The Assumption Connection

February 2024

What's Happening

FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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25	26	27	28	29		

9: Fish Fry resumes for Western Lent 3:00-8:00 PM
10: Philoptochos Valentine's Gala After Liturgy
17: DOP Volunteer at Food Bank 9:00 AM-12:00PM
18: Parish Council Meeting 11:30 AM

MARCH 2024

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10: DOP Mardi Gras Luncheon After Liturgy
13: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 PM
18: Great Lent begins
29: Last day for Fish Fry Lenten season 3:00-8:00 PM

PROSPHORON SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY	MARCH
4 Vergos, Peter & Susie	3 Hountalas, Tasia
11 Vitinaros, Nick & Effie	10 Welch, Joann
18 Vogel, Harrison	17 Wright, Jeffrey & Kay
25 Walker, Bruce & Kathy	24 Yeotis, Art & Sue
	31 Yeotis, Cathy

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

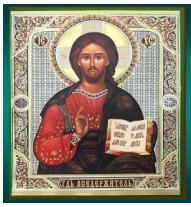
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Sandi Chinonis; Maria Chuleas; Sia Garceau, Stephanos Hatzigeorgiou & Family; George Levas, Afroditi Marks; Sam Paraschos, Maroulla Photiou

SUNDAY READERS SCHEDULE

JANUARY	FEBRUARY
4 John Costa	3 Debra Chinonis
11 Nick Kallis	10 John Costa
18 Cathy Yeotis	17 Nick Kallis
25 Dena Altheide	24 Cathy Yeotis
	31 Dena Altheide

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

FEBRUARY 2024

LOVE, HATE, FEAR

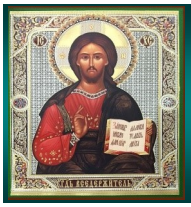
On February 14, the manufacturers of candy and greeting cards, the growers and sellers of flowers, and other assorted industries have their biggest sales day of the year – Valentine's Day. This sentimental expression of romantic or "courtly" love finds its way into our consciousness and culture. It is telling, though, that the name nowadays leaves out the word "Saint" – commemorating the person for whom him this day was originally dedicated.

In Rome, there is a church about a 20-minute walk from the Vatican, in the neighborhood of Ripa, named "Santa Maria in Cosmedin" (in Latin, known as "Santa Maria de Schola Graeca). It was built in the sixth century AD for the use of Greek immigrants living in that neighborhood (and renovated several times over the centuries). It celebrated the Eastern (what we know as Orthodox) rites of worship, and appropriately enough, it is now a Melkite Greek Catholic Church (the Melkites being Orthodox from the area of the Middle East – particularly what is now Lebanon – who chose to submit themselves to the authority of Roman church sometime in the 18th century, but continued to follow the Eastern traditions, including the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom).

The church is fascinating to visit – some of the artifacts are from ancient Roman times and have appeared in movies (if you are a fan of old movies, the most famous one is "Roman Holiday" with Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn). On entering the church, however, there is something that is a stark reminder of what being Christian is all about.

On the left side of the church is a reliquary, glass enclosed, with a skull wearing a crown of flowers. This skull belongs to St. Valentine. Yes, THAT St. Valentine. Celebrated on February 14 in the Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Anglican Church, he is also an Orthodox saint (who we celebrate on July 6). St. Valentine was a priest in Rome the 3rd Century who ministered to his persecuted flock, and was martyred out of love for his flock, his fellow Christians, and above all, for His Lord. His custom of signing letters to people "Your Valentine" lives on in our current romantic expressions of February 14.

St. Valentine (and other saints and martyrs of the Church) illustrate an aspect of love that we want to avoid thinking about. It is not simply a romantic emotion, but much deeper and encompassing. It is caring, embracing, and sacrificial – it concerns itself not with oneself, but with the "other". The "other" may be very different from yourself – the other may even be someone who you see as a threat or even an enemy.



FROM FATHER PETER

Here is a question to consider: is the opposite of love "hate"? The word "hate" in the Gospels is found in conjunction with Christ's direction to "love those who hate you". But why do we hate each other? This is at the root of every conflict, both individual and group (as we see now in the Middle East). People point to real or perceived hostility, injustices, attacks, invasions as a reason to hate. But what motivates people to behave like this?

The answer is in one word that appears again and again in the teachings of Christ and the Apostles, the Church Fathers, and from the pronouncements of God Himself – FEAR. When we are confronted with hostility and hate – or when we are hostile or hate someone – do we stop and ask ourselves why? The question, when experiencing even a glimmer of hatred, should be "why am I afraid"? WHAT DO I FEAR?

FEAR is the root cause of hate. We and those close to us fear being attacked, taken over, harmed or killed. We are conditioned for fear, often by forces outside of ourselves. Too often, it serves someone else's evil purpose. The "other", the one we are taught or conditioned to fear, becomes less than us, not human, an animal or beast, and worthy not only of our hate, but the wrath which may come from it. It motivates to attack or retaliate, without care or concern.

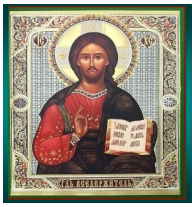
Love for the "other" which is found in a true love of Christ, does not allow this. We are reminded in the First Epistle of John:

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us (1 John 4:17-19, NRSV)

It was this perfect love that caused God to create the universe. It was this perfect love that Christ demonstrated to us when he forgave His tormentors on the cross. It is this perfect love that must, and should, be manifest in ourselves and to others. This is not an easy task. But it is for this reason Christ came into the world.

"Perfect love casts out fear". Love one another, and DO NOT FEAR.

+Fr. Peter



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Parishioners of Assumption,

Happy Valentine's Day!! There are many legends, but it is said that Valentine's Day gets it name from St. Valentine, a priest that lived under the reign of Roman Emperor Cladius II. When the emperor passed a law that all young men must remain single, in order to make them better soldiers, Valentine broke the emperor's order by secretly performing marriages.

The legend also states that during his imprisonment for the crime of performing marriages, people would slip him notes on folded pieces of paper & place them in the cracks around his cell. From this the valentine & the holiday are said to have come.

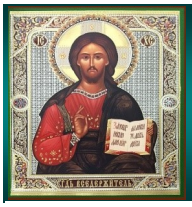
February is the month where people do their best to share their love with one another in so many ways with flowers, cupids & the most favorite of ours - chocolate candies.

Love is a wonderful word, but unfortunately today the word "love" is devalued in today's society. The amazing love of our Lord whose amazing of perfect & unconditional love should be a guide into our everyday lives.

Wishing you all a beautiful day filled with love & happiness!

Susan Kallis

Parish Council President



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

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

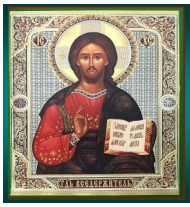
OPERATING INCOME DECEMBER 2023			OPERATING EXPENSES DECEMBER 2023		
	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE		CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Stewardship	$12,707.00	$127,687.64	Operating Expenses	$19,156.59	$176,922.60
Trays & Candles	$818.00	$12,190.50	Youth Ministry Expenses	$0	$91.27
Memorial income	$1,500.00	$6,555.00	Miscellaneous Expenses*	$3,432.45	$29,596.98
Miscellaneous Income	$1,559.15	$24,966.66	Maintenance Expenses	$31.66	$17,443.51
Fish Fry – Lent Income	$0	$43,513.62	Fish Fry – Lent Expenses	$3,171.30	$32,288.40
Fish Fry – Fall Income	$0	$32,087.52	Fish Fry – Fall Expenses	$0	$18,983,89
Other Fundraising Income**	$4,810.00	$116,860.01	Other Fundraising Expenses**	$0	$21,011.35
2023 Total Operating Income	**$21,394.15**	**$363,860.95**	**2023 Total Operating Expenses**	**$25,792.00**	**$296,338.00**
Total Operating Income (Loss) for Month: ($4,397.85) **Total Operating Income (Loss) for Year: $67,522.95**					

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

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

OTHER INCOME DECEMBER 2023		OTHER EXPENSES DECEMBER 2023	
ICONOGRAPHY DONATIONS	$250	Iconography Expenses	$35,000.00
CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS	$3,559.00	Transfer to Iconography/Parking Lot Investment Account	$35,000.00
PARKING LOT DONATIONS	$35,852.00	Church Memorial Fund Expenses	$0
DONATIONS FOR ALTAR ITEMS NEEDED	$3,000.00	Transfer to Wall Savings Investment Account	$5,000.00

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 30, 2023			
General Checking	$89,581.58	Church Memorial Fund – Bank Savings Acct	**$1,380.33**
		Church Memorial Fund - Investment Account	**$199,022.00**
Special Events – Consists of: Altar Items – Special Tray $500 Altar Items – Cloths $6,000 Hall Rental - $100 Parking Lot Savings - $1,679 Super Draw - $6,150 Youth Ministry $1,012.27 Emergency Funds $3,000	**$18,441.27**	Iconography- Bank Savings Acct	**$1,832.84**
		Iconography Investment Account	**$55,860.35**
		Property Improvement Savings	**$2,508.52**



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

Richard Chinonis	Feb. 1st	Sophia Mavrikos	Feb. 19th
Gary Hagler	Feb. 3rd	Athena Kalatzis	Feb. 20th
Meg Yeotis	Feb. 7th	Dean Yeotis	Feb. 20th
Michael Kus	Feb. 13th	Vivian Sirakis-Federick	Feb. 22nd
Nitsa Vergos	Feb. 15th	Francis Vergos	Feb. 23rd
Steven Poulos	Feb. 17th	Kostadinos Vergos	Fen. 23rd
Thoula Karakitsos	Feb. 19th	George Margaritis	Feb. 24th

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

Philoptochos Society - Friends of the Poor!

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy new year and now we are well into the year 2024.

During the past month we had the pleasure of once again celebrating our Holiday Luncheon. Due to covid and other unforeseen reasons we weren"t able to meet for the past few years. We had a wonderful turnout with approximately 20 people in attendance including Father Peter, Presbytera Peggy, Clyde Allard and Metropolis Philoptochos Board President, Debbie George who spoke for a few minutes. A big thank you to all those who attended and to Debbie George for driving up to join us. It was wonderful to be able to sit down and share a meal together with all our sisters and guests for a few hours.

Coming up this month is our Valentine's Day Luncheon on Sunday, February 11. This event is being catered and the menu will consist of Chicken Cordon Bleu, Baby Redskin Potatoes, Heart Salad, rolls and dessert. Cost is $18.00 for adults, $12 for Children 12 and under. ***Due to this event being catered, reservations are required and cut-off date is Wednesday, February 7***. For reservations, please contact Diana Lillar at 989 739-2289. Proceeds will go to a charitable project. We hope you will join us for lunch.

Philoptochos dues are now being collected for 2024. They are $40 and can be remitted to the church in care of Diana Lillar, Philoptochos Treasurer.

Olga Steinhoff

Philoptochos President

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

2024 DUES

The benevolent works of Philoptochos are a continuation of Christ's ministry on earth. I humbly accept the opportunity to return to God a portion of the time, talents and resources with which He has gifted me.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ Zip_____

Home Phone_____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone_____

E-mail _____

Minimum Member Dues: $40.00 Checks payable to Philoptochos Society

$15.00 is distributed to National Philoptochos
$6.00 is distributed to Metropolis Philoptochos
and the balance remains in our chapter.

We rely on your Stewardship to help fund our many efforts to help those in need. Our hope and goal is for every woman in our Assumption Parish to join!

Please give or send your dues to Diana Lillar. Thank you!

Daughters of Penelope
Iris Chapter #242

Dear Assumption Family,

Philanthropy is an important mission of the Daughters of Penelope which is why we are scheduled to volunteer at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan on Saturday, February 17 from 9AM– 12 PM located at 1939 Howard Ave., Flint, Michigan (this is the address to type in your GPS, the Food Bank also faces Lapeer Rd). Members of the Daughters, AHEPA, Assumption parish, and friends are invited to join us. If you would like to make an impact on your community and to help others, please consider donating your time.
Let me know if you will be helping us out by emailing me at: mphagler@sbcglobal.net. We will need to let the Food Bank know how many people will be volunteering. Also, feel free to email me if you have any questions about this volunteer opportunity.

The Daughters will have lunch and a quick meeting at the White Horse Tavern after volunteering at the Food Bank.

We will be hosting our annual Apokries (Greek Mardi Gras) Celebration on Sunday, March 10, 2024, following the Divine Liturgy. Join us for lunch, music, dancing and fellowship. Please see our flyer in this newsletter for more information.

It is time to pay your 2024 membership dues. Please make your check out to: *Daughters of Penelope* for $45.00. Checks may be sent to:

Laura Costa
417 Old Mill Dr.
Flushing, MI 48433

Sincerely,
Marian Hagler
President
Daughters of Penelope, Iris Chapter

STEWARDSHIP 2024

THANK YOU to the following faithful stewards who have submitted their pledge cards for 2024. 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
Bakris, Dr. Nicholas
Batsios, Eftyhia & Evangelos
Birtsas, Sandra
Bistolaridis, Tony & Maria
Bograkos, Tim & Sandy
Bograkos, Vera
Brown Jr, Andrew
Chiavaras, Lucille
Chinonis, Katie
Chinonis, Nancy & Lauster, Jeffrey
Christakis, Christos & Elpida
Clinton, Mike & Kathy
Costa, John & Laura
Costa, Kyriacos & Vasilia
Dalbo, Helen
Davis-Kirksey, Steve & Linda
Ferich, Andrew & Voula
Foraker, Walter & Diane
Garceau, Greg & Sia
Heos, Pamela & Brancheau, Jeffrey
Hountalas Family
Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki
Joynt, Kenneth
Joynt, Sadie
Kallis, Agape
Kallis, Susan
Kaloydis, John
Kitsonas, William †
Kokkianokos, Peter & Panagiota
Komodromos, Tessie
Kontorousis, Dimitri & Jacqueline
Kossaras, Dean & Joyce
Kottalis, Mary
Kus, Michael & Alexis
Levas, George & Margot
Lowe, Ann
Mandelaris, John & Pauline
Manutes, Nicholas & Maria
Melonakos, Anthony & Paula
Nitsos, MaryAnn
Panos, Spiridoula
Pappadakis, Nikki
Paraschos, Sam & Sandra
Photiou, Lucas & Lori
Poulos, Steve & Martha
Richards, Kenneth & Kathy
Rivette, Matthew & Lori
Senter, Clark & Katherine
Sirakis, Kostas & Sofia
Sirakis, Paraskenos & Athena
Steinhoff, Allen & Olga
Steinhoff, Amanda
Steinhoff, Dr. Stephanie
Stergiopoulos, Mary
Stone, Paula
Thurber, Chuck & Paula
Valentine, Marina
Vitinaros, Effie & Nick
Wright, Jeff & Kay
Yeotis, Art & Susan
Yeotis, Catherine
Zaravelis Family

"Do you understand?"

"How can I unless someone guides me?"

-Acts 30-31

COMING SUNDAY JANUARY 28, 2024

(1 – 2 PM – AFTER DIVINE LITURGY)

"COFFEE AND LEARNING" EDUCATION SESSIONS

TEACHING, DISCUSSION AND CONVERSATIONS

LOCATION – FELLOWSHIP HALL – OPEN TO ALL AGES

ESSENTIALS OF THE ORTHODOX FAITH

January 28 – Introduction

Who are we? Why are we different?

February 25 – The Creed

Foundation of the Faith

March 24 – The Ecumenical Councils

What they are, why were the needed?

April 21 – Services and Sacraments

What makes a service a sacrament?

May 26 – The Divine Liturgy

Part I – The Liturgy of the Word

June 30 – The Divine Liturgy

Part II – The Liturgy of the Faithful

SCRIPTURE IN ORTHODOX TRADITION

February 11 – Introduction

The Bible – where did it come from?

March 10 – The Old Testament

Its role in the Orthodox Church

April 7 – The New Testament

Christ and the Church's Life and Teaching

May 12 – Acts

Pentecost and early Church history

June 9 – Epistles

The Apostles' Teaching and Counsels

If interested – please provide names and (if possible) an email to the church office or Fr. Peter (frpeteragocgrandblanc@gmail.com)

Reading and reference will be:

"The Orthodox Church" by Timothy Ware and The Orthodox Study Bible

Join us Sunday,

February 11, 2024

Immediately after church for a

Philoptochos Valentine Fundraiser

and enjoy a wonderful meal

with friends and family

Menu

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Baby Redskin Potatoes

Heart Salad

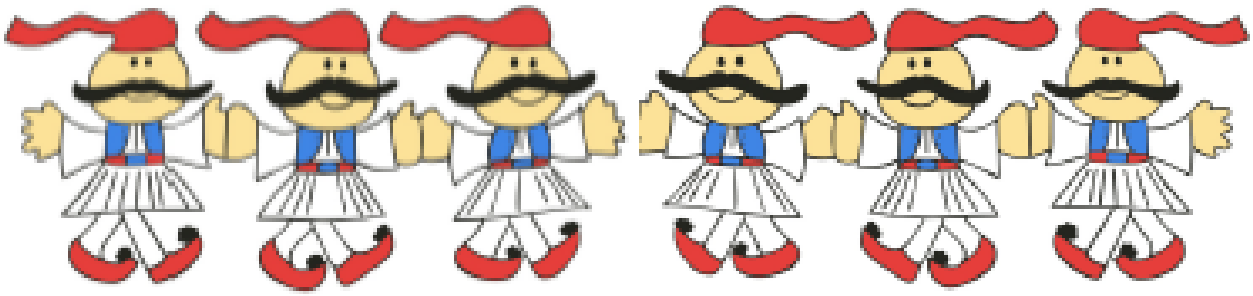
Rolls

Dessert

$18.00 for adults

$12.00 for children 12 and under

RSVP to Diana Panos Lillar (989) 739-2289



Come join us & celebrate Apokries (Greek Mardi Gras)

Sunday, March 10, 2024
following the Divine Liturgy

Lunch, Music, Dancing, and Fellowship

Adults: $12.00

Children 5-12 years: $6.00

4 years and under: Free

Buffet Style:

Medley of Meat Pastas, Greek Salad, and Dessert

Sponsored by the Daughters of Penelope
Iris Chapter 242

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

2245 E. Baldwin Road

Grand Blanc, MI 48439

810-771-4611

FLINT AHEPA-DAUGHTERS
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The Flint AHEPA/ Daughters Scholarship Foundation will award scholarships to qualified 2024 high school graduates. In order to qualify, the graduate must meet the following criteria:

1. Either the student, or at least one of the parents, grandparents, or legal guardian is a paid member of either Flint AHEPA Chapter #141, or Daughters of Penelope Iris Chapter #242, or a member in good standing of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Flint.

2. The student must be graduating from a Flint area high school, and planning to attend a trade school, college or university upon graduating from high school.

3. The student must have a minimum 2.75 grade point average on a scale of 4.00.

4. The student must submit a completed application and all supporting documents by the deadline of May 1, 2024.

If you are a graduate or anyone else that knows of any graduate that meets the above criteria, please contact John K. Costa directly at (810) 659-5275 or jnlcosta@sbcglobal.net. Scholarship Applications are also available at the church office.

FLINT AHEPA-DAUGHTERS
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
2245 E Baldwin Rd., Grand Blanc, MI 48439

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application No._____
(For Office Use)

PART A. To be completed by the student and postmarked by May 1st.
Please print or type

1. Applicant's Name (first)_____(last)_____Birth date_____
2. Address(street)_____(city)_____(state)_____(zip)_____
3. Name of Father_____Mother_____Guardian_____
4. Father's Occupation_____Mother's Occupation_____
5. Are you currently employed?_____If yes, current employer_____
   If no, previous employer_____
   and years of employment_____
6. Name and address of your high school_____

   _____
7. Your grade point average (on a scale of 4.00)_____
8. List special academic recognitions you have received in school and dates received during the past four years. You may attach additional pages.

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Must be postmarked by May 1st

9. List extra-curricular activities in school or in the community, and list any special recognitions received and dates received the past four years. May attach additional pages.

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10. What college or university do you plan on attending?_____

11. When do you expect to enroll ?_____

12. What vocation do you expect to follow?_____

13. Will you be receiving any financial aid from any of the following:

	YES	NO
Parents, relatives or friends	_____	_____
Employment	_____	_____
Savings	_____	_____
Other Loans	_____	_____
Social Security	_____	_____
Government Programs	_____	_____
Other Scholarships	_____	_____

14. Please attach in 400-500 words, a general statement outlining your ideals and goals in life.

15. Names and addresses of two references other than relatives:

NAME ADDRESS

1_____

2_____

Please return and postmarked by May 1st to: John K. Costa
AHEPA-Daughters Scholarship
2245 E. Baldwin Rd.
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

It is also your responsibility that your school returns their portion by May 1st.

FLINT AHEPA-DAUGHTERS
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
2245 E Baldwin Rd., Grand Blanc, MI 48439

PART B. TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PRINCIPAL OR COUNSELOR
(Attachments may be added)

1. Applicant's Name_____
2. Date of graduation_____
3. Course followed_____
4. Grade point average (on a scale of 4.0)_____
5. Number in graduating class_____
6. Class rank_____
7. Academics – recognitions and awards received_____
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8. Non-academic participation, recognitions and awards_____
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9. Please attach a complete transcript of all school grades and all state or national test results.
10. Summary of any information, including applicant's character, personality, creative abilities, activities and interests that may help us in awarding the applicant this scholarship._____
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Signature and title_____ Date_____

Please return and postmarked by May 1st to:

John K. Costa
AHEPA-Daughters Scholarship
2245 E. Baldwin Rd.
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

AHEPA FAMILY SUPREME CONVENTION
LARNACA2024
JULY 21-27, 2024 · LARNACA, CYPRUS

2024 AHEPA FAMILY SUPREME CONVENTION
Hotel Room Reservation Information
Valid for AHEPA Family Members ONLY

AHEPA Global Headquarters, under the leadership of our Supreme President Savas C. Tsivicos, is delighted to announce the 2024 AHEPA Supreme Convention in Larnaca, Cyprus. We have diligently prepared for this once-in-a-lifetime convention, featuring events and programs that will enable our members to explore Cyprus to the fullest!

In 1974, Cyprus was invaded by Turkish troops, leading to the country's ongoing division. It is noteworthy that Cyprus is the only EU country occupied by a NATO member. In 2024, we recognize the 50th anniversary of this illegal invasion. Since 1974, AHEPA has collaborated with various Diaspora groups to raise awareness about this often-overlooked and tragic situation, consistently striving to facilitate a resolution for the 796 Cypriots who are still missing, and a possible resolution to the Cyprus question.

We hope you will be able to join us! Details about the room booking process are as follows:

- All members, delegates, alternates and AHEPA Family members must be paid in full at the time of reservation.
- Any individual that has not paid current dues is ineligible to reserve a room.
- Only one room may be reserved per reservation form, per paid member.
- Each room reservation requires a form and a deposit.
- A **$250** room deposit is required with every reservation. $100 of that is a credit that will be applied to your room at the hotel and $150 of it is the AHEPA Supreme Convention Administrative Fee. A confirmation notice will be emailed to you once your reservation has been confirmed with the hotel.

ROOM DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE & MAY ONLY BE MADE BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER

You will be responsible for paying the balance of your stay upon hotel check-in. There are a very limited number of rooms available at the special AHEPA member rate so secure yours today!

Hotel: Radisson Beach Resort Larnaca (Convention HQ)

Room Type:
- ☐ Classic Single: 195€ - One Person, One Bed
- ☐ Classic Double: 195€ - Two People, Two Beds

Every hotel guest will be provided complimentary full buffet breakfast daily, included in your room rate. All state & local taxes will be added upon checkout.

Please note that there will be an additional charge of 90€ daily if you have a third person in your room which requires a cot.

*Exclusive of all local taxes ** **ONE ROOM PER MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING**

AHEPA FAMILY SUPREME CONVENTION
LARNACA2024
JULY 21-27, 2024 · LARNACA, CYPRUS

2024 AHEPA FAMILY SUPREME CONVENTION
Hotel Room Reservation Information
Valid for AHEPA Family Members ONLY

Please fill out the following form and return it with payment to AHEPA Global Headquarters.

Hotel: Radisson Beach Resort Larnaca (Convention HQ)

Room Type:

_____ Classic Single: 195€ - One Person, One Bed

_____ Classic Double: 195€ - Two People, Two Beds

Check In Date: _____ Check Out Date: _____

Every hotel guest will be provided complimentary full buffet breakfast daily, included in your room rate. All state & local taxes will be added upon checkout.

Please note that there will be an additional charge of 90€ daily if you have a third person in your room which requires a cot. *Exclusive of all local taxes

Name: _____

AHEPA Family Membership ID: _____ Chapter Number: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

I have enclosed Check Number _____ made out to AHEPA Supreme Convention for $250

ROOM DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE & MAY ONLY BE MADE BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER

REMINDER THAT ONLY ONE ROOM RESERVATION MAY BE MADE PER MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

Please remit your deposit check to:
AHEPA Global Headquarters
Attn: AHEPA Supreme Convention
1909 Q Street NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20009

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AHEPA - Educational Foundation (AEF) Scholarship Application 2024
(Applicable for 2024

1909 Q Street N.W., Suite 500
Washington, DC 20009
Tel: 202-232-6300
Fax: 202-232-2140
Email: admin@ahepa.org

(Must Attach Photo Here)
Photo Size 2" X 2"
***(NO BIGGER)*
***(Mandatory)*

(If not placed here applications are automatically disqualified!!!)

*Last Name: _____

*First name: _____

*Permanent Mailing Address: _____

_____

*E-MAIL: _____

*Social Security number: _____ ***(Mandatory)

Scholarships available: (Please check ONLY ONE)

_____ Undergraduate I – High School Seniors or College Freshmen
_____ Undergraduate II – College Sophomores or Junior's
_____ Graduate School – College Seniors or Graduate school students
_____ Hellenic College / Holy Cross Seminary
_____ Webster University (Full Scholarship for AHEPA District 25 applicants ONLY)
_____ Webster University (30% Tuition Scholarship)
_____ Chariclea Christodulakis-Cummins Educational Charity Fund Scholarship (4yr Financial Need-Based for graduating Female H.S)

Un-weighted GPA, (maximum 4.0 Scale) _____ (Applicant MUST CONVERT themselves!!! (DO NOT ROUND-UP!!!) i.e., if you got a 3.173 (DO NOT LIST) as 3.72!!!) (If not converted by applicant, the application will be automatically disqualified!!!

(HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS OR COLLEGE FRESHMEN):

SAT - Total Score for Undergraduate I only: _____(The official scores from the appropriate testing agency must be submitted with the official transcript from your Secondary school)

And Or

ACT - Total Score for Undergraduate I only: _____(The official scores from the appropriate testing agency must be submitted with the official transcript from your Secondary school)

Type of Scholarship: (Please check ONLY ONE!!!)

Scholastic Achievement: _____

Financial Need:_____ *(If choosing this option, applicant must provide a copy of their 2023 1040 tax form!)* ***(if selected and not provided applicant will automatically be disqualified!!!)*

Membership in AHEPA Family: (Please check ONLY ONE!!!)

_____ Yourself	AHEPA _____
_____ Father	DOP _____
_____ Mother	MOA _____
_____ Grandfather	SOP _____
_____ Grandmother	Not a member _____

(ID number if a member) _____ Membership paid thru: ____/____/____ (MUST BE PAID THRU 12/31/24)

***Academic Concentration _____ ***(Mandatory)

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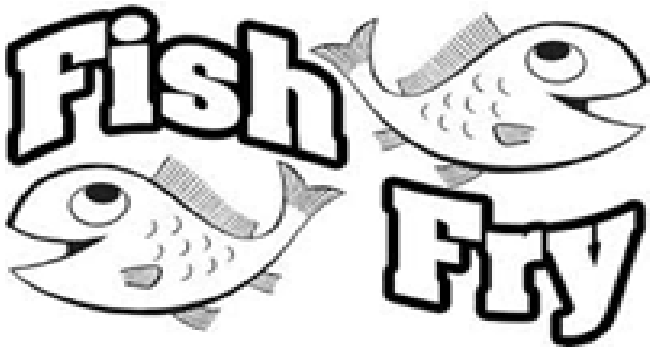

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18TH ANNUAL AHEPA

JOURNEY TO GREECE 2024

June 16 – July 12, 2024

Application Form

Requirements for all Applicants:

1. All Students must provide evidence of good academic standing (official transcript or official letter)
2. Transcripts of most recently completed school semester. (All Students must provide)
3. Letter of recommendation from academic advisor. (All Students must provide)
4. A most recent PASSPORT SIZE (2"x 2") photograph. (All students must provide)
5. Deposit payment of $945.00 (non-refundable) for program. *(April 30, 2024)*
6. Students must be admitted to a university or recently graduated High School and at least *(18yrs old)*.
7. Recently graduated High School students (18yrs and over) must provide a High School transcript or submit a copy of their university enrollment form or else apply for admission to Webster.
8. Front page of their passports.

I hereby apply for participation in the AHEPA Journey to Greece 2024. (Please print or type)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ *State* _____ *Zip Code* _____

Home Phone _____ *Primary Email* _____

Cell Phone _____ *Alternate Email* _____

Date of Birth _____ *Place of Birth* _____

I am a student at _____ *Year in School:* _____

Ability to speak Greek (please circle one): None / Fair / Good / Fluent

CHECK ANY OF THE FOLLOWING (if applicable):

_____ *I am a member in good standing of the Sons of Pericles or Maids of Athena /*

*Member #*_____ *Located in:* _____, _____

My father and/or mother - (circle one or both, if applicable) –

*is a member in good standing of:*_____*AHEPA or* _____*Daughters of Penelope Chapter No.* _____

*Membership #*_____ *Located in* _____

Date: _____ *Student's Signature:* _____

The AHEPA / Webster University JTG 2024 Program

The Order of AHEPA has produced this program with Webster University.

Students arriving between 9:30am and 14:30pm will be met at the Athens airport and transported by private coach to the Athens Campus. All students will enjoy a comprehensive orientation session that will include a tour of the surrounding area to familiarize them with both University procedures and the immediate neighborhood. Regular detailed information will be sent to all students and parents after students have been accepted into the Journey to Greece program. All applications will be processed by AHEPA Headquarters, 1909 Q Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington DC 20009. Additional information will be posted at the AHEPA website: www.ahepa.org/journey/. All questions regarding the program should be sent to: skiasd@webster.edu

Students attending the program will be housed in shared rooms in specially selected, university apartments and/or a 3/4-star Hotel, if the University apartments are not available, in very close proximity to the University in the Plaka area of Athens. Apartment housing will include kitchen facilities, air conditioned and/or fan equipped rooms, laundry facilities and Internet. If University housing is not available and a Hotel is used breakfast will be included.

Program Dates

June 16, 2024 [Depart USA] – July 12, 2024 [Depart HELLAS]

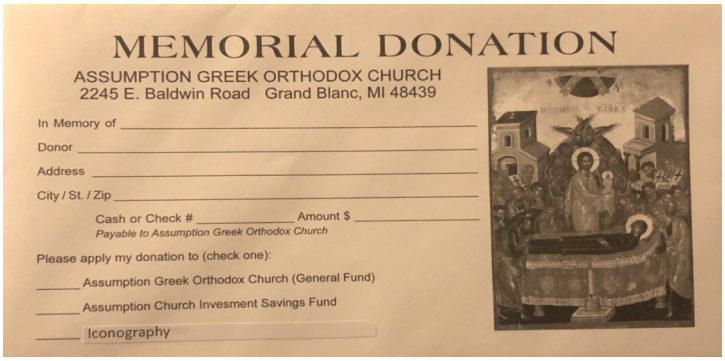
JTG 2024 – Tentative Schedule

June	N	16	Travel to Athens	Depart USA
	M	17	Orientation –Welcome Reception	Arrive Athens
	T	18	Classes	Athens
	W	19	Classes	Athens
	R	20	Classes	Athens
	F	21	3 Day Land Excursion	Olympia
	S	22	3 Day Land Excursion	Sparti
	N	23	3 Day Land Excursion	Athens
	M	24	Activity, Study & Free Time	Athens
	T	25	Classes	Athens
	W	26	Classes	Athens
	R	27	Classes	Athens
	F	28	Activity, Study & Free Time	Athens
	S	29	3 Day Naxos Excursion	Naxos
	N	30	3 Day Naxos Excursion	Naxos
July	M	1	3 Day Naxos Excursion	Athens
	T	2	Classes	Athens
	W	3	Classes	Athens
	R	4	Classes	Athens
	F	5	One Day 3 Island Cruise [optional]	Athens
	S	6	1 Day Land Excursion [optional]	Athens
	N	7	Activity, Study & Free Time	Athens
	M	8	Trip to Cape Sounion	Athens
	T	9	Classes	Athens
	W	10	Classes	Athens
	R	11	Classes – Farewell Reception	Athens
	F	12	End of Program	Depart Athens

- Webster University reserves the right to move the excursions +/- a week

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.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2245 E. Baldwin Road Grand Blanc, MI 48439

In Memory of _____

Donor _____

Address _____

City / St. / Zip _____

Cash or Check # _____ Amount $ _____

Payable to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

Please apply my donation to (check one):

_____ Assumption Greek Orthodox Church (General Fund)

_____ Assumption Church Invesment Savings Fund

_____ Iconography

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

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		**Inactive Parishioner/Non-Member at AGOC-Grand Blanc:** See ASSUMPTION GOC MEMBER POLICY on page 8.
No fee for use of the church for sacraments.		$750 fee for use of the church for Sacraments

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

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		**Inactive Parishioner /Non-Member at AGOC-Grand Blanc:**
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)		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)
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.		

FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS 2023 CONTRIBUTIONS

(JANUARY 1 - NOVEMBER 30)

* Bistolarides, Fr. Peter & Presbytera Peggy
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* Dalbo, Helen
* Heos, Pam & Jeffery Brancheau
* Kalatzis, Athena
* Kallis, Agape
- Kaloydis, John & Karen
- Yeotis, Catherine

Thank you!

Parish Council

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!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Email: _____

PLEDGE INFORMATION

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

	Now		Monthly		Quarterly		Annually

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

I/We plan to make this contribution in the form of:

___Cash ___Check ___Credit Catd ___ Other _____

Credit Card Type:_____ Exp. Date: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Print Name As Shown On Card: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgements:

_____

_____I/We wish to have our gift remain anonymous.

Make all checks payable to "Assumption GOC" with a memo of "Parking Lot"

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Greek Peas	4 lbs - $13.00
Spinach Cheese Pie	Tray - 15 Pieces - $25.00
Tiropita (Cheese Triangle)	15 Pieces - $20.00
Dolmathes	Approx. 25 for $25.00
Greek Feta	2 1/2 pounds - $10.00
Phyllo Dough (Effective 1/1/24)	1 lb package - $4.00
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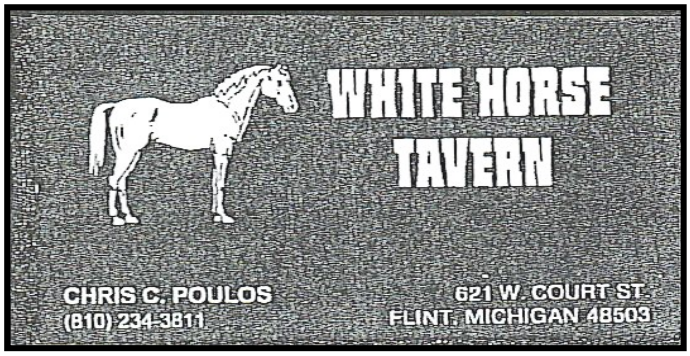

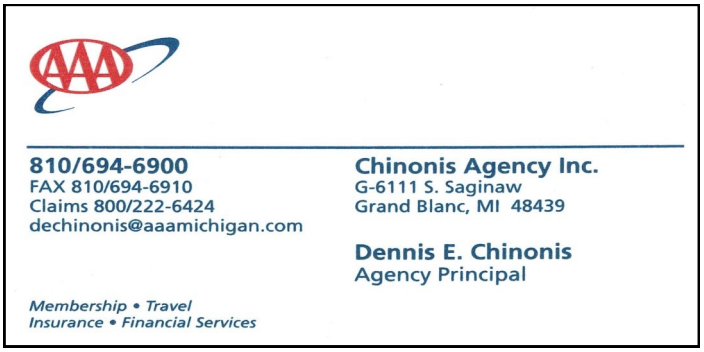

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Orthros: 8:50 am
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Priest: Rev. Fr. Peter Bistolarides

Telephone: 810-771-4611

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FrPeterAGOCGrandBlanc@gmail.com
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9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Please check the website for
up to date events.

2024 Parish Council

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