

THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

JUNE
2025



What's Happening

JUNE 2025

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

8: Pentecost Sunday

10: Philoptochos Meeting

1:00 PM

11: PC Meeting

6:15 PM

22: AHEPA/DOP Scholarship Sunday

22: Coffee Catechism-No one is worthy to approach
(Ordination)

JULY 2025

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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27	28	29	30	31		

6: Pan-Orthodox Softball Game

3:00 PM

8: Philoptochos Meeting

1:00 PM

9: PC Meeting

6:15 PM

27: St. Panteleimon Divine Liturgy & Festival
(See Flyer)

PROSPHORON SCHEDULE

JUNE	JULY
1 Grousopoulos, Lambros & Lena	6 Heos, James & Cassie
8 Hagler, Gary & Marian	13 Heos, Pam & Keff Brancheau
15 Haralambous, Frank & Vania	20 Holland, Nick & Jennifer
22 Haralambous, Harry & Liliana	27 Hountalas, Dimitri & Brittany
29 Hatzigeorgiou-Kennedy, Shane & Kathy	

Please make 3 loaves of Prosfhora and bring them to church by 9:00 am on the morning of the service. Be sure to include your lists of names, both living and deceased, to be read during the Proskimide (Preparation) Service: one list is for those who are living and the other for those who have fallen asleep in the name of the Lord. If you choose not to make Prosfhora, please send a check to the church for \$20 made payable to "Assumption Greek Orthodox Church" with a note stating it is for Prosfhora. Be sure to include your list of names. If you have questions, please contact the church office, 810-771-4611.

If you would like to add your name or the name of a family member to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 810-771-4611.

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

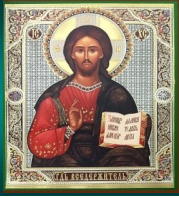
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

SUNDAY READERS SCHEDULE

JUNE	JULY
1 Stella Thurkill	6 Aleko Douros
8 Cathy Yeotis	13 Nick Kallis
15 Dena Altheide	20 Stella Thurkill
22 Debra Chinonis	27 Cathy Yeotis
29 John Costa	

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

JUNE 2025

PENTECOST: TONGUES OF FIRE VERSUS “SPEAKING IN TONGUES”

Fifty days after the Resurrection, we find Christ’s disciples in an upper room in Jerusalem, during the Jewish feast of Pentecost, a major feast after Passover which drew worshipers from all over the known world (especially the Roman Empire). It was there that the events of Acts 2 take place:

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2 NKJV)

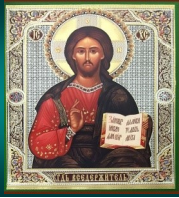
We read especially about the results of this outpouring of the Holy Spirit – *“the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language...we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God”*.

This “speaking in tongues” subsequently becomes a “sign” of the Holy Spirit and is documented as such in some of St. Paul’s letters (among them 1 Corinthians and Ephesians).

In our time this “speaking in tongues”, can be controversial. It hinges on just what we mean by this term. This is important as there are some Christian denominations – and individuals - that put great stock in this, pointing to one who is “speaking in tongues” as possessing or being influenced by the Holy Spirit.

In many cases this “speaking in tongues” (of the few instances that I have observed, usually on social media) seem to be reduced to people emitting unintelligible, meaningless and uninterpretable sounds; these may sound like a “foreign” language, but it is not any known language – certainly not one that another can interpret. A “tongue” certainly has the potential of being concocted by someone for their own purpose and may be mere “show”. Rather than being an actual manifestation of the Holy Spirit, it becomes more “performance” than Pentecostal.

St. Paul, while listing “speaking in tongues” as one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, puts this in perspective for us. In 1 Corinthians, while listing different gifts of the Holy Spirit given to different



FROM FATHER PETER

people (with no one possessing all of these gifts, as he is quick to point out), he pairs the gift for “different kinds of tongues” with “to another the interpretation of tongues” (*emphasis mine – Fr P*).

St. Paul points out in 1 Corinthians 14 that “*he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him, however in the spirit he speaks mysteries*”.

From this, it appears that the gift of “speaking in tongues” has somehow morphed into something different from the “speaking in tongues” we see in the Pentecost event of Acts 1 – where everyone heard the Gospel preached in their own language, by the simple (and one presumes, illiterate) fisherman who are Christ’s disciples.

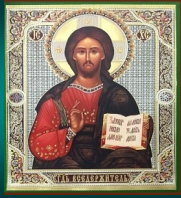
St. Paul clarifies the role of “speaking of tongues” gift in 1 Corinthians 14: while not expressly forbidding the practice of this “gift”, St. Paul puts a limitation on it and sole reliance on this “sign”. It is for the gift of prophesy and of preaching the Gospel of Christ that it is important (“*So likewise you, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air...for God is not the author of confusion but of peace...*”). The “sign”, per se, is of no use if no one understands.

In our times, the Holy Spirit’s gift of “speaking in tongues” should be an ability to communicate *to others* the message of Christ through His Church. We are called to do this in such a way that all may understand. It is not, and never has been a “secret” message, or meant only for one person, but meant to be shared. And above all, St. Paul reminds us that – above all the gifts of the Holy Spirit – it is love which should be the focus of all our activity.

It is important to remind ourselves of the great events of Pentecost. Some call it the “birth of the Church”, although people had been congregating in the name of God long before that. It is the birth of the UNIVERSAL (“catholic” – κατ’ ὅλον – “for everyone”) Church that takes place. It is no longer limited to one specific place on earth, or to one people, or to one language, but it is the Great Commission to “go preach the Gospel to all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit”. Let us do this less with any “signs”, but with the Holy Spirit.

In the Risen Christ

+Fr. Peter



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Message from the Parish Council President – June 2025

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen!

Αληθώς Ανέστη! Truly He is Risen!

On Sunday, June 8, 2025, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, the establishment of the Church, and the baptism of those who believed in Jesus Christ. When the Holy Spirit visited the Apostles during Pentecost, the Apostles were charged to go forth, spread the Gospel and establish the Church. Even today, we must continue to focus on this mission. We must continue to strengthen and grow our Church and spread the glorious message of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is accomplished, in part, by including, training, and inspiring our youth.

I would like to thank everyone for their participation in our Spring General Assembly on May 4th. As discussed during the General Assembly, it is imperative for our children to know and experience the holy traditions of our faith and the joy of fellowship. This cannot be accomplished without the presence of our youth in church on Sundays.

While we have been active over the last two years in re-starting adult religious education through various activities (including on-line Scripture discussions), we announced at the General Assembly that we plan to bring back a Religious Education Program for our children and youth. This program, however, cannot be successful without your support. This means bringing your children, godchildren, grandchildren, or nieces and nephews to church so that they may participate. We also are looking for volunteers to help lead the classrooms. Please be on the lookout for information regarding Religious Education Round-up for students and teachers. Planning will occur over the summer so that the program can commence this fall.

It is through your active participation in the life of the Church that we can embrace the promise of redemption and renewal, knowing that through His sacrifice, we are granted eternal life and boundless grace. Together, we can work on strengthening the ministries that serve our faithful and allow them to draw closer to Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Nancy Chinonis
Parish Council President

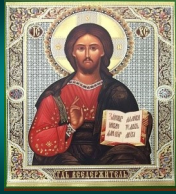
HAPPIEST OF BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ALL OF OUR JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

Eleni Kosmanopoulos	June 4	Ken Richards	June 17
Agape Kallis	June 5	Martha Poulos	June 19
Crystal Demps	June 5	Brianna Braun	June 22
Anthony Pappadakis	June 8	Christina Kosmanopoulos	June 23
Georgie Allard	June 8	Ilianna Panos	June 23
Peter Karakitsos	June 11	John Kaloydis	June 25
Kandis Pappadakis	June 11	Penny Kallis	June 27
Sophia Naum	June 12	Lori Photiou	June 29
Louise Karatza	June 13	Brittany Hountalas	June 30
Taso Pagonis	June 14		

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

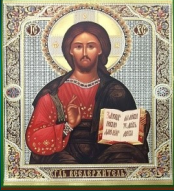


ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH - GRAND BLANC
 PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET OVERVIEW
 2025 OPERATING BUDGET
 APRIL 30, 2025



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

OPERATING REVENUES																
Stewardship	\$	142,000.00	47,333.33	\$	29,052.00	\$	20,475.00	\$	20,405.00	\$	11,303.79	\$	81,235.79	\$	33,902.46	
Trays & Candles	\$	13,000.00	4,333.33	\$	1,339.00	\$	514.00	\$	1,643.50	\$	2,924.00	\$	6,420.50	\$	2,087.17	
Candles Expense	\$	(3,000.00)	(1,000.00)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(2,576.00)	\$	(2,576.00)	\$	(2,576.00)	\$	(1,576.00)	
Hall Rental	\$	1,000.00	333.33	\$	-	\$	-	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	166.67	
Interest Income	\$	60.00	20.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	5.46	\$	-	\$	5.46	\$	(14.54)	
Miscellaneous Income/Donations	\$	8,000.00	2,666.67	\$	1,351.24	\$	4,015.00	\$	584.83	\$	4,370.17	\$	10,321.24	\$	7,654.57	
Miscellaneous Income/Donations - Special Projects	\$	20,000.00	20,000.00	\$	16,225.00	\$	24,000.00	\$		\$		\$	40,225.00	\$	20,225.00	
RE - Youth Ministry Income	\$	1,500.00	500.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(500.00)	
RE - Youth Ministry Expenses	\$	(1,500.00)	(500.00)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	500.00	
Fundraisers																
Cash Raffle Income	\$	50,000.00		\$	-									\$	-	
Cash Raffle License	\$	(50.00)												\$	-	
Cash Raffle Expenses	\$	(22,000.00)												\$	-	
Golf Outing Income	\$	46,000.00	15,333.33					\$	150.00	\$	150.00	\$	150.00	\$	(15,333.33)	
Golf Outing Expenses	\$	(22,000.00)	(727.27)					\$	(1,171.19)	\$	(1,171.19)	\$	(1,171.19)	\$	727.27	
Fish Fry	\$	56,000.00	56,000.00	\$	10,044.84	\$	16,682.55	\$	31,014.50	\$	13,380.50	\$	71,122.39	\$	15,122.39	
Cost of Sales - Fish Fry	\$	(25,200.00)	(25,200.00)	\$	(6,750.24)	\$	(6,600.81)	\$	(7,336.67)	\$	(7,980.26)	\$	(28,667.98)	\$	(3,467.98)	
Other Fundraisers Income	\$	3,500.00	1,166.67	\$	-								-	\$	(1,166.67)	
Cost of Sales - Other Fundraisers	\$	(500.00)	(166.67)	\$	-								-	\$	166.67	
Total Operating Revenue	\$	266,810.00	\$	120,092.73	\$	51,261.84	\$	59,085.74	\$	46,316.62	\$	20,901.01	\$	177,565.21	\$	58,493.67
Salary, Benefits and Payroll Taxes																
Priest																
Office/General																
Total Priest Compensation Package																
Salaries - General																
Taxes - FICA Office employees																
Total General Compensation																
Total Salary, Benefits and Payroll Taxes																
General Operating Expenses																
Accounting																
Building and Property Security:																
Alarm																
Fire Panel																
Dues & Subscriptions - Software																
Parish Total Commitment																
Equipment Rental (Copier/Printer)																
Insurance Expense - Building																



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

	2025 Approved Budget	Prorated Budget	Actual as of 1/31/25	Actual as of 2/28/25	Actual as of 3/31/25	Actual as of 4/30/25	YTD Total	YTD Variance
Insurance Expense - Workman's Comp	\$ 700.00	\$ 233.33	\$ -	\$ 713.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 713.00	\$ (479.67)
Lawn Care/Snow Removal	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,333.33	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 859.84	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 1,083.33
Lawn Care - Weed Maintenance	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 654.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 654.09	\$ 45.91
Lawn Care - Sprinkler System	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00	\$ -	\$ 140.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 140.00	\$ -
Laundry & Uniforms	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 466.67	\$ 116.60	\$ 175.77	\$ 118.34	\$ 117.61	\$ 528.32	\$ (61.65)
Pension Plan	\$ 9,360.00	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 3,120.00	\$ -
Postage and Shipping	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 666.67	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ (783.33)
Repairs & Maintenance:								
Goyette Monthly	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 833.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 412.00	\$ 412.00	\$ 824.00	\$ 9.33
Vanguard (Kitchen Fire Suppression System; Fire Extinguishers)	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 816.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 816.67
Maintenance - general	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,666.67	\$ -	\$ 985.43	\$ 139.84	\$ 24,175.00	\$ 25,300.27	\$ (23,633.60)
Maintenance - Parking Lot	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Maintenance - Sidewalks	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 833.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 833.33
Pest Control	\$ 600.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 50.00
Trash Removal	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 116.04	\$ 116.44	\$ 117.21	\$ 117.09	\$ 466.78	\$ (66.78)
Utilities:								
Comcast	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 3,666.67	\$ -	\$ 484.95	\$ 1,051.30	\$ 693.72	\$ 2,229.97	\$ 1,436.70
Consumers	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,672.30	\$ 2,347.11	\$ 2,096.66	\$ 1,543.10	\$ 7,659.17	\$ (659.17)
Water	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,333.33	\$ 271.38	\$ 271.38	\$ 321.42	\$ 311.44	\$ 1,175.62	\$ 157.71
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 134,926.04	\$ 48,535.35	\$ 11,498.70	\$ 9,920.88	\$ 12,035.30	\$ 32,749.77	\$ 65,344.81	\$ (19,809.46)
Miscellaneous Expenses								
Advertising	\$ 500.00	\$ 166.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 166.67
Bank Charges	\$ 100.00	\$ 33.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33.33
Computer Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 333.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 333.33
Continuing Edu - Seminars & Conv	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,333.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,333.33
Contributions - Metropolis	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 333.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 133.33
Contributions - Other	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 666.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 291.67
Cost of Sales: Food Sales non fish fry	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,666.67	\$ 34.96	\$ 198.60	\$ 1,295.88	\$ -	\$ 1,529.44	\$ 137.23
Credit Card Processing Fees	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 332.97	\$ 224.67	\$ 456.05	\$ 235.76	\$ 1,249.45	\$ (749.45)
Honorariums	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Flowers & Gifts	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 833.33	\$ 51.95	\$ 85.95	\$ -	\$ 345.60	\$ 483.50	\$ 349.83
Library, Books & Journals (includes Liturgical)	\$ 500.00	\$ 166.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 436.28	\$ -	\$ 436.28	\$ (269.61)
Licenses, Fees and Permits	\$ 500.00	\$ 166.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ (193.33)
Metropolis Detroit Summer Camp	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 166.67	\$ 59.22	\$ 56.47	\$ 48.48	\$ -	\$ 164.17	\$ 2.50
Supplies - Office	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 103.88	\$ 82.68	\$ 192.59	\$ 26.48	\$ 405.63	\$ 94.37
Supplies - General	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 333.33	\$ -	\$ 94.48	\$ -	\$ 82.50	\$ 176.98	\$ 156.35
Supplies - Janitorial	\$ 500.00	\$ 166.67	\$ 6.63	\$ -	\$ 11.48	\$ 201.39	\$ 219.50	\$ (52.83)
Supplies - Kitchen	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 666.67	\$ 538.40	\$ 16.95	\$ 622.89	\$ (66.93)	\$ 1,111.31	\$ (444.64)
Total Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 25,600.00	\$ 8,533.33	\$ 1,128.01	\$ 759.80	\$ 3,673.65	\$ 1,149.80	\$ 6,711.26	\$ 1,822.07
Capital Improvement Expense								
Goyette - New Furnace North Sanctuary	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ (48,000.00)
Signs by Crannie - New Sign	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,498.89	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,498.89	\$ (8,498.89)
Total Expense	\$ 266,692.04	\$ 89,457.35	\$ 54,092.98	\$ 19,513.49	\$ 24,574.06	\$ 66,732.86	\$ 164,053.55	\$ (74,596.20)
Net Income/Loss	\$ 117.96	\$ 30,635.38	\$ (2,831.14)	\$ 39,572.25	\$ 21,742.56	\$ (45,831.85)	\$ 13,511.66	\$ (16,102.53)

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!

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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 & Vasilis

Dalbo, Helen

Davis-Kirksey, Steve & Linda

Davlanges, Alex

Delbridge, Ray & Carol

Duffy, David & Joynt, Elaine

Eisenbeis, Jerry & Tina

Fahoome, Calliope

Falaras, Mary

Ferich, Andrew & Voula

Foraker, Walt & Diane

Frantzis, Kanellos & Alexandra

Garceau, Greg & Sia

Hagler, Gary & Marian

Haralambous, Frank & Vania

Heos, James & Cassie

Heos, Pamela & Brancheau, Jeffrey

Holland, Nick & Jennifer

Hountalas, Dimitri & Brittany

Hountalas, John & Tasia

Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki

Iordanou, Bill & Lisa

Joseph, Patricia

Joynt, Sadie

Kalatzis, Athena

Kallis, Agape

Kallis, Nick

Kallis, Penelope

Kallis, Susan

Kaloydis, John & Karen

Kapellas, Katina

Kirkpatrick, Kelly

Kokkinokos, Peter & Panagiota

Komodromos, Tessie

Kondyles, Chryssoula

Kontorosis, Dimitri & Jacqueline

Kossaras, Dean & Joyce

Kottalis, Mary

Koutrouvidas, John & Nina

Kus, Michael & Alexis

Levas, George & Margot

Lillar, Diana

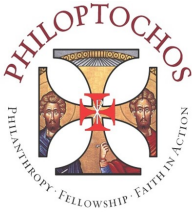
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Mandelaris, John & Pauline	Steinhoff, Allen & Olga
Manutes, Nick & Maria	Steinhoff, Amanda
Margaritis, Sofia	Steinhoff-Chang, Stephanie
Marks, Jean	Stergiopoulos, Mary
Martorelli, Sophia	Stergiopoulos, Zoi
Massoud, Mary	Thornton, Jerry & Demi
McLean, Mary Ellen	Thurber, Chuck & Paula
Melonakos, Anthony & Paula	Thurkill, Stella
Mersinas, George & Laura	Trifon, Nick
Michaelou, Sevasti	Vergos, Dr. Peter & Susie
Neofostistos, John & Julie	Vitinaros, Effie & Nick
Nitsos, Emma	Walker, Bruce & Kathy
Nitsos, George & Candy	Welch, Joann
Nitsos, MaryAnn	Wright, Jeff & Kay
Panos, Spiridoula	Yeotis, Art & Susan
Papas, Rebecca	Yeotis, Catherine
Pappadakis, Anthony & Kandis	Yeotis, Dean & Lynda
Pappadakis, Nikki	Yeotis, Hon. Thomas & Meg
Paraschos, Sam & Sandra	Yiannatji, Frank
Pavlis, John & Patricia	
Peters, Jeff & Maria	
Photiou, Carol	
Photiou, Lucas & Lori	
Politis, Rita	
Poulos, Steve & Martha	
Preketes, Frank	
Richards, Kenneth & Kathy	
Roufos, Vasilios & Mary	
Salutes-Rogind, Sally	
Schultze, JoAnne	
Senter, Clark & Katherine	
Sirakis, Kostas & Sofia	



Philoptochos Society - Friends of the Poor!

Dear Sisters,

June is here and in a few weeks it will officially be summer. Let's hope that we have a pleasant one. At our meeting in May, election of officers was held and the following is the new Philoptochos Board for the next two years.

President: Olga Steinhoff

Vice President: Cathy Yeotis

Treasurer: Diana Lillar

Recording Secretary: Katherine Senter

Corresponding Secretary: Agape Kallis

Board: Georgie Allard

Dena Altheide

Susan Kallis

Diana Lillar Advisor

I would like to thank Carol Photiou and Ann Lowe for all their years of service and dedication to our Chapter.

As a reminder one of the Philoptochos's main directives is to help those in need. If you are aware of anyone who is in financial need, they can be helped both on the Diocese and local level. This will all be handled confidentially. Father Peter is the contact person for both local and Metropolis assistance.

On May 7, several members of our chapter and parish attended Saginaw's St. Demetrios Philoptochos chapter Festival of Tables. It was a beautiful event and gave us an opportunity to support our sister chapter. We hope to meet up with them again this summer for lunch in Frankenmuth.

Once again in the Fall we will be collecting for Grand Blanc's "Feed the Bus" program.

Containers will be placed in the church hall along with a list of items needed. We will be collecting food and hats, gloves, scarves, etc. as in the past. More to follow later.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our Philoptochos sisters, Ann Lowe and Tessie Komodromos for their recent injuries/illness.

From the entire Philoptochos Board, have a great, safe summer.

Olga Steinhoff

Philoptochos President



WELCOME KELLY, MATTHEW, AND QUINLAN!!

On Sunday, May 18th, our community witnessed the blessing prayers for the making of a catechumen to three gentlemen who have started their journey to the Orthodox faith. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide Kelly, Matthew, and Quinlan and prepare them.





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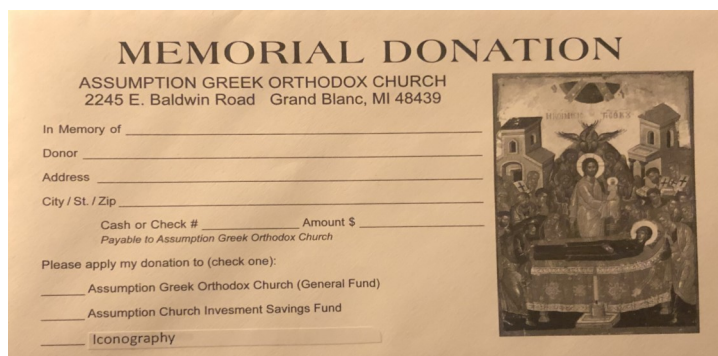
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If you require a receipt, please contact the church office or see a Parish Council member on Sunday's. Receipts will continue to be mailed to non-parishioners.

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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.

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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.

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(Approved by Parish Council Effective December 4, 2022)

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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

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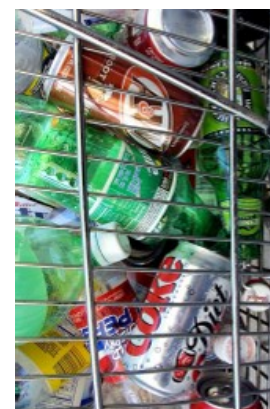
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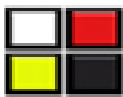
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