

## GODPARENT SPONSORSHIP FORM

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- Godparent *Delmar* - \$2,500 - \$4,999
- Godparent *Academy* - \$1,000 - \$2,499
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I (We) cannot commit to becoming a Godparent, but would like to offer a pledge to further support this memorable occasion

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Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

(Add Consecration Godparent to memo)

To pay by credit card,

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Or contact the office at (314) 966-2255.

The members of the Godparent Committee are available to answer any questions you may have about the levels of giving or the intended uses of the funds.

## Dear Parishioners and Friends:

It brings us great joy to be able to announce this Godparent campaign in honor of the Consecration & 75th Anniversary of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church!

Truly, this event will be the greatest celebration of the achievements of this dedicated and faithful community. Over the last seventy-five years with the tools of faith, hope, and love for our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, this community has expanded from humble neighborhood Church to a shining beacon of Orthodoxy for all of St. Louis.

With this celebration, however, we realize that our work as Orthodox Christians is never complete. Having come such a long way as a community to this point where we celebrate the completion of our Church, we cannot simply rest, or sit back and enjoy the fruits of our labor. On the one hand, we will be celebrating the work that we have accomplished, the laying of a foundation and building of a church upon it. On the other however, we look to the future work of this community, laying a foundation of love of God in the hearts and minds of our faithful, and building up the body of Christ upon it.

It is with regard to this great calling, to preach Christ Crucified to the ends of the earth that we ask for your generosity with regards to this campaign, and welcome you to become Godparents of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church.

Fr. Joseph Strzlecki  
Fr. Anastasios Theodoropoulos



## HOLY CONSECRATION GODPARENT PROGRAM

Assumption  
Greek Orthodox Church

Town & Country,  
Missouri

October 3-4, 2015

## What is a Holy Consecration?

The Holy Consecration is a sacred event that will only happen once in the life of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. The Consecration is a holy service where the church is set apart to be “in the world, but not of the world,” and dedicated to God! .

The Service of the Holy Consecration involves ceremonies that have been performed for centuries and date back to the great Temple of Jerusalem (Exodus 40).

First, we will process around the church, setting the church apart from the world.

Second, the Metropolitan will command the doors to be opened “that the King of Glory may enter,” and Holy Relics of three martyrs will be taken into the Holy Altar.

Third, the Holy Relics will be placed and sealed in the Holy Altar Table just as the first altars in the Early Church were the tombs of the holy martyrs.

Fourth, the Holy Altar will be washed and the Altar and icons of the church will be anointed with Holy Chrism, representing the Baptism and Chrismation of the church. The Holy Altar will be dressed with new altar coverings and the holy articles.

The final steps are the lighting of the vigil light, which reminds us of the never failing light of Christ, followed by the celebration of the first Divine Liturgy in the newly consecrated church.

## The Sacred Role of the Godparent

In the Holy Sacrament of Baptism it is our Godparent who affirms our acceptance of Christ, pledges our adherence to the teachings of the Church, and helps guide us on our journey toward salvation. The sacred role of the Godparent is to be our sponsor and guardian in the faith.

Similarly, in the sacred Service of Consecration, we are invited to become the Godparents and guardians of our church! We are called to reaffirm our commitment to Christ, pledge our heartfelt support and be sanctified as those who “love the beauty of His house.” All together we will ask God to “preserve the fullness of His Church.”

For the parishioners of the Assumption this fullness of the Church is manifested through the expansion of a vibrant spiritual life, ministries responsive to the needs of the faithful and programs that enrich the mind, body, and soul.

We invite you to participate in the special ceremony by becoming a Godparent of Assumption’s Consecration.

After meeting the expenses of the Holy Consecration, the remaining funds will be used for the continued maintenance and improvement of our beloved church.

While remembering our past let us look towards the future with faith and love.

## Become a Godparent!

Any and all donations to the Holy Consecration are greatly appreciated and will be carefully used in order to make this event successful. Please prayerfully consider giving to this worthy cause and help us meet the needs of our church.

### Godparent Town & Country - \$5,000+

- Recognition in our 75<sup>th</sup> album (full page)
- Reserved parking spot on Saturday/Sunday of the event
- Inscribed Consecration event Brick
- Consecration Icon depicting one of Saints of the Holy Relics

### Godparent Delmar - \$2,500

- Recognition in our 75<sup>th</sup> album (full page)
- Inscribed Consecration event Brick
- Consecration Icon depicting one the Saints of the Holy Relics

### Godparent Academy - \$1,000

- Recognition in our 75<sup>th</sup> album (full page)
- Inscribed Consecration event Brick
- Consecration Icon depicting one of the Saints of the Holy Relics

### Godparent Euclid - \$500

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