



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Detroit Parish Council held its November, 2024 meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. President William G. Lianos called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 7:15pm upon the arrival of Father George. The meeting commenced with Father George leading all those present in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the October 1, 2024 Parish Council meeting were read and accepted as presented. The Treasurer's report year to date September 30, 2024 was then presented and reviewed. Treasurer, Tony Panson, indicated that all Parish invoices to date have been paid. The September 30, 2024 financials reflect receipts, after specific use donations, in excess of expenses of \$22,974. Our current financial situation continues to be stable and on budget.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- There was none to be presented

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- President Lianos reminded all Council members that this Sunday, November 10, 2024, is the Fall General Assembly (GA) meeting and urged everyone to attend and for each to remind their fellow parishioners to also attend to assure a quorum is met for this semi-annual meeting.
- The Philoptochos will be sponsoring a luncheon on this Sunday, November 10, 2024. Everyone is urged to enjoy lunch and then to stay and attend the GA meeting.
- The Motor City Orthodox Conference held Saturday and Sunday, November 2nd and November 3rd in 707 East and in the Cathedral was well attended and proceeded smoothly. The organization has requested the first weekend in November, 2025 to hold the event once again at 707 East and the Cathedral. Tentative approval was given depending on the Detroit Lions 2025 football schedule which is revealed next Spring and it may necessary to reschedule the event one weekend back or forward depending on that schedule.
- The Pan-Orthodox Vespers to be held at the Cathedral on Sunday, March 9, 2025.
- In a continuous effort to have a small event for parishioners to participate in on a monthly basis in addition to attending the Divine Liturgy, Sunday, December 8, 2024 has been designated as the day to "Decorate the Annunciation Cathedral for Christmas". After Church, the Christmas Tree will be trimmed and other decorations will be put up. Refreshments, Christmas music and caroling are also planned. More details to follow.
- Parish Council elections for those Council members with expiring terms to be held in December, 2024. More information will be available at this Sunday's Fall GA meeting.
- The December 2024 Parish Council meeting will be held Tuesday, December 3, 2024

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Book Club - Pano Papalekas is chairing this group. The book selected is "The Orthodox Way". 15 copies of the publication are available and approximately 6 parishioners have already secured one of the copies. Those interested may pick up a copy from a Council member in the Narthex when attending Church on Sunday. A separate email flyer regarding the Book Club and the publication to be sent to all parishioners in the near future. The Sunday bulletin also includes information regarding the Book Club.
- Fall Cash Raffle – The Fall Cash Raffle was held Thursday, October 17, 2024. The event was a success. A total of 226 total tickets were sold (the exact same number of tickets as in 2023). There were 92 guests for dinner the evening of the drawing. The net profit of the event, after donations from some of the winners to date, was \$15,150. This was just a few dollars greater than the 2023 net profit of \$15,122. Chairman, Tony Panson, thanked everyone that assisted, in whatever capacity, for their hard work in making the event, once again, the Cathedral's sole annual fund raiser, a continued success.
- Building Committee- The electrical work for the dimmer switches for the new chandeliers is expected to be performed the week of November 11, 2024.
- Altar Boys- Father George indicated that the scheduling of altar boys to service on Sundays through the Fall continues at a favorable pace.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Father George reminded us that the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood, Chapter 9 "Spanos/Areti of Detroit, will be having an Artoklasia, memorial and coffee hour on Sunday, November 24, 2024 celebrating their patron Saints of Ikaria.
- Background checks for various volunteers serving the Parish were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Ahepa Chapter #371 has donated \$2,500.00 to the Cathedral to address those in need during the holiday season. Father George along with the Annunciation Philoptochos to work closely for the best use of this generous donation.
- It was pointed out that our 2025 budget should include funds for non-routine maintenance, specifically the painting of the interior of the Cathedral. Donations from any parishioner for this and other specific maintenance projects are always gladly accepted and earmarked specifically for that project.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. with Father George leading a closing prayer.

Please feel free to contact Father George or any Parish Council member for any additional information, questions or concerns you may have.