

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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# ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Detroit Parish Council held its December, 2023 meeting on Monday, December 4, 2023. President William G. Lianos called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum present.

The meeting began with Father George leading all present in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the November 7, 2023 Parish Council meeting were read and accepted as presented.

The Treasurer's report for November 30, 2023 was then reviewed. An overall discussion of the Parish's financial condition was discussed. Based upon the year-to-date financial activity of November 30, 2023 and acknowledging the fact that the month of December and calendar year end giving by many parishioners often times results in above average monthly stewardship, the Cathedral should reflect a small profit for 2023 with revenues, excluding specific use donations, exceeding operating expenses.

## President William G. Lianos addressed several items:

- Expressed thanks for those parishioners who participated in preparing the bag lunches for the needy of the St. Peter & Paul Parish as well as those who donated monetarily to assist in defraying the Cathedral's cost of this mission.
  President Lianos delivered the bag lunches and also toured the St. Peter & Paul facility which is nearing completion of its kitchen which will allow hot meals to be served to those in need in their parish.
- The Iconography on the back wall of the Church has been completed by Laurence Manos. Everyone is pleased with the results of his work.
- The relics are now on display in the new reliquary. The reliquary is well illuminated and the relics specifically documented. Everyone is invited to view and venerate the relics.
- There will no need for an election of Parish Council members whose terms are expiring in December, 2023. The nominating committee reported that they were only able to secure enough nominations to fill the positions open. The list of nominees will be sent to the Metropolis for approval.
- The Annunciation Cathedral will be hosting the Pan-Orthodox Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. There was considerable discussion of man power needs for the event. Assistance from parishioners along with Parish Council members is welcome.
- The bulletin outlining the timing of Church services for the holiday season has been prepared and mailed to all parishioners.

#### **Committee Reports:**

• Altar Boys - Father George reported that the scheduling of altar boys and their attendance each Sunday and participation in the Divine Liturgy has gone well during this fall season. A similar schedule of altar boys for the winter season is currently being prepared.

## There were no other committee reports.

#### Old Business:

• There was no old business discussed.

## **New Business:**

- **Sunday School** Dean Politis reported that several items have been discovered missing from the Sunday School class rooms, including eyeglasses and small denomination gift cards intended for use at Christmas for the Sunday School students. Theft by anyone, especially in the Church, is unacceptable.
- **Messinian Association** Father George reported that the local Messinian Association is planning a Memorial and Artoklasia service on Sunday, February 4, 2024 here at the Cathedral.
- **Next Parish Council Meeting** The next meeting of the Parish Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Father George concluded with 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.