

THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

APRIL
2025



What's Happening

APR 2025

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27	28	29	30			

2: Zoom Scriptures	7:00 PM
4: Akathyst Hymn 5th Salutations	6:00 PM
6: 1 Yr. Memorial - Maroulla Photiou	
8: Philoptochos Meeting	1:00 PM
9: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy @ St. George	6:00 PM
10: Parish Council Meeting	6:15 PM
12: Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy @ St. Nick's	9:30 AM
13: Philoptochos Tsoureki Sale	
Holy Week Schedule See Flyer	
Bright Week Schedule See Flyer	
27: Church Safety Training	After Liturgy
27: Coffee Catechism	12:30 PM
29: Zoom Scriptures	7:00 PM

MAY 2025

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8: DOP Spring Salad Luncheon	
13: Philoptochos Meeting	1:00 PM
14: Parish Council Meeting	6:15 PM
25: Coffee Catechism	12:00 PM
29: Divine Liturgy for Feast of Ascension	10:00 AM

PROSPHORON SCHEDULE

APRIL	MAY
6 Federick, Vivian	4 Garceau, Greg & Sia
13 Ferich, Andrew & Voula	11 Gintsis, Dorothy
20 Foraker, Walt & Diane	18 Gravanis, Effie
27 Frantzis, Kanellos & Alexandra	25 Gravanis John & Vasiliki

Please make 3 loaves of Prosfhora 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 Prosfhora, please send a check to the church for \$20 made payable to "Assumption Greek Orthodox Church" with a note stating it is for Prosfhora. 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

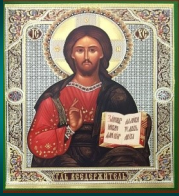
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

SUNDAY READERS SCHEDULE

APRIL	MAY
6 Nick Kallis	4 Debra Chinonis
13 Stella Thurkill	11 John Costa
20 Cathy Yeotis	18 Aleko Douros
27 Dena Altheide	25 Nick Kallis

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



FROM FATHER PETER

APRIL 2025

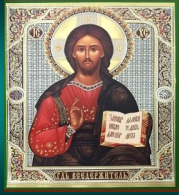
JOURNEY TO GOLGOTHA

We find ourselves in the final weeks leading up to Pascha on April 20. Each of you have probably had a different experience on your Lenten journey. For some, it was physically demanding – we often tend to overfocus on the Lenten practice of abstinence from certain foods. For others the challenges of not judging others, maintaining peace, praying, and doing those things which sustain us spiritually (important not only during Lent but all the time) have been the issue.

It is worth noting that we face these challenges throughout the year, not just during Lent. It seems for many, however, that they seem to get worse during the 40-day period of our preparation. Maybe it's because during this time of increased focus on our spiritual health, Satan re-doubles his efforts to derail our efforts – whether it is through personal difficulties, troubles in our relationships to others, or even concerns over the general state of the world. All of these take us away from where our whole heart should be, with Christ.

While our ultimate goal during Lent is to come to the joy of the Resurrection, we cannot neglect the seven-day period of Holy Week. While our challenges and struggles during Lent and the rest of the year are certainly not insignificant, they pale by comparison with the events of Holy Week and what Christ endured even before His body was placed on the cross.

As man, he endured the full range of negative experiences, all chronicled in the Gospels – betrayal, arrest, judgment, condemnation, mocking, physical abuse and torture (of the worst kind), execution on the cross on Golgotha (even being forced to carry the instrument of His execution), and finally physical death.



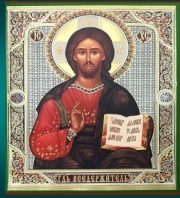
FROM FATHER PETER

All of these events, while agonizing, were necessary. Through His three-day Resurrection, He totally erased the power and the fear of death – a fear which had, and continues to have, a stranglehold on those who cannot not see life beyond this world. Christ abolished that fear of death by showing us, through His total Resurrection – in body, not simply in spirit – an existence beyond the tomb; an existence extending to the end of time and beyond.

The Resurrection is the message of hope for the journey to Golgotha of our troubled lives and our troubled world. It is the promise of God's final victory against all dark powers, regardless of whatever temporal power or transient victories they may have. It is in this assurance that we proclaim the message which lives on through the ages: Christ is Risen!

In the Risen Christ

+Fr. Peter



FROM FATHER PETER

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FR. PETER

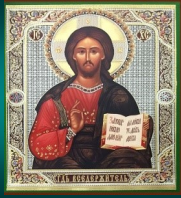
Over the past two years as the presiding priest of the Assumption community, I have endeavored to provide as complete a liturgical schedule as possible, and just as importantly, to re-vitalize religious education in the community. These efforts have been directed to the adult (including young adult) portion of our community.

Recently, we started a monthly Scripture discussion via Zoom. Although I prefer to meet in person, this sometimes proves difficult. As of March 5, we have had two sessions, and the third one will take place on April 2. As these are on-line sessions, it has presented the opportunity for participation from people from outside of our community as well.

Also, during the past two years, the community has been offered Sunday sessions of education (which I now refer to as “coffee catechism”). Starting in 2023, we focused on Foundations of the Orthodox Faith, Scripture in Orthodox Tradition, and since the fall of 2024, the presentations have looked at Sacraments and Services, providing a look at our various divine services and the theology and meaning behind them. These sessions will finish at the end of June.

I am asking for your input into what you would like to see – and what is possible – with our adult religious education moving ahead. I anticipate we will take a break during the summer, but I would like to hear your ideas. You may send these along to my email FrPeterAGOCGrandBlanc@gmail.com or to Lori at agocsec@gmail.com.

+Fr. Peter



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Greetings Assumption Family!

As we continue with this Lenten season, I wish you good strength!

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming services! As a reminder, we will have the 5th Salutations Service on Friday April 5th at 6:00. The Bridegroom Services will be at 6:00 PM April 13th – April 15th, Holy Unction at 6:00 PM Holy Wednesday, The Passion of Jesus Christ with the 12 Gospels on Holy Thursday starting at 6:00 PM, and the Lamentations Service on Good Friday (April 18th) at 7:00 PM. I look forward to your attendance and participation in the upcoming services!

With Lent comes the opportunity for us to cast aside those things which have distanced us from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If it has been a while since you have attended a church service, this is an excellent time of year to rekindle your relationship with God, the Church, and your Assumption GB Family. It is time to prepare for receiving the joy of Pascha and Christ's Holy Resurrection.

Great Lent is an excellent time for us to rediscover the importance of loving one's neighbors. If, as Orthodox Christians we are the Body of Christ, then we have a responsibility to ask forgiveness for our failings, while banishing our grudges and egos. It means sharing the love of Christ with those in need, whether they are in our parish or in our community. It means self-examination and examination of our stewardship (time, talent and treasure) to the Church. It means taking things one step further and pushing ourselves to be more Christ-like.

The joy and radiant light of Pascha will quickly be here, and it is imperative that we make use of the time available for us during Great Lent to work on our spiritual health. What a joy it will be if each of us begins taking those first steps in love on the narrow path leading back to God. Our collective journey through Great Lent will bring us closer together as a community and as a parish family.

I wish you all a joyful Lent and ask Almighty God that He may bless you and grant that you may reach the blessed Pascha of our Lord in a spirit of humility and love. If I have failed or wronged you, I humbly ask your forgiveness. May the Lord forgive us all!

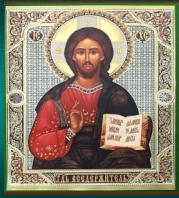
I look forward to seeing you for our Vigil and Holy Resurrection Service at 11:00 PM on Saturday April 19th, where we will joyously declare and sing, "Christ is Risen!" "Χριστὸς ἀνέστη" and our Agape Service at 11:00 AM on Easter Sunday, April 20th.

Yours in Christ,

Nancy K. Chinonis

Parish Council President

ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH - GRAND BLANC
 PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET OVERVIEW
 OPERATING FUND
 2025 OPERATING BUDGET
 APPROVED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVEMBER 3, 2024
 FEBRUARY 28, 2025



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

	2025 Approved Budget	Prorated Budget	Actual as of 1/31/25	Actual 2/28/25	YTD Total	YTD Variance
OPERATING REVENUES						
Stewardship	\$ 142,000.00	23,666.67	\$ 29,052.00	\$ 20,475.00	\$ 49,527.00	\$ 25,860.33
Trays & Candles	\$ 13,000.00	2,166.67	\$ 1,339.00	\$ 514.00	\$ 1,853.00	\$ (313.67)
Candles Expense	\$ (3,000.00)	(500.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Hall Rental	\$ 1,000.00	166.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (166.67)
Interest Income	\$ 60.00	10.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (10.00)
Miscellaneous Income/Donations	\$ 8,000.00	1,333.33	\$ 1,351.24	\$ 4,015.00	\$ 5,666.24	\$ 4,332.91
Miscellaneous Income/Donations - Special Projects	\$ 20,000.00	1,666.67	\$ 16,225.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 40,225.00	\$ 38,558.33
RE - Youth Ministry Income	\$ 1,500.00	250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (250.00)
RE - Youth Ministry Expenses	\$ (1,500.00)	(125.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125.00
Fundraisers						
Cash Raffle Income	\$ 50,000.00		\$ -		\$ -	
Cash Raffle License	\$ (50.00)				\$ -	
Cash Raffle Expenses	\$ (22,000.00)				\$ -	
Golf Outing Income	\$ 46,000.00				\$ -	
Golf Outing Expenses	\$ (22,000.00)				\$ -	
Fish Fry	\$ 56,000.00	9,333.33	\$ 10,044.84	\$ 17,785.55	\$ 27,830.39	\$ 18,497.06
Cost of Sales - Fish Fry	\$ (25,200.00)	(4,200.00)	\$ (6,820.24)	\$ (5,500.81)	\$ (12,321.05)	\$ (2,620.24)
Other Fundraisers Income	\$ 3,500.00	583.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (583.33)
Cost of Sales - Other Fundraisers	\$ (500.00)	(83.33)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83.33
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 266,810.00	\$ 34,268.33	\$ 51,191.84	\$ 61,288.74	\$ 112,780.58	\$ 84,013.06

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

Rita Politis	Apr. 2nd	Peter Vergos	Apr. 21st
Athena Sanchez	Apr. 2nd	April Paraschos	Apr. 21st
Sandra Paraschos	Apr. 5th	Lucas Photiou	Apr. 22nd
Zoi Stergiopoulos	Apr. 5th	Lambros Grousopoulos	Apr. 23rd
Marian Hagler	Apr. 5th	Lucille Chiavaras	Apr. 24th
Art Yeotis	Apr. 6th	Todd Wilson	Apr. 24th
Serena Yiannatji	Apr. 7th	Roxy Nitsos	Apr. 27th
Evan Kuzmanovsky	Apr. 8th	Konstantinos Falaras	Apr. 28th
JoAnne Schultze	Apr. 13th	Steven Garceau	Apr. 29th
Eleni Kennedy	Apr. 17th	Elizabeth Chiatas	Apr. 29th
Vasilios Batsios	Apr. 17th	Angelia Preketes	Apr. 30th

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



STEWARDSHIP 2025

THANK YOU to the following faithful stewards who have submitted their pledge cards for 2025. Please join them in their support of our Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and submit your pledge card today!

2025 Proposed Stewardship Budget: \$142,000

YTD thru 3/16/2025 Stewardship Received: \$28,052

Bistolarides, Rev. Fr. Peter & Pres. Peggy

Allard, Clyde & Georgia

Altheide, Dena

Anagnostopoulos, Anna

Artemas, Rev. Fr. John

Asa, Darwin & Barbara

Bakris, Dr. Nicholas

Batsios, Eftyhia † (Evangelos)

Birtsas, Sandra

Bistolaridis, Tony & Maria

Bograkos, Tim & Sandy

Bograkos, Vera

Carmean, Mike & Denise

Chinonis, Dennis & Debra

Chinonis, Elias

Chinonis, Katie

Chinonis, Linda

Chinonis, Nancy & Lauster, Jeff

Chinonis, Richard

Christopher, Jim & Liz

Chuleas, Bill

Clinton, Mike & Kathy

Costa, John & Laura

Costa, Kyriacos & Vasilia

Dalbo, Helen

Davis-Kirksey, Steve & Linda

Davlanges, Alex

Delbridge, Ray & Carol

Eisenbeis, Jerry & Tina

Fahoome, Thomas & Calliope

Falaras, Mary

Ferich, Andrew & Voula

Foraker, Walt & Diane

Frantzis, Kanellos & Alexandra

Garceau, Greg & Sia

Hagler, Gary & Marian

Heos, Pamela & Brancheau, Jeffrey

Hountalas, Dimitri & Brittany

Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki

Joseph, Patricia

Kalatzis, Athena

Kallis, Agape

Kallis, Nick

Kallis, Penelope

Kallis, Susan

Kaloydis, John & Karen

Kirkpatrick, Kelly

Kokkinokos, Peter & Panagiota

Komodromos, Tessie

Kontorosis, Dimitri & Jacqueline

Kossaras, Dean & Joyce

Kottalis, Mary

Koutrouvidas, John & Nina

Kus, Michael & Alexis

Levas, George & Margot

Lillar, Diana

Lowe, Ann

Mandelaris, John & Pauline

Manutes, Nick & Maria

Margaritis, Sofia

Marks, Jean

McLean, Mary Ellen

Melonakos, Anthony & Paula

Mersinas, George & Laura

Michaelou, Sevasti

Neofostistos, John & Julie

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Nitsos, Emma
Nitsos, MaryAnn
Panos, Spiridoula
Papas, Rebecca
Pappadakis, Anthony & Kandis
Pappadakis, Nikki
Paraschos, Sam & Sandra
Pavlis, John & Patricia
Peters, Jeff & Maria
Photiou, Carol
Photiou, Lucas & Lori
Politis, Rita
Poulos, Steve & Martha
Preketes, Frank
Richards, Kenneth & Kathy
Roufos, Vasilios & Mary
Schultze, JoAnne
Senter, Clark & Katherine
Sirakis, Kostas & Sofia
Sirakis, Paraskevas & Athena
Steinhoff, Allen & Olga
Steinhoff, Amanda
Steinhoff-Chang, Stephanie
Stergiopoulos, Mary
Stergiopoulos, Zoi
Thornton, Jerry & Demi
Thurber, Chuck & Paula
Vergos, Dr. Peter & Susie
Vitinaros, Effie & Nick
Walker, Bruce & Kathy
Welch, Joann
Wright, Jeff & Kay
Yeotis, Art & Susan

Yeotis, Catherine
Yeotis, Dean & Lynda
Yeotis, Hon. Thomas & Meg
Yiannatji, Frank

ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA 2025

APRIL 12	LAZARUS SATURDAY	Preparation of the Gifts and Commemoration of the Raising of Lazarus	Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Burton	9:30 AM
APRIL 13	PALM SUNDAY	Entrance of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem	Divine Liturgy	10:00 AM
		Joseph, Son of Jacob (Book of Genesis)	First Bridegroom Service	6:00 PM
APRIL 14	GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY	Parable of the Ten Virgins	Second Bridegroom Service	6:00 PM
APRIL 15	GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY	Anointing of Jesus Christ with Myrrh	Third Bridegroom Service	6:00 PM
APRIL 16	GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY	Healing Sacrament of the Church	Service of Holy Unction	6:00 PM
APRIL 17	GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY	The Last Supper: The Institution of the Eucharist	Vesperal Divine Liturgy	9:00 AM
		Passion of Jesus Christ: The Twelve Gospels	Service of the Crucifixion	6:00 PM
APRIL 18	GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY	Standing at the Foot of the Cross of Jesus Christ	Service of the Royal Hours	9:00 AM
		Removal of Jesus Christ from the Cross	Service of the Descent from the Cross	2:00 PM
		Candlelight Funeral Service for Jesus Christ	Lamentations Service	7:00 PM
APRIL 19	GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY	Jesus Christ's Victory Over Death	Pre-Resurrection Vesperal Divine Liturgy	10:00 AM
		Anticipation of the Resurrection	Vigil of the Holy Resurrection	11:00 PM
		The Holy Resurrection of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ	Service of the Holy Resurrection and the Paschal Divine Liturgy	MIDNIGHT
APRIL 20	GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA	Proclaiming the Gospel in Multiple Languages	Agape Vespers	11:00 AM

GREAT LENT & PASCHA Service/Flower Items Needed	Suggested Donation	Donor
1st Salutation - Theotokos Icon Flowers	\$60	DONATED
3rd Sunday of Lent-Veneration of the Cross Daffodils	\$85	DONATED
Annunciation Icon Flowers	\$60	DONATED
Akathish Hymn - Theotokos Icon Flowers	\$60	DONATED
Palms for Palm Sunday	\$165	DONATED
Nymphios Icon Flowers	\$60	
Nymphios Icon Flowers	\$60	
Oil for Holy Unction Service	\$20	DONATED
Cotton Swabs for Holy Unction Service	\$10	DONATED
Pascha Red Eggs (25+1 dozen)	\$100	DONATED
Rose Petals - Holy Friday	\$20	DONATED
Rose Water - Holy Friday	\$20	DONATED
Resurrection Icon Flowers 1st	\$60	
Resurrection Icon Flowers 2nd	\$60	
Resurrection Banner	\$90	DONATED
Large Resurrection Candle for Father	\$60	
Oil for Altar Candles	\$55	
Cross Wreath for Holy Thursday	\$90	DONATED
Vase set for Palm Sunday	\$60	
Vase set for Easter Sunday	\$60	
Palm Sunday Icon	\$60	DONATED
Large Icon screen Left	\$280	
Large Icon screen Right	\$280	
Bay Leaves	\$225	
Lillies (6 total)	\$35 each	
Gardenias (12 total)	\$182	

STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES on ZOOM

Grab a cup of coffee, tea, dinner or snack and participate!

YOUR OPPORTUNITY to read your Bible and discuss with Fr. Peter and others

NEXT SESSION:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025 from 7 - 9 pm

ZOOM MEETING ID: 850 2466 8701

TOPIC

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

For preparation and as a Lenten exercise, read the Book of Isaiah. Write your questions and comments about his prophecies, and be prepared to discuss his various prophecies which point to Christ

NOTE: EVERYONE is welcome to participate, but you will get more out of these sessions if you have done some reading!



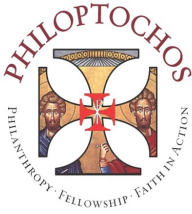
COFFEE CATECHISM

Sunday Educational Sessions – January – June 2025

Our monthly education session on Services and Sacraments of the Church continue after Divine Liturgy, starting no later than 1:00 pm on the following dates

DATE CHANGE!

MARCH 2, 2025	Encountering the Kingdom (DIVINE LITURGY II – The Liturgy of the Faithful and the Eucharist)
March 30, 2025	Entry into the Faith (BAPTISM & CHRISMATION – The Entry into the Faith)
April 27, 2025	Reconciliation and Healing (CONFESSION & HOLY UNCTION)
May 25, 2025	This is a Great Mystery (MARRIAGE)
June 22, 2025	No One is Worthy to Approach (ORDINATION)



Philoptochos Society - Friends of the Poor!

Dear Sisters:

We are rapidly approaching April and have already celebrated our first Friday of Lamentations Service. In a few weeks we will be celebrating Palm Sunday and then all the beautiful services of Holy Week. On Good Friday, we will start decorating the Kouvouklion Friday morning starting at 9:30. Father will be conducting service at the same time. We will need to be quiet, respectful and stop at certain points as we have done in the past. Everyone is welcome to join us in this wonderful and meaningful tradition.

We have been collecting donations for the Kouvouklion flowers and will continue to do so up to Palm Sunday. We will also be selling tsoureki for Easter. Please contact the church office or Diana Lillar at 989 739-2289 if you wish to pre-order some. You will be able to pick them up on Palm Sunday.

Our loukoumathes sale turned out to be successful. A thank you to Demetri Preonas for coming up from Bloomfield Hills to help prepare the dough for us. Mr. Preonas modified the flour recipe that is currently being used at a lot of the Greek festivals in the area. Also to all the women who once again helped with the cooking, honeying and serving of them. You would never find a finer, harder working group of women who step up each and every time. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

It is once again time for election of a Philoptochos Board. If you are interested in serving on the Board in any capacity, please let Nikki Pappadakis know. Our mission statement is to help those who are in need locally and nationwide. Only a few hours of your time each month is required and it gives you an opportunity to meet other women throughout the state and USA.

And on a sad note, I close with the death of one of our long standing members, Lucille Chiavaras, at the age of 102. She was a dedicated member and used to make Christmas wreaths every year for us to raffle off. May her memory be eternal.

Olga Steinhoff
Philoptochos President

Daughters of Penelope

Iris Chapter #242

Dear Sisters and Assumption Family,

As members of the Daughters of Penelope and as Orthodox Christians, we are called to uplift one another, our communities, and our world, especially during this time of Great Lent. When we volunteer our time, talents and resources to our DOP fundraisers our goal is to be effective and to make a difference in the lives of others. Since September, 2024, the Iris Chapter #242 of Flint has contributed to the following organizations:

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Grand Blanc

International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) – This contribution was for aiding Greek Orthodox churches and individuals that were affected by recent hurricanes and tornados

YWCA of Greater Flint – Offers transitional housing for domestic violence victims

The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan – Provides food to our local community in need

Fish of Grand Blanc – Provides weekly groceries to about 400 people, new clothes, Christmas baskets and back to school supplies for children in Grand Blanc schools that are in need

Shelter of Flint – Provides safe housing, independence, and stability to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Genesee County

The Hellenic Museum of Michigan – Mission is to share the richness of the Hellenic heritage and conserve the contributions of the Hellenic culture shaping our world today and in the future

DOP Foundation – Preserves and promotes the ideals and traditions of Hellenism

Penelope House, Penelope's Place, Penelopean Day Care Center – Helps support victims of domestic violence and their children

Water by Women – Empowers women across the globe to provide a lifetime supply of clean water for their families by giving them reliable filters and training them to use and maintain them

Community House Damaris (Greece) – Mission is to empower women and their children who have been exploited and trafficked

Open Door (Greece) – Serves people with cerebral palsy in Greece

Little Greeks United – Online Greek Courses for kids, teenagers, and adults

If you would like to become a member of the Daughters of Penelope contact Marian Hagler.

Kali Anastasi!

Sincerely in Theta Pi,

Marian Hagler

President, Iris Chapter #242

FLINT AHEPA-DAUGHTERS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The Flint AHEPA/ Daughters Scholarship Foundation will award scholarships to qualified 2025 high school graduates. In order to qualify, the graduate must meet the following criteria:

1. Either the student, or at least one of the parents, grandparents, or legal guardians is a paid member of either Flint AHEPA Chapter #141, or Daughters of Penelope Iris Chapter #242, or a member in good standing of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Flint.
2. The student must be graduating from a Flint area high school, and planning to attend a trade school, college or university upon graduating from high school.
3. The student must have a minimum 2.75 grade point average on a scale of 4.00.
4. The student must submit a completed application and all supporting documents by the deadline of May 1, 2025.

If you are a graduate or anyone else that knows of any graduate that meets the above criteria, please contact John K. Costa directly at (810) 659-5275 or jnlcosta@sbcglobal.net. Scholarship Applications are also available at the church office.



FLINT AHEPA-DAUGHTERS
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

2245 E Baldwin Rd., Grand Blanc, MI 48439



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application No. _____
(For Office Use)

PART A. To be completed by the student and postmarked by May 1st.
Please print or type

1. Applicant's Name (first) _____ (last) _____ Birth date _____
2. Address(street) _____ (city) _____ (state) _____ (zip) _____
3. Name of Father _____ Mother _____ Guardian _____
4. Father's Occupation _____ Mother's Occupation _____
5. Are you currently employed? _____ If yes, current employer _____
If no, previous employer _____
and years of employment _____
6. Name and address of your high school _____

7. Your grade point average (on a scale of 4.00) _____
8. List special academic recognitions you have received in school and dates received during
the past four years. You may attach additional pages.

Must be postmarked by May 1st



FLINT AHEPA-DAUGHTERS
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

2245 E Baldwin Rd., Grand Blanc, MI 48439



9. List extra-curricular activities in school or in the community, and list any special recognitions received and dates received the past four years. May attach additional pages.

10. What college or university do you plan on attending? _____

11. When do you expect to enroll? _____

12. What vocation do you expect to follow? _____

13. Will you be receiving any financial aid from any of the following:

	YES	NO
Parents, relatives or friends.....	_____	_____
Employment.....	_____	_____
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Social Security.....	_____	_____
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Other Scholarships.....	_____	_____

14. Please attach in 400-500 words, a general statement outlining your ideals and goals in life.

15. Names and addresses of two references other than relatives:

NAME	ADDRESS
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PART B. TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PRINCIPAL OR COUNSELOR
(Attachments may be added)

1. Applicant's Name _____
2. Date of graduation _____
3. Course followed _____
4. Grade point average (on a scale of 4.0) _____
5. Number in graduating class _____
6. Class rank _____
7. Academics – recognitions and awards received _____

8. Non-academic participation, recognitions and awards _____

9. Please attach a complete transcript of all school grades and all state or national test results.
10. Summary of any information, including applicant's character, personality, creative abilities, activities and interests that may help us in awarding the applicant this scholarship. _____

Signature and title _____ Date _____

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Mark your Calendar: APRIL 27th
Safety Training following Divine Liturgy

On April 27, 2025, immediately after the Divine Liturgy, members of the Grand Blanc Township Police Department will be at our church to provide us with safety tips in the event of a situation occurring at our church.

We have all heard and/or seen of the disturbances which have been occurring in many of the churches, synagogues, and other religious institutions throughout our country and the world. It is unfortunate, but it is becoming an all-too-common event.

To ensure the safety of our congregation, the Parish Council decided it was important to offer this training to our community. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important safety training.

The officers have received training for these types of situations. Their knowledge and expertise in this area is quite extensive and they have visited many religious institutions, as well as schools, medical facilities and businesses to provide this training within Genesee County.

We implore you to attend and learn about safety within our church. The presentation will be right after the Liturgy. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.



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2025 Great Fast and Bright Week



Pan-Orthodox Divine Services and Lenten potlucks

Great Compline at St. George (Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays 6 pm, Fridays 6 pm Akathist) All are welcome. This beautiful service along with the Lenten Hours on Wednesdays allows us to experience the Great Fast more deeply. Confessions will be available after the service.

Lenten Hours at St. Nicholas (Wednesdays, 10 am) All are welcome.

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

- March 12 **Presanctified Liturgy** at St. Nicholas 6 pm
March 21 & 22 **Lenten Retreat with Father Silviu Bunta** at St. George (separate flier)
March 25 **Great Feast of the Annunciation Divine Liturgy** at Assumption 10 am
March 26 **Presanctified Liturgy** at St. Mary Magdalene 6 pm
April 9 **Presanctified Liturgy** at St. George 6 pm
April 12 **Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Liturgy** at St. Nicholas 9:30 am

Bright Week (April 19-25)

- April 21 **Paschal Divine Liturgy** at St. Mary Magdalene 10 am
April 22 **Paschal Divine Liturgy** at St. Nicholas 10 am
April 23 **Paschal Divine Liturgy** at St. George time to be determined
April 25 **Paschal Divine Liturgy for the Life-giving Font** at Assumption 10 am

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- Bistolarides, Fr. Peter & Presbyteria Peggy
- Assumption Parish
- Chinonis, Dennis & Debra
- Chinonis, Linda
- Dalbo, Helen
- Heos, Pamela and Jeffrey Brancheau
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- Kaloydis, John & Karen
- Melonakos, Anthony & Paula
- Yeotis, Catherine

Thank you!



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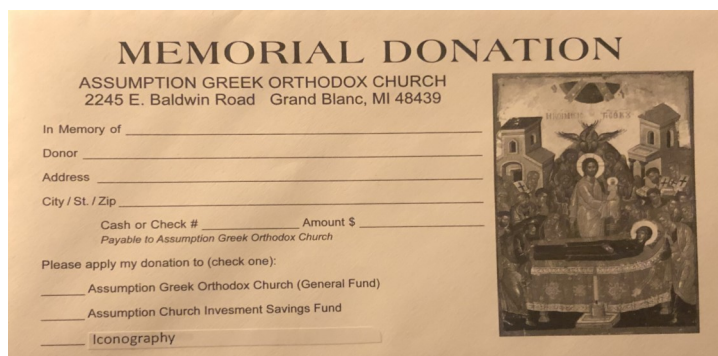
Due to the rising cost of mailing receipts for every donation received by the church, the Parish Council has established the following procedure for receipts:

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.

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'. 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

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	Inactive Parishioner/Non-Member at AGOC-Grand Blanc: See ASSUMPTION GOC MEMBER POLICY on previous page.
No fee for use of the church for sacraments.	\$750 fee for use of the church for Sacraments

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HALL RENTAL FEES

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	Inactive Parishioner /Non-Member at AGOC-Grand Blanc:
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)	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)
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.	

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!

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PLEDGE INFORMATION

I/We pledge a total of \$_____ to be paid:

☐	Now	☐	Monthly	☐	Quarterly	☐	Annually
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Total Length of pledge: ___one time___ 1 yr ___ 2 yrs ___ 3yrs ___ other _____

I/We plan to make this contribution in the form of:

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Credit Card Number: _____

Print Name As Shown On Card: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

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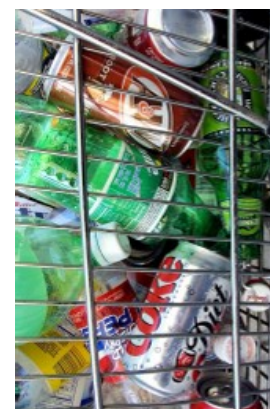
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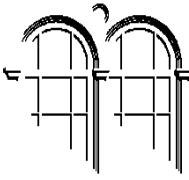
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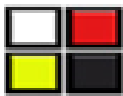
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