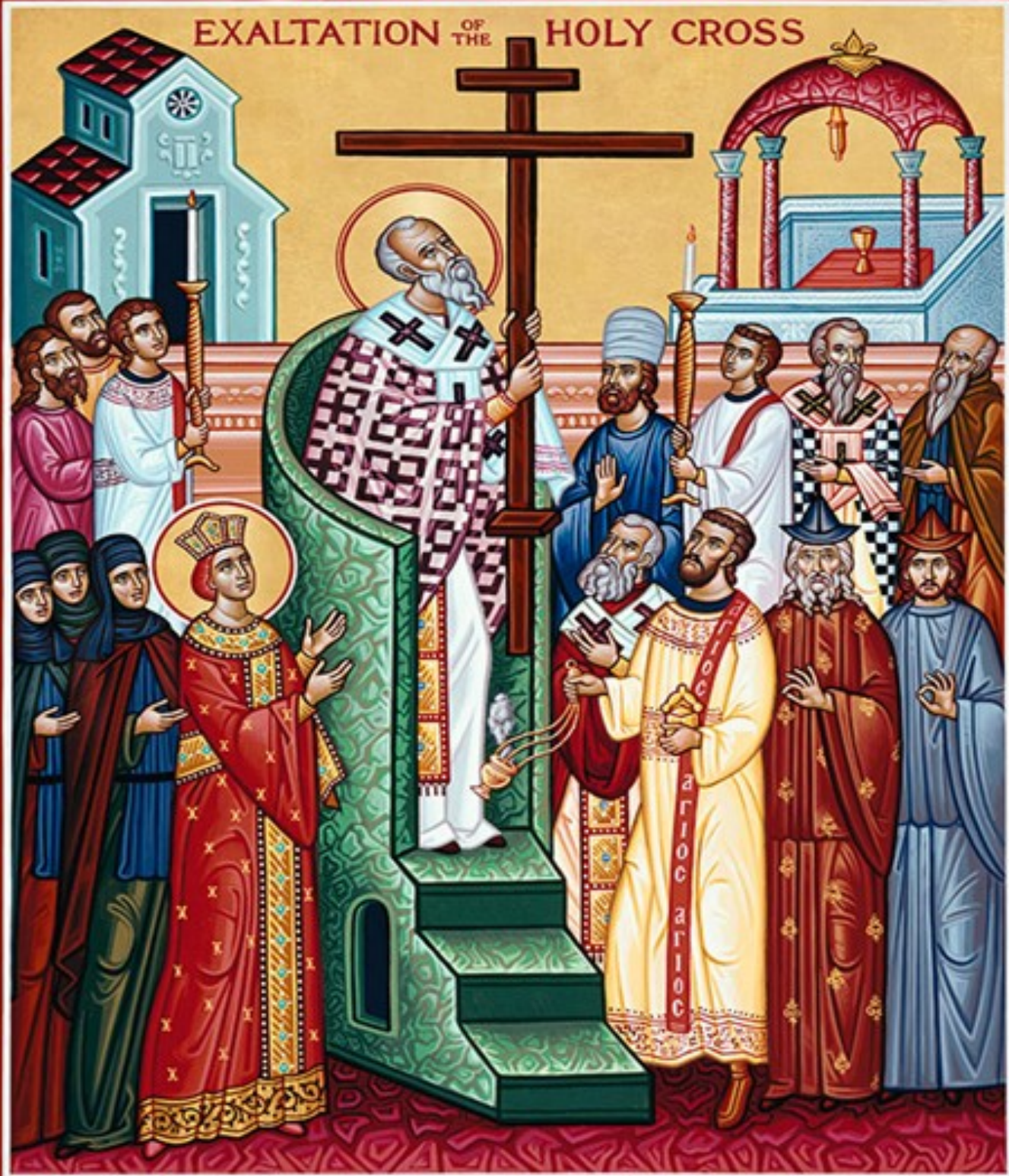


THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

SEPT
2024



What's Happening

SEPT 2024

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29	30					

11: Parish Council Meeting

6:15 PM

17: Philoptochos Mtg

6:30 PM

26: Virtual Cash Raffle

7:00 PM

OCT 2024

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8: Philoptochos Meeting

1:00 PM

9: Parish Council Meeting

6:15 PM

10: DOP Fall Salad Luncheon

6:00 PM

12: Metropolitan Nicholas 25th Anniversary Dinner

PROSPHORON SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
1 Carmean, Mike & Denise	6 Chinonis, Elias
8 Chiatalas, Andrew & Kelly	13 Chinonis, Katie
15 Chiavaras, Lucille	20 Chinonis, Linda
22 Chinonis, Dennis & Debra	27 Chinonis, Nancy & Jeff Lauster
29 Chinonis, Denny	

Please make 3 loaves of Prospora and bring them to church by 9:00 am on the morning of the service. Be sure to include your lists of names, both living and deceased, to be read during the Proskimide (Preparation) Service: one list is for those who are living and the other for those who have fallen asleep in the name of the Lord. If you choose not to make Prospora, please send a check to the church for \$20 made payable to "Assumption Greek Orthodox Church" with a note stating it is for Prospora. Be sure to include your list of names. If you have questions, please contact the church office, 810-771-4611.

If you would like to add your name or the name of a family member to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 810-771-4611.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. - James 5:16

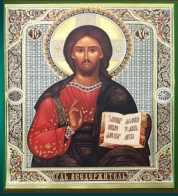
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

SUNDAY READERS SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
1 Nick Kallis	6 Dena Altheide
8 John Kaloydis	13 Debra Chinonis
15 Stella Thurkill	20 John Costa
22 Marina Valentine	27 Nick Kallis
29 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

Consecrating the World and Ourselves

With the coming of September, we celebrate the Indiction – the first day of the Orthodox Church year (September 1). While it would be easy to make comparisons with the secular holiday of New Year's Day on January 1, the Indiction involves a blessing of the upcoming year, and all activities within.

Recently, I had the special honor of attending the consecration of our sister parish of St. Nicholas in Ann Arbor. The consecration of a church does not happen very often (you are generally fortunate to see one in your entire lifetime). A consecration is a long, detailed service of the church in which the church building (generally completed, along with its iconography) undergoes a blessing – first, a procession of the relics by the clergy and faithful three times around the outside of the church, then enshrining the relics of a saint or saints permanently in the altar table of the church, its washing down, chrismation and covering with new linen by the consecrating bishop, followed by his anointing the four walls of the church and other points with chrism.

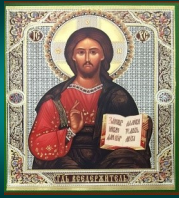
In essence, this is the baptism of the church and makes the altar table and the building that contains it a hallowed space in the world, dedicated permanently as a repository of the Holy Spirit within which the sacraments are guarded and administered, and the Gospel is preached.

As Orthodox Christians, each of us has received this same consecration through our own baptism and chrismation. We too become a repository of the Holy Spirit through these sacraments. We too become a hallowed space in the world. God resides in us, and guides us that we may carry His love and His message to the world. The Church is not simply a building – the Church is Christ. The Church is us.

While both a church building and we undergo baptism once, unlike a building we ourselves have a need for constant renewal and refreshment of our baptism. We find this in our attendance at our divine services, our partaking of Holy Communion, the sacrament of confession – all of the Holy Mysteries of the Church opened to us through our baptism and chrismation. Without these, our baptism becomes stale and static.

As we start the new ecclesiastical year, let us each be reminded of our personal consecration, and commit to the renewal of ourselves which this brings.

+Fr. Peter



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT JULY 2024

OPERATING INCOME JULY 2024

CATEGORY	June	July	YEAR TO DATE	CATEGORY	June	July	YEAR TO DATE
Stewardship	\$ 12,232.00	\$ 4,902.00	\$ 106,147.00	Operating Expenses	\$ 12,021.71	\$ 15,140.40	\$ 121,745.83
Trays and Candles	\$ 1,146.00	\$ 606.00	\$ 7,269.00	Youth Ministry Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Memorial Income	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 7,290.00	Miscellaneous Expenses *	\$ 8,109.38	\$ 3,266.82	\$ 23,533.74
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 2,057.00	\$ 672.27	\$ 8,730.99	Maintenance Expenses	\$ 446.53	\$ 1,403.00	\$ 2,747.86
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 310.00	Other Fundraising Expenses	\$ 805.68	\$ 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	\$ 15,460.00	\$ 6,280.27	\$ 176,676.99	2024 Total Monthly Operating Expenses	\$ 21,383.30	\$ 19,985.24	\$ 173,002.83
Total Operating Income (Loss) for Month:				\$ (13,704.97)			
Total Operating Income (Loss) for Year:				\$ 3,874.16			

OTHER INCOME JULY 2024

CATEGORY	JUNE	JULY	YEAR TO DATE	CATEGORY	YEAR TO DATE
Iconography Income	\$ 650.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 750.00	Iconography Expenses	\$ -
Church Memorial Fund Income	\$ 892.00	\$ 1,090.00	\$ 13,664.00	Transfer to Iconography/Parking Lot Investment Account	\$ 17,000.00
Parking Lot Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,529.66	Church Memorial Fund Expenses	\$ -
Donations for Altar Items	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	Transfer to Church Memorial Fund Investment Account	\$ 18,000.00
Fundraising Income	\$ 6,060.00	\$ 10,070.00	\$ 27,485.00		

OTHER EXPENSES JULY 2024

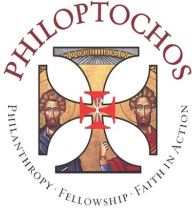
CATEGORY	JUNE	JULY	YEAR TO DATE	CATEGORY	YEAR TO DATE
General Checking			\$ 100,500.84	Savings Account Balance consisting of:	\$ 40,613.06
Holding Account consisting of:			\$ 30,589.12	Church Memorial Fund - Bank Savings Account	\$ 1,985.65
Altar Items - Cloths	\$ 659.76			Iconography Bank Savings Account	\$ 4,690.35
Altar Items - Special Tray - ltrd 3/19/24	\$ -			Parking Lot - Bank Savings Account	\$ 779.06
Easter Items - ltrd 6/10/24	\$ -				\$ 7,455.06
Emergency Funds	\$ 3,000.00			Iconography/Parking Lot Investment Account ***	\$ 74,273.30
Golf Outing	\$ 26,670.00			Church Memorial Fund - Investment Acct ***	\$ 225,039.73
Hall Rental	\$ -			***Investment accounts transferred to LPL Financial from IB Wealth Management on 7/8/24	\$ 2,512.90
Youth Ministry	\$ 259.36			Property Improvement Savings	\$ 2,512.90
	\$ 30,589.12				

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.



Philoptochos Society - Friends of the Poor!

Dear Sisters:

Summer is rapidly ending and soon we will be entering Fall. I hope everyone had a great summer that was filled with lots of fun things even though we had some pretty warm days.

The Executive Board met last week to set the agenda for the upcoming 2024-2025 year of meetings and activities. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 17, at 6:30 P.M. to give an opportunity to those of you that work and might be able to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

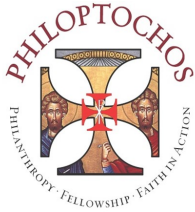
The Board decided that this year we will once again conduct the food drive for FISH as one of our projects. This will begin around the first of October. Like last year, containers will be placed in the hall and lists will be provided with requested items. We encourage all of you to participate as it helps those in the Grand Blanc community.

The second project will be collecting hats, gloves, scarves and socks. This also will start around the first part of October. We will also have containers for this project.

A big thank you goes out to all our Assumption Ladies that contributed to the reception after the Vesper Services on August 14. Your continues support is greatly appreciated.

Also, thank you to Alexandra Frantzis for once again making Artoklasia for both services.

Olga Steinhoff
President



Philoptochos Society - Friends of the Poor!

Although Philoptochos is the charitable arm of our church it is part of a much larger group. First we are under the Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos which is under the National Archdiocesan Philoptochos. This means that if some person or family from our community is in need there are three levels of assistance that can be contacted to ascertain assistance. Remember, if you are in need, no one else needs to know, just contact our priest and he will do the rest. If you have heating bills that you are unable to pay or medical expenses that are overwhelming or funeral expenses that can't be covered, Philoptochos can help.

The procedure is as follows: You contact the Priest, he will first check with our Angel Fund to see if the dollar amount can be covered. If not, then he will contact the Metropolis and/or the National. All monies will go directly to the agency, doctor, hospital, funeral home, or cemetery. Only you and the priest will know if and when this is done.

In order to build up these funds at each level, we have to devise fundraisers. At the local level all the monies we receive for the church Christmas Card go into our Angel Fund. At the Metropolis Level, one of the ways they build this fund is through something called their NO SHOW events which have been held every other year since 2018. For each of these they ask for donations to be in honor of or in memory of a specific type of individual or group. This past year it was to honor or memorialize Veterans and First Responders. Our chapter sent \$100 to honor any Veterans or First Responders from our Assumption Church Community. We also had two members contribute to this, one in memory of their veteran Husband and one to honor their veteran Brother. These were then posted on the Detroit Metropolis Philoptochos Facebook page and on their Instagram account. It was truly disappointing that we did not have more of our members participating. Any amount, large or small, could have been contributed to this worthy cause to honor or memorialize a relative, a loved one or a friend who was a veteran or first responder. In two years they will probably have another NO SHOW event to recognize a different type of individual or group. We hope that you will contribute to this worthy cause in the future by honoring or memorializing someone important in your life. We hope you will contribute to future fundraisers as these funds assist so many needy members of our community.

Daughters of Penelope
Iris Chapter #242

The members of the Iris Chapter #242 met for a formal meeting on June 6, 2024 at the architectural design office of John Costa in Flushing, Michigan.

New officers were elected for the year 2024-25 and they are as follows:

President – Marian Hagler
Vice President – Maria Koutsoukos
Recording Secretary – Laura Costa
Treasurer – Kathy Richards
Warden – Diana Lillar
Priestess – Olga Steinhoff
Advisor – Cathy Yeotis

Upcoming events:

Fall Salad Luncheon – October 10, 2024

Daughters of Penelope Founders Day Recognition - November 16, 2024

Next DOP meeting – September 12, 2024 Pizza dinner at Assumption GOC

Everyone is welcome to our events! If you are interested in becoming a member of the Daughters of Penelope, contact Marian Hagler at mphagler@sbcglobal.net.

Sincerely in Theta Pi,
Marian Hagler, President



**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!

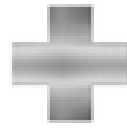
Plate includes a cheese triangle (Tiropita), delectable appetizers & a beverage (coffee, hot tea, or water).

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

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THE GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF
DETROIT COUNCIL AND THE METROPOLIS OF
DETROIT PHILOPTOCHOS INVITE YOU TO JOIN
US IN CELEBRATING THE

25TH ENTHRONEMENT
ANNIVERSARY OF

HIS EMINENCE
METROPOLITAN
NICHOLAS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024

6:00PM RECEPTION | 7:00PM DINNER

HELLENIC CULTURAL CENTER
STS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN CHURCH
36375 JOY ROAD | WESTLAND, MI

\$75.00/PERSON

RSVP TO YOUR PARISH OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2024



METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS OF DETROIT 25th ANNIVERSARY ENTHRONEMENT CELEBRATION

Westland, MI – Cincinnati, OH – Buffalo, NY

Commemorative Book Advertising Form

AD SIZES/COST

- FULL PAGE** (B/W) - \$1,000
Approx. 8" x 10", no bleeds
- HALF PAGE** (B/W) - \$550
Approx. 8" x 5" horizontal
- QUARTER PAGE** (B/W) - \$300
Approx. 4" x 5" vertical
- GREETING** (text only) - \$75
Approx. 1.5" x 3.5" horizontal

Commemorative books will be distributed at all three Metropolis of Detroit celebration events.

Emailed digital files are the best way to submit ads. PDF, JPG, and PNG files are accepted. Please submit your completed form, along with your ad to: stcons2@gmail.com

Payment may be made online, by check, or by credit card (see below)

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All proceeds from this 25th Anniversary Enthronement Celebration Commemorative Book honoring His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit will be directed toward the METROPOLIS OF DETROIT SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT.

ADVERTISING DEADLINE – SEPTEMBER 15, 2024


NAME _____

Organization/Church Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

EMAIL _____

- I WILL PAY ONLINE: USE QR CODE, RIGHT 
- PLEASE CONTACT ME FOR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION
- I WILL SEND A CHECK

Make checks payable to: Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit
And mail to: Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church
36375 Joy Road, Westland, MI 48185 (734)525-6789



August 14, 2024
Great Vespers for the feast of the Dormition
Metropolitan Nicholas



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

Nick Kallis	Sept 3rd	Evan Chang	Sept 16th
Konstandinos Kennedy	Sept 4th	Christos Kosmanopoulos	Sept 16th
Leah Costa	Sept 5th	Elias (EJ) Chinonis	Sept 20th
Alexandra Frantzis	Sept 5th	Sophia Margaritis	Sept 23rd
Bill Chuleas	Sept 6th	Patricia Pavlis	Sept 24th
Dimitre Kontorosis	Sept 10th	Angela Smith	Sept 25th
Kostas Kuzmanovsky	Sept 12th	Nicholas Sidiropoulos	Sept 25th
Savoula Ferich	Sept 13th	Carolyn Hagler	Sept 29th
Athanasia Garceau	Sept 13th	Jean Marks	Sept 30th
Walt Foraker	Sept 15th		

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



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 & Vasilias	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	Richards, Kenneth & Kathy
Koutrouvidas, John & Nina	Rivette, Matthew & Lori
Kus, Michael & Alexis	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, Peter & Susie
Panos, Spiridoula	Vitinaros, Effie & Nick
Pappadakis, Anthony & Kandis	Walker, Bruce & Kathy
Pappadakis, Nikki	Wright, Jeff & Kay
Pappas, Dean & Elaine	Yeotis, Art & Susan
Paraschos, Sam & Sandra	Yeotis, Catherine
Pavlis, John & Pat	Yeotis, Dean & Lynda
Peters, Jeff & Maria	Yeotis, Hon. Tom & Meg
Photiou, Carol	Yiannatji, Frank
Photiou, Lucas & Lori	
Politis, Rita	
Poulos, Steve & Martha	
Preketes, Frank	
Preston, Shane & Melissa	

A WEEKEND WITH THE LOUHS

OCTOBER 4TH AND 5TH, 2024



We are a Priest and a Psychologist, a marriage of two different worlds and two different fields of study. Our seemingly opposing fields of Faith and Psychology join forces to provide you with the type of inward reflection that leads to lasting outward transformation. Practical life strategies are cast through the lens of biblical aspiration and self-reflection with the intent to equip listeners with the foundation to approach a life that more closely resembles the potential God sets forth for us all.

Visit www.thelouhs.com or youtube.com/@TheLouhs to learn more.

Visit metropolisofdetroitphiloptochos.org
to Register or use QR Code Below

REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 27th!

Join us for an extraordinary weekend with the Louhs at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Troy, MI!

Friday 6-8:30pm: "Establishing A Stable Foundation." Young Adults (18-35) are invited to join us for conversation, food, and fellowship with Fr. Nicholas! No Cost!

Saturday 8:30-3:00: "Recommitting to Family and Faith with the Louhs." Continental Breakfast and Lunch are included. Everyone is welcome! \$25 Registration Fee per person.



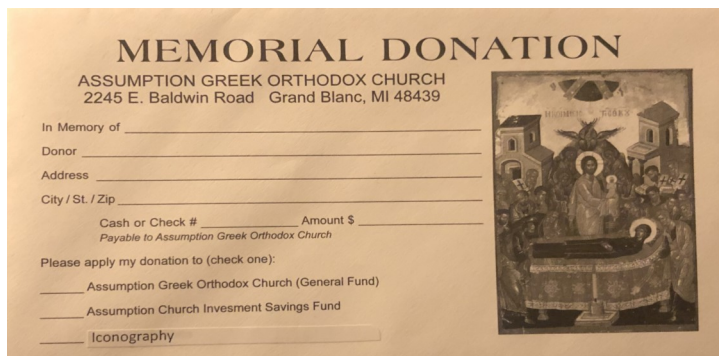
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MEMORIAL DONATIONS

“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>

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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.

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PLEDGE INFORMATION

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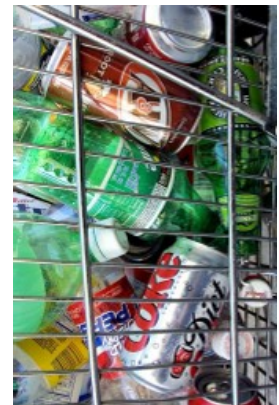
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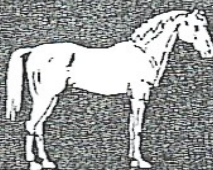
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