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PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Detroit held its November 2026 meeting on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. President Harry Harris called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. Father George led all in attendance with an opening prayer.

The minutes of the October 6, 2026 Parish Council meeting were then read and following a minor correction with the date of the September's 2026 Treasurer's report presented at that meeting, the minutes were accepted with the date correction.

The Treasurer's report for the 10 months ended October 31, 2026 was then presented. October 2026 is the second consecutive month in 2026 with revenues exceeding expenses. The October 31, 2026 financials reflected a $2,000.00 general donation from the Annunciation Philoptochos and approximately 90% of the net profit from the Cathedral's annual Fall Cash Raffle. The year-to-date October 31, 2026 deficit of the Cathedral is $51,619.05. Our work through the end of the current calendar year continues to include watching all our expenses and minimizing them whenever possible.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Harry Harris reported:

- Long-time parishioner Elias Politis passed away on October 31, 2026. Mr. Politis will lay in state at the Cathedral, Thursday evening, November 5, 2026, and his funeral will be held on Friday, November 6, 2026. May his memory be eternal.
- All Parish Council members who attended the October 29, 2026 meeting at the Metropolis office were thanked for their attendance and participation. The meeting addressed the Finance Committee proposed changes to Father George's annual compensation that would allow budgeting to an exact annual amount.
- The annual Fall Cash Raffle held October 15, 2026 was a success and everyone was thanked for their participation.
- The Book Club met on Thursday evening, October 22, 2026, discussing their selection, "Saint Peter, Flawed, Forgiven and Faithful". The next selected reading is "Believing is Seeing", more details forthcoming.
- The weekend of Saturday, November 7th and Sunday, November 8th, the Cathedral will be preparing a hot meal and then serving the meal for the less fortunate of the community of St. Peter and Paul Parish in Detroit. The morning of the 7th, the meal will be prepared in the 707 East kitchen and on Sunday, the 8th, the meal is transported to the St. Peter and Paul Parish and served to their guests. This semi-annual mission of the Cathedral is a very rewarding experience for all who volunteer and you are urged to participate the next time the event is scheduled.
- The Fall General Assembly of the Annunciation Cathedral will be held following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 15, 2026. On this same date, the Annunciation Philoptochos will be sponsoring their annual Veterans' Day Salad Bar Luncheon. All parishioners are urged to enjoy the luncheon and attend the General Assembly meeting.

- Elections for Parish Council members terms that are expiring December 31, 2026 will be held on December 6, 2026. Please contact the Cathedral office for a Parish Council nomination form if you are interested in running for election for a Parish Council membership or if you wish to nominate a Cathedral parishioner to be included on the ballot.
- The Cathedral received a $3,000.00 from Ahepa Chapter 371 to assist those in need this upcoming holiday season. Please inform Father Geoge, the Church office or any Parish Council member of any parishioners, family or friends that you are aware of who may be in need of assistance this holiday season.
- The next Parish Council meeting will be held Tuesday, December 1, 2026.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **BUILDING COMMITTEE** -Committee chair Jim Boloven reported things have been quiet with no urgent repair issues. There are cracked floor tiles on the floor near the elevator. Their repair requires repairs to cement beneath the tiles and is a repair that must be addressed during warmer weather next spring.

  There are several missing ceiling tiles in the kitchen area to be addressed. The refinishing of all the exterior wooden doors was also discussed. This is also a warm weather project. The doors have all been sealed for protection for the upcoming winter season.

  The carpet in the office, conference room, hallway and stairwell is in need of a deep cleaning. Several Parish Council members volunteered to secure quotes for this service.

- **RAFFLE COMMITTEE** - Committee chair Tony Panson reported that the annual Fall Cash Raffle resulted in an overall net profit of $16,078.41. This profit is a bit less than 2025 inasmuch as 13 less tickets ($1,300.00) were sold. Nevertheless, this annual fundraiser resulted in a profit to the Cathedral and a sincere thank you to all that participated in any capacity.

- **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE** - The next meeting of the Stewardship Committee is scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was a brief discussion of some of the items addressed during the recent October 29, 2026 meeting at the Metropolis office referred to during President Harris' report above.

NEW BUSINESS

- Due to the absence of the Cathedral's organist, there will be no choir on Sunday, November 15, 2026. The choir will return on Sunday, November 8, 2026.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. with a closing prayer. Please contact any Parish Council member for any additional information, questions or concerns you may have.