

# THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

SEP  
2025



# What's Happening

## SEPT 2025

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7: Church Year Kickoff Potluck  
 9: Philoptochos Meeting  
 11: DOP Meeting  
 17: Parish Council Meeting  
 19: Fish Fry Resumes

After Liturgy  
 1:00 PM  
 6:30 PM  
 6:15 PM  
 3:00 PM

## OCT 2025

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7: Parish Council Meeting  
 8: Cash Raffle-Virtual  
 9: DOP Salad Luncheon  
 14: Philoptochos Meeting  
 22-25: Clergy-Laity Conference

6:15 PM  
 7:00 PM  
 11:30 PM  
 1:00 PM

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.

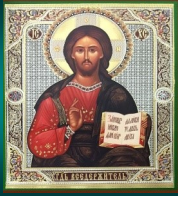
*Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. - James 5:16*

## 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			
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
7 Stella Thurkill	5 John Costa	2 Stella Thurkill	7 Aleko Douros
14 Dena Altheide	12 Aleko Douros	9 Cathy Yeotis	14 Nick Kallis
21 Cathy Yeotis	19 Nick Kallis	16 Dena Altheide	21 John Kaloydis
28 Debra Chinonis	26 John Kaloydis	23 Debra Chinonis	24 Stella Thurkill
		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

SEPTEMBER 2025

FORGIVENESS, ONE LAST TIME

*And when they had come to the place called Golgotha, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do" (Luke 33-34, NKJV)*

Growing up in Canada, my favorite musician was, and is, Gordon Lightfoot (+ 2023). Besides being a wonderful singer, he was a prolific songwriter whose songs were admired (and many recorded) by other famous singers. Many of the lyrics he writes were based on personal experience, but all of his songs bear the mark of his talent as a storyteller.

One of his songs, "Sit Down, Young Stranger", relates the story of a young man who has been away from home, we assume for a long time, and returns and sits down with his now aging parents. The young man has obviously been changed, and they ask him to tell them what he has experienced, and what he has learned, in his travels.

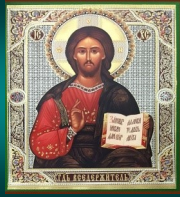
Among the lines in the song is a question which bothers the young man, and he cannot find the answer to:

*If Jesus had a reason, I'm sure He would not tell.  
They treated Him so badly, How could He wish them well?"*

"How could He wish them well?" With September and the start of a new Church year upon us, let us look at the whole idea of forgiveness. Consider what is more difficult - to ask for forgiveness, or to grant it? We can look at the human condition at present and throughout human history, and see much pain, suffering and injustice occurring. On one hand, much of this is horrendous, and very often makes it difficult to forgive those who have inflicted pain or suffering on us. On the other hand, those who have inflicted this suffering and that would benefit from receiving forgiveness are faced with the difficult task of actually asking for it.

In the account of the Crucifixion in the Gospel of Luke, Christ prays to the Father to forgive to those who persecuted and abused Him. The Gospel clearly shows and repeatedly reminds us that in Christ's ministry and His teaching – indeed His existence – the role of forgiveness is central. This extends even to His final moments on the cross.

We might certainly consider this forgiveness as a mystery – because this may be something that we ourselves would consider doing. If we focus only on the tremendous pain and suffering that Christ endured in the Crucifixion, we too – following our own human tendencies - may ask why He forgave those who did this to Him. We ourselves might consider this a sin that can't be forgiven, Yet we are reminded that Christ as perfect God forgives even the sins which we may consider unforgiveable, regardless of the degree of transgression.



## FROM FATHER PETER

But Christ is also perfect Man. Our human nature is an integral and inseparable part of Christ. He forgives not only as God, but as man. He gives us this example as Christians. Christ teaches us that in our human nature, we are asked to repent and ask for forgiveness, and to likewise to grant forgiveness to those who ask it (or even don't ask it) of us. To be more like Him, in all ways.

Asking for forgiveness is not simply a matter of saying "I'm sorry". A superficial expression of sorrow alone will not achieve this.

If we have caused pain and suffering to someone and wish to ask for forgiveness, the difficult part in in doing so is directly related to our ability to put aside our egos - to feel true regret for our action, to repent and wish to change ourselves for the better, and with a humble and sincere attempt to make things right with those we have wronged. Humility and sincerity are not an option; they are essential conditions when one seeks to be forgiven.

Forgiving someone has its own barriers. We automatically default into a mode where nothing is forgivable. It is easier to continue to harbor resentment or even hate against a person or persons. We feel that our pain cannot be compensated, and we seek only the punishment – even unto death at times – of the those who have wronged us. Examples of this are not hard to find in our world today. Worse, it feeds the need to retaliate, to exact revenge, to act out on the mistaken (and non-Christian) notion of "an eye for an eye".

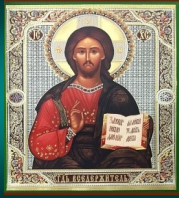
Granting someone forgiveness calls on us to do so likewise with humility and sincerity. Again, essential – not an option.

Much of our human condition in our world today is sorely in need of forgiveness – both seeking and giving it. This impacts not only our earthly lives, but our eternity.

As Christ, even in His final moments on the cross, extended forgiveness – to those who placed Him there, to the thief crucified with Him, to the Apostle Peter and the other disciples who denied and abandoned Him – our ability to forgive will be tested one last time when we face our moment of judgment in front of Christ at the Second Coming.

Even in the most difficult of circumstances, where we experience, witness or inflict hardship and injustice on others, we must leave open the way back through repentance and humility, recognizing our weaknesses and our transgressions against each other and against God. To do so imitates the absolute Good, which is God. It reflects the absolute love of God for us.

+Fr. Peter



## FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

### **Message from the Parish Council President – September 2025**

Greetings in Christ!

First, I'd like to thank everyone who participated in Paraklesis Services to the Theotokos last month, and all those who attended and contributed to the wonderful fellowship following the Dormition Vespers on August 14<sup>th</sup> and the Divine Liturgy on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

September marks the beginning of a new ecclesiastical year. With this new ecclesiastical year, I am filled with hope and excitement for the revival of our youth education program. Now is the time to reflect, reset, and re-engage with God and your church family. With so many things happening in today's society, the importance of teaching our youth about God and our faith is more important than ever. In a world that encourages us to follow, we must teach our children which voices to listen to and which ones to shut out.

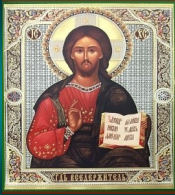
Have you ever noticed that the church year begins and ends with celebrations regarding the Theotokos? We begin the year with the Nativity of the Theotokos on September 8<sup>th</sup>. We celebrate this event at the beginning of the year because her birth is the beginning of our salvation, since it is through her that Christ came into the world. The last of the events to be celebrated each year is the Dormition of the Theotokos on August 15<sup>th</sup>. The Theotokos is the bookend of all activity in the life of the Church! Not only do we celebrate major events in the lives of Christ and His Holy Mother, but we also remember the Saints of the Church on specific days with hymns and services.

If you attend church services on a regular basis, you may have noticed that there isn't a lot of variation from year to year. We celebrate the same feasts of the Lord and the Theotokos, the same Saints, many of them all on the same days as the previous year. This cycle repeats itself again and again from year to year giving us multiple opportunities to learn, participate in, and celebrate the various feasts. This year, with the revival of our youth education program, we look forward to including our children in these learning opportunities and celebrations.

**Sunday School starts on September 14<sup>th</sup>!** If you have not registered your children, grandchildren, or godchildren, please fill out the form and return it to the church office. We will also be having our Church Picnic on September 14<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the Sunday School Kickoff. Please plan to bring a dish to share and plan to enjoy fun and fellowship following Divine Liturgy.

Yours in Christ,

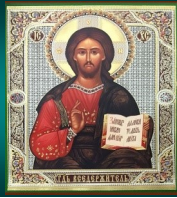
Nancy Chinonis



# FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
Income Statement  
Compared with Budget  
For the Seven Months Ending July 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	\$ 6,210.00	\$ 11,833.33	(\$ 5,623.33)	\$ 108,795.79	\$ 82,833.31	\$ 25,962.48
Candles Receipts	423.00	666.67	(243.67)	5,687.50	4,666.69	1,020.81
Candles Expense	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	(2,576.00)	1,750.00	(4,326.00)
Trays Receipts	401.00	416.67	(15.67)	3,985.00	2,916.69	1,068.31
Coffee Hour Tray Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	528.00	0.00	528.00
Hall Rental	(100.00)	83.33	(183.33)	449.00	583.31	(134.31)
Youth Ministry Income	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	0.00	875.00	(875.00)
Youth Ministry Expenses	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	0.00	875.00	(875.00)
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	38.07	0.00	38.07	51,508.46	0.00	51,508.46
Memorial Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,580.00	0.00	4,580.00
Pascha Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,418.00	0.00	3,418.00
Prosphora Donations	20.00	0.00	20.00	180.00	0.00	180.00
Furnace Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,225.00	0.00	40,225.00
Food Sales Income-Dep To Wall	1,023.00	0.00	1,023.00	5,187.00	0.00	5,187.00
Food Sales Expense	(596.23)	(416.67)	(179.56)	(4,617.40)	(2,916.69)	(1,700.71)
Miscellaneous Receipts	525.00	666.67	(141.67)	998.24	4,666.69	(3,668.45)
Miscellaneous - Spec Projects	0.00	1,666.67	(1,666.67)	0.00	11,666.69	(11,666.69)
NL Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	975.00	0.00	975.00
Cash Raffle Receipts	0.00	4,166.67	(4,166.67)	0.00	29,166.69	(29,166.69)
Cash Raffle License Expense	0.00	(4.17)	4.17	0.00	(29.19)	29.19
Cash Raffle Expenses	0.00	(1,833.33)	1,833.33	0.00	(12,833.31)	12,833.31
Golf Outing Receipts	0.00	3,833.33	(3,833.33)	0.00	26,833.31	(26,833.31)
Golf Outing-Sponsors	4,150.00	0.00	4,150.00	20,860.60	0.00	20,860.60
Golf Outing-Golfers	2,430.00	0.00	2,430.00	5,670.00	0.00	5,670.00
Golf Outing-Dinner Only	350.00	0.00	350.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
Golf Outing-Donations	910.00	0.00	910.00	4,810.00	0.00	4,810.00
Golf Outing Expenses	(1,245.19)	(1,833.33)	588.14	(3,447.93)	(12,833.31)	9,385.38
Fish Fry Receipts	0.00	4,666.67	(4,666.67)	63,988.59	32,666.69	31,321.90
Fish Fry Expenses	(373.28)	(2,100.00)	1,726.72	(23,224.18)	(14,700.00)	(8,524.18)
Other Fund Raiser Receipts	0.00	291.67	(291.67)	0.00	2,041.69	(2,041.69)
Other Fund Raiser Costs	0.00	(41.67)	41.67	0.00	(291.69)	291.69
Interest Income	0.00	5.00	(5.00)	0.00	35.00	(35.00)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>14,165.37</b>	<b>22,567.51</b>	<b>(8,402.14)</b>	<b>288,464.48</b>	<b>157,972.57</b>	<b>130,491.91</b>

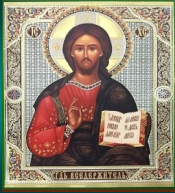


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Income Statement  
Compared with Budget  
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	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Current Month Variance	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Variance
Gross Profit	14,165.37	22,567.51	(8,402.14)	288,464.48	157,972.57	130,491.91
Expenses						
Priest - Salary & Housing	(1,808.81)	2,083.33	(3,892.14)	37,512.56	14,583.31	22,929.25
Priest - Housing Allowance	1,666.67	3,333.33	(1,666.66)	1,666.67	23,333.31	(21,666.64)
Priest - Auto Allowance	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	0.00	3,500.00	(3,500.00)
Priest - Cell Phone Allowance	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.00	700.00	(700.00)
Priest - Insurance Expense	208.33	416.67	(208.34)	208.33	2,916.69	(2,708.36)
Priest - Payroll Tax	0.00	978.50	(978.50)	1,266.96	6,849.50	(5,582.54)
Ofc/Genl - Salaries	480.00	1,333.33	(853.33)	8,880.00	9,333.31	(453.31)
Ofc/Genl - Payroll Tax	150.28	102.00	48.28	3,615.93	714.00	2,901.93
Pension Expense	0.00	762.17	(762.17)	4,680.00	5,335.19	(655.19)
Accounting Fees	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	1,300.00	700.00	600.00
Security - Alarm	125.40	120.00	5.40	822.15	840.00	(17.85)
Security - Fire Panel	0.00	133.33	(133.33)	0.00	933.31	(933.31)
Dues & Subscriptions	24.70	0.00	24.70	158.65	0.00	158.65
Dues & Subscriptions - Sftware	90.00	150.00	(60.00)	630.00	1,050.00	(420.00)
Parish Total Commitment	2,482.00	2,482.17	(0.17)	17,374.00	17,375.19	(1.19)
Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	32,498.89	0.00	32,498.89
Equipment Rental - Office	775.54	420.83	354.71	2,871.24	2,945.81	(74.57)
Insurance - Building	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	8,421.00	7,000.00	1,421.00
Insurance - Workman's Comp	0.00	58.33	(58.33)	637.00	408.31	228.69
Lawn Care/Snow Removal	750.00	833.33	(83.33)	5,250.00	5,833.31	(583.31)
Lawn Care - Weed Control	0.00	58.33	(58.33)	654.09	408.31	245.78
Lawn Care - Sprinkler Maint	0.00	11.67	(11.67)	140.00	81.69	58.31
Laundry & Uniforms	53.00	116.67	(63.67)	904.62	816.69	87.93
Postage & Shipping	(51.66)	166.67	(218.33)	1,519.57	1,166.69	352.88
Repairs - Goyette	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,535.43	0.00	27,535.43
Maintenance-Goyette	0.00	208.33	(208.33)	3,973.25	1,458.31	2,514.94
Maintenance - VanGuard	0.00	204.17	(204.17)	715.30	1,429.19	(713.89)
Repairs - General	0.00	0.00	0.00	216.53	0.00	216.53
Maintenance - General	333.63	416.67	(83.04)	1,575.58	2,916.69	(1,341.11)
Repairs & Maint - Parking Lot	0.00	625.00	(625.00)	0.00	4,375.00	(4,375.00)
Repairs & Maint - Sidewalks	0.00	208.33	(208.33)	0.00	1,458.31	(1,458.31)
Pest Control	50.00	50.00	0.00	350.00	350.00	0.00
Trash Removal	116.04	100.00	16.04	875.31	700.00	175.31
Utilities - Comcast	1,426.61	916.67	509.94	4,773.23	6,416.69	(1,643.46)
Utilities - Consumers	1,089.72	1,750.00	(660.28)	11,254.84	12,250.00	(995.16)
Utilities - Water & Sewer	281.50	333.33	(51.83)	2,089.98	2,333.31	(243.33)
Advertising	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	291.69	(291.69)
Bank Charges	0.00	8.33	(8.33)	0.00	58.31	(58.31)
Square Fees Expense	13.49	125.00	(111.51)	1,354.76	875.00	479.76
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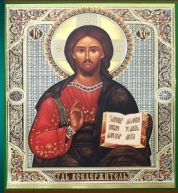
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	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Current Month Variance	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Variance
Computer Expenses	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	0.00	583.31	(583.31)
Continuing Education	0.00	333.33	(333.33)	0.00	2,333.31	(2,333.31)
Contributions - Metropolis	1,005.00	83.33	921.67	1,005.00	583.31	421.69
Contributions - Other	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	375.00	1,166.69	(791.69)
Honorariums	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	930.00	875.00	55.00
Flowers & Gifts	50.95	208.33	(157.38)	2,658.40	1,458.31	1,200.09
Library, Books, & Journals	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	291.69	(291.69)
Licenses, Fees, & Permits	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	410.00	291.69	118.31
Supplies - Office	97.13	125.00	(27.87)	1,136.15	875.00	261.15
Supplies - General	61.90	83.33	(21.43)	555.87	583.31	(27.44)
Supplies - Janitorial	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	297.44	291.69	5.75
Supplies - Kitchen	19.98	166.67	(146.69)	1,471.16	1,166.69	304.47
Miscellaneous Expenses	38.07	41.67	(3.60)	470.97	291.69	179.28
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>9,515.47</b>	<b>21,789.83</b>	<b>(12,274.36)</b>	<b>194,762.86</b>	<b>152,528.81</b>	<b>42,234.05</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 4,649.90</b>	<b>\$ 777.68</b>	<b>\$ 3,872.22</b>	<b>\$ 93,701.62</b>	<b>\$ 5,443.76</b>	<b>\$ 88,257.86</b>



## FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL



The Kroger Family of Companies is committed to community engagement, positive social impact and charitable giving at the national and local levels. Every community is unique, but our common goal is to partner with the neighborhoods we serve and help the people there live healthier lives. One of the ways in which we do this is through our Kroger Community Rewards program. This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card.

### 1. Create a digital account.

A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose.

### 2. Link your Card to an organization.

Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the Kroger Community Rewards selection on your digital account.

1. Sign in to your digital account.
2. Search for your organization
3. Enter the name of the organization you wish to support: **ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH.**
4. Select the appropriate organization from the list and click "Save". **(Make sure to select Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Grand Blanc, Michigan!)**

Your selected organization will also display in the Kroger Community Rewards section of your account. If you need to review or revisit your organization, you can always do so under your Account details.

### 3. Your organization earns!

Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations.

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

Nick Kallis	Sept. 3	Athanasia Garceau	Sept. 13
Konstandinos Kennedy	Sept. 4	Walt Foraker	Sept. 15
Leah Costa	Sept. 4	Evan Chang	Sept. 16
John Costa	Sept. 5	Christos Kosmanopoulos	Sept. 16
Alexandra Frantzis	Sept. 5	E.J. Chinonis	Sept. 20
Bill Chuleas	Sept. 6	Patricia Pavlis	Sept. 24
Dimitre Kontorosis	Sept. 10	Angela Smith	Sept. 25
Kostas Kuzmanovsky	Sept. 12	Carolyn Miller	Sept. 29
Savoula Ferich	Sept. 13	Jeannete Marks	Sept. 30



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



We were so happy to celebrate Mrs. Katie Chinonis in July for her 98th birthday!

May God grant her continued health for many years.



# 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

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 & Vasilias

Dalbo, Helen

Davis-Kirksey, Steve & Linda

Davlanges, Alex

Delbridge, Ray & Carol

Drolet, Mark & Penelopi

Duffy, David & Joynt, Elaine

Eisenbeis, Jerry & Tina

Fahoome, Calliope

Falaras, Mary

Ferich, Andrew & Voula

Foraker, Walt & Diane

Frantzis, Kanellos & Alexandra

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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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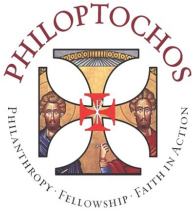
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## Philoptochos Society - Friends of the Poor!

Dear Sisters

I hope you have been enjoying your summer and the nice weather even though it has been unbearably hot. In another month, we will be entering Fall and hopefully the weather will continue to be pleasant.

We just completed our first meeting of the 2025-2026 year. We established our calendar of meeting dates and functions to be held in the next year. One item is that we will be meeting again with the Saginaw Chapter for lunch in Frankenmuth sometime during the first week of October. The women that attended last year had a great time with their tablemates. More information to follow on that as soon as we hear back from them. Also on the agenda is having our third Valentine Luncheon on Sunday, February 15 - Meat Fare Sunday. More information regarding that will come at a later date.

As we have been doing for the past few years, we will again be collecting food for "Feed the Bus" in November. Containers will be placed in the church hall for your donations and lists with requested items will be available. We will also have a container for socks, gloves, mittens and hats for adults and children. These projects are not just Philoptochos Projects. They are meant for the whole church to participate in. Helping others who are less fortunate than ourselves is very important and we hope you will join us in making this a successful event.

I would like to thank everyone who brought a lenten dish for the service on the eve of our Church's name day. We truly appreciate your contribution. Let us all continue to move forwards in a positive direction and help out wherever help is needed.

May God continue to watch over us and keep us strong.

Olga Steinhoff  
Philoptochos President

# Daughters of Penelope

Iris Chapter 242



## **DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE IRIS CHAPTER 242**

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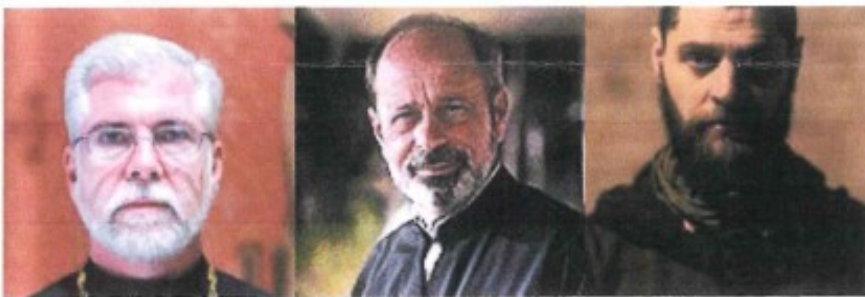
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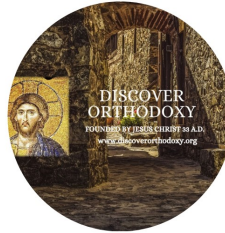
When you support the Friends of the Metropolis campaign, you are part of a greater outreach that proclaims with one universal voice that God is truly our hope and our rock of salvation.

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

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- Chinonis, Dennis and Debra
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- Dalbo, Helen
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- Kallis, Agape
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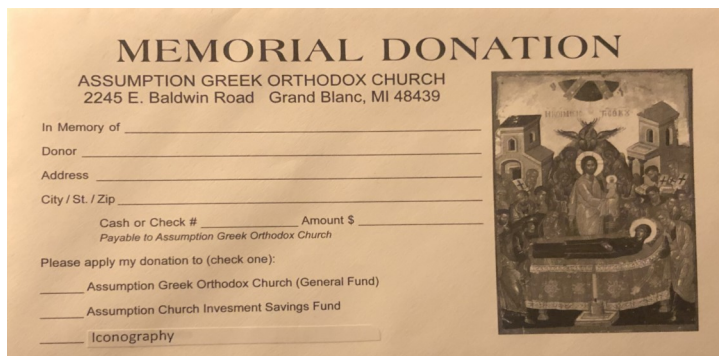
Due to the rising cost of mailing receipts for every donation received by the church, the Parish Council has established the following procedure for receipts:

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', 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><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>

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## 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.

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**Gifts of any size are appreciated!**

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**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:

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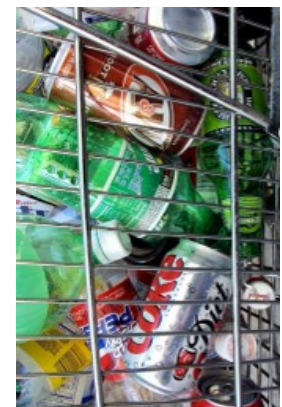
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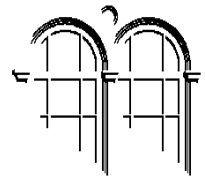


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