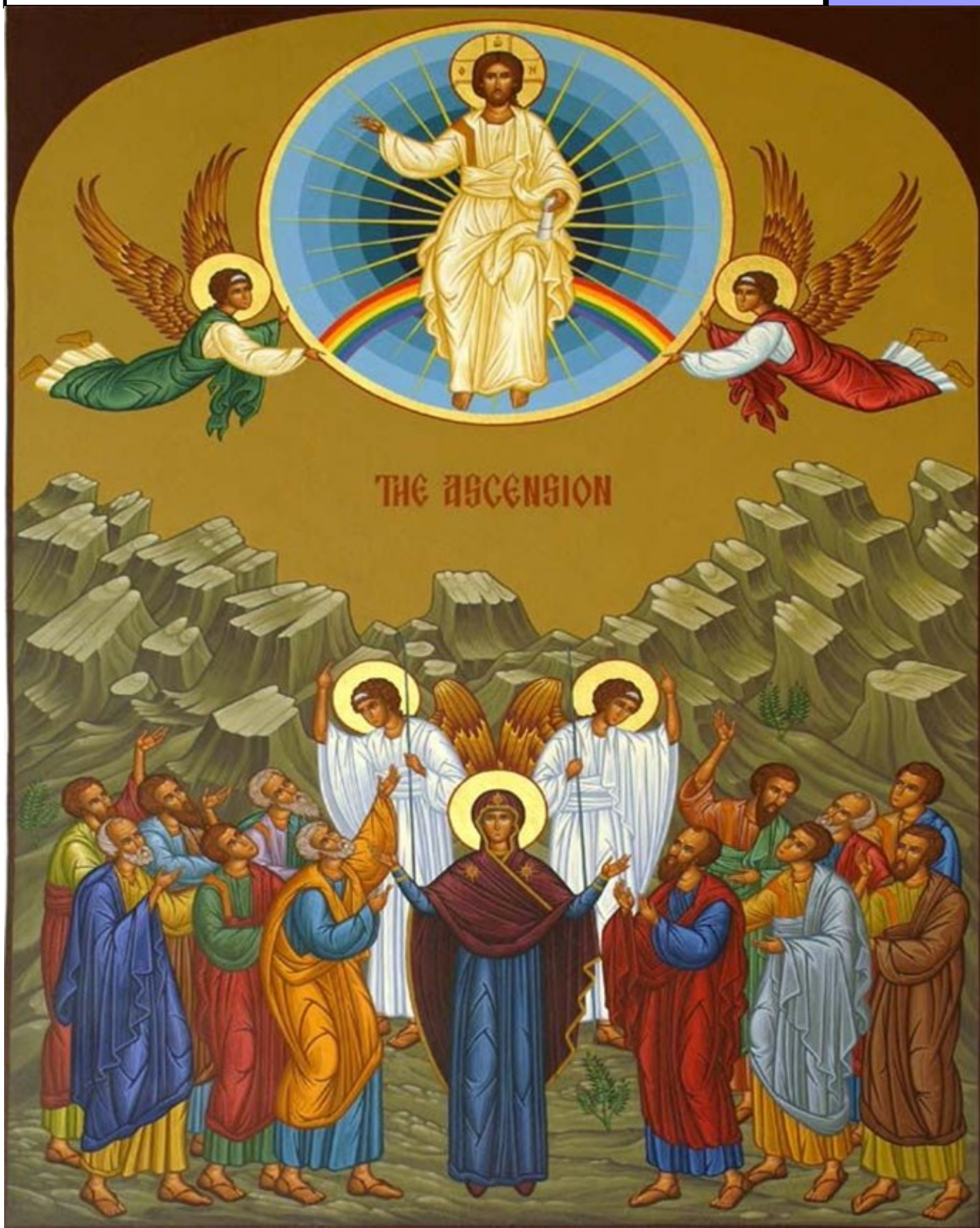


THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

MAY
2025



What's Happening

MAY 2025

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- 4. General Assembly After Liturgy
- 4: 40 Day Memorial: Lucille Chiavaras
- 13: Philoptochos Meeting 1:00 PM
- 14: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 PM
- 25: Coffee Catechism 12:00 PM
- 26: Cemetery Blessings See flyer
- 28: Divine Liturgy for Feast of Ascension 6:00 PM
- 31: Catholic-Orthodox Celebration of the 1:00 PM
1700th Anniversary of the 1st Ecumenical Council
at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church
706 Beach St. Flint, MI 48502

JUNE 2025

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- 10: Philoptochos Meeting 1:00 PM
- 11: PC Meeting 6:15 PM
- 22: AHEPA/DOP Scholarship Sunday
- 22: Coffee Catechism 12:00 PM

PROSPHORON SCHEDULE

MAY	JUNE
4 Garceau, Greg & Sia	1 Grousopoulos, Lambros & Lena
11 Gintsis, Dorothy	8 Hagler, Gary & Marian
18 Gravanis, Effie	15 Haralambous, Frank & Vania
25 Gravanis John & Vasiliki	22 Haralambous, Harry & Liliana
	29 Hatzigeorgiou-Kennedy, Shane & Kathy

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

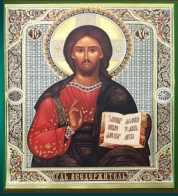
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

SUNDAY READERS SCHEDULE

MAY	JUNE
4 Debra Chinonis	1 Stella Thurkill
11 John Costa	8 Cathy Yeotis
18 Aleko Douros	15 Dena Altheide
25 Nick Kallis	22 Debra Chinonis
	29 John Costa

If you are unable to make your assigned reading date, please contact the church



FROM FATHER PETER

MAY 2025

HE IS RISEN!

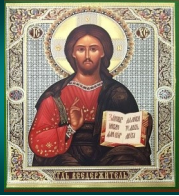
Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed” (John 20:29, NKJV)

We are drowning in misinformation. Misinformation has always existed throughout human history, put to use by many who want to advance their own personal interests and agendas - sometimes for good, too often for evil. The tools of information at our disposal have reached a high level of sophistication and are accessible to all – both as transmitters and as recipients - and flood us constantly and beyond our capacity to process, as the saying goes “like trying to take a sip of water from a fire hose”.

In the brief bites of words and images which we encounter, the information we receive may have just enough truth in it to have a veneer of believability. And too often, we believe what we are shown – we swallow it whole, without discernment. To question and analyze anything is a difficult task, so it’s a lot easier for us to feed on what others have chewed and handed to us and usually accept what we are handed because it conforms with our own bias or lack of understanding.

First, we must ask ourselves what the motive is behind what we are being told or shown – sometimes it’s political gain, sometimes material gain; if we are lucky, there is may be actual true factual information in it and we learn something. Much of the time it is simply to sow fear and anxiety, create chaos and confusion, or cause division (which someone may be benefitting from).

Which brings us to the next question – who is behind it? Who stands to gain from this misinformation. Is it an individual, a group, persons unknown? The titles “content creator” or “influencer” we see in social media are loaded with meaning – indeed, we are moving away from information, we are being handed mere “content”. And who or what are they trying to “influence”?



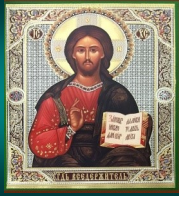
FROM FATHER PETER

The psychologist Daniel Goleman, in his book “Emotional Intelligence” describes how people’s emotional development seems to stop at the level of a 7-year-old. We react to news, events, and situations, rather than to step back and consider what we are presented with. We react, because we have lost the ability to step back – to ask questions, to analyze, to consider what we are seeing or hearing (or think we see or hear) when presented with digital images and narratives, many of which are “enhanced”, constructed or fabricated, often patently false. As a result, deliberately or not, we are pulled into anxiety, anger, conflict, and fear.

After the Resurrection of our Lord, we hear and read about numerous encounters by the myrrhbearers, His disciples, and others of the Risen Christ during the forty-day period which followed. These accounts are found in the prescribed weekly eothinon (morning) Gospel readings which we read at the Orthros on Sunday morning before Divine Liturgy. In this series of eleven Gospel readings, we hear various witnessed accounts of an empty tomb, and more importantly of seeing, talking to, and touching the Risen Christ in the flesh.

When reading about these personal encounters with Christ, our question is then why these many witnesses would tell such a story. We hear in the Gospel of Matthew how the Pharisees and chief priests tell the Roman guards to make up a story that Christ’s disciples came and stole his body while they were sleeping. We can understand THEIR motivation for doing so. Anyone saying otherwise would likely face official wrath.

It comes down to the story being true. The single message given through each of these encounters is clear: while we hear different experiences by different people it all comes back to one, simple and indisputable fact – Christ was dead, and is now alive. What would they gain from spreading such a tale? They would not achieve any positive benefit from doing so, in fact, they would put themselves at great risk. *The witnesses to the Risen Christ would receive no material or political gain and likely suffer official wrath because of their message.* And suffer many of them did, as have others throughout the centuries who have professed their belief in this message.



FROM FATHER PETER

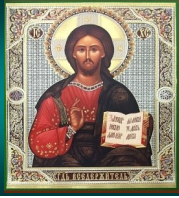
In the forty days after the Resurrection these people were witnesses to the Truth, and to the fulfilment of Christ's prophecies and promises. Rather than anxiety and fear, the message given to us by those early witnesses is one of triumph, hope, joy, reconciliation and the destruction of fear. Few messages and few messengers in our world today can claim that.

If what we hear from the worldly sources around us brings us fear and anxiety, the Resurrection brings us the opposite. It is victory – it is Christ overcoming the world. It is the simple reminder that we, too, are witnesses to the Truth and use the light of the Resurrection to destroy the fear and darkness which is sown by Satan for his own purpose, even at great personal risk to ourselves.

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

In the Risen Christ

+Fr. Peter



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

A Message from the Parish Council President – May 2025

Χριστὸς Ανέστη! Αληθῶς ανέστη!
Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

We have had the blessing as a parish family to come together in prayer for Holy Week, culminating with the glorious day of the Lord's Resurrection. The solemnity of the Holy Week services prepared and led us to the joy and triumph of light over darkness, of hope over despair, and of life over death. Thank you to everyone who worked and volunteered to make our services meaningful this year!

May is a month of new beginnings, growth, and renewal. I hope and pray that along with the celebration of Christ's Resurrection, God bestows blessings and joy to all of you as we finally welcome spring!

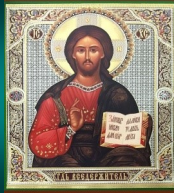
As your Parish President, my goal is to ensure that our parish continues to grow while maintaining the unique values that make us special. Through transparency, collaboration, and a forward-thinking approach, the Parish Council aspires to address the needs of our community and provide solutions that improve our relationships with God, the church, and our community. The Parish Council is here to listen to your concerns, address your needs, and work together to create a pleasant and welcoming environment for all. If you have a suggestion for improvement or a concern you'd like to address, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Our Church recognizes the importance of inclusivity, and I want to extend a warm welcome to all individuals, especially those who may have felt disenfranchised or overlooked in the past. Our parish is a place where everyone deserves equal opportunity to come together in the worship of God. Together, we will work towards a more united and compassionate community where everyone can find a sense of belonging. If you have distanced yourself from the church, now is an excellent time to return and celebrate Christ's glorious resurrection!

As we go beyond the Paschal feast, let us open our hearts to the transformative power of Christ's Resurrection. The only way towards a better future is in Christ. It is through active participation in the life of the Church that we can embrace the promise of redemption and renewal. I hope to work together with you to strengthen the ministries that serve our faithful to allow everyone to draw closer to God. Together, we can make our parish a place of faith, fellowship, and service. I look forward to working with each of you to achieve this goal.

Yours in Christ,

Nancy K. Chinonis
Parish Council President



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH - GRAND BLANC
PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET OVERVIEW
OPERATING FUND
2025 OPERATING BUDGET
APPROVED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVEMBER 3, 2024
MARCH 31, 2025

	2025 Approved Budget	Prorated Budget	Actual as of 1/31/25	Actual as of 2/28/25	Actual as of 3/31/25	YTD Total	YTD Variance
OPERATING REVENUES							
Stewardship	\$ 142,000.00	35,500.00	\$ 29,062.00	\$ 20,475.00	\$ 20,405.00	\$ 69,932.00	\$ 34,432.00
Trays & Candles	\$ 13,000.00	3,250.00	\$ 1,338.00	\$ 514.00	\$ 1,843.50	\$ 3,496.50	\$ 246.50
Candles Expense	\$ (3,000.00)	(750.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Hall Rental	\$ 1,000.00	250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (250.00)
Interest Income	\$ 60.00	15.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5.46	\$ 5.46	\$ (9.54)
Miscellaneous Income/Donations	\$ 8,000.00	2,000.00	\$ 1,351.24	\$ 4,015.00	\$ 694.83	\$ 5,951.07	\$ 3,951.07
Miscellaneous Income/Donations - Special Projects	\$ 20,000.00	5,000.00	\$ 16,225.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ -	\$ 40,225.00	\$ 35,225.00
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	42,000.00	\$ 10,044.84	\$ 16,882.55	\$ 31,014.50	\$ 57,741.89	\$ 15,741.89
Cost of Sales - Fish Fry	\$ (25,200.00)	(18,900.00)	\$ (6,750.24)	\$ (6,600.81)	\$ (7,338.67)	\$ (20,687.72)	\$ (1,787.72)
Other Fundraisers Income	\$ 3,500.00	875.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (875.00)
Cost of Sales - Other Fundraisers	\$ (500.00)	(125.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 266,810.00	\$ 69,240.00	\$ 51,261.84	\$ 59,085.74	\$ 46,316.62	\$ 156,664.20	\$ 87,424.20

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

Patrick Kosmanopoulos	May 4	Sueham Vergos	May 20
Ethan Smith	May 6	Athena Sirakis	May 20
Mia Yiannatji	May 6	Giota Stone	May 23
Vasilias Costa	May 10	Lena Grousopoulos	May 23
Aristoteles Panos	May 10	Stephanos Kennedy	May 24
Pauline Mandelaris	May 13	Mathew Braun	May 24
Anna Hagler	May 13	Vicki Margaritis	May 25
Nicholas Karatza	May 13	Zach Pappadakis	May 25
Elaine Joynt	May 14	Michelle O'Keefe	May 27
John Margaritis	May 16	Sam Paraschos	May 28
Sadie Joynt	May 17	Anne Politis	May 29
Rachel Costa	May 19	Zoe Kovanis-Wilson	May 29

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



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YTD thru 4/20/2025 Stewardship Received: \$83,521

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

Christakis, Chris & Elpida

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

Duffy, David & Joynt, Elaine

Eisenbeis, Jerry & Tina

Fahoome, Calliope

Falaras, Mary

Ferich, Andrew & Voula

Foraker, Walt & Diane

Frantzis, Kanellos & Alexandra

Garceau, Greg & Sia

Hagler, Gary & Marian

Haralambous, Frank & Vania

Heos, James & Cassie

Heos, Pamela & Brancheau, Jeffrey

Holland, Nick & Jennifer

Hountalas, Dimitri & Brittany

Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki

Iordanou, Bill & Lisa

Joseph, Patricia

Kalatzis, Athena

Kallis, Agape

Kallis, Nick

Kallis, Penelope

Kallis, Susan

Kaloydis, John & Karen

Kapellas, Katina

Kirkpatrick, Kelly

Kokkinokos, Peter & Panagiota

Komodromos, Tessie

Kondyles, Chryssoula

Kontorosis, Dimitri & Jacqueline

Kossaras, Dean & Joyce

Kottalis, Mary

Koutrouvidas, John & Nina

Kus, Michael & Alexis

Levas, George & Margot

Lillar, Diana

Lowe, Ann

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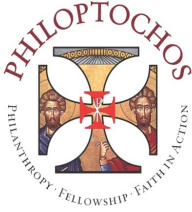
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Manutes, Nick & Maria	Steinhoff-Chang, Stephanie
Margaritis, Sofia	Stergiopoulos, Mary
Marks, Jean	Stergiopoulos, Zoi
Martorelli, Sophia	Thornton, Jerry & Demi
Massoud, Mary	Thurber, Chuck & Paula
McLean, Mary Ellen	Trifon, Nick
Melonakos, Anthony & Paula	Vergos, Dr. Peter & Susie
Mersinas, George & Laura	Vitinaros, Effie & Nick
Michaelou, Sevasti	Walker, Bruce & Kathy
Neofostistos, John & Julie	Welch, Joann
Nitsos, Emma	Wright, Jeff & Kay
Nitsos, George & Candy	Yeotis, Art & Susan
Nitsos, MaryAnn	Yeotis, Catherine
Panos, Spiridoula	Yeotis, Dean & Lynda
Papas, Rebecca	Yeotis, Hon. Thomas & Meg
Pappadakis, Anthony & Kandis	Yiannatji, Frank
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	



Philoptochos Society - Friends of the Poor!

Dear Sisters,

Xristos Anesti! As we continue to say this for several more weeks we still are glorifying in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I hope everyone had a happy Easter with your family and friends as we move into warmer weather.

At this time I would like to thank our group of ladies who faithfully show up whenever we have a baking project. However, this time we were surprised by a newcomer who responded to the announcement that men were welcome to join us - Dr. Tony Melonakos. The ladies showed him how to braid and I believe he thoroughly enjoyed himself and is welcome to come back and help anytime.

At the end of April, four of our members attended the Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos Luncheon which was held in the banquet hall at St. Nicholas in Troy, Michigan. On May 3 several of our members and other Assumption ladies will be attending the Festival of Tables sponsored by Saginaw's St. Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society at their Hellenic Center. We look forward to supporting our sister chapter.

I would also at this time like to thank the Assumption Parish Council and the AHEPA for making a donation to the Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos. Every two years a luncheon is held to raise funds for their philanthropic endeavors. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

And finally a Happy Mother's day to all the moms.

Olga Steinhoff

Philoptochos President

Daughters of Penelope Iris Chapter #242

Dear Sisters,
Christos Anesti!

It has become an annual project for our chapter to do a little bit of spring cleaning at our church before Holy Week. On Thursday, April 3, we took an afternoon off to clean areas that are difficult to get to on a weekly basis. We focused on areas in the Narthex, Nave, and Solea. It feels great to have the church clean and fresh for Easter. A photo of this year's clean-up crew is at the bottom of this page.

The Iris Chapter is strong, with 38 members in good standing. If you have not paid your dues for 2025 yet, our treasurer, Kathy Richards is still collecting them.

The 2025 AHEPA Family District #10 Convention will be held in beautiful Traverse City, Michigan on Friday, May 16 – Sunday, May 18. We have five fantastic women representing the Iris Chapter this year. Our delegates will be Laura Costa, Pamela Heos, Maria Koutsoukos, Stella Daskalakis Thurkill, and Catherine Yeotis.

Upcoming events:

Sunday, May 11 Hosting Coffee Hour for Mother's Day

Thursday, June 12 Chapter meeting and elections at Assumption GOC at 6:30 PM

Sunday, June 22 Honoring the high school and college graduates. Also we will be hosting Coffee Hour

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



HOLY WEEK 2025







2025 MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY BLESSINGS
(Monday, May 26th)

Father Peter will be performing the cemetery blessings in the order and times listed below. Please list the names of your loved ones down below for Father to commemorate at the gravesite.

Sunset Hills Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. (Section 3 Right of Chapel)
G- 4413 Flushing Rd., Flint, MI 48504

Crestwood Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. (Garden of Calvary)
2020 E. Hill Rd., Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Evergreen Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. (Section 11 – 3rd Block)
G-3415 E. Hill Rd., Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Great Lakes National Cemetery (Held on a different date and time TBD)
4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI 48442

NAME OF DECEASED - ΟΝΟΜΑΤΑ ΝΕΚΡΩΝ

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RSVP
BY
MAY 21
(810)232-0880

CATHOLIC - ORTHODOX CELEBRATION OF THE 1700TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: NICAEA

31 May 2025	St. Matthew Roman Catholic Church 706 Beach St. Flint, MI 48502	1 PM
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READING OF THE PROFESSION OF FAITH OF NICAEA, REFLECTIONS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL, MUSIC FROM ORTHODOXY AND CATHOLICISM, AND A LIGHT RECEPTION AFTERWARDS.

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)

2024 List of Donors



FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS



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FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS 2024 CONTRIBUTIONS (JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31)

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

Thank you!

PROCEDURE FOR RECEIPTS

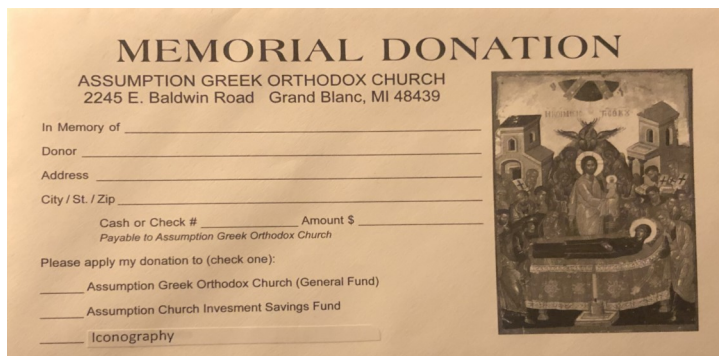
Due to the rising cost of mailing receipts for every donation received by the church, the Parish Council has established the following procedure for receipts:

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

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

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>	

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: _____

Email: _____

PLEDGE INFORMATION

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	Now	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/>	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:

___Cash ___Check ___Credit Card ___ Other _____

Credit Card Type: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Print Name As Shown On Card: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgements:

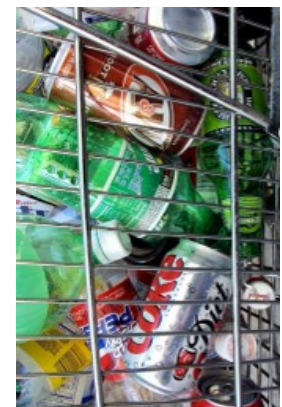
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