maintenance Expenses	\$417.20	\$1,258.90
Fundraising Income **	\$11,300.86	42,550.62			
Total Operating Income	\$32,950.86	\$123,350.67	Total Operating Expenses	\$27,664.49	\$86,811.47
OPERATING GAIN(LOSS) FOR MONTH: \$5,286.37					
OPERATING GAIN/(LOSS) FOR YEAR: \$36,571.90					

*Miscellaneous Expenses include Office, Janitorial, Altar and Kitchen supplies and other expenses not included in the other categories

** Fundraising Income includes Fish Fry and Golf Outing

OTHER INCOME – APRIL 2023		OTHER EXPENSES APRIL 2023	
ICONOGRAPHY DONATIONS	\$13,276	Iconography Expenses	\$0
DONATIONS FOR SCAFFOLDING	\$650	Transfer to Iconography Investment Account	\$0
CHURCH INV SAVINGS FUND – WALL DONATIONS	\$2,517	Wall Savings Expenses	\$0
DONATIONS FOR FISH FRY EXPENSES	\$0	Transfer to Wall Savings Investment Account	\$5,000

We would 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 APRIL 30, 2023			
General Checking	\$93,556.84	Church investment Savings Fund – Wall Savings	\$7,331.35
		Church Investment Savings Investment Account	\$150,763.10
Special Events – Consists of: Altar Chair Donations \$250.00 Hall Rental \$600 Easter Item Donations \$1,940 Parking Lot Savings \$1,376.88 Youth Ministry \$1,012.47 Emergency Funds \$3,000	\$8,434.35	Iconography Savings	\$20,833.66
		Iconography Investment Account	\$73,021.64
		Property Improvement Savings	\$4,163.14



Philoptochos Society - Friends of the Poor!

The basic definition of the “Philoptochos is “Friends of the Poor” We are a philanthropic organization of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. We have 2 main events, we bake Tsou-reki for sale at Christmas and Pascha. We have a group of ladies that give of their time and talents for this project. They spend hours mixing, forming and baking this “Gift” to our Parrish and to the Community. We also have a “Pre-Order Bake Sale” in December. Again, our ladies step up and bake for this sale. They don’t just bake a dozen cookies, they bake “Dozens”. They never hesitate to again donate their time and talents for this event.

I would like to highlight some of the local charities that we donate to:

LOVE, Inc

People Helping People in Christ’s name. \$150 per month, (all year). LOVE, Inc. serves Genesee County to mobilize local churches to help transform lives and communities in the name of Christ.

Fish, Inc.

A local Grand Blanc charity that provides clothes and food for children in the Grand Blanc School System who also have State Bridge cards. We purchase winter coats for both boys and girls. We also collect for their Christmas Drive.

Christmas Card Drive

Moneys collected to help persons in our own church community in need.

Metropolis Charities

Partners in Philanthropy Fund (Local Metropolis needs)

Scholarship Fund (Hellenic College/Holy Cross)

Summer Camp Program

Emergency Relief Fund

It has been my pleasure to serve as the President of this organization for 6 years. A new President will be elected from the Board of Directors, and I will turn the gavel over to her.

Again, thank you for your support, and by the way we are always looking for new members to join our group and learn about what we are about.

Diana Panos-Lillar-President

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 \$263,000. Our Iconographer is currently working on the installation of the icons in 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 \$13,850 towards the scaffolding.

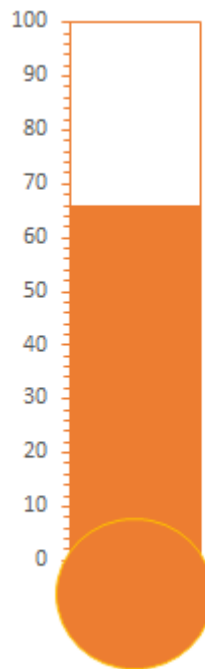
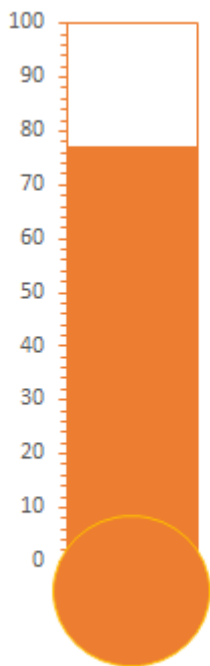
Please send your donations to the church with a notation that it is for the Iconography scaffolding. You can also give your donations to John Hountalas, JoAnne Schultze, or Debra Chinonis in church on Sundays.

We are in the final push to complete this project. 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
GOAL: \$340,000
ACHIEVED: \$263,000
77.3% OF GOAL

SCAFFOLDING
PROJECT
GOAL: \$21,000
ACHIEVED: \$13,650
66% OF GOAL



Scaffolding Project Donors


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

Available Icons of the 12 Prophets for the dome

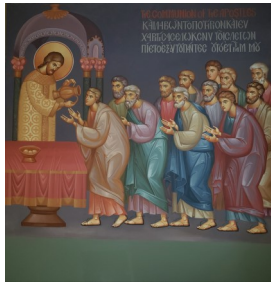
Jeremiah- SOLD	Solomon	Isiah- SOLD	Aaron
Elijah- SOLD	Micah	Ezekiel	Joel
Elisha	Daniel- SOLD	Jonah	Hosea
David- SOLD	Habakkuk	Moses- SOLD	Job

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)



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!

Bistolarides, Rev. Fr. Peter & Pres. Peggy	Garceau, Greg & Sia
Allard, Clyde & Georgia	Gintsis, Nick & Dorothy
Altheide, Dena	Hagler, Anna
Anagnostopoulos, Nick & Anna	Hagler, Gary & Marian
Artemas, Rev. Fr. John	Heos, Pamela & Brancheau, Jeffrey
Asa, Barbara & Darwin	Holland, Nick & Jennifer
Bakris, Dr. Nicholas	Hountalas Family
Batsios, Eftyhia & Evangelos	Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki
Birtsas, Sandra	Iordanou, Bill & Lisa
Bistolaridis, Tony & Maria	Kalatzis, Athena
Bograkos, Tim & Sandy	Kallis, Agape
Bograkos, Vera	Kallis, Nick
Brown Jr, Andrew	Kallis, Penelope
Chiavaras, Lucille	Kallis, Susan
Chinonis, Dennis & Dr. Debra	Kaloydis, John
Chinonis, Elias	Karay Sr, Nicholas
Chinonis, Katie	Kitsonas, William
Chinonis, Linda	Kokkianokos, Peter & Panagiota
Chinonis, Nancy & Lauster, Jeffrey	Komodromos, Tessie
Chinonis, Richard	Kondyles, Chryssoula
Christopher, James & Elizabeth	Kontorousis, Dimitri & Jacqueline
Clinton, Mike & Kathy	Kossaras, Dean & Joyce
Costa, John & Laura	Kottalis, Mary
Costa, Kyriacos & Vasilias	Koutrouvidas, John & Nina
Dalbo, Helen	Kus, Michael & Alexis
Daros, Christine	Levas, George & Margot
Davis-Kirksey, Steve & Linda	Livieratos-Dobbins, Maria
Demps, Crystal	Lowe, Ann
Duffy, David & Joynt, Elaine	Mandelaris, John & Pauline
Falaras, Mary	Manutes, Nicholas & Maria
Ferich, Andrew & Voula	Margaritis, Ioannis & Vicky
Foraker, Walter & Diane	Margaritis, Sofia

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Marks, Jean

Martorelli, Matthew & Jill

Martorelli, Michael

Mavrikos, Ioannis & Aspasia

Melonakos, Anthony & Paula

Menoutes, George †

Michaelou, Sevasti

Neofotistos, John & Julie

Nitsos, Emma

Nitsos, George & Candy

Panos-Lillar, Diana

Panos, Spiridoula

Pappadakis, Anthony & Kandis

Pappadakis, Nikki

Pappas, Dean & Elaine

Paraschos, Sam & Sandra

Pavlis, John & Pat

Photiou, Carol

Photiou, Lucas & Lori

Politis, Rita

Poulos, Eleanor

Poulos, Steve & Martha

Richards, Kenneth & Kathy

Rivette, Matthew & Lori

Schultze, JoAnne

Sirakis, Costa & Sofia

Sirakis, Paraskenos & Athena

Stamatis, Sandra & Thomas †

Steinhoff, Allen & Olga

Steinhoff, Amanda

Steinhoff, Dr. Stephanie

Stergiopoulos, Mary

Stergiopoulos, Zoi

Stone, Paula

Thornton, Jerry & Demitra

Thurber, Chuck & Paula

Thurkill, Stella

Vergos, Dr. Peter & Susie

Vitinaros, Effie & Nick

Walker, Bruce & Kathy

Wright, Jeff & Kay

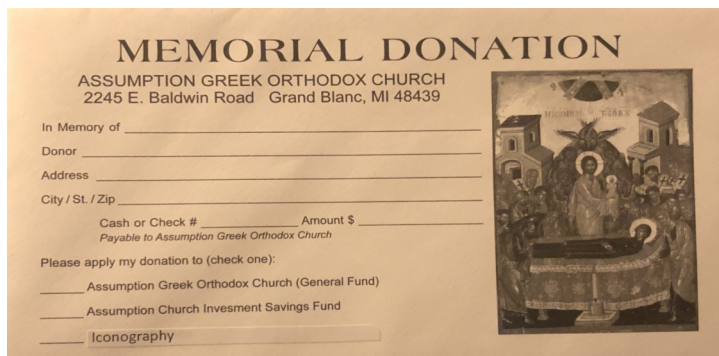
Yeotis, Catherine

Yeotis, Hon. Thomas & Meg

Zaravelis Family

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 for '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>Member in good standing of AGOC-Grand Blanc: 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>Inactive Parishioner/Non-Member at AGOC-Grand Blanc: 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>

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HALL RENTAL FEES

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<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>	



92ND ANNUAL AHEPA DISTRICT 10

Convention & Greek Gala

Saturday, June 3, 2023

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
760 W Wattles Road, Troy, MI 48098

Convention Sessions

8:30 – 9:40 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:40 a.m – 4:30 p.m	Meetings including Lunch

Greek Gala

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres with Open Bar
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Dinner and Presentations
7:30 – 11:00 p.m.	Dancing and Music by Dennis Theodorou

Registration

Convention Registration: \$120.00
(Received on or before May 5)

Convention Late Registration: \$140.00
(Received May 6 – 19)

Greek Gala Only Registration: \$75.00
(Received on or before May 19)

Hotel Information: Marriott Troy, 200 W Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI
Deadline to reserve a room for a special rate is on May 5, 2023 at 5 p.m.



Visit ahepadistrict10.org for more information.
Registration forms can be found on the events page.



Hosted by AHEPA and DOP District #10 Lodges



TASTE OF GREECE



NOON - 7:30 PM
SAT., JUNE 11TH

JOIN US FOR
GREEK FOOD & PASTRIES



Community Rewards Update

Contributions from February 2023 thru April 2023

16 Households for a total of \$40.79 in donations.

This is a easy fundraiser for AGOC. If you shop at Kroger please sign your card up to donate a portion of your purchases to AGOC and swipe your card every time you shop. Thank you to the 16 households that are contributing to AGOC.

Please join us for our 42nd

MACEDONIAN OPEN



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Individuals, families and businesses are all welcome and encouraged to become a sponsor or make a cash donation

Please return this portion by June 2nd

GOLFER #1: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

GOLFER #2: _____

GOLFER #3: _____

GOLFER #4: _____

Note: if you do not have a foursome we can place you in one

REGISTRATION & SPONSORSHIP FORM

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(contact a committee member if you wish to donate a gift basket)

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Fr. Peter plans to be a participant in the activities of that day, and encourages anyone who has, or knows families with, school-age children (including teens) to pass this information along and to contact Fr. Peter if there are any questions.

ALSO, there is a planning committee for the VCS, and if anyone is interested in participating as Assumption's representative on this committee, they are asked to contact Fr. Peter. You are encouraged to participate in this if you have any interest so that our Assumption family is represented in this important project.



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 – Thursday (10:00 AM – 2:00 PM) or see a Parish Council member on Sunday's.

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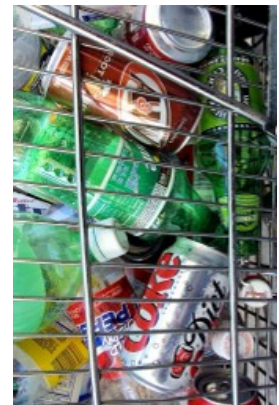
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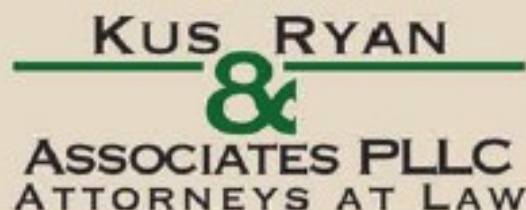
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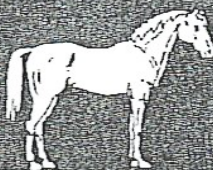
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