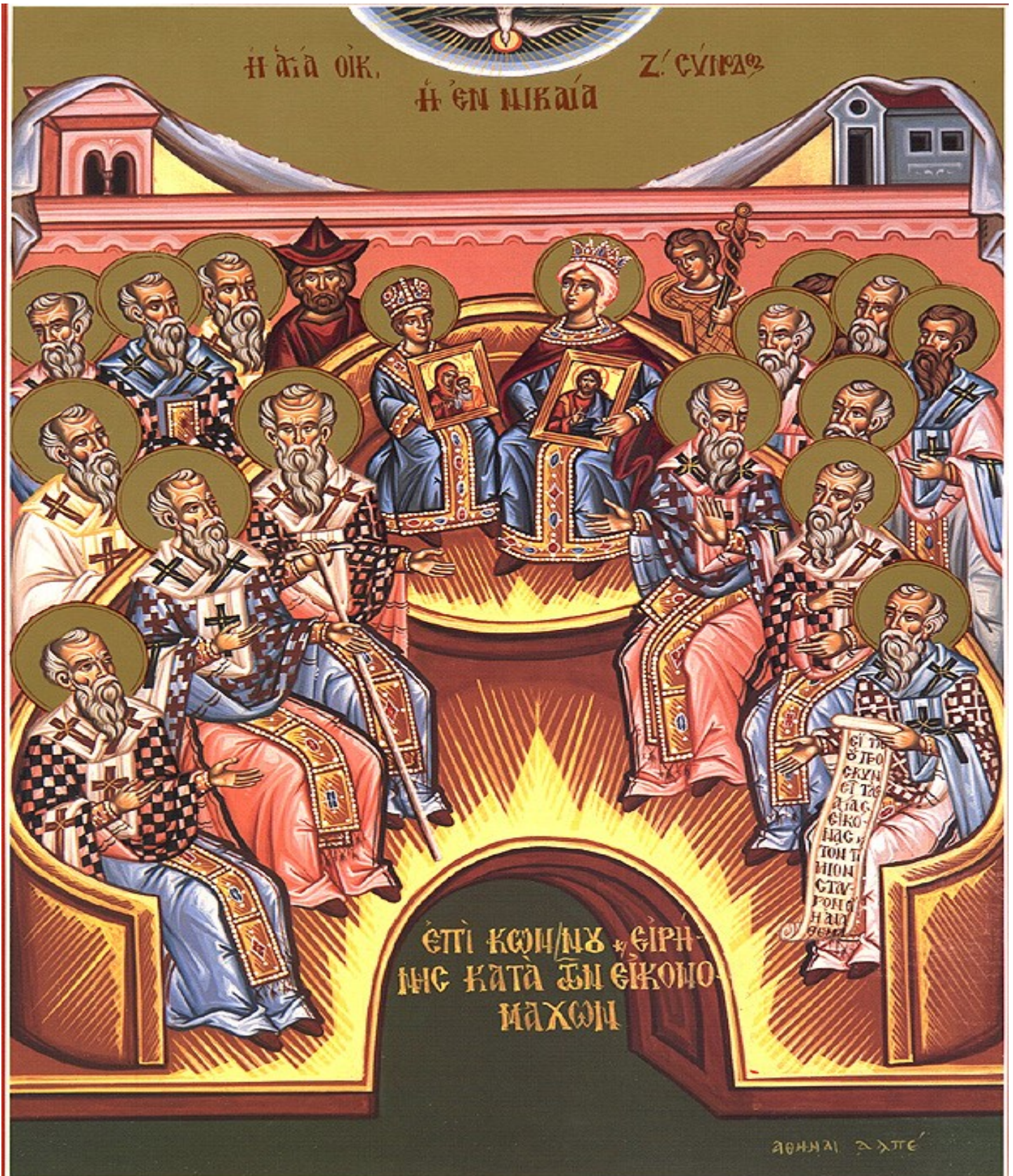


THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

October
2023



What's Happening

OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 7: Taste of Greece Noon - 7:30 PM
- 8: DOP Meeting After Liturgy
- 10: Philoptochos Meeting 1:00 PM
- 11: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 PM
- 12: Virtual Cash Raffle 7:00 PM
- 14: Family Fun Night 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Put on by Philoptochos all are welcome
- 26: DOP Salad Luncheon 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

NOVEMBER 2023

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26	27	28	29	30		

- 5: DOP Godparent Sunday
- 8: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 PM
- 12: Fall General Assembly
- 14: Philoptochos Meeting 1:00 PM
- 17: Fish Fry Ends
- 19: Loukoumades Sale
- 20: Pan-Orthodox Vespers Liturgy for the Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple 6:00 PM

PROSPHORON SCHEDULE

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
1 Schultze, JoAnne	5 Steinhoff, Allen & Olga
8 Sirakis, Kosta & Sofia	12 Steinhoff, Amanda
15 Sirakis, Paraskevas & Athena	19 Steinhoff, Dr. Stephanie
22 Smith, Ethan & Angela	26 Stergiopoulos, Mary
29 Stavridis, Tom & Zoe	

Please make 3 loaves of Prosfhora 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 Prosfhora, please send a check to the church for \$20 made payable to "Assumption Greek Orthodox Church" with a note stating it is for Prosfhora. 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

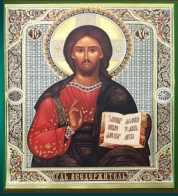
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Sandi Chinonis; Maria Chuleas; Stephanos Hatzigeorgiou & Family;
Tessie Komodromos; George Levas, Afroditi Marks; Sam Paraschos

SUNDAY READERS SCHEDULE

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
1 Cathy Yeotis	5 Cathy Yeotis
8 Dena Altheide	12 Dena Altheide
15 Debra Chinonis	19 Debra Chinonis
22 John Costa	26 John Costa
29 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

RECEIVING THE DIVINE TRUST

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability....” (Matthew 25:14-15)

It is hard to believe that we have entered October, and the last 3 months of 2023. As a community, we put ourselves in the role of the servants called by their master, who have been entrusted with his goods with the expectation that the servants will use what they have been given wisely, and hopefully show their master that his confidence in them was not wasted.

During the ordination of a priest in the Orthodox Church, there is a point – after the consecration of the gifts (the epiclesis – where the Holy Spirit is called on to turn the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ) where the body – the central part with the seal cut out of the proskomide – now consecrated, is placed by the bishop in the hands of the newly ordained priest, with the instruction **“Receive this Divine Trust, and guard it until the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, at which time He will demand It from you”**. It is, indeed, an awesome and fearsome responsibility.

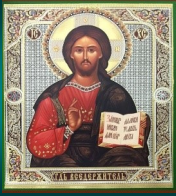
One of the roles of the priest is to act on behalf of the people in the works of the Church; the priest is not a priest in his own right (for example, he cannot celebrate Divine Liturgy with no one else present), but holds and protects the “Divine Trust”, the Body of Christ that is the Church, on behalf of the people.

Yet it is important to remember that the entire Church, the entire body which is made up of all of its people – clergy and laity alike – are “a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people” (1 Peter 2:9). The command to receive and guard the “Divine Trust” – while a direct apostolic command to the priest, is also a command to all of us. We are asked to do this, however, just like the servants and the talents in Matthew 25, each according to his or her ability.

Over the last few months, the word “Stewardship” has been repeated. After the June parish general assembly, I identified four areas which the Assumption community needs to direct its attention to. Each of these is a topic in its own right, but all of them are part of the greater whole – we cannot separate these, as they all depend on each other. In the September newsletter I addressed the first of these – financial stewardship. We continue the discussion this month in these pages with the next topic – administration, leadership and participation - and I ask that you read this carefully, thoughtfully, and above all, prayerfully.

It is important remember, that we have been given a great responsibility, as God’s own “special people”, and that this is your calling as well as mine – to worship, to participate, to lead, and to increase the “Divine Trust” that is our Orthodox faith and our community.

In Christ,
+Fr. Peter



FROM FATHER PETER

THE WAY AHEAD – Part II

LAST MONTH

We looked at the first of our topics related to our community's future, which was stewardship.

TO REVIEW: our community needs a shift to funding ongoing church expenses from annual stewardship pledges, while using fundraising project and activities and other donations to fund future projects, repairs, and expansion. This involves:

Meeting our budgeted stewardship goal for 2023

Increased participation in stewardship

for those who have pledged, considering an increase in stewardship pledge now and/or in the future.

FOR 2024 and beyond, INCREASING THE STEWARDSHIP GOAL in the annual budget.

THIS MONTH

We look at ADMINISTRATION, LEADERSHIP, and PARTICIPATION

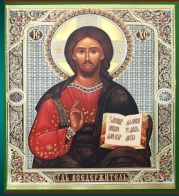
“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58)

As briefly mentioned in last month's article on Stewardship, which reinforced the need to provide our financial stewardship support to our community, offering our “time” and “talent” is also a component of stewardship. Understand that, while just as important as the financial component, they are not interchangeable with nor a substitute for your monetary generosity, which helps to pay the expenses of the community throughout the year.

There is a rule known as the “Pareto rule”, also known as the 80:20 rule (named after Vilfredo Pareto, b. 1848, the Italian engineer, economist and philosopher who first formulated this rule) which generally states that 80% of consequences are the result of 20% of the causes or factors. As an example, in the business world you often see that about 80% of expenses are accounted for by 20% of items (e.g., salaries).

Surprisingly, the Pareto rule can be applied to many areas – accounting, economics, organizational behavior, and more (try it!). And, it seems, even the Church. For the purpose of our discussion, consider that 80% of the volunteer work in a parish (including ours) is done by 20% of the parishioners (I can even add that 80% of our weekly church attendance is accounted for by 20% of our members). Doesn't it always seem like the same people are the ones stepping up to do things? Does the number “20%” reflect our community accurately – or is it an even smaller percentage of our faithful who participate?

“Time” is often the most difficult commodity to come by. We might safely say in many instances that it is not always money that we lack, but time. Time is a gift of God, created for us – made for us to mark our days and guide our lives and endeavors. God is timeless. Yet, as in any gift of God, we are given stewardship over this to use not only to our benefit, but for His glory.



FROM FATHER PETER

The word “talent” is both familiar, yet often misunderstood. In the Gospels, we hear the parable of the “Ten Talents” (Mt. 25:14-29), which is the paradigm for stewardship. A “talent” referred to a type of coin; in the modern use of the word, however, we tend to associate it with some kind of special prowess in an artistic, musical, athletic, or other specialized field. Yet, we most of us possess some routine everyday skill which – although we don’t consider it a talent in the lofty sense – is a talent; this talent may be put to good use.

The general term that has also been applied to “time and talent” is “volunteerism”. Volunteering one’s time and effort is the backbone of any successful parish. It is unfortunate (and I have seen this in many communities) that volunteerism is often taken for granted, and (sadly, in more than a few cases), beyond just not receiving any gratitude, volunteers are criticized. Those who volunteer their time and talent do so of their own free will, out of love for a parish, out of love for Christ and others. This extends right up the line all the way to those who serve on committees and parish councils.

We have a special need for people willing to step into leadership positions within our community. The long term of the community cannot depend on “committees of one”, or - despite the hard work and dedication demonstrated by them - on the “few” to keep our community vibrant in the long run.

WHAT IS THE CHALLENGE FOR THE ASSUMPTION COMMUNITY?

Our participation and volunteerism are critical to the Assumption community. Keep in mind that all of these observations and suggestions build on what was discussed under “Stewardship”, and will be the basis for re-vitalizing other parish activities, particularly outreach and education, which will be covered in the November and December newsletters respectively:

Increasing our attendance and participation at our holy services

This is the starting point. Without an active spiritual and sacramental life, the other activities are meaningless. Our community and fellowship start **IN THE CHURCH, IN OUR SERVICES.** Our stewardship, fund-raising and volunteerism is a result of our spiritual commitment to Christ and to our faith.

Increase participation in our parish activities.

Consider what skills you have – simple as they may be – and how they can be offered in service. It doesn’t take much, and with more participation, the tasks are easier on everyone.

Consider serving on parish council or other committees.

Beyond the parish council, leadership, and participation for areas such as education and outreach are needed.

A parish commitment to encouraging and celebrating volunteerism.

Volunteers are the core of many of our fund-raising activities, and participation is encouraged especially to foster a sense of community and fellowship.

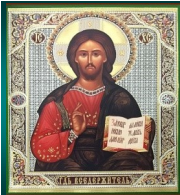
A “Volunteer Sunday” on the calendar for the church year, to recognize all efforts on behalf of our community.

Nurturing an atmosphere of respect for everyone

If you have other ideas or suggestions, you are invited to send them to me.

+Fr. Peter

Next month: OUTREACH



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Parishioners of Assumption,

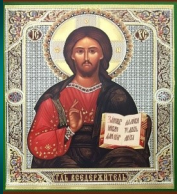
Numerous happenings occur during the fall season. Fall is synonymous with football, the clocks are being turned back for an extra hour of sleep and shorter days. Also, time when students return back to school.

A busy fall season is approaching for all of us to participate & support. The Fish Fry has commenced & will continue into November. A tremendous amount of work is involved; before, during, and after for this fundraiser. The “Taste of Greece”, another fun event, is scheduled for Saturday, October 7th between Noon & 7:30 PM. Eat in or take out is available. Again, a lot of work is involved. A “Family Fun Night” will be held Saturday, October 14th between 5:00 PM & 8:00 PM with food available at no cost. A variety of games will be available to please everyone. The “Cash Raffle”, also is approaching, if interested in buying or splitting a ticket please call the church. Also, towards the later part of the month, on Thursday, October 26th, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM is the annual “Fall Salad Luncheon” sponsored by the Daughters of Penelope. Everyone’s help and support will be greatly appreciated. Do plan to join us during these activities for a wonderful & enjoyable fellowship.

Happy Fall everyone! Enjoy the season with joy & happiness.

Susan Kallis

Parish Council President



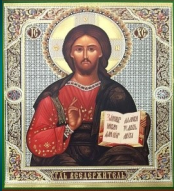
FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

HAPPIEST OF BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ALL OF OUR OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S

Frank Yiannatji	Oct. 2nd	Maria Manutes	Oct. 15th
Jackie Kontorousis	Oct. 3rd	Nick Gintsis	Oct. 21st
Michael Clinton	Oct. 8th	Dorothy Gintsis	Oct. 23rd
Gregory Garceau	Oct. 11th	Nicholas Anagnostopoulos	Oct. 23
Nicole Grousopoulos	Oct. 12th	Afroditi Marks	Oct. 28
Katarina Kraemer	Oct. 13th		

If you see that we have missed someone, we ask that you please let us know so we can update our records.





FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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 HOLDING ACCOUNT is used to hold income from fundraising events such as Golf Outing, Cash Raffle, and 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 AUGUST 2023			OPERATING EXPENSES AUGUST 2023		
	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE		CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Stewardship	\$6,932.00	\$91,540.64	Operating Expenses	\$19,369.13	\$109,559.62
Trays & Candles	\$970.00	\$9,785.50	Youth Ministry Expenses	\$0	\$91.27
Memorial income	\$170.00	\$5,035	Miscellaneous Expenses*	\$4,000.60	\$15,485.09
Miscellaneous Income	\$5,681.00	\$18,330.20	Maintenance Expenses	\$911.91	\$12,499.95
Fish Fry – Lent Income	\$0	\$43,513.62	Fish Fry – Lent Expenses	\$0	\$29,117.10
Fish Fry – Fall Income	\$0	\$0	Fish Fry – Fall Expenses	\$1,762.79	\$1,762.79
Other Fundraising Income**	\$25,140	\$44,256.70	Other Fundraising Expenses**	\$1,291.64	\$2,067.25
2023 Total Operating Income	\$38,893.00	\$212,461.66	2023 Total Operating Expenses	\$27,336.07	\$170,583.07
Total Operating Income (Loss) for Month: \$11,556.93					
Total Operating Income (Loss) for Year: \$41,878.59					

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

** Other Fundraising Income and Expenses includes Taste of Greece, other fundraisers, Golf Outing and Cash Raffle

OTHER INCOME AUGUST 2023		OTHER EXPENSES AUGUST 2023	
ICONOGRAPHY DONATIONS	\$5,130	Iconography Expenses	\$0
CHURCH MEMORIAL SAVINGS FUND DONATIONS	\$2,780	Transfer to Iconography Investment Account	\$0
PARKING LOT DONATIONS	\$30	Wall Savings Expenses	\$0
PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT (COLLECTION TRAY)	\$956	Transfer to Wall Savings Investment Account	\$0

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF AUGUST 31, 2023			
General Checking	\$84,727.81	Church investment Savings Fund – Bank Savings Acct	\$3,371.41
		Church Investment Savings Investment Account	\$157,322.44
Special Events – Consists of: Cash Raffle \$3,750 Hall Rental \$435 Golf Outing \$32,475.72 Parking Lot Savings \$0 Youth Ministry \$1,012.47 Emergency Funds \$3,000	\$40,673.19	Iconography- Bank Savings Acct	\$5,948.13
		Iconography Investment Account	\$65,110.91
		Property Improvement Savings	\$1,585.00

ICONOGRAPHY PROJECT

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 or Father Peter Bistolardes at (989) 928-3455..

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

John Hountalas,
Iconography Chairman

Susan Kallis,
Parish Council President

Icons available that have already been installed:

ICONOGRAPHY
PROJECT

GOAL: \$340,000

ACHIEVED: \$301,000

88.5% OF GOAL

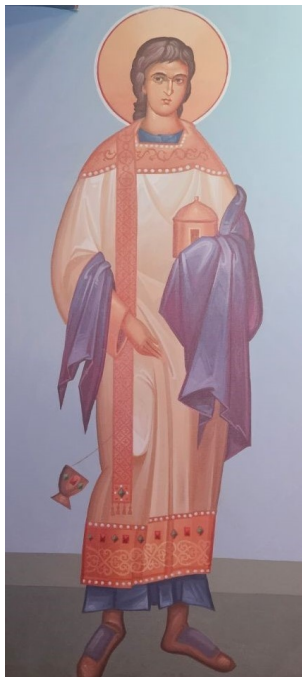
Nativity (left side looking at Altar, left of Baptismal Font)



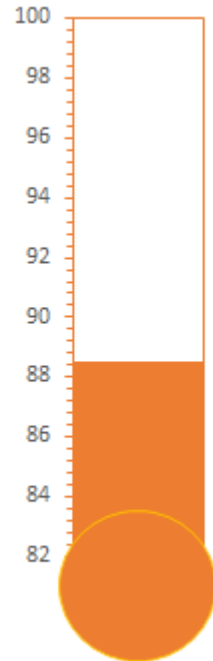
Communion of the Apostles (by Bishops Throne)



St. Romanos (Inside Altar left side)

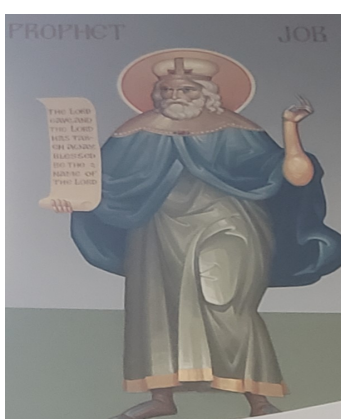
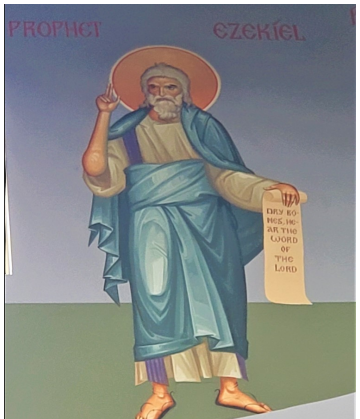
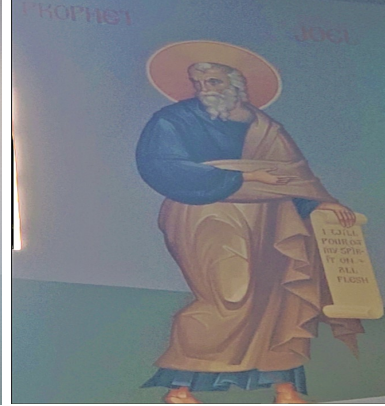
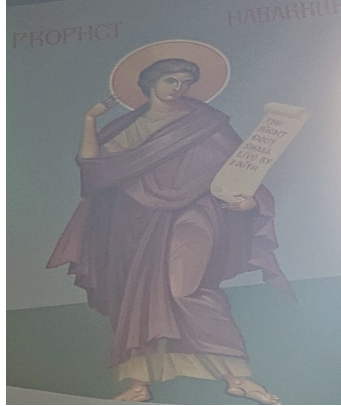
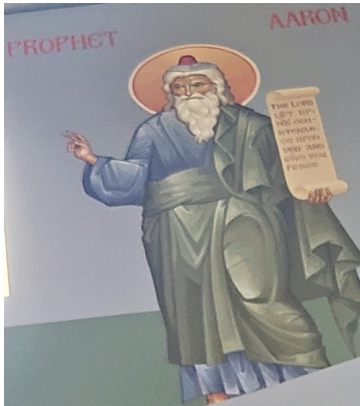


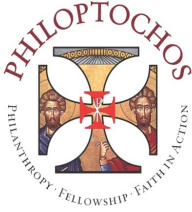
St. Stefanos (Inside Altar right side)



9 Available Icons of the 16 Prophets for the dome

Aaron	Habakkuk	Joel
Elisha	Hosea	Jonah
Ezekiel	Job	Micah





Philoptochos Society - Friends of the Poor!

Dear Sisters:

Summer has passed and we have now entered our Fall period. Football games, leaves turning color, and possibly a noticeable chill in the air. September was a busy month for our organization. It had been recommended that possibly we could have one of our meetings as a luncheon meeting. It was decided on September and the White Horse Tavern was able to accommodate us. Those who attended enjoyed the change and recommended we try to do this more often. Also, during this month, Metropolis Advisor/Vice President Cathy Yeotis and I attended the Clergy Laity Conference held in Ann Arbor from Sept. 20-22. Saturday, Sept. 23 was our scheduled outing to Applewood Estates.

Our chapter has approximately 40 members who have been faithful to the Philoptochos for many years. Since Covid we have about ten members who attend and they are all Board Members. Most of those remaining are of an age where they just can't physically attend a meeting but still support us. We encourage those who are able, to please join us once again. We look forward to your participation and support.

In the most recent newsletter, we announced that we were sponsoring Family Fun Night on Saturday, October 14. Everyone is invited to come play board games, cards, table tennis, basketball, etc. You can bring your own favorite game/cards or we will have some available. Food and drinks will be provided and there is no charge for admission or food. It is an evening of just getting together again as the Assumption family. The hours will be from 5 to 8:00 PM. We hope you will attend.

Reminder of our two current projects – Food for the Needy and Men's, Women's or Children's hats, gloves and socks collection. Canned food must have a future expiration date.

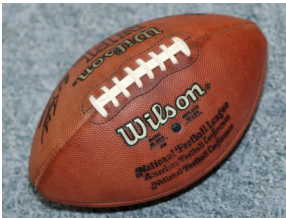
Olga Steinhoff
Philoptochos President



PHILOPTOCHOS FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Come join us on Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. for an evening of playing cards, board games, or just hanging out.

If you have a favorite card or board game, please bring it. If you forget your cards, or would like to try a different board game, we will have a few available. Ping pong and basketball hoop will also be put out for use. Football fans, catch a game on one of our three TV screens.



It has been a long time since we have had an opportunity to just get together, relax, talk and have some fun. To catch up with people we haven't seen for a while.

We will also be providing something good to eat, so give some thought to coming and spending a few hours of your time.

The Philoptochos Board



Daughters of Penelope

Iris Chapter 242

If you are interested in joining the Daughters of Penelope, please contact Marian Hagler or any of our members. We would love to have you in our organization!

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, October 8, 2023- Next Chapter meeting
Thursday, October 26, 2023- Fall Salad Luncheon
Sunday, November 5, 2023 – God Parent Sunday
Saturday, December 2, 2023 – Christmas Potluck



Salad Luncheon

Sponsored by the Daughters of Penelope

Thursday, October 26, 2023

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

\$15.00 a plate

Enjoy an assortment of individual, specialty salads-
Try one, try them all!!

Plate includes cheese triangle, delectable appetizers, & a beverage
(coffee, hot tea, or water)

**There will also be a bake sale of
scrumptious Greek pastries!**

Please join us for lunch
at

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
2245 E. Baldwin Road
Grand Blanc, MI 48439
810-771-4611



VIRTUAL Cash Raffle

**Thursday, October 12th
Starts at 7:00 pm**

**Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
2245 E. Baldwin Road
Grand Blanc, MI**

1 Ticket \$200.00*

**Cash Raffle will be live streamed on the
Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Facebook page**

- 1st Prize: \$10,000.00
- 2nd Prize: 5,000.00
- 3rd Prize: 2,000.00

Every 10th ticket drawn gets the holder their money back!

To purchase tickets call the
office at 810-771-4611

**Tickets may be purchased by individuals or by a group*

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	Eisenbeis, Gerald
Allard, Clyde & Georgia	Falaras, Mary
Altheide, Dena	Fahoome, Tom & Calliope
Anagnostopoulos, Nick & Anna	Ferich, Andrew & Voula
Artemas, Rev. Fr. John	Foraker, Walter & Diane
Asa, Barbara & Darwin	Frantzis, Kanellos & Alexandra
Bakris, Dr. Nicholas	Garceau, Greg & Sia
Batsios, Eftyhia & Evangelos	Gintsis, Nick & Dorothy
Birtsas, Sandra	Hagler, Anna
Bistolaridis, Tony & Maria	Hagler, Gary & Marian
Bograkos, Tim & Sandy	Hatzigeorgiou, Kathy
Bograkos, Vera	Heos, James
Brown Jr, Andrew	Heos, Pamela & Brancheau, Jeffrey
Chiavaras, Lucille	Holland, Nick & Jennifer
Chinonis, Dennis & Dr. Debra	Hountalas Family
Chinonis, Elias	Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki
Chinonis, Katie	Iordanou, Bill & Lisa
Chinonis, Linda	Joseph, Patricia
Chinonis, Nancy & Lauster, Jeffrey	Joynt, Kenneth
Chinonis, Richard	Joynt, Sadie
Christakis, Christos & Elpida	Kalatzis, Athena
Christopher, James & Elizabeth	Kallis, Agape
Clinton, Mike & Kathy	Kallis, Nick
Costa, John & Laura	Kallis, Penelope
Costa, Kyriacos & Vasilias	Kallis, Susan
Dalbo, Helen	Kaloydis, John
Daros, Christine	Kapellas, Katina
Davis-Kirksey, Steve & Linda	Karay Sr, Nicholas
Davlanges, Alex	Kitsonas, William
Delbridge, Ray & Carol	Kokkianokos, Peter & Panagiota
Demps, Crystal	Komodromos, Tessie
Drolet, Mark & Penelopi	Kondyles, Chryssoula
Duffy, David & Joynt, Elaine	Kontorosis, Dimitri & Jacqueline

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Kossaras, Dean & Joyce

Kottalis, Mary

Koutrouvidas, John & Nina

Kraemer, Mark †

Kus, Michael & Alexis

Levas, George & Margot

Livaditis, Nick & Evie

Livieratos-Dobbins, Maria

Lowe, Ann

Mandelaris, John & Pauline

Manutes, Nicholas & Maria

Margaritis, Ioannis & Vicky

Margaritis, Sofia

Marks, Afroditi

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

Nitsos, MaryAnn

O'Keefe, Derek & Michelle

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

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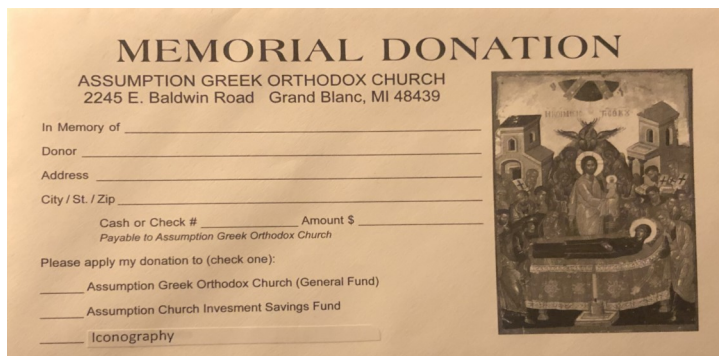
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MEMORIAL DONATIONS

“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>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

<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>	



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MOUSSAKA DINNER	\$15.00
1/2 BAKED CHICKEN DINNER	\$15.00
3 PC CHICKEN STRIPS	\$14.00

\$23.00	PASTITSIO COMBO PLATTER: 1 PC PASTITSIO, 1 TIROPITA, 1 SPINACH PIE, 3 DOLMATHES, 1 CK KABOB, RICE, PEAS, GREEK SALAD, AND PITA BREAD
\$23.00	MOUSSAKA COMBO PLATTER: 1 PC MOUSSAKA, 1 TIROPITA, 1 SPINACH PIE, 3 DOLMATHES, 1 CK KABOB, RICE, PEAS, GREEK SALAD, AND PITA BREAD

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PC OF PASTITSIO	\$9.00	GREEK SALAD	\$4.50	3 PCS TIROPITA	\$5.00
PC OF MOUSSAKA	\$9.00	FRENCH FRIES	\$4.75	BOWL OF RICE	\$3.75
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Thank you!



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 or see a Parish Council member on Sunday's. Receipts will continue to be mailed to non-parishioners.

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

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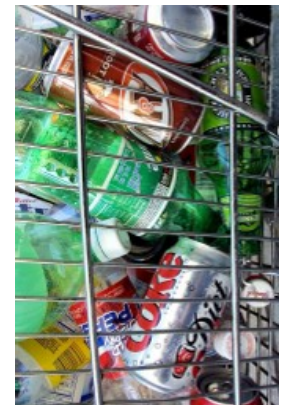
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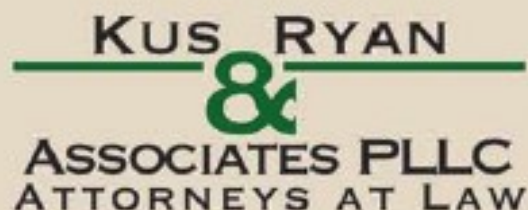
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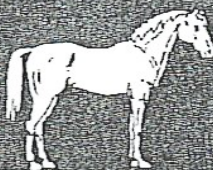
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