

THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

January

2024



What's Happening

JANUARY 2024

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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- 1: New Years Day Orthros 8:50 AM
- New Years Day Liturgy 10:00 AM
- 6: Theophany Orthros 8:50 AM
- Theophany Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
- 7: Vasilopita Sunday
- 7: 2024 PC Oath of Office 11:30 AM
- 9: Philoptochos Holiday Luncheon 1:00 PM
- 18: Dormition Monastery Vespers 5:00 PM
- Dormition Monastery Dinner 7:00 PM
- @ St. George - Flint
- 21: Parish Council Meeting 11:30 AM

FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 9: Fish Fry resumes for Western Lent 3:00-8:00 PM
- 10: Philoptochos Valentine's Gala
- 18: Parish Council Meeting 11:30 AM

PROSPHORON SCHEDULE

JANUARY	FEBRUARY
7 Trifon, Nick	4 Vergos, Peter & Susie
14 Vakalopoulos, Petros & Iordana	11 Vitinaros, Nick & Effie
21 Valentine, Marina	18 Vogel, Harrison
28 Vergos, Nitsa	25 Walker, Bruce & Kathy

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

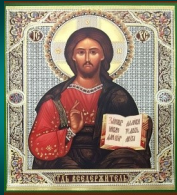
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

SUNDAY READERS SCHEDULE

JANUARY	FEBRUARY
7 Nick Kallis	4 John Costa
14 Cathy Yeotis	11 Nick Kallis
21 Dena Altheide	18 Cathy Yeotis
28 Debra Chinonis	25 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

January 2024

LETTING GO OF THE PAST

“There are two tools used by Satan against us: one is dwelling over the past – which we can’t change - and the other is anxiety about the future – which we have no control over. Both of these take away our participation in and experiencing the joy of the present” (St. Anthony the Great)

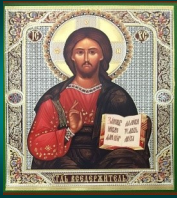
Dear Assumption Family:

The clock flips from 11:59 pm on December 31, 2023 to midnight on January 1, 2024. In an instant, we start a new year. While for the Church, it is a celebration of the despotic Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord on the eighth day of His earthly life, as well as the feast day of our Great Saint Basil, it is not clear when in history this moment gained the significance it does in the secular calendar – why it is January 1 that is seen as a New Year with a new beginning.

We resolve to change – to eat (or drink) less, to set new goals, to try and be “better”. Often, we fail in keeping these promises to ourselves. There is no particular reason why the date January 1 makes this easier, except as a reminder. As Orthodox Christians, we are asked to constantly examine ourselves, repent, confess, and try to be better. “Resolutions” are hard-wired in the beliefs and Traditions of the Orthodox faith.

In my experience as a priest, and in talking with brother priests, there is a disturbing dynamic in our parishes – people leaving a parish (or Church entirely) because they have experienced some negative interaction with someone. There are hardly any parishes where this doesn’t occur, and apparently doesn’t take much, and often, people hold bad feelings and grudges sometimes from the remote past.

I read somewhere that “McDonald’s can mess up your order a hundred times, and people still go back. But just one thing goes wrong in church, and people quit. Perhaps they aren’t hungry enough”.



FROM FATHER PETER

What is especially disturbing is that rarely does this have anything to do with the core function of the Church itself or its services – our worship of Christ, our personal salvation – but too often it is some bad interaction with others in a parallel activity of the parish – festival, luncheon, choir, even Philoptochos, to give a few examples.

Outside of the priest, all of the activities of a community depend on voluntary participation. This creates a good opportunity to support our community, but also involves a risk that our relationships with each other may be exposed to stresses that end up discouraging us from participating or even from showing up. Unfortunately, our participating as active Orthodox Christians in the worship of our Church is caught up in this when it really shouldn't be.

As we start a new year, it is convenient to examine our community and our relationships and resolve to do better in every area. Of course, we need to do this at all times – to repent, change, ask forgiveness is the basis of our salvation in Christ.

Therefore, let us RESOLVE:

To put the Church's reason for existing – the worship of God – first; to put Christ at the center of our lives, to bring ourselves to His house to be fed by the word of God, His Body and Blood, and focus our entire being on Him – regardless of who else is there. Keep all other activities in our community in their proper place.

Treat others as we wish to be treated – with kindness and genuine love.

Be constantly aware of your interaction with others in all things – especially if you are a leader – and appreciate all of the hard work that everyone does.

While disagreements and conflicts can occur, adopt a spirit of love and forgiveness with each other.

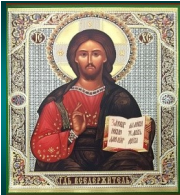
Volunteer your time and talent in the various activities which help to support our Church.

If we can't or don't volunteer, be thankful for those who volunteer and pray for and support them.

Remember that we cannot change the past, only how we react to it. **THE PAST IS THE PAST – LET IT GO.**

May God bless our Assumption community and bring us health and peace for 2024 and always.

+Fr. Peter



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Parishioners of Assumption,

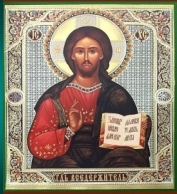
Every end marks a new beginning. As we enter the New Year of 2024, a good time to reflect on the ending of a year & the beginning of a new one; with a list of resolutions regarding spending more time with family, health related concerns & more. Also, a list as to what is needed towards our spiritual life, such as praying every day, studying the bible more, loving & considerate towards each other, attending church more often & being obedient to the word of God. All resolutions made are powerless, they to be followed by actions. Needless to say they all fade away as quickly as they are made.

A new year is a perfect occasion to appreciate all the good things that the past year has given us & the good things that are yet to come.

Many happy wishes to all for a wonderful year ahead & may the old year end & the new year begin with warmest of aspirations!

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 NOVEMBER 2023			OPERATING EXPENSES NOVEMBER 2023		
	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE		CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Stewardship	\$6,508.00	\$114,980.64	Operating Expenses	\$13,247.76	\$157,763.01
Trays & Candles	\$512.00	\$11,372.50	Youth Ministry Expenses	\$0	\$91.27
Memorial income	\$0	\$5,055	Miscellaneous Expenses*	\$3,443.98	\$26,164.53
Miscellaneous Income	\$2,149.40	\$23,407.51	Maintenance Expenses	\$3,802.12	\$17,411.85
Fish Fry – Lent Income	\$0	\$43,513.62	Fish Fry – Lent Expenses	\$0	\$29,117.10
Fish Fry – Fall Income	\$10,504.67	\$32,087.52	Fish Fry – Fall Expenses	\$4,029.23	\$18,983.89
Other Fundraising Income**	\$6,340.00 Super Draw	\$112,050.10	Other Fundraising Expenses**	\$0	\$21,011.35
2023 Total Operating Income	\$26,014.07	\$342,466.89	2023 Total Operating Expenses	\$24,523.09	\$270,543.00
Total Operating Income (Loss) for Month: \$1,490.98					
Total Operating Income (Loss) for Year: \$71,923.89					

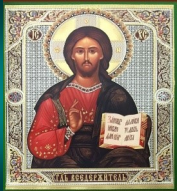
*Miscellaneous Expenses include Office, Janitorial, Altar and Kitchen supplies, and other expenses not included in the other categories.

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

OTHER INCOME NOVEMBER 2023		OTHER EXPENSES NOVEMBER 2023	
ICONOGRAPHY DONATIONS	\$100	Iconography Expenses	\$0
CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS	\$2,227.50	Transfer to Iconography Investment Account	\$0
PARKING LOT DONATIONS	\$899	Church Memorial Fund Expenses	\$170
PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT	\$0	Transfer to Wall Savings Investment Account	\$0

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2023

General Checking	\$102,406.36	Church Memorial Fund – Bank Savings Acct	\$2,756.26
		Church Memorial Fund - Investment Account	\$192,564.01
Special Events – Consists of: Altar Items – Special Tray \$500 Altar Items – Cloths \$3000 Hall Rental - \$100 Parking Lot Savings - \$899 Super Draw - \$6,340 Youth Ministry \$1,012.27 Emergency Funds \$3,000	\$14,851.27	Iconography- Bank Savings Acct	\$1,643.41
		Iconography Investment Account	\$55,334.05
		Property Improvement Savings	\$2,506.37



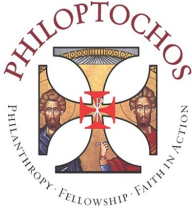
FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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

John Mandelaris	Jan. 2nd	Jim Buterakos	Jan. 14th
Nick Vitinaros	Jan. 2nd	Marialena O'Bee	Jan. 15th
Diana Lillar	Jan. 5th	Michael Grousopoulos	Jan. 16th
Nancy Chinonis	Jan. 6th	Stacey Grousopoulos	Jan. 16th
Katelyn Iordanou	Jan. 8th	Demetri Politis	Jan. 18th
Katerina Federick	Jan. 8th	Nickolas Douros	Jan. 19th
Vicki Iakovidis	Jan. 10th	Sofia O'Bee	Jan. 27th
Karen Kaloydis	Jan. 11th	Kathy Richards	Jan. 29th
Ioannis Kennedy	Jan. 12th		

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!

Happy New Year Everyone - XRONIA POLLA

2024 is here. I hope the Christmas holidays found everyone healthy and safe. We are all blessed to be able to celebrate the birth of Christ once more and to be able to ring in another New Year. This is the time of year to reflect on our goals and/or changes for the year.

November was a great month for us with two fundraising projects. The first as you may recall our Loukoumades sales which were a big hit. I would once again like to thank Mary Stergiopoulos for her excellent job in making them and Zoi Stergiopoulos for stepping in to help that morning along with the others who dipped them in the syrup, sprinkled nuts or distributed them at the window. Everyone really enjoyed the delicious puffs.

Our second event was Ann Lowe's birthday celebration where she provided items for coffee hour and also sold Frappes and donated the money to Philoptochos. Great job Ann and Thank you. The Frappe's were delicious.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all the wonderful women who have been donating their time making melomacarona, koulourakia, kourabiethes, spanakopitas, baklava, tsoureki, etc. Without your help we wouldn't be able to accomplish this and since it is our biggest fundraiser, we are grateful to all those who help us out every year. Without this fundraiser we would not be able to fulfill our National and District obligations or make any donations to local charities.

Coming up will be our Holiday Luncheon on January 9, 2024 at Liberty Restaurant on Pierson Road at 1:00. If you plan to attend please contact either Cathy Yeotis or me as soon as possible.

Dues are now being collected. They are \$40 and can be sent to the church in care of Diana Lillar.

Olga Steinhoff, President
Assumption Philoptochos

Many thanks to everyone who supported our annual Christmas card fundraiser. It's our way of helping those in need within our community. Alms giving is an important part of tithing as compassionate Christians. God Bless you all!

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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!



Please join us for the

Philoptochos Holiday Lunch

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

1:00 pm

At the Liberty Family

Restaurant

Pierson Road

Flushing

*Reserve your spot by contacting
either*

Cathy Yeotis (810) 344-7218

cathyyeotis@gmail.com

or

Olga Steinhoff (810) 234-9319

gstein.steinhoff29@gmail.com

Daughters of Penelope
Iris Chapter #242

Happy New Year 2024 to our Assumption Family!

We would like to welcome our newest member, Lori Photiou, who was initiated before our monthly meeting on December 2, 2023. We had a wonderful evening after the meeting with a Christmas Party/Potluck with the AHEPA.

Our future events include:

- Next chapter meeting- Sunday, January 14, 2024, following church.
- Book Club- We are reading “All the Light We Cannot See” by Anthony Doerr. The next book club meeting will be held on January 17, 2024, at 1:00 at the home of Anna Anagnostopoulos.
- Annual Mardi Gras Celebration-Sunday, March 10, 2024 (Meatfare Sunday) after church.
- Lunch with the Doris Chapter#157of Bloomfield Hills, MI- Details have not been finalized.
- Volunteer Day at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan- Details have not been finalized.

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
Chapter President



*DOP/AHEPA CHRISTMAS POTLUCK
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023*

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

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Karay Sr, Nicholas

Kitsonas, William

Kokkianokos, Peter & Panagiota

Komodromos, Tessie

Kondyles, Chryssoula

Kontourousis, Dimitri & Jacqueline

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

Nikolakeas, Panagiota

Nitsos, Emma

Nitsos, George & Candy

Nitsos, MaryAnn

O'Keefe, Derek & Michelle

Taso & Mitra Pagonis

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

Preketes, Frank

Richards, Kenneth & Kathy

Rivette, Matthew & Lori

Salutes-Rogind, Sally

Schultze, JoAnne

Sirakis, Kostas & Sofia

Sirakis, Paraskenos & Athena

Stamatis, Sandra & Thomas †

Steinhoff, Allen & Olga

Steinhoff, Amanda

Steinhoff, Dr. Stephanie

Stergiopoulos, Mary

Stergiopoulos, Zoi

Stone, Benjamin

Stone, Paula

Thornton, Jerry & Demitra

Thurber, Chuck & Paula

Thurkill, Stella

Trifon, Nick

Vakalopoulos, Petros & Iorana

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Valentine, Marina

Vergos, Helen

Vergos, Dr. Peter & Susie

Vitinaros, Effie & Nick

Walker, Bruce & Kathy

Wright, Jeff & Kay

Yeotis, Art & Susan

Yeotis, Catherine

Yeotis, Hon. Thomas & Meg

Zaravelis Family

12th Annual Winter Dinner for the Holy Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery

- ⇒ **When:** Thursday, January 18, 2024, 5 – 8:30 PM
- ⇒ **Where:** St. George Orthodox Church
5191 Lennon Rd., Flint, MI 48507

Evening Schedule

- ✓ 5:00 Vespers led by the Monastic Community followed by Social Time, Appetizers & The Monastery Gift Shop
- ✓ 7:00 Dinner and Program (A Rule of Prayer: Individual, Parish, Monastic)
- ✓ 8:30 Closing Prayer & Good Night!

REGISTER / VOLUNTEER / DONATE by Sunday 1/07

- **Online:** www.saintgeorgeflint.org (or the QR Code below)
- **By paper:** Fill out the form below, detach and give to your Parish Contact
- **By phone:** Call St. George Church (810-732-0720)

Minimum Suggested Dinner Donation

- \$35 / Adult
- \$25 / Child or Student

Make Checks Out To:
DORMITION MONASTERY
OR

Use your phone's camera
and the QR Code below to
Register / Donate Online

PARISH CONTACTS

- ✓ Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Lori Photiou
- ✓ St. George Church Fr. Michael Bassett
- ✓ St. Mary Magdalene Church Dn. Michael Schlaack
- ✓ St. Nicholas Church Matushka Kathy Gonser

A Pan-Orthodox Event Sponsored by the Orthodox Churches of Genesee County

Register / Donate Online →

OR

Fill in the form below and give it & your donation to your Parish Contact

Online Registration /
Donation QR Code



PAPER REGISTRATION FORM

V = Volunteer / \$\$ = Amount Given / M = Meal / D = Donation Only

Name (please give cell # if Volunteering)	V	\$\$	M / D

Fr. Michael Bassett – 12/13/2023

GREEK HERITAGE NIGHT



VS



SAT. JAN, 20th 2024 | 3PM

Come out to celebrate Greek Heritage Night at Little Caesars Arena as the Detroit Pistons take on the Milwaukee Bucks! With the purchase of a ticket through this link, you will receive an exclusive Greek Heritage Winter Hat that you can redeem at the Pistons game. Please place orders quickly because spots are limited!

***NORTH END CLUB \$65 (reg. \$80)**

LOWER LEVEL SIDELINE \$209 (reg. \$250)

LOWER LEVEL CORNER \$114 (reg. \$130)

LOWER LEVEL ENDZONE \$64 (reg. \$85)

MEZZANINE ENDZONE \$38 (reg. \$50)

UPPER LEVEL ENDZONE \$32 (reg. \$45)

Ticket Includes:

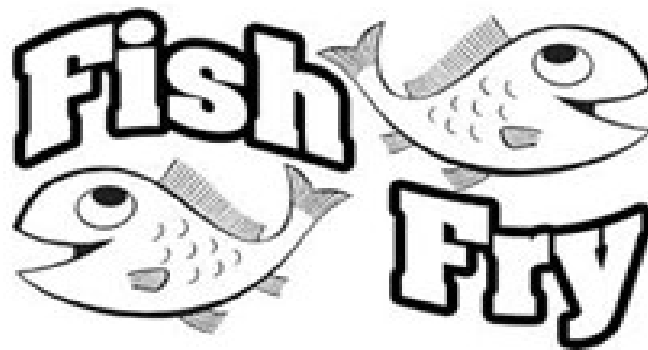
- FREE Greek Heritage Winter Hat

*North End Club Includes:

ALL you can eat hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, water, soda and more!



GRAND BLANC



EVERY FRIDAY 3:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

FEBRUARY 9, 2024

THRU

MARCH 29, 2024

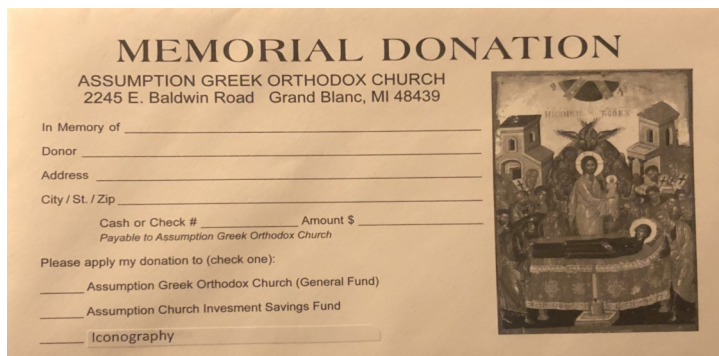
WE ARE MORE THAN A FISH FRY!

Fried Fish, Baked Fish, Shrimp, Chicken Strips, Baked Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Pastitsio, Greek Salad, Rice Pudding

Find us on 

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>

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

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<p>Friday-Saturday Hall Rental: Flat fee of \$600 for Hall Rental (includes clean-up) If church dishes are used, dishwasher will be supplied at a cost of \$50 (cannot bring own dishwasher)</p>	<p>Flat fee of \$1,100 for Hall Rental (includes clean-up) If church dishes are used, dishwasher will be supplied at a cost of \$50. (cannot bring own dishwasher)</p>
<p>Sunday - Thursday Hall Rental: \$300 minimum for 3 hours - \$100 each additional hour up to a maximum of \$600. Renter is responsible for hall clean-up. No kitchen usage.</p>	

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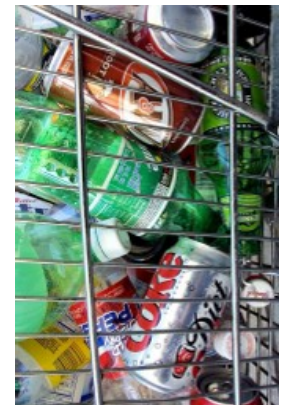
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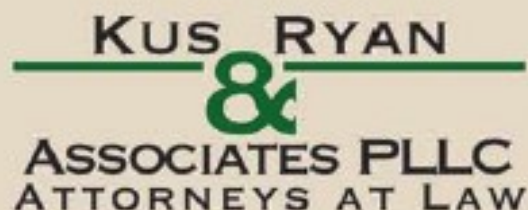
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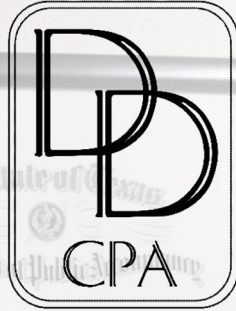


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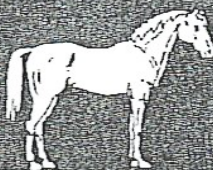
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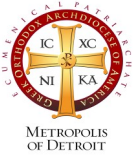
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