



# ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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## **ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE**

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Detroit Parish Council held its September, 2023 meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. President William G. Lianos called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m. with a quorum present.

Father George commenced with the reciting of the Lord's prayer.

The minutes of the August 1, 2023 Parish Council meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's reports for both July 31, 2023 and August 31, 2023 were reviewed. Following several minutes of discussion, both month's reports were accepted as presented. As of August 31, 2023, after the exclusion of specific use donations for the new chandeliers, dome project and iconography on the back wall of the Nave, the Cathedral is in just a little over break even position year to date, on budget for the year.

President Will Lianos reported that a baptism and reception to follow at 707 East, will be held September 23, 2023. The Metropolitan Detroit YAL (Young Adult League) will be having a planning meeting at the Cathedral on Saturday morning September 16, 2023. Peter Lianos, representing the Cathedral, is hosting this initial meeting of young adults from the various Detroit metro parishes.

The Annunciation Cathedral Choir will commence on Sunday, September 10, 2023. The Choir will participate in the Divine Liturgy three of the four Sundays each month and there will be chanting one Sunday a month with Presvytera Maria and Harry Potiris.

The new chandeliers will be arriving in New Jersey via ship on September 6, 2023. Councilman Jim Boloven will be coordinating their delivery to the Cathedral. The hope is to have delivery on a Saturday by a freight company that is able to have the necessary equipment to lower the crated chandelier components off the truck. The crates are anticipated to be quite heavy and hopefully a Saturday delivery will allow a sufficient number of able-bodied parishioners to volunteer to assist in their being moved into the Church.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday, October 3, 2023.

Several committee reports were issued

### **I-375 Renovation:**

- Jim Boloven will be attending the next meeting to be held the week of September 11, 2023. He has been attending the meetings on a regular basis and his representation of the Cathedral and its interest in the project is known by the other interested parties in the project. To date, quite a bit of discussion, but no specifics to date.

#### Fall Cash Raffle:

- The Cash Raffle date of October 12, 2023 is fast approaching. Chairman Tony Panson urged all Council members with tickets to sell to let him know as soon as possible if they will be returning to him any unsold tickets. The raffle dinner is a separate ticket at \$70.00/pp that includes an open premium bar. There is a minimum guarantee of 70 guests for the dinner with our caterer. It is anticipated that we will meet that minimum guest number.

#### Stewardship:

- Chairman Pano Papalekas reported that the Stewardship Committee will be meeting monthly commencing the fall season
- Stewardship committee members to attempt to populate the standing committees of the Parish with family, friends etc.
- A Welcome Packet is in development for new parishioners as well as guests to the Cathedral
- Stewardship committee member Harry Harris shared an example of his meeting and conversing with a mother and two daughters from Canada visiting for the first time on Sunday, September 4, 2023. One of the daughters is a student here in Detroit and his friendly hello looks as if it will result in a new parishioner. All council members were reminded to go that extra mile when a new visitor attends Sunday services.

#### Security Committee:

- Council members on duty need to be cognizant of the homeless coming into the Church during Sunday services. It is a fine line between being concerned for everyone's safety and showing respect and compassion to those less fortunate who may wander into the Church. This reaffirms the need to have at least two Council members on duty and present at all times each Sunday.

#### Altar Boys:

- Altar boys are scheduled for at least 12 Sundays into the fall season starting with Sunday, September 10, 2023. Father George is also attempting to incorporate their attendance on Sundays with them and their siblings attending our Sunday School.

#### Old Business:

- Father George discussed his recent trip to Rhodes. He visited with the Bishop of Rhodes who donated to the Annunciation Cathedral relics that the Bishop had originally received from the Metropolis of Austria/Hungary. Father shared with us the relics. The display of these relics here in the Cathedral is yet to be determined. The relic is from one of the four Cretan saints that we show in an icon in our narthex.

New Business:

- The summer hours of the Cathedral will continue through September 22, 2023. The Cathedral office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 11:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 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.