

THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

July/August
2023



What's Happening

JULY 2023

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9: Pan Orthodox Softball Game 3:00 PM
 12: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 PM

AUGUST 2023

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

2: Small Paraklesis 6:00 PM
 4: Small Paraklesis 6:00 PM
 9: Small Paraklesis 6:00 PM
 11: Small Paraklesis 6:00 PM
 12: Vacation Church School 10:00 AM-5:00 PM
 @ St. George
 14: Pan-Orthodox Vespers & Potluck 6:00 PM
 15: Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
 21: Golf Outing @ Pine Knob Golf Course
 28: Vespersal Liturgy 6:00 PM
 for the Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Prosporon Schedule

July:

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

August:

- 6: Preketes, Frank
- 13: Preston, Shane & Melissa
- 20: Richards, Kenneth & Kathy
- 27: Rivette, Matthew & Lori

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.

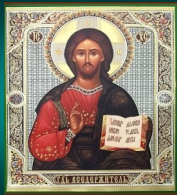
If you would like to add your name or the name of a family member to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 810-771-4611.

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; Sam Paraschos

SUNDAY READERS SCHEDULE	
JULY	AUGUST
2 Dena Altheide 9 Debra Chinonis 16 John Costa 23 Nick Kallis 30 Cathy Yeotis	6 Dena Altheide 13 Debra Chinonis 20 John Costa 27 Nick Kallis
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

FIRST FRUITS

Dear Assumption Family:

You can almost hear the sigh of relief as we leave behind the gloom of winter and the unpredictable weather of spring in Michigan, and we enter sunny (and, yes, sometimes unpredictable) summer. Time for relaxation, time for recreation, time for travel, freedom from school schedules and activities (for the kids, anyway). It feels like people downshift from the September to June business, and – for lack of a better term – slack off.

Summertime – and the living is easy? Not quite. Unfortunately, the activities that are put on the shelf during summer seems, for many people, to include our worship of God and attendance at the divine services of the Church. But summertime in the Church is busy, and the month of August alone contains two of the most important feasts of the Church year.

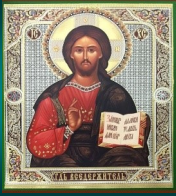
First, the Feast of the Transfiguration, on August 6, is one of the events in the Church year where Christ reveals Himself as divine – this one on Mount Tabor, in the presence of some of His chosen disciples. It is a reminder of the Divinity of Christ – combined mystically with his human nature and will. In many traditions, this is also a feast of the “first fruits” of the harvest – often accompanied by the blessing of grapes, wheat, and other agricultural products.

And, of course, the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos on August 15, which commemorates the falling asleep of our most glorious Lady the Theotokos. In the Western Church, this Feast is known as the Feast of the Assumption. It is important to point out that in the Orthodox Church, while we seem to use the name “Assumption” for the August 15 feast (including the naming of some of our parishes), this term is not totally accurate.

We know, by tradition, that when the Apostle Thomas arrived (late) after the falling asleep of the Theotokos and her entombment, he asked to be given the opportunity to gaze upon her once more. The tomb was opened - and found to be empty.

What happened to the body of the Theotokos? In the Catholic (that is, Universal) tradition, both the Eastern and Western Church believe that the body of the Theotokos was taken up to the Kingdom of Heaven, to be with her son.

But here’s where the difference lies. The Western Church has formally “dogmatized” this belief – placing it on the same level with events such as the Incarnation, the Resurrection, the Ascension, and others – referring to this as the “Assumption”.



FROM FATHER PETER

However, for the East (Orthodox), in the absence of any accounts or evidence of personal encounters with a “risen” Theotokos as we see occurring with Christ for 40 days after the Resurrection, the translation of the body of the Theotokos to Heaven is a “theologoumenon” or “theological opinion”; we believe that this is the most plausible explanation (we assume she was “Assumed”, if you will pardon the pun). The only certainty we have is her falling asleep and her entombment – and an empty tomb.

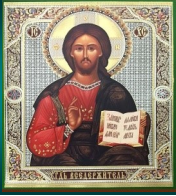
The fact the Orthodox Church does not consider this a “dogma” is not critically important to our beliefs, nor does not lessen the importance of the Dormition in our worship. The Theotokos, as fully human, experiences the common fate of all humanity – that of departure from this world, and entry into the next. She enjoys closeness with her son – more so due her special relationship to Him, which forms the basis for our intercessory prayers to her. And this closeness is also depicted in her carrying her pure and immaculate soul as depicted in the icon of the Dormition.

As our Church teaches, through her willing acceptance to give birth to our Savior, at her Dormition the Theotokos receives the first fruits of His Resurrection – eternal life. The apolytikion (dismissal hymn) of the Dormition reminds us that just as in giving birth she did not lose her virginity, in her falling asleep she did not abandon the world. She did not abandon us. She establishes herself as a great intercessor for us to her son and our Savior, ready to pray and intercede for us when called upon.

Both of these great feasts of August give us “first fruits” – one of the body, in the first fruits of harvest, and the other of the spirit – the first fruit of the Resurrection – eternal life, which we share when we confess our faith in Christ and try to live our lives in Him. This is a task that has no season, requiring our participation in prayer and worship throughout the year. Sin and evil take no vacation.

May you all enjoy a safe and pleasant summer, and may Christ our true God be with you, through the prayers of our patron, the most Holy Theotokos. I hope to see some of you at our services during the summer.

+Fr. Peter

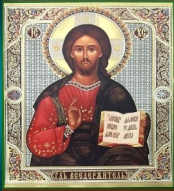


FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

We are starting a new page in our monthly newsletter to celebrate our parishioners birthdays. If you see that we have missed someone we ask that you please let us know so we can update our records.

HAPPIEST OF BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ALL OF OUR JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S

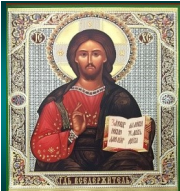
Konstantinos Zaravelis	July 1st	Anna Anagnostopoulos	July 31st
Elaine Pappas	July 3rd	Dr. Stephanie Steinhoff	July 31st
Allen Steinhoff	July 6th	Carol Photiou	August 1st
Stephanie Joseph	July 6th	Frank Preketes	August 1st
Emma Nitsos	July 7th	Alexis Iakovidis	August 5th
Eden Eisenbeis	July 7th	Paula Thurber	August 6th
Nicholas Kennedy	July 9th	Litsa Karakitsos	August 9th
Alexander Iordanou	July 9th	Sophia Martorelli	August 12th
Stefania Federick	July 10th	Mary Nitsos	August 12th
Yianna Leighton	July 13th	Carol Delbridge	August 13th
Athanasios Iakovidis	July 15th	Loukea Kovanis-Wilson	August 15th
Anna Photiou	July 17th	Devon O'Keefe	August 15th
Alexander Photiou	July 17th	Sam Paraschos	August 16th
Brady Paraschos	July 17th	Michael Martorelli	August 16th
Chris Christakis	July 18th	Adam Garceau	August 16th
Elpida Christakis	July 18th	Clyde Allard	August 18th
Ryan Braun	July 21st	Kanellos Frantzis	August 21st
Alexis Joseph	July 23rd	Thoula Karakitsos	August 21st
Christina Iakovidis	July 24th	Timothy Paraschos	August 23rd
Laura Costa	July 25th	Penelopi Drolet	August 25th
Brandon Iordanou	July 25th	Nicholas Vergos	August 26th
Alexis Kontorousis	July 29th	Dean Pappas	August 30th
Lynda Chinonis	July 30th	Raymond Delbridge	August 31st



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET OVERVIEW
2023 OPERATING FUND
2023 BIDGET (APPROVED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY 6/11/23)

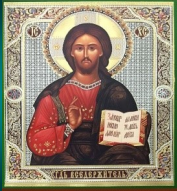
	2023 Approved Budget	
OPERATING REVENUES		
Stewardship	\$	140,000.00
Trays & Candles	\$	15,000.00
Candles Expense	\$	(3,000.00)
Hall Rental	\$	3,000.00
Interest Income	\$	15.00
Miscellaneous Income/Donations	\$	13,000.00
RE - Youth Ministry Income	\$	1,500.00
RE - Youth Ministry Expenses	\$	(1,500.00)
Fundraisers		
Cash Raffle Income	\$	50,000.00
Cash Raffle License	\$	(50.00)
Cash Raffle Expenses	\$	(22,000.00)
Charity Poker Night Income	\$	-
Poker Hall License	\$	-
Poker Hall Expenses	\$	-
Golf Outing Income	\$	42,000.00
Golf Outing Expenses	\$	(21,000.00)
Fish Fry	\$	65,000.00
Cost of Sales - Fish Fry	\$	(45,000.00)
Other Fundraisers Income	\$	20,000.00
Cost of Sales - Other Fundraisers	\$	(5,000.00)
Cost of Sales - Food Sales	\$	(5,000.00)
Total Operating Revenue	\$	246,965.00
Salary, Benefits and Payroll Taxes		
Priest		
Salary and Housing	\$	65,000.00
Auto Allowance	\$	6,000.00
Cell Phone Allowance	\$	1,200.00
Taxes - FICA Priest	\$	11,742.00
Insurance Expense - Health	\$	5,000.00
Total Priest Compensation Package	\$	88,942.00
Office/General		
Salaries - General	\$	12,000.00
Taxes - FICA Office employees	\$	918.00
Total General Compensation	\$	12,918.00
Total Salary, Benefits and Payroll Taxes	\$	101,860.00



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PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET OVERVIEW
2023 OPERATING FUND
2023 BUDGET (APPROVED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY 6/11/23)

	2023 Approved Budget	
General Operating Expenses		
Accounting	\$	1,200.00
Building and Property Security:		
Alarm	\$	1,236.36
Fire Panel	\$	1,550.00
Dues & Subscriptions - Software	\$	728.00
Parish Total Commitment	\$	29,786.04
Equipment Rental (Copier/Printer)	\$	5,000.00
Insurance Expense - Building	\$	9,500.00
Insurance Expense - Workman's Comp	\$	650.00
Lawn Care/Snow Removal	\$	9,000.00
Lawn Care - Weed Maintenance	\$	606.00
Lawn Care - Sprinkler System	\$	140.00
Laundry & Uniforms	\$	500.00
Pension Plan	\$	8,940.00
Postage and Shipping	\$	2,600.00
Publishing & Printing	\$	-
Repairs & Maintenance:		
Goyette Monthly	\$	2,472.00
Vanguard (Kitchen Fire Suppression System; Fire Extinguishers)	\$	500.00
Maintenance	\$	8,000.00
Janitorial (Cleaning)	\$	-
Pest Control	\$	600.00
Trash Removal	\$	1,100.00
Utilities:		
Comcast	\$	5,280.00
Consumers	\$	21,000.00
Water	\$	4,000.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$	114,388.40
Miscellaneous Expenses		
Advertising	\$	3,000.00
Bank Charges	\$	100.00
Computer Expenses	\$	200.00
Continuing Edu - Seminars & Conv	\$	2,400.00
Contributions - Metropolis	\$	400.00
Contributions - Other	\$	2,000.00
Cost of Sales: Food Sales		
Credit Card Processing Fees	\$	700.00
Honorariums	\$	9,000.00
Flowers & Gifts	\$	2,000.00
Library, Books & Journals (includes Liturgical)	\$	500.00
Licenses, Fees and Permits	\$	800.00
Metropolis Detroit Summer Camp	\$	500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	250.00
Supplies - Office	\$	1,500.00
Supplies - General	\$	3,000.00
Supplies - Janitorial	\$	500.00
Supplies - Kitchen	\$	3,500.00
Total Miscellaneous Expense	\$	30,350.00
Total Expense	\$	246,598.40
Net Income/Loss	\$	366.60



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PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET OVERVIEW 2023 OPERATING FUND 2023 BUDGET (APPROVED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY 6/11/23)

2023 Approved Budget

Restricted Accounts

Iconography

Iconography - Icons sold	\$	60,000.00
Iconography - other donations	\$	1,000.00
Iconography - Funds from restricted accounts	\$	25,000.00
Iconography Expenses	\$	(86,000.00)
	\$	<u>-</u>

Church Memorial Savings Fund

Plaque Donations	\$	2,000.00
Other Donations	\$	5,000.00
	\$	<u>7,000.00</u>

Parking Lot Savings Fund

Parking Lot Pledges/Donations	\$	2,000.00
	\$	<u>2,000.00</u>

AUGUST services and celebrations At Assumption

Feast of the Dormition Fast: August 1 to 14, 2023

Dormition Church Services

Small paraklesis (all at 6 p.m.): Wednesday August 2, Friday August 4

Wednesday August 9 Friday August 11

Note: attendance of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas is expected at one of these services (to be determined):

Great Vespers for the Dormition of the Theotokos

Monday, August 14, 2023 @ 6:00 pm (with area Orthodox clergy)

Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Orthros 8:45 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Other services

Vespers liturgy for the Beheading of John the Baptist, August 28th, 6:00 pm at Assumption (with area Orthodox clergy)



Philoptochos Society - Friends of the Poor!

SUMMER IS HERE. A time for renewal and growth. This will be the theme for the Philoptochos this year. Since Covid our membership attendance has been few in numbers. For the past few months, we have had only 5 to 8 members attending and these are all Board members. In order to accomplish this, we will try to have an occasional night meeting and it was suggested a possible Saturday luncheon meeting. We are open to suggestions from you. Another focus on bringing people back is having someone speak on an interesting topic or possibly a demonstration of some kind. Once again, members need to show their interest. Please take a minute of your time to reflect on these suggestions or offer new ones.

At this time, I would like to thank the out going Executive Board, lead by President Diana Lillar, for all their hard work and dedication over the years. Their jobs are not really over, they will just be in new positions. I have been given the opportunity to serve as Philoptochos President for the next two years and look forward to the challenges ahead. The new officers are as follows;

President – Olga Steinhoff

Vice-President – Cathy Yeotis

Treasurer – Diana Lillar

Recording Secretary – Susan Kallis

Corresponding Secretary – Agape Kallis

Board Advisor – Diana Lillar

Board of Directors – Georgie Lamberson-Allard

Dena Altheide

Ann Lowe

Carol Photiou

Also, just an early reminder, there will once again be a reception on the eve of the church's name day and we hope that everyone will be as gracious as they have been in the past and bring a Lenten dish for it..

Olga Steinhoff, President

Assumption Philoptochos

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 \$276,145. Our Iconographer finished our dome project at the end of May. It is absolutely beautiful! If you have not seen it in person yet, you need to visit to see his beautiful work.

In order to install these icons, we had to rent scaffolding which was not included in the original budget for the project. The cost of the scaffolding was \$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.

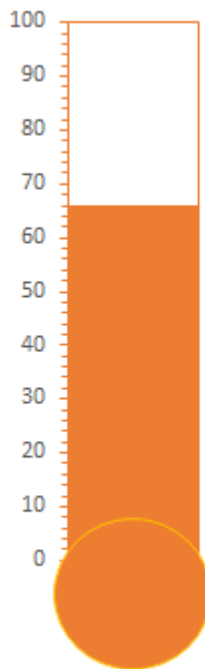
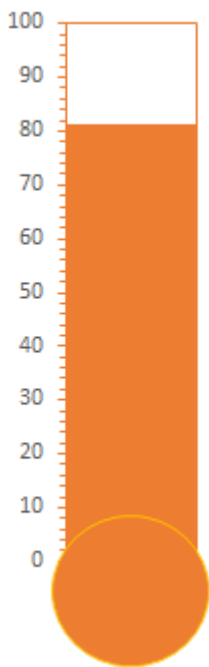
Please send your donations to the church with a notation that it is for the Iconography scaffolding. You can also give your donations to John Hountalas, JoAnne Schultze, or Debra Chinonis in church on Sundays.

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: \$276,145
81.2% 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-SOLD	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:

<p>Nativity (left side looking at Altar, left of Baptismal Font)</p> 	<p>Communion of the Apostles (by Bishops Throne)</p> 
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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

Allard, Clyde & Georgia

Altheide, Dena

Anagnostopoulos, Nick & Anna

Artemas, Rev. Fr. John

Asa, Barbara & Darwin

Bakris, Dr. Nicholas

Batsios, Eftyhia & Evangelos

Birtsas, Sandra

Bistolaridis, Tony & Maria

Bograkos, Tim & Sandy

Bograkos, Vera

Brown Jr, Andrew

Chiavaras, Lucille

Chinonis, Dennis & Dr. Debra

Chinonis, Elias

Chinonis, Katie

Chinonis, Linda

Chinonis, Nancy & Lauster, Jeffrey

Chinonis, Richard

Christakis, Christos & Elpida

Christopher, James & Elizabeth

Clinton, Mike & Kathy

Costa, John & Laura

Costa, Kyriacos & Vasilias

Dalbo, Helen

Daros, Christine

Davis-Kirksey, Steve & Linda

Davlanges, Alex

Delbridge, Ray & Carol

Demps, Crystal

Duffy, David & Joynt, Elaine

Eisenbeis, Gerald

Falaras, Mary

Fahoome, Tom & Calliope

Ferich, Andrew & Voula

Foraker, Walter & Diane

Frantzis, Kanellos & Alexandra

Garceau, Greg & Sia

Gintsis, Nick & Dorothy

Hagler, Anna

Hagler, Gary & Marian

Heos, James

Heos, Pamela & Brancheau, Jeffrey

Holland, Nick & Jennifer

Hountalas Family

Joynt, Kenneth

Joynt, Sadie

Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki

Iordanou, Bill & Lisa

Kalatzis, Athena

Kallis, Agape

Kallis, Nick

Kallis, Penelope

Kallis, Susan

Kaloydis, John

Kapellas, Katina

Karay Sr, Nicholas

Kitsonas, William

Kokkianokos, Peter & Panagiota

Komodromos, Tessie

Kondyles, Chryssoula

Kontorosis, Dimitri & Jacqueline

Kossaras, Dean & Joyce

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Kottalis, Mary	Photiou, Lucas & Lori
Koutrouvidas, John & Nina	Politis, Rita
Kraemer, Mark	Poulos, Eleanor
Kus, Michael & Alexis	Poulos, Steve & Martha
Levas, George & Margot	Richards, Kenneth & Kathy
Livaditis, Nick & Evie	Rivette, Matthew & Lori
Livieratos-Dobbins, Maria	Salutes-Rogind, Sally
Lowe, Ann	Schultze, JoAnne
Mandelaris, John & Pauline	Sirakis, Kostas & Sofia
Manutes, Nicholas & Maria	Sirakis, Paraskenos & Athena
Margaritis, Ioannis & Vicky	Stamatis, Sandra & Thomas †
Margaritis, Sofia	Steinhoff, Allen & Olga
Marks, Afroditi	Steinhoff, Amanda
Marks, Jean	Steinhoff, Dr. Stephanie
Martorelli, Matthew & Jill	Stergiopoulos, Mary
Martorelli, Michael	Stergiopoulos, Zoi
Mavrikos, Ioannis & Aspasia	Stone, Paula
Melonakos, Anthony & Paula	Thornton, Jerry & Demitra
Menoutes, George †	Thurber, Chuck & Paula
Michaelou, Sevasti	Thurkill, Stella
Neofotistos, John & Julie	Vergos, Dr. Peter & Susie
Nitsos, Emma	Vitinaros, Effie & Nick
Nitsos, George & Candy	Walker, Bruce & Kathy
Nitsos, MaryAnn	Wright, Jeff & Kay
Panos-Lillar, Diana	Yeotis, Art & Susan
Panos, Spiridoula	Yeotis, Catherine
Pappadakis, Anthony & Kandis	Yeotis, Hon. Thomas & Meg
Pappadakis, Nikki	Zaravelis Family
Pappas, Dean & Elaine	
Paraschos, Sam & Sandra	
Pavlis, John & Pat	
Photiou, Carol	

20th Annual Elias D. Chinonis

Golf Classic

August 21, 2023
at Pine Knob Golf Course

**Hole N' One
\$10,000 Prize**
Sponsored By
Swartz Funeral
Home

5580 Waldon Road • Clarkston, MI 48348

\$135 per Golfer • *Breakfast & Dinner Included*

• *Registration 8:00AM • Breakfast Buffet 8:30AM • Shotgun Start 10:30AM*

Join us after golf for: Dinner Buffet/Cash Bar/Prizes & Raffles

More Info: John Kaloydis • 810-922-2047 • jekaloydis@comcast.net

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION

SPONSORSHIPS

<input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 Gold Sponsor Includes 2 Tee box signs & 4 golfers	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Silver Sponsor Includes 1 Tee box sign & 2 golfers	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150 Bronze Sponsor Includes 1 Tee box sign	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Dinner Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
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All sponsors receive numerous recognition and flyer placements.

Wording for Sponsorship: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Foursome: Name & Phone

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Please Return by: August 10, 2023

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

2245 E. Baldwin Road • Grand Blanc, MI 48439

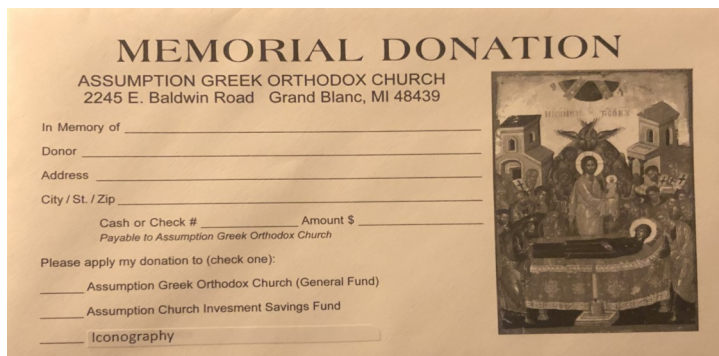
Attn: John Kaloydis • 810-922-2047 • jekaloydis@comcast.net



Assumption Greek Orthodox Church • Grand Blanc

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.



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>

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>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:</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>	

CONGRATULATIONS NICK KOTTALIS

On May 5, 2023, my brother, Nick Kottalis, won an unprecedented 5th term as UAW President and Chairman of Ford Motor Company's Dearborn Truck Plant in Dearborn, Michigan. Our heartfelt congratulations go out to Nick and his entire family as we celebrate this amazing accomplishment. Thus, becoming the only 5-Term UAW President/Chairman (in Assembly Division) in North America.

From his early youth as an altar boy at the original Assumption Greek Orthodox Church to working for prominent Greek-owned restaurants as a teen to working his way up through both the GM and Ford rank and file, Nick has continued to succeed by showing an endless determination and dedication that is simply unmatched. And it is that level of dedication to his automotive career that has become a great source of pride for our family as well as the Greek-American communities of Flint, Grand Blanc, Dearborn, and the numerous communities in the surrounding areas of Detroit.

Please join me in wishing Nick the best as he begins his 5th term as UAW President/Chairman of Ford's Dearborn Truck Plant!

Sincerely,

Dino Kottalis



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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Saturday, August 12
10:00am -5:00pm

FOLLOWED BY PAN-ORTHODOX
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"REFLECTING THE LIGHT OF THE SON"

-Exploring the Transfiguration and the Dormition-

PAN-ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL (VCS)

The Orthodox communities of Genesee County are preparing a Vacation Church School, open to all children and parents from all the communities, which is scheduled to take place on **Saturday, August 12, 2023** at St. George Antiochian on Lennon Rd.

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.

The Pan – Orthodox Churches of Genesee County
presents

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL 2023

Hosted by St. George

August 12th

Who: All children ages 4 through 11

What: “Reflecting the Light of the Son” - Exploring the Transfiguration and Dormition

Where: St. George Orthodox Church (5191 Lennon Rd, Flint, MI 48507)

When: August 12th — Registration 10:00am — VCS 10:30am to Vespers 5pm

Why: As Orthodox Christians we celebrate the major feast days of the Church.

It is imperative that our children understand the ‘Why’ behind the celebration.

How: Fill out a registration form for each child that will be attending and turn it into your parish representative or sign-up online.

Parish Representatives:

Holy Assumption: Fr. Peter

St. George: Janet Abueita

St. Nicholas: Michelle Gerzevske

St. Mary Magdalene: Terri Oginsky

Registration closes July 30th

Tentative Itinerary

10:00am—10:30am Arrive & Register
10:30am –11:00am Morning Prayers & Expectations
11:00am– 1:00pm Morning Sessions on the Transfiguration
1:00pm— 2:00pm Lunch
2:00pm— 2:30pm All Group Activity
2:30pm— 4:30pm Afternoon Sessions on Holy Dormition
4:30pm— 5:00pm Snack & Parent Pick-up
5:00pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers

Groups:

Group A: Ages 4, 5, & 6

Group B: Ages 7, 8, & 9

Group C: Ages 10 & 11

Children 12 years and older can sign-up to be student helpers.

Scan this code to register online



- ☞ For additional information please contact your parish representative (listed above)
- ☞ There is no fee for a child to participate in VCS, however please consider a free-will offering to the Pan-Orthodox Fund to help cover the cost of the event.

2023 Vacation Church School Registration Form

(Please fill out one form for each child attending)

Child's Name: _____

Child's Patron Saint/ Baptismal Name: _____

Child's Age: _____ Name of Home Parish: _____

Any Allergies or important information:

Please Check this Box if you DO NOT want us to use sunscreen or bug spray on your child

Parent(s) Name: _____

Parent Email: _____

Cell Number: _____ Additional Number: _____

Parents will you be staying with your child? YES NO

Lunch: Cheese Pizza, Salad, Raw Veggies, Fruit & Juice

Snack: Popsicles and Popcorn

Emergency Contact:

Emergency Contact 1: _____ Phone _____

Emergency Contact 2: _____ Phone _____

✦ For additional information please contact your parish representative:

Holy Assumption: Fr. Peter

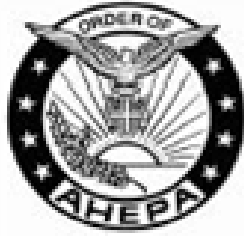
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✦ Please return this completed form (1 per child) to your parish representative by **Sunday, July 30th.**



Once again, on June 13, 2023, the AHEPA delivers milk to the less fortunate in Flint, MI. This is our 12th truckload, which amounts to nearly 20,000 gallons passed out since 2016. Thank you to all who support us through donations or as volunteers. The AHEPA organization continues to be leaders of helping those "in-need"!

Participating from Assumption Grand Blanc were: John and Laura Costa, Joanne Dau, Nick Kallis, Mark Kraemer, and JoAnne Schultze.





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Thank you for everything! It was an amazing day! Your 12th delivery of milk to Flint resulted in 500 gallons of milk distributed at the event with the remainder being shared by the Pregnancy Help Clinic, Mission of Hope, and Greater Holy Temple Church of God in Christ. Not only did you provide lead mitigating milk to Flint families, but you assisted in distributing 87 pairs of new shoes to those in need. The event itself welcomed 1123 guests and provided 1002 meals.

We will never be able to thank the AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope enough for their kindness and hard work for the families in our community. Bless you all.

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3:00pm



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810-744-0070

or contact your parish coordinator

GAME LOCATION

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Orthodox Church
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(15111 Leland Rd Flint, MI)

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**Session 16 ~ "Bringing the Jesus Prayer to the Parish"
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2023 List of Donors



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

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

If you require a receipt, please contact the church office during normal business hours (Tuesday – Thursday (10:00 AM – 2:00 PM) or see a Parish Council member on Sunday's.

Receipts will continue to be mailed to non-parishioners.

FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS 2023 CONTRIBUTIONS (JANUARY 1 - MAY 31)

- * Bistolarides, Fr. Peter & Presbytera Peggy
- * Chinonis, Nancy & Jeff Lauster
- * Dalbo, Helen
- * Heos, Pam & Jeffery Brancheau
- * Kalatzis, Athena
- * Kallis, Agape

Thank you!

PARKING LOT PLEDGE

For the last few years, a volunteer group has been sealing the parking lot during the summer months to help extend the life of our parking lot. In the next few years we will need to completely replace our parking lot. We are looking to start the fundraising for this very large project now in order to have the funds collected and ready when it comes times to pay for it. The anticipated cost for this project is upwards of \$300,000. Please faithfully pledge to assist our church in maintaining our beautiful property.

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

Gifts of any size are appreciated!

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City, State, ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

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Total Length of pledge: ___one time ___ 1 yr ___ 2 yrs ___ 3yrs ___ other _____

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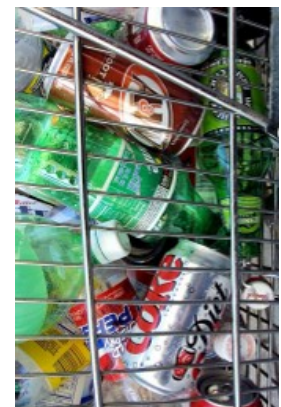
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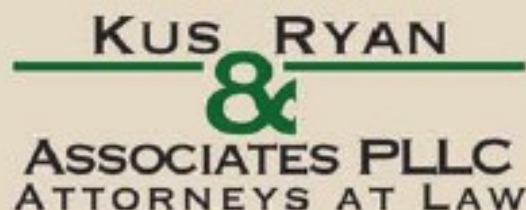
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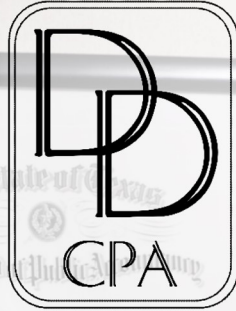


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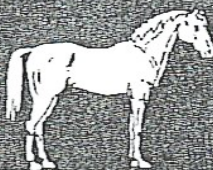
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