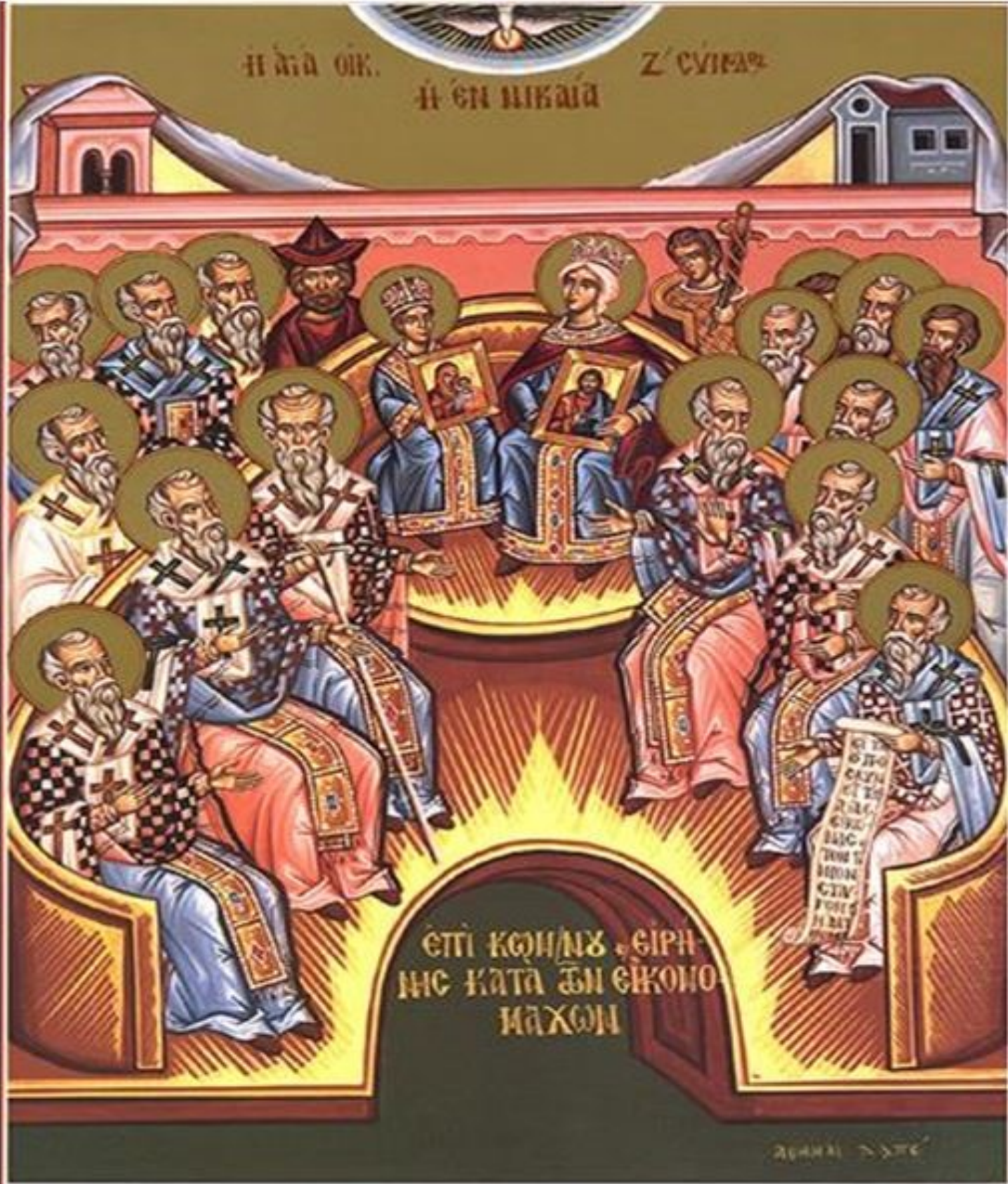


THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

OCT
2024



What's Happening

OCT 2024

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- 8: Philoptochos Meeting 1:00 PM
- 9: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 PM
- 10: DOP Fall Salad Luncheon 11:30 AM-1:30 PM
- 12: Metropolitan Nicholas 25th Anniversary Dinner
- 27: Father Education Series During Coffee Hour

NOV 2024

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- 3: Fall General Assembly/PC Elections After Liturgy
- 3: Philoptochos Christmas Card Sale Starts
- 17: DOP Founders Day/Artoklasia
- 24: Father Education Series During Coffee Hour

PROSPHORON SCHEDULE

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
6 Chinonis, Elias	3 Chinonis, Richard
13 Chinonis, Katie	10 Christakis, Chris & Elpida
20 Chinonis, Linda	17 Christopher, Jim & Liz
27 Chinonis, Nancy & Jeff Lauster	24 Chuleas, Bill

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

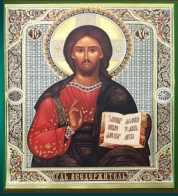
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

SUNDAY READERS SCHEDULE

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
6 Dena Altheide	3 John Kaloydis
13 John Costa	10 Stella Thurkill
20 Debra Chinonis	17 Marina Valentine
27 Nick Kallis	24 Cathy Yeotis

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

SEPTEMBER 2024

RENDER UNTO CAESAR....

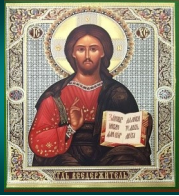
“Most of the trouble in the world is caused by people wanting to be important” – T. S. Eliot

...But He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, “Why do you test Me? Bring Me a denarius that I may see it”. So, they brought it. And He said to them, “Whose image and inscription is this?”. They said to Him, “Caesar’s”. And Jesus answered and said to them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s”. (Mark 12:15-27)

It is safe to assume that, in this modern day and lacking exposure to the Gospel, most people are not familiar with the episode described in the passage above (quoted from the Gospel of Mark, but you will find this same passage – almost exactly – in Matthew and Luke as well; those who attended some of the teaching sessions this past year know why).

We are now just a little over a month away from Election Day. The Gospel passage quoted above, Christ’s encounter with the Pharisees and Herodians (or to make it relevant insert the name of a favorite political party) poses an important question for us.

By now, we have been exposed to all manner of speeches, accusations (true and false), statements (true and false), promises (often of dubious practicality, sometimes outright dangerous), and insults (of all varieties). This has intensified over the last 12 months but has been present since the last presidential election. And on top of that, we have this ongoing in legislative sessions, in the press, and on social media. Occasionally, this has spilled over into actual physical violence.



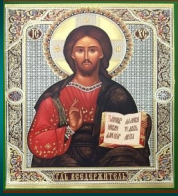
FROM FATHER PETER

We turn to government, we turn to the law, to push agendas, in a belief that our problems will be solved. Sometime, more problems are created than solved. Sometimes these agendas stray far from the moral teaching of Orthodox Christianity. Indeed, there are some segments of Christianity that support the notion that one political viewpoint is morally superior to the other and identify with it. Our political parties often whip this up – either for their advantage or to discredit the other side. Those who do not accept any moral teaching look on Christians with suspicion or even hatred.

Walls are built, communication with the “other side” becomes a sin or a crime. The rhetoric heats up and inflames the passions. We are then locked in an ongoing struggle to legitimize our opinions, at whatever cost, in this world rather than engaging in our real struggle against the unseen power that takes us away from Christ and firmly and inextricably binds us to the ways and sins of the world.

We live in a nation which enshrines numerous freedoms, the first being freedom of speech. The fallacy a lot of people believe in is that the freedoms we enjoy means we are free to do anything, which cannot be further from the truth. This is why we have laws in our society which reminds us of the restrictions we have on us. But society’s laws are not meant to be arbitrary but have a foundation on the codes of law handed to us throughout history, including, of course, the Ten Commandments.

The Commandments are not simply “prohibitions”, but describes how we need to behave towards God, and towards others, if we are to follow God and truly be “in His image”. Note that the Ten Commandments do not prescribe any punishment or sanction – the real punishment is that if we do that which goes against them, we move ourselves away from God, we distort His image in us, we “miss the mark” (in Greek, ἀμαρτία, which we often translate, out of convenience, as “sin”). Civil law, of course, prescribes the punishment here in the world.



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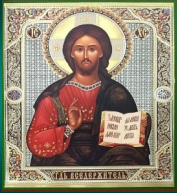
It has been said that if society were truly adherent to the Ten Commandments and the Gospel, then we wouldn't need most of the laws which civil authorities must use and enforce and (if used properly) to maintain order. But despite their necessity, some laws that govern our society may not always follow what Christ and His Church follow.

St. Paul reminds us that “**All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify**” (1 Corinthians 10:23).

Yes, it is important as citizens and as Orthodox Christians to engage in debate in the public sphere, but we should not claim victory when laws or rules are legislated which appear to ban or enforce certain moral behavior, any more than we can claim defeat when laws “allow” what we consider immoral, as St. Paul reminds us. *If we depend on human laws to promote moral behavior, we have lost the battle already. True morality and change come from the heart – through the power of the Holy Spirit. That is the real victory. Any other change is superficial.*

As the Church, we repeatedly offer prayers in the Divine Liturgy “*for our country, the President, and all those in public service*”. This is not a contradiction – this has been the practice of the Church since its early days, and is clearly stated by St. Paul (from which we derive the wording of the Divine Liturgy passage): “**Therefore I exhort first all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence**” (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

However, there is misunderstanding of what prayers for civil authority mean. Recently, Archbishop Elpidophoros gave the invocation at the Democratic National Convention (as did Metropolitan Nicholas some years ago) and was criticized (even vilified) by some for doing so (he also gave the



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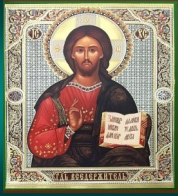
invocation at the Republican convention, and received similar criticism in the opposite direction).

The error is that some people see offering prayers for civil leaders as an “endorsement” of actions or policies or a platform or personalities. I’ve also heard some people comment regarding the Divine Liturgy’s call to prayer, described above) for our civil authorities: “I’m not praying for the President – I hate him”, or some similar sentiment.

Once again – we turn back to 1 Timothy, and what St. Paul teaches: **“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:3-4)**. And we are reminded of this again, in the Divine Liturgy, completing the prayers for our country, the President, and all those in public service **“that through the faithful conduct of their duties we may live peaceful and serene lives in all piety and holiness” (emphasis mine-Fr P)**.

Therefore, we do not pray for political leaders (or candidates) only if we like them, or agree with them, or endorse what they support. We pray for ALL in authority – that they may be guided by, or brought to, the Truth. There is no “litmus test” or “means test” for prayer. We pray for others, without qualification, that they may be saved. We pray for others, no matter how different they may be. By praying in and for the public sphere, we call upon the Holy Trinity to come and be present, to change us and the world.

The right to vote – to choose who will serve in civil authority - is important. Our Constitutional freedoms are important in preserving our ability to disagree – without retribution or attack. For those of you who are voting, as you approach this important decision, pray about your vote, be informed, and above all, remember that others will have a differing opinion from yours. Your attitude towards others matters.



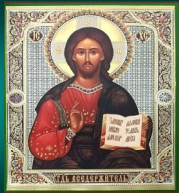
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Finally, remember that at the Great and Awesome Second Coming you will not be judged by who you voted for and that any notion of morality or righteousness will not be found in the political sphere or ballot box, regardless of the issue. This will only be found within your hearts. Only we, each of us, can be changed and move towards the Kingdom of Heaven. Salvation is to be found through our own repentance and our relationship to Christ. That is what we will each be judged on.

“Render unto Caesar that things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s”

+Fr. Peter

FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL



OPERATING INCOME AUGUST 2024

CATEGORY	July	Aug	YEAR TO DATE
Stewardship	\$ 4,902.00	\$ 7,282.00	\$ 113,459.00
Trays and Candles	\$ 606.00	\$ 1,376.00	\$ 8,645.00
Memorial Income	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 7,340.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 672.27	\$ 1,645.00	\$ 10,375.99
Fish Fry - Lent Income			\$ 47,130.00
Fish Fry - Fall Income			\$ -
Other Fundraising Income	\$ 210.00		\$ 520.00

3 AUGUST 2024

OPERATING EXPENSES AUGUST 2024

CATEGORY	July	Aug	YEAR TO DATE
Operating Expenses	\$ 15,140.40	\$ 19,791.95	\$ 141,527.78
Youth Ministry Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous Expenses *	\$ 3,266.82	\$ 1,629.62	\$ 25,163.36
Maintenance Expenses	\$ 1,403.00	\$ 621.15	\$ 3,369.01
Fish Fry - Lent Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,818.86
Fish Fry - Fall Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 630.00
Other Fundraising Expenses	\$ 175.02		\$ 1,526.54

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

2024 Total Monthly Operating Income	\$ 6,280.27	\$ 10,573.00	\$ 187,449.99	2024 Total Monthly Operating Expenses	\$ 19,985.24	\$ 22,032.72	\$ 196,035.55
Total Operating Income (Loss) for Month:				(11,459.72)			
Total Operating Income (Loss) for Year:				(7,989.56)			

OTHER INCOME AUGUST 2024

CATEGORY	JULY	AUG	YEAR TO DATE
Iconography Income	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Church Memorial Fund Income	\$ 1,090.00	\$ 1,218.00	\$ 14,882.00
Parking Lot Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,529.66
Donations for Altar Items	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Fundraising Income *	\$ 10,070.00	\$ 18,380.00	\$ 45,985.00

* Golf Outing \$17,480; Cash Raffle \$900

OTHER EXPENSES AUGUST 2024

CATEGORY	YEAR TO DATE
Iconography Expenses	\$ -
Transfer to Iconography/Parking Lot Investment Account	\$ -
Church Memorial Fund Expenses	\$ -
Transfer to Church Memorial Fund Investment Account	\$ -
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 1,811.12

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF JULY 31, 2024

General Checking	\$ 98,057.38	Savings Account Balance consisting of:	\$ 8,673.06
Holding Account consisting of:	\$ 49,104.02	Church Memorial Fund - Bank Savings Account	\$ 3,203.65
Altar Items - Cloths	\$ 659.78	Iconography Bank Savings Account	\$ 4,690.35
Altar Items - Special Tray - tftd 3/18/24	\$ -	Parking Lot - Bank Savings Account	\$ 779.06
Easter Items - tftd 6/10/24	\$ -		\$ 8,673.06
Emergency Funds / Undesignated	\$ 3,000.00	Iconography/Parking Lot Investment Account ***	\$ 84,809.88
Golf Outing	\$ 45,185.00	Church Memorial Fund - Investment Acct ***	\$ 231,311.25
Hall Rental	\$ -	***Investment accounts transferred to LPL Financial from IB Wealth Management on 7/8/24	
Youth Ministry	\$ 259.36	Property Improvement Savings	\$ 2,512.90
	\$ 49,104.12		

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 OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S

Frank Yiannatji	Oct 2nd
Jacqueline Kontorousis	Oct 3rd
Michael Clinton	Oct 8th
Gregory Garceau	Oct 11th
Nicole Grousopoulos	Oct 12th
Katerina Kraemer	Oct 13th
Maria Manutes	Oct 15th
Dorothy Gintsis	Oct 23rd
Nicholas Anagnostopoulos	Oct 23rd
Apfroditi Marks	Oct 28th
Eugenia Politis	Oct 30th

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



PARISH COUNCIL CANDIDATES NEEDED

Parish Council Elections will be held Sunday November 3, 2024 after the Divine Liturgy. Anyone unable to vote in person and in need of absentee ballot voting please contact the Church office.

Three current Council members terms are expiring at the end of this year, and those vacancies will need to be filled. In our Parish, the members of the Parish Council are elected for a term of three (3) years.

In accordance with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, Parish Regulations, dated January 2019, Article 25, a candidate for the Parish Council must be a parishioner in good standing of the Parish for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election and must live his or her life in accordance with the Faith and canons of the Church.

To serve on a Parish Council is a ministry and all those who serve are called to represent Christ and the Orthodox Faith to all whom they meet in all aspects of life. The Parish Council is responsible to the Parish Assembly and to the respective Hierarch for conducting all Parish affairs in keeping with the mission, aims and purposes of the Church as set forth in the Charter and these Regulations

Anyone wishing to be a candidate, or has a person they want to nominate, for this election please contact John Costa at (810) 730-7989 or the Church office.

Thank you,
John K. Costa
Election Chairman

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	Eisenbeis, Jerry
Allard, Clyde & Georgia	Fahoome, Thomas & Calliope
Altheide, Dena	Falaras, Mary
Anagnostopoulos, Nick † & Anna	Ferich, Andrew & Voula
Artemas, Rev. Fr. John	Foraker, Walter & Diane
Asa, Darwin & Barb	Garceau, Greg & Sia
Bakris, Dr. Nicholas	Gintsis, Nick & Dorothy
Batsios, Eftyhia (Evangelos)	Hagler, Anna
Batsios, Vasilios & Maria	Hagler, Gary & Marian
Birtsas, Sandra	Haralambous, Frank & Vania
Bistolaridis, Tony & Maria	Heos, James & Cassie
Bograkos, Tim & Sandy	Heos, Pamela & Brancheau, Jeffrey
Bograkos, Vera	Holland, Nick & Jennifer
Brown Jr, Andrew	Hountalas Family
Caris-Herzog, Mary	Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki
Chiavaras, Lucille	Iordanou, Bill & Lisa
Chinonis, Dennis & Debra	Joseph, Patricia
Chinonis, Elias	Joynt, Kenneth
Chinonis, Katie	Joynt, Sadie
Chinonis, Linda	Kalatzis, Athena
Chinonis, Nancy & Lauster, Jeffrey	Kallis, Agape
Chinonis, Richard	Kallis, George & Shannon
Christakis, Christos & Elpida	Kallis, Nick
Christopher, Jim & Liz	Kallis, Penelope
Clinton, Mike & Kathy	Kallis, Susan
Costa, John & Laura	Kaloydis, John & Karen
Costa, Kyriacos & Vasilia	Kapellas, Katina
Dalbo, Helen	Kitsonas, William †
Davis-Kirksey, Steve & Linda	Kokkinokos, Peter & Panagiota
Davlanges, Alex	Komodromos, Tessie
Delbridge, Ray & Carol	Kondyles, Chryssoula
Drolet, Mark & Penelopi	Kontorousis, Dimitri & Jacqueline
Duffy, David & Elaine Joynt	Kossaras, Dean & Joyce

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

AGENDA – Fall General Assembly 2024

Sunday, November 3, 2024 – Immediately following the Divine Liturgy

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| 1. Call to Order | PC President |
| 2. Opening Prayer | Presiding Priest |
| 3. Election of General Assembly Chairman and Secretary | |
| 4. Opening Remarks | PC President |
| 5. Approval of previous General Assembly Minutes | GA Chairperson |
| 6. Priest's Report | Presiding Priest |
| 7. Treasurer Report | PC Treasurer |
| A. 2025 Proposed Budget | |
| 8. Ministry and Organization Reports | |
| A. Stewardship Report | Committee Chair |
| B. Fund Raising Events | Chairs of Events |
| 1. Fish Fry | |
| 2. Golf Outing | |
| 3. Raffles | |
| a. Cash Raffle | Committee Chair |
| b. Super Draw Raffle | Committee Chair |
| 4. Other – Open for Suggestions | |
| C. Religious Education | } |
| D. Philoptochos | |
| E. Choir | |
| F. Daughters of Penelope | |
| G. AHEPA | |
| 9. New Business | |
| A. Parish By-Laws | PC President |
| 10. Old Business | |
| A. Audit Committee | Committee Chair |
| 11. Call for Questions | |
| 12. Call for Adjournment | GA Chairperson |
| 13. Closing Prayer | Presiding Priest |

Reports must be submitted to the church office by Thursday, October 31st to be included.

In the interest of time and to allow ample time for a full and open discussion all ministry updates will be provided as a hard copy at the General Assembly meeting from which questions can then be asked.

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
Minutes- Spring General Assembly 2024
Sunday, June 2, 2024 – Immediately Following the Divine Liturgy
Held in the Sanctuary

1. Call to Order at 12:20 pm Susan Kallis-PC President

2. Opening Prayer Rev. Fr. Peter Bistolarides

3. Election of General Assembly Chairman and Secretary:
Nancy Chinonis was elected General Assembly Chairman
 Nomination by Cathy Yeotis and seconded by John Mandelaris
Debra Chinonis was appointed Secretary.

4. Opening Remarks were made by Parish Council President Susan Kallis. Brief comments were given regarding the completion of the iconography, coffee hour sponsored by parishioners, cancelled fundraisers: Taste of Greece and The Knucklehead Band, Thank you to Katherine Senter for tending to the hydrangeas and Ann Lowe for taking care of the 5 urns.

5. Approval of previous General Assembly Minutes:
Olga Steinhoff moved to approve the minutes from November 7, 2023.
John Mandelaris seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

6. Priest's Report:
 - Father Peter gave the Priest's report. His reflection on the past year overall – can't complain. We have steady attendance and a core of workers. We still have a whole body of NO SHOWS. Challenge – who will be in the area in another year? No easy answers. We are going to have a budget issue. This is not unique to us. We have had a few parishioners that can no longer do the work required for food related fundraisers relinquish their participation until their health will allow it.
 - Regarding children & youth-a survey was sent to every household. Only 3 responses were received. What are you asking the church do for your kids? We need parental involvement.
 - We have a great cycle of church services. August is a busy month.
 - Iconography – can dedicate an icon for a family if you wish.
 - The Clergy Syndesmos meeting is June 4, 2024. Many of our Metropolitans are older. They have shelved revising the charter. Comcast – delays for permits; expected work date 8/30
 - Father will be taking time off (2 weekends) in August. For one he will be in Ann Arbor for the consecration of St. Nicholas Church. The other, the Metropolis is hosting a national health care conference that Father Peter is a guest speaker.
 - Education – We have 2 more Sunday sessions following liturgy. In September, Fr. Peter will do a monthly meeting for seniors to get together without cooking – just coffee and discussion.
 - Bookstore – Orthodox Study Bibles have been ordered. We are trying to encourage more learning.

7. Treasurer Report: JoAnne Schultze
The handouts were reviewed and discussed.
Account Balances as of 4/30/2024 are as follows:
General Checking: \$117,857.25
Holding Account: \$14,807.03 consisting of:
 - Altar Items-Cloths \$5,459.76
 - Easter Items 2,935.00

- Golf Outing 2,000.00
- Hall Rental 400.00
- Emergency Funds 3,000.00
- Youth Ministry 1,012.27

Savings: \$32,877.52 consisting of:

- Church Memorial Fund \$17,074.45
- Iconography 3,436.95
- Parking Lot 12,366.12

Property Improvements: \$2,510.71

Investment Accounts held at IB Wealth Management:

- Iconography/Parking Lot \$ 66,095.55
- Church Memorial Fund \$199,003.53

8. Ministry and Organization Reports

A. Iconography Project Report

- a. No report given as John Hountalas was absent. The project is complete.

B. Stewardship Report

Nancy Chinonis

1st quarter 2024 was a \$14,000 increase over 2023

2nd quarter 2024 was a \$5,000 decrease from 2023 (thru April)

For the first 5 months of the year we have collected \$89,393 with \$124,114 pledged for 2024. We budgeted \$140,000. We have 115 stewardship cards on file. Our numbers are down. Reasons? We have had a few deaths this year. A few people have moved out of the area. Our newsletter goes to 200 households. 79 families pledged less than \$20/year.

C. Fund Raising Events

1. Fish Fry - Cancelled for fall
2. Taste of Greece – Cancelled for now
3. Golf Outing
4. Raffles

John Kaloydis

August 19, 2024 at Pine Knob Golf Club

- Cash Raffle- Debra Chinonis reported it will take place on Thursday September 26, 2024 virtually. Ticket price will be \$200/ticket and 250 tickets will be sold.
- Super Draw Raffle – Tabled until Lori Photiou can comment.

D-H: See Handouts

9. New Business

A. Audit Committee:

Fr. Peter presented the three names for the parish audit committee: Michael Kus, Shannon Kallis, and Lucas Photiou. Michael Kus and Shannon Kallis bring professional experience as accountants and auditors to the committee, and Lucas Photiou has valuable experience in our community. As there were only three candidates, a vote by the assembly was not required. Members present were given the opportunity to voice questions or concerns about the proposed committee, and hearing none, these three individuals were officially appointed as the audit committee, with Mr. Michael Kus serving as the chair.

10. Old Business

11. Call for Questions

- David Duffy is concerned with Youth Outreach and the survival of this church.
- John Mandelaris asked about the flag pole and the American Flag. Discussed the proper care of the flag and flag pole. The flag pole is in the shed.

- Father Peter commented about OCF with UofM-Flint, Kettering, and MCC students.

12. Call for Adjournment

Dennis Chinonis moved to adjourn the meeting. Nick Kallis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13. Closing Prayer

Rev. Fr. Peter Bistolarides

Assembly was adjourned at 1:40 pm



Nancy Chinonis-Lauster,
General Assembly Chairperson



Dr. Debra Chinonis,
General Assembly Secretary



Rev. Fr. Peter Bistolarides,
Parish Priest

ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH - GRAND BLANC
PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET OVERVIEW
OPERATING FUND
2025 OPERATING BUDGET
FOR APPROVAL BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVEMBER 3, 2024

	2024 Approved Budget	Monthly Budget Prorated 7/31/24	Actual as of 7/31/24	Variance from 7/31/24	Variance from Budget	PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET
OPERATING REVENUES						
Stewardship	142,000.00	82,833.33	\$ 106,147.00	\$ 23,313.67	\$ (35,853.00)	\$ 142,000.00
Trays & Candles	15,000.00	8,750.00	\$ 7,269.00	\$ (1,481.00)	\$ (7,731.00)	\$ 13,000.00
Candles Expense	(3,000.00)	(1,750.00)	\$ (1,140.00)	\$ 610.00	\$ 1,860.00	\$ (3,000.00)
Hall Rental	3,000.00	1,750.00	\$ 700.00	\$ (1,050.00)	\$ (2,300.00)	\$ 1,000.00
Interest Income	50.00	29.17	\$ 47.81	\$ 18.64	\$ (2.19)	\$ 60.00
0 Miscellaneous Income/Donations	5,000.00	2,916.67	\$ 7,370.99	\$ 4,454.32	\$ 2,370.99	\$ 8,000.00
Miscellaneous Income/Donations - Special Projects	30,000.00	17,500.00	\$ 10,611.00	\$ (6,889.00)	\$ (19,389.00)	\$ 20,000.00
RE - Youth Ministry Income	1,500.00	875.00	\$ -	\$ (875.00)	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ 1,500.00
RE - Youth Ministry Expenses	(1,500.00)	(875.00)	\$ -	\$ 875.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (1,500.00)
Fundraisers						
Cash Raffle Income	50,000.00	29,166.67	\$ -	\$ (29,166.67)	\$ (50,000.00)	\$ 50,000.00
Cash Raffle License	(50.00)	(29.17)	\$ (50.00)	\$ (20.83)	\$ -	\$ (50.00)
Cash Raffle Expenses	(22,000.00)	(12,833.33)	\$ -	\$ 12,833.33	\$ 22,000.00	\$ (22,000.00)
Charity Poker Night Income	0.00	0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Poker Hall License	0.00	0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Poker Hall Expenses	0.00	0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Golf Outing Income	46,000.00	26,833.33	\$ 26,805.00	\$ (28.33)	\$ (19,195.00)	\$ 46,000.00
Golf Outing Expenses	(20,000.00)	(11,666.67)	\$ (1,456.56)	\$ 10,210.11	\$ 18,543.44	\$ (22,000.00)
Fish Fry	30,000.00	17,500.00	\$ 55,557.10	\$ 38,057.10	\$ 25,557.10	\$ 56,000.00
Cost of Sales - Fish Fry	(13,500.00)	(7,875.00)	\$ (23,448.86)	\$ (15,573.86)	\$ (9,948.86)	\$ (25,200.00)
Other Fundraisers Income	7,000.00	4,083.33	\$ 230.00	\$ (3,853.33)	\$ (6,770.00)	\$ 3,500.00
Cost of Sales - Other Fundraisers	(2,800.00)	(1,633.33)	\$ (39.96)	\$ 1,593.37	\$ 2,760.04	\$ (500.00)
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 266,700.00	\$ 155,575.00	\$ 188,602.52	\$ 33,027.52	\$ (78,097.48)	\$ 266,810.00
Salary, Benefits and Payroll Taxes						

Computer Expenses	500.00	291.67	\$	-	\$	291.67	\$	500.00	\$	1,000.00
Continuing Edu - Seminars & Conv	4,000.00	2,333.33	\$	-	\$	2,333.33	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00
Contributions - Metropolis	400.00	233.33	\$	200.00	\$	33.33	\$	200.00	\$	1,000.00
Contributions - Other	2,000.00	1,166.67	\$	1,026.00	\$	140.67	\$	974.00	\$	2,000.00
Cost of Sales: Food Sales non fish fry	5,000.00	2,916.67	\$	2,322.97	\$	593.70	\$	2,677.03	\$	5,000.00
Credit Card Processing Fees	500.00	291.67	\$	1,225.45	\$	(933.78)	\$	(725.45)	\$	1,500.00
Honorariums	6,000.00	3,500.00	\$	370.00	\$	3,130.00	\$	5,630.00	\$	1,500.00
Flowers & Gifts	2,000.00	1,166.67	\$	2,408.07	\$	(1,241.40)	\$	(408.07)	\$	2,500.00
Library, Books & Journals (includes Liturgical)	500.00	291.67	\$	7,806.25	\$	(7,514.58)	\$	(7,306.25)	\$	500.00
Licenses, Fees and Permits	800.00	466.67	\$	360.00	\$	106.67	\$	440.00	\$	500.00
Metropolis Detroit Summer Camp	500.00	291.67	\$	-	\$	291.67	\$	500.00	\$	-
Miscellaneous Expenses	500.00	291.67	\$	2,624.32	\$	(2,332.65)	\$	(2,124.32)	\$	500.00
Supplies - Office	1,500.00	875.00	\$	784.08	\$	90.92	\$	715.92	\$	1,500.00
Supplies - General	2,000.00	1,166.67	\$	482.86	\$	683.81	\$	1,517.14	\$	1,000.00
Supplies - Janitorial	600.00	350.00	\$	186.69	\$	163.31	\$	413.31	\$	500.00
Supplies - Kitchen	3,750.00	2,187.50	\$	977.58	\$	1,209.92	\$	2,772.42	\$	2,000.00
Total Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 33,650.00	\$ 19,629.17	\$	\$ 20,774.27	\$	\$ (1,145.10)	\$	\$ 12,875.73	\$	\$ 25,600.00

Total Expense	\$ 281,867.04	\$ 164,422.44	\$	\$ 147,967.86	\$	\$ 16,454.59	\$	\$ 59,780.86	\$	\$ 266,478.04
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Net Income/Loss	\$ (15,167.04)	\$ (8,847.44)	\$	\$ 40,634.66	\$	\$ 16,572.93	\$	\$ (137,878.34)	\$	\$ 331.96
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Restricted Accounts - NOT USED FOR OPERATING EXPENSES

Iconography										
Iconography - Icons sold	25,000.00	14,583.33	\$	2,850.00	\$	(11,733.33)	\$	(22,150.00)	\$	2,000.00
Iconography - other donations	1,000.00	583.33	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Iconography - Funds from restricted accounts	25,000.00	14,583.33	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(25,000.00)
Iconography Expenses	(56,000.00)	(32,666.67)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Total	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ (2,916.67)	\$	\$ 2,850.00	\$	\$ (11,733.33)	\$	\$ (22,150.00)	\$	\$ (23,000.00)

Church Memorial Savings Fund

Plaque Donations	2,000.00	1,166.67	\$	400.00	\$	(766.67)	\$	(1,600.00)	\$	2,000.00
Other Donations	8,000.00	4,666.67	\$	14,101.00	\$	9,434.33	\$	(4,666.67)	\$	10,000.00
Total	10,000.00	5,833.33	\$	14,501.00	\$	8,667.67	\$	(6,266.67)	\$	12,000.00

Parking Lot Savings Fund

Parking Lot Pledges/Donations	5,000.00	2,916.67	\$	15,582.00	\$	12,665.33	\$	9,748.67	\$	-
Total	5,000.00	2,916.67	\$	15,582.00	\$	12,665.33	\$	9,748.67	\$	9,748.67



Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Flint, MI **BY-LAWS**

ARTICLE I-NAME

The name of this corporation is and shall be the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Flint, MI (now known as Assumption Greek Orthodox Church – Grand Blanc).

ARTICLE II-INCORPORATION

The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Flint is and shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE III-OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Flint shall be:

- a) Through religious worship, study and education to administer to the Spiritual and Family needs of the Community.
- b) To foster the highest standards in religious education in the Church and home in accordance with the teachings and discipline of the Greek Orthodox Church in the United States of America as from time to time authorized and declared by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.
- c) To maintain the dignity, efficiency, discipline and religious teachings of the Greek Orthodox Church in the United States of America as defined here for the service of the Community and the common good.

ARTICLE IV-ADMINISTRATION

Section 1

The Assumption Greek Orthodox of Flint is and shall be incorporated as an Ecclesiastical Corporation under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Michigan and shall have such powers as are conferred to it by the statutes of the State of Michigan.



Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Flint, MI **BY-LAWS**

SECTION 2

The authority and the management of the affairs of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church shall be vested in Parish Council. The election of the Council Members and their duties shall be as provided for in these By-Laws.

ARTICLE V- MEMBERSHIP

Qualifications for Membership:

- a. As defined by the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America.
- b. The term of membership extends from January 1 to December 31 of each year

ARTICLE VI - STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Program of the Archdiocese is hereby adopted. To be a member in good standing, a parishioner must have fully-completed and signed pledge card and paid his/her pro-rata share of their stewardship financial obligation at the end of each quarter, to-wit: March, June, September, December. Delinquent members shall lose their right to vote and special privileges. Reinstatement may be accomplished by payment of all arrearage of stewardship financial obligations. Any full-time student or person who is an active member of the armed Forces of the United States of America shall be exempt from their financial obligations.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to the By-Laws shall be first submitted in writing to the Parish Council for its recommendations by a petition signed by 10% or more of the members in good standing or may be initiated by the Parish Council. The proposed amendments with the recommendations of the Parish Council favorable or unfavorable, shall be presented to the members at the next scheduled General Assembly Meeting at which time the proposed amendments shall be voted on provided that a copy of the text of the proposed amendment(s) has been mailed with the Agenda for the General Assembly Meeting to each member in good standing. An affirmative vote by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting at such meeting shall be required for the adoption of any amendment.



Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Flint, MI **BY-LAWS**

ARTICLE VIII - PARISH COUNCIL

Section 1

The general management of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Flint, Michigan shall be vested in a Parish Council consisting of eleven (11) regular members, who shall have the administrative responsibility subject to the limitations of the Uniform Parish Regulations, By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation. Also, the President of the Philoptochos Society may serve as an ex-officio member of the Council (see Robert's Rules of Order [Ex-officio Board Members]). The Philoptochos member shall have the same voting privileges as other council members. In the event the President of the Philoptochos shall be an elected member of the Parish Council, then the Vice-President shall serve as the ex-officio member of the board.

The eleven (11) regular Council Members shall be nominated and elected in accordance with the electoral procedures as outlined by the Uniform parish Regulations of the Archdiocese. The eleven (11) regular Council Members shall be elected for a period of three (3) years. Four (4) of the regular members shall be elected each year with the exception of every third year when only three (3) regular members shall be elected. The Council Members are responsible to the Parish Assembly and the Diocesan Bishop for conducting all Parish affairs.

- a. To become a candidate for election to the Parish Council, a member must be 18 years of age and be a parish member in good standing for at least one year prior to the year the elections are held and further be a member in good standing for at least one month prior to the date of the election.
- b. A list of candidates shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the church hall not less than one week prior to elections and a special written notice stating the time and place of elections and including a list of the candidates shall be sent not less than one week before elections to all those entitled to vote.
- c. Ballots cast for the election of members to the Parish Council may be cast by absentee ballots. However, such ballots must be in the hands of the Board of Elections not later than the commencement of voting and shall be opened and tabulated with the ballots personally cast.
- d. Absentee ballots may be requested from the Board of Elections (or the Chairman thereof) or the Parish Administrator.
- e. Elections for the Parish Council shall be held on any Sunday of November.
- f. No employee of the Parish may serve on the Parish Council, Board of Auditors, or the Board of Elections.
- g. A vacancy on the Parish Council shall be considered to exist upon the written resignation of a parish council member.



Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Flint, MI **BY-LAWS**

Section 2

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council shall have the duties and powers as ordinarily delegated to the governing body of a corporation as follows:

- a) To adopt rules and regulations covering the election of members in circumstances not covered in the Uniform Parish Regulations and By-Laws.
- b) To confer honors and titles upon members for meritorious services to the church.
- c) To fix fees and suggest annual stewardship financial obligation of membership.
- d) Except for the priest, to employ all church personnel for such salaries and terms of office which it shall determine. (Such action shall require a two-thirds vote of the entire Parish Council.)
- e) To expend for any single purpose a sum of money not in excess of \$5,000.00 unless already covered by the budget necessary for the progress and welfare of the church.

The necessary expenditure of any sum in excess of \$5,000.00, with exception of building and maintenance repairs, shall require the approval of a two-thirds majority of those members attending the next regularly scheduled General Assembly Meeting or a meeting called for the purpose of approving said expenditure.

- f) To accept a Priest and other clergy as directed by the Metropolitan of Detroit and in accordance with the accepted, existing procedures as outlined by the Archdiocese
- g) To arrange meeting as may be required and transact all community affairs not otherwise provided for.
- h) To report to the community annually its work and activities, including a full financial statement. Chairmen/women of fund raisers shall provide financial reports to the Parish Council as soon as practicable after the fund raiser.
- i) To exercise its inherent authority in promoting and attaining the objectives of the community, especially as pertains to religious, educational and social needs of the community.



Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Flint, MI **BY-LAWS**

Section 3

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall compose the Executive Board and shall be elected by the Parish Council from its own number for a term of one (1) year or until their successors may be chosen. The Priest is entitled to attend all meetings of the Executive Board and take part in its discussions.

Section 4

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

- a. The President shall be Chairman of the Executive Board and ex-officio member of all committees and shall preside at all meetings of the Parish Council and shall create and appoint all standing committees and direct their activities. The President shall have the power, without Council approval, to expend for any expense, a sum of money not in excess of \$1,500 (no more than once a month), whether budgeted or not, as long as it, in his/her sole discretion, is for the progress and welfare of the church. It shall not be necessary to seek permission of the other officers of the Council for such expenditure. In addition, the head of maintenance, along with the President (or other Executive Council member in the President's absence, shall have the power to expend for any maintenance expense, a sum of money not in excess of \$1,500 for the church (no more than once a month) whether budgeted or not, as long as it is for the progress and welfare of the church. It shall not be necessary to seek permission of the Council for such expenditure.
- b. The President of the Parish Council shall strive to be as impartial as possible, voting only if it will change the result. The President may vote to "break a tie" and cause the motion to fail.
- c. When the vote is public (by acclamation, rising, etc.) the President may vote, if the President chooses to do so, after the other Council members have voted and after the result has been made known.
- d. When the vote is secret (by ballot) the President may vote at the time that the other Council members vote, but cannot vote again to change the result.
- e. The Vice-President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President.



Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Flint, MI **BY-LAWS**

Section 5

THE SECRETARY

The Secretary shall be charged with the transcription of the proceedings of all meetings of the Parish Council and the preparation of the minutes thereof, with the writing of all correspondence of the Parish Council business.

Section 6

THE TREASURER

The Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer, if one is appointed, shall be charged with the handling of all funds of the parish and shall carry out the duties usually performed by a Treasurer.

Section 7

Under such regulations as the Parish Council may adopt, the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, if appointed, as noted in the Signature Resolution provided to the Bank shall be empowered to sign checks made in payment of all parish expenditures. All checks will require to be signed by two authorized individuals.

ARTICLE IX

CLERGY

The Priest, by virtue of his canonical ordination and Episcopal appointment, heads the local Parish of the Church and exercises in its behalf the Priestly function.

ARTICLE X

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Section 1

A quorum of the Parish Council to conduct official business at meetings shall consist of a majority of the members. A quorum at a General Assembly Meeting shall consist of 15 percent (15%) of the paid-up membership.



Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Flint, MI **BY-LAWS**

Section 2

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

All meetings of the Parish Council and all special and general meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, unless otherwise prescribed in these By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI

Part Two Article I-XJX of the Uniform Parish Regulations of 1965, as amended, are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of the By-Laws of the Assumption Greek Orthodox of Flint, MI

ARTICLE XII

TERMS

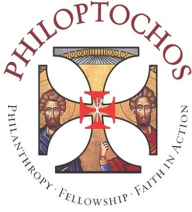
The term Parish Council and Board of Trustees can and shall be used interchangeably in these By-Laws. Certification is also hereby made that the above twelve (12) Articles are the current local Parish By-Laws.

The signatures below attest to the fact that the above twelve articles are the Local Parish By-Laws have been approved by a quorum of the General Assembly and signed *at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Flint in Grand Blanc, Michigan on 11-03-2024.*

Susan Kallis
Parish Council President

Joyce Kossaras
Parish Council Secretary

Peter Bistolarides
Parish Priest, Assumption GOC



Philoptochos Society - Friends of the Poor!

Dear Sisters:

We have just finished our summer months and are into the first few weeks of Fall. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer whether you stayed home or traveled.

One of the goals of the Executive Board is to make the meetings more interesting or have them when people can attend. The September meeting was scheduled as a evening meeting. More to follow on that. If you have any suggestions regarding meeting times or how to make them more interesting, please let me or another Board member know.

The Executive Board met in July to set up our calendar for the upcoming year. We have a few activities planned but more to follow on that. One of our big projects will be the Food Drive coming up the first of October. This will be similar to the one last year. Boxes will be in the hall for your donations and a list of items needed will be posted. We will also collect hats, gloves and scarves.

After a period of time trying to meet up with the Saginaw Philoptochos for lunch, we were able to on Thursday, August 22 in Frankenmuth. Twelve members of their chapter met with eight of our ladies at Prost Restaurant on Main Street. Joni Porchia, their President and the rest of the women were delightful and all those who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was well worth the wait.

Since we are entering a new Ecclesiastical year, Philoptochos dues are now being collected. The minimum amount is \$40.00 and you can remit your payment in care of Diana Lillar, Philoptochos Treasurer.

Olga Steinhoff, President



Philoptochos Society
Annual Christmas Card

(S20.00 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.**

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 _____

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



**DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE IRIS CHAPTER 242
FALL SALAD LUNCHEON**

THURSDAY OCTOBER 10, 2024

11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM

\$15.00 per plate

Enjoy an assortment of individual, specialty salads.

Try one, try them all!

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

There will also be a **Bake Sale** of scrumptious
Greek pastries!!

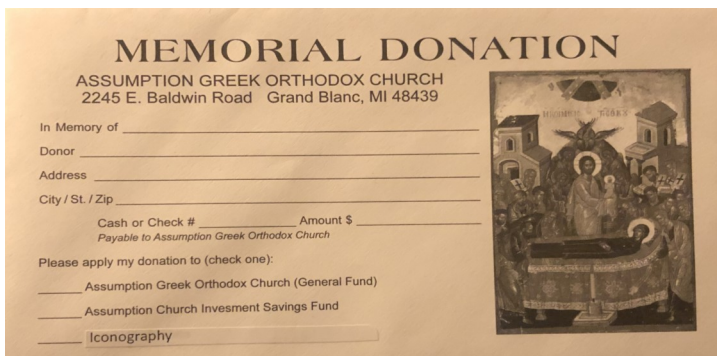
ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

2245 E. BALDWIN RD, GRAND BLANC, MI

(810) 771-4611

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

“Donations made at an Orthodox Funeral service in memory of the departed are typically collected by the church, which then presents the names and final donation amount to the designated surviving family member. Any memorial donation checks not marked “*Assumption Church*” will be distributed for the purpose indicated on the check.



The image shows a 'MEMORIAL DONATION' form for the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. The form includes fields for 'In Memory of', 'Donor', 'Address', and 'City / St. / Zip'. It also has a section for 'Cash or Check #' and 'Amount \$', with a note 'Payable to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church'. Below this, there is a section 'Please apply my donation to (check one):' with three options: 'Assumption Greek Orthodox Church (General Fund)', 'Assumption Church Investment Savings Fund', and 'Iconography'. To the right of the form is a small icon depicting a religious scene, likely the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Scheduling of Memorial Services

All Memorial Services must be **scheduled through the church office** so that they may be placed on the church calendar.

Koliva

If anyone is in need of Koliva, please contact the church office (810-771-4611) for the names of those available to make it. The standard rate is \$150. **It is the responsibility of the family to arrange for Koliva.**

ASSUMPTION GOC MEMBER POLICY

The current approved policy for Parishioner Status of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church (AGOC) of Grand Blanc, Michigan is as follows:

Parishioner - Person Baptized and Chrismated according the rites of the Orthodox Church and attending the AGOC.

Parishioner - Member in Good Standing:

- Person in compliance with Section 1 and 2 of Article 18 of the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.
- Person with an AGOC pledge card on file with a minimum pledge of \$600 per family or \$350 per single and current in pledges for active and preceding year.

In-Active Parishioner - Person not in compliance with requirements for Parishioner or Member in Good Standing as defined above.

Parishioners and In-Active Parishioners can receive all sacraments at AGOC but are required to pay church usage fee.

Any deviations from this policy must be approved by the Parish Priest and Parish Council President and must be presented to them at least one month prior to the proposed sacrament date.

Stewardship Policy - Only cash, check or credit card can be accepted as payment of stewardship. Donations of items or services cannot be accepted for stewardship in lieu of monetary payment.

CHURCH USAGE/HALL RENTAL FEES

(Approved by Parish Council Effective December 4, 2022)

For the Sacraments of Holy Marriage and Holy Baptism

There is no charge for Funeral or Memorial Services.

CHURCH USAGE FEE

<p>Member in good standing of AGOC-Grand Blanc: Person with an AGOC pledge card on file with a minimum pledge of \$600 per family or \$350 per single and current in pledges for active and preceding year</p>	<p>Inactive Parishioner/Non-Member at AGOC-Grand Blanc: See ASSUMPTION GOC MEMBER POLICY on 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

<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:</p>
<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 - JUNE 30)

- Bistolarides, Fr. Peter & Presbytera Peggy
- Assumption Parish
- Chinonis, Dennis & Debra
- Chinonis, Linda
- Dalbo, Helen
- Heos, Pamela and Jeffrey Brancheau
- Kalatzis, Athena
- Kaloydis, John & Karen

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.

PLEASE NOTE: This gift/pledge is above and beyond your regular offering.

Gifts of any size are appreciated!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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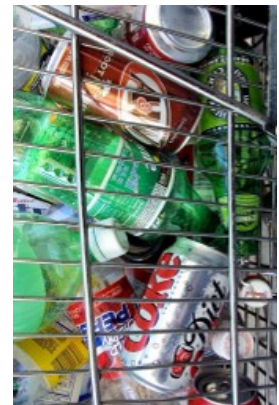
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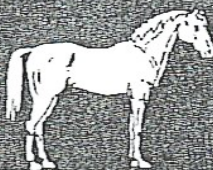
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