



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Detroit held its September 2026 meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. President Harry Harris called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and all in attendance recited the Lord's prayer.

The minutes of the August 11, 2026 meeting were read and accepted as presented,

The Treasurer's report for the eight months ended August 31, 2026 was then presented. The year-to-date financials reflect a deficit of just under \$79,000. The Cathedral is current with all its bills and vendors and has been fortunate to date to be able to fund this deficit from savings. Minimization of all Cathedral expenses continues to be a priority. Following a discussion of the August 2026 financials, the August 31, 2026 Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Harry Harris reported:

- The Metropolis is sponsoring a seminar on endowments, "Parish Planned Giving," on Saturday, October 10, 2026. As discussed in last month's Parish Council Communique, the intent of the project is to seed an endowment fund of \$25,000.00 to 10 parishes that each matches the \$25,000.00. President Harris and Parish Council member Irene Naida are planning to attend the seminar on behalf of the Cathedral.
- Fourteen (14) Cathedral parishioners attended the Detroit Tigers baseball game on Sunday, August 31, 2026. All in attendance enjoyed attending the game despite the Tigers loss.
- A bus trip to the Holy Trinity Monastery is being planned for Saturday, September 26, 2026. The plan is to leave the Cathedral at approximately 9:00 a.m. on that morning. A donation of \$32.00 from each person planning to attend is anticipated to cover the transportation costs to the monastery. Please contact Will Lianos via email (wlianos@cignet.net) or via telephone (313-850-6251) if you are interested in attending.
- Parishioners are reminded that there is no coffee hour after the Divine Liturgy on Sundays when the Detroit Lions are playing a home football game at Ford Field.
- The next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, October 6, 2026.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Harry Harris and Will Lianos, both committee members, reported that they met with Father George to discuss the committee's recommendations. The committee recommends to "freeze" Father's current compensation (not reduce it) to create allowances for Father's housing/utilities, his vehicle fuel and maintenance and his family's health insurance. The committee also recommended to consider reducing the hours the Cathedral office is open by one day a week as a cost savings measure. These recommendations to be discussed and reviewed with the Metropolitan and the Diocese chancellors at a meeting to be held in the immediate future.

Will Lianos also indicated the he met with members of Ahepa Chapter #371 to request some financial assistance with regard to our recent roof repair that totaled \$14,000.00. This expense is one of several creating our year-to-date deficit of \$78,000.00. It is anticipated that the Cathedral will receive some financial assistance from Ahepa Chapter #371 to defray a portion of this expense.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Committee chair Jim Boloven reported that the HVAC systems has worked satisfactorily these warm summer months with no necessary repairs. The Committee also has some outdoor projects to be addressed before the fall weather turns. These projects to be performed by Parish Council members and any interested parishioners. Details to follow.

707 EAST COMMITTEE: Committee members recently met with representatives of Ernie's Catering to discuss marketing strategies for 707 East. Many have noticed more recognition of 707 East on Facebook. It was also suggested that 707 East promotional information be sent with anyone requesting a wedding or baptism to be performed at the Cathedral.

RAFFLE COMMITTEE- Everyone was reminded that the annual Fall Cash Raffle is only a few weeks away and that everyone who has tickets to sell, to please do so. We also need a minimum of 70 guests to attend the raffle dinner that evening. If you have not purchased a raffle ticket, please consider doing so to help the Cathedral. The Fall Cash Raffle is the only annual fund raiser of the Cathedral. Please contact any Parish Council member or call the Cathedral office at 313-965-2988 for both raffle and dinner ticket information.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: It was reported that due to the high cost of property insurance for most Greek Orthodox churches, the Archdiocese is currently looking into securing pooling coverage on a national basis to possibly diminish the cost for most parishes. The annual property insurance for the Cathedral is just under \$27,000.00, any relief of this considerable expense would be welcome.

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.