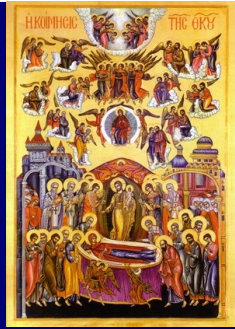


CHURCH STAFF

- Parish Priest: Very Reverend Archimandrite Christodoulos Margellos
- Parish Council President: Jim (Demetrios) Katsitis
- Philoptochos President: Eleni Giakoumopoulos
- Sunday School Directors: Susu Saba & Peli Galiti
- Greek School: Ilektra Kolokouri
- Choir Director: George Tzougros

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The Message

MARCH 2022

IN PLAIN VIEW

As the winters come and go we have all had to experience sickness, be it the flu or a simple cold. They tell us to drink plenty of fluids, and maybe sip a little bit of yiayia's soup. But sometimes we are so sick we need to take the time to go and see a doctor. We have an exchange take place where they ask us how we feel and we tell them our symptoms. Then after some tests they will tell us what is wrong and give us the medicine to get better.

We are all infected with spiritual sickness as well, but many go their entire lives not seeking to get any better, but simply live with this deadly disease. But there is a cure, a way to get the medicine you need. It is always there for us if we choose to use it; of course we are talking about the Sacrament of Confession. Just as we go to doctors if we are sick, Jesus the great spiritual healer is here for us to wipe out the sins of the world, and He has given authority to those ordained to forgive us our sins.

This was done first to the apostles and through them it has been passed down from generation to generation and now lies with the clergy here today. God has done this so forgiveness is accessible to everyone, and that no one is denied the chance. But to some this still sounds foreign, how can one go to a man and expect forgiveness? Simple, through the Sacrament of Holy Confession, which is one of the seven Holy Sacraments of the Church. As we build a relationship with the priest we confess to, in time he begins to work with the penitent to work through that which is difficult to navigate alone. This explains the reason why the clergy take on the name of Spiritual Father or Spiritual Guide.

We must not ignore this gift God has sent to us, but rather use it to the fullest extent possible. It is not something we should put on hold or wait until the last minute to do, but rather just as if we want to keep in good shape we work out 4 or 5 times a week, so must we partake in this sacrament 3 to 4 times a year. My brothers and sister repentance is always at hand, it is a simple matter of if we want to extend our hand and accept it, or simple ignore it. May everyone have a blessed Lenten season!

V. Rev. Fr. Christodoulos

What wondrous gifts our God has given us!

The Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos March 25

**“Rejoice, for you are the throne of the king,
rejoice for you bear him who bears all things.”**



- + The Archangel Gabriel came to the Panagia to announce that she would conceive and bear a Son, even though she “knew no man.”
- + In the icon, he carries a staff, a symbol of being a messenger.
- + The name of the feast in Greek (Ευαγγελισμός—Evangelismos) means literally “Good News.”



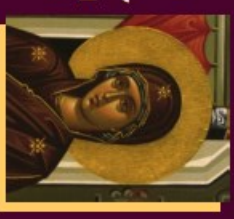
- + The Archangel's right hand is extended toward the Panagia as he announces the blessing that is being bestowed upon her.
- + He greets her with these words: *“Rejoice, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women”* (Luke 1, 28-29).



- + Note the position of Archangel Gabriel's feet as he is runs to share the good news with the Theotokos.
- + We are called to act similarly when God sends us!



- + The Mother of God sits on an elevated seat, showing that she is *“greater in honor than the cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the seraphim.”*
- + Her veil bears three stars used to represent her ever-virginity: before, during, and after Christ's birth.



- + Her right hand is shown upwards: a gesture that may indicate both surprise at news beyond understanding, and acceptance of God's will.
- + Her posture, with her head lowered also shows humility and acceptance.
- + She gives her whole self freely to God, submitting to His will.



- + The Panagia holds a spindle of scarlet thread in her left hand.
- + Holy Tradition tells us as Christ's Body begins to be woven in her womb, she was weaving a purple and scarlet curtain for the tabernacle in the Temple...the very one that is torn in two at the moment of His death on the Cross.



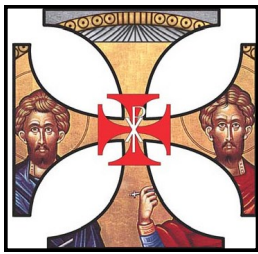
What can we give back?

Developed by the
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
Office of Parish Development
www.development.goarch.org
(847)825-1432

March 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 Fast day (Dairy Permitted) | 2 Fast day (Dairy Permitted) | 3 Fast day (Dairy Permitted) | 4 Fast day (Dairy Permitted) | 5 Fast day (Dairy Permitted) Saturday of Souls 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy with Memorial Service 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers |
| 6 Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare Sunday) Fast Day(Dairy Permitted) 8:30 a.m. Orthros 9:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School/Greek School 6:00 p.m. Philoptochos Meeting via Zoom | 7 Strict Fast Clean Monday Great Lent Begins 6:00 p.m. Great Compline | 8 Strict Fast 6:00 p.m. Great Compline | 9 Strict Fast 5:45 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice | 10 Strict Fast 10:00 a.m. Adult Religious Edu- cation Class 6:30 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class | 11 Strict Fast 6:00 p.m. 1st Salutation Service | 12 Fast Day Oil & Wine Permitted Saturday of the Souls 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy with Memorial Service 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers |
| 13 Fast Day Oil & Wine Permitted Sunday of Orthodoxy 8:30 a.m. Orthros 9:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School/Greek School Sunday of Orthodoxy Pan -Orthodox Vespers 5:00 p.m. Reception to Follow | 14 Strict Fast 6:00 p.m. Great Compline | 15 Strict Fast 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting | 16 Strict Fast 11:00 a.m. Adult Religious Educa- tion Class 5:45 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice | 17 Strict Fast 7:00 p.m. Women's Spiritual Meeting | 18 Strict Fast 6:00 p.m. 2nd Salutation Service | 19 Fast Day Oil & Wine Permitted Russian Mission Service 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers |
| 20 Fast Day Oil & Wine Permitted Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas 8:30 a.m. Orthros 9:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School/Greek School Pan Orthodox Vespers Saint John the Wonder- worker Portage, WI 5:00 p.m. | 21 Strict Fast 7:00 p.m. Man of God Movie Parish Outing | 22 Strict Fast | 23 Strict Fast 5:45 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice | 24 Strict Fast 7:00 p.m. Great Vespers for the Annunciation At Annunciation in Milwaukee | 25 Fast Day (Fish Permitted) Annunciation 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers with 3rd Salutation | 26 Fast Day Oil & Wine Permitted 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers |
| 27 Fast Day Oil & Wine Permitted Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross 8:30 a.m. Orthros 9:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy Greek School Program and Luncheon | 28 Strict Fast 5:00 p.m. Great Compline | 29 Strict Fast | 30 Strict Fast 5:45 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice | 31 Strict Fast | | |

expenses. Our goal should be to have our operating expenses covered by stewardship and to not have to rely



FOCUS ON PHILOPTOCHOS HELP US TO HELP OTHERS

March 2022

Focus on PHILOPTOCHOS

#PhiloCares

Philoptochos fulfills its mission to “help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, those with disabilities and the victims of disasters through its National and Metropolis Boards and its 26,000 members and more than 400 active chapters, nationwide.

Sending prayers for everyone during this time as we prepare to enter the Lenten period.

LOOKING AHEAD

Membership 2022: Our annual membership drive begins and we urge you to come join us!! Come meet amazing women whom you can call your sisters in our army of agape. We welcome all ladies 18 years of age and up to please join us. Get yourself in the spirit of giving and show your love by doing the good work of Philoptochos. If you are interested in joining us as a member, you can fill out the membership form in the newsletter or contact me at lenagiak@gmail.com or philoptochos@agocwi.org.

March collection tray: We continue to be #PhiloStrong because of the support of this amazing community!! The tray collection per month is included in the newsletter. For March we were collecting for: **Relief for Greece and Cyprus**, but have changed to **Crisis Relief Fund for Orthodox Christians**

National Philoptochos Launches Ukraine Relief Fund: Donations may be sent marked “National Philoptochos Ukraine Relief Fund” to the National Philoptochos Society at 126 East 37th Street, New York, NY 10016 or DONATE HERE: <https://ppay.co/G-w6g6DcoT0>

March and April fundraisers: look for more information to come on how we continue to raise funds for local, national and international organizations this year.

NOTES FROM FEBRUARY

A chapter member presented the great need for a local children and the chapter committed to supporting Kennedy Elementary School through the Operation Classroom initiative in the amount of \$2000 (gift cards from Woodmans).

Support for a local parishioner Aidan Baldukas (nephew of Nikki Storck) - He has been diagnosed with liver cancer and his support team needs our help. Proceeds from the shirt sales and any donations go to the Children's Organ Transplant Association in honor of Team Aidan to help with a lifetime of transplant related expenses. Currently there are two sites where we can assist:

You can make a donation of \$22 in 2022 campaign at this site: www.COTAforTeamAidan.com or any amount you wish.

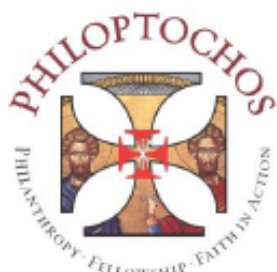
You can also purchase a shirt for team Aidan at <https://www.bonfire.com/team-aidan-cota-2021/>

Metropolis dates to note:

April 2: Metropolis of Chicago Lenten Retreat, Elgin, IL, 9 am-1:30 pm

National Clergy Laity Convention and Philoptochos Assembly – July 3-7, 2022, New York, NY

September 22: Metropolis of Chicago September Luncheon, The Empress Banquets



The Ladies' Philoptochos Society Assumption Greek Orthodox Church 2022 Membership Drive

We invite you to join us and share in our philanthropic mission. Through your stewardships and our various fundraisers, we are able to donate to many worthy causes helping people in need locally, nationally, and internationally. Locally we donate our resources and Philoptochos power to several organizations on a regular basis, and also to special hardship situations as needs are presented to us. Nationally and internationally we support the philanthropic programs of our Metropolis Philoptochos and our National Philoptochos.

We hope that you will join us as a member and also as a volunteer. Whether you attend regular meetings, volunteer to help with our activities, or would like to support our work with your stewardship, you will be a valued Philoptochos member. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please complete the form below and submit it with your 2022 stewardship payment, by **February 28, 2022**. Checks should be made payable to "Philoptochos" and please write *membership* in the memo section. The mailing address is below. Thank you!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

I am interested in helping with the following project(s) and please include me!

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| Vasilopita Dinner (January) (n/a 2022) | | Baklava Plus Sale (Sept. – Nov.) | |
| Mid – Winter Luncheon (February) | | Maintaining the Church Hall/Kitchen | |
| Greek Independence Day Dinner | | Cooking for Grace Episcopal -Porchlight Homeless Shelter | |
| Koulourakia baking (Holy Week) | | Baking Breads for Special Dinners | |
| Spring/Easter bake sale (drive by pick up) | | Coffee Hour Host | |
| Greek Fest Bake Sale (drive by pick up or onsite) | | Prosforon (Holy Bread) baking | |
| Reception for Assumption Feast Aug 14 | | Bucket Brigade (church cleaning) | |

My Stewardship payment of \$_____ is enclosed (check #_____ or cash).

Please note: \$15.00 goes to National Philoptochos, \$5.00 to the Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos, and \$2.00 to the Bishop's Fund. We ask for a minimum pledge of \$22.00. Dues paid above the amount will be used for our philanthropic activities and other chapter obligations.

*Please return to **Beth Fatsis (1215 E Johnson St, Madison, WI 53703)**
or drop it in the Philoptochos mailbox at Church.*

Thank you for your generous time and support!

YOUTH CORNER

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



| | | |
|------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Holy Thursday | Forty Days |
| Sacrifice | Good Friday | Jesus |
| Almsgiving | Holy Saturday | Passover |
| Prayer | Easter | Foot Washing |
| Fasting | Palm Sunday | Resurrection |
| Lent | Purple | |
| Holy Week | Palm Branch | |

COMMUNITY NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Will be held on Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m.

CARPET FUNDRAISER: To help offset the cost of the new carpet for the church we have put together an option to help pay for it. The new carpet comes in tiles and each of those tiles will cost \$20. So we are interested in seeing if people would consider donating tiles as many as you like, but we are hoping to get everyone to donate the tiles they are using each service. You can also donate an entire row which is 10 tiles for \$200. Please consider giving if you are able. Thank you for being a part of our community.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS: A.R.E. classes have begun for the winter. We are beginning a new book, "Saint Nektarios, Saint of our Century". We will have in person classes on Wednesday's at 11:00 a.m. here at the church. We will also have a virtual zoom class on Thursday's beginning at 6:30 p.m. The classes are the same and interchangeable. We look forward to continuing our journey together.

FROM THE GREEK SCHOOL: Classes have now resumed again. Every Sunday following Sunday School.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL MEETING: Women's spiritual zoom meetings will be on Thursday, March 17th at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating and you haven't signed in yet please contact Peli Galiti at pegaliti@gmail.com. You will get the zoom link in your email.

All women from Assumption parish, St. Ignatius Parish and other parishes are welcome.

PAN ORTHODOX SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY VESPERS: On Sunday, March 13th at 5:00 p.m. our Parish of Assumption will be hosting the first Annual Madison Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers. Please join us for the vespers with all our Orthodox brothers and sister in the Madison area.

PAN ORTHODOX LENTEN VESPERS: On Sundays March 20th, 27th and April 3rd the Local Orthodox Churches will be hosting Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers. On March 20th Saint John The Wonderworker Orthodox Church in Portage will Host. On Sunday, March 27th Saint Ignatios in Fitchburg will Host and on Sunday, April 3 Saints Cyril & Methodios Ukrainian Orthodox Church will be hosting. All services will begin at 5:00 p.m. More information is in attached flier.

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY GREEK SCHOOL PROGRAM AND LUNCHEON: Enjoy a traditional Greek Plaki fish meal while listening to the Greek School children share songs and poems about the Greek Independence. Adults: \$15.00 (traditional Plaki fish meal) Children: \$7.00 (1/2 fish meal) PLEASE RSVP to mariaandpatrick@gmail.com by SUNDAY, 3/13 with the following information: 1. Number and types of meals. 2. Eat at church or take it home.

CRISIS RELIEF FOR UKRAINE: Assumption Ladies of Philoptochos will be raffling a vacation rental stay. This year's annual raffle will support the National Philoptochos Ukraine Relief Fund** As in past years, Faith Zabit Morledge, from Sprinkman Real Estate and a member of our church, has generously donated a 4-night stay at her lakefront property in Green Lake, WI. The value of this vacation rental is \$1000, and raffle tickets will be \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Please see photos at this link: <http://www.escapetogreenlake.com> and the attached flyer for more details.

All proceeds from this sale will provide crisis relief for Ukraine. We will draw the lucky winner on March 27 at our Greek Independence Day dinner & Greek School celebration in our church hall. You need not be present to win. Please mail checks payable to Philoptochos with "Ukraine" written in the memo sector to:

Beth Fatsis

1215 E Johnson St

Madison, WI 53703

If you prefer you may drop your cash or check payment into the Philoptochos philanthropy basket near the front church exit. Please fill out this online form or include the attached form (also found in the March bulletin) along with your payment so that your donation will be accurately directed.

Thank you for your continued support of Philoptochos and the work that we do!

<https://forms.gle/Hq5AKFQsgSUhSFp86>

Sunday of Orthodoxy
Pan-Orthodox Vespers
At Assumption Greek Orthodox Church



On Sunday, March 13th, 2022 the Madison Area Orthodox Churches will be having our First Annual Sunday of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Great Vespers.

**Services will begin at 5:00 p.m. at
Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
11 N. 7th St, Madison, WI**

We will have a Pan-Orthodox Choir singing along with our Chanters.

Assumption Ladies Philoptochos will be hosting a fellowship coffee hour immediately following the service downstairs in our Fellowship Hall

Lenten Pan-Orthodox Vespers

For the Madison Area Orthodox Church



On Sundays, March 20th, 27th & April 3rd, 2022 the Madison Area Orthodox Churches will all be hosting Sunday Night Lenten Pan-Orthodox Great Vespers.


Services will begin at 5:00 p.m. at

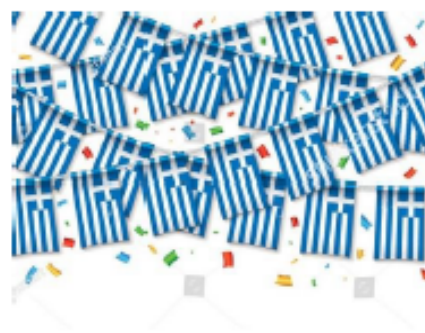
**March 20th Saint John the Wonderworker Russian Mission Parish
211 W Pleasant St, Portage, WI**

**March 27th - Saint Ignatius Antichian Orthodox Church
2124 Shafer Dr. Fitchburg, WI**

**Saints Cyril & Methodios Ukrainian Orthodox Church
1020 Regent St. Madison, WI**

Sermons will be all by Local Orthodox Clergy

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| March Lenten Calendar  2022 | | 7 Choose a prayer or scripture verse to memorize. This could be the Jesus Prayer for smaller children or Psalm 50 or the Creed for older ones. Practice it daily during Lent. | 8 Talk about temptation and resisting it. Make a batch of Lenten cookies and leave them on the table for everyone to eat the next day. | 9 Order a prayer rope for everyone in the family. Our church bookstore has some. Say prayer together as a family tonight and try to use your prayer rope. | 10 Bake Kyra Sarakosti "cookies." These are not to be eaten but your family will cut off one of her feet every Saturday as we count down to Pascha. | 11 Read verses Alpha through Epsilon of Rejoice, Panagia: <u>Offering to Children The Akathist Hymn</u> . Attend the Salutations service tonight and bring your book. | 12 Talk about the First Sunday of Great Lent - The Sunday of Orthodoxy. Choose your favorite icon and bring it to church tomorrow. |
| 13 Watch a Christian themed movie. Some favorites are <i>Story-Book</i> , <i>VeggieTales: The Storykeepers</i> and <i>Torchlighter</i> series. | | 14 Fill a bag with items no longer used and donate them to a local shelter. | 15 Do your cross and kiss every icon in your home. | 16 Read a Bible story with your family. | 17 Make a Lenten goals poster or journal all together. | 18 Read verses Zeta through Kappa of Rejoice, Panagia: <u>Offering to Children The Akathist Hymn</u> . Attend the Salutations service tonight and bring | 19 Help your Mom or Dad with a project around the house. |
| 20 Perform a random act of kindness as a family. Discuss how God wants us to always be kind to others. | | 21 Draw or write a thank you note to your priest. Include any questions you might have. | 22 Cook or bake a meal or snack and deliver them to a neighbor or family member. | 23 Read the Lenten prayer of St. Ephraim and do three prostrations. | 24 Spend five minutes with your eyes closed and pray the Jesus Prayer with your new prayer rope. | 25 Read verses Lambda through Omicron of Rejoice, Panagia: <u>Offering to Children The Akathist Hymn</u> . Attend the Salutations service tonight and bring | 26 Discuss the Third Sunday in Lent - The Veneration of the Holy Cross. Count all the crosses in your home, including the ones you wear. |
| 27 Light a candle in church and pray for someone in need of extra prayers. | | 28 Mail a note to your grandparents or older relative. | 29 Bake a Lenten cake and enjoy it for dessert after dinner tonight. | 30 Take a nature walk. Collect treasures in your backyard or a nearby park and talk about how God made each and every thing unique and for | 31 Fast together as a family from all electronic devices. Pick a fun family activity to do tonight. | | |



The Ladies Philoptochos Society
and our
Greek School Children
Invite our parish to a
***Greek Independence Day
Celebration***

on
Sunday, March 27, 2022
immediately following the service.

Enjoy a traditional Greek Plaki fish meal while listening to the Greek School children share songs and poems about the Greek Independence.

Adults: \$15.00 (traditional Plaki fish meal)

Children: \$7.00 (1/2 fish meal)

PLEASE RSVP to mariaandpatrick@gmail.com by SUNDAY, 3/13
with the following information:

1. Number and types of meals
2. Eat at church or to go

The event benefits Orthodox Christians in need around the world.
Please make checks out to Philoptochos.

2022 Stewardship Commitment Form

Our Church: Our Spiritual Home

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I become a member of the parish?

Membership in the Orthodox Church begins at baptism (Chrismation for some) and continues throughout our life. We are united with Christ through the sacraments, or mysteries, of the Church and through our faithful offering of our entire selves to Jesus Christ. Our Archdiocese requires each parish to distinguish between voting members and non-voting members. A voting member is over 18 years of age and turns in a signed stewardship commitment card, committing a portion of time, talent and treasure to the Church. The Archdiocese also requires the voting member to remain current through the year on their commitments. Keep in mind that true membership in the Body of Christ involves living according to His word and within His Church.

Why must I commit to give a specific amount?

Please keep in mind that your stewardship of money is kept in the strictest of confidence. However, we do compile the amounts anticipated to better plan our budget.

What if I cannot fulfill my stewardship commitment?

During the course of a year, circumstances change. Your stewardship is valued because it is made out of your love for God and His Church. Please do not be concerned if you are unable to meet your stewardship commitment – we are glad you are a part of this parish.

Eternal Life begins Now

“The Church is the unity of all worlds, earthly and heavenly, of angels and men, of the living and the dead. We obtain real communion with God and we participate in God’s uncreated energy. God does not stay in heaven, directing history from there. He directs the world with His uncreated governing energies. We do not aim at appeasing God, but to heal ourselves, so that the vision of God becomes light for us and not fire. Furthermore, in the Church we live eternal life starting from now. We do not simply await the life to come, but we experience and enjoy it from the present. The Kingdom of God, according to the Fathers, is not life beyond the grave, but communion with God, above all, the vision of the uncreated Light.”

Metropolitan Hierotheos of Nafpaktos

The Illness and Cure of the Soul in the Orthodox Tradition

ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH CONFIDENTIAL STEWARDSHIP & FAMILY INFORMATION FORM
Please complete the 2022 Stewardship & Commitment form and return this form to the Church Office

Family Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone: _____

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/We commit to Christ and His Church the following amount:

\$ ____ \$1,560 (\$30/week) ____ \$1,960 (\$38/week) ____ \$2,600 (\$50/week) ____ \$5,200 (\$100/week) ____ Other

Highlighted amount of \$1,960 is what we need to average per steward to run the church on Stewardship alone.

| | Member | Spouse | Children | / Age |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Name: | _____ | _____ | _____ | / |
| Mobile Tel: | _____ | _____ | _____ | / |
| E-mail: | _____ | _____ | _____ | / |
| Occupation: | _____ | _____ | _____ | / |
| Work Tel: | _____ | _____ | _____ | / |

ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH FAMILY INFORMATION FORM

Please complete and return this form to the Church Office

Family Name: _____

Please check ✓ those items in which you or a member of your family has some expertise or interest.
 Place name or initials of the specific family member after each item checked.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greek Language School | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Camp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation of Elderly/Infirm | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking-Events or Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer - general | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ushering / Welcome | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer - Web Site Mgt | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical / Plumbing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reader (in liturgy) | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church 2022 Parish Budget Anticipates a commitment \$160,000 from Stewardship. This represents only 2/3 of our anticipated expenses. Every Stewardship Pledge should conscientiously contribute to the support of our Church for ONE FULL YEAR! To meet our expenses, Assumption needs an average of \$670 a day. We must

ask ourselves prayerfully are we doing enough to continue our mission as a parish. **Please consider using the above table to see how simple it is to increase your stewardship.** With this simple increase we can bring our stewardship closer to fully covering our anticipated budget for 2022. We know not everyone can do this, just try your best and God will provide. You can set up auto pay by going to our website <http://www.agocwi.org/> and clicking on the giving button.

| Yearly | Monthly | Weekly | Daily |
|--------|----------|----------|---------|
| \$ 200 | \$ 16.67 | \$ 3.85 | \$ 0.55 |
| \$ 400 | \$ 33.33 | \$ 7.69 | \$ 1.10 |
| \$ 600 | \$ 50 | \$ 11.53 | \$ 1.64 |



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Assumption Ladies of Philoptochos Raffle to Raise Money for Ukraine Crisis Relief

Raffle Tickets: \$20 each or 3 for \$50

Name _____

Email address and/or phone number _____

Amount of cash/check donation \$ _____

Please enclose this form in an envelope along with your donation (cash or check) and place the envelope in the Philoptochos philanthropy basket at church.

*Alternatively, mail a check *with your donation to Philoptochos Treasurer:*

Beth Fatsis, 1215 E. Johnson St., Madison, WI 53703

**Checks payable to Philoptochos with "Ukraine" in the memo section. Thank you very much for your ongoing support!*

RIVER FOOD PANTRY

The River Food Pantry has become the first redistribution organization (RDO) of Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin. As an RDO, The River can now redirect food sourced from Second Harvest to other local organizations throughout Dane County.

“It is a privilege to expand The River’s partnership with Second Harvest, our largest food source,” said Rhonda Adams, Executive Director of The River. “We entered this RDO agreement because of our long-standing dedication to recover as much food as possible for the community from local food retailers, many of which were passed onto us from Second Harvest to strengthen our community-wide efforts to reduce food waste.”

Through this RDO agreement, The River is allowed to formalize partnerships with local organizations in need of support. Community partners receive regular donations of excess food and resources from The River to reach those who do not access the pantry’s services for various reasons.

“This expansion of our long-standing relationship with The River Food Pantry is an excellent example of partners developing new and more efficient ways to meet the needs of those facing hunger in our community, and the organizations trying to support them,” said Michele Orge, President/CEO of Second Harvest.

Since it officially became an RDO in August, The River has worked with over a dozen redistribution community partners to serve a monthly average of 900 individuals who would otherwise not have access to the pantry’s services. This initiative helps to increase access to healthy food and to minimize food waste in Dane County.

The River’s current redistribution community partners include:

- **Access Housing**
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Dane County**
- **Dryden Terrace (senior and assisted living)**
- **Dryhootch**
- **Friends of the State Street Family**
- **Hope’s Home Ministries**
- **La Follete High School**
- **Neighborhood House Community Center**
- **Porchlight Homeless Men’s Shelter**
- **Shelter from the Storm Ministries**
- **Paul Lutheran Church Community Store**
- **The Beacon**
- **Warner Park Community Recreation Center**

The River distributes a wide variety of products with these organizations to meet their specific needs. Items can include fresh produce, ready-to-eat meals, nonperishable food, snacks, beverages, baby formula, and personal hygiene items.

Each community partner serves a unique population with varying needs. Many of the organizations struggle to afford the quality and quantity of food and/or resources their constituents need to eat and live healthfully, according to Bethany Michiels, The River’s Community Coordinator.

“It is amazing to learn about and work with other organizations serving Dane County in such diverse ways. As an RDO, we can work together to efficiently and safely nourish so many more food-insecure children, seniors, veterans, low-income families, communities of color, and those experiencing homelessness,” said Michiels, who works on-on-one with each partner. To learn more, please visit riverfoodpantry.org/redistribution-community-partnerships.

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