

# THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

NOV  
2024



# What's Happening

## NOV 2024

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- 3: Fall General Assembly/PC Elections After Liturgy
- 3: Philoptochos Christmas Card Sale Starts
- 12: Philoptochos Meeting 1:00 PM
- 15: Start of the Nativity Fast
- 17: DOP Founders Day/Artoklasia
- 17: Parish Council Meeting After Coffee Hour
- 21: Divine Liturgy for Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple 10:00 AM
- 24: Father Education Series During Coffee Hour

## DEC 2024

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- 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

## PROSPHORON SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
3 Chinonis, Richard	1 Chuleas, Maria
10 Christakis, Chris & Elpida	8 Clinton, Michael & Kathy
17 Christopher, Jim & Liz	15 Costa, John & Laura
24 Chuleas, Bill	22 Costa, Kyriacos & Vasilias
	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*

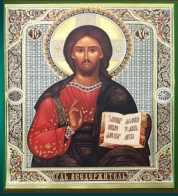
### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

## SUNDAY READERS SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
3 John Kaloydis	1 Dena Altheide
10 Stella Thurkill	8 Debra Chinonis
17 Marina Valentine	15 John Costa
24 Cathy Yeotis	22 Nick Kallis
	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

NOVEMBER 2024

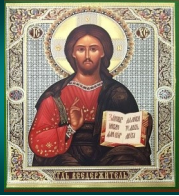
*For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables... (2 Timothy 4:3-4, NKJV)*

With the gigabytes of information available to us through our modern technology, you would expect that we, and our entire world would not lack for knowledge. The proliferation of information over the last 25 years has presented a great dilemma – what is “enough” information, or “too much” information. Is every piece of information of use to us? Half of it? ANY of it?

More importantly, do we believe everything we see or hear? We are bombarded with information continuously on our smartphones, our computers, and many other pieces of technology which have brought us closer to the world but – paradoxically – has also distanced us.

The late Marshall McLuhan, who founded the Center for Media Studies at the University of Toronto, and considered the father of media studies, researched and wrote extensively on the impact of modern communication starting in the late 1950s and extending to his passing in 1981. He even envisioned the creation of a “network” of information, through which we would have immediate access to information and to one another. He saw great potential in this – coining the term “global village”.

Yet, McLuhan also envisioned great peril. As a devout Catholic Christian, he was gravely concerned about the messages that we would receive – or that we would hear.



## FROM FATHER PETER

One of McLuhan's most famous phrases, "the medium is the message", describes how the immediacy of the message available to us through electronic images and sounds often overshadows the content. The phenomenon of sound bites, memes, and other manufactured content bears this out – magnified now by Artificial Intelligence. We are given less and less time to think about what we are seeing or hearing. We react by reflex and emotion. The phrase "triggering" is taken at its literal meaning. We are meant to "react" - rather than act – on what we receive.

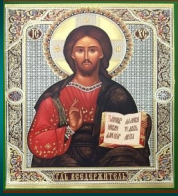
Add to this a world in which everything is "relative", where truth is not absolute – where all "truths" are equal. Anything goes. That is the hallmark of what is called a "post-truth" world". We create an unstable mix in which we look for the truth we want, rather than looking for The Truth.

St. Paul warns us in 2 Timothy above "*...For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires*".

In the Gospel of John, Truth becomes a central point in the exchange between Christ and Pontius Pilate. Christ states: "*For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice*" (John 18:37, NKJV).

Pilate's reply to Christ is short: "*What is truth?*" (John 18:38, NKJV). The need to find the answer to this question is directed straight at each of us.

Truth is not to be found in technology. Technology is simply a tool put at our disposal to open our faith, especially to others, in our modern times. WE use technology, to spread the Truth. Truth is to be found in the Church, at every divine service, at every opportunity for prayer. We find it in the reading of Scripture, in homilies, in the writings of the Church Fathers, and above all, in the mystery of the sacraments of the Church.



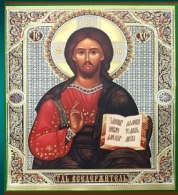
## FROM FATHER PETER

With the start of the Nativity Fast on November 15 we are quickly approaching the end of the year, and the beginning of our preparations to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The birth of Christ is truly an incredible story, so much so that some have reduced it to just that – a story. *“But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry” (2 Timothy 4:5)*. It is not simply a story for re-telling, but a universal Truth which needs to be proclaimed.

The Nativity of our Lord is the opportunity to remind ourselves that God did not visit us “virtually”, or send a text, or post a meme. He made Himself available and accessible to all of us by virtue of becoming one of us. This is the message He brings to us. In this instance, indeed, “the medium is the message”.

May you have strength for the upcoming Nativity Fast and prepare for the coming of the Incarnate God.

In Christ  
+Fr. Peter



# FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

## ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES SEPTEMBER 2024

OPERATING INCOME SEPTEMBER 2024				OPERATING EXPENSES SEPTEMBER 2024			
CATEGORY	Aug	Sept	YEAR TO DATE	CATEGORY	Aug	Sept	YEAR TO DATE
Stewardship	\$ 7,292.00	\$ 6,892.00	\$ 120,321.00	Operating Expenses	\$ 19,781.95	\$ 17,317.02	\$ 158,844.80
Trays and Candles	\$ 1,376.00	\$ 1,043.00	\$ 9,688.00	Youth Ministry Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Memorial Income	\$ 50.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 7,465.00	Miscellaneous Expenses *	\$ 1,629.62	\$ 1,688.25	\$ 26,831.61
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 1,645.00	\$ 1,582.00	\$ 11,957.99	Maintenance Expenses	\$ 621.15	\$ 274.37	\$ 3,643.38
Fish Fry - Lent Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,130.00	Fish Fry - Lent Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,818.86
Fish Fry - Fall Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Fish Fry - Fall Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 630.00
Other Fundraising Income	\$ 210.00	\$ -	\$ 520.00	Other Fundraising Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39.96

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

<b>2024 Total Monthly Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,573.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,632.00</b>	<b>\$ 197,081.99</b>	<b>2024 Total Monthly Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 22,032.72</b>	<b>\$ 19,259.64</b>	<b>\$ 212,808.61</b>
<b>Total Operating Income (Loss) for Month:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		<b>(9,627.64)</b>		
<b>Total Operating Income (Loss) for Year:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		<b>(15,726.62)</b>		

OTHER INCOME SEPTEMBER 2024				OTHER EXPENSES SEPTEMBER 2024			
CATEGORY	AUG	SEPT	YEAR TO DATE	CATEGORY	AUG	SEPT	YEAR TO DATE
Iconography Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750.00	Iconography Expenses	\$ -	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 20,500.00
Church Memorial Fund Income	\$ 1,218.00	\$ 2,706.00	\$ 17,588.00	Transfer to Iconography/Parking Lot Investment Account	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Parking Lot Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,529.66	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 *	\$ 18,380.00	\$ 50,950.00	\$ 96,815.00	Fundraising Expenses	\$ 1,811.12	\$ 42,025.12	\$ 45,342.80

\* Golf Outing \$2,290; Cash Raffle \$48,700

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024			
General Checking		\$ 36,783.51	
Holding Account consisting of:		\$ 188,354.12	
Altar Items - Cloths	\$ 10,859.76		
Easter Items - trfd 6/10/24	\$ -		
Emergency Funds / Undesignated	\$ 3,000.00		
General Donation	\$ 99,000.00		
Golf Outing	\$ 47,435.00		
Hall Rental	\$ -		
Youth Ministry	\$ 259.36		
Cash Raffle	\$ 27,800.00		
	\$ 188,354.12		
		\$ 11,390.70	
		\$ 4,694.23	
		\$ 782.94	
		\$ 11,390.70	
		\$ 2,515.12	
		\$ 89,352.37	
		\$ 233,786.65	

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 NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

Debra Chinonis	Nov. 4th	Spiridoula Panos	Nov. 18th
Christakis Photiou	Nov. 5th	Ann Lowe	Nov. 20th
Sue Yeotis	Nov. 6th	John Pavlis	Nov. 21st
Eva Drolet	Nov. 7th	John Hountalas	Nov. 24th
Zoe Drolet	Nov. 7th	Mary Kottalis	Nov. 25th
Katherine Clinton	Nov. 7th	Kelly Chiatalas	Nov. 25th
Kyriacos Costa	Nov. 7th	Dennis Chinonis	Nov. 26th
Selena O'Keefe	Nov. 10th	Mitra Pagonis	Nov. 26th
Chrysoulla Kondyles	Nov. 13th	Olga Steinhoff	Nov. 28th
Dimitri Hountalas	Nov. 14th	Derek O'Keefe	Nov. 29th
Sophia Smith	Nov. 17th		

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](mailto: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

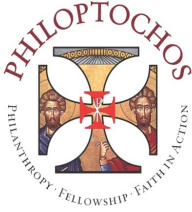
Kondyles, Chryssoula

Kontourousis, Dimitri & Jacqueline

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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!

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



## Philoptochos Society - Friends of the Poor!

Dear Sisters

The leaves have turned color and we are heading towards winter. Hopefully, we pray that it will be a mild one. I hope you have been enjoying our fall so far. At our October meeting, we discussed our upcoming events. We will be baking tsoureki on Wednesday, November 20 in preparation for the upcoming Christmas Bake sale pre-orders. Pre-order forms will be included in November's newsletter. Cut off date is Dec. 1. Christmas card sign on will begin again with Agape Kallis on Sunday, November 3.

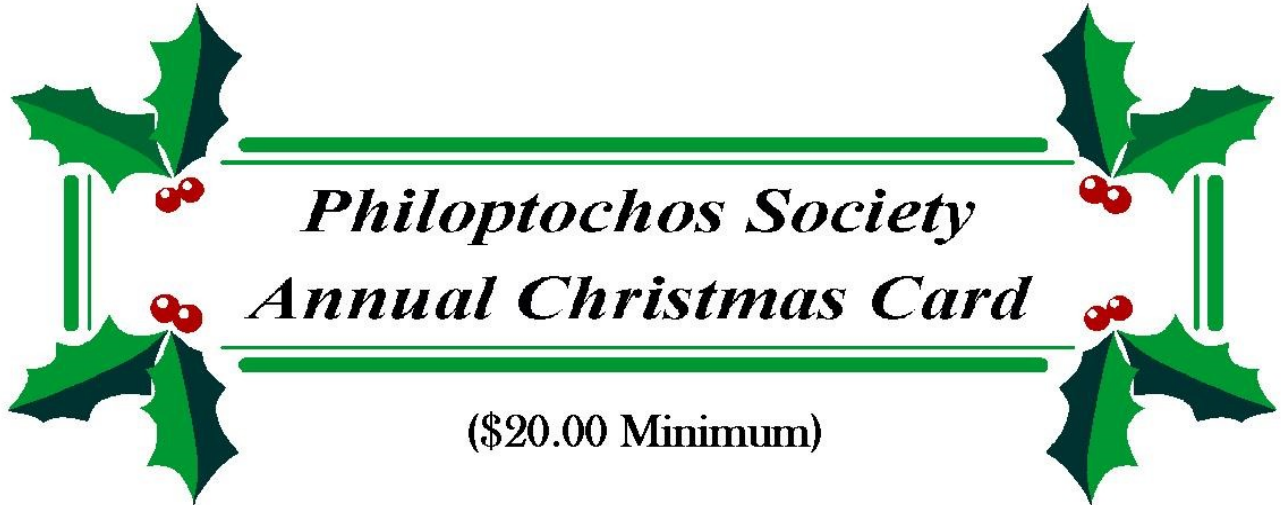
As mentioned last month, we are collecting food for FISH, the Grand Blanc non profit that assists those in need who are residents. We are also collecting hats, gloves, scarves and socks for the needy. Please try to help with these two projects.

If you are a Philoptochos member, it is the beginning of a new Ecclesiastical year and the time that your dues need to be remitted. Minimum is \$40.00. Checks may be sent to the church office in care of Diana Lillar, Philoptochos Treasurer.

On tables in the hall, you will find two flyers relating to the Philoptochos for your review. One is titled "Philoptochos - Center of Philanthropy - Celebrating a Decade of Achievements in our Home. The second flyer is the National Philoptochos Impact report for 2023. This gives you a glance at the organizations both nationally and internationally that have been allocated funds.

Let us pray for all those who were impacted by the hurricanes and tornadoes in Florida. We wish everyone a happy and thankful Thanksgiving.

Olga Steinhoff, President  
Assumption Philoptochos



*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		
Melomacarona (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		
<b>TOTAL</b>			

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**

Daughters of Penelope  
Iris Chapter #242

The Daughters of Penelope Annual Fall Salad Luncheon was held on Thursday, October 10, 2024. It was a beautiful and festive event with delicious salads and pastries. Thank you to all our members and friends that made the luncheon a success!

We will be having an Artoclasia Service for the Daughters of Penelope Founders Day on Sunday, November 17 after the Divine Liturgy. The Daughters will also sponsor coffee hour.

Please put our Annual Christmas Party and Potluck with the AHEPA on your calendars for Saturday, December 14. The Party will start at 5:00 PM. We will have an initiation of new members and a quick meeting prior to the party. The meeting will begin at 3:30 PM.

We are an international organization, and our mission is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, Family, and Individual Excellence. We donate the funds that we raise to help our church and to organizations that help those in need locally, nationally, and internationally. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Daughters of Penelope, please contact Marian Hagler at [mphagler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mphagler@sbcglobal.net).

Sincerely in Theta Pi,  
Marian Hagler  
President, Iris Chapter #242



# A NEW ECCLESIASTICAL YEAR – A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN

Continuing Spiritual Education  
Our NEW sessions will focus on

## **The Sacraments and Services of the Orthodox Church**

ALL are welcome to attend and participate. All sessions will take place monthly, on Sunday, as part of coffee hour, to start no later than 1:00 pm.

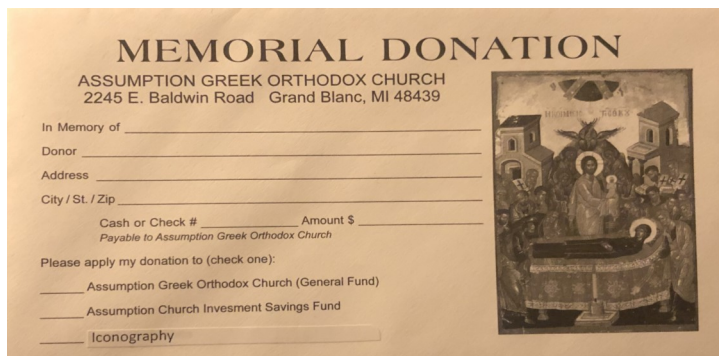
### Dates and topics for fall 2024 (subject to change)

- Sunday, September 29, 2024 Sacraments and Services – what are they?
- Sunday, October 27, 2024 Before the Divine Liturgy – preparing for the Kingdom  
(aka what is the priest doing early on Sunday morning?)
- Sunday, November 24, 2024 Before the Divine Liturgy - The “Orthros” Service  
A call for salvation, and proclaiming the Resurrection
- Sunday, December 15, 2024 The Divine Liturgy – Encountering the Kingdom  
More than Communion

**Dates and topics for January to June – to be determined**

## 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", "City / St. / Zip", "Cash or Check #", and "Amount \$". It also has a section for "Please apply my donation to (check one)" with options for "Assumption Greek Orthodox Church (General Fund)", "Assumption Church Investment Savings Fund", and "Iconography". A religious icon is printed on the right side of the form.

## 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>

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>	

# 2024 List of Donors



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### 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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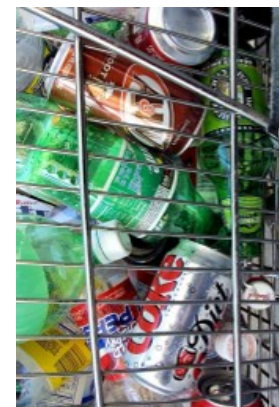
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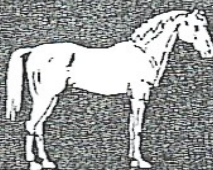
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