

THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

DEC
2024



What's Happening

DEC 2024

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- 1: 40 Day Memorial: Mitra Pagonis
- 8: 3 Yr Memorial: Voula Helton
- 8: Super Draw Raffle 11:30 AM
- 8: Parish Council Meeting After Coffee Hour
- 10: Philoptochos Meeting 1:00 PM
- 12: Philoptochos Bake Sale Pickup 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- 14: DOP Meeting 3:30 PM
- 14: DOP/AHEPA Christmas Party Potluck 5:00 PM
- 15: Father Education Series During Coffee Hour
- 24: Christmas Eve Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
- 29: 1 Yr Memorial: Christine Daros

JAN 2025

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- 5: Vasiloptita Sunday
- 6: Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Theophany 10:00 AM
- 12: Parish Council Meeting After Coffee Hour
- 14: Philoptochos Meeting 1:00 PM
- 23: Annual Dormition Monastery Dinner

PROSPHORON SCHEDULE

DECEMBER	JANUARY
1 Chuleas, Maria	5 Daros, Jim & Jackie
8 Clinton, Michael & Kathy	12 Davis-Kirksey, Linda
15 Costa, John & Laura	19 Davlantes, Alex
22 Costa, Kyriacos & Vasilias	26 Day, Denise
29 Dalbo, Helen	

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

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

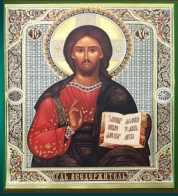
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Fr. Joseph Abud; Sandi Chinonis; Maria Chuleas; Sia Garceau,
Stephanos Hatzigeorgiou & Family; Soula Kondyles;
George Levas; Diana Lillar; Afroditi Marks; Sam Paraschos; Joann Welch

SUNDAY READERS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER	JANUARY
1 Dena Altheide	5 Stella Thurkill
8 Debra Chinonis	12 Cathy Yeotis
15 John Costa	19 Dena Altheide
22 Nick Kallis	26 Debra Chinonis
29 John Kaloydis	

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

DECEMBER 2024

WITHOUT BEGINNING

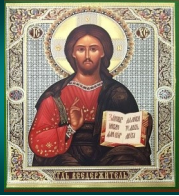
“So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us’ (Luke 2:15 NKJV)

The account of the Nativity of Christ in the Gospel of St. Luke is the version that most of us are familiar with. It is often quoted and tells of the shepherds “keeping watch over their flocks by night” and being witness to the angels who visit them and proclaim the birth of Christ “in the city of David”. The account is filled with beautiful imagery, it is poetic, and it becomes the definitive description of that great event in the life of Christ.

Interestingly, the Gospel of Mark – the shortest version of the Gospel, from which the Gospel of Luke (and the Gospel of Matthew) derives most of its content – doesn’t even address the birth of Christ. It is only Luke and Matthew who deal with the event of Christ’s birth, and this in two different ways.

St. Luke, as noted, presents a beautiful narrative, in which the first people to hear of the event are lowly shepherds. By comparison, St. Matthew focuses on the message to Joseph, Mary’s husband and Jesus’ earthly father (addressing his doubts over his betrothed’s pregnancy), and on the visit to the newborn Jesus of the Magi (the Wise Men) from the east, who divined the prophecies and signs and went out to actually seek the One who had been born.

Of additional interest, of the virgin birth Matthew gives only brief mention (Matt. 1:18 – “...she was found with child of the Holy Spirit”) while in the



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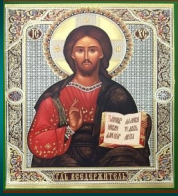
Gospel of Luke we find a full and unique account of the Archangel Gabriel visiting Mary (the first human to hear the Gospel) and proclaiming to her the momentous news, with her acceptance of God's blessing on her, of her visit to her cousin Elizabeth, and of course the beautiful descriptive account of the birth of Christ.

Where did St. Luke get his unique narrative from? Was it "artistic license", a work of fiction? Our clue comes from the evidence of the Tradition of the Church of St. Luke (not only a physician and writer, but an artist as well) having painted the first icon – that of the Theotokos and her child. By tradition, St. Luke painted the icon from life – not from memory. The Theotokos sat for this, thus St. Luke had personal access to the one reliable human source who had experienced all of these events first-hand: the most holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary herself.

But where does the Gospel of John stand in the canon of scripture concerning the Nativity? We tend to think that the entire Christian story starts with the birth in Bethlehem, but the Gospel of John reminds us that Christ existed long before then.

While it does not go into the details of the Incarnation and Christ's birth that Luke and Matthew do, the Gospel of John takes us to where everything really starts, in a paradoxical and mysterious way: the pre-eternal, the beginningless. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God"* (John 1:1-2 NKJV).

Indeed, we see even in Genesis that Adam and Eve personally encountered God as the Word (*"Then they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden (emphasis mine - PB) that afternoon, and Adam and his wife hid themselves....So the Lord God called Adam and said to him, 'Adam, where are you?'* (Genesis 3:8-10 NKJV)).



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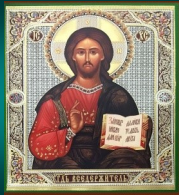
What the Nativity presents to us, therefore is not the first personal encounter of mankind with the Word of God, but His becoming man in the full human experience – from conception to birth, His growth as a child into adulthood, and his death and Resurrection, and His accessibility to all of us. Eve encountered Him in the Garden as the Word, and hid. The new Eve – the most Holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary – encounters Him, and does not hide, but presents Him to the shepherds, to the Magi, and to the entire world.

As we prepare to celebrate this great Feast of our Lord, and in the presence of the quaint imagery and sentimentality of an infant being born in a humble cave, let us keep foremost in our minds the great and awesome cosmic event which takes place – the Creator becomes one of his creation, the One who is without beginning enters time and our lives, and becomes man without losing His power or Divinity. Our salvation is presented not as an event on a calendar, but as an eternal reality.

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

In Christ
+Fr. Peter

FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL



ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES OCTOBER 2024

OPERATING INCOME OCTOBER 2024

CATEGORY	Sept	Oct	Dec YEAR TO DATE
Stewardship	\$ 6,882.00	\$ 4,979.00	\$ 125,300.00
Trays and Candles	\$ 1,043.00	\$ 1,071.00	\$ 10,759.00
Memorial Income	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 8,830.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 1,592.00	\$ 2,620.28	\$ 14,578.25
Fish Fry - Lent Income			\$ 47,130.00
Fish Fry - Fall Income			\$ -
Other Fundraising Income	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 550.00

OPERATING EXPENSES OCTOBER 2024

CATEGORY	Sept	Oct	YEAR TO DATE
Operating Expenses	\$ 17,317.02	\$ 16,836.32	\$ 175,691.12
Youth Ministry Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous Expenses *	\$ 1,689.25	\$ 1,071.87	\$ 27,603.58
Maintenance Expenses ***	\$ 274.37	\$ 2,282.99	\$ 5,926.37
Fish Fry - Lent Expenses ***		\$ 732.00	\$ 23,550.86
Fish Fry - Fall Expenses			\$ 630.00
Other Fundraising Expenses			\$ 39.96

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

** Maintenance Expenses were \$4,482.99 actual. We also received \$2200 in income to offset the kitchen cleaning expense. *** Fish Fry Lent expenses from Oct-Dec are for 2025 Fish Fry

2024 Total Monthly Operating Income	\$ 9,632.00	\$ 10,065.26	\$ 207,147.25	2024 Total Monthly Operating Expenses	\$ 19,259.64	\$ 20,923.28	\$ 233,731.89
Total Operating Income (Loss) for Month:				(10,898.02)			
Total Operating Income (Loss) for Year:				(26,584.64)			

OTHER EXPENSES OCTOBER 2024

CATEGORY	SEPT	OCT	YEAR TO DATE	CATEGORY	SEPT	OCT	YEAR TO DATE
Iconography Income	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 750.00	Iconography Expenses	\$ 20,500.00	\$ -	\$ 20,500.00
Church Memorial Fund Income	\$ 2,706.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 18,438.00	Transfer to Iconography/Parking Lot Investment Account	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Parking Lot Income			\$ 12,529.86	Church Memorial Fund Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Donations for Altar Items	\$ 10,200.00		\$ 12,200.00	Transfer to Church Memorial Fund Investment Account	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Donations held for future use	\$ 99,000.00		\$ 99,000.00				
Fundraising Income *	\$ 50,950.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 96,905.00	Fundraising Expenses	\$ 42,026.12	\$ 50.00	\$ 45,392.80
* Gift Outing \$100							

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF OCTOBER 30, 2024

General Checking	\$ 119,050.39	Savings Account Balance consisting of:	\$ 7,530.35
Holding Account consisting of:		Church Memorial Fund - Bank Savings Account	\$ 6,743.53
Altar Items - Cloths	\$ 10,859.76	Iconography Bank Savings Account	\$ 3.88
Easter Items - ttd 6/10/24	\$ 3,000.00	Parking Lot - Bank Savings Account	\$ 782.94
Emergency Funds / Undesignated	\$ 49,000.00	Property Improvement Savings	\$ 7,530.35
General Donation	\$ 250.00		
Golf Outing	\$ 259.36	Iconography/Parking Lot Investment Account ***	\$ 119,288.93
Hall Rental		Church Memorial Fund - Investment Acct ***	\$ 229,719.88
Youth Ministry		****Investment accounts transferred to LPL Financial from IB Wealth Management on 7/8/24	
Cash Raffle	\$ 83,389.12	Property Improvement Savings	

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.

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

Benjamin Stone	Dec. 1st	Andrew Costa	Dec. 15th
Nikki Pappadakis	Dec. 2nd	Matthew O'Bee	Dec. 16th
Nicholas Pappadakis	Dec. 4th	Jerry Thornton	Dec. 20th
Nicholas Manutes	Dec. 6th	Amanda Steinhoff	Dec. 21st
Effie Vitinaros	Dec. 7th	Evangelos Stavridis	Dec. 21st
Sophia Margaritis	Dec. 9th	Jeff Lauster	Dec. 26th
Mary Falaras	Dec. 9th	Charles Thurber	Dec. 27th
Constantine Peters	Dec. 12th	Hon. Thomas Yeotis	Dec. 28th
Lambros Kottalis	Dec. 13th	Sandra Birtsas	Dec. 29th

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



ICONOGRAPHY PROJECT



Dear Assumption Parishioners,

We began our Iconography Project in 2018. As of the end of September 2024, all icons have been installed and we have completed payment to the Iconographer. We especially thank all those who have sponsored icons, and have completed their pledges or who continue to contribute to fulfil their obligations to do so.

Although the Iconography project itself is complete, we do have some icons available for sponsorship. To sponsor an icon, contributions are encouraged in any amount. You may sponsor an icon in whole or in part; you may contribute to the iconography fund on behalf of yourself, in honor of a living loved one, or in memory of a departed loved one. We will gratefully accept donations in any amount (cash, check or credit card).

If you are interested in sponsoring an available icon, please contact the church office by phone (810-771-4611) or email (agocsec@gmail.com).

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

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

Anagnostopoulos, Nick † & Anna

Artemas, Rev. Fr. John

Asa, Darwin & Barb

Bakris, Dr. Nicholas

Batsios, Eftyhia (Evangelos)

Batsios, Vasilios & Maria

Birtsas, Sandra

Bistolaridis, Tony & Maria

Bograkos, Tim & Sandy

Bograkos, Vera

Brown Jr, Andrew

Caris-Herzog, Mary

Chiavaras, Lucille

Chinonis, Dennis & Debra

Chinonis, Elias

Chinonis, Katie

Chinonis, Linda

Chinonis, Nancy & Lauster, Jeffrey

Chinonis, Richard

Christakis, Christos & Elpida

Christopher, Jim & Liz

Clinton, Mike & Kathy

Costa, John & Laura

Costa, Kyriacos & Vasilina

Dalbo, Helen

Davis-Kirksey, Steve & Linda

Davlanges, Alex

Delbridge, Ray & Carol

Drolet, Mark & Penelopi

Duffy, David & Elaine Joynt

Eisenbeis, Jerry

Fahoome, Thomas & Calliope

Falaras, Mary

Ferich, Andrew & Voula

Foraker, Walter & Diane

Garceau, Greg & Sia

Gintsis, Nick † & Dorothy

Hagler, Anna

Hagler, Gary & Marian

Haralambous, Frank & Vania

Hatzigeorgiou-Kennedy, Shane & Kathy

Heos, James & Cassie

Heos, Pamela & Brancheau, Jeffrey

Holland, Nick & Jennifer

Hountalas Family

Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki

Iordanou, Bill & Lisa

Joseph, Patricia

Joynt, Kenneth

Joynt, Sadie

Kalatzis, Athena

Kallis, Agape

Kallis, George & Shannon

Kallis, Nick

Kallis, Penelope

Kallis, Susan

Kaloydis, John & Karen

Kapellas, Katina

Kitsonas, William †

Kokkinokos, Peter & Panagiota

Komodromos, Tessie

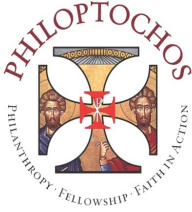
Kondyles, Chryssoula

Kontorosis, Dimitri & Jacqueline

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Kossaras, Dean & Joyce	Politis, Eugenia & Malinowski, Peter	Yeotis, Hon. Tom & Meg
Kottalis, Lemonia		Yiannatji, Frank
Kottalis, Mary	Politis, Rita	Zaravelis, George & Genie
Koutrouvidas, John & Nina	Poulos, Steve & Martha	
Kus, Michael & Alexis	Preketes, Frank	
Lennox, Sean & Christina	Preston, Shane & Melissa	
Levas, George & Margot	Richards, Kenneth & Kathy	
Lillar, Diana	Rivette, Matthew & Lori	
Livaditis, Nick & Evie	Roufos, Vasilios & Mary	
Lowe, Ann	Salutes-Rogind, Sally	
Mandelaris, John & Pauline	Schultze, JoAnne	
Manutes, Nicholas & Maria	Senter, Clark & Katherine	
Margaritis, Sofia	Sirakis, Kostas & Sofia	
Marks, Jean	Sirakis, Paraskevas & Athena	
Martorelli, Michael	Steinhoff, Allen & Olga	
Martorelli, Sophia	Steinhoff, Amanda	
McLean, Mary Ellen	Steinhoff, Dr. Stephanie	
Melonakos, Anthony & Paula	Stergiopoulos, Mary	
Michaelou, Sevasti	Stergiopoulos, Zoi	
Neofostistos, John & Julie	Stone, Paula	
Nitsos, Emma	Thornton, Jerry & Demi	
Nitsos, George & Candy	Thurber, Chuck & Paula	
Nitsos, MaryAnn	Thurkill, Stella	
Pagonis, Taso & Mitra †	Trifon, Nicholas	
Panos, Spiridoula	Valentine, Marina	
Pappadakis, Anthony & Kandis	Vergos, Nitsa	
Pappadakis, Nikki	Vergos, Peter & Susie	
Pappas, Dean & Elaine	Vitinaros, Effie & Nick	
Paraschos, Sam & Sandra	Walker, Bruce & Kathy	
Pavlis, John & Pat	Wright, Jeff & Kay	
Peters, Jeff & Maria	Yeotis, Art & Susan	
Photiou, Carol	Yeotis, Catherine	
Photiou, Lucas & Lori	Yeotis, Dean & Lynda	



Philoptochos Society - Friends of the Poor!

Dear Sisters:

We are rapidly approaching the end of the year and it will be a time for reflection. We have all encountered changes in our lives this past year whether good or bad, happy or sad. It only goes to show us our own immortality. Let us embrace and rejoice the upcoming birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Christmas Day.

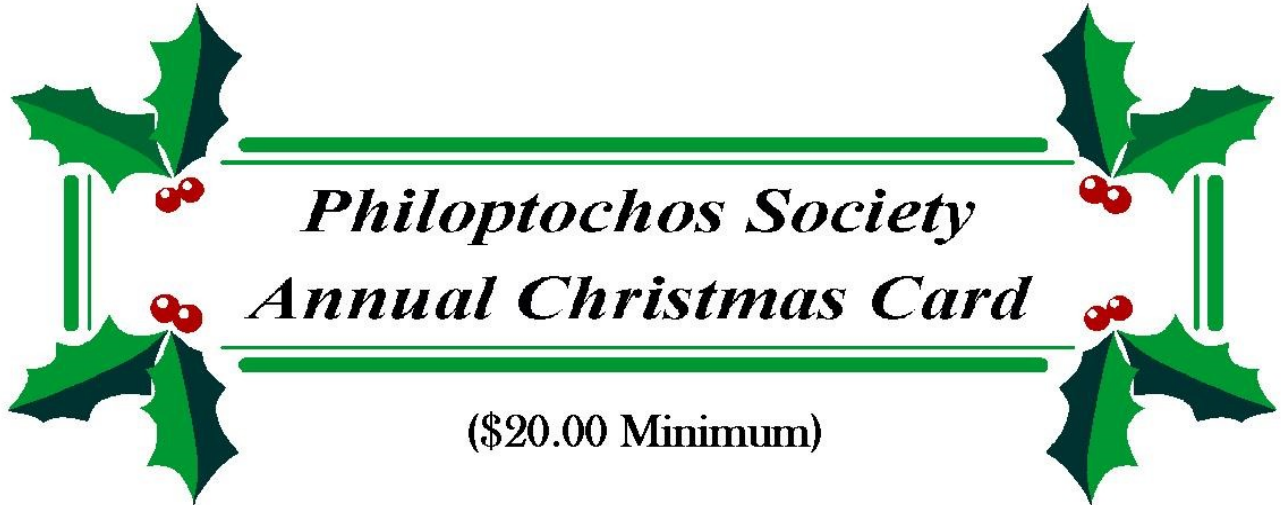
We are once again having our biggest fundraiser – the Holiday Bake Sale. Order forms are on line, recent church bulletins or at church if you are interested in ordering something. Our variety boxes make great gifts. However, you must respond quickly because the cut-off date is December 1.

Once again, our chapter has been busy collecting food for FISH of Grand Blanc. Also being collected were hats, gloves, scarves and socks for men, women and children. This has been a project that we have been involved with for several years now and it supports the Grand Blanc community.

We recently had our monthly meeting with eleven members in attendance. Once again, we will be meeting for our annual holiday lunch get together in January. Time and location will be announced later. We are also planning on holding a Valentine luncheon again similar to last year's event. That will be held on Sunday, February 16.

As I close, on behalf of the entire Philoptochos Board, we wish everyone, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let us also try to remember someone who is in need of a visit, card, or meal during the upcoming holidays.

Olga Steinhoff
Philoptochos President



Philoptochos Society
Annual Christmas Card

(\$20.00 Minimum)

For the small donation of \$20.00 per family listing, your name will appear on our beautiful Community Christmas Card.

Deadline for Registration:
Sunday, December 1, 2024

May you all have a most blessed Christmas!

Please fill out the form below, cut and mail or bring it personally with your check to the Church Office. Make checks payable to Philoptochos.

Assumption GOC 2245 E. Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Please print or type your name and family members **EXACTLY** as you wish it to be printed on the card.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City & Zip Code _____



**Philoptochos Society's Annual
Pre-Order**



2024 Holiday Pastry Sale

Thursday, December 12th

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

2245 E. Baldwin Road

Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Tel: 810-771-4611 (Between Holly & Fenton Roads)

ALL ORDERS SHOULD BE PRE-PAID

Deadline for pre-orders December 1, 2024

Credit Card Payments can be made the day of Pickup

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
 Alternate Phone _____ Email _____

ITEM	PRICE	QTY	COST
Baklava	\$2.50		
Sweet Bread (Tsoureki)	\$10.00		
Cheese Triangles (Frozen)	6 for \$9.00		
Baklava (30 pieces)	\$50.00		
Melomacaroni (Honey-Spiced Cookie)	3 for \$5.00		
Kourambietes (with almonds)	3 for \$5.00		
Koulouraki (Butter Twist)	6 for \$3.00		
Variety Gift Box	\$15.00		
TOTAL			

Please make checks payable to Philoptochos Society and mail to the church
 Philoptochos Society, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 2245 E. Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, MI 48439
 For more information, please contact the church at 810-771-4611



The Philoptochos will once again be setting up the Christmas Memorial Tree with the crosses which were purchased last year. Many of you chose to leave the crosses at the church to be used again this year.

If you wish to purchase another cross, or add names to the Memorial Tree, please contact me, Diana Lillar or Olga Steinhoff. The cost is \$7.00 per cross.

Thank you and God Bless.
Dena Altheide

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY
2025 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

In honor of the Daughters of Penelope Founders Day, the Iris chapter hosted an Artoclasia service on Sunday, November 17, 2024. After the service, sister Cathy Yeotis gave an informative presentation on the history of our local chapter. The national organization of the Daughters of Penelope turned 95 years this year!

On **Saturday, December 14, 2024**, we will be having our next chapter meeting and initiation of new members at **3:30 PM** at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church.

After our meeting and initiation, **all our Assumption family** is invited to join the AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope for our **Annual Potluck Christmas Party**, which will begin at **5:00PM**. We hope to see you all there!

Sincerely in Theta Pi,

Marian Hagler
President





Elias D. Chinonis 21st ANNUAL ASSUMPTION GOLF CLASSIC

Pine Knob Golf Club - Clarkston, MI
Monday, August 19, 2024

GOLD SPONSORS (\$1,000.00)

* Katie Chinonis * Dennis & Dr. Debra Chinonis, DDS * Linda Chinonis & Family *
*Ray & Carol Delbridge * Mark & Penelopi Drolet * David Duffy, CPA & Elaine Joynt *
* Highland House - Elia Nicholas * Grand Blanc Nissan - Tony Serra Highland Nissan *
* Park West Gallery Charitable Foundation - Park West Gallery & Museum *
* Jeremy & Amy Piper Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint *
* Chris & Steve Poulos Families * Swartz Funeral Home - Rick Lamb Family *
* Jeff Wright - Genesee County Drain Commissioner * Catherine Yeotis *

SILVER SPONSORS (\$500.00)

* In Memory of John D Chinonis-Tom & Dennis Chinonis * Agape Kallis * Susan Kallis *
*Kus, Ryan & Associates-Mike & Alexis Kus * Sharp Funeral Home - Roger Sharp Family *
*Stifel Financial Services - Bice/Leach Group * Vergos Vision Service, Inc-Drs. Peter G. & Nicholas P. Vergos *

\$10,000 Hole 'N One Sponsor: * SWARTZ FUNERAL HOME *

BRONZE SPONSORS (\$150.00)

AHEPA # 195 - Ann Arbor, MI
AHEPA # 141 Grand Blanc, MI
AHEPA #371 Omega Chapter
Acorn Wealth Advisors-James Barret, Jr.
Apollo Family Restaurant
Austin & Reid Dental Care
In Memory of Chris & Elaine Bakris
Bistolarides, Fr. Peter & Presv. Peggy
Bograkos, Vera
Branoff, Dennis & Alexis
Branoff, Linda & Family
Carl's Appliance
Carr, Michael J.
Chinonis AAA Insurance (Dennis & Eli)
Nancy Chinonis for Circuit Judge
Chiros Family, Memory of Tom & Theoni
Christakis, Elpida - Burrell Realty
Churchill's Food & Spirits
Cline, Cline & Griffin- Atty Nancy Chinonis
Costa, John K., AIA
Crust Baking Co - Chad & Marybeth Brennan
Daughters of Penelope # 242

Elga Credit Union
Farah, John D - UBS Financial Services
Fenton Hotel - Nick Sorice
Foraker, Walt & Diane (Chinonis)
Flint City Golf - Frank Preketes
Gaines Jewelry - Flint MI
Garber Management Group - John Margaritis
Gazzall, Lewis & Associates Architects
George, John & Marlo
Georges Plaza - George & Genie Zaravelis
Goyette Mechanical Co
Hanczaryk Chiropractic Neurology Group
In Memory of George & Kathryn Menoutes
Jimmy Dean
Kalatzis, Athena
Kicker's Sports Bar & Grill
Kondyles Family - Dino & Anita
Lucky's Steakhouse - Lucky Vasilakis
Lumetta Produce - Andy Brown, Jr
Margaritis, John & Vicki
McCrede, David Ins. Agency
MI Implant Solutions - Jamie Menoutes

Panoff, Angelo & Christine
Panos-Lillar, Diana
Pavlis, John N., Atty.
Philoptochos Society - Grand Blanc, MI
Red Baron Food & Spirits
Retina Associates of Michigan-Grand Blanc
Richards, Ken & Kathy
Ross Mortgage, Dean Kossaras (NMLS 16253)
S & D Mechanical - Ray Delbridge
S & D Mechanical - Scott Preseau
Sheriff Christopher R. Swanson
Sophia's Bakery - John & Lou Kircos
Steinhoff, Allen and Olga
The Grounds - Flushing, MI - Hull Family
The New Jesters Lounge-George & Genie Zaravelis
The State Bank
Titan Security Systems, LLC
Totem Books - Atty Dean T Yeotis
Virkler, Kim & Ginger
Yeotis, Honorable Thomas & Magdalene

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Pine Knob Ski Hill
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Virkler, Kim & Ginger
Waste Management - Cody Baker
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Thanking you for your kind and generous response, I remain, with paternal blessings and prayers,

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The Friends of the Metropolis are crucial to the continued support of our Outreach and Evangelism Committee, whose goal is to help others 'Discover Orthodoxy' through outreach, education, community, and love.

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The Friends of the Metropolis generously support all of the Metropolis Youth and Young Adult Ministry efforts, including regional retreats, parish ministry and youth worker support, the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, and three Metropolis summer camps.

HELLENIC COLLEGE HOLY CROSS



Thanks to the Friends of the Metropolis, the Metropolis annually provides support to its students at Hellenic College Holy Cross. In addition, the Metropolis was able to donate \$25,000 to support the incredibly important institution of our Orthodox Church.



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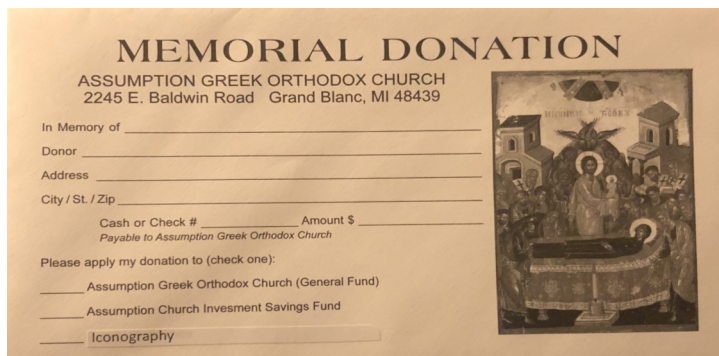
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The image shows a 'MEMORIAL DONATION' form for the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. The form includes fields for 'In Memory of', 'Donor', 'Address', and 'City / St. / Zip'. It also has a section for 'Cash or Check #' and 'Amount \$', with a note 'Payable 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 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>	

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- Kalatzis, Athena
- Kaloydis, John & Karen
- Yeotis, Catherine

Thank you!

PROCEDURE FOR RECEIPTS

Due to the rising cost of mailing receipts for every donation received by the church, the Parish Council has established the following procedure for receipts:

When you mail in a donation to the church, or drop it off in the office, a receipt will not be mailed or given to parishioners of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. Your cancelled check can be used as proof of your payment, as well as the contribution statement you receive from the church at the end of the year. This includes donations for stewardship, iconography, cash raffle, golf outing, memorials, miscellaneous, etc. For credit card charges, please allow 24 hours to process your payment.

If you require a receipt, please contact the church office or see a Parish Council member on Sunday's. Receipts will continue to be mailed to non-parishioners.

PARKING LOT PLEDGE

For the last few years, a volunteer group has been sealing the parking lot during the summer months to help extend the life of our parking lot. In the next few years we will need to completely replace our parking lot. We are looking to start the fundraising for this very large project now in order to have the funds collected and ready when it comes times to pay for it. The anticipated cost for this project is upwards of \$300,000. Please faithfully pledge to assist our church in maintaining our beautiful property.

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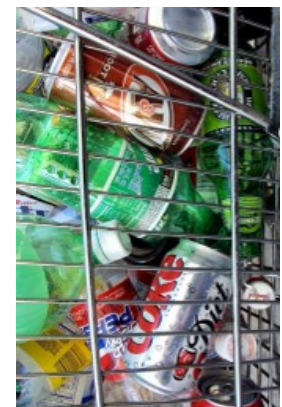
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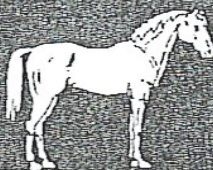
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