

THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

JAN
2026



What's Happening

JAN 2026

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- 1: Office Closed
- 6: Theophany Divine Liturgy & Blessing Waters 10:00 AM
- 11: Vasilopita Sunday
- 11: 2026 PC Oath of Office 11:30 AM
- 11: PC Meeting 12:00 PM
- 13: Philoptochos Meeting 1:00 PM
- 22: 14th Annual Dormition Monastery Vespers & Dinner 5:00 PM
- 25: DOP Meeting 12:00 PM

FEB 2026

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- 8: PC Meeting 12:00 PM
- 10: Philoptochos Meeting 1:00 PM
- 15: Philoptochos Valentine's Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 22: DOP Meeting 12:00 PM
- 23: Clean Monday - Great Lent Begins

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.

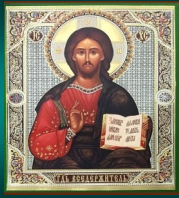
Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. - James 5:16

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

SUNDAY READERS SCHEDULE			
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
4 Dena Altheide	1 Nick Kallis	1 Dena Altheide	5 John Kaloydis
11 Debra Chinonis	8 John Kaloydis	8 Debra Chinonis	12 Stella Thurkill
18 John Costa	15 Stella Thurkill	15 John Costa	19 Cathy Yeotis
25 Aleko Douros	22 Cathy Yeotis	22 Aleko Douros	26 Dena Altheide
		29 Nick Kallis	

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



FROM FATHER PETER

JANUARY 2026

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, ARTIFICIAL FAITH

In the 1970s, composer Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical "Jesus Christ, Superstar" made its debut in the west end of London and Broadway. Many of its songs made it on the radio, including the title song of the same name.

In the title song, the "Judas" character sings to the crucified Christ, including this line: "If you'd been born today, you would have saved a whole nation – Israel in 4 BC had no mass communication".

The line suggested that Christ appeared at the wrong time in history. If He had come today (in this case, the 1970s), rather than travelling from town to town on foot, He would have had so much modern technology at His disposal to convey His message.

Of course, modern communications technology (and we can start with the invention of the printing press, then radio, TV and now, the internet) have been used to convey the message of the Gospel to vast numbers of people, but we don't have to look far to find some of its drawbacks.

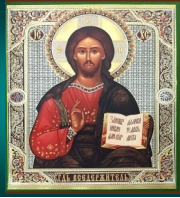
The internet has been around about 40 years, but now we have a new force: Artificial Intelligence (AI). At a technical level, AI is simply the processing and manipulation of huge amounts of data with increasingly more sophisticated programs, using increasing greater computing power (often requiring great amounts of electrical power). AI has found its way into many areas of our life – our automobiles, our financial systems, and our health care systems to name a few.

With the power behind AI, we can generate (fabricate, if you will) images of all kinds, living images, with voices, that appear to be real and interact with you. The line between reality and fantasy is blurred. Are we really seeing – and interacting with – a real human being (even someone close to us), or is it one that is AI-generated? How do we tell the difference?

At the recent Patriarchal Pastoral Health Care conference I attended in Rhodes, one of the invited speakers was a Lutheran minister from Canada (like me, a physician as well) who spoke on AI and faith. He described the use of AI in the realm of faith – not something happening in the future, but happening right now - which raises, or should raise, an alarm deep within us.

He described AI being used to generate "virtual counselors", "virtual pastors", and even Christ Himself (!) with whom the "user" can interact like they were real. Many of these AI tools are available as "apps", readily accessible on your smartphone or computer – bypassing the need for any human intermediary.

But consider this news item: The parents of a teenager who died by suicide have filed a wrongful death suit against ChatGPT and its owner OpenAI, saying the chatbot (*the virtual image generated – PB*) discussed ways the teenager could end his life after he expressed suicidal thoughts. The lawsuit comes amid reports of people developing distorted thoughts after interacting with AI chatbots, a phenomenon dubbed "*AI psychosis*" (PBS Newshour interview with Dr. Joseph Pierre, UC San



FROM FATHER PETER

Francisco, August 31, 2025)

In the realm of faith and pastoral care, my Lutheran minister friend described the availability of an AI app that allows you to generate an interactive image of a departed loved one, which you can interact with, have conversations with, and behave like they were still alive.

Can we consider the use of this just a simple assist in a grieving process? Or are we prolonging the grieving process, and make it more difficult to “let go”? More importantly, we are interacting with a digital construct, represented as a string of zeros and ones in a computer memory. We have a “life like”, interactive image, unlike the still image of a plain photograph. But an image, nonetheless. No flesh, no blood, and most importantly, no soul.

The line between what is real versus fantasy is broken down. More ominously, are we contributing to delusional thought (psychosis, as described above), and is the user receiving messages that ultimately lead to harm?

Interestingly, from time-to-time, some non-Orthodox have even called the Orthodox practice of praying for or to the deceased “delusional”, but this belies a total misunderstanding of what this is really about. When we Orthodox commemorate the departed, when we pray for them (and sometimes, through them), when we commemorate them in our many services dedicated to them, we accept the reality of their physical absence in this world, while accepting the reality of their eternal soul in the Kingdom to come. The departed live on, in truth and faith.

Faith and worship hinge on very real, very human contact, which AI cannot replicate. Even lower levels of technology, allowing the broadcast of our services or sermons, are no substitute for real presence at them or for human interaction needed to minister to people. In St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans 10 we have a reminder of a very personal dynamic:

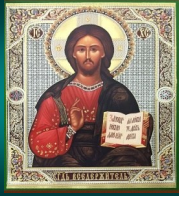
“As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!’.” (Isaiah 52:7)

“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!” St. Paul’s quotation from Isaiah shows us that the principle of direct personal contact in ministry has been with us, throughout the history of God’s people, and is fulfilled with the coming of Christ. It is this personal contact, unfiltered, unmediated, which provides the love, comfort, and empathy which we seek – none of which can be provided by what is ironically called the “virtual” reality of AI.

In addition, contrary to what ever power, corporation, or other force underwrites an AI model or app (and not always with an altruistic or beneficial purpose), our personal involvement brings accountability, through our faithfulness to the Gospel and the teachings of the Church as reaffirmed through the ages in its people and its worship.

As we commence a new year, let this true faith find its root in each one of us, and may we resist the artificial, superficial faith which may lead to destruction.

+Fr. Peter



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Message from the Parish Council President – JANUARY 2026

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΓΕΝΝΑΤΑΙ! CHRIST IS BORN!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Καλή Χρονιά!

Assumption Family,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year! The culmination of the Nativity and Epiphany season is coming to an end as we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ on January 6th.

Services for Theophany and the Great Blessing of the Waters will take place on January 6th at 10:00 AM.

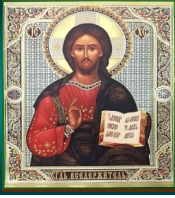
On Sunday January 11th we plan to have the swearing in of the Parish Council followed by the Parish Council meeting with election of officers. Congratulations to our newly elected Parish Council Officers: Dena Altheide, Elaine Joynt, Kandis Pappadakis, and Lucas Photiou.

I also want to express my sincere gratitude to JoAnne Schultze and George Nitsos for their service as members of the Parish Council. Serving the Church as a member of the Parish Council can be a challenging and thankless endeavor. Both George and JoAnne took on their duties with dedication, grace, and seriousness. I will miss working with George and JoAnne and encourage them both to remain active within the Assumption Community. If you have an opportunity, please thank George and JoAnne for their service and dedication to our Church!

As we welcome the New Year, may we continue to strengthen our faith, uplift one another, and serve our Parish with love and devotion

Yours in Christ,

Nancy Chinonis
Parish Council President

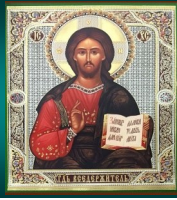


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ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
Income Statement
Compared with Budget
For the Eleven Months Ending November 30, 2025

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Current Month Variance	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Variance
Revenues						
Stewardship Receipts	\$ 6,510.00	\$ 11,833.33	\$(5,323.33)	\$ 142,401.79	\$ 130,166.63	\$ 12,235.16
Candles Receipts	673.00	666.67	6.33	8,742.50	7,333.37	1,409.13
Candles Expense	0.00	(250.00)	250.00	(2,576.00)	(2,576.00)	174.00
Trays Receipts	738.00	416.67	321.33	7,597.00	4,583.37	3,013.63
Coffee Hour Tray Receipts	150.00	0.00	150.00	1,130.00	0.00	1,130.00
Coffee Hour Expense	(28.95)	0.00	(28.95)	(491.14)	0.00	(491.14)
Hall Rental	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	449.00	916.63	(467.63)
Youth Ministry Income	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	0.00	1,375.00	(1,375.00)
Youth Ministry Expenses	0.00	(125.00)	125.00	0.00	(1,375.00)	1,375.00
Book Store Income	17.00	0.00	17.00	477.00	0.00	477.00
Book Store Expense	(14.40)	0.00	(14.40)	(496.55)	0.00	(496.55)
Donations - General	1,196.00	0.00	1,196.00	56,752.41	0.00	56,752.41
Memorial Donations	525.00	0.00	525.00	18,335.00	0.00	18,335.00
Pascha Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,418.00	0.00	3,418.00
Prophora Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	1,234.00	0.00	1,234.00	9,296.00	0.00	9,296.00
Food Sales Expense	(638.40)	(416.67)	(221.73)	(6,411.55)	(4,583.37)	(1,828.18)
Contributs - In-kind/Noncash	0.00	0.00	0.00	163.54	0.00	163.54
Miscellaneous Receipts	0.00	666.67	(666.67)	998.24	7,333.37	(6,335.13)
Miscellaneous - Specl Projects	0.00	1,666.67	(1,666.67)	0.00	18,333.37	(18,333.37)
NL Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,175.00	0.00	1,175.00
Cash Raffle Receipts	200.00	4,166.67	(3,966.67)	5,400.00	45,833.37	(40,433.37)
Cash Raffle License Expense	0.00	(4.17)	4.17	0.00	(45.87)	45.87
Cash Raffle Expenses	0.00	(1,833.33)	1,833.33	(21,800.00)	(20,166.63)	(1,633.37)
Golf Outing Receipts	0.00	3,833.33	(3,833.33)	0.00	42,166.63	(42,166.63)
Golf Outing-Sponsors	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,960.60	0.00	26,960.60
Golf Outing-Golfers	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,790.00	0.00	13,790.00
Golf Outing-Dinner Only	0.00	0.00	0.00	850.00	0.00	850.00
Golf Outing-Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,660.00	0.00	5,660.00
Golf Outing-Raffles	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,930.00	0.00	4,930.00
Golf Outing-Expenses	0.00	(1,833.33)	1,833.33	(28,186.58)	(20,166.63)	(8,019.95)
Fish Fry Receipts	13,487.25	4,666.67	8,820.58	94,195.59	51,333.37	42,862.22
Fish Fry Expenses	(3,982.03)	(2,100.00)	(1,882.03)	(38,173.37)	(23,100.00)	(15,073.37)
Other Fund Raiser Receipts	0.00	291.67	(291.67)	0.00	3,208.37	(3,208.37)
Other Fund Raiser Costs	0.00	(41.67)	41.67	0.00	(458.37)	458.37
Interest Income	0.00	5.00	(5.00)	5.56	55.00	(49.44)
Total Revenues	20,066.47	21,817.51	\$(1,751.04)	345,017.04	239,992.61	105,024.43
Cost of Sales						

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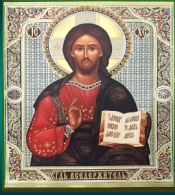


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Total Cost of Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gross Profit	20,066.47	21,817.51	(1,751.04)	345,017.04	239,992.61	105,024.43
Expenses						
Priest - Salary & Housing	0.00	2,083.33	(2,083.33)	62,922.06	22,916.63	40,005.43
Priest - Housing Allowance	0.00	3,333.33	(3,333.33)	1,666.67	36,666.63	(34,999.96)
Priest - Auto Allowance	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	0.00	5,500.00	(5,500.00)
Priest - Cell Phone Allowance	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.00	1,100.00	(1,100.00)
Priest - Insurance Expense	0.00	416.67	(416.67)	208.33	4,583.37	(4,375.04)
Priest - Payroll Tax	0.00	978.50	(978.50)	1,266.96	10,763.50	(9,496.54)
Ofc/Genl - Salaries	1,060.00	1,333.33	(273.33)	15,170.00	14,666.63	503.37
Ofc/Genl - Payroll Tax	81.09	102.00	(20.91)	4,843.66	1,122.00	3,721.66
Pension Expense	0.00	762.17	(762.17)	6,240.00	8,383.87	(2,143.87)
Accounting Fees	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	1,300.00	1,100.00	200.00
Security - Alarm	250.80	120.00	130.80	1,323.75	1,320.00	3.75
Security - Fire Panel	0.00	133.33	(133.33)	1,794.91	1,466.63	328.28
Dues & Subscriptions	29.00	0.00	29.00	304.32	0.00	304.32
Dues & Subscriptions - Sftware	90.00	150.00	(60.00)	996.00	1,650.00	(654.00)
Parish Total Commitment	2,482.00	2,482.17	(0.17)	27,302.00	27,303.87	(1.87)
Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	43,699.89	0.00	43,699.89
Equipment Rental - Office	228.76	420.83	(192.07)	3,100.00	4,629.13	(1,529.13)
Insurance - Building	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	8,421.00	11,000.00	(2,579.00)
Insurance - Workman's Comp	0.00	58.33	(58.33)	637.00	641.63	(4.63)
Lawn Care/Snow Removal	925.00	833.33	91.67	7,300.00	9,166.63	(1,866.63)
Lawn Care - Weed Control	0.00	58.33	(58.33)	654.09	641.63	12.46
Lawn Care - Sprinkler Maint	0.00	11.67	(11.67)	140.00	128.37	11.63
Laundry & Uniforms	53.00	116.67	(63.67)	1,351.48	1,283.37	68.11
Postage & Shipping	1,000.00	166.67	833.33	3,070.20	1,833.37	1,236.83
Repairs - Goyette	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,952.93	0.00	27,952.93
Maintenance-Goyette	1,265.80	208.33	1,057.47	7,665.14	2,291.63	5,373.51
Maintenance - VanGuard	1,236.80	204.17	1,032.63	1,952.10	2,245.87	(293.77)
Repairs - General	0.00	0.00	0.00	642.80	0.00	642.80
Maintenance - General	1,747.14	416.67	1,330.47	5,546.44	4,583.37	963.07
Repairs & Maint - Parking Lot	0.00	625.00	(625.00)	0.00	6,875.00	(6,875.00)
Repairs & Maint - Sidewalks	0.00	208.33	(208.33)	0.00	2,291.63	(2,291.63)
Pest Control	50.00	50.00	0.00	550.00	550.00	0.00
Trash Removal	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	1,110.39	1,100.00	10.39
Utilities - Comcast	0.00	916.67	(916.67)	6,925.84	10,083.37	(3,157.53)
Utilities - Consumers	0.00	1,750.00	(1,750.00)	12,548.54	19,250.00	(6,701.46)
Utilities - Water & Sewer	468.74	333.33	135.41	4,249.76	3,666.63	583.13
Advertising	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	458.37	(458.37)

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Bank Charges	0.00	8.33	(8.33)	0.00	91.63	(91.63)
Square Fees Expense	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	1,530.72	1,375.00	155.72
Square Fees Reimbits	0.00	0.00	0.00	(333.00)	0.00	(333.00)
Computer Expenses	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	0.00	916.63	(916.63)
Continuing Education	0.00	333.33	(333.33)	0.00	3,666.63	(3,666.63)
Contributions - Metropolis	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	1,005.00	916.63	88.37
Contributions - Other	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	375.00	1,833.37	(1,458.37)
Cost of Sales - Non-Fish Fry	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.39	0.00	26.39
Honorariums	579.00	125.00	454.00	1,709.00	1,375.00	334.00
Flowers & Gifts	0.00	208.33	(208.33)	3,285.34	2,291.63	993.71
Library, Books, & Journals	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	458.37	(458.37)
Licenses, Fees, & Permits	195.00	41.67	153.33	625.00	458.37	166.63
Supplies - Office	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	1,308.34	1,375.00	(66.66)
Supplies - General	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	555.87	916.63	(360.76)
Supplies - Janitorial	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	443.05	458.37	(15.32)
Supplies - Kitchen	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	1,869.41	1,833.37	36.04
Miscellaneous Expenses	360.20	41.67	318.53	1,665.51	458.37	1,207.14
Total Expenses	12,102.33	21,789.83	(9,687.50)	276,921.89	239,688.13	37,233.76
Net Income	\$ 7,964.14	\$ 27.68	\$ 7,936.46	\$ 68,095.15	\$ 304.48	\$ 67,790.67

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

John Mandelaris	Jan 2	Ioannis Kennedy	Jan 12
Nick Vitinaros	Jan 2	Jim Buterakos	Jan 14
Diana Lillar	Jan 5	Marialena O'Bee	Jan 15
Nancy Chinonis	Jan 6	Michael Grousopoulos	Jan 16
Katelyn Iordanou	Jan 8	Stacey Grousopoulos	Jan 16
Katerina Federick	Jan 8	Demetri Politis	Jan 18
Callahan Lennox	Jan 9	Nickolas Douros	Jan 19
Vicki Iakovidis	Jan 10	Sofia O'Bee	Jan 27
Karen Kaloydis	Jan 11	Kathy Richards	Jan 29



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



STEWARDSHIP 2026

THANK YOU to the following faithful stewards who have submitted their pledge cards for 2026. Please join them in their support of our Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and submit your pledge card today!

2026 Proposed Stewardship Budget: \$145,000

YTD thru 12/31/2025 Stewardship Received: \$2,100

Allard, Clyde & Georgie

Asa, Barbara

Bograkos, Tim & Sandy

Bograkos, Vera

Chinonis, Dennis & Debra

Dalbo, Helen

Davis-Kirksey, Steve & Linda

Ferich, Andrew & Voula

Foraker, Walt & Diane

Kallis, Susan

Kaloydis, John & Karen

Lillar, Diana

Mandelaris, John & Pauline

Massoud, Mary

Neofotistos, John & Julie

Nitsos, Emma

Nitsos, Mary Ann

Pappadakis, Nikki

Photiou, Lucas & Lori

Richards, Ken & Kathy

Senter, Clark & Katherine

Stergiopoulos, Mary

Thurber, Chuck & Paula

Vergos, Nitsa

Vergos, Peter & Susie

Wright, Jeff & Kay

Yeotis, Art & Susan

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2025 Proposed Stewardship Budget: \$142,000

YTD thru 12/14/2025 Stewardship Received: \$142,822

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

Garceau, Greg & Sia

Hagler, Gary & Marian

Haralambous, Frank & Vania

Heos, James & Cassie

Heos, Pamela & Brancheau, Jeffrey

Holland, Nick & Jennifer

Hountalas, Dimitri & Brittany

Hountalas, John & Tasia

Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki

Iordanou, Bill & Lisa

Joseph, Patricia

Joynt, Kenneth

Joynt, Sadie

Kalatzis, Athena

Kallis, Agape

Kallis, George & Shannon

Kallis, Nick

Kallis, Penelope †

Kallis, Susan

Kaloydis, John & Karen

Kapellas, Katina

Kirkpatrick, Kelly

Kokkinokos, Peter & Panagiota

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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 12/14/2025 Stewardship Received: \$142,822

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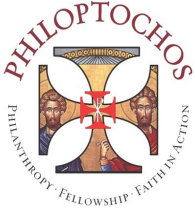
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Philoptochos Society - Friends of the Poor!

Dear Sisters:

I hope everyone had a healthy and happy new year. For many it is a joyous time of year. A time for a fresh start - rebirth. - reflection. A chance to take a break for a while and soon we will be approaching the lenten period towards the end of February. Now we are experiencing cold weather and need to look forward to the warmer days ahead. We will be holding our third Valentine's Day Luncheon on Sunday, February 15 in the church hall. For those of you who have attended in the past, you know it is a very lovely affair and hope you join us again this year. More information to follow later.

Once again our annual bake sale was a success thanks to all the help we received from Susan Kallis and her crew for baking the spinach pies, baklava and various other pastries. And to Spiradoula Panos for the melomacaronas, Carol Photiou the koulourakia, and Agape Kallis tarts and paximidia and all the other ladies who were there to help out one way or another. Also to my faithful crew for putting the orders together, Dena Altheide, Diana Lillar, Cathy Yeotis, Susan Kallis and Mary Massoud. I know the weather was bad that day but they showed up and we were able to get everything packaged for pick up. If I have forgotten to mention anyone, I apologize.

Thank you goes out to all those who contributed food for the FISH drive. I think we outdid ourselves with our donations which was great. There are more people in need everyday now and it is the least we can do to help out.

I would also like to thank those of you who donated to Operation Classroom. We will still be collecting school supply items for them well into the summer. A list will be posted of requested items in the church hall.

Finally, the holiday luncheon will be at Blondies Restaurant on Hill and Torrey Road, January 13, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. Please let Cathy Yeotis, Diana Lillar or me if you plan on attending.

Olga Steinhoff

Philoptochos President

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY
2026 DUES

The benevolent works of Philoptochos are a continuation of Christ's ministry on earth. I humbly accept the opportunity to return to God a portion of the time, talents and resources with which He has gifted me.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Minimum Member Dues: \$40.00 Checks payable to Philoptochos Society

\$15.00 is distributed to National Philoptochos \$6.00 is distributed to Metropolis Philoptochos and the balance remains in our chapter.

We rely on your Stewardship to help fund our many efforts to help those in need. Our hope and goal is for every woman in our Assumption Parish to join!

Please give or send your dues to Diana Lillar.

Thank you!

2025 AHEPA & DOP CHRISTMAS PARTY



Daughters of Penelope Iris Chapter #242

Happy New Year 2026 to our Assumption Family!

The Daughters of Penelope crafted fleece tie blankets and collected Children's books for Catholic Charities Center for Hope Warming Center.

An enjoyable Christmas potluck dinner with AHEPA Family followed.

AHEPA District #10 Educational Foundation 2026 Scholarship application is currently open. The link to the application can be found at:
<https://apply.ad10ef.org>

Our next Daughters of Penelope meeting will be held on
Sunday, January 25th.



On Monday, October 27, 2025 we held a very successful parish security training seminar with FBI Agent Tim Hearl





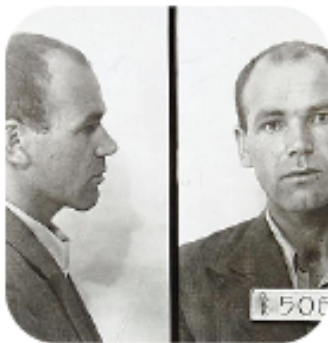
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How can we use his saintly example within ourself amidst the chaos of this world?




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5:00pm - 8:30pm

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-  5:00pm Vespers with the nuns leading the choir
-  6:00pm Appetizers, Fellowship & Meal
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-  7:00pm Program- Reflections,
Testamonials and Q & A



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Dr. Daniel B. Hinshaw &
Dr. Jane Hinshaw

How can you support?

- Pray for Fr. Roman and the community at Holy Dormition Monastery.
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- Chinonis, Nancy and Jeff Lauster
- Dalbo, Helen
- Heos, Pamela & Jeffrey Brancheau
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Thank you!



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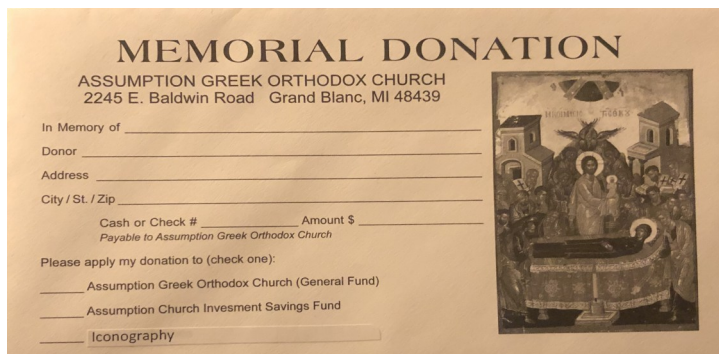
Due to the rising cost of mailing receipts for every donation received by the church, the Parish Council has established the following procedure for receipts:

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

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

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

“Donations made at an Orthodox Funeral service in memory of the departed are typically collected by the church, which then presents the names and final donation amount to the designated surviving family member. Any memorial donation checks not marked “*Assumption Church*” will be distributed for the purpose indicated on the check.



The image shows a 'MEMORIAL DONATION' form for the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. The form includes fields for 'In Memory of', 'Donor', 'Address', 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 that, 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</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 style="text-align: center;">\$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 style="text-align: center;">Flat fee of \$1,100 for Hall Rental (includes clean-up)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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:

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Print Name As Shown On Card: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

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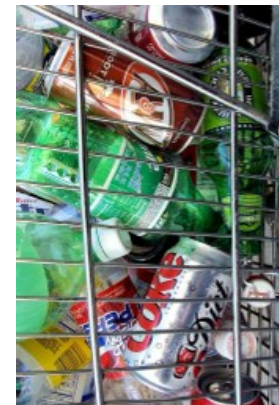
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Tiropita (Cheese Triangle)	15 Pieces - \$25.00
Dolmathes	Approx. 25 for \$25.00
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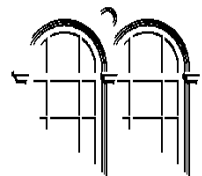
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