



# THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

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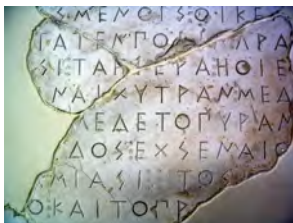
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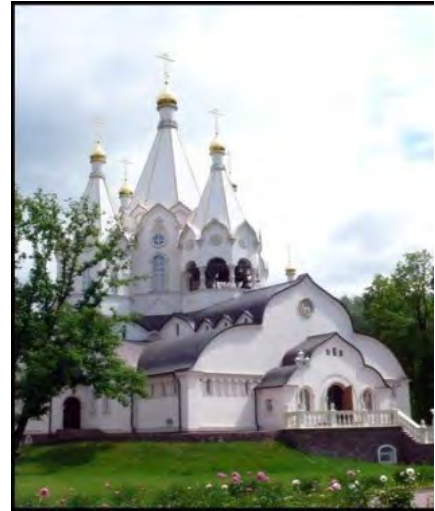
## MASS GRAVE IN MOSCOW SUBURBS IS AMONG RUSSIA'S HOLIEST SITES

On May 10, the Russian Orthodox Church held its annual special service in the Church of New Martyrs and Confessors in Butovo, a little-known site that is home to Russia's largest collection of holy relics.

In the forest near old Butovo, about 5 kilometers south of the Moscow Ring Road, lies the largest burial place for victims of Stalin's purges in the whole Moscow region, a site of mass executions. At the small plot of land known as the Butovsky Shooting Range or "Butovsky Polygon," about 20,760 people were executed between August 1937 and October 1938. Among this were men and women, the old and the young, people from 70 different nationalities and many faiths and social classes.

Seventy-seven years ago, in August 1937, the head of the NKVD ordered a high fence be erected around a remote five-hectare patch of oak forest glade. The construction was largely ignored by locals, who were told the site would be a shooting range, a rumor that frequent gunfire seemed to verify.

More than 20,000 people were executed at the site in a little more than a year — an average of about 50 people per day. The diversity of those executed was stunning, including South African communists, Polish



nationalists, Germans, Hindus, Chinese, Tatars and Jews. However, the site "specialized" in executions of Orthodox Christian clergy, targeted by the Soviet Union as supposedly counter-revolutionary elements in their atheist state.

About 1,000 of the victims were clergy from the Russian Orthodox Church, and about 300 people from that number have since been beatified as saints. After the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Russian Orthodox Church began commemorating the site, establishing a small wooden church on the site in 1996 and a larger church that has been active since 2007. Since the year 2000, the patriarch has led an annual service in the church of the martyrs to commemorate those killed in Butovo.

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**ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
CASH RAFFLE**

Thursday, September 18

6:00 pm

Holy Redeemer Church — Burton, MI

**\$17,000**

in Cash Prizes for Three Winners

**\$10,000 — First Prize**

**\$5,000 — Second Prize**

**\$2,000 — Third Prize**

Every 10th ticket drawn gets the holder their money back!

**Tickets: \$225 each**

Tickets may be purchased by individuals or groups

To purchase a ticket, contact any Parish Council Member or the church office



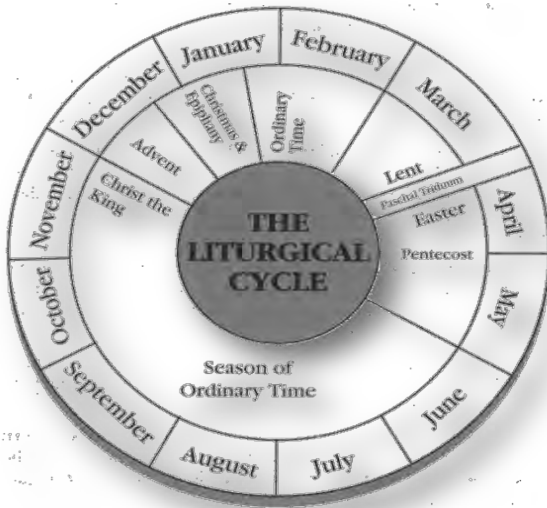
# A MESSAGE FROM

## Fr. Angelo

You can probably get to heaven without knowing all the ins and outs of the Church's liturgical year...but Sunday Eucharist will be more meaningful and impactful if you have some understanding of the purpose and structure of the liturgical year.

Most of you already know that Sunday Liturgy is not merely an obligation to "go to." It is a celebration in which we are active participants. And as with anything that we do, the more that we understand what we are doing, the more meaningful and personal the action becomes.

To understand the liturgical year, it is helpful to know a few simple facts. For example: What is the liturgical year? How is it organized? Is there a "deeper truth?" Although the first of September is traditionally considered the start of the Church year for Orthodox and Catholic, the real liturgical center of the annual cycle of liturgical worship is the "Feast of Feasts": the Resurrection of Christ; Pascha! All elements of Orthodox liturgical celebrations point to and flow from Easter. Even the "fixed feasts" of the Church, such as Christmas and Epiphany, which are celebrated according to a fixed date on the calendar, take their liturgical form and inspiration from the Paschal feast.



From the time of the Apostles, Christians have gathered together on the day of the Resurrection, the Lord's Day, to celebrate the Lord's Supper. (see Acts 20:7) This switch from the Jewish Sabbath to the Christian Sunday is recorded in the *Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* or *Didache* dated between 70 and 120.) The early Church Fathers of the 1st and 2nd century, such as St Ignatius and Justin Martyr, also witness to Sunday as the "New Sabbath".

Over the course of time, the yearly Church calendar was organized into two "seasons": Pascha (Easter) and Nativity (Christmas). Between the seasons of Pascha and Nativity we have eleven

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MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY .....	Mondays:	10:30–12:30
PHILOPTOCHOS MEETINGS .....	Second Tuesday of the month	
GOYA MEETINGS .....	Last Sunday of the month	
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION .....	Tuesdays	6—7 pm
PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS .....	Third Wednesday of the month	6:15 pm
FISH FRY DINNER .....	Fridays	3—8 pm
GREEK DANCE PRACTICE — TEENS .....	Saturdays	TBD
GREEK DANCE PRACTICE — KIDS .....	Saturdays	TBD

SEPTEMBER 2014						
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- 6: GOYA Event @ Genesee Food Bank 1:30-5pm
- 8: Vespers Liturgy: Nativity of Theotokos 6pm
- 9: Philoptochos Meeting 6pm
- 12: Fish Fry 3—8pm
- 13: Baptism: Aristotle Panos 3pm
- 14: **EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
Baptism: Charlie Paraschos 2pm
- 15: Bible Study begins 10:30 am
- 17: Parish Council Meeting 6:15pm
- 18: Cash Raffle 7pm
- 21: Sunday Luncheon
- 23: Religious Education 6—7pm
- 25: Pan-Orthodox Lecture: *Orthodoxy & Nationalism* 6pm

OCTOBER 2014						
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- 7: Philoptochos Board Meeting 7pm
- 14: Philoptochos General Meeting 1pm
- 15: Parish Council Meeting 6:15pm
- 19: Memorial: 3 Years Lazaros Batsios
- 23: Vespers Liturgy of St James 6pm
- 25: Baptism: Batsios 2pm
- 28: OXI Day

NOVEMBER 2014						
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- 2: General Assembly Meeting following Liturgy
- 8: Great Vespers: Synaxis of the Archangels 6pm
- 9: Godparent Sunday and Parish Council Elections
- 9: Holy Unction Service 6pm
- 11: Philoptochos Meeting 1pm
- 15: Nativity Fast Begins
- 19: Parish Council Meeting 6:15pm
- 21: Vespers Liturgy: Entrance of Theotokos 6pm

## **Prosporon Schedule**

### September

7: John & Linda Chinonis  
14: Sandi Chinonis  
21: Theoni Chiros  
28: Jim & Liz Christopher

### October

5: Anna Chuleas-Williams  
12: Michael & Katherine Clinton  
19: John and Laura Costa  
26: Kyriacos & Vasilias Costa

### November

2: William & Joanne Dau  
9: Crystal Demps  
16: Athanasios & Valencia Douros  
21: Evangelos & Angeliki Douros  
23: Mark & Penelopi Drolet  
30: Calliope (Pepe) Fahoome

Please make 4 loaves of Prospora and bring them to church by 9:30 on the morning of the service. Be sure to include your lists of names to give to Father for the prayers: one list is for those who are living and the other for those who have died. If you choose not to make Prospora, please send a check to the church for \$20 made payable to "Philoptochos" with a note stating it is for Prospora. Be sure to include your list of names. If you have questions, please contact Athena Kalatzis at 694-4295.

*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 PRAY FOR:**

**Angeliki Douros; Argiri Haralambous; Bill Kapellas; Antonio Karakitsos  
Marika Kalafatis; Panagiota Kolokitha, Theodora Stevens**

### **HOLY CONFESSION**

Wednesdays 3—5 pm

Fridays 3—5:30 pm

### **OR BY APPOINTMENT**

To schedule an appointment, call Fr. Angelo at 810-471-0316



## PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

The National Philoptochos has once again chosen "Literacy" as their charitable project for 2014-2015. They have suggested several options, one of which is sending paperback books to our servicemen and servicewomen and their families. Our local Philoptochos has decided to collect and mail new or slightly-used books as our way of supporting this cause.

We ask all members of our Assumption family to support our efforts by bringing at least one book to church and placing it in the marked container in the Hall. Books may include novels (both fiction and non-fiction), biographies, children's, hobbies, how-to and etc. Basically, anything appropriate for a family. Please, NO MAGAZINES. Our goal is to mail the books by Christmas.

*Project Committee*



Our annual Christmas Card collection will begin on November 2. The monies raised by this project go into our Angel Fund, which helps our own parishioners who may need some financial assistance. Please be generous! The deadline to be included in the card is Wednesday, December 3.

Philoptochos is kicking off the new fiscal year by holding our September meeting in the evening. This will allow our working members to join us. The meeting will be on Tuesday, September 9 at 6:00 pm. I hope to see you there.

Ann T. Lowe,  
Philoptochos President

### **Metropolitan Nicholas Honored with the 2014 Christian Leadership Award.**

The American Bible Society (ABS) will be honoring His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas at their annual "Driving for Bibles" Golf Benefit to be held on September 26, 2014 in New York.

His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas will be one of three Church leaders honored with the American Bible Society's 2014 Christian Leadership Award. His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas has been on the ABS Board of Trustees and served on the Committee on Scholarship and Translations.

The Golf Outing will have a Souvenir Golf Outing Journal that has become a big part of the event and in 2013 this event raised over \$100,000 for ABS Church Ministry programs. Anyone interested in purchasing a Journal Ad or placing a congratulatory message for His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas may contact the church office, or the Metropolis office at 248.823.2400. This information can also be accessed online at [Golf.AmericanBible.org](http://Golf.AmericanBible.org).

**Deadline is September 9, 2014.**

# FISHFRY FRIDAY RETURNS

SEPTEMBER 12

3—8 PM

Come out and enjoy our fabulous Icelandic Cod.  
Watching your cholesterol intake? We also offer  
BAKED FISH AND BAKED POTATO.



Our varied menu also offers these delicious choices:

\* Plaki \* Shrimp Basket \* Clam Strips \* Fish Sandwich \* Gyros \* Flint-Style Conneys \* Baked Chicken \* Chicken Strips \* Greek Salad \* Rice Pudding \* Dessert of the Day

If you haven't been to our fish fry yet, stop in and taste why last year we

**We welcome volunteers.**

**Call Fr. Angelo if you would like to volunteer to help on a Friday**

## Mass Grave in Moscow Suburbs is Among Russia's Holiest Sites cont'd

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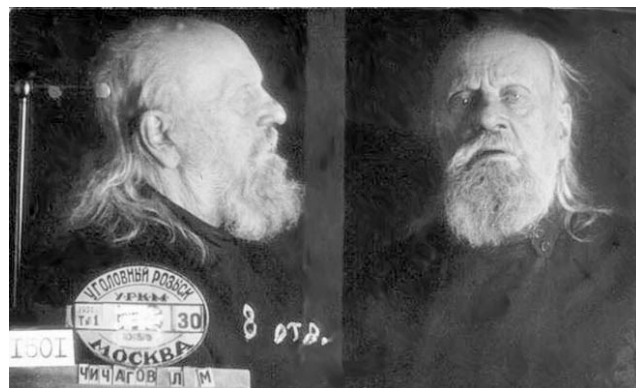
The most famous person killed at Butovo was Serafim, the Metropolitan of St. Petersburg. Known as Leonid Mikhailovich Chichagov prior to entering the church, in the 19th century he was considered one of Russia's greatest religious writers, best known for his extensive research on the life of Saint Serafim Sarovsky. Chichagov was also known for his secular social literature works, authoring the book "The Glorious Deeds of the Russian Warriors" in memory of the Russian-Turkish war of 1877 to 1878, in which Chichagov served as an artilleryman.

By the time of his execution, Chichagov was an infirm man of 82 living privately in Malakhovka and ill with dropsy. When the NKVD arrested him, it became clear that the old man could not withstand interrogation at the Taganka prison, and so he was quickly taken to the Butovo range and shot.

According to the archives, many high-ranking members of tsarist society were executed at Butovo, apart from the religious figures. Some of those shot at Butovo include Vladimir Dzhunkovskiy, governor-general of Moscow; Fyodor Golovin, the chairman of the Second State Duma; Nikolai Danilevsky, the first Russian aviator; Otto Schmidt, an arctic explorer; Mikhail Khitrovo-Kramskoi, a composer; five tsarist generals and representatives of Russian noble families such as the Rostopchins, the Tuchkovs, the Gagarins, the Obolenskys, the Olsufiyevs, and the Bibikovs.

The first church constructed on the site was built by a descendant of one of those executed at Butovo: architect Dmitry Shakhovskoi is directly descended from Prince Dmitry Shakhovskoi, the founder of the Party of Constitutional Democracy of the Russian Empire, who was executed in late 1937.

Father Kirill Kaleda, prior of the Church of New Martyrs and Confessors, has worked in this grim place since 1995, when excavations of the burial site first began. The shooting range was kept secret until 1995, and a KGB officer was permanently stationed at the site. "What did he guard? Bones ... In case someone digs up any by chance," Father Kirill said. After the site ceased to be used for executions, apple trees were planted on the shooting range and mass



graves, and locals used to break in here. Locals say that for half of a century people kept trying to get in despite the danger — trespassers could be shot — because there was no other place where they could get such sweet red apples.

When the secret archives of the NKVD were finally declassified, the true nature of the Butovo range was finally revealed.

Fundraisers for building a wooden church on the Butovo range were held in many Moscow churches, access to the site was improved, and a shuttle bus now runs from the Bulvar Dmitriya Donskogo metro station. Also, memorial plaques with the names of the murdered priests were installed around the chapel.

Since 2000 the Russian Orthodox Church canonized more than 300 martyrs who were shot and buried on the Butovo range. There is no other place in Russia or the former U.S.S.R. where there are so many holy relics — even the famous Monastery of the Caves in Kiev holds only about 150 saints' relics. The new saints have attracted many new donations, allowing for the construction of a much larger new stone church, where children and grandchildren of the newly canonized saints can be seen praying before icons of their fathers and grandfathers.

In an ironic twist of fate, many of the same NKVD staff who worked at the site were later targeted by purges and found themselves executed at the same shooting range — they now lie with their erstwhile victims in mass graves, and their remains are now indistinguishable.

*This article reprinted from "The Moscow Times"*



## ANCIENT GREEK LANGUAGE SAID TO REPROGRAM THE BRAIN

Several studies by Greek and foreign scientists have indicated that the Ancient Greek language, apart from being a living language, is also a therapeutic one, as it is said to possess the ability to cure many disorders, for example dyslexia.

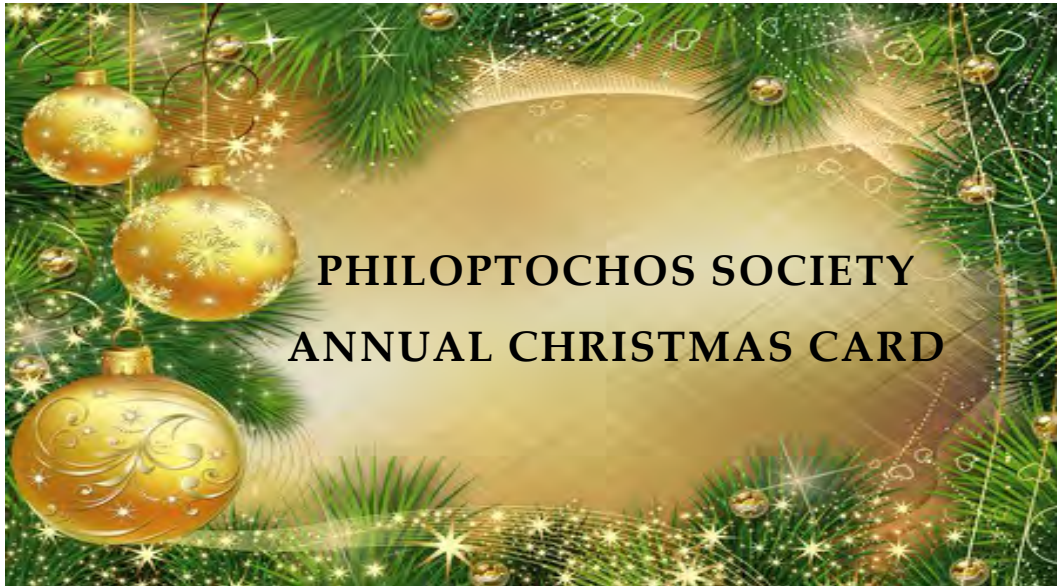
According to a theory by British classicist Professor Eric A. Havelock, which is based on the ancient Greek philosopher Plato, the ancient Greek alphabet caused many abstract concepts to be conceived in the ancient Greek world, due to the unique brain activation of its users. The theory is presented along with many other conclusions by top foreign scientists, philologists and linguists in the 400-page volume 'The Alphabet and the Brain: The Lateralization of Writing,' which was published in 1988 by Springer. The scientific results that contribute to the theory of Havelock include:



1. The 'Broca's area' in the left - usually- hemisphere of the human brain, which is linked to speech production, was activated more than usual due to the Greek alphabet, which for the first time had successfully employed vowels for writing.
2. The human brain was radically redesigned.
3. The above mentioned change in brain function caused a substantial change in the attitude of the ancient Greek alphabet's users, for which the need of communication with other citizens through the art of theater appeared.

Another published scientific research by the team of Greek psychiatrist Ioannis Tsegos, showed that the measurable indicators of verbal intelligence and deductive thinking were accelerated across a group of 25 non-dyslexic children, who were taught Ancient Greek through accepted methods for two hours per week, between the ages of 8 and 12. In another equal group of children that weren't taught Ancient Greek, the study revealed that the respective indicators were decelerated. Both groups were taught similar lessons.

Australian university researcher Kate Chanock, however, took Tsegos' study a step further in her work "Help for a dyslexic learner from an unlikely source: the study of Ancient Greek" (2006: Literacy), the Australian researcher describes how she cured an English-speaking person from dyslexia by using Ancient Greek.



**(\$10.00 Minimum)**

For the small donation of \$10.00 per family listing, your name will appear on our annual Community Christmas Card & be mailed to the entire congregation.

**Deadline for Registration: Wednesday, December 3, 2014**

Please fill out the form below, cut and mail or bring it personally with your check to the Church Office. Please print or type your name and family members EXACTLY as you wish it to be printed on the card.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_

Payable to: Philoptochos Society

Assumption Church, 2245 E. Baldwin Rd., Grand Blanc, MI 48439

## **ORIGINAL TREE OF HIPPOCRATES CLONED AND PLANTED IN MARYLAND**

The United States National Library of Medicine brought back to life on April 25, 2014 a symbol of one of the brightest minds in medicine. Legend says that twenty four hundred years ago, Hippocrates taught medical students in the shade of a Sycamore tree.

Over fifty years ago, the so-called "Hippocrates Tree" was planted at the National Library of Medicine (NLM) in 1962 when the Greek Ambassador brought a cutting of the celebrated tree from the Greek Island of Cos. In the 1980s, that tree declined because of a fungal disease. Before its demise, researchers at NLM took a clipping and found a company to clone it.

The planting of the tree was hailed as a symbol of how far science has advanced since the time of Hippocrates. "It's said that twenty four hundred years ago, Hippocrates would sit under the master clone of this tree, back in Cos, and transmit his knowledge of medicine to his students, and I think it's fitting that this is standing alongside the National Library of Medicine (NLM), because every day thousands of scientists are exchanging, are transmitting their information and their data to the NLM and in turn that's now available to millions of scientists everyday to access this information," said Dr. David Lipman, Director, National Center for Biotechnology Information.

Scientist Dr. Constantine Stratakis said the replanting is a living symbol of the father of medicine. "The event speaks about the preservation of the DNA of a tree that was here planted 50-60 years ago, and that had the DNA of another tree that is on the island of the Cos in Greece and it was planted there presumably 25 centuries ago. So, it's who we are - life. This is life. I think David Lipman said very nice that what we are seeing here is what DNA is all about, which is all about



life."

Steve Craft is with Archangel Ancient Tree Archive, the company that cloned the tree. He said beyond the amazement of being able to clone an iconic tree like the "Hippocrates Tree", reforesting the earth can benefit from the mapping of tree DNA.

"And once you start cloning them, you can make thousands and thousands and thousands of them. So, on arbor day when people want to go out and plant a tree, instead of planting some tree that you don't know the genetics of, why not plant a tree that you know has really great genetics, something that's going to last a long time," Craft said.

Hippocrates was born on the Greek Island of Cos around 460 B.C. He invented the idea that symptoms were consistent between patients with the same disease and that similar conditions produced similar illnesses. Medicine, as a systematic field of study began with him and his followers.

Article obtained from <http://circulatingnow.nlm.nih.gov/2014/04/>

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other major feasts that the "Typikon" (Order of Orthodox Church) prescribes. (Note that Pascha is not one of the 12 Great feasts, as it is considered the "Feast of Feasts".)

In addition to the Easter cycle of worship and Pentecost, the Church's worship for each particular day of the year is dedicated to particular saints or sacred events. Each month has a special liturgical book called the **Menaion**, which contains the specific service for each day of that month.

The twelve major feast days of the Church (Δωδεκάορτον), which are universally celebrated in their order of occurrence **after** the Feast of Pascha are: Ascension, Pentecost, Transfiguration of our Lord, Assumption of the Theotokos, Nativity of the Theotokos, Exaltation of the Cross, Presentation of the Theotokos into the Temple, the Nativity, Epiphany, Presentation of our Lord into the Temple, the Annunciation, and Palm Sunday.

Different Orthodox churches emphasize the other days of the year according to their particular relevancy and significance. Thus, the day of Saint Sergius would be greatly celebrated in Russia, Saint Spiridon in Greece, and Saint Herman in America. Some days, such as Saints Peter and Paul, Saint Nicholas and Saint Michael, also enjoy a universal popularity in the church.

## THE DEEPER MEANING

The key to understanding the meaning of the liturgical year lies in the notion of "presence." We believe that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist. We experience Christ's presence throughout the Liturgy; however there are moments during the Liturgy when He is made truly manifest before us. Firstly, Christ is present in His word, and it is He Himself who speaks to our rational mind (νοῦς) when the holy scriptures are read in the Church", and secondly, Christ is present in a mystical way to our soul (ψυχή) when we partake of His Body and Blood during Holy Communion.

Taking a quote from the Catholic *Constitution on the Liturgy*, 102; "Recalling the mysteries of redemption, the Church opens to the faithful the riches of the Lord's powers and merits, so that these are in some way *made present* in every age in order that the faithful may lay hold on them and be filled with saving Grace".

The liturgy is very different from, for example, going to see a movie or viewing a cherished photograph. Through the sights and sounds of the film, or the event depicted in the photo, we can recall (or bring to mind) events that took place at that time. But when we celebrate the Divine Liturgy we are not merely recalling *past* events. Christ's command to His disciples to "*do this (Liturgy) in remembrance of Me*" enables us to pass from our chronological time (past/present/future) and to enter into God's time or "καιρος" so that we AND Christ, through the Grace of the Comforter (sent by Christ) and the mystery of Holy Communion become *present* and active now. For as the Lord Himself says:



# YA'SSOO GREEK FESTIVAL



**FRIDAY**  
SEPTEMBER 5th  
11 am – 11 pm

**SATURDAY**  
SEPTEMBER 6th  
11 am – 11 pm

**SUNDAY**  
SEPTEMBER 7th  
12 pm – 8 pm

**\$2**  
ADMISSION  
**FREE**  
ONSITE PARKING  
**FREE**  
ADMISSION  
Friday & Saturday 11-4

**FREE**  
ADMISSION  
For kids 12 & under  
**FREE**  
ADMISSION  
with three canned goods  
*To Benefit Lighthouse of  
Oakland County*

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Greek Cuisine and Pastries  
Taverna and Kafenio  
Music by Enigma  
Greek Dancing and  
Dance Lessons  
Middle Eastern Dancer  
Greek Playlets  
Church Tours  
Agora Marketplace  
Cooking Demonstrations  
Kid's Activities

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# Orthodox Women in the Healing Ministries

*22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Retreat*  
*October 3, 4 & 5, 2014*

*Holy Dormition Monastery*  
*Rives Junction, Michigan*



The Mothers of Modern Medicine  
Sts. Hermiaoe, Philoethea & Zeanida

## Beauty, Goodness and Truth Trauma, The Iliad and an Orthodox Perspective on Healing the Soul

*Speaker: Dr. Timothy Patitsas, Professor of Social Ethics*  
*Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology*  
*Brooklyn, MA*

Dr. Timothy Patitsas taught at the St. Nicholas Orthodox Seminary in Korea, and at Marymount University in Arlington, VA, before joining the faculty of HCEC in 2005. He has published articles such as: The Marriage of Priests, Science of Economics, and The Death and Life of Great American Cities. For the past 7 years he has conducted the Study Abroad Pilgrimage of Holy Cross in Greece, Mount Athos, and Constantinople. His thoughts on economic science and spirituality can be followed on Twitter.

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[owhm.org](http://owhm.org)

Monica Dallas: 617-414-3829



## MORTGAGE DRIVE 2014

The following individuals and organizations have contributed this year to the Mortgage Drive:

Clyde & Georgia Allard  
Karen Begley (Fish Fry Patron)  
Coffee Hour Proceeds  
Daughters of Penelope  
Greater Flint Endowment Fund  
Dimitri Hountalas  
John & Tasia Hountalas  
Yanni Hountalas  
Louis & Susan Kallis  
Laura Mersinas' Garage Sale  
Nikki Pappadakis  
Pasitio Fundraiser  
Philoptochos Society  
Lucas & Lori Photiou  
Emanouil Potsos  
JoAnne Schultze  
In Memory of Gus Chinonis  
In Memory of Artemis Kallipoliti  
In Memory of William Kallis  
In Memory of Stella Poulos  
In Memory of Bob Richards

If you would like to help us further reduce our mortgage, please contact any Parish Council member or the church office.

## SAVE THE DATES!

### Assumption Greek Festival June 19—21, 2015

We need your help. Please do not schedule other events on the dates of the festival. Please schedule weddings, showers, graduations, and vacations on other dates, because your church needs you. This year's festival was very successful, but with your help we can make it even bigger and better. Thank you.

## FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS 2014 CONTRIBUTORS

Andy Brown  
Debra & Dennis Chinonis  
Nancy Chinonis & Jeff Lauster  
Sandra Chinonis  
Laura & John Costa  
Camelia Greenberg  
Dimitri Hountalas  
John & Tasia Hountalas  
Yanni Hountalas  
Jonascu Family  
Tessie Komodromos  
Ted & Ann Lowe  
Fr. Angelo & Presvytera Maggos  
Sophia Martorelli  
Chrysafis G Mersinas  
Emmanouil Potsos  
Olga Steinhoff  
Cathy Yeotis  
Assumption Parish  
Daughters of Penelope—Iris Chapter  
Ladies Philoptochos

### *Jimmie's Pastitsio\**

Full Tray — \$50.00

Half Tray — \$30.00

To order, call John Hountalas  
810-701-5164

ALLOW 1 WEEK NOTICE

*\*All profit goes toward reducing  
the church mortgage.*

# STEWARDSHIP 2014

Allard, Clyde & Georgia	Helton, Voula	Pagonis, Voula
Anagnostopoulos, Jim & Rhonda	Hountalas, Dimitri	Palmer, Diane
Anagnostopoulos, Nick & Anna	Hountalas, John & Tasia	Panos, Aristoteles & Spiridoula
Bachakes, Helen	Hountalas, Yanni	Panos, John & Irene
Bachakes, Katheryn	Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki	Panos, Niki
Bakris, Dr. Chris	Iordanou, Bill & Lisa	Pappadakis, Anthony & Kandis
Bakris, Dr. Nicholas	Jimos-Caverly, Paula	Pappadakis, Nikki
Batsios, Eftyhia	Jonascu, George & Julie	Pappas, Dean & Elaine
Batsios, Evangelos	Jospeh, Patricia	Paraschos, Tim & April
Birtsas, Sandra	Joynt, Elaine & Duffy, David	Pavlis, John & Pat
Bograkos, +C.G. (Tim) & Vera	Kalatzis, Athena	Petropoulos, Diana
Bograkos, Tim & Sandra	Kallis, Agape	Photiou, Carol
Brown Jr., Andy	Kallis, Louis & Susan	Photiou, Lucas & Lori
Buterakos, Jim & Roxanne	Kallis, Penny	Photiou, Maroulla
Carpenter, Rob & Ageliki	Kaloydis, John & Karen	Politis, Dr. George & Rita
Chiatalas, Andrew & Kelly	Kapellas, Bill & Katina	Potsos, Dimitrios & Stergoula
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## A DICTIONARY OF ORTHODOX TERMINOLOGY

**Epitrachelion.** One of the most important vestments, hanging from the neck down to the feet. An Orthodox priest must wear this particular vestment to perform a sacrament.

**Equal to the Apostles.** An honorary title given to saints such as St. Constantine and Sts. Cyril and Methodios for their missionary work in the Church.

**Eschatology.** The theological field concerned with life after death, especially the "last things," i.e., the state of the dead, the Second Coming of Christ, and the Final Judgment.

**Eucharist.** (see Communion).

**Euchologion.** A liturgical book used by the clergy, containing the various services, sacraments, and prayers required for the administration of sacraments and other ceremonies and services of the Church.

**Evangelists.** The authors of the Gospels who, according to Church belief, were inspired by God in the writing of the Bible. The Evangelists are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. In the Orthodox Church, they are symbolically represented by a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle, respectively.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

### Scheduling of Memorial Services

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

### Refreshments

Philoptochos no longer provides the refreshments. However, any family having a Memorial may sponsor the Coffee Hour and bring food.

If the family is providing food, Philoptochos will assist in set up and clean up. However, the family must state that they wish assistance at the time the Memorial is scheduled with the church.

### Koliva

If anyone is in need of Koliva, please contact Ann Lowe (of Philoptochos) 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.**

## RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AND ANTIDORON

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- ◆ *Newly Baptized or Chrismated*
- ◆ *Choir Members*
- ◆ *Far Left Side Pew*
- ◆ *Main Body of church* released by the Parish Council members by row, starting at the **BACK** of the church. Children will receive Communion with their parents. Please remain standing in your pew until a Parish Council member releases your row to receive Holy Communion.

After Liturgy is completed, ushers will release you by row to receive Antidoron. Please go up the center aisle and exit down the side aisles, as it is inappropriate to turn your back when the Body and Blood of Christ is present at the Altar.

## 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. At that time the family has the opportunity to decide on distribution of those funds and can determine if they would like to use memorial funds to purchase an item for the church in memory of the departed from a published list of approved items. (This list will be published in the monthly newsletter and posted in the church office). We ask that should the family desire to purchase an item they indicate this to the priest and Parish Council by the time of the 40 day memorial, otherwise those funds will be released to the operating fund of our church. Any memorial donation checks not marked “*Assumption Church*” will be distributed for the purpose indicated on the check.

## ASSUMPTION GOC MEMBER POLICY

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

**Parishioner (Member)** - Person Baptized and Chrismated according the rites of the Orthodox Church.

**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 and current in pledges for active and preceding year.

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

Members in Good Standing are entitled to all sacraments at the AGOC and are not required to pay church usage fees for sacraments *for those persons identified on the applicable pledge card or persons under 18 years of age.*

Members and In-Active Members are entitled to all sacraments at AGOC but are required to pay church usage fees of \$500.

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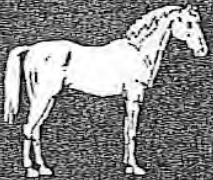
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