

**NOTICE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLIES
Following Church Services**

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10TH

Agenda:

- ➡ Approval of Past Minutes
- ➡ Review of 2019 Budget to Date
- ➡ Presentation of 2020 Budget
- ➡ VOTE: Approval of 2020 Budget
- ➡ Parish Council Nominations

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8TH

Agenda:

- ➡ Approval of Minutes
- ➡ VOTE: Parish Council Members



**October 2019
Newsletter**



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REMINDER:

The main front doors at Church will be locked beginning with communion. Ushers are watching to unlock the doors for people who arrive late—so be patient. The door is covered and you'll never have to wait more than a few seconds (although it may feel longer).

Thank you!

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 Hossek, Mike Smith, Nick Topitzes, Maria Molzahn. **Alternates:** Carol Griskavich, Maria Schirmer Devitt

September was a very busy month at AGOC...and just to recap a few things...

- We've mitigated our flying squirrel problem (no squirrels were harmed during the process of reinforcing their entry points)! The other critters...well...they didn't fare quite so well. But it's all part of the circle of life 😊
- The scaffolding has come and gone...and you have all seen the results!
- Thanks to a very positive (and brief) General Assembly, we're moving forward with the first stages of the parking lot repair—first steps, gas line re-route and tree removal. Look for those in the coming months.
- The annual Department of Financial Institutions report was filed.
- Fr. Michael, Jim Katsihtis, and Patti Cameron attended the Clergy-Laity assembly in Minneapolis.
- A new computer was purchased and installed in the downstairs office. We'll keep the access the same—so rest assured it is now functional!

Please be aware of the upcoming General Assemblies (see page 1) and seriously consider running for a spot on the Parish Council in 2020. We've accomplished a lot over the past few years—and there is more to come!

IMPORTANT!!

Assumption's Safety Policy – *Adopted by the AGOC Parish Council on Tuesday, October 1, 2019*

Due to concerns about safety and access, the council has recommended that a committee be formed to discuss safety with a welcoming attitude. In the meantime, the following policy is in place:

The door to the church will be unlocked at the start of Orthros. An usher will be present at the entrance to greet parishioners and help non-members. At the start of liturgy there will be a minimum of two ushers present, one in the entrance and one in the narthex. Non-members are welcome to attend services. The upstairs bathroom is for primary use of the Sunday school students and teachers, priest, and altar boys. Visitors should be directed to the bathrooms in the Social Hall. The front door will be locked at the beginning of communion so the ushers can participate. If a parishioner arrives and finds the front door locked an usher will see you and will unlock the door from the usher station. We apologize for this inconvenience.

It is the policy of the church that there is no panhandling or solicitation on the premises, including the church building and parking lot. Anyone violating this policy can be asked to leave. Non-members are welcome to join parishioners for the social hour and meals after service but should not be given food during service.

Assumption should always remain a welcoming place for those who wish to pray and worship Christ.

THANK YOU!

Georgiana

Georgiana.wilton@gmail.com

GREEK FEST ^{PLUS} 2020

Maria Schirmer Devitt, Chairperson, mbschirmer@gmail.com

There will be a Greek Fest Plus 2020 meeting on Monday, October 21 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Please come and meet our new Greek Fest Plus chairperson, Maria Schirmer Devitt, and discuss next summer's Greek Fest Plus.

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 full 2019-2020 schedule is posted on the Philoptochos board outside the kitchen area.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

General Chapter Meeting / October 13:

The General Chapter Meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 13, 2019** in the church hall after liturgy. Join us so we can prepare for the 2019 Baklava Plus sale, our largest fundraiser that helps support all our amazing work in, around and outside the greater Madison community!

2019 Baklava Plus Sale – Saturday, November 23, 2019

Cooking dates for spanakopita making:

Thank you to all those helped make keftethes (preparation, cooking and clean up).

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: The 2019-2020 Philoptochos Board and General Chapter meeting schedule is 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

The chapter will be participating this year with a significant donation and the sponsoring of an AGOC table. For additional information, contact Patti Cameron / pcameron@tds.net.

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 parishoners 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.

Grace Episcopal Cooking/Serving for Homeless

The next cooking for Grace Episcopal will be on Tuesday, October 29 in the evening between 5-7 pm at church. If you are interested in cooking, contact Ilektra Kolokouri-Anagnostopoulos at ilektra.kol@gmail.com for details.

GRACE EPISCOPAL HOMELESS SHELTER

David Giffey, barnowl1941@gmail.com

For the fourth time in 2019, volunteers from the Assumption community will prepare a serve a meal for homeless men **Tuesday, October 29**, at the homeless shelter, Grace Episcopal Church.

Our final opportunity to serve at the homeless shelter during 2019. will be on New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31. As fall begins and winter approaches, numbers of homeless people in Madison in need of a hot meal and a place to sleep will increase. If you are willing to help prepare or serve the meal on October 29, please contact Ilektra Kolokouri or David Giffey.

Many thanks for the volunteers.

SPIRITUAL MEETINGS

Peli Galiti, pegaliti@gmail.com

There will be no spiritual meeting in October; the dates of the spiritual meetings for the upcoming year will be announced in the November Newsletter, since Peli will be traveling until then.

GREEK SCHOOL

Ilektra Kolokouri ilektra.kol@gmail.com

Greek school registration began September 29 with lessons starting October 6. If you would like information about Greek school, please contact Ilektra at ilektra.kol@gmail.com or talk to her at church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 SEPTEMBER 2019

Weddings: **1** Chrismations: **0** Baptisms: **1** Funerals: **0**

Weddings:

Stuart Pataska and **Anna Paraskevoulakos** were married on Saturday, September 28, 2019. Their sponsor is
Iphegenia Paraskevoulakos.

Baptisms:

Ian Lubomirov Antonov was baptized on Saturday, September 28, 2019. Ian's parents are Lyubomir Enchev
Antonov and Violeta Savrov. Ian's godparent is Margarita Tonov.

LAST CALL

Now that our wonderful new mural is up outside of the Sunday School rooms (Thank You David for this beautiful work), we are preparing to put up the plaque honoring the donors to the 2016-2018 renovation. Please look over the next few pages to see your name and make sure it is listed correctly. I must have changes by this coming Friday, October 12, noon. Anything submitted after that will be too late. Please send an email to me, Nick Topitzes, nick@topitzes.com.

Please know that the board has worked very hard to make sure this is correct and we have had to make several changes. So, this is the **LAST, LAST CALL!!**

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| IN HONOR OF OUR GENEROUS DONORS TO THE 2016-18 NARTHEX EXPANSION |
| John Forsyte Estate |
| The Gialamas Families |
| Nick & Eva Laskaris |
| Bruce & Korinna Hansen |
| Topitzes Family |
| Philoptochos Society |
| Conn & Diana Choles |
| George & Nia Choles |
| Gus and Mary Paras |
| Petros & Ilektra Anagnostopoulos |
| Sub Deacon Wayne & Mary Blue |
| Patti & Tom Cameron |
| Frank & Sally Kotsonis |
| The Margetis Families |
| Jim Pavlou |
| Stanley & Estelle Skoumbouris |
| Saed Akkawi |
| Christy & Sergie Belkin |
| Fost, Colleen , Alexa & Christopher Choles |
| Athena Daniolos & David Dowell |
| Nicholas S Fatsis |
| Telly & Beth Fatsis |
| Konstantine & Jayme Galanos |
| Sam & Stacy Glass |
| Jan, Maria, Henrik & Jannike Heide |
| George & Kalliopi Kirvassilis |
| Maria and Patrick Molzahn |
| The Patenaude Family |
| Ken & Sarah Schwark |
| Nancy & Michael Smith |
| Nancy Wolfe |

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| Karen Follman |
| Helene & Dino Georgalan |

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| Betty Luck |
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| In Memory of Nick Grapsas |
| Jamie Amacci |
| Jeff, Lisa & Alice Beneker |
| Ann Cameron |
| Anonymous |
| Andreas & Valerie Kazamias |
| Lou Krikelas |
| Margo Schmidt |
| Storck Family |

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| Outreach Committee |
| David & Nancy Giffey |
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| Family of Vassilios & Nancy Briamis |
| Helen & Mark Burish |
| Ted, Adrienne & Kiki Cappas |
| Jean Demopoulou & Doug Johnson |

Leonidas & Katherine Fafalios
 Fr. Joseph & Presbyteria Vasiliki Tzougros
 Helene & Joseph Tzougros Family
 Corinna & Spiros Fafalios Family
 Annette & Thomas Spanos Family
 In memory of Spiros & Eleni Fafalios
 In memory of Nicholas & Nancy Zabit

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| Georgia and Patrick Marsh |
| Donna Nahiriak & Nadya Hansen |
| John & Sue Soloninka |
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| Michael & Gisela Theo |
| Father Michael & Presbyteria Patricia Vanderhoef |
| In Memory of Kea and Marvin Peterson |
| Anonymous |
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| George & Maha Akkawi |
| Peter John Augustinos |
| Nick & Cathy Grapsas |
| Din Dovolos |
| Renee Venetos Exum & Mike Exum |
| Nick & Cathy Grapsas |
| Matt & Joan Hart |
| Gus & Angela Kyriakopoulos |

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| Manos Mavrikakis |
| William and Valerie McCarthy |
| Louka Patenaude |
| George & Anne Roche |
| Dr and Mrs William Rouman |
| Athanasia Schreiner & Family |
| Eftychios & Demetra Sifakis |
| Gregory Smirnis |
| Aleksandra Tauchen |
| Don and Shirley Wickersheimer |
| Lyubov Balch |
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| Robin & Jamie Finco |
| Genevieve Zook |
| Memory of Nick and Nancy Zabit |

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| Maxim & Jacklyn Slesarar |
| Demetri Kanellakos |
| Douglas Papulis |
| Irene & Louis Vivier |
| In Honor of Peter Vlisides |
| Elaine Stampfli |
| Svetlana & Anton Tchikida |
| John Gianakopoulos |
| Eleni Schirmer |
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October 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| September 29 2nd Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am | September 30 | 1 St. Romanos the Melodist Divine Liturgy 9:00 am | 2 Choir Practice 7:00 pm | 3 | 4 | 5 <i>Russian Orthodox Divine Liturgy 9:00 am</i> |
| 6 3rd Sunday of Luke / St. Thomas the Apostle Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Greek School Begins | 7 | 8 | 9 Choir Practice 7:00 pm | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council / 4th Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Philoptochos Meeting | 13, Con't. Russian Mission Fundraising Potluck Dinner 14 <i>Church Hall in Use in the Evening</i> | 15 | 16 Choir Practice 7:00 pm | 17 | 18 St. Luke the Evangelist Divine Liturgy 9:00 am | 19 <i>Russian Orthodox Divine Liturgy 9:00 am</i> |
| 20 6th Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am | 21 <i>Greek Fest Plus 2020 Meeting 6:00 – 8:00 pm</i> | 22 | 23 St. Iakovos (James) the Apostle Divine Liturgy 9:00 am Choir Practice 7:00 pm | 24 | 25 | 26 St. Demetrios the Myrrhbearer Divine Liturgy 9:00 am Spanakopita (Spinach Pie) Making |
| 27 7th Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am | 28 Holy Protection of the Theotokos OXI Day Divine Liturgy 9:00 am <i>Church Hall in Use in the Evening</i> | 29 Homeless Shelter Cooking and Serving | 30 Choir Practice 7:00 pm | 31 | November 1 Cosmas and Damianos Divine Liturgy 9:00 am | November 2 <i>Russian Orthodox Divine Liturgy 9:00 am</i> Spanakopita (Spinach Pie) Making |

October - November 2019 Liturgies and Services

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

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: ?

November 1

Cosmas and Damianos

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 10:1, 5-8

Prosforo: Anna F

November 3

5th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Prosforo: Anna F

Coffee Hour: (Group 12) Maria H,
Draga G, Gabriela C, Nancy W

November 8

Archangels Michael and Gabriel

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: Hebrews 2:2-10

Gospel: Luke 10:16-21

Prosforo: Jenny G

November 9

St. Nektarios the Wonderworker

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

November 9, con't.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

Gospel: Luke 9:37-43

Prosforo: Jenny G

November 10

8th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Prosforo: Korinna H

Coffee Hour: (Group 13) Nancy G,
Christy C-B, Marinela M

November 13

St. John Chrysostom

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2

Gospel: John 10:9-16

Prosforo: Korinna H

November 14

Philip the Apostle

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Gospel: John 1:43-51

Prosforo: ?

November 15

Nativity Fast Begins

November 16

Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: Romans 10:11-21; 11:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

Prosforo: Katherine F

November 17

9th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

Prosforo: Katherine F

Coffee Hour: (Group 14) Lisa B, Maria
S, Anne S

November 21

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

RUSSIAN POTLUCK DINNER



Russian Orthodox Mission in our church
invites our parish to a potluck dinner
of Russian traditional foods

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SERVICE

benefiting
Russian Orthodox Mission in Madison

Adults - \$15

Kids - \$5 (kids under 5 - free)