



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Detroit held its October 2026 meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2026. President Harry Harris called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Father George led all in attendance in reciting the Lord's prayer. The minutes of the September 6, 2026 meeting were read and after some discussion and a correction, were accepted as corrected.

The Treasurer's report for the nine months ending September 30, 2026 was then presented. Financial activity for the month of September was favorable with revenues exceeding expenses, however the year-to-date September 30, 2026 financials reflect a deficit of just over \$65,000.00. The Cathedral remains current with all its bills and vendors and continues to be fortunate to be able to fund this year-to-date deficit from savings. Minimization of all Cathedral expenses across the board is the top priority of the Finance Committee. Following the discussion of certain line items of the September 30, 2026 balance sheet and revenue and expense statement, the report was accepted as presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Harry Harris reported:

- President Harry Harris and Vice-President Will Lianos met with Metropolitan Nicholas and chancellors, Father Nick and Father Theodor on Thursday, September 24, 2026 to present the proposed compensation changes (fixed budget verses a variable budget for Father's auto, parsonage and health insurance allowances). The Cathedral's financial information was shared during this meeting. We are currently awaiting their analysis and they will be in contact with their comments and recommendations regarding the Finance Committee's proposed compensation changes. There was no other information to report other than the all those in attendance of the meeting were respectful with one another as Harry and Will explained the need for these proposed changes. The hopeful end result is that going forward, the Cathedral will know the exact cost of Father's compensation package for annual budgetary purposes.
- Monastery visit on Saturday, September 24, 2026 went well. The twelve parishioners who attended experienced excellent hospitality from Father Joseph and Michael. Their small group allowed them to receive an up close and detailed tour of the monastery. The nine monks residing there maintain the entire facility.
- The Metropolis is hosting a "Parish Planned Giving" seminar on Saturday, October 10, 2026. This seminar has been noted in prior Parish Council Communiques and will be attended by Parish Council members Irene Naida and Jamie Spriet.

- There are weddings scheduled at the Cathedral on Saturday, October 10th and Sunday, the 11th.
- Sunday, October 18th, memorial service to be held for Tina Tapazaglou.
- Thursday, October 22, 2026 the Book Club will be meeting. The book selection is "Saint Peter Flawed, Forgiven and Faithful" by Stephen J. Binz. The book may be purchased on Amazon for \$14.95 plus tax. Please contact Pano Papalekas for any additional information.
- Special thank you to John Cook and his friend Steve Sanderson for power cleaning and painting the 707 East stairwell entrance.
- Thanks as well to Mike Tyler for applying sealer to the exterior wooden Narthex doors to prevent any further damage due to exposure. Various permanent maintenance remedies to be reviewed going forward.
- Sunday, October 25th, the Sunday School students will be decorating Halloween pumpkins.
- Sunday, October 25th, memorial service to be held for Dino Kontos.
- Meal Preparation and Meal Serving for St. Peter and Paul to be held on Saturday, November 7th and Sunday, November 8th. Volunteers are need for meal preparation at the Cathedral on the 7th and then transporting the meals to St. Peter & Paul on the 8th along with serving the meals. Participating in this semi-annual mission of the Cathedral is a very rewarding experience and you are urged to participate. Please contact Will Lianos at wlianos@cignet.net to volunteer or for any additional information. Money donations are also welcome to help defray the cost of the meals to the Cathedral.
- Fall General Assembly meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 15, 2026.
- The next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

CORRESPONDANCE:

- Metropolis of Detroit is planning a Byzantine Concert at the Cathedral on Saturday, March 6, 2027. More details to follow inasmuch as the event is in the planning stages. President Harry Harris to be working with Metropolis personnel regarding this proposed event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE-** No additional reporting other than those of the President included in his report above.
- **BUILDING COMMITTEE-** Everything working well per committee chair Jim Boloven. His thanks to Mike Tyler and John Cook for their work as previously addressed in the President's report. There are several HVAC invoices needing Jim' review with our HVAC vendor.
- **RAFFLE COMMITTEE-** The raffle is Thursday, October 15, 2026. Discussion centered on finalizing the raffle dinner head count and the status of the number of raffle tickets sold. There is always time to purchase a raffle ticket if you have yet to do so. Please contact the Church office or raffle chair, Tony Panson (734) 775-1297 for ticket information.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Cathedral received a \$7,000.00 donation from Ahepa Chapter 371 to defray 50% of our recent June 2026 roof repair expense of \$14,000.00. Vice-President Will Lianos thanked the Ahepa chapter for their generous assistance and will formerly send them a letter of thanks on behalf of the Cathedral.

NEW BUSINESS:

- It was brought to everyone's attention that we are not utilizing the Cathedral's alarm system on a consistent basis. The Cathedral is paying for this service and it is in our best interest to utilize it consistently every day. Everyone was reminded that the last person leaving the Cathedral each day should make sure that the thermostats are properly adjusted, all lights are turned off and the alarm is set when they leave the building.
- Sunday, October 25, 2026 - Detroit Cretans "Pseloretas" Annual Memorial, Artoklasia and Coffee hour.
- Sunday October 25, 2026 – Makedonia Association "Aristotelis" Detroit Chapter Annual Memorial, Artoklasia and Coffee hour.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. with a closing prayer. Please contact any Parish Council member for any additional information, questions or concerns you may have.