

THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

September
2023



What's Happening

SEPTEMBER 2023

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- 8: Divine Liturgy Nativity of Theotokos 10:00 AM
- 10: Daughters of Penelope Meeting After Liturgy
- 13: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 PM
- 13: Pan-Orthodox Vespers Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM
for the Feast of the Holy Cross at St. George, Flint
- 15: Fish Fry Resumes 3:00 - 8:00 PM

OCTOBER 2023

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- 7: Taste of Greece Noon - 7:30 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

PROSPHORON SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
3 Roufos, Mr. & Mrs	1 Schultze, JoAnne
10 Routsis, Robert	8 Sirakis, Kosta & Sofia
17 Saites, Mr. & Mrs Konstantinos	15 Sirakis, Paraskevas & Athena
24 Salutes-Rogind, Sally	22 Smith, Ethan & Angela
	29 Stavridis, Tom & Zoe

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

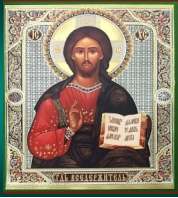
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

SUNDAY READERS SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
3 Cathy Yeotis	1 Cathy Yeotis
10 Dena Altheide	8 Dena Altheide
17 John Costa	15 Debra Chinonis
24 Nick Kallis	22 John Costa

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

NEW BEGINNINGS

Back when I was still in school, the beginning of September felt more like New Year's Day than January 1. The start of a new school year, the weather starting to get cooler, the leaves changing color – all of these lent an air of new expectations and experiences, and of new opportunities. The experiences of summer and of all before that recede to a few memories. I still get this feeling (with a touch of nostalgia) every year about this time. For me, January 1 pales by comparison.

Perhaps, then it is not a coincidence that the Orthodox Church considers September 1 the beginning of the new Church Year, beginning the cycle of services and readings again. The name for this is the “Indiction”. Over history, time was marked in calendars in relation to epochs or periods – sometimes a year, sometimes more. The emperor Constantine the Great (our St. Constantine) created the Indiction for the Roman Empire in 313 – which covered a period for 15 years (initially), later whittled down to 5 years, and helped the empire mark events, harvests, and other activities. With time, this “Indiction”, which we continue to observe, was brought down to one day – now September 1.

There is a sense of beginning, of commencement, which comes with the Indiction – for ourselves and for the Church as a whole. While many of us are more familiar with resolutions for the New Year starting in January 1, it is more important to consider our spiritual health and the health of the Church, and look at September 1 as a new beginning each year, and look to what we can change.

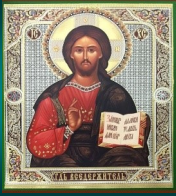
With this comes a need to let go of that which is of no benefit – or even harm – to us; to release ourselves from old practices and old prejudices, to forgive *and forget* past slights and disagreements, and to plan and conduct ourselves not for what is in the past, but for what is needed now and moving forward.

In this, and the next few monthly newsletters, I have written a series of articles about our community, on topics which I presented at the parish general assembly this past June. I ask that you read these carefully, and provide your thoughtful comments. It is important that, with the start of the new Church year, that we move forward and make progress. It requires letting go of the past and embracing each other as a worshipping Christian community.

St. Anthony the Great mentions that Satan uses two powerful tools against us: regret or dwelling on the past, and anxiety about the future. As the Saint says, both of these tools take away joy from the present. We cannot change the past, and we do not have control of the future. All we have control over is how we deal with and react to the present.

In Christ,

+Fr. Peter



FROM FATHER PETER

THE WAY AHEAD

At our parish general assembly in June, some of the challenges that the Assumption community faces, and the opportunities open to us, were reviewed. I mentioned that, based on talking to members of the community and surveying our current parish council, there are four broad areas we need to start focusing on for the remainder of 2023 and beyond: STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION, and OUTREACH.

Over the next few months, you will find a short essay on each of these areas in our monthly newsletter. Please take the time to read and think about these, and most importantly, send your thoughts and ideas to Fr. Peter.

For this month (September), we will discuss our community's **STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE**

“For the Kingdom of Heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them...After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them....” (Matthew 25:14-30)

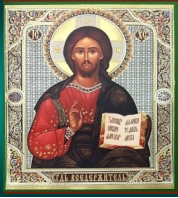
“Stewardship” means taking care of something we have been entrusted with, and often held responsible for. The Church, as the Body of Christ, both in its entirety and as individual parishes, are what we have been given care of. If you read the full Gospel account of the stewards in Matthew 25:14-30 (and I invite you to do so), it is abundantly clear that the man expected his servants to not just preserve what they had been given, but to grow it while he was away. Certainly, the message is on a spiritual level, but it has equal application of those things to which we use to worship God and have been given earthly charge over.

Yes, stewardship is not simply about money, but our time and talent as well (this is participation, which will be addressed in a future article). The financial part of stewardship is very important and cannot be ignored.

It is helpful to look at where a parish's annual revenue comes from, based on how the money collected is used. For most parishes, including ours, this involves:

ANNUAL stewardship (covers a parish's operating expenses, including salaries for priest, office assistance, Archdiocesan and other commitments, utilities, etc. – similar to any household)

Longer-term funds (usually invested in safe instruments for growth, to be used for renovations, repairs, new projects, new programs, and emergency support where needed), which includes fund-raising activities, donations and bequests, and other funds.



FROM FATHER PETER

THE WAY AHEAD - Continued

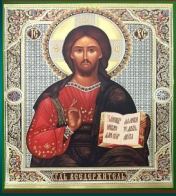
The annual stewardship process involves a) completion and signature of a stewardship card, and b) a financial pledge for the year, and addresses the operational expenses on an annual basis. The stewardship card that is completed and returned also provides the community with updated contact and other information to be able to communicate effectively with all of our members.

FOR THE CURRENT YEAR (2023) our community's stewardship is budgeted at **\$144,000.00**, and should – with time – increase, to completely cover our parish's operating expenses. This should be at a level that we cover future priest's compensation (at Archdiocese guidelines) as well as eventually hiring an office assistant (at least part-time, instead of depending on a small group of volunteers; while their work is appreciated and they are dedicated, this is not sustainable in the long run).

Many of our sister parishes fund most (if not all) of their operating expenses from annual stewardship. This allows other funds (from various fund-raising activities) to be accumulated for capital projects as described above.

Financially, our Assumption community finds itself in a reasonably good position overall (including a church building and facility which are mortgage-free), but this is by virtue of the many fund-raising activities (fish fry, Taste of Greece, other food-related activities) which are community engages in as well as responses to appeals for special needs or projects (e.g., iconography), which, thankfully, have been generous. Most of the parish's revenue comes from these activities.

Our fund-raising activities, while providing opportunities for community involvement and fellowship (as well an opportunity to reach out to the outside community and are very popular with the Genesee County community as a whole) are labor intensive and depend on a hard core (and aging) group of volunteers. Keep in mind also that should situations arise again which require us to shut down these fund-raising activities (such as the lockdown during the recent pandemic), this shuts off the majority of the parish's revenue. Also repeated requests for contributions for projects create a "fundraising fatigue" among our community.



FROM FATHER PETER

THE WAY AHEAD - Continued

This is not sustainable in the long run and is not an efficient way of assisting the parish to meet its ongoing operational expenses (including items salaries, maintenance, Archdiocesan commitment, utilities, repairs, etc. – anything any regular household would need).

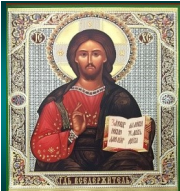
WHAT IS THE CHALLENGE FOR THE ASSUMPTION COMMUNITY?

While not eliminating our fund-raising efforts, the focus of Assumption's finances should shift to STEWARDSHIP to help fund our operating expenses, while managing other long-term money more effectively (more will be said on this later). *The first objective will be for the community to meet (and preferably exceed) its budgeted stewardship for 2023 (\$144,000). THIS IS AN ACHIEVABLE GOAL.* This will require:

- a) Increased participation in stewardship (currently, a little over half of our listed members participate)
- b) for those who have pledged, consider increasing your stewardship pledge now or in the future
- c) FOR 2024 and beyond, INCREASING THE BUDGETED STEWARDSHIP in the annual budget

Fr. Peter

Next month: ADMINISTRATION AND LEADERSHIP (including PARTICIPATION)



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Parishioners of Assumption,

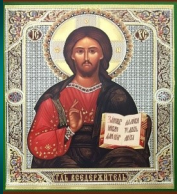
As it is difficult to see summer go, we hold on to the enjoyable memories. I hope everyone enjoyed the summer vacations, but as autumn is approaching representing the return of a new school year, the changing of leaves & perhaps the beginning of maybe a few new resolutions.

A busy schedule of events have been planned for the upcoming year. Starting with the “Friday Fish Fry”, to commence on September 15th for 10 weeks & a multitude of events to follow which will be mentioned in the weekly & monthly bulletins as they approach their designated dates. Your support & help will be greatly appreciated towards their success.

Father Peter & Presvytera Peggy will be on a well deserved & earned vacation in September & October for a 6 week period. We will have a substitute clergy during this time. Wishing Fr. Peter & Presvytera Peggy “bon voyage”.

Susan Kallis

Parish Council President



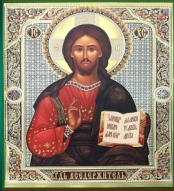
FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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 SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

Mr. Nick Kallis	09/03	Mrs. Athanasia Garceau	09/13
Mr. Konstandinos Kennedy	09/04	Mr. Walt Foraker	09/15
Miss Leah Costa	09/04	Mr. Evan Chang	09/16
Mr. John Costa	09/05	Mr. Christos Kosmanopoulos	09/16
Mrs. Alexandra Frantzis	09/05	Mr. Elias(E.J.) Chinonis	09/20
Mr. Bill Chuleas	09/06	Miss Sophia Margaritis	09/23
Miss Alexis Thurber	09/09	Mrs. Patricia Pavlis	09/24
Mr. Dimitre Kontorousis	09/10	Mrs. Angela Smith	09/25
Mrs. Ruth Karabina	09/11	Nicholas Sidiropoulos	09/25
Mr. Kostas Kuzmanovsky	09/12	Miss Carolyn Hagler	09/29
Mrs. Savoula Ferich	09/13	Ms Jeannete Marks	09/30





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, 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.

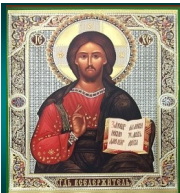
OPERATING INCOME JULY 2023			OPERATING EXPENSES JULY 2023		
	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE		CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Stewardship	\$4,912.00	\$84,608.64	Operating Expenses	\$11,472.23	\$90,190.49
Trays & Candles	\$533.00	\$8,815.50	Youth Ministry Expenses	\$0	\$91.27
Memorial income	\$375.00	\$4,865.00	Miscellaneous Expenses*	\$2,516.65	\$11,484.49
Miscellaneous Income	\$489.00	\$12,649.20	Maintenance Expenses	\$8,606.57	\$11,588.04
Fish Fry – Lent Income	\$0	\$43,513.62	Fish Fry – Lent Expenses	\$0	\$29,117.10
Other Fundraising Income**	\$11,585.85	\$19,116.70	Other Fundraising Expenses**	\$500.85	\$2,067.25
2023Total Operating Income	\$17,894.85	\$173,568.66	Total Operating Expenses	\$23,096.30	\$144,538.64
Total Operating Income (Loss) for Month: \$(5,201.45) Total Operating Income (Loss) for Year: \$29,030.02					

*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 JUNE 2023		OTHER EXPENSES JUNE 2023	
ICONOGRAPHY DONATIONS	\$450.00	Iconography Expenses	\$0
CHURCH MEMORIAL SAVINGS FUND DONATIONS	\$1,150.00	Transfer to Iconography Investment Account	\$0
PARKING LOT DONATIONS	\$990.00	Wall Savings Expenses	\$5,000
PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT (COLLECTION TRAY)	\$370.00	Transfer to Wall Savings Investment Account	\$0

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF MAY 31, 2023			
General Checking	\$89,899.85	Church investment Savings Fund – Bank Savings Acct	\$5,681.41
		Church Investment Savings Investment Account	\$157,079.53
Special Events – Consists of: Cash Raffle \$550 Hall Rental \$600 Golf Outing \$ 22,470.72 Parking Lot Savings \$2,726.88 Youth Ministry \$1,012.47 Emergency Funds \$3,000	\$30,360.07	Iconography- Bank Savings Acct	\$818.13
		Iconography Investment Account	\$60,916.85
		Property Improvement Savings	\$6,572.12



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL



Our Parish Council President celebrated a birthday in August. Thank you Stella, for the delicious cake and pumpkin cupcakes.

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

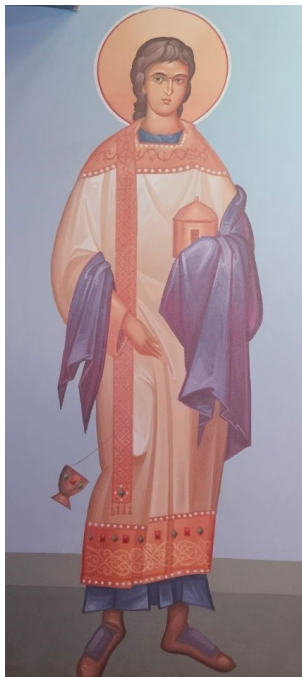
Nativity (left side looking at Altar, left of Baptismal Font)



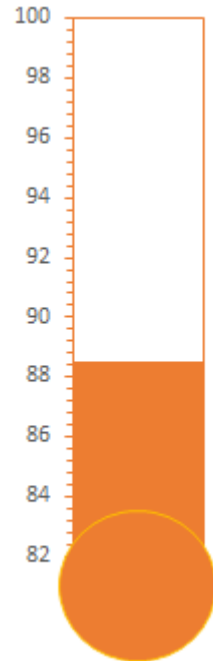
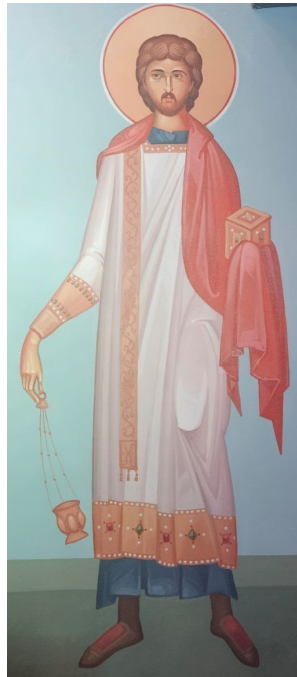
Communion of the Apostles (by Bishops Throne)



St. Romanos (Inside Altar left side)

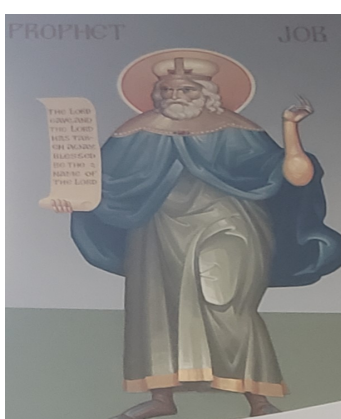
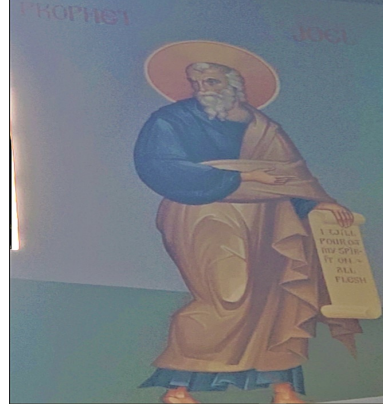
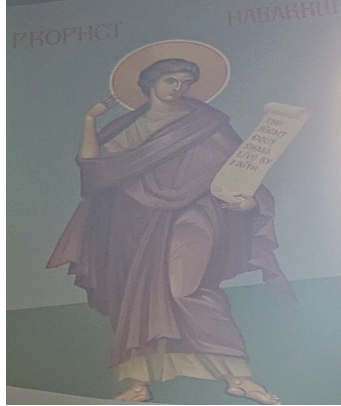
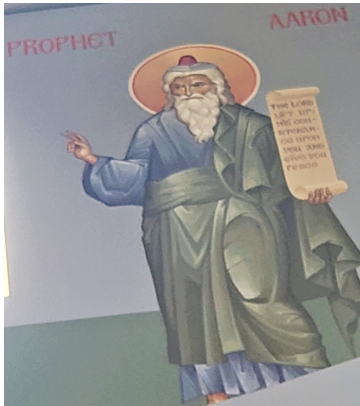


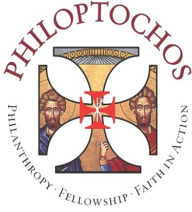
St. Stefanos (Inside Altar right side)



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:

We are quickly approaching fall and all that it has to offer. Many of you have experienced one of the new changes and that is being notified by email of our monthly meeting. Those who do not have email, continue to receive notification by mail delivery. The Philoptochos Board have planned many activities within and outside of our chapter to try and make it more appealing to our membership. Coming up will be our visit to “Applewood” C. S. Mott’s estate on Saturday, September 23. We will be touring the gardens in the morning and the house in the afternoon. This is open to everyone who would like to come (not limited to Philoptochos members). Applewood is open from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

At the Philoptochos meeting on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, the membership voted to increase our dues by \$5.00 to \$40.00. Also a donation was made to the Children’s Medical Fund, a worthy National Project. Two years ago, Hurley Medical Center became one of the recipients of this project. Our next regular meeting will be September 12 and will be a luncheon meeting. A restaurant is yet to be determined.

We are also initiating two projects. The first is a food drive. There will be a designated container for your donated contributions. Nonperishable items are being requested. Please make sure their shelf life is still viable. Secondly, we will be collecting, hats, gloves and socks, for men, women and children. There will also be a designated container in the hall for these items. Please consider donating to these two projects. We are all so fortunate to have what we have, and now is the time to help others who are less fortunate.

Finally a big **THANK YOU** to all those who brought a Lenten dish to pass for the reception after Great Vespers for the Dormition of the Theotokos on August 14. We truly appreciate your continuing support.

Olga Steinhoff
Philoptochos President

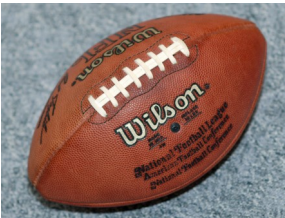




PHILOPTOCHOS FAMILY FUN NIGHT

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 are part of a group, you frequently play cards with, invite them to join you. If you like to play board games, that is great too. 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

The Daughters of Penelope would like to introduce our new Board of Directors for the 2023-2024 calendar year:

President – Marian Hagler

Vice President – Maria Koutsoukos

Secretary – Laura Costa

Treasurer – Elaine Joynt

Advisor – Joanne Dau

We are very happy to welcome our new members Susie Vergos and Mary Ellen McLean. We would also like to thank Joanne Dau for her leadership as president over the last two years.

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, September 10 – Next Chapter Meeting (following coffee hour)

Saturday, October 7 – Lunch with Doris Chapter of Bloomfield Hills

Fall Salad Luncheon – Details will be announced.

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

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

Daros, Christine

Davis-Kirksey, Steve & Linda

Davlantes, Alex

Delbridge, Ray & Carol

Demps, Crystal

Drolet, Mark & Penelopi

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

Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki

Iordanou, Bill & Lisa

Joseph, Patricia

Joynt, Kenneth

Joynt, Sadie

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

Kontorouisis, 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

Rivette, Matthew & Lori

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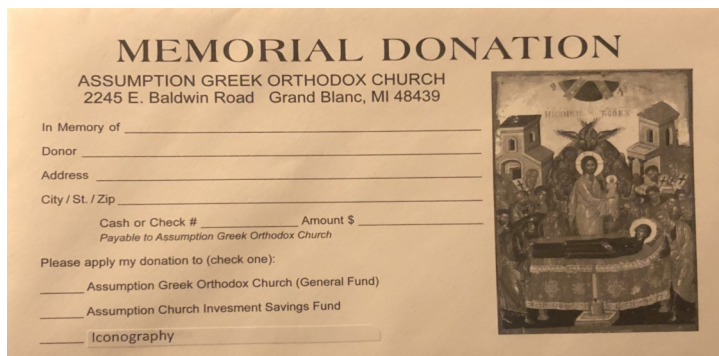
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MEMORIAL DONATIONS

“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 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 religious icon depicting the Virgin Mary and the Christ Child, with the text 'ASSUMPTION GREEK' above it.

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>
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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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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.

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Gifts of any size are appreciated!

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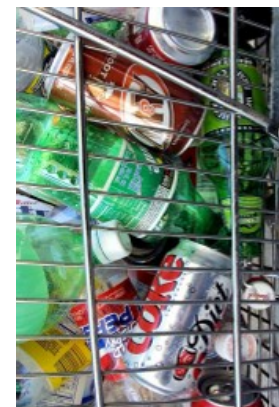
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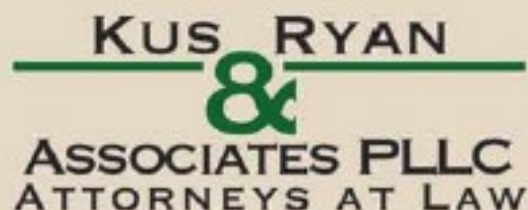
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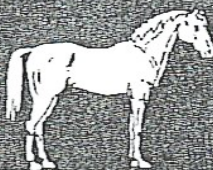
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