

# THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

APRIL  
2024



# What's Happening

## APRIL 2024

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 5: 3rd Salutations to the Theotokos 6:00 PM
- 6: PanOrthodox Lenten Retreat
- 7: Coffee & Learn Session 1:00 PM
- 9; Pholoptochoas Meeting 1:00 PM
- 9: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 PM
- 10: PanOrthodox PreSanctified Liturgy 6:00 PM  
@ St. George in Flint
- 12: 4th Salutations to the Theotokos 6:00 PM
- 19: Akathist Hymn 6:00 PM
- 21: Coffee & Learn Session 1:00 PM
- 24: PanOrthodox PreSanctified Liturgy 6:00 PM  
@ St. Mary Magdalene in Fenton
- 27: PanOrthodox Divine Liturgy for the feast 9:30 AM  
commemorating Raising of Lazarus
- 28: Palm Sunday

## MAY 2024

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 5: PASCHA
- 8: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 PM
- 12: Coffee & Learn Session 1:00 PM
- 14: Philoptochos Meeting 1:00 PM
- 18: Knucklehead Blues Band 5:00-7:00 PM
- 19: 1 YR Memorial for George Manutes
- 19: Coffee & Learn Session 1:00 PM
- 27: Memorial Day Cemetery Blessings (see flyer)

## PROSPHORON SCHEDULE

APRIL	MAY
7 Yeotis, Dean & Lynda	5 Allard, Clyde & Georgie
14 Yeotis, Hon. Thomas & Meg	12 Altheide, Dena
21 Yiannatji, Frank	19 Anagnostopoulos, Nick & Anna
28 Zaravelis, George & Genie	26 Asa, Darwin & Barbara

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 in the name of 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*

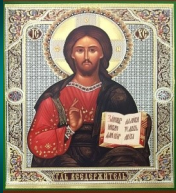
### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

## SUNDAY READERS SCHEDULE

APRIL	MAY
7 Debra Chinonis	5 Dena Altheide
14 John Costa	12 Debra Chinonis
21 Nick Kallis	19 John Costa
28 Cathy Yeotis	26 Nick Kallis

If you are unable to make your assigned reading date, please contact the church office, 810-771-4611 so we can find a replacement. Thank you!



## FROM FATHER PETER

APRIL 2024

### THE GREAT RESET

During the month of April, we usually split our time between the latter part of Great Lent, and the events of Holy Week and the Resurrection. This year, of course, with the celebration of Pascha occurring in May, the entire month of April is caught up solely in Great Lent.

I wrote last month about the Triodion's themes of preparation - humility and repentance, leading us to the Last Judgment. Great Lent takes us to the next level of intense preparation for Pascha – one that continues to invoke the same themes as the Triodion, of course, but others as well.

For those of us who use computers, smartphones, and other technology (which, I suppose, is all of us), we sometimes encounter a problem where the only solution is to hit a button or switch, to clear everything and restart our work – what we know commonly as a “reset”. In the same way, although we can rightly call it a period of preparation for Pascha, it is reasonable to consider Great Lent the opportunity to reset our lives in Christ.

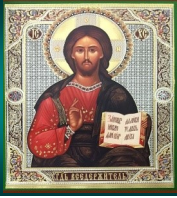
We have many tools at our disposal for this reset, involving discipline and attention on our part: fasting, prayer (including our attendance at divine services), participation in the sacraments of the Church (not just communion, but the sacrament of repentance and confession) to name a few.

.Many of us, however, seem to view Lent as a culinary exercise - most of us seem to worry more about what we can, or can't, eat. Our Orthodox calendar prescribes periods of fasting throughout the year –on Wednesdays and Fridays, and other periods. In fact, between 180 to 200 days per year are fast days in the church year. Dietary fasting is an important part of Lent, for a number of reasons.

What we need to ask ourselves is this: what constitutes a TRUE fast?

There is a story I heard many years ago, involving His Grace Bishop Gerasimos of Abydos, of blessed memory. Bishop Gerasimos began his spiritual journey on Mount Athos, and later was brought to the U.S., where he served our Archdiocese in various capacities, including at our Holy Cross seminary in Brookline, MA. By all accounts, he was a deeply kind, humble and saintly man.

Bishop Gerasimos had been invited, with several others, to someone's home for dinner. It happened to be a Friday – a fast day. The hostess, out of hospitality, had prepared meat, and proceeded to place a plate of this in front of her guest of honor, the Bishop. He paused and looked at the plate silently, contemplating the dilemma, and considering how to handle this without bringing offense to his host or anyone else. He took his knife and fork and began to eat what had been offered to him



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One of the other guests, who was intently watching what he would do, asked in a bemused manner, “What is this, Your Grace? A bishop eating meat on a Friday?”. Bishop Gerasimos gently replied: “Better for a bishop to eat meat on a Friday, than for brethren to devour each other”.

Yes, we strive to avoiding eating all of those things which we are instructed to avoid during Lent, but do we also avoid those things in our lives that are harmful to us in other ways – conflict, anger, evil thoughts, judging others, and other soul-destroying behavior? St. John Chrysostom and other Church Fathers have written extensively on the discipline of fasting, not only of body, but of mind and spirit as well, reminding us that even if we comply totally with dietary restrictions, this is useless if we have not removed the vices and follies we are confronted with daily as well.

Christ reminds us *“Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man, but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man” (Matthew 15:11 NRSV)*

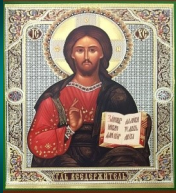
In addition, it is important to understand that Lent it is not simply about “giving things up” for the period. When we take something away, we create a void, needing to be replaced with something else. But what do we replace it with? The discipline is not only in removing certain things from our lives but replacing them with what will be beneficial for us spiritually – replacing gluttony with sobriety, anger with charity, conflict with forgiveness and reconciliation, good judgment instead of judging others, useless or harmful thoughts and activity with unceasing prayer and worship in our Church services and participation in the sacraments of Holy Communion and confession.

The period of Lent is not easy, for any of us, and we are and will be challenged repeatedly, as we are at other times. It is important not allow us to be discouraged if we fall short, but to continue to try. St. Paul reminds us in the Epistle to the Romans that is read on Cheesefare Sunday on how we should approach our Lenten journey. It reminds us that this journey, while involving all of us, is still very personal. Your focus should not be on what others are doing, but on what you are doing. We are each responsible for our own reset, not only in preparing to celebrate the Resurrection, but for the entire year.

*“Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God”*  
*(I Corinthians 10:31)*

May God bless all of you on your personal Lenten journeys.

+Fr. Peter



# FROM FATHER PETER



## **ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

Rev. Fr. Peter Bistolarides, Presiding Priest  
2245 E. Baldwin Road, Grand Blanc, MI 48439  
810-771-4611 FrPeterAGOCGrandBlanc@gmail.com

SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR TRIODION AND GREAT LENT  
All at Assumption, unless otherwise noted

NOTE: TRIODION BEGINS SUNDAY FEB 25, 2024

### MARCH

Saturday March 9, 2024 1<sup>st</sup> SATURDAY OF THE SOULS Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Sunday March 10, 2024 **MEATFARE SUNDAY** Regular Orthros 8:50 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am  
(NOTE: Daylight Savings Time begins today)

Saturday March 16, 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> SATURDAY OF THE SOULS Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Sunday March 17, 2024 **CHEESEFARE SUNDAY** Regular Orthros 8:50 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am  
NOTE: FORGIVENESS VESPERS for Lent immediately following Liturgy

### **Monday March 18 – CLEAN MONDAY – GREAT LENT BEGINS**

Friday March 22, 2024 1<sup>st</sup> SALUTATION TO THE THEOTOKOS 6:00 pm

Saturday March 23, 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> SATURDAY OF THE SOULS Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Sunday March 24, 2024 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY Regular Orthros and Divine Liturgy

GREAT VESPERS OF THE ANNUNCIATION (PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICE) 6:00 pm

Monday March 25, 2024 FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION (PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICE) Orthros 8:50 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Wednesday March 27, 2024 Pre-sanctified Liturgy (Pan-Orthodox Service)  
St. Nicholas, Burton, 6 pm

Friday March 29, 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS 6:00 pm

### APRIL

Friday April 5, 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS 6:00 pm

Wednesday April 10, 2024 Pre-sanctified Liturgy (Pan-Orthodox Service)  
St. George, Lennon Rd, 6 pm

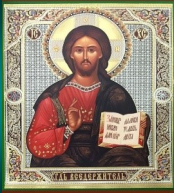
Friday April 12, 2024 4<sup>th</sup> SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS 6:00 pm

Wednesday April 24, 2024 Pre-sanctified Liturgy (Pan-Orthodox Service)  
St. Mary Magdalene, Fenton, 6 pm

Friday April 19, 2024 AKATHIST HYMN 6:00 pm

Friday April 27, 2024 PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS/LAZARUS SATURDAY (PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICE) 8:50 am

FULL HOLY WEEK AND PASCHAL SCHEDULE TO FOLLOW



## FROM FATHER PETER

### *Orthodox Churches of Genesee County, Michigan*

Assumption (Greek) 2245 Baldwin Road ❖ Grand Blanc, MI 48439 ❖ 810-771-4611  
St. George (Antiochian) 5191 Lennon Road ❖ Flint, MI 48507 ❖ 810-732-0720  
St. Mary Magdalene (OCA) 2439 S. Long Lake Road ❖ Fenton, MI 48430 ❖ 810-750-1401  
St. Nicholas (OCA) 2143 South Center Road ❖ Burton, MI 48519 ❖ 810-744-0070

### 2024 Great Fast and Bright Week



#### **Pan-Orthodox Divine Services and Lenten Refreshments**

Great Compline at St. George (*Mondays, 6pm*) All are welcome every Monday night. This beautiful service, along with the Lenten Hours on Wednesdays at St. Nicholas, allows us to experience the Great Fast more deeply. Confessions will be available after the service.

Lenten Hours at St. Nicholas (*Wednesdays, 10am*) All are welcome every Wednesday morning.

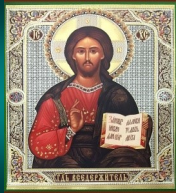
Presanctified Divine Liturgy and Lenten Potluck Dinner (*Wednesdays, 6pm*) We will celebrate together the Presanctified Liturgy and the Great Feast of the Annunciation according to the schedule below. Holy Communion is given at both. To partake of Holy Communion at evening liturgies, please be prepared with prayer and fasting (*no eating or drinking after 12 Noon*). Confessions will be available prior to the evening liturgies from 5:30pm–6pm. The Lenten Potluck Dinners will be coordinated by the host parish.

Sunday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Great Feast of the <i>Annunciation Great Vespers</i> at Assumption	6pm
Monday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Great Feast of the <i>Annunciation Divine Liturgy</i> at Assumption	10am
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Presanctified Liturgy</i> at St. Nicholas	6pm
Saturday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Retreat ( <i>more information to follow</i> )	
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Presanctified Liturgy</i> at St. George	6pm
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Presanctified Liturgy</i> at St. Mary Magdalene	6pm
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Liturgy</i> at Assumption	9:30am

#### **Bright Week** (May 5<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>)

May 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Paschal Divine Liturgy</i> at St. Mary Magdalene	10am
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Paschal Divine Liturgy</i> at St. Nicholas	10am
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Paschal Evening Liturgy</i> at St. George	6pm
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Paschal Divine Liturgy for the Life-giving Font</i> at Assumption	10am

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FROM FATHER PETER

# “SALVATION AND THE UNSEEN WORLD”

## A PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN RETREAT APRIL 6, 2024

Join us for our annual Pan-Orthodox Lenten Retreat hosted by St. Mary Magdalene Parish (2439 S. Long Lake Rd Fenton, MI 48430)

This year’s guest lecturer is Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick. Retreat Schedule:

<b>9:30am - 10:30am</b>	<b>Hospitality &amp; Registration</b>
<b>10:00am - 12:00pm</b>	<b>Session 1: “What Do Demons Have to Do with the Gospel?”</b>
<b>12:00pm - 1:00pm</b>	<b>Lenten Fellowship Lunch</b>
<b>1:00pm - 2:30pm</b>	<b>Session 2: “What do Angels Have to Do with Salvation?”</b>
<b>2:30pm - 2:45 pm</b>	<b>Break Time</b>
<b>2:45pm - 3:30pm</b>	<b>Open Q &amp; A</b>
<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Pan-Orthodox Great Vespers</b>



**WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO ATTEND THIS ALL-DAY REATREAT IN PERSON AND JOIN IN THE FELLOWSHIP. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO JOIN US IN PERSON THERE WILL BE A PRIVATE LIVESTREAM OF THIS EVENT. THE RETREAT WILL NOT BE BROADCAST PUBLICALLY, SO PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

*The Pan-Orthodox Churches  
of Genesee County*

Holy Assumption Greek  
Orthodox Church  
(2245 E. Baldwin Rd Grand Blanc, MI)

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

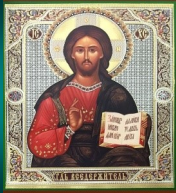
St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox  
Church  
(2439 S. Long Lake Rd Fenton, MI)

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church  
(2141 S Center Rd Burton, MI)

PLEASE USE THE QR CODE TO  
REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT OR VISIT  
[ST-MARYMAGDALENE.ORG/ADULT-EDUCATION](http://ST-MARYMAGDALENE.ORG/ADULT-EDUCATION)

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS  
FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH AT 3:00PM EST**

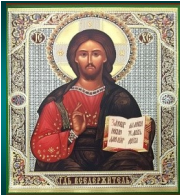




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# ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA 2024

APRIL 27	LAZARUS SATURDAY	Preparation of the Gifts and Commemoration of the Raising of Lazarus	Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy at Assumption	9:30 AM
APRIL 28	PALM SUNDAY	Entrance of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem	Divine Liturgy	10:00 AM
		Joseph, Son of Jacob (Book of Genesis)	First Bridegroom Service	6:00 PM
APRIL 29	GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY	Parable of the Ten Virgins	Second Bridegroom Service	6:00 PM
APRIL 30	GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY	Anointing of Jesus Christ with Myrrh	Third Bridegroom Service	6:00 PM
MAY 1	GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY	Healing Sacrament of the Church	Service of Holy Unction	6:00 PM
MAY 2	GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY	The Last Supper: The Institution of the Eucharist	Vespereal Divine Liturgy	10:00 AM
		Passion of Jesus Christ: The Twelve Gospels	Service of the Crucifixion	6:00 PM
MAY 3	GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY	Standing at the Foot of the Cross of Jesus Christ	Service of the Royal Hours	10:00 AM
		Removal of Jesus Christ from the Cross	Service of the Descent from the Cross	2:00 PM
		Candlelight Funeral Service for Jesus Christ	Lamentations Service	7:00 PM
MAY 4	GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY	Jesus Christ's Victory Over Death	Pre-Resurrection Vespereal Divine Liturgy	10:00 AM
		Anticipation of the Resurrection	Vigil of the Holy Resurrection	11:00 PM
		The Holy Resurrection of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ	Service of the Holy Resurrection and the Paschal Divine Liturgy	MIDNIGHT
MAY 5	GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA	Proclaiming the Gospel in Multiple Languages	Agape Vespers	11:00 AM



## FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Parishioners of Assumption,

April is in the air! Blossom by blossom spring begins. Although, we could do without the April showers, spring is an exciting time to look forward to.

The Easter season is upon us, bringing the celebration of our Lord's resurrection. Easter is celebrated by Christians as a joyous holiday.

The Fish Fry has successfully come to an end. A mammoth undertaking headed by John Hountalas & a massive weekly amount of work by the dedicated group of volunteers, my deepest appreciation & thank you to all for your tireless support. Many blessings to all of you!

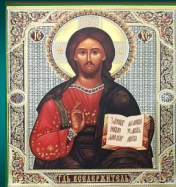
Our next upcoming event is the "Knucklehead Blues Band", headed by our own George Nitsos. We had a wonderful & enjoyable time previously, & will do so again. Plan to attend for an exciting evening & delicious food, desserts, music, dancing & above all sharing fellowship with all. Following this event the "Taste of Greece", June 1st is fast approaching.

Cheers from miles away to our dearest Lucille Chiavaras, many Happy Birthday wishes and blessings filled with love & laughter. May your special day be as special as you are.

Hoping your Easter is filled with joy & hope & life's sweetest things (and a little chocolate as well).

Susan Kallis

Parish Council President



# FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

## MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

### OPERATING INCOME FEBRUARY 2024

### OPERATING EXPENSES FEBRUARY 2024

CATEGORY	Jan	CURRENT		CATEGORY	CURRENT	YEAR TO DATE
		MONTH	YEAR TO DATE			
Stewardship	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 17,417.00	\$ 48,917.00	Operating Expenses	\$ 16,885.05	\$ 39,883.00
Trays and Candles	\$ 868.00	\$ 702.00	\$ 1,570.00	Youth Ministry Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Memorial income	\$ 4,365.00	\$ 1,075.00	\$ 5,440.00	Miscellaneous Expenses *	\$ 2,281.88	\$ 4,048.44
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 1,567.64	\$ 450.00	\$ 2,017.64	Maintenance Expenses	\$ 568.14	\$ 871.94
Fish Fry - Lent Income	\$ -	\$ 18,329.75	\$ 18,329.75	Fish Fry - Lent Expenses	\$ 5,648.21	\$ 10,062.18
Fish Fry - Fall Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Fish Fry - Fall Expenses	\$ -	\$ 630.00
Other Fundraising Income	\$ 80.00	\$ -	\$ 80.00	Other Fundraising Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
			\$ -			

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

<b>2024 Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 38,380.64</b>	<b>\$ 37,973.75</b>	<b>\$ 76,354.39</b>	<b>2024 total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 25,183.28</b>	<b>\$ 55,495.56</b>
<b>Total Operating Income (Loss) for Month:</b>				<b>\$ 12,790.47</b>		
<b>Total Operating Income (Loss) for Year:</b>				<b>\$ 20,858.83</b>		

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### OTHER INCOME FEBRUARY 2024

### OTHER EXPENSES FEBRUARY 2024

CATEGORY	JAN	CURRENT		CATEGORY	JAN	CURRENT	
		MONTH	YEAR TO DATE			MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Iconography Donations	\$ 200.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 750.00	Iconography Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Church Memorial Fund Donations	\$ 2,294.00	\$ 3,083.00	\$ 5,377.00	Transfer to Iconography/Parking Lot Investment Account	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Parking Lot Donations	\$ 428.00	\$ 1,771.00	\$ 2,199.00	Church Memorial Fund Expense Transfer to Church Memorial Fund Investment Account	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Donations for Altar Items	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

### ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 2024

General Checking	\$ 111,816.77	Church Memorial Fund - Bank Savings Account	\$ 10,882.33
Holding Account (Breakdown below)	\$ 15,756.27	Church Memorial Fund - Investment Acct	\$ 200,047.11
Altar Items - Special Tray - \$500		Iconography Bank Savings Account	\$ 2,632.84
Altar Items - Cloths - \$8000		Iconography Investment Account ***	\$ 66,541.99
Hall Rental - \$100		Parking Lot - Bank Savings Account	\$ 3,503.00
Parking Lot Funds - \$3,144		Property Improvement Savings	\$ 2,508.52
Youth Ministry - \$1,012.27			
Emergency Funds - \$3,000.00			

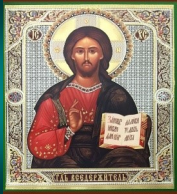
\*\*\* Iconography Investment Acct includes \$35,000 for Parking Lot

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 Cash Raffle, Golf Outing, Super Draw, and other fundraisers), Youth Ministry funds, monies donated for Easter Items and Altar Items (i.e., any donations for a specific purpose where funds will not be released or used right away).

We currently have 2 Savings accounts for designated purposes. The first one is used for Iconography, Parking Lot Donations, and Church Memorial Fund donations. The second one is for Property Improvement. We also have two Investment Accounts - one for the Church Memorial Fund and one for Iconography and Parking Lot.

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



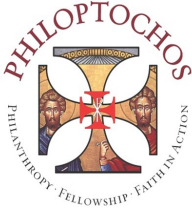
## FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

### HAPPIEST OF BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ALL OF OUR MAY BIRTHDAY'S

Patrick Kosmanopoulos	May 4th	Susie Vergos	May 20th
Ethan Smith	May 6th	Athena Sirakis	May 20th
Mia Yiannatji	May 6th	Giota Stone	May 23rd
Eftyhia Batsios	May 9th	Helen Grousopoulos	May 23rd
Vasilia Costa	May 10th	Stephanos Kennedy	May 24th
Aristoteles Panos	May 10th	Matthew Braun II	May 24th
Pauline Mandelaris	May 13th	Maroulla Photiou	May 25th
Anna Hagler	May 13th	Vicki Margaritis	May 25th
Nicholas Karatza	May 13th	Zachary Pappadakis	May 25th
Elaine Joynt	May 14th	Michelle O'Keefe	May 27th
Ioannis Margaritis	May 16th	Sam Paraschos	May 28th
Sadie Joynt	May 17th	Zoe Kovanis-Wilson	May 29th
Rachel Costa	May 19th	Anne Politis	May 29th

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!

Dear Sisters

Spring is rapidly approaching. The weather is warming up and the days have sunlight for longer periods of time. We have been fortunate to have a relatively mild winter. We are now entering into the Great Lenten Period. As we prepare ourselves for the crucifixion and resurrection by prayer and fasting, there will be additional church services for us to attend. A time of year for reflection on what is happening in our daily lives. Please try to attend as many of these services as you can.

Collection for Epitaphio flowers will commence on Sunday, March 31 and run up to Palm Sunday.

We will be selling loukoumathes on Sunday April 21 during coffee hour.

Tsoureki pre-orders are now being taken for Easter. You may contact either Cathy Yeotis at 810 344-7218, Diana Lillar - 989 739-2289 or Olga Steinhoff 810 234-9319. Price for Tsoureki is the same as last year at \$10 per loaf. Cut off is Friday, April 19 for ordering. Pick up will be Thursday, April 25 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Olga Steinhoff

Philoptochos President



## GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DETROIT LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

### No Show Event Celebrating:

### Veterans, Those Serving in the Armed Forces and First Responders

The Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos Board invites you to honor and/or memorialize those who have had an impact in your life by donating in support of our Metropolis Charities. A few are listed below:

- Baptist Cancer Center Memphis, TN
  - Detroit Rescue Mission
  - FDDR, Feeding Detroit
    - Feeding America
  - Friends of the Metropolis
    - Giving Tuesday
- GOA Youth Summer Camp Scholarship Fund
  - Hellenic College Holy Cross
    - IOCC
- Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos Partners in Philanthropy Fund
  - Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camps
- Metropolis Scholarship Fund
  - National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund
  - National Philoptochos Hurricane Ian Relief Fund
    - National Philoptochos Social Services
- National Philoptochos Syria & Turkey Earthquake Fund
  - National Philoptochos Ukraine Relief Fund
    - Orthodox Prison Ministries
      - Saint Basil Academy
  - Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival
  - Saint Panteleimon Healthcare Society of the Metropolis of Detroit
    - Saint Photios National Shine

#### PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH YOUR DONATION

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Name or Donor Chapter:

\_\_\_\_\_

Parish Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter City: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos**

*All names will be displayed on our:*

*Facebook: ([Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos](#))*

*Instagram: ([Philoptochos Detroit](#))*

*Website: (<https://www.metropolisofdetroitphiloptochos.org/>)*

**Mail your donation to:**

Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos  
Debbie George  
37618 Cherry Hill  
Farmington Hills, MI 48331

## Daughters of Penelope Iris Chapter #242

On Sunday, March 10th we celebrated with our annual Mardi Gras luncheon.

THANK YOU to those that joined us for the wonderful day.





DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE CHAPTER #242

**ANNUAL SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON**

Thursday, May 16, 2024

11:30 AM—1:30 PM

\$15 a Plate

An assortment of individual, specialty salads.

Try one, try them all!

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

There will also be a bake sale of scrumptious Greek pastries

Join us for lunch at

**Assumption Greek Orthodox Church**

**2245 E. Baldwin Road**

**Grand Blanc, MI**

**810-771-4611**

# 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	Hagler, Gary & Marian
Allard, Clyde & Georgia	Heos, Pamela & Brancheau, Jeffrey
Altheide, Dena	Holland, Nick & Jennifer
Anagnostopoulos, Nick & Anna	Hountalas Family
Artemas, Rev. Fr. John	Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki
Bakris, Dr. Nicholas	Joynt, Kenneth
Batsios, Vasilios & Maria	Joynt, Sadie
Birtsas, Sandra	Kalatzis, Athena
Bistolaridis, Tony & Maria	Kallis, Agape
Bograkos, Tim & Sandy	Kallis, George & Shannon
Bograkos, Vera	Kallis, Penelope
Brown Jr, Andrew	Kallis, Susan
Chiavaras, Lucille	Kaloydis, John & Karen
Chinonis, Dennis & Debra	Kitsonas, William †
Chinonis, Elias	Kokkianokos, Peter & Panagiota
Chinonis, Katie	Komodromos, Tessie
Chinonis, Linda	Kontorousis, Dimitri & Jacqueline
Chinonis, Nancy & Lauster, Jeffrey	Kossaras, Dean & Joyce
Chinonis, Richard	Kottalis, Mary
Christakis, Christos & Elpida	Koutrouvidas, John & Nina
Christopher, Jim & Liz	Kus, Michael & Alexis
Clinton, Mike & Kathy	Levas, George & Margot
Costa, John & Laura	Lillar, Diana
Costa, Kyriacos & Vasilia	Lowe, Ann
Dalbo, Helen	Mandelaris, John & Pauline
Davis-Kirksey, Steve & Linda	Manutes, Nicholas & Maria
Drolet, Mark & Penelopi	Marks, Jean
Eisenbeis, Jerry	Martorelli, Sophia
Fahoome, Thomas & Calliope	McLean, Mary Ellen
Falaras, Mary	Melonakos, Anthony & Paula
Ferich, Andrew & Voula	Michaelou, Sevasti
Foraker, Walter & Diane	Nitsos, George & Candy
Garceau, Greg & Sia	

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Nitsos, MaryAnn  
Panos, Spiridoula  
Pappadakis, Anthony & Kandis  
Pappadakis, Nikki  
Pappas, Dean & Elaine  
Paraschos, Sam & Sandra  
Photiou, Carol  
Photiou, Lucas & Lori  
Politis, Rita  
Poulos, Steve & Martha  
Richards, Kenneth & Kathy  
Rivette, Matthew & Lori  
Roufos, Vasilios & Mary  
Schultze, JoAnne  
Senter, Clark & Katherine  
Sirakis, Kostas & Sofia  
Sirakis, Paraskevas & Athena  
Steinhoff, Allen & Olga  
Steinhoff, Amanda  
Steinhoff, Dr. Stephanie  
Stergiopoulos, Mary  
Stone, Paula  
Thurber, Chuck & Paula  
Trifon, Nicholas  
Valentine, Marina  
Vergos, Peter & Susie  
Vitinaros, Effie & Nick  
Walker, Bruce & Kathy  
Wright, Jeff & Kay  
Yeotis, Art & Susan  
Yeotis, Catherine  
Yeotis, Dean & Lynda

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Yeotis, Hon. Tom & Meg

Yiannatji, Frank

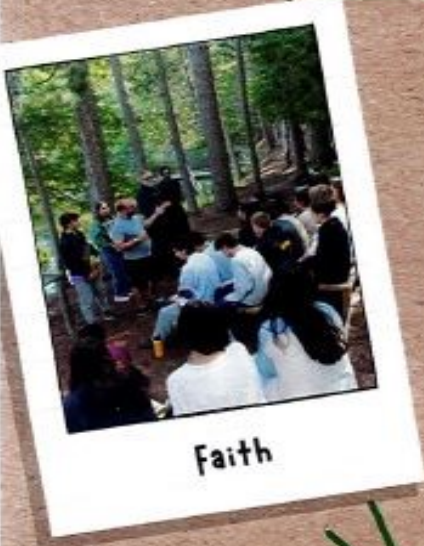
## Lenten/Paschal Items Needed

Items listed are needed for the celebration of the special services during Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha. Contributions should be called in to the Church Office as soon as possible. We suggest that families share the cost of an item with one or more other families so that those wishing to contribute, may be able to.

Service:	Cost:	Donor:
1st Salutation – Theotokos Icon Flowers	\$55.00	
2nd Salutation – Theotokos Icon Flowers	\$55.00	
3rd Salutation – Annunciation Icon Flowers	\$55.00	
3rd Sun. of Lent (Veneration of the Cross) Daffodils	\$85.00	DONATION RECEIVED
4th Salutation –Theotokos Icon Flowers	\$55.00	DONATION RECEIVED
Annunciation Icon Flowers	\$55.00	
Akathist Hymn – Theotokos Icon Flowers	\$55.00	
Palms for Palm Sunday	\$165.00	
Nymphios Icon Flowers (2 Sets)	\$55.00 EACH	2 DONATIONS RECEIVED
Oil for Holy Unction Service	\$20.00	
Cotton for Holy Unction Service	\$10.00	
Pascha Red Eggs (15 dozen)	\$100.00	DONATION RECEIVED
Rose Petals – Holy Friday	\$20.00	
Rose Water – Holy Friday	\$20.00	
Flowers for Cross on Sepulcher (Kouvouklion)	\$55.00	DONATION RECEIVED
Resurrection Icon Flowers (1st)	\$55.00	
Resurrection Icon Flowers (2nd)	\$55.00	
Resurrection Banner	\$90.00	
Large Resurrection Candle for Father	\$55.00	DONATION RECEIVED
Oil for Altar Candles	\$55.00	
Cross Wreath for Holy Thursday	\$90.00	DONATION RECEIVED
Vase Set for Palm Sunday	\$55.00	
Vase Set for Easter Sunday	\$55.00	
Palm Sunday Icon	\$55.00	
Large Icon Screen (2 total)	\$280.00 EACH	
Bay Leaves	\$225.00	
Lilies or suitable substitute (6 total)	\$35.00 EACH	
Gardenias (12 total)	\$182.00	



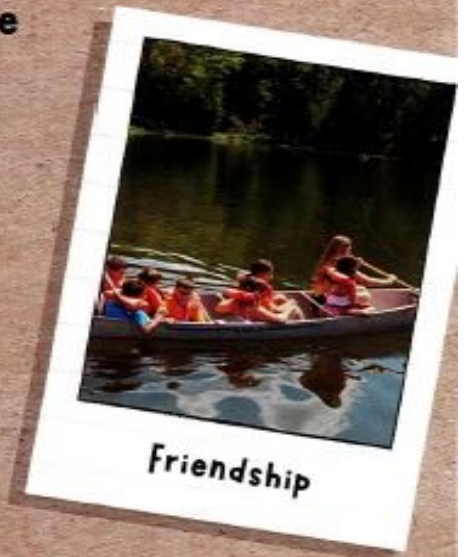
# MDSC Summer Camp 2024!



Faith

## Week Zero

Camp program for those entering Grade 12 or entering College  
June 23–June 29



Friendship

## Weeks 1–5

Camp Programs for youth entering Grades 3–11

Week 1: June 30 – July 6

Week 2: July 7 – July 13

Week 3: July 14 – July 20

Week 4: July 21 – July 27

Week 5: July 28 – August 3



Love



Peace

Sign up at  
**GOMDSC.ORG!**

*“Do you understand?”*  
*“How can I unless someone guides me?”*  
*-Acts 30-31*

## REVISED SCHEDULE

**STARTING SUNDAY JANUARY 28, 2024**

**1 – 2 PM – AFTER DIVINE LITURGY**

(\*\*1:30 pm start on these dates)

## “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

April 21 – Services and Sacraments  
What makes a service a sacrament?

**May 19 (NEW DATE) – 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 17 (NEW DATE) – 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

**You are welcome to attend any session, but if interested** – please provide your names and an email to the church office or Fr. Peter ([frpeteragocgrandblanc@gmail.com](mailto:frpeteragocgrandblanc@gmail.com)) for planning purposes

Reading and reference will be:

“The Orthodox Church” by Timothy Ware and The Orthodox Study Bible



# *Palm Sunday*



## **LUNCHEON**

**(Following the Divine Liturgy)**

**Baked Fish or Plaki  
served with Rice, Peas, & Greek Salad**

**ADULTS - \$15**

**KIDS (AGES 5-12) - \$7**

**KIDS (AGES 4 AND UNDER) - FREE**





**May 18, 2024**

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

2245 E. Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Advanced Ticket Purchase Call (810) 771-4611

**Shish Kabob Dinner 5-7 pm \$15.00 per person**

**Band Cover Charge 7-9 pm \$10.00 per person**

MENU CHOICES

Shish Kabob Dinner choice of Beef or Chicken.....\$15.00

Pastitsio Dinner (Greek Lasagna).....\$15.00

Dinner includes Greek Salad, Stewed Peas, Greek Rice, Cheese Triangle, Roll & Butter

A LA CARTE ITEMS

Pastitsio (1 pc).....\$9.00

4 Stuffed Grape Leaves with Rice & Meat.....\$5.00

2 Spinach Pie Pieces.....\$5.00

3 Tiropita/Cheese Triangle.....\$5.00

Dinner Salad - Choice of Greek or Plain.....\$4.00

BEVERAGES & CASH BAR AVAILABLE

Bottled Water \$1.00

Coffee \$1.50



# TASTE OF GREECE



Saturday, June 1, 2024

Noon to 7:30 PM

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT



ALL DINNERS COME WITH CHOICE OF RICE, FRIES, OR GRECIAN PEAS; GREEK SALAD, & PITA BREAD

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

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

ALA CARTE ITEMS:

KIDS MEALS:

KIDS 2 PC CHICKEN STRIPS	\$7.00
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CHICKEN SKEWER	\$6.00	2 PC SPANOKOPITA (SPINACH PIE)	\$6.00	4 DOLMATHES (GRAPE LEAVES)	\$5.00
PC OF PASTITSIO	\$9.00	GREEK SALAD	\$4.50	3 PCS TIROPITA	\$5.00
PC OF MOUSSAKA	\$9.00	FRENCH FRIES	\$4.75	BOWL OF RICE	\$3.75
GYRO	\$7.50	GREEK FRIES	\$6.00	RICE PUDDING	\$4.00
GRECIAN PEAS	\$4.50				

GREEK PASTRIES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

**Assumption Greek Orthodox Church**  
**2245 E. Baldwin Road, Grand Blanc, MI 48439**

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](mailto: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**



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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.



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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 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  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. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Signature and title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return and postmarked by May 1st to:**

John K. Costa  
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**AHEPA FAMILY SUPREME CONVENTION**  
**LARNACA 2024**  
**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



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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



SAVE THE DATE



METROPOLIS  
OF DETROIT

*25th Anniversary  
Enthronement  
Banquet*

CELEBRATING  
HIS EMINENCE  
METROPOLITAN

*Nicholas*  
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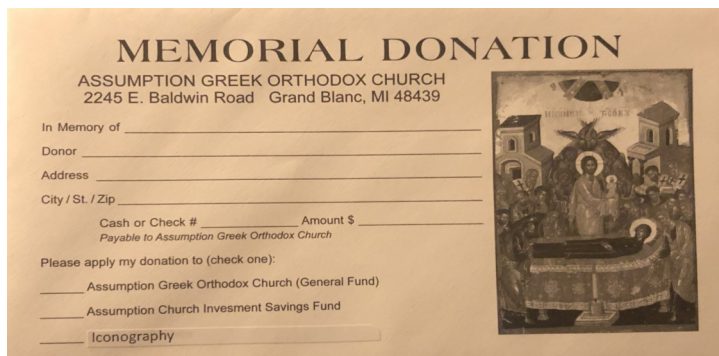
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024

STS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN CHURCH  
WESTLAND, MI

[WWW.DETROIT.GOARCH.ORG](http://WWW.DETROIT.GOARCH.ORG)

## 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 religious icon depicting the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, 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><b>Member in good standing of AGOC-Grand Blanc:</b> 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><b>Inactive Parishioner/Non-Member at AGOC-Grand Blanc:</b>  See ASSUMPTION GOC MEMBER POLICY on previous page.</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>
<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>	

# 2024 List of Donors



## FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS



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## FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS 2024 CONTRIBUTIONS (JANUARY 1 - JANUARY 31)

- Chinonis, Linda

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

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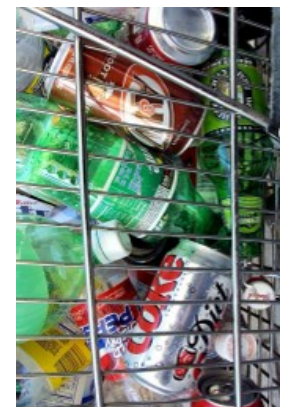
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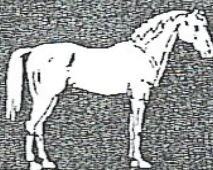
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