



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Detroit Parish Council held its May 2025 meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. President Harry Harris called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

The minutes of the April 1, 2025 Parish Council meeting were read and accepted as presented. The Treasurer's reports for both the three months ended March 31, 2025 and the four months ended April 30, 2025 were presented. The four months ended April 30, 2025 financial activity reflects an excess of revenues over expenses of approximately \$7,500. This is approximately \$9,000 less than the four months ended April 30, 2024 (one year prior). One reason for the decrease is the timing of certain expenditures, specifically our liability insurance, a payment of \$8,000.00 was made in April, 2025, while the first 2024 premium payment was not made until after April 30, 2024. The overall conclusion is that as of year-to-date April 30, 2025, the Parish continues to operate close to budget, but taking into consideration rising costs, the Parish has to be conscience of all future expenditures and to carefully look at all future discretionary expenditures.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- President Harry Harris reported on all the activities of April 6, 2025 surrounding the visit of all the dignitaries in attendance, the Cathedral's acceptance of the Holy Relic from His Grace Metropolitan Maximos of Ioannina and the Greek Independence Day parade. Special thanks to Father George Manias and immediate Past Parish President Will Lianos, for their yearlong planning and work to ensure the success of the day. Sincere thanks to the Annunciation Philoptochos for the coffee hour after the April 6, 2025 Divine Liturgy.
- Each evening of Holy Week went well. President Harris thanked all Parish Council members for their service on the evenings they were able to assist. He also commented on the invaluable services rendered by our altar administrator, Victor Karras. Due to personal reasons, Mr. Karras was unable to attend many of the Holy Week services, but his files as to the operations of each Holy Week's day/evening services were truly invaluable.
- Soula Serra was thanked for her planning of the Easter Egg hunt for the Sunday School children that was held on April 27, 2025.
- Pano Papalekas was thanked for his work in organizing the Book Club meetings. The final meeting for their current book was held April 10, 2025. Details for the next book the Book Club will be reading are forthcoming.
- Bill Lianos will be hosting a tour of the Cathedral on Monday, May 7, 2025 for members of the Detroit Historical Society. (The Cathedral received a \$100.00 donation the Historical Society the week following the tour.)
- President Harris congratulated Father George and Presbyteria Maria who recently received their US citizenship.
- Everyone was reminded that the Spring General Assembly meeting will be held Sunday, May 18, 2025 immediately after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. All parishioners are urged to attend.
- The June, 2025 Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, June 3, 2025.

CORRESPONDANCE:

- We received an announcement from Assumption Grand Blanc of their annual Golf Outing to be held Monday, August 18, 2025. Please contact the Cathedral office for additional information.
- The ratification of the new Parish Council members was received in the US mail from the Metropolis office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Jim Boloven reported that the HVAC system is working well and as expected. Due to the age of some of its components, the HVAC system is an on-going project, but we are fortunate to have a knowledgeable HVAC repair and maintenance company.
- I-375 Project – Their next meeting is scheduled to address the anticipated traffic flow changes associated with the project. Jim Boloven will be attending.
- Book Club- The next book and scheduled meeting will be announced in the near future in the weekly Parish bulletin.
- Fall Cash Raffle/Dinner - Our annual raffle fundraiser will be held on Thursday, October 9, 2025 in the 707 East Hall. Details are forthcoming and will also be included in the weekly Parish bulletin.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Cathedral is continuing to create recurring relationships with various Greek organizations and groups in the metropolitan Detroit area. The “Panagia Soumela” Pontian Society of Detroit, MI will be having their annual Artoklasia , Memorial and coffee hour at the Cathedral on Sunday, May 25,2025.
- Several issues continue to be addressed with our new cleaning company. An additional meeting and discussion of the issues with the company appear necessary.

NEW BUSINESS:

- General donations to offset the costs associated with annual flower and shrub beds gardening will be gladly accepted. See the weekly Parish bulletin for additional information.
- Tentative plans are underway for a visit to the monastery in Marysville, MI this summer. Further information in this monthly Communique and the weekly Parish bulletin will be forthcoming as it becomes available.
- The Cathedral will be assisting in “Feeding the Poor” of the St. Peter and Paul parish as we have done in the past. Dates are scheduled for July and September,2025. Further information will be available once the dates in those two months have been determined.
- Annunciation Cathedral Day at Comerica Park for our parishioners to attend a Detroit Tigers game is being planned. Specific details are also forthcoming as they become available.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 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 and concerns you may have.