

# THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

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- 7: Cash Raffle-Virtual 7:00 PM
- 9: DOP Salad Luncheon 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
- 12: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 PM
- 14: Philoptochos Meeting 1:00 PM
- 22-25: Clergy-Laity Conference
- 26: DOP Meeting Noon
- 27: Parish Security Training 6:00 PM

## NOV 2025

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- 2: Fall General Assembly After Liturgy
- 9: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 PM
- 11: Philoptochos Meeting 1:00 PM
- 23: DOP Meeting Noon
- 27: Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- 30: Philoptochos last day for bake sale orders

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.

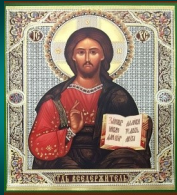
*Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. - James 5:16*

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

SUNDAY READERS SCHEDULE			
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
5 John Costa	2 Stella Thurkill	7 Aleko Douros	4 Dena Altheide
12 Aleko Douros	9 Cathy Yeotis	14 Nick Kallis	11 Debra Chinonis
19 Nick Kallis	16 Dena Altheide	21 John Kaloydis	18 John Costa
26 John Kaloydis	23 Debra Chinonis	24 Stella Thurkill	25 Aleko Douros
	30 John Costa	28 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

OCTOBER 2025

THE CHOICE IS OURS

***“All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify” (1 Corinthians 10:23)***

This month, I want to focus on something which is part of our nature by virtue of our creation by God in His image: the gift of free will. A magazine article I read raised a need to write about this.

The article is about Canada, and its government’s passage of the MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying) Act. The act, which legalized “assisted suicide” (I use the unsanitized term here), was passed in 2016 and its original intent was to allow this option for people suffering from a terminal disease, whose life was limited. As with most secular laws dealing with a moral or ethical issue, unintended consequences have occurred.

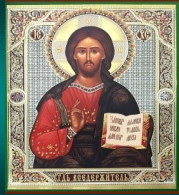
Since the passage of the legislation, Canada has achieved a higher proportion of people choosing MAID, and much quicker, than any other jurisdiction in the world where it exists. According to the article, assisted suicide now accounts for one in twenty (5%) of deaths in Canada (in Quebec, it is 10%) – “more than Alzheimer’s and diabetes combined”.

More concerning is that, while this was originally intended for those with terminal disease (such as cancer), this right is now being extended to people with diseases and conditions that are not immediately fatal but may be debilitating, and soon even to those with mental health issues and (it has been discussed) to minors. We see the proverbial “slippery slope” taking place. Medically assisted dying becoming just another “treatment option”.

The purpose of my message this month is not to talk about assisted suicide specifically (obviously something I do not agree with – the reference to the article is below, if you’re interested). The point is that the principle of Canada’s MAID Act is, as would be expected, the right to choose. It is the exercise of our “free will”, and it is important to have proper understanding of what this means.

In the Book of Genesis (2:16-17), we see how God – having created the world – gives Adam (and humanity in general) the power to choose. Despite what many people think, God may command Adam (and us) to “do this”, or “do that”, He does not give Adam (and us) any prohibitions without reason: “And the Lord God commanded Adam, saying, ‘You may eat food from every tree in the garden; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you may not eat, for in whatever day you eat from it, you shall die by death”.

Satan, in the form of a serpent, sees this as an opportunity, and like many things tries to turn it to his own advantage. He tells Eve (and through her, Adam), not to believe what God has told them, and gives what I call Satan’s own “Great Lie”: “You shall not die by death. For God knows in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will



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*be like gods, knowing good and evil*". Satan tells Adam and Eve that they will be "like gods" distorting the fact that man is already created in God's image.

*"Knowing good and evil"*. By telling Adam to avoid the "tree of life", God is cautioning not against the power to choose, but that we may choose that which we think is in our own best interest but that will actually distance us from God - choosing to do that which doesn't make us more like God and reflecting His image, but doing what Satan wants (by tricking us into thinking that our exercise of "free will" is without any limits and without consequences) – not to make us "like gods", but to make us less like Him – to distort the image of God in us.

Satan promises a free will containing false freedom; distancing us from God who wants to bring us closer to Him through our love for Him and His love for us. The choices arising from the "free will" that Satan preaches bring us not to true freedom, but to slavery.

It is important to understand that humankind is not paying for Adam's "original sin"; we are not paying for Adam's specific disobedience or poor choice, but for the consequence of that. We retain the free will, which is God-given, and which God does not take from us, but what we also retain is responsibility for the outcome and consequences of our choices if those choices only serve to cast us out of Paradise.

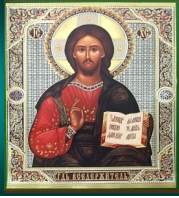
It is in God becoming man in the person of Jesus Christ, that we begin to fully understand the power and great responsibility inherent in our free will and of the power of repentance to turn us back to God.

We may celebrate or protest, depending on one's point of view, when laws are passed, whether they give us "freedoms" or if they enforce "morality", but we cannot fall back on the laws of men. Though we rightly decry laws where "anything goes" (as St. Paul says, all things are lawful, but not all things are helpful), it is equally important to remember that true morality and true oneness in Christ is not legislated.

It is up to each of us – singly and as the body of Christ - to seek salvation. If we do not change our hearts and turn to Him, it doesn't matter what and how many laws a government passes. In our true God-given freedom, we can choose to do whatever we want, but we cannot escape the eternal consequences of our choices. The choice is ours.

+Fr. Peter

Reference: Calabro, Elaina Plott. Canada is Killing Itself. The Atlantic, September 2025



## FROM FATHER PETER & YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

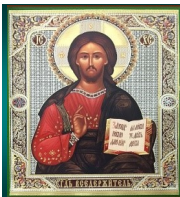
### A message to the community regarding requests for documents and letters

Recently, we have had a significant upsurge in requests both from within the community and even from across the country for verification letters from the parish regarding baptismal status, marriage status, etc. for purposes other than ecclesiastical. This has been experienced by other parishes as well. In order to recoup the time and expense in fulfilling these requests, the parish council has adopted the following:

1. REQUESTS FOR VERIFICATION LETTERS FOR BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, DEATH for ECCLESIASTICAL purposes only (eg. for serving as a godparent/sponsor for an Orthodox sacrament) will continue to be provided at **NO CHARGE**. Requests should be made (e-mail accepted) to the Assumption office and must provide the name of the receiving parish/church, including the responsible individual to which these should be addressed. The verification will be made directly to them by Assumption.
2. **NEW! REQUESTS FOR VERIFICATION LETTERS, COPIES OF RECORDS FOR ALL NON-ECCLESIASTICAL PURPOSES (eg. citizenship, genealogy, etc) for both members and non-members:**
  - a. A search charge of \$50.00 for each individual request (covering up to 2 hours of search/research) will be billed prior to commencing a record search. This search charge will NOT be refunded if we do not find a record. Any additional time required above 2 hours will be charged at \$20.00 per hour or part thereof.
  - b. A \$20.00 document charge will be made for each verification letter or document produced (additional copies or photocopies of a requested document will be charged at \$10.00 each)

**PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE BEFORE A SEARCH OF RECORDS WILL BE CONDUCTED, AND LETTERS/DOCUMENTS WILL ONLY BE RELEASED AFTER ASSESSED FEES ARE RECEIVED.**

Nancy Chinonis, Parish Council President  
Rev. Fr. Peter Bistolarides, Presiding Priest



## FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

### Message from the Parish Council President – October 2025

Assumption Family,

Greetings in Christ! First, I'd like to thank everyone who has worked to reinstitute our Church School program. It is so wonderful to have our youth actively attending and participating in the Divine Liturgy. The Church School Potluck Luncheon following the first day of Church School was well attended and families brought so many delicious dishes to share. It's not too late to register for Church School- all youth ages 4 to 18 are welcome! If you'd like to help with teaching, please contact me or Fr. Peter.

Our Religious Education or "Church School" aims to reinforce the teachings of the Orthodox Church by weaving the experience of worship, lessons in Scripture, concepts of our Faith, and understanding of the Church's liturgical year. Additionally, our youth have opportunities to put words into action, learning that faith entails commitment, responsibility, and discipline. All of these aspects of religious education feed back into family life. On Sundays after Holy Communion, the children go to their classrooms to meet with their respective Church School class. The children and their families are encouraged to sit in the front pews.

While my recent focus has been on re-energizing the programs for our youth, we all are important and the Church is here for everyone. We will be continuing our adult education program throughout the year.

*"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others" Romans 12:4-5*

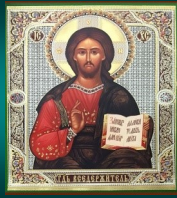
In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul compares the Church to one's body, noting that each member has special functions and belongs to the others. This passage from Romans is a reminder that Christ's ministry starts with each of us. While we each have a responsibility, the Church cannot be supported by just one person or merely a few of its members. The Church must be supported by all members, with each member serving a special function. A successful ministry is only possible when, as members of the body of Christ, we give from what we have been blessed with and then we offer these gifts to Christ. This begs the question, what is the special gift or talent that God had given me, and what can I offer to Christ through the Church? The members of our church have many different and wonderful talents. Thank you for offering your talents to the church so that as one body we can glorify God.

In recent months we have come together as a community to participate in education for both our adults and our youth. I hope and pray that this continues! Let us keep up and continue this progress and participation so that we learn, participate, and grow in faith and love through Christ.

Please plan on attending the upcoming General Assembly Meeting in November so that we can plan and discuss how we can support one another and our Church for years to come.

Yours in Christ,

Nancy Chinonis  
Parish Council President

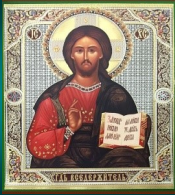


# FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

**ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
Income Statement  
Compared with Budget  
For the Eight Months Ending August 31, 2025

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Current Month Variance	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Variance
<b>Revenues</b>						
Stewardship Receipts	\$ 5,525.00	\$ 11,833.33	\$(6,308.33)	\$ 114,320.79	\$ 94,666.64	19,654.15
Candles Receipts	1,005.00	666.67	338.33	6,692.50	5,333.36	1,359.14
Candles Expense	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	(2,576.00)	2,000.00	(4,576.00)
Trays Receipts	1,265.00	416.67	848.33	5,250.00	3,333.36	1,916.64
Coffee Hour Tray Receipts	29.00	0.00	29.00	747.00	0.00	747.00
Coffee Hour Expense	(175.53)	0.00	(175.53)	(175.53)	0.00	(175.53)
Hall Rental	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	449.00	666.64	(217.64)
Youth Ministry Income	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Youth Ministry Expenses	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Book Store Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	320.00	0.00	320.00
Book Store Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	(436.19)	0.00	(436.19)
Donations - General	270.00	0.00	270.00	51,778.46	0.00	51,778.46
Memorial Donations	2,505.00	0.00	2,505.00	7,085.00	0.00	7,085.00
Pascha Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,418.00	0.00	3,418.00
Prosphora Donations	20.00	0.00	20.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Furnace Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,225.00	0.00	40,225.00
Food Sales Income-Dep To Wall	1,612.00	0.00	1,612.00	6,799.00	0.00	6,799.00
Food Sales Expense	(1,037.88)	(416.67)	(621.21)	(5,675.28)	(3,333.36)	(2,341.92)
Miscellaneous Receipts	0.00	666.67	(666.67)	998.24	5,333.36	(4,335.12)
Miscellaneous - Spect Projects	0.00	1,666.67	(1,666.67)	0.00	13,333.36	(13,333.36)
NL Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	975.00	0.00	975.00
Cash Raffle Receipts	1,800.00	4,166.67	(2,366.67)	1,800.00	33,333.36	(31,533.36)
Cash Raffle License Expense	0.00	(4.17)	4.17	0.00	(33.36)	33.36
Cash Raffle Expenses	0.00	(1,833.33)	1,833.33	0.00	(14,666.64)	14,666.64
Golf Outing Receipts	0.00	3,833.33	(3,833.33)	0.00	30,666.64	(30,666.64)
Golf Outing-Sponsors	4,950.00	0.00	4,950.00	25,810.60	0.00	25,810.60
Golf Outing-Golfers	8,120.00	0.00	8,120.00	13,790.00	0.00	13,790.00
Golf Outing-Dinner Only	250.00	0.00	250.00	850.00	0.00	850.00
Golf Outing-Donations	850.00	0.00	850.00	5,660.00	0.00	5,660.00
Golf Outing-Raffles	4,930.00	0.00	4,930.00	4,930.00	0.00	4,930.00
Golf Outing Expenses	(24,668.28)	(1,833.33)	(22,834.95)	(28,116.21)	(14,666.64)	(13,449.57)
Fish Fry Receipts	0.00	4,666.67	(4,666.67)	63,988.59	37,333.36	26,655.23
Fish Fry Expenses	(3,030.23)	(2,100.00)	(930.23)	(26,254.41)	(16,800.00)	(9,454.41)
Other Fund Raiser Receipts	0.00	291.67	(291.67)	0.00	2,333.36	(2,333.36)
Other Fund Raiser Costs	0.00	(41.67)	41.67	0.00	(333.36)	333.36
Interest Income	0.00	5.00	(5.00)	5.56	40.00	(34.44)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>4,219.08</b>	<b>22,567.51</b>	<b>(18,348.43)</b>	<b>292,859.12</b>	<b>180,540.08</b>	<b>112,319.04</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>						

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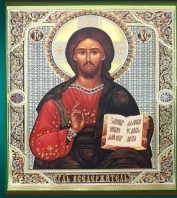


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Total Cost of Sales	4,219.08	22,567.51	(18,348.43)	292,859.12	180,540.08	112,319.04
<b>Gross Profit</b>						
Expenses						
Priest - Salary & Housing	3,574.67	2,083.33	1,491.34	44,661.90	16,666.64	27,995.26
Priest - Housing Allowance	0.00	3,333.33	(3,333.33)	1,666.67	26,666.64	(24,999.97)
Priest - Auto Allowance	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	0.00	4,000.00	(4,000.00)
Priest - Cell Phone Allowance	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.00	800.00	(800.00)
Priest - Insurance Expense	0.00	416.67	(416.67)	208.33	3,333.36	(3,125.03)
Priest - Payroll Tax	0.00	978.50	(978.50)	1,266.96	7,828.00	(6,561.04)
Ofc/Genl - Salaries	1,425.00	1,333.33	91.67	11,330.00	10,666.64	663.36
Ofc/Genl - Payroll Tax	110.81	102.00	8.81	4,548.10	816.00	3,732.10
Pension Expense	0.00	762.17	(762.17)	5,460.00	6,097.36	(637.36)
Accounting Fees	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	1,300.00	800.00	500.00
Security - Alarm	125.40	120.00	5.40	947.55	960.00	(12.45)
Security - Fire Panel	840.00	133.33	706.67	840.00	1,066.64	(226.64)
Dues & Subscriptions	24.70	0.00	24.70	183.35	0.00	183.35
Dues & Subscriptions - Sftware	93.00	150.00	(57.00)	726.00	1,200.00	(474.00)
Parish Total Commitment	2,482.00	2,482.17	(0.17)	19,856.00	19,857.36	(1.36)
Equipment Purchases	11,201.00	0.00	11,201.00	43,699.89	0.00	43,699.89
Equipment Rental - Office	0.00	420.83	(420.83)	2,871.24	3,366.64	(495.40)
Insurance - Building	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	8,421.00	8,000.00	421.00
Insurance - Workman's Comp	0.00	58.33	(58.33)	637.00	466.64	170.36
Lawn Care/Snow Removal	750.00	833.33	(83.33)	6,000.00	6,666.64	(666.64)
Lawn Care - Weed Control	0.00	58.33	(58.33)	654.09	466.64	187.45
Lawn Care - Sprinkler Maint	0.00	11.67	(11.67)	140.00	93.36	46.64
Laundry & Uniforms	164.30	116.67	47.63	1,068.92	933.36	135.56
Postage & Shipping	600.00	166.67	433.33	2,119.57	1,333.36	786.21
Repairs - Goyette	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,535.43	0.00	27,535.43
Maintenance-Goyette	1,808.09	208.33	1,599.76	5,781.34	1,666.64	4,114.70
Maintenance - VanGuard	0.00	204.17	(204.17)	715.30	1,633.36	(918.06)
Repairs - General	426.27	0.00	426.27	642.80	0.00	642.80
Maintenance - General	548.98	416.67	132.31	2,124.56	3,333.36	(1,208.80)
Repairs & Maint - Parking Lot	0.00	625.00	(625.00)	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
Repairs & Maint - Sidewalks	0.00	208.33	(208.33)	0.00	1,666.64	(1,666.64)
Pest Control	50.00	50.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
Trash Removal	117.54	100.00	17.54	992.85	800.00	192.85
Utilities - Comcast	717.29	916.67	(199.38)	5,490.52	7,333.36	(1,842.84)
Utilities - Consumers	0.00	1,750.00	(1,750.00)	11,254.84	14,000.00	(2,745.16)
Utilities - Water & Sewer	582.72	333.33	249.39	2,672.70	2,666.64	6.06
Advertising	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	333.36	(333.36)
Bank Charges	0.00	8.33	(8.33)	0.00	66.64	(66.64)

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**Compared with Budget**  
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	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Current Month Variance	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Variance
Square Fees Expense	124.99	125.00	(0.01)	1,515.26	1,000.00	515.26
Square Fees Reimbits	(31.00)	0.00	(31.00)	(317.00)	0.00	(317.00)
Computer Expenses	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	0.00	666.64	(666.64)
Continuing Education	0.00	333.33	(333.33)	0.00	2,666.64	(2,666.64)
Contributions - Metropolis	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	1,005.00	666.64	338.36
Contributions - Other	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	375.00	1,333.36	(958.36)
Cost of Sales - Non-Fish Fry	26.39	0.00	26.39	26.39	0.00	26.39
Honorariums	200.00	125.00	75.00	1,130.00	1,000.00	130.00
Flowers & Gifts	0.00	208.33	(208.33)	2,658.40	1,666.64	991.76
Library, Books, & Journals	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	333.36	(333.36)
Licenses, Fees, & Permits	20.00	41.67	(21.67)	430.00	333.36	96.64
Supplies - Office	104.55	125.00	(20.45)	1,240.70	1,000.00	240.70
Supplies - General	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	555.87	666.64	(110.77)
Supplies - Janitorial	67.90	41.67	26.23	384.32	333.36	50.96
Supplies - Kitchen	24.82	166.67	(141.85)	1,524.42	1,333.36	191.06
Miscellaneous Expenses	6.34	41.67	(35.33)	477.31	333.36	143.95
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>26,185.76</b>	<b>21,789.83</b>	<b>4,395.93</b>	<b>227,222.58</b>	<b>174,318.64</b>	<b>52,903.94</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ (21,966.68)</b>	<b>\$ 777.68</b>	<b>(22,744.36)</b>	<b>\$ 65,636.54</b>	<b>\$ 6,221.44</b>	<b>\$ 59,415.10</b>

# HAPPIEST OF BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ALL OF OUR OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S

Frank Yiannatji	Oct. 2	Maria Manutes	Oct. 15
Jacqueline Kontorousis	Oct. 3	Dorothy Gintsis	Oct. 23
Michael Clinton	Oct. 8	Dennis Chinonis	Oct. 26
Gregory Garceau	Oct. 11	Apfroditi Marks	Oct. 28
Nicole Grousopoulos	Oct. 12	Eugenia Politis	Oct. 30
Katerina Kraemer	Oct. 13	Vera Bograkos	Oct. 30
Demitra Thornton	Oct. 14		



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 6/15/2025 Stewardship Received: \$97,981

Bistolarides, Rev. Fr. Peter & Pres. Peggy

Allard, Clyde & Georgia

Altheide, Dena

Anagnostopoulos, Anna

Artemas, Rev. Fr. John

Asa, Darwin † & Barbara

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# 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 6/15/2025 Stewardship Received: \$97,981

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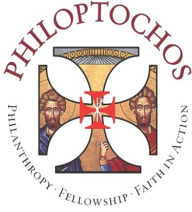
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# Philoptochos Society - Friends of the Poor!

Dear Sisters

We have just left summer behind and are now on our way into Fall. Fall is a beautiful time of year where we witness the leaves changing color and their ultimately shedding preparing for the colder months ahead.

At our meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 12 members attended. Welcome to our newest member, Mary Mas-soud who even brought us a dessert. Thank you Mary. The following items were discussed. The Saginaw chapter has invited us to join them on their bus trip to the Dormition Monastery in Jackson on Saturday, October 11. It will be leaving early in the morning for arrival to coincide with church services. The bus is paid for but would recommend a donation which would go to the bus driver and to the monastery. We are getting clarification if the bus will be able to pick those interested in going at the church or a spot closer to I-69. Please contact either Cathy Yeotis or me if you are interested in going.

The containers for FISH of Grand Blanc will be placed in the hall for your donations in the next few weeks. This is a worthy organization and helps the families of Grand Blanc. A list of foods needed will be available. We will also be collecting hats, gloves, scarves, socks, etc.

A donation was made to the National Forum of Church Musicians and to Carriage Town Ministries. Both of these are groups who we have supported before. Also a motion was made and seconded to spend \$100.00 for the purchase of pajamas for children at the Shelter of Flint. The motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the outdoor plants and the excellent job Katherine Senter has done. She is the person responsible for trimming the hydrangea bushes in the center of the parking lot. It was decided that mums will replace the flowers in the pots for the near future. THANK YOU KATHERINE.

Our next Metropolis Project is Operation Classroom 2025 - Adopt a School, Inspire a Generation.. We will be dealing with Durant Turri-Mott regarding this project. More to follow later.

**REMINDER TO MEMBERS:** This is the beginning of the new ecclesiastical year and dues are now being collected. Minimum is \$40.00. Please make your check out to Philoptochos Society and mail to the attention of our treasurer, Diana Lillar.

Let us all be thankful for what we have been blessed with.

Olga Steinhoff, President.



**We have been invited to join the Saginaw Philoptochos to visit the Dormition Orthodox Monastery in Rives Junction on Saturday, October 11th. We will be there for the service, have lunch, and then return back to Flint and Saginaw. Those interested from Flint will be picked up at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church on Center Road at 7:45 am.**

**Please contact either Cathy Yeotis or Olga Steinhoff if you are interested in attending.**

# Daughters of Penelope

Iris Chapter 242



**DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE IRIS CHAPTER 242**

**FALL SALAD LUNCHEON**

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 9, 2025**

**11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM**

**\$15.00 per plate**

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**RSVP BY: 10/8/2025 TO THE CHURCH OFFICE**

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TIME: 6 PM

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# Middle Eastern Lunch & Bake Sale

**Dine in/take out/delivery (8+ order minimum)**

**Order deadline for take out/delivery-September 25th**

Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025  
11am-2pm

**Cost is only \$20 per meal**

**Combo #1** Cooked Kibbee, Green Bean Stew (*Yahnee*), Rice, Hummus, Salad, Pita Bread, Dessert, and a bottled water

**Combo #2** (Vegetarian Option) Spinach Pie, Green Bean Stew (*Yahnee*), Rice, Hummus, Salad, Pita Bread, Dessert, and a bottled water

**Combo #3** Chicken Shawarma, Rice, Hummus, Salad, Pita Bread, Dessert, and a bottled water

**Placing an order? Fill out form below or call St. George @ 810-732-0720**

Item	Total # of each combo	Price (\$20 per meal)
Combo #1		
Combo #2		
Combo #3		
Bake Sale Items	Number of Dozens	Price (\$25 per dozen)
Kibbee		
Meat Pies		
Spinach Pies		
Date Cookies ( <i>Kaak</i> )		
TOTAL PRICE		

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Pick-up Time \_\_\_\_\_



# FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS



## 2025 ANNUAL REVIEW AND APPEAL

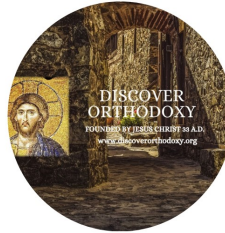
When you support the Friends of the Metropolis campaign, you are part of a greater outreach that proclaims with one universal voice that God is truly our hope and our rock of salvation.

Because of your devotion to the Friends program, ministries and programs are implemented on a Metropolis-wide basis which strengthen and enhance our faith and our joint ministry of service. I would like to invite you to join forces with the faithful throughout the Metropolis of Detroit in support of the ministries which are part of the Office of the Metropolitan.

Thanking you for your kind and generous response, I remain, with paternal blessings and prayers,

**+NICHOLAS**  
Metropolitan of Detroit

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### OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM

The Friends of the Metropolis are crucial to the continued support of our Outreach and Evangelism Committee, whose goal is to help others "Discover Orthodoxy" through outreach, education, community, and love.



### YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

The Friends of the Metropolis generously support all of the Metropolis Youth and Young Adult Ministry efforts, including regional retreats, parish ministry and youth worker support, the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, and three Metropolis summer camps.



### HELLENIC COLLEGE HOLY CROSS

Thanks to the Friends of the Metropolis, the Metropolis provides annual support to its students at Hellenic College Holy Cross. Their generosity also helps the Metropolis maintain its long-standing commitment to supporting this vital institution of our Orthodox Church.

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SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2025 List of Donors



## FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS



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## FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS 2025 CONTRIBUTIONS (JANUARY 1 - JULY 31)

- Assumption Parish
- Bistolarides, Fr. Peter & Presbyteria Peggy
- Chinonis, Dennis and Debra
- Chinonis, Nancy
- Dalbo, Helen
- Heos, Pamela & Jeffrey Brancheau
- Kallis, Agape
- Kaloydis, John & Karen
- Yeotis, Catherine

Thank you!



### PROCEDURE FOR RECEIPTS

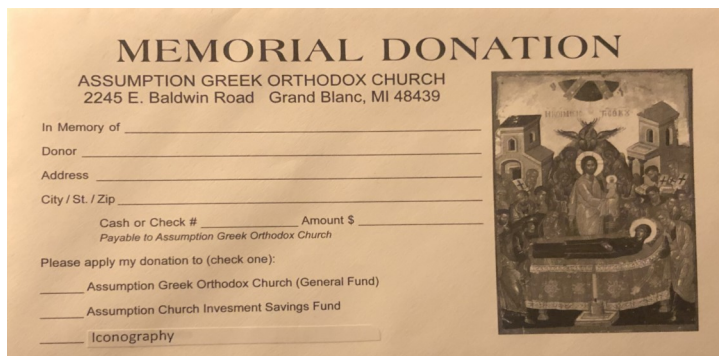
Due to the rising cost of mailing receipts for every donation received by the church, the Parish Council has established the following procedure for receipts:

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 religious icon depicting the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, with the text 'ASSUMPTION GREEK' above it.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

### Scheduling of Memorial Services

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

### Koliva

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

## ASSUMPTION GOC MEMBER POLICY

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

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

### **Parishioner - Member in Good Standing:**

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

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

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

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

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

# CHURCH USAGE/HALL RENTAL FEES

(Approved by Parish Council Effective December 4, 2022)

For the Sacraments of Holy Marriage and Holy Baptism

There is no charge for Funeral or Memorial Services.

## CHURCH USAGE FEE

<p><b>Member in good standing of AGOC-Grand Blanc:</b> Person with an AGOC pledge card on file with a minimum pledge of \$600 per family or \$350 per single and current in pledges for active and preceding year</p>	<p><b>Inactive Parishioner/Non-Member at AGOC-Grand Blanc:</b>  See ASSUMPTION GOC MEMBER POLICY on previous page.</p>
<p>No fee for use of the church for sacraments.</p>	<p>\$750 fee for use of the church for Sacraments</p>

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

## HALL RENTAL FEES

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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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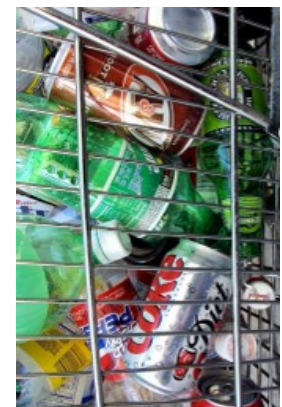
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Make all checks payable to "Assumption GOC" with a memo of "Parking Lot"

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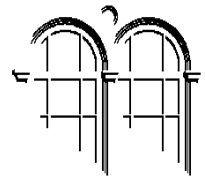


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