

**NOTICE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLIES
Following Church Services**

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH

Agenda:

- Approval of Minutes
- Greek Fest Update
- Budget Update
- Update: Parking Lot Project
- VOTE: Updated pricing proposal

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10TH

Agenda:

- Approval of Minutes
- Presentation of 2020 Budget
- VOTE: Approval of 2020 Budget
- Parish Council Nominations

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8TH

Agenda:

- Approval of Minutes
- VOTE: Parish Council Members



**September 2019
Newsletter**



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5K Walk/Run for IOCC

Join Us for a Book Club, Part 2

Fr. Michael's Office Hours:

Wednesdays, 9am - 12pm or by appointment
Church Office

The coffee will be on! Please stop by and chat!

THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Georgiana Wilton, Parish Council President georgiana.wilton@gmail.com

Parish Council Officers: Jim Katsihtis, Vice President; Bruce Hansen, Secretary, Scott Storck & Niko Papadopoulos, Treasurers. **Members:** Petros Anagnostopoulos, Christy Chappell Belkin, Conn Choles, Dori Hosek, Mike Smith, Nick Topitzes, Maria Molzahn. **Alternate:** Carol Griskavich



I'm baaaaaaaaaaaaack!! Don't worry...it's only temporary through December...then we'll look to get some new energy onto the Parish Council. In the meantime, we have a lot of work to do!

September 8th marks our Ecclesiastical New Year and we'll be welcoming back Sunday School students and Choir with our annual luncheon. Please join us for Pastitsio and Spanakopita immediately following services. Cost is only \$5.00 per person! Please join your Church family for dinner!!

Due to everchanging circumstances, we will not be able to complete our parking lot project this year. Costs have now exceeded our approved spending limit and we'll be presenting a new plan to the General Assembly on September 15th. Please make every effort to attend to hear the information firsthand. We'll be conducting a vote—so please make sure your pledge cards are in and you are current in your commitment.

If you are not pledged, it's not your money we are spending and you don't get a vote. That's our reality!

Let me know what's on your mind, and I'll do the best I can while I'm serving on your behalf.

THANK YOU!

Georgiana
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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Lena Giakoumopoulos, President, lenagiak@gmail.com

Vice President: Maria Molzahn, Secretary: Sue Soloninka, Treasurer: Maria Heide, Asst. Treasurer: Jenny Glatch, Corresponding Secretary: Nancy Briamis, Asst Corresponding Secretary: Kathie Fafalios

COFFEE HOUR:

The summer coffee hour schedule will run until September 8, 2019. We will go to the academic/school year schedule for 2019-2020 as of September 15. The full schedule is posted on the Philoptochos board outside the kitchen area.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

General Chapter Meeting / September 5:

The first General Chapter Meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 5, 2019** at the home of Maria Heide (mheide@wisc.edu) at **6:30 pm**. The address is 5751 Ballina Parkway, Fitchburg WI 53711.

2019 Baklava Plus Sale – Saturday, November 23, 2019

Cooking Dates for keftethes and spanakopita making:

Keftethes making: We need 10-12 individuals to assist on both days. Contact Betty Luck / dvd.lck@charter.net to let her know if you can volunteer.

Preparation - Friday, September 13

Baking – Saturday, September 14

Spanakopita making: We need 15 volunteers. Contact Sue Soloninka / solofam5@yahoo.com to let her know if you can volunteer.

Saturday, October 26

Saturday, November 2

2019-2020 Chapter Meetings: Look for the 2019-2020 Philoptochos Board and General Chapter meeting schedule on the Philoptochos board outside the kitchen area.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Children’s Medical Fund Luncheon: Saturday, November 16, 2019, Chicago, IL

Since the establishment of the biennial CMF Luncheon in 1989, \$3.59 million have been disbursed in grants to children’s hospitals and health care organizations throughout the country.

The types of grants awarded include:

- Innovative programs and services committed to improving and/or sustaining the health of children
- Financial assistance for the medical care of critically ill children whose families cannot afford the care
- Hospital equipment, programs and research which benefit all children with serious medical or surgical diagnoses

This year the Metropolis of Chicago is hosting the event at the Chicago Marriott, Downtown Magnificent Mile. More information can be found here:

<http://chicago.goarch.org/news/2018/8/14/biennial-childrens-medical-fund-luncheon>

If you are interested in participating, contact Patti Cameron / pcameron@tds.net or Lena Giakoumopoulos / lenagiak@gmail.com.

Feed the Hungry

The National Philoptochos Feed the Hungry program is a story of dedication, commitment, and success of our Philoptochos ladies. It began as part of National Philoptochos President Maria Logus' goal of "doing more hands on philanthropy, engaging all members of our community in our work."

The challenge has been set by National each year since 2015 and in 2018: Philoptochos workers and stewards not only surpassed our goal of feeding one million meals, but we served 1,339,651 meals nationwide. Our own Metropolis of Chicago chapters served 227,814 meals and 36 chapters from our Metropolis participated in the program.

Our National President Maria Logus, seeing the tremendous success of our previous goals, has set the new goal to reach 1.5 million meals from July 2018 until we meet at the next Biennial Convention in July of 2020.

We continue to engage in this program through the work done by our Philoptochos chapter and parishioners for shopping, cooking and serving for the shelter at Grace Episcopal Church and the River Food Pantry. Congratulations to all who participate in continuing the work locally and contributing overall to the Feed the Hungry program.

River Food Pantry

Nancy Briamis, nbriamis@gmail.com

Food Pantry vs. Food Bank

A food bank collects and stores food and other products that are sold (at a discount) and distributed to food pantries and hunger relief programs. A food pantry distributes directly to people and receives donations or needs to purchase items from the food banks, grocery manufacturers and retailers. Support your local food pantry!

See their website - info@riverfoodpantry.org.

GRACE EPISCOPAL HOMELESS SHELTER

David Giffey, barnowl1941@gmail.com

Assumption volunteers continue to cook and serve meal at Grace Episcopal homeless shelter

Many thanks to the volunteers who cooked and those who served the meal on Tuesday, July 30 - only two days after Greek Fest. Volunteers from Assumption are scheduled to work at the homeless shelter at Grace Episcopal Church on the square every time there are five Tuesdays in a month. In 2019, our church has provided a hot meal and a crew of servers in January, April and July. Our turn will also come up on October 29, and December 31 (New Year's Eve).

Greek Fest this year was so close to July 30 that Ilektra Kolokouri, who leads the kitchen crew, relied on only two volunteer cooks to help her prepare the meal as we had pastitsio and chicken slouvakia left over from the festival: Jane Schirmer and Ilektra's friend and neighbor, Fernanda De Oliveira. If you are interested in helping with the meal for the homeless shelter October 29, please contact Ilektra. The usual meal - Greek-style chicken, rice, and green beans - is a favorite at the homeless shelter. The kitchen crew makes sure there is enough food so seconds can be served.

Mike Smith delivered the food from church to church. Mike also shopped for the extras like bread, milk, fruit, cheese, and cold cuts, which supplement the meal and can be used to pack lunches for homeless people who go to jobs the next day. The serving crew on July 30, in addition to Mike, included Scott Spevacek, Peter Cameron, and Chris Schmidt.

We are truly grateful for the effort and generosity of the volunteer cooks and servers from Assumption Greek Orthodox Church who help the homeless at the drop-in shelter. Thanks also to Philoptochos for assisting with funds for the food extras.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Fr. Michael, Spiritual Advisor, frmichael@agocwi.org

Sunday School resumes on September 8th! We will welcome students back with a dinner after Church

NEEDED: We are looking for a director and teachers for Sunday School. Please contact Father Michael if you are interested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RE M I N D E R

We are now cleaning the Church in-house with a small but dedicated crew of parishioners that come every week. They are not a substitute for each of us doing our part to keep the Church clean.

Please help us:

- If you are on coffee hour—please take out the trash and wipe down each table.
- If you use the last paper towel—please replace it. Yes, same goes for toilet paper.
- If your child plays with toys on the stage, please make sure they are stored in the cabinets before you leave.

A little extra effort from each of us goes a long way! Thank you!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS, con.t

J and M Home Helpers

AGOC's handymen, John and Mike, will do minor home repairs and maintenance for \$25/hour, with the money for their work being donated to the church.



Call Mike at (608) 516-9188 and John at (608) 575-1014 today!

SACRAMENTS DURING AUGUST 2019

Weddings: 5 Chrismations: 0 Baptisms: 1 Funerals: 0

Weddings:

Edmond Ramly and **Claudia Matta** were married on Monday, August 19, 2019. Their sponsor is Elie Ramly.

Harry Nayar and **Carol Soteropoulos** were married on Saturday, August 24, 2019. Their sponsor is Madeline Santy.

Frank Prado and **Laura Raicu** were married on Saturday, August 24, 2019. Their sponsor is RaeAnne Alvarez.

Antony Patenaude and **June Patenaude nee Hawkins** had their marriage blessed on Sunday, August 25, 2019. Their sponsor is Barbara Karavolas.

Loukas Patenaude and **Wendy Samaca** had their marriage blessed on Sunday August 25, 2019. Their sponsor is Georgiana Wilton.

Baptisms:

Gianna Alexis Mannino was baptized on Sunday, August 18, 2019. Gianna's parents are Damian and Nicole Maninno. Gianna's godparent is Kristina Springer.

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Beginning of Ecclesiastical Year</p> <p>Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am</p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Labor Day</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p>Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:00 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Philoptochos Meeting at Maria H's House 6:30 pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p><i>Russian Orthodox Divine Liturgy 9:00 am</i></p>
<p>8</p> <p>Nativity of the Theotokos / Sunday Before the Holy Cross</p> <p><u>REGULAR HOURS</u></p> <p>Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS</p> <p>ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR LUNCHEON</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Synaxis of Saints Joachim and Anna</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:00 pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>Keftethes Preparation</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</p> <p>Divine Liturgy 9:00 am</p> <p><i>Keftethes Making</i></p>
<p>15</p> <p>Sunday After the Holy Cross</p> <p>Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am</p> <p>GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Saints Sophia, Faith, Hope and Love</p> <p>Divine Liturgy 9:00 am</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:00 pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p><i>Russian Orthodox Divine Liturgy 9:00 am</i></p>
<p>22</p> <p>1st Sunday of Luke</p> <p>Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:00 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian</p> <p>Divine Liturgy 9:00 am</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>2nd Sunday of Luke</p> <p>Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am</p> <p>Greek School Begins</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>October 1</p> <p>St. Romanos the Melodist</p> <p>Divine Liturgy 9:00 am</p>	<p>October 2</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:00 pm</p>	<p>October 3</p>	<p>October 4</p>	<p>October 5</p>

September - October 2019 Liturgies and Services

September 1

Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year

Orthros 8:30 am
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-7
Gospel: Luke 4:16-22

Prosforo: Korinna H

Coffee Hour: Summer Coffee Hour Sign-Up

September 8

Nativity of the Theotokos / Sunday Before the Holy Cross

REGULAR HOURS RESUME

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18
Gospel: John 3:13-17

Prosforo: Kathie F

Coffee Hour: Summer Coffee Hour Sign-Up

September 14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24
Gospel: John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30

Prosforo: Michelle B

September 15

Sunday After the Holy Cross

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20
Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

Prosforo: Michelle B

Coffee Hour: (Group 5) Kristi P, Ilektra K, Theodoti L-K

September 17

Saints Sophia, Faith, Hope and Love

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12:20-21; 13:1-2

Gospel: Luke 3:32-38; 4:1

Prosforo: Jane S

September 22

1st Sunday of Luke

September 22, con't.

Orthros 9:00 am

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Prosforo: Jane S

Coffee Hour: (Group 6) Maria M, Nia C, Denise S

September 26

Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: 1 John 4:12-19
Gospel: John 19:25-27; 21:24-25

Prosforo: ?

September 29

2nd Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15
Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

Prosforo: Jenny G

Coffee Hour: (Group 7) Georgia M, Lena G, Angela K

October 1

St. Romanos the Melodist

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: Acts 9:10-19
Gospel: Luke 6:37-45

Prosforo: ?

October 6

3rd Sunday of Luke / St. Thomas / Church Musicians Sunday

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10
Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

Prosforo: Jenny G

Coffee Hour: (Group 8) Nikki S, Aleksandra T, Peli G

October 13

Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council / 4th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Titus 3:8-15
Gospel: Luke 8:5-15

Prosforo: Cathy G

October 13, con't.

Coffee Hour: (Group 9) Patti C, Michelle B, Maren K

October 18

St. Luke the Evangelist

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18
Gospel: Luke 10:16-21

Prosforo: Cathy G

October 20

6th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Prosforo: Tom C

Coffee Hour: (Group 10) Margo S, Jenny J, Betty L

October 23

St. Iakovos (James) the Apostle

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19
Gospel: Matthew 13:54-58

Prosforo: ?

October 26

St. Demetrios the Myrrhbearer

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: 2 Timothy 2:1-10
Gospel: John 15:17-27; 16:1-2

Prosforo: Georgia M

October 27

7th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9
Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

Prosforo: Georgia M

Coffee Hour: (Group 11) Kerry M, Barb K, Dori H, Wendy M

October 28

Holy Protection of the Theotokos / OXI Day

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Prosforo: ?

The Assumption Wish List



*From time to time, unforeseen expenses arise here at the church that are not in the church's budget. Such an expense may be a repair or perhaps even a "**MIS**" estimate on a particular project or unforeseen expense.*

Currently, one such instance has arisen! We have decided to put this item on our wish list. We wish we could have told you about this in advance and asked for your assistance ahead of time, but unfortunately, circumstances were such and a miscalculation in record keeping and arithmetic was made. Now, we are asking you to please consider helping us cover the cost for the following:

1. Additional continuing education classes and programs for Fr. Michael in 2019:
\$2,000.00

If volunteers can come forward and help us cover these costs, it would be ever so helpful! Stop by the treasurer's office and speak with the treasurers if you would like to help.

Thank you!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Fr. Michael 😊



**HAPPY
ECCLESIASTICAL
NEW YEAR!!!!**

**PLEASE JOIN YOUR CHURCH FAMILY
FOR THE ANNUAL
ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR LUNCHEON!!**

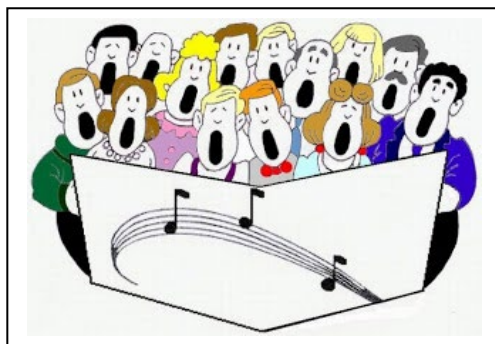
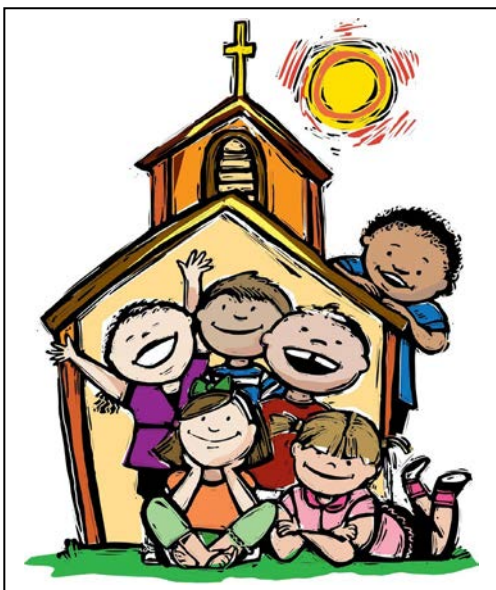
DATE: Sunday, September 8th

TIME: Immediately following services

MENU: Pastitsio, Spanakopita, Salad

COST: \$5.00 per person

Join us in welcoming back our students and choir!!



Chicago: 13th Annual 5K Walk/Run for IOCC 2019

Date: Saturday, September 21, 2019

Time: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church

5649 N. Sheridan Rd.

Chicago, IL 60660

United States

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 • 13TH ANNUAL Walk The Walk for IOCC

St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church

5649 N. Sheridan Rd. • Chicago, IL 60660

Registration: 8:00 AM • Walk/Run Begins: 9:00 AM • Breakfast following the race



Register Now

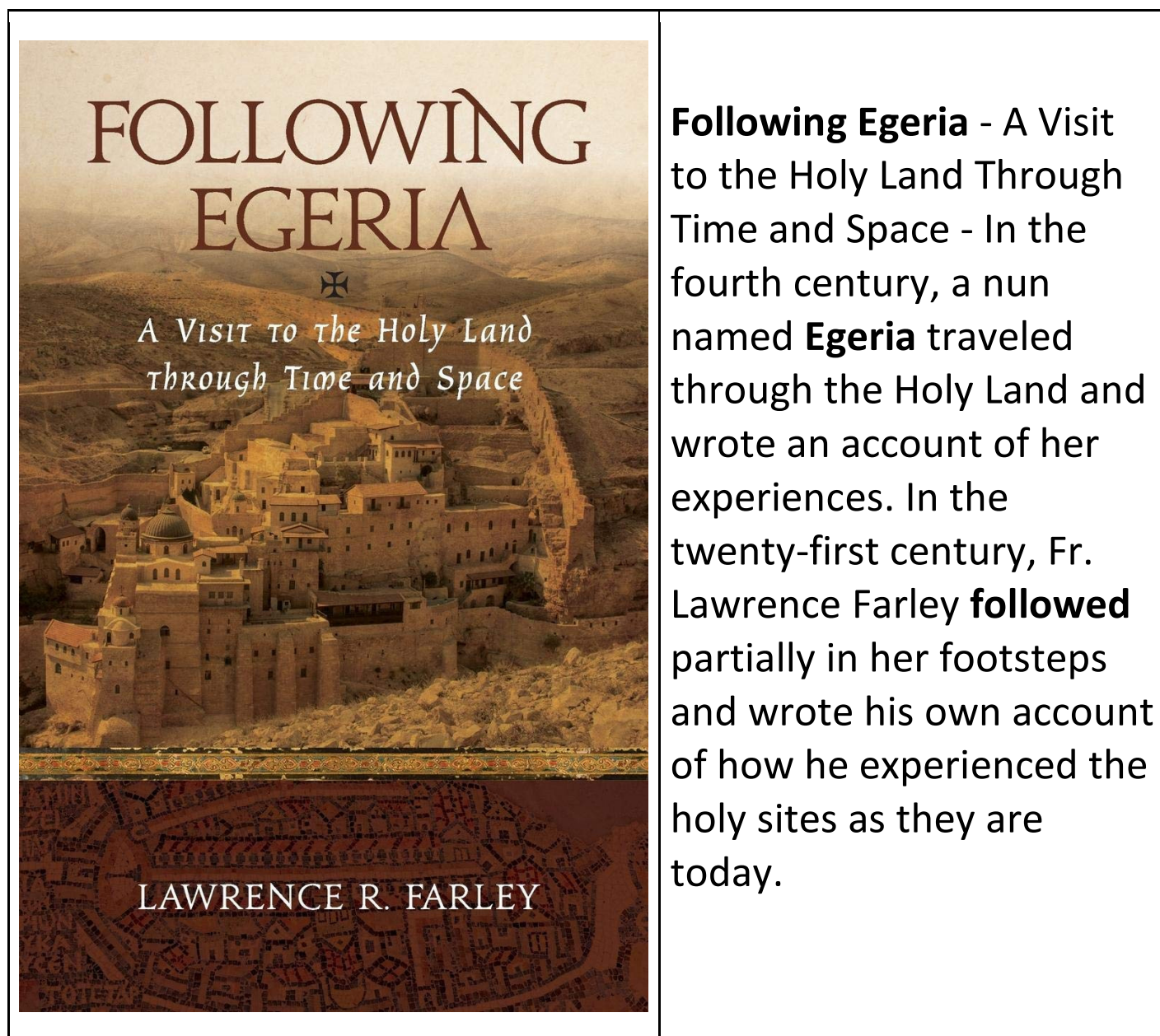
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Join Us for A Book Club!

Second Meeting, September 22, 2019, After Church!

For more information contact

Maria Molzahn at mariaandpatrick@gmail.com, 608-835-0184
or Father Michael frmichael@agocwi.org



Following Egeria - A Visit to the Holy Land Through Time and Space - In the fourth century, a nun named **Egeria** traveled through the Holy Land and wrote an account of her experiences. In the twenty-first century, Fr. Lawrence Farley **followed** partially in her footsteps and wrote his own account of how he experienced the holy sites as they are today.

The book is available through Ancient Faith Book Store and Amazon!