

# THE ASSUMPTION EPISTLE

Koimisis of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church



ASSUMPTION  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

MAY 2024



THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST  
CHRIST IS RISEN! Χριστός Ανέστη!

### CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE



#### SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY

Orthros: 8:45 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

#### ENGLISH LITURGY

Second and fourth Sundays  
10:00 a.m. in the Church

#### WEEKDAY SERVICES

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-3:00pm  
Closed Friday

**FOR CLERGY EMERGENCY  
PLEASE CALL 313-757-4967**

### PHILANTHROPY FORMS AVAILABLE IN CHURCH OFFICE.

Please inform church of those  
with special needs.  
Contact Father Michael or  
Joan DeRonne

### VOLUNTEER

Your time and talent can benefit  
your fellow parishioners

*Call church office for more information.*

### ASSUMPTION ENDOWMENT FUND

Remember our Endowment Fund  
when planning wills and bequests.  
Established in 1993, to insure the  
future care and repair welfare of its  
property and facilities, the fund is  
designed to allow interest only to be  
used for repairs up to \$500,000.

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

Baptism  
March 16, 2024  
Adonis, son of Adrian and Maria Qeraj  
Godparents: Christina Gerazounis and  
Lazaros Sofikitis

April 6, 2024  
Dimitrios, son of Nickolas and Karmen  
Karathanasis  
Godparent: Alex Karathanasis

### FUNERALS

March 21, 2024  
Chrysoula Korovessis

April 17, 2024  
Nick Dionysopoulos

## MAY AT A GLANCE

Monday, May 6 .....No Greek School  
Church office closed  
Montreal Travel Night final meeting

Wednesday, May 8 .....Greek School resumes

Friday, May 10 .....Assumption School Auction

Sunday, May 12 .....GOYA Sunday

Monday, May 13 .....Golf Outing – Cherry Creek  
Greek School

Tuesday, May 14 .....Senior Citizens Luncheon  
Orthodox Life

Wednesday, May 15 .....Greek School Party-Last Day

Thursday, May 16 ..... Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, May 19 ..... Sunday School and Greek School Graduation-Party  
GOYA Meeting  
Festival Greek Dance Practice – Gym

Tuesday, May 21 .....Divine Liturgy – Sts Constantine and Helen

Sunday, May 26 ..... Cemetery Trisagia  
1:00pm Resurrection Cemetery-Orthodox Section  
2:00pm Cadillac Cemetery-Orthodox Section

Monday, May 27 ..... Cemetery Trisagia  
8:00am Gethsemane Cemetery  
9:00am Forest Lawn Cemetery  
10:30am Evergreen Cemetery

## Saturday of Lazarus

Following the Divine Liturgy, Fr. Michael,  
Presvytera Tina, and their family will host  
their annual pancake breakfast. All are  
invited to attend!

## Orthodox Life

Tuesday, May 14

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### GREETERS WELCOMED

Our Welcome and Greeters Committee  
needs volunteers. Please join them as  
they welcome everyone each Sunday.

**Contact Brenda Kotsis at 586-792-3705.**

### STEWARDSHIP DONATIONS HERE

It is easy to make church donations!  
just visit our website  
**goassumption.org**  
and make payments for  
Stewardship, Debt Retirement,  
Special Events, Classes and more.



### GIFT SHOP

#### Did you know...

our gift shop is stocked  
with all your wedding  
and baptismal needs.

We offer embroidered towel  
and sheet sets, St. John  
the Baptist decorative oil  
bottles and witness pins  
in white, blue or pink.

We also offer beautiful stefana,  
stefana boxes and decorated  
candles for your wedding.

PLEASE VISIT  
**assumptionculturalcenter.org**

for the Assumption Brochure  
with all activities at the  
Cultural Center.

# From Father Michael

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Christ is Risen!

In a recent conversation, I was asked to explain the difference between a Christian and an Orthodox Christian and the difference between a parishioner and a steward of the church. I thought my response would be beneficial for others to know. Simply put, Christians are ones who believe in, live their lives according to the teachings of, and love and worship Jesus Christ as their Lord and God. Orthodox Christians are, specifically, Christians who are baptized or chrismated into a canonical Orthodox Christian parish.

From antiquity, it was inconceivable for Orthodox Christians “to exist at large,” that is, without affiliation or enrollment in a local Orthodox Christian parish or, in the case of monks and nuns, a monastery. The parish is where Orthodox Christians are taught the faith, receive the sacraments that nourish their faith, and worship God in the unique and ancient Orthodox Christian manner. That is not possible to do without the local church.

Practically speaking, Orthodox Christianity cannot exist without the presence of or our participation in the local Orthodox parish. After all, the effects are the same: if a local Orthodox church does not exist or if we do not attend it, there is no Orthodox Christianity present! Even if we were baptized into the Orthodox faith as infants, if there is no local church, or if we do not attend, our claim to be Orthodox Christians is debatable.

As Orthodox Christians, we need the local church to be Orthodox Christians; there’s no other way around it. However, the local church (i.e., the parish) also needs Orthodox Christians to exist! Without priests and parishioners, there is no parish church. So, there is a symbiotic relationship between parishioners and parishes because one cannot exist without the other.

Coming occasionally to church or coming only to have a baptism, wedding, or funeral cannot sustain a local parish; at best, it barely survives or experiences a slow decay, leading to its eventual death, which, in turn, threatens the viability of our claim to be Orthodox Christians. For a parish church to exist and flourish, it must be sustained by active and engaged parishioners, young and old. So, baptized or chrismated Orthodox Christians of all ages are parishioners of their local Orthodox Christian parish, and parishioners are Orthodox Christians who regularly attend their local Orthodox church and believe and practice the tenets of the Orthodox Christian faith.

Then, what are Orthodox Christian stewards? Orthodox Christian stewards are adult parishioners or heads of households who formally enroll in the local parish’s registry or roster. They not only attend church services and functions, but they also belong to, are involved in, and are committed to the well-being of the parish. Each year, adult parishioners and heads of households complete and submit a stewardship card stating their contact information, occupation, ministries or activities of interest, and the amount of financial support they intend to contribute to the church during the current calendar year.

Orthodox Christians of all ages who attend the worship services and activities of their local parish are parishioners of that parish, but they are not necessarily stewards. On the other hand, stewards are parishioners who belong, attend, submit their annual stewardship card, and support their local parish by contributing their time, talents, and treasures

to its well-being. It should be noted, pursuant to the Archdiocesan Uniform Parish Regulations, that only stewards of a parish may serve as a godparent at a baptism, a sponsor at a wedding, vote in General Assemblies, serve on the Parish Council, or in a leadership role of any parish ministry.

To be clear, Orthodox Christians must be parishioners of a parish. Parishioners are Orthodox Christians but are only considered stewards if they submit a stewardship card. Parishioners who contribute but do not submit a stewardship card are not stewards and thus have limited capacities to serve the parish. However, the issue is immediately resolved with the completion and submission of a stewardship card. Non-Orthodox Christians who attend Orthodox Christian parishes are faithful congregants or catechumens and, though always welcome, have few privileges since they are not eligible to receive the sacraments, even if they contribute financially to the parish.

Stewards, whether individuals or heads of households, who are actively involved in the parish and in the process of fulfilling their financial pledge are said to be “stewards in good sacramental and financial standing,” and their names are listed in our monthly publication, *The Epistle*, or stewards may request that their names not appear. Parishioners under the age of 18 or college students are under their parents’ stewardship status.

I hope this clarifies what we mean when we use the terms “Orthodox Christian,” “parishioner,” and “steward.” Every parish needs all adult Orthodox Christian parishioners and heads of households to become stewards to ensure the well-being of our local, regional, national, and international Church. In addition to financially supporting our parish, our stewardship commitment is what funds our Metropolis of Detroit, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, and the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. Without our financial support, the welfare of the Church is compromised.

Lastly, to make contributing to our church more convenient and to help us budget accordingly, our parish is using the services of Faith Direct. Faith Direct is a company that helps churches facilitate contributions from their stewards to their respective churches. We encourage our stewards to use Faith Direct to make their contributions. Each month, an amount you specify is withdrawn from your bank account or credit card and deposited in the church’s account. Our stewardship secretary is notified of the transactions, and the secretary credits each steward’s account. Faith Direct automates contributions to our church and spreads those contributions over the year, whether we’re able to attend church or not. Please note, however, that participating in Faith Direct still requires the submission of your stewardship card.

I pray that together, we will all contribute our time, talents, and treasures to help our church grow and flourish for generations to come.

Yours in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Michael N. Varlamos

# Holy Week 2024 Schedule

## APRIL 27, SATURDAY OF LAZARUS

9:00 am	Orthros
10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	Following the Divine Liturgy, Fr. Michael, Presvytera Tina, and their family will host their annual pancake breakfast. All are invited to attend!
	GOYA with HOPE/JOY will make palm crosses and cut the bay leaves following breakfast. GOYA Orthodox Life.

## APRIL 28, PALM SUNDAY

8:45 am	Orthros
10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	A second tray will be passed today for Epitaphio flowers by the Ladies Philoptochos.
	Loukoumades will be offered by the Ladies of Philoptochos
6:00 pm	Bridegroom Service (Holy Week Begins)

## APRIL 29, HOLY MONDAY

6:00 pm	Bridegroom Service
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## APRIL 30, HOLY TUESDAY

6:00 pm	Bridegroom Service
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## MAY 1, HOLY WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm	Holy Unction Service
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## MAY 2, HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 am	Vespers Liturgy of the Last and Mystical Supper
6:30 pm	The Holy Passion Service (Service of the Twelve Gospels)

## MAY 3, HOLY FRIDAY

10:00 am	Service of the Royal Hours
3:30 pm	The Un-nailing of Christ from the Cross
6:30 pm	The Epitaphios Service

## MAY 4, HOLY SATURDAY

10:00 am	Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (Proti-Anastasi)
11:00 pm	Resurrection Service: Orthros and Divine Liturgy followed by an Easter gathering in Fellowship Hall

## MAY 5, HOLY PASCHA

11:00 am	Agape Service followed by HOPE/JOY Easter Egg Hunt
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CHRIST IS RISEN!

## Volunteer Opportunities

Thursday, April 25, at 6:00 pm	Making of the palms. Bring a Lenten dish to share and scissors.
Saturday, April 27 After the Divine Liturgy	Making of the palms
Friday, May 3, at 9:00 am	Decorating the Epitaphio. Bring a Lenten dish to share and scissors.

**Our Assumption GOYA will be selling Greek sweet bread (tsourekia) on Palm Sunday and all of Holy Week.**

**Pascha Lambathes will be available to purchase for your children and godchildren.**

# Sunday of Orthodoxy



# 2024 Oratorical Festival





# Assumption Basketball Season Summary

In March, our Assumption basketball program finished the 2023-24 basketball season with the final games of the OYAA regular season followed by the Pan Orthodox Tournament.

For the OYAA regular season, no standings are kept for the Bidy B and Bidy C divisions, but both of our teams had a lot of success and improvement during the season. We look forward to seeing the continued growth of our youngest players. Thank you to Tanya Kandrevas for coaching both teams. Our Bidy B team participated in the Pan Orthodox Tournament, playing games against Windsor and Nativity, but not advancing in their bracket.

Our Bidy A's had a very good year, staying undefeated and tied for first place all season, but they lost a tough game to St. Lazarus in the final game of the season to finish in 2nd place with a 6-1 record. In the Pan Orthodox Tournament, the A's started off by beating Toronto AHEPA 44-25, behind 25 points from Leo Latinis and 11 points from Christian Pozios. In the quarterfinals, our Bidy A's beat Chicago Papaflessas White 38-28, with Christian Pozios leading the scoring with 14 points, and Leo Latinis adding in 10 points. Unfortunately, our A's lost in the semi-finals to St. Lazarus, 45-43, despite 22 points from Christian Pozios and 15 points from Leo Latinis. Thank you to Louie Melhem and Spero Dionysopoulos for coaching our Bidy A's.

Our Junior Boys finished the regular season in 2nd place with a 9-1 record. In the Pan Orthodox Tournament, the Juniors beat Toronto AHEPA 56-25. Ari Moschouris scored 14 points, and George Pozios and Michael Vespa each scored 12, with Vespa dropping four 3-pointers. In the quarterfinal, the Junior Boys team lost 46-36 to St. Lazarus. Niko Thanasis led the way with 13 points, Niko Cooksey added 12 and George Pozios finished with 11 points. Niko Thanasis was named to the All-Tournament team for the Junior Boys division. Our Junior Boys team was coached by Dean Niforos and Theo Niforos.

The Intermediate Boys team finished undefeated in the regular season at 9-0 and in 1st place. In the Pan Orthodox Tournament, the Intermediates opened with a 64-44 win against St. Mark. Vasili Vasilos scored 23, and Teddy Pozios added 11 points in the game. The team moved onto the semifinals, where they faced Chicago Papaflessas. In a dominating defensive performance, the Intermediates beat Papaflessas 76-46, with Vasili Vasilos leading all scorers with 41 points. In the Championship game, our Intermediates faced Nativity/St. Nicholas. In one of the most outstanding games in tournament history, our Intermediates beat Nativity/St. Nicks 82-79. Vasili Vasilos was again the lead scorer, with 42 points in the final, Christos Marselis scored 12 and Teddy Pozios added 10 points. Vasili Vasilos was named the MVP of the Intermediate division, with Teddy Pozios and Lefteri Theodorou named to the All-Tournament team. Our Intermediate Boys team was coached by Theo Pozios, George Bekios and Max Pozios.

The Assumption Senior White team finished the season with a 3-5 record. In the Pan Orthodox Tournament, the team lost their first game 63-46 to Chicago Armenian. Theo Niforos scored 17 in the game, and Max Pozios added 10. In the 2nd game, our White team lost to St. Nicholas 52-39, despite 19 points from Mikey Clark and 13 from Theo Niforos. Our Assumption Senior Blue team finished the regular season in 1st place with a 7-1 record. In the Tournament, the White team opened with a 62-52 win against Toronto AHEPA. Dennis Pozios led the team with 18 points and Pete Patsalis scored 16. The following game, the team bowed out to eventual Senior Champion St. John Armenian, 44-19.

We had very successful season overall, with our combined teams finishing with a record of 42-13 for the season and tournament. Thank you to all of the players, coaches and families for their support of the Assumption Basketball program this past season. We look forward to seeing everyone next season, and hopefully welcoming several new players into our program.

## CONGRATULATIONS INTERMEDIATE DIVISION CHAMPS!







Jr. Boys



Int Boys



Biddy B and Biddy C



Biddy A

# METROPOLIS SUMMER CAMP

**THE METROPOLIS OF DETROIT SUMMER CAMP (MDSC), LOCATED IN ROSE CITY, MICHIGAN, IS STILL ACCEPTING CAMPER REGISTRATION FOR THE UPCOMING 2024 CAMP SEASON THROUGH THE MDSC WEBSITE: [WWW.GOMDSC.ORG](http://WWW.GOMDSC.ORG).**

**WE ENCOURAGE ALL ASSUMPTION YOUTH FROM GRADE 3 - 11 TO EXPERIENCE THIS OUTSTANDING SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM.**

**TUITION FOR 2024 IS \$575 PER WEEK.**

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CAMP AND ITS PROGRAMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE, BUT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE SEE ALEX MALIAN OR DEAN NIFOROS WHO SERVE ON THE MDSC BOARD.**



# Greek School Times

By Elli Patouhas, Principal

Χριστός Ανέστη

May is here! This year went by too fast and our summer vacation is just around the corner.

Throughout the year the students learned Greek reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary and conversation. Special attention was given to Greek culture.

The Greek Afternoon School presented two cultural programs; in December we celebrated the Holidays with a wonderful Christmas show, and in March we honored our Greek Independence Day with a beautiful program of poems, songs, and dances. The children did a wonderful job. A large turnout of relatives and friends were present to support the students.

The last day is on Wednesday, May 15. Our Greek Afternoon school will celebrate the Graduation Day on Sunday, May 19, and the students will receive Certificates of Promotion.

Congratulations teachers and students for a job well done!

Καλό Καλοκαίρι!

## VI HADGIKOSTI, RECIPIENT INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S AWARD 2024

Vi Butsicaris Hadgikosti embraced her Greek heritage her entire life. A graduate of Western Michigan University in Elementary Education with Spanish and English minors, Vi dedicated her career to the educational development of students. She was the recipient of many awards at Western including the AWS All Women's Student Award.. She went on to receive her master's degree in educational leadership at Wayne State University.

A resident of Detroit and the suburbs, Vi went on to raise her family of two daughters, Carolyn, an attorney and Stacie, an Actor. She taught in Grosse Pointe Schools for 30 years. She was also very active in her community teaching and leading the Sunday School program at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and youth programs for her daughters at Liggett School.

Vi has been part of the Administration of Assumption Nursery School and its School Committee, the Church Office and leads an outreach program for seniors, homebound and those in hospitals and nursing homes. The entire parish participates during all holidays to visit these special recipients and let them know they are thought of although not present. Vi continues to reach out at all other times of the year by calling directly and reaching hundreds by these actions of caring and connecting and oversight. Vi has also been active in the Assumption Ladies Philoptochos Society and their philanthropic work for many years.

One of Vi's most important contributions to the City of Detroit, is recording her family's legacy - The historic Lindell AC!! For half a century, the legendary Lindell AC bar in downtown Detroit was a mecca for visiting athletes, sports fans, hometown heroes, and media personalities. When it closed, it silenced a period of history. Through Vi's efforts, the Detroit Historical Museum and the Hellenic Museum of Michigan paid tribute to Vi's family and the Lindell with the exhibit, "Meet Me at the Lindell".

Today, Vi continues her volunteer programs at Assumption and travels to see her family and dearest grandchildren, Ava, and Zoe.



# Assumption Golf Outing Registration Form

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Golfer(s) & Dinner @ 150 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Gold Sponsor – \$2,000** - includes 4 golfers and  
3 months advertising in Assumption Epistle

**Silver Sponsor – \$1,500** - includes 3 golfers and  
3 months advertising in Assumption Epistle

**Bronze Sponsor – \$500** - includes 1 golfer and  
3 months advertising in Assumption Epistle

## HOLE SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hole(s) @ \$150 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My Hole Sponsorship Placard Should Read as Follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# ASSUMPTION GOLF OUTING

**MAY 13 2024**

Registration Fee: \$150 per player  
Shotgun start at 10:00 am

Cherry Creek Golf Club  
52000 Cherry Creek Dr  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Registration Here or Online at  
[goassumption.org](http://goassumption.org)

2024 Assumption Golf Outing  
Monday, May 13th, 2024

9:00am Registration  
10:00am Shotgun Start

\$150 Per Golfer

Includes:

- 18 Holes of Scramble Golf and Cart
- Lunch On Course
- Dinner and Open Bar at 3pm at Cherry Creek Golf Club
- Merchandise Prizes

For More Information  
Contact Assumption Church  
Office (586) 779-6111 or  
Theo Pozios (586) 322-2112

Please Note: If you would like your company logo on the sponsorship sign, a high quality JPG or PNG file needs to be sent to [poziostheo@gmail.com](mailto:poziostheo@gmail.com) by MAY 1st

Payment appreciated prior to event. Make Checks Payable to:  
Assumption Greek Orthodox Church  
21800 Marter Road • St. Clair Shores, Michigan 48080

# Philoptochos News & Events

*Sheryl Zachary*

There is a lot going on for the ladies of the Philoptochos especially at this time of year. With the plans for Lent and Holy Week coming quickly, there is a lot of planning that needs to be done.

The March Meeting started with a donation of \$500 for the Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos No-Show Fund Raiser honoring First Responders, Veterans and current military personnel.

President Lydia Villeneuve shared that she gave a report to the parish council regarding what the Philoptochos had done since September 2023. As she said, the group is not just coffee hours and bake sales. From September through January the ladies have donated over \$11,000 to those in need Internationally, Nationally, on a Metropolis level and locally.

This month is no different. The ladies voted to donate to the following National Philoptochos commitments: Orthodox Mission Fund \$300, Support mission priest \$300, Holy Cross/ Hellenic Collage \$1,000 and Metropolis commitment for HC/HC Scholarship Fund \$500.

We also voted to send a donation of \$1000 to our Metropolis summer camp in Rose City. Any child that wants to go to camp should be able to go even if it is not affordable for the family. Please contact the Metropolis office or local Philoptochos chapter if assistance is needed.

The ladies are also sending \$1000 to IOCC who are first to respond to natural disasters, aid for war or any other situation that needs relief. This is such a worthy organization.

We currently have 77 paid members. Please pay your dues as soon as possible - they are \$30 and some of the money goes to the Metropolis Philoptochos and some to National Philoptochos to aid their efforts in taking care of those in need.

Each year the Philoptochos sends money to the St. Basil Sisterhood. This money helps with on going care for graduates and also helps fund the graduation ceremony. This year the ladies are sending \$250 to help out.

## Outreach

FOCUS Detroit – Collecting school items and personal hygiene products through May. Please see flyers in bulletin and Epistle for list of items needed.

World Medical Relief – This organization helps internationally, nationally and locally. They refurbish and supply medical supplies at no cost to the recipients. They have wheel chairs, pace makers, canes and other devices. Barbara Tecos is going to get more information on how we can help in the future with this wonderful cause.

Ladies have been helping serve lunch in March and April at Capuchin Kitchen in Detroit. Penny Nix will let us know of more opportunities in the future.

We have a group of ladies scheduled to work at Forgotten Harvest in May. More opportunities will be available in the future.

Lydia reported that there will be an additional rest room added to the foyer area of the church maybe available before Easter. They have also ordered a new Bishops Throne from Greece. Coming in the next few months.

## UPCOMING DATES

- April 17, 2024      Presanctified Liturgy 6pm      Lenten Dish to Pass
- April 25, 2024      Making Palms 6pm      Lenten Dish to Pass
- April 27, 2024      Saturday of Lazarus – Palms      Pancake Breakfast
- April 28, 2024      Palm Sunday 6am to learn      Loukoumathes
- May 2, 2024      Dyeing Easter Eggs 8am      Lenten Dish to pass
- May 3, 2024      Decorating Epitaphio 9am      Lenten Dish to pass
- May 15th      May Meeting – 7pm at the Center
- June 19th      June Meeting – 7pm at the Center



# Walk MS: Rochester, MI 2024

**Saturday, May 11, 2024**

Site opens 9:00 a.m. Event starts 10:00 a.m.  
Choice of 1 mile or 3 mile route



Municipal Park  
400 6th Street  
Rochester, MI 48307



**Join Our Team!**

## Queenia's Quest for a Cure

To join our team and/or to donate go to:

<https://events.nationalmssociety.org/participant/GeniaKavadas-Pappas>

**OR**

Mail donations with checks payable to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.  
**Include team name, "Queenia's Quest for a Cure," on the memo line, and mail to the following address:**  
**National Multiple Sclerosis Society, ATTN: Walk MS Staff,  
29777 Telegraph Rd., Suite 1651, Southfield, MI 48034**

*All donations go to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for funding research, driving change through advocacy, facilitating professional education, and providing programs and services that help people with multiple sclerosis and their families. Donations are tax deductible.*

# Senior Citizens

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Dear Seniors and Assumption Parishioners,

May you all have a Happy Easter and Kali Anastasi!

Our luncheon started with a prayer from Father Michael and we were all very happy to see him to join us with his delightful presence.

The seniors enjoyed the food and the company of their friends as well as the excellent services of Mr. Marchiori and his staff. Our senior board appreciated the donations from the individuals who helped us in various ways.

This month the winner of the 50/50 raffle ticket was John Hatzis. He won \$100.00 and donated it back to our club. Fotini Latini brought a beautiful fruit basket and donated it for the raffle ticket. We also had a beautiful basket with various goodies for the raffle.

Lambrini Triantes and Clara Baldwin donated money for the two plants under the crucifixion and one anonymous member donated money for the souls of her beloved family.

Each member received an icon of St. George and Meropie gave a speech about St. George and what he represents to our faith.

Again and again, our senior board thanks all the members and their friends who support our club any way they can and most of all, we enjoy the friendship we have for each other. May our Lord Jesus bless us and continuously flourish our friendship for each other in all our lives.

Our next luncheon will be May 14, 2024 and we will celebrate MOTHER'S DAY.

Changed through meditation. Meditation means "to think deeply and continuously about something." For a Christian, this means remaining in the presence of God and pondering each truth He reveals about Himself until it becomes real and personal in your life. This takes time. In the sermon on the mountain, Jesus accused certain would be followers of calling Him "Lord" and yet never doing what He told them (Luke 6:46). They had the correct truth in their heads, but it had never translated into obedience. When you meditate on scriptures, the truth moves from your head to your heart and results in obedience. As the Psalmist said: "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You." (Psalm 119:11)

When you know God's word in your mind, but not in your heart, it means that you have learned the principles and concepts and doctrines of God, but you have not come to know Jesus personally. You can reject a doctrine or ignore a concept, or challenge a principle, but it is more difficult to ignore a person. You can have scripture in your mind and still sin against God. There are those who can recite long passages of scripture and yet live ungodly lives.

However, you cannot have scripture fill your heart and continue sin against God. When God's truth is allowed to touch the deepest corner of your soul, the Holy Spirit will transform you into the image of Jesus Christ. Don't just read the bible, meditate on God's word and ask Him to change your heart. Amen

With all my love for you in Christ,

Kalliopy



# Stewardship 2024

Please complete your Stewardship commitment by going to [goassumption.org](http://goassumption.org) General Donation.

You may contribute on line through Faith Direct or Paypal and complete your Stewardship card on line as well.

For those who have signed up for Faith Direct we thank you. Remember you still need to complete a Stewardship Card.

For those who have not returned their card, please bring to church office.

## 2024 Stewardship Chairpersons

Spero Dionysopoulos

Nick Moschouris

### GRAND BENEFACTORS

*As of April 18, 2024*

Mr. Andre Ahee  
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Andoni  
Drs. Effie and Gust Bills  
Dr. and Mrs. Nicholas Bournias  
Mrs. Kalliopy Callas  
Robert and Pamela Clark  
Mr. and Mrs. John Dallas  
Mrs. Virginia Gazezis  
Patricia Giftos  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Giftos  
Gomez-Kohl Family  
Ms. Viola Hadgikosti  
Dirk and Thana Hedglin  
The Homsy Family  
Dr. and Mrs. Steven Kalkanis and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kefallinos  
Mr. Harry Kefalonitis  
The Kinsora Family  
Chrysanthe Kotsis Kohl  
Mr. and Mrs. John Kohl  
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Kotsis  
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Macres  
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Dr. and Mrs. Ari Thanasas  
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He is survived by his cherished wife of 47 years, Maria ; adored children, Frank, Spero (Emanouella), and Steven; dear grandchildren, Nefeli, Nikolaos, and Aristotelis; as well as many brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024

May his memory be eternal

CHRYSOULA KOROVESSIS



Chrysoula, age 100, died March 15, 2024 in Harper Woods, Michigan. Born January 27, 1924 to Artemis Pantelakis and Maria Maragouthakis. Chrysoula was devoted to her family. She lovingly passed on her Greek traditions through her devotion to her faith as well as customary clothing and foods, especially grape leaves. Chrysoula was also a long-standing member of the Cretan Ladies Society. In her free time,

Chrysoula loved tending to her flower gardens.

Beloved Wife to the late Konstandinos Korovessis. Doting Mother of Betsy (Anthony Handroyiannis) Korovessis and Jimmy Korovessis. Dear Sister of Lefteris, Eleni, George, Stafanos, Georgia, Kosta, Nicolas, Yiannis, and their spouses. Chrysoula leaves behind many caring nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Her funeral was held Thursday, March 21, 2024

May her memory be eternal.

## REMEMBERING SENIOR ACTIVITIES LEADERS



From February Epistle 2007: Senior exercise teachers and volunteers gather for Christmas luncheon. Father Tom, Coordinator Elizabeth Shammas assisted by Kay Ganas and Helen Arambages join teachers Estelle Lolea, Eleanor Haezebrouck and Marge Bowman (not pictured Donna Lally), Parish Council President, George Petrouleas

Kay Ganas and Elizabeth Shammas offered their time and talent for years faithfully managing the Senior Exercise program for our parishioners.

They provided lunch for those who stayed for fellowship afterward. Forerunners of keeping seniors active and healthy as they lived longer lives, they did so without recognition.

Kay passed away March 9, 2024 and Elizabeth July 5, 2023.

The program continues and their kindness will always be remembered.

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June 14-15

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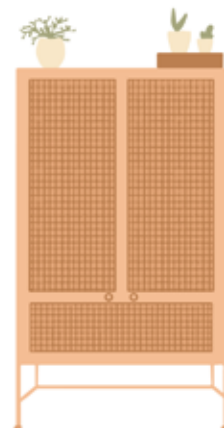
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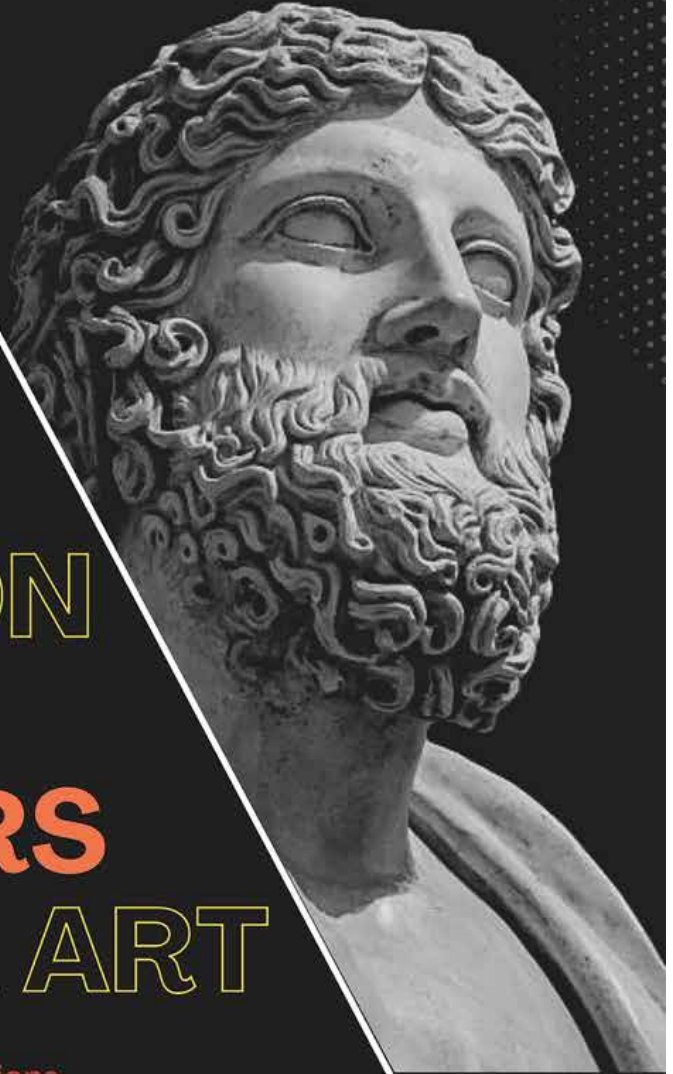
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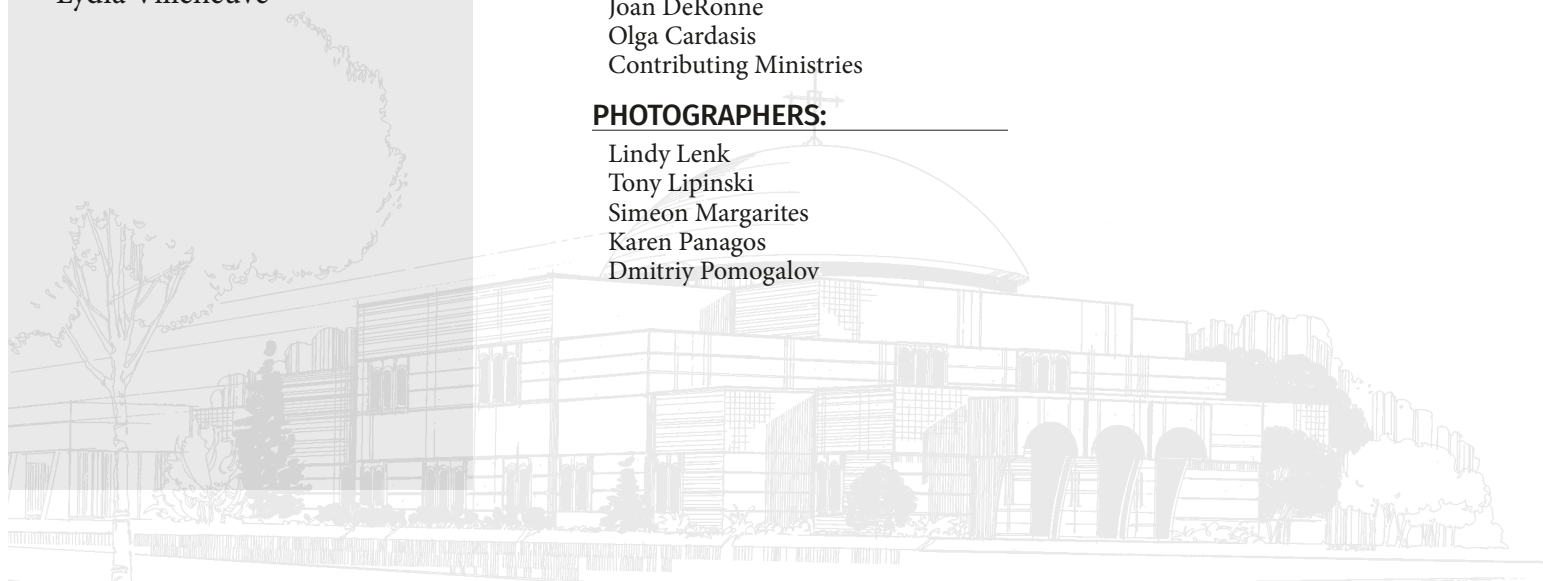
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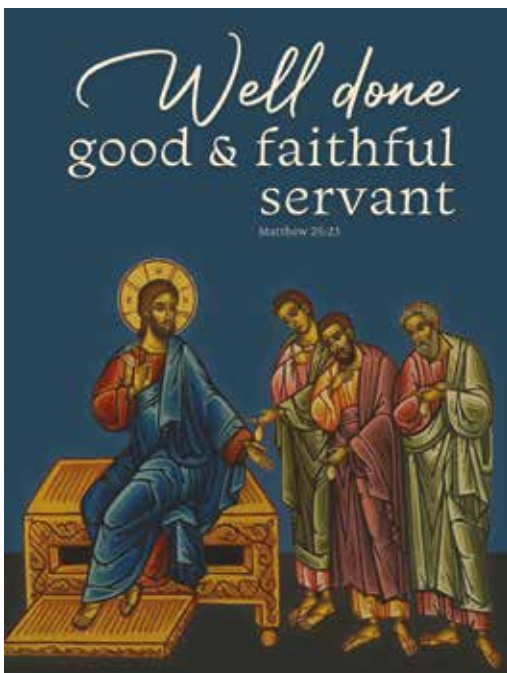




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