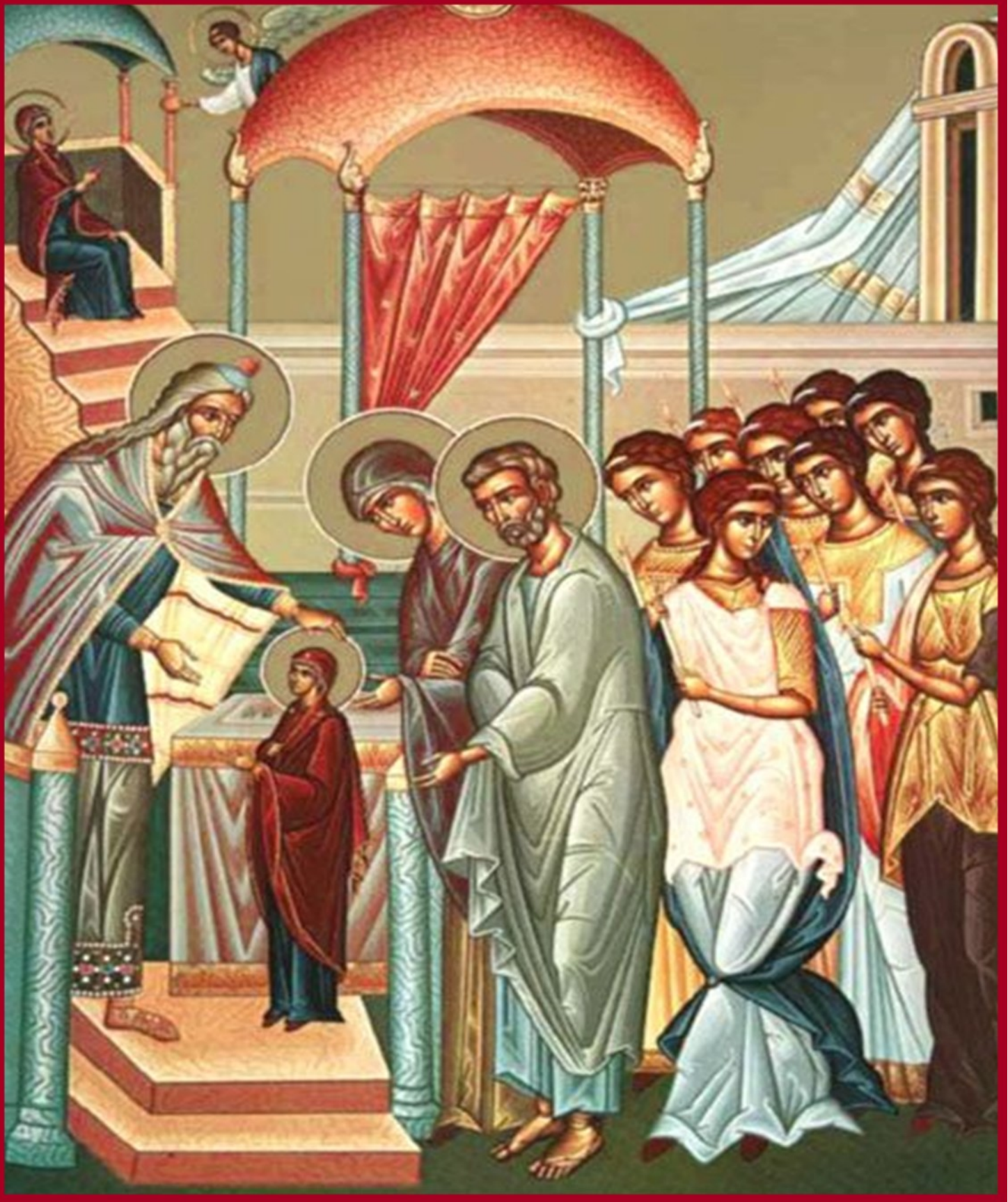


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What's Happening

NOV 2025

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2: Fall General Assembly
 9: Parish Council Meeting
 11.: Philoptochos Meeting
 11: Zoom Scriptures
 23: DOP Meeting
 27: Office Closed for Thanksgiving
 30: Philoptochos last day for bake sale orders & Christmas Card

After Liturgy
 12:00 PM
 1:00 PM
 7:00 PM
 12:00 PM

DEC 2025

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7: Parish Council Elections
 9: Philoptochos Meeting
 11: Philoptochos Bake Sale Pickup
 13: DOP Meeting
 13: AHEPA/DOP Christmas Potluck
 14: Parish Council Meeting

During Coffee Hour
 1:00 PM
 11:00AM - 3:00 PM
 3:00 PM
 5:00 PM
 12:00 PM

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

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Fr. Joseph Abud; Sandi Chinonis; Maria Chuleas;

Stephanos Hatzigeorgiou & Family;

Athena Kalatzis; Tessie Komodromos; Soula Kondyles; Mary Kottalis;

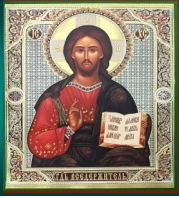
Ann Lowe; George Levas; Diana Lillar; Afroditi Marks;

Sam Paraschos; JoAnne Schultze; Joann Welch

SUNDAY READERS SCHEDULE

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

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



FROM FATHER PETER

NOVEMBER 2025

RAGE AND OUTRAGE

RAGE – Goddess, sing the rage of Peleus’ son Achilles, murderous, doomed, that cast the Achaeans countless losses, hurtling down to the House of Death so many sturdy souls. What god drove them to fight with such a fury?

Homer, The Iliad (trans. By Robert Fagles, 1990)

No, Father Peter isn’t invoking the pagan gods of Ancient Greece, nor am I starting a lesson on Greek mythology and classics. I am using the quote from Homer to open a discussion on a human emotion which has brought about much suffering through human history, still very much active today.

Focus on the word that begins the passage above – **rage**. It describes what drove Achilles and his companions to avenge the dishonor brought upon Menelaos by the Trojan prince Paris by waging a long, violent war in a far-off place. Look at the words that follow: “murderous”, “doomed”, “fury”. The root of all of this? Rage.

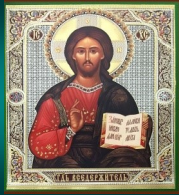
I say the rage “drove” Achilles and company because rage is a suspension of reason and an overriding of one’s soul. Rage drives action and reaction and suppresses any thought or notion of restraint against its object. There is no room for empathy in a state of rage.

The actions fed by rage, and their consequences, are often sudden (the term “blind rage” is appropriate); however, they may also occur over a period of time in a cold, calculated manner (call it a “slow-burning” rage, if you like).

We may ask, “Isn’t rage the same as anger?” Sort of. Rage is certainly on a spectrum of behavior and emotions, but a simple expression of anger, while often unpleasant and uncomfortable, may occur in order to achieve a positive result – to warn, to protect, to encourage change of behavior, to bring to attention an injustice. For better or worse, it is one of the many human emotions which have been given to us by God.

I recently listened to a talk on the Old Testament prophets by Fr. Harry Pappas, an Old Testament Scholar, who characterized the message of some of the Old Testament prophets (whose messages often sound and ARE angry) less as a message of condemnation and punishment, but a message of grief and sympathy by the prophets to people to convey to them what they could see as the consequences of their not changing their behavior and turning back to God. Not anger, for the sake of anger, but one motivated by concern for the other. I’m sure that all of us have found ourselves in the position of having to express “tough love” to a child, a family member, or friend.

We don’t have to look far in the Gospels to see this, either. Christ Himself expresses anger, in my view, in his words and actions (witness, especially, his warnings to the Pharisees – “Woe unto you, hypocrites!” in Matthew. And, of course, the event described in all four of the Gospel versions of His overturning the tables of and driving out the moneychangers and merchants in the Temple).



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I'm sure that all of us have found ourselves, like Christ, in a place where we express what some might call "righteous" anger. I am not unconditionally endorsing anger but merely recognizing the very human reaction to some situations, and its occasional use of it. We are given the admonition by many of our Church fathers to strive to avoid this emotion:

Never seek to correct each other with anger, but only with humility and sincere love, because one temptation does not cast out another temptation (St. Joseph the Hesychast)

Continuous, unchecked, or repeated anger may cross into rage; not for a constructive or positive purpose, but pure nihilism – destroying indiscriminately and leaving nothing. It is a tool for Satan to control us, to sow chaos. Satan thrives on rage.

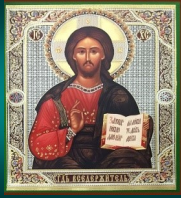
We are reminded in the Gospel describing Judas' betrayal of Christ, that "Satan entered into him". It is no co-incidence that certain people – real or imagined - seek to make use of anger and rage for their purposes – posting brief images and videos on various social media platforms designed to evoke rage among its viewers. This is appropriately called "rage-baiting". Rage-baiting does not lead us to make positive changes to the world, but serves only to seek vengeance, to inflict harm, to destroy the other.

By way of illustration, we saw this recently in the murder of Charlie Kirk – the immediate call for "retribution", "civil war", and other rage-driven responses by many on the internet, a call for actions, and in some cases, atrocities that would inflict injury and death on the guilty and innocent alike (how exactly can one justify the paradox of avenging the violent deprivation of one husband and father by causing the loss of other husbands and fathers?).

Our guard needs to be up, as rage is endemic in our time, and we must recognize, with the eyes of our soul wide open, the source and purpose of this. It is not to bring us closer to God, but to do the exact opposite. If we detect in ourselves the need to bring harm to someone, to hate them so much that we wish (or, yes, even pray for) their destruction or demise – however justified we may think we are – we have crossed that line. Satan has "entered into us", and we become the victims of this most crude of Satanic tools.

When this happens to us, it is time to call fervently on Christ to walk us back, to cool the flames of the rage building in us, by calling on His Holy Name through prayer, through refuge in His love. While it is preferable (but difficult) to acquire a total spirit of detachment and patience, a total absence of anger that we should bear as Christians, it is avoiding the state of rage we must work towards. We must let Christ Himself appeal to our "better angels". Through His help and His action, we will prevent rage from which only leads to committing an outrage.

+Fr. Peter



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Message from the Parish Council President – November 2025

Assumption Family,

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for He is good! Alleluia! Psalm 135

In a world where evil abounds and tragedy has occurred, let us not forget the many, many good things that God has provided us.

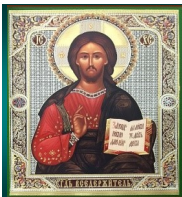
As this year is approaching its end, I have reflected on the many great blessings, God has bestowed upon our church community this year. We have had welcomed new catechumens, we have new members singing with the choir, we have continued our adult education program, we have re-started our church school program, we have acquired and installed a beautiful digital sign, and we have taken affirmative steps to ensure the safety of our parish for years to come. While society entices us to focus and notice the negative, we must remember and give thanks for the wonderful blessings and good things God has bestowed upon us.

As we approach Thanksgiving and the upcoming celebration of Christmas, we will likely find ourselves immersed in commercialism and bombarded by food & gifts. We must fight to remember what the true meaning of what *thanksgiving* actually means.

Instead of using Thanksgiving to get together to drink, eat until you explode and watch football, let us remember the initial intent of the American Thanksgiving holiday - to be thankful and praise God for his many gifts: fair weather, abundant crops, shelter, safety, and health.

In the scriptures, the idea of *thanksgiving* means a devotion, a sacrifice, a praise, or an offering. Thanksgiving is to glorify God as an act of worship, giving thanks for all things as part of God's providence. The true meaning of Thanksgiving focuses upon the relationship between God and man. Thanksgiving begins with acknowledging God as faithful, earnestly giving Him thanks, in advance, for His abundant blessings.

We must remember that giving is one of the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. It's a reminder of how we are to follow Jesus' words to not lay up for ourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves can break in and steal; but, to lay up for ourselves treasures in



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Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves cannot break in and steal.

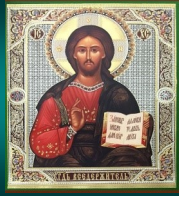
We must not let evil harden our hearts. We live in a society that only cares about one person — “me” or “I.” Selfishness and self-centeredness abound, and we find ourselves caring only how we are going to survive. However, if we understood what humility and giving truly mean we would understand how important it is for us to give rather than to receive.

There is really nothing we can do to pay back the Lord for His generosity for His sacrifice other than striving for true self-sacrificial love. When we begin to understand that there is nothing that God is not in control of; when we choose to walk in His will for our lives; God will eventually and most assuredly deliver us from our enemies and provide for us everything that we need.

Please accept my wishes for a very Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Nativity of Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Nancy Chinonis
Parish Council President



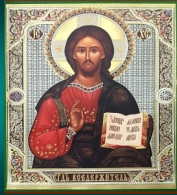
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ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Income Statement Compared with Budget For the Nine Months Ending September 30, 2025

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Current Month Variance	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Variance
Revenues	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Stewardship Receipts	7,020.00	11,833.33	(4,813.33)	121,340.79	106,499.97	14,840.82
Candles Receipts	639.00	666.67	(27.67)	7,331.50	6,000.03	1,331.47
Candles Expense	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	(2,576.00)	2,250.00	(4,826.00)
Trays Receipts	932.00	416.67	515.33	6,182.00	3,750.03	2,431.97
Coffee Hour Tray Receipts	43.00	0.00	43.00	790.00	0.00	790.00
Coffee Hour Expense	(65.23)	0.00	(65.23)	(240.76)	0.00	(240.76)
Hall Rental	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	449.00	749.97	(300.97)
Youth Ministry Income	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	0.00	1,125.00	(1,125.00)
Youth Ministry Expenses	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	0.00	1,125.00	(1,125.00)
Book Store Income	95.00	0.00	95.00	415.00	0.00	415.00
Book Store Expense	(15.99)	0.00	(15.99)	(452.18)	0.00	(452.18)
Donations - General	891.00	0.00	891.00	52,857.41	0.00	52,857.41
Memorial Donations	1,335.00	0.00	1,335.00	8,420.00	0.00	8,420.00
Pascha Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,418.00	0.00	3,418.00
Prosphora 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	263.00	0.00	263.00	7,062.00	0.00	7,062.00
Food Sales Expense	(9.99)	(416.67)	406.68	(5,685.27)	(3,750.03)	(1,935.24)
Miscellaneous Receipts	0.00	666.67	(666.67)	998.24	6,000.03	(5,001.79)
Miscellaneous - Spec Projects	0.00	1,666.67	(1,666.67)	0.00	15,000.03	(15,000.03)
NL Advertising	200.00	0.00	200.00	1,175.00	0.00	1,175.00
Cash Raffle Receipts	2,400.00	4,166.67	(1,766.67)	4,200.00	37,500.03	(33,300.03)
Cash Raffle License Expense	0.00	(4.17)	4.17	0.00	(37.53)	37.53
Cash Raffle Expenses	0.00	(1,833.33)	1,833.33	0.00	(16,499.97)	16,499.97
Golf Outing Receipts	0.00	3,833.33	(3,833.33)	0.00	34,499.97	(34,499.97)
Golf Outing-Sponsors	1,150.00	0.00	1,150.00	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	(28,116.21)	(16,499.97)	(11,616.24)
Fish Fry Receipts	4,657.25	4,666.67	(9.42)	68,645.84	42,000.03	26,645.81
Fish Fry Expenses	(3,141.48)	(2,100.00)	(1,041.48)	(29,408.85)	(18,900.00)	(10,508.85)
Other Fund Raiser Receipts	0.00	291.67	(291.67)	0.00	2,625.03	(2,625.03)
Other Fund Raiser Costs	0.00	(41.67)	41.67	0.00	(375.03)	375.03
Interest Income	0.00	5.00	(5.00)	5.56	45.00	(39.44)
Total Revenues	16,392.56	22,567.51	(6,174.95)	309,426.67	203,107.59	106,319.08

Cost of Sales

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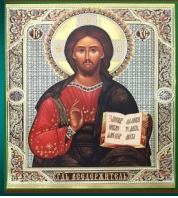
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	Current Month Actual 0.00	Current Month Budget 0.00	Current Month Variance 0.00	Year to Date Actual 0.00	Year to Date Budget 0.00	Year to Date Variance 0.00
Total Cost of Sales	16,392.56	22,567.51	(6,174.95)	309,426.67	203,107.59	106,319.08
Gross Profit						
Expenses						
Priest - Salary & Housing	7,149.34	2,083.33	5,066.01	59,347.39	18,749.97	40,597.42
Priest - Housing Allowance	0.00	3,333.33	(3,333.33)	1,666.67	29,999.97	(28,333.30)
Priest - Auto Allowance	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	0.00	4,500.00	(4,500.00)
Priest - Cell Phone Allowance	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.00	900.00	(900.00)
Priest - Insurance Expense	0.00	416.67	(416.67)	208.33	3,750.03	(3,541.70)
Priest - Payroll Tax	0.00	978.50	(978.50)	1,266.96	8,806.50	(7,539.54)
Ofc/Genl - Salaries	1,325.00	1,333.33	(8.33)	12,655.00	11,999.97	655.03
Ofc/Genl - Payroll Tax	103.16	102.00	1.16	4,651.26	918.00	3,733.26
Pension Expense	0.00	762.17	(762.17)	6,240.00	6,859.53	(619.53)
Accounting Fees	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	1,300.00	900.00	400.00
Security - Alarm	125.40	120.00	5.40	1,072.95	1,080.00	(7.05)
Security - Fire Panel	0.00	133.33	(133.33)	840.00	1,199.97	(359.97)
Dues & Subscriptions	42.57	0.00	42.57	225.92	0.00	225.92
Dues & Subscriptions - Sftware	90.00	150.00	(60.00)	816.00	1,350.00	(534.00)
Parish Total Commitment	2,482.00	2,482.17	(0.17)	22,338.00	22,339.53	(1.53)
Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	43,699.89	0.00	43,699.89
Equipment Rental - Office	0.00	420.83	(420.83)	2,871.24	3,787.47	(916.23)
Insurance - Building	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	8,421.00	9,000.00	(579.00)
Insurance - Workman's Comp	0.00	58.33	(58.33)	637.00	524.97	112.03
Lawn Care/Snow Removal	0.00	833.33	(833.33)	6,000.00	7,499.97	(1,499.97)
Lawn Care - Weed Control	0.00	58.33	(58.33)	654.09	524.97	129.12
Lawn Care - Sprinkler Maint	0.00	11.67	(11.67)	140.00	105.03	34.97
Laundry & Uniforms	59.30	116.67	(57.37)	1,128.22	1,050.03	78.19
Postage & Shipping	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	2,119.57	1,500.03	619.54
Repairs - Goyette	417.50	0.00	417.50	27,952.93	0.00	27,952.93
Maintenance-Goyette	206.00	208.33	(2.33)	5,987.34	1,874.97	4,112.37
Maintenance - VanGuard	0.00	204.17	(204.17)	715.30	1,837.53	(1,122.23)
Repairs - General	0.00	0.00	0.00	642.80	0.00	642.80
Maintenance - General	1,019.80	416.67	603.13	3,144.36	3,750.03	(605.67)
Repairs & Maint - Parking Lot	0.00	625.00	(625.00)	0.00	5,625.00	(5,625.00)
Repairs & Maint - Sidewalks	0.00	208.33	(208.33)	0.00	1,874.97	(1,874.97)
Pest Control	50.00	50.00	0.00	450.00	450.00	0.00
Trash Removal	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	992.85	900.00	92.85
Utilities - Comcast	0.00	916.67	(916.67)	5,490.52	8,250.03	(2,759.51)
Utilities - Consumers	0.00	1,750.00	(1,750.00)	12,548.54	15,750.00	(3,201.46)
Utilities - Water & Sewer	0.00	333.33	(333.33)	2,672.70	2,999.97	(327.27)
Advertising	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	375.03	(375.03)
Bank Charges	0.00	8.33	(8.33)	0.00	74.97	(74.97)

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Square Fees Expense	15.46	125.00	(109.54)	1,530.72	1,125.00	405.72
Square Fees Reimbrmts	(16.00)	0.00	(16.00)	(333.00)	0.00	(333.00)
Computer Expenses	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	0.00	749.97	(749.97)
Continuing Education	0.00	333.33	(333.33)	0.00	2,999.97	(2,999.97)
Contributions - Metropolis	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	1,005.00	749.97	255.03
Contributions - Other	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	375.00	1,500.03	(1,125.03)
Cost of Sales - Non-Fish Fry	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.39	0.00	26.39
Honorariums	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	1,130.00	1,125.00	5.00
Flowers & Gifts	0.00	208.33	(208.33)	2,658.40	1,874.97	783.43
Library, Books, & Journals	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	375.03	(375.03)
Licenses, Fees, & Permits	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	430.00	375.03	54.97
Supplies - Office	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	1,240.70	1,125.00	115.70
Supplies - General	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	555.87	749.97	(194.10)
Supplies - Janitorial	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	384.32	375.03	9.29
Supplies - Kitchen	60.40	166.67	(106.27)	1,584.82	1,500.03	84.79
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	477.31	375.03	102.28
Total Expenses	13,129.93	21,789.83	(8,659.90)	249,962.36	196,108.47	53,853.89
Net Income	\$ 3,262.63	\$ 777.68	\$ 2,484.95	\$ 59,464.31	\$ 6,999.12	\$ 52,465.19

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

Dr. Debra Chinonis	Nov. 4th	Sophia Smith	Nov. 17th
Christakis Photiou	Nov. 5th	Spiridoula Panos	Nov. 18th
Sue Yeotis	Nov. 6th	Ann Lowe	Nov. 20th
Kyriacos Costa	Nov. 7th	John Pavlis	Nov. 21st
Kathy Clinton	Nov. 7th	John Hountalas	Nov. 24th
Eva Drolet	Nov. 7th	Mary Kottalis	Nov. 25th
Zoe Drolet	Nov. 7th	Kelly Chiatalas	Nov. 25th
Selena O'Keefe	Nov. 10th	Olga Steinhoff	Nov. 28th
Chryssoula Kondyles	Nov. 13th	Derek O'Keefe	Nov. 29th
Dimitri Hountalas	Nov. 14th		



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



STEWARDSHIP 2025

THANK YOU to the following faithful stewards who have submitted their pledge cards for 2025. Please join them in their support of our Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and submit your pledge card today!

2025 Proposed Stewardship Budget: \$142,000

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

Bistolarides, Rev. Fr. Peter & Pres. Peggy

Allard, Clyde & Georgia

Altheide, Dena

Anagnostopoulos, Anna

Artemas, Rev. Fr. John

Asa, Darwin † & Barbara

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

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

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2025 Proposed Stewardship Budget: \$142,000

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

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**Philoptochos Society's Annual
Pre-Order**



2025 Holiday Pastry Sale

Thursday, December 11th

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

2245 E. Baldwin Road

Grand Blanc, MI 48439

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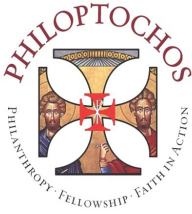
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Sweet Bread (Tsoureki)	\$10.00		
Spinach Pita (Frozen 15 pieces)	\$30.00		
Cheese Triangles (Frozen)	6 for \$10.00		
Baklava (30 pieces)	\$50.00		
Melomacarona (Honey-Spiced Cookie)	3 for \$5.00		
Kourambiethes (with almonds)	3 for \$5.00		
Koulouraki (Butter Twist)	6 for \$5.00		
Variety Gift Box	\$18.00		
TOTAL			

Please make checks payable to **Philoptochos Society** and mail to the church
Philoptochos Society, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 2245 E. Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, MI 48439
For more information, please contact the church at **810-771-4611**



Philoptochos Society - Friends of the Poor!

Dear Sisters:

As I was driving home from church the sun was shining and I thought what a beautiful day. I was reflecting that it was only two weeks ago that an active shooter incident had taken place at a church only a few miles from us. How many times have we heard on the news how this has happened in different communities, grateful it didn't happen here. That is no longer true. I am thankful that we have had and have Parish council members who realized times have changed and measures need to be taken to insure the safety of our parishioners. They have had the foresight to implement certain safety measures to protect our congregants and are continuing to do so. A Safety and Security seminar scheduled for Monday, October 27 has been scheduled. Continued prayers for the families who lost a loved one and the Congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

On a lighter note, on Saturday, October 11, Cathy Yeotis and I joined the Saginaw Philoptochos Chapter on their bus trip to the Dormition Monastery at Rives Junction. It was a beautiful day and unfortunate that more members did not take the opportunity to enjoy this experience with our Sister Chapter.

At our meeting on Tuesday, October 14, we discussed our National Project - Operation Classroom. We are once again coordinating with one of our parishioners who teaches at Durant Turri-Mott gathering information as to what their needs are. They are requesting clear back packs, hand sanitizer and Kleenex tissues to start with along with hats, gloves or mittens. If you would like to donate any of these items, please let one of our Board Members know. We will be donating these items, but they can always use more. This is only part of the program and I will be providing more information later on.

We are also as in the past, collecting food items for FISH of Grand Blanc. Containers are located in the church hall for your donations. The food collected goes to Grand Blanc families. Also being collected are hats, gloves, socks for men, women and children.

We will be baking tsoureki on Wednesday, November 19 and everyone welcome to come and help out.

In closing, let us all be thankful for what we have and to help those less fortunate.

Olga Steinhoff, Philoptochos President



For the small donation of \$20.00 per family listing, your name will appear on
our beautiful Community Christmas Card.

Deadline for Registration:
Sunday, November 30, 2025

May you all have a most blessed Christmas!

Please fill out the form below, cut and mail or bring it personally with your check to
the Church Office. Make checks payable to Philoptochos.

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

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 Code _____

Daughters of Penelope

Iris Chapter 242

Upcoming events:

Saturday, November 22 – District #10 Mid-Year Conference in Saginaw, MI

Sunday, November 23 – Chapter Meeting

Saturday, December 13 – Chapter Meeting at 3:00 PM and AHEPA Family Potluck at 5:00 PM. Also, we will be making fleece blankets for the warming center at Catholic Charities Center for Hope

Photos from...

The Annual Fall Salad Luncheon on October 9



NOTE: REVISED DATE

STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES on ZOOM

Grab a cup of coffee, tea, dinner or snack and participate!

NEXT SESSION:

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2025 from 7 - 9 pm

ZOOM MEETING ID: 987 750 3679

PASSWORD: 3hyfsM

**THREE “PATRIARCHS” - Abraham, Isaac,
Jacob**

Reading: GENESIS, Chapter 12 - 36

We continue our study of the book of Genesis as we look at the lives and activity of three of the great figures of the Old Testament who founded and God’s people and served as examples of faith to them and to us

NOTE: EVERYONE is welcome to participate, but you WILL get more out of these sessions if you have done some reading!



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



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



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

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2025 List of Donors



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- Chinonis, Dennis and Debra
- Chinonis, Nancy and Jeff Lauster
- Dalbo, Helen
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- Kaloydis, John & Karen
- Yeotis, Catherine

Thank you!



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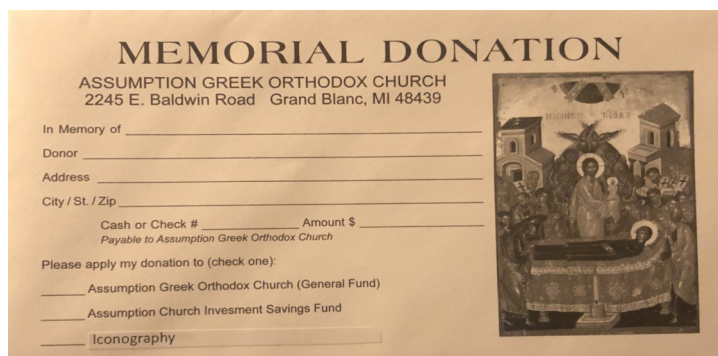
Due to the rising cost of mailing receipts for every donation received by the church, the Parish Council has established the following procedure for receipts:

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', 'City / St. / Zip', 'Cash or Check #', and 'Amount \$'. It also has a section for 'Please apply my donation to (check one):' with options for '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.

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

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	Inactive Parishioner/Non-Member at AGOC-Grand Blanc: See ASSUMPTION GOC MEMBER POLICY on previous page.
No fee for use of the church for sacraments.	\$750 fee for use of the church for Sacraments

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

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	Inactive Parishioner /Non-Member at AGOC-Grand Blanc:
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)	Flat fee of \$1,100 for Hall Rental (includes clean-up) If church dishes are used, dishwasher will be supplied at a cost of \$50. (cannot bring own dishwasher)
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.	

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:

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I/We plan to make this contribution in the form of:

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Authorized Signature: _____

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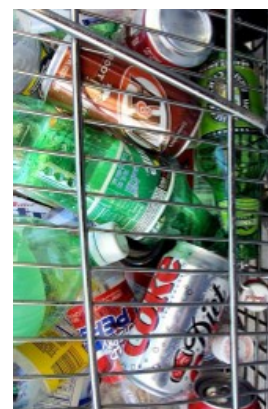
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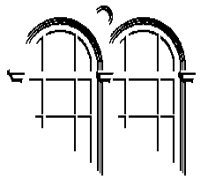
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E-Mail

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FrPeterAGOCGrandBlanc@gmail.com

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