



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Detroit Parish Council held its August, 2024 meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2024. President William G. Lianos called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with a quorum present.

The meeting commenced with Father George leading all those in attendance in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the July 8, 2024 Parish Council meeting were read and accepted as presented. There was no Treasurer's report for the month of July, 2024 presented inasmuch as Treasurer, Tony Panson was out of the country from July 23, 2024 through August 5, 2024 making it impossible to prepare the July, 2024 for the evening's meeting. The July, 2024 Treasurer's report will be presented at the September, 2024 Parish Council meeting.

Correspondence:

- There was none to be presented.

President's Report:

- There will be limited office hours through the beginning of September with temporary staff. Office secretary Olga Mihas is on vacation.
- Father George will be on vacation for Sunday services of August 18, and August 25, 2024. Father James Stathakios and Father John Artemas will serve as replacement clergy respectively.
- There will be no August 15, 2024 service at the Cathedral for the Feast Day of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos.
- The calendar for the Cathedral for the Fall of 2024 through the Spring of 2025 was completed with representatives of the Parish Council, Philoptochos, Sunday School, Parish office, Father George. President, Will Lianos noted that the Fall of 2024 will be busy with many sacraments already scheduled.
- Sunday School is scheduled to commence September 22, 2024. In order to properly schedule classes with the appropriate instructors, all parents of Sunday School aged children are urged to commit to bringing their children to Church to attend classes on at least certain, if not all Sundays. These parents to be contacted by either Father George or the Sunday School instructors.
- The dinner to commemorate Metropolitan Nicholas' 25th Anniversary as the Metropolis of Detroit is to be held October 12, 2024 at Saints Constantine & Helen in Westland. The Annunciation Cathedral is reserving two tables for those Cathedral parishioners wishing to attend. Please contact President Will Lianos if you would like to attend and be seated with fellow Cathedral parishioners who will be attending. The cost of the dinner has yet to be announced.
- Choir commences on Sunday, September 1, 2024.

- Effective August 1, 2024, the Cathedral has changed insurance companies and secured more accurate and complete coverage. President, Will Lianos thanked Council member John Cook for his invaluable assistance in this project of researching various insurance carriers and securing the one to adequately cover both the building and the value of the interior iconography (based upon the recent appraisal of all the iconography within the building).

Committee Reports:

- Fall Cash Raffle to be held Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 707 East. All Parish Council members have tickets available for purchase or call the Cathedral office @ 313-965-2988 if you would like to purchase a ticket. The raffle ticket remains \$100.00. A separate dinner and drinks ticket to attend the raffle live that evening and enjoy a three-course meal and open bar at 707 East is also available for purchase at \$70.00pp.
- Stewardship Committee – The committee is continuing to work on the greeting brochure to include all information of the Cathedral and its ministries.
- Book Club – Tentative plans are to have a November 2024 Book Club meeting. More information to follow as it becomes available.
- Building Committee-Dimmer switches have arrived for the new chandeliers and will soon be installed. It is not an easy task and will necessitate additional electrical work. There has been unfortunately no additional progress in securing a qualified contractor to assist in the structural work for the towers to allow for the installation of the domes for the towers, however a search for such a contractor will continue. The new HVAC has been working well in the last several months. Consideration is being given to possibly insulating the pipes in the basement associated with the system that should increase the efficiency of the system. The stairs leading from 707 East to the parking lot were recently cleaned as well as the stairs from the choir loft to the basement.
- Church Tours - Council member, Bill Lianos, reported that since the Covid pandemic, there had been no tours of the Cathedral. Recently, Preservation Detroit contacted the Cathedral requesting tours of the building. Bill Lianos led three different tours of approximately 70 guests in the past month.

New Business

- With the blessings of The Hierarchs His Holiness Bartholomew the Patriarch of Constantinople, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidoforos of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit and His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos of Ioannina, The Rev. Econ. Fr. Georgios Manias, our beloved Dean of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Detroit, will travel to Ioannina to meet with His Eminence Maximus to discuss His travel arrangements to escort the Holy Relic of St. George the New Martyr Patron Saint of Ioannina which He is gifting to Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Detroit. It will be placed in the Epirotikon Icon Stand with its corresponding Icon. The faithful and the Epirotikon Association of Michigan together with the Pan-Epirotikon Federation of America will celebrate their Patron Saints the 3rd Sunday of February of every Ecclesiastical Year. As his travel to Ioannina will take him through Constantinople, Father George will have an audience with His Holiness Patriarch of Constantinople where he will convey the greetings of His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit and those of the entire congregation of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Detroit

and receive His Holiness's blessings. Fr. George will be leaving September 14, late evening. With the prayers of all, may he have a safe journey.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15p.m. with Father George leading in 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.