



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Detroit Parish Council held its February, 2025 meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2025. President William G. Lianos called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm with a quorum present. The meeting commenced with an opening prayer.

The minutes of the January 7, 2025 Parish Council meeting were read and accepted as presented. The Treasurer's report for the month ended January 31, 2025 was then presented and reviewed. The one month to date financial activity reflected a slight excess of expenses over receipts for the month of January, 2025. Treasurer Tony Panson explained that the \$ 2,146 deficit was attributable to the prepayment of several insurance premiums in January that were not payable until February and later in 2025. After taking these prepayments into account, the month of January, 2025 financial activity is sound and consistent with year-to-date activity of prior years.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Parish received a thank-you from the Laurence Manos family for our expression of sympathy after the passing of their son.
- The Parish received a Christmas Card from Metropolitan Nicholas.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- It was brought to President Lianos' attention that not all current Parish Council members have received access cards to activate the new parking lot gates of the parking lot. The situation will be addressed by the Church office.
- The Annunciation Philoptochos is sponsoring the annual "Macoronotha" on Sunday, February 9, 2025. Everyone is urged to attend and if you are able, to assist the Philoptochos in the clean-up following the event. New this year, the Philoptochos will be selling quarts of their meat sauce for those attending to take home. Carry-out dinners will also be available.
- Parish Council member George Theodorou has agreed to once again chair the annual Feast Day luncheon. March 25 falls on a Tuesday this year. There will be Sunday services, March 23rd, Vesper services Monday evening, the 24th and services on Tuesday, the 25th preceding the luncheon. Parishioners are asked to consider financial donations to assist in defraying the cost of the luncheon.
- The Annunciation Philoptochos will be sponsoring their annual Bake sale on both March 24th and March 25th. They will gladly accept donations of baked goods to assist their sale.
- The Greek Independence Day parade will be held in Detroit on Sunday, April 6, 2025. Metropolitan Nicholas will be attending. We are waiting for confirmation of other visitors that day.
- Sunday, February 23, 2025 will be God Parents' Sunday at the Cathedral. Everyone is urged to attend with their Godchildren. Breakfast treats will be served afterwards by the Teknos family of the Hudson Café.

- Saturday, February 15, 2025 is “Clean the Church Saturday”. All are invited to help empty the basement area of numerous unused and unnecessary items. A refuse dumpster will be rented to dispose of the items being discarded. The project is slated to run from 9:00 am through 12:00 noon. Everyone’s assistance would be appreciated.
- President Lianos reminded all present of the Friday, February 7, 2025 funeral for long-time parishioner Niki Kehagiaras. “May her memory be eternal”.
- The 40-day memorial service for Niki Kehagiaras will be sponsored by the Annunciation Philoptochos on Sunday, March 9, 2025.
- The Parish is still awaiting the ratification of the new slate of Parish Council members. Everyone is reminded that no elections were held in December, 2024, inasmuch as the number of nominees did not exceed the number of member terms expiring at year end.
- President William Lianos will be calling an executive Board member meeting in the near future to discuss the compensation of all Annunciation Cathedral salaries.
- The Christmas tree has been taken down and is in the corner of the Church for the time being. Its ultimate storage location is yet to be determined, following the cleaning event.
- The Cathedral will be hosting the Pan-Orthodox group on the Sunday of Orthodoxy on March 9, 2025 with Vesper services at 6:00 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Bill Lianos reported that an eight-person engineering team headed by representatives of Schena Roofing inspected the roof and the towers and their roofs on January 27, 2025 in an effort to ultimately prepare the towers for the domes. Their report and a quote for the necessary work is forthcoming.
- President Lianos reported on behalf of Harry Harris that new cameras have been installed at the side and conference room entryways. New entry access screens have also been installed in connection with the new cameras.
- The Book Club will be meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the conference room.
- A commercial cleaning company is slated to commence regular cleaning of the Church later this month. Their efforts will be directed on each floor of the Church every other week, along with the cleaning of all bathrooms weekly. They will also be performing a onetime deep cleaning of the kitchen. Our current cleaning staff will continue the basic cleaning of the Church to ready the Church proper for weekly services. This was discussed at our previous meeting and reflected in last month’s Communique.

NEW BUSINESS:

The newly established Rhodian Society of Detroit will be attending Sunday services on March 23, 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm 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.