



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Detroit Parish Council held its April 2025 meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. President Harry Harris called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum present.

The minutes of the March 4, 2025 Parish Council meeting were read and accepted as presented. There was no Treasurer's report presented at the meeting inasmuch as the month ending March 31, 2025 was just the day prior to this April 2025 meeting and time did not permit its preparation. The March 31, 2025 Treasurer's report will be presented at the May 2025 Parish Council meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- President Harry Harris thanked all Parish Council members present for their assistance with the March 24th vesper services and the March 25th services and luncheon. Attendance for both days was considered decent. Special thanks to luncheon chair, George Theodorou, who had yet to finalize the financial report for the event, but was able to report that luncheon guests complemented the food and service. Irene Naida reported that the Ribbon and Bake during the event generated a \$2,100 profit for the Annunciation Philoptochos that they will be donating to the Cathedral's General Fund.
- President Harry Harris thanked Soula Serra for her work preparing the students for the Oratorical presentation on Sunday, March 23, 2025 along with her exceptional work with the Sunday School.
- President Harry Harris then discussed the various services and events for the upcoming weekend, Friday, April 4th through Monday, April 7th. All parishioners Parish Council members were urged to attend Friday evening services, Sunday, April 6th services when the Cathedral will be hosting multiple dignitaries and then to participate in the Greek Independence Day parade that afternoon. The evening of Monday, April 7th, several Parish Council members along with Father George will be joining His Grace Metropolitan Maximos of Ioannina for dinner to thank him for traveling to our Cathedral and delivering the Holy Relic.
- President Harris also indicated that there would be no charge for parking for all attendees arriving before 2:00 p.m. on Sunday that plan on participating in the day's events.
- President Harry Harris pointed out that Holy Week is fast approaching. A sign-up sheet was distributed for all Parish Council members to indicate which days during Holy Week that they will be attending services. The ultimate goal to have adequate coverage throughout the week. Due the current construction on Monroe Street, the route of the Holy Friday procession has yet to be determined.

- There will be no choir on Sunday, May 11, 2025. Our choir director will be out of town that weekend.
- The next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

CORRESPONDANCE:

- The Annunciation Cathedral received a congratulatory gift of \$3,000 from Ahepa Omega Chapter 371 in recognition of March 25th, the Feast Day of the Annunciation. Members of the chapter were thanked personally on the day they made the gift and they will be officially thanked in writing as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Pano Papalekas reported that the next Book Club meeting will be Thursday, April 10th at 6:30 p.m. Dinner to be served prior to the commencement of the meeting in the conference room.
- The Building Committee will be meeting to review recent billings from our HVAC contractor. Currently, the HVAC system is working well.
- Parish Council member Jim Boloven has continued to monitor as well attend meetings of MDOT and the I-375 project. Aspects of the work to commence this coming fall. The work is not anticipated to block the Lafayette Blvd exit from I-375 and hinder access to the Cathedral or our parking lot.
- Tony Panson indicated that the tentative dates for 2025 Fall Cash raffle are either Thursday, September 25th or Thursday, October 2, 2025. The date to be finalized in the next month or so.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Our new cleaning company has commenced their work. Several items were noted necessitating improvement and will be discussed with their management.
- The "Panagia Soumela" Pontian Society of Detroit, Michigan will be having their annual Artoklasia, Memorial and coffee hour on Sunday, May 23, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The possibility of an alternative to the kiddie pool used for adult baptisms was brought to the attention of the Parish Council. No immediate action was taken on this item.

There being no further 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.