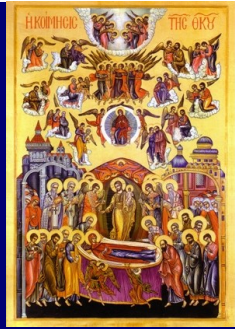


CHURCH STAFF

- 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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Wonderworker

NOVEMBER 2022

TRUE MESSENGERS!

Even today with the emergence of anti-God sentiments running rampant throughout this country where the smallest mention of God is met with almost violent reaction, one can still see a great curiosity about the miracles of Angels. These fascinating creatures have peaked the curiosity of mankind for countless generations, and in so doing have brought us some answers about their mysteriousness through some of the greatest thinkers in the Church. God's use of Angels has been documented throughout the Old and New Testaments, often in the mention of the ones that are sent out to the people. Throughout the Old and the New Testament God primarily used angels as messengers to his people. They were bearers of both good and bad news to God people, and even used to carry warnings to sinful generations.

Over time people have learned through divine revelation that when God created angels He also separated them into three ranks. According to Dionysius, only God Himself could tell you exactly how many different kinds of angels there really are, and how many ranks were created. From what is known there are nine different classes of angels who fall into three ranks of three classes. The top of these ranks are reserved for those closest to God. They are the ones, according to Dionysius, that get enlightenment directly from God. The second were entrusted with the custody of the earth. The third and final rank is given the main providence of informing humanity about God's will.

When looking at the first rank, one finds the Seraphim, Cherubim, and Thrones. All three of the highest ranks find themselves constantly in the presence of God, praising him with every passing moment. This is the only rank that is always in constant communion with God. The middle rank of angels consists of the angels known as Dominions, Powers, and Authorities. Within the Dominions, one sees an order of angels that are not the type to treat others as subordinate to them or to act as what one in the world views as slaves. Rather, they are kept illumined through the grace of God the Father by the Seraphim, Cherubim, and Thrones. They are forever striving toward the Lord. The next order of angels in this rank is the Powers. A name like this fits this group well as they are known for their great strength and courage. The next order in this rank is the Authorities. This order is truly a fascinating order, for they have one of the most unique abilities that one will see amongst the other powers. They have great respect for the authority that is above all authority, that being again from God. The next and final rank of angels one encounters in the known world is that of the Principalities, Archangels, and Angels. Now, as one comes across the Archangels they, through the work of the angels as well, are primarily responsible for the enlightenment of mankind. It is only through the work of all these ranks that God's true message can come through to mankind.

The one constant when looking at angels is that they were created by God for His use, to send messages, and to constantly praise and glorify Him. He sent angels throughout history to announce good news, to both the Theotokos and Elizabeth to announce the good news of their upcoming births, as well as being sent to Sodom and Gomorra, to see if the towns should be destroyed, and then eventually caring out that destruction. The lesson that awaits us all is if the time comes for an angel to come to us, will we be prepared to receive God's message through them?

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Strict Fast 11:00 a.m. Adult Religious Education class via Zoom	3 6:30 p.m. Adult Religious Education class via Zoom	4 Strict Fast	5 Philoptochos Baking Day 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
6 7th Sunday of Luke 8:30 a.m. Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School General Assembly Following Liturgy	7	8 Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & Gabriel 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy 8:30 p.m. Philoptochos Chapter Meeting in person	9 Strict Fast Saint Nektarios 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy No Religious Education 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	10 Fr. Christodoulos out of Office for Clergy Dinner in Milwaukee No Religious Education Class	11 Strict Fast 5:30 p.m. Youth Family Night Artoklasia Making	12 Russian Mission Service 1:00 p.m. Philoptochos Baking Day +Sacrament 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
13 8th Sunday of Luke Saint John Chrysostom 8:30 a.m. Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School Chili Cook Off	14 Saint Philip the Apostle 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy	15 Fast Day	16 Strict Fast Saint Matthew the Apostle 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy No Religious Education Class this Week 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	17 Fast Day Philoptochos Baking Day 7:00 p.m. Women's Spiritual Meeting	18 Strict Fast Philoptochos Baklava+ Packaging Day	19 Fast Day Wine & Oil Permitted 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
20 9th Sunday of Luke Fast Day Wine & Oil Permitted 8:30 a.m. Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School	21 Fast Day Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy	22 Fast Day 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting	23 Strict Fast 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	24 Happy Thanksgiving	25 Strict Fast	26 Fast Day Wine & Oil Permitted
27 13th Sunday of Luke Fast Day Wine & Oil Permitted 8:30 a.m. Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School	28 Fast Day	29 Fast Day	30 Strict Fast Day Saint Andrew the First Called Apostles 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy Immediately Following Liturgy Adult Religious Education Class			

The Parish Council Update September 2022

Officers: Jim Katsihtis, President; Maria Molzahn, Vice President; Bruce Hansen, Secretary; Scott Storck, Treasurer; Niko Papadopoulos, Assistant Treasurer

Members: Christy Chappell-Belkin, Conn Choles, Carol Griskavich, Nick Helser, Mike Smith, John Soloninka

Greetings in the name of our resurrected Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

As we approach our Fall General Assembly and the discussions surrounding stewardship, volunteering and our budget, I wanted to share a quote from a priest that I once read in an article. He certainly has eternity in mind when he said (and I paraphrase), "I want to die exhausted, knowing that every bit of my available time and energy were used for God's Kingdom."

Let's all prayerfully and lovingly consider how we are each using the time, talents and treasures God has given each of us.

Fall General Assembly

The Fall General Assembly will take place on Sunday November 6th following the Divine Liturgy. Two of the many important topics on the agenda are the 2023 Budget and the roof replacement proposal. Regarding the budget, the parish will be asked to consider its commitment to Stewardship and to service to meet the operating needs of the parish. Everyone's commitment is especially needed in light of increased expenses and volunteerism that has yet to return to prepandemic levels.

2022 Stewardship

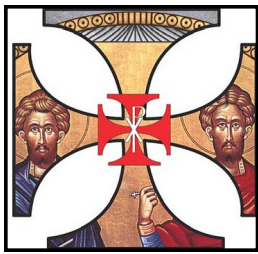
If you haven't already, please return your 2022 Stewardship form and continue to pray for, and generously support, our parish. Your stewardship helps support our worship, ministries, youth programs and facility expenses. Our goal is for stewardship to cover our operating expenses and for us not to have to rely on fundraisers for standard operating expenses. Please help us reach that goal. And please consider joining the Stewardship Committee to provide input and help us grow and engage our stewards more.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00PM. Parish Council meetings will typically be scheduled on the third Tuesday of the month.

On behalf of the Parish Council,

Jim
407-408-3096
jkatsihtis@gmail.com



FOCUS ON PHILOPTOCHOS HELP US TO HELP OTHERS

November 2022

Focus on PHILOPTOCHOS
#PhiloCares #ArmyofAgape

When Philoptochos sees pain and suffering, we strive to offer comfort. When Philoptochos sees hunger, we strive to offer sustenance. When Philoptochos sees despair, we seek to offer hope.

Join us!! We need you to do our work across our community.

LOOKING AHEAD

Chapter Meeting: Nov 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm, in person

Learn more about what we do and who we serve at the next chapter meeting. We need you to join us, get involved and be part of our sisterhood.

We'll meet in the church hall, but for those who are unable to join in person, the meeting link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85684667221?pwd=bVRUeUJkbTJybTlyUEU0UHBEbGh5QT09>

Meeting ID: 856 8466 7221

Passcode: 772005

2022 BAKLVA PLUS SALE

Our annual fundraiser is once again here. A large team of volunteers have prepared, packaged, baked, assembled and worked to get our items ready for our largest annual fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who has assisted so far. We still need assistance for the week leading up to the pick up day, November 19, 2022 from 9 am – 1 pm.

If you can volunteer for any of these days in the church hall, let the respective chairs

- **November 17** – Baklava making, 9 am - 1 pm
Contact Elene Pataneude (alakisade@gmail.com) or Patti Cameron (pcameron10@gmail.com).
- **November 18:** Packaging and preparation (9 am – noon AND 1 pm – 3 pm) and
November 19: Pick Up Day: 8 am – 11 am AND 11 am – 2 pm
Contact: Maria Heide (maria.heide@wisc.edu)

Pickup Date:	Saturday, November 19, 2022
Pick Up Time:	9 am to 1 pm
Pick Up Location:	Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 11 N 7th, Madison, WI 53704

NOVEMBER COLLECTION TRAY: This month it will be for the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

NOTES FROM OCTOBER

- Funds distributed in October: \$2,500 – River Food Pantry

DATES TO REMEMBER

- *November 5* - OCWA Fall Conference, Wauwatosa, WI
- *November 13* – Philoptochos Sunday
- *December 4* – Metropolis wide Christmas Open House, The Carlisle, Lombard, IL, 5-9 pm



The Ladies' Philoptochos Society Assumption Greek Orthodox Church 2022-2023 Monthly Tray Schedule

1	January	St Basil Academy / Vasilopita Fundraiser
2	February	Local Schools / Local Families
3	March	Relief for Greece and Cyprus
4	April	International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)
5	May	River Food Pantry
6	June	Orthodox Christian Prison Mission
7	July	Philanthropy Fund
8	August	Madison Public Schools / Operation Classroom
9	September	Hellenic College / Holy Cross
10	October	NO COLLECTION TRAY
11	November	Ecumenical Patriarchate
12	December	Philanthropy Fund

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER



Happy November Sunday school families!

As we enter the month of thanksgiving the Sunday school teachers would like to say thank you to our wonderful parents for all your support. We appreciate all you do to continue teaching your children the word of God. We encourage parents to please continue bringing your children to Sunday school, so they can learn more about our faith, the sacraments of the church, Holy Saints, and why we are part of Christ's family.

This month we have lots of save the dates for different events happening:

1. **Friday November 11th from 5:30pm-8pm** in the church hall we will have an Artoklasia night where students will learn how to make the traditional sweet bread that Father will bless on special feast days. There will be pizza, fall desserts, and fun fall crafts and games for children and families to play!
2. **Sunday November 13th** after church, during coffee hour we will have the church chili cook off! Families can bring in their favorite chili recipe to share with everyone. There will be a \$5 dollar entrance fee, which money will be used for donation for the Sunday school and Greek school. Everyone will vote for their favorite chili and the most votes wins the Golden Koutala! Last year our winner was Scott Storck, let's see who will be our winner this year!
3. On **Sunday November 27th** there will be no Sunday school for Thanksgiving break, classes will resume on December 4th. We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving break with your family and friends.

In Christ,
Susu Akkawi
Director of Sunday school

COMMUNITY NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Will be held on Tuesday, November 15th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING: We be on Tuesday, November 8th beginning at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in person.

DONATIONS FOR RELIGIOUS ARTICLES: Throughout the year we all experience moments when we wish to express thanksgiving to God for all blessings

received or to offer intercessory prayer for a loved one or to honor someone dear to us. For most of us there is a special inner joy to be able to make these expressions in the form of gifts to the House of God in which we worship.

For moments like these, we have prepared a list of sacred items which are used in our worship and could be offered in thanksgiving and prayer by our beloved parishioners.

Many of the sacred items on this list are to be donated to replace others, which due to time and usage throughout the years can no longer be used in worship services. Still others are needed so that we may worship in the proper way /according to our Orthodox Faith.

If there is anyone wishing to donate:

15 Hanging Vigil Lamps	- \$100 - 1 Donated
Censor Stand with Procession candles	- \$1,050
Gospel Stand	- \$450 - Donated
Portable Icon Stand	- \$750
Artoclassia Stand	- \$350
Holy Thursday Candle Stand	- \$400
Elevation Tray with Cross	- \$1,200

If anyone has any questions concerning this list, please contact Fr. Christodoulos for more information and details.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS: A.R.E. have begun. We are currently reading “The Orthodox Church” By Metropolitan Kallistos Ware of blessed memory. We will have in person classes on Wednesday’s at 11:00 a.m. here at the church. We also have a virtual zoom class on Thursday’s beginning at 6:30 p.m. The classes are the same and interchangeable.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED: Dear members and parents. If you or your children would be interested in serving in the Altar please come see me. We are need on children and men of all ages to help bolster our Altar server ranks. Children should be 7 and up.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & CONSTANTINOPLE: I have been blessed to lead a few trips to the Holy Land as a priest and I plan to lead another one for our parish here at Assumption. We are currently planning on departing in November of 2023. The Itinerary is being finalized and we this trip will be all inclusive. The cost will include Airfare, hotel, breakfast, dinner and transportation. In the past this has run around \$3,200 and we will get a final price point when we get closer to November of this year. Consider joining us for this once in a lifetime opportunity to see where Jesus walked, lived, dies & resurrected. We normally meet with both the Patriarchs of Jerusalem and Constantinople. We will give more information soon.

HELP NEEDED FOR CLEANING CHURCH WEEKLY: We are looking for a few people who would be willing to help Jenny with cleaning the church weekly. This is only for sanctusry. The hall and foyer are cleaned by a company. Jenny is willing to clean any day help is available. So if interested please see Fr. Christodoulos or contact Jenny at 608-434-8594.

J & 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!

HOLY CONFESSION IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR LIVES: Each of us should go to the priest for Holy Confession preferably 3 times a year, but at the very least once a year. Our very salvation can be threatened when we ignore this most beautiful sacrament of our Church. This year make the effort to call your Father Confessor for an appointment.



SUNDAY SCHOOL ARTOKLASIA NIGHT



FRIDAY NOV 11TH | 5:30PM-8PM
CHURCH HALL



COME LEARN & MAKE A TRADITIONAL
SWEET BREAD CALLED ARTOKLASIA!
THE BREAD WE MAKE WILL BE USED FOR
THE BLESSING OF THE FEAST DAY OF ST
JOHN CHRYSOSTOM.
THERE WILL BE PIZZA, APPLE CIDER,
PUMPKIN PIE, & FUN FALL CRAFTS!

SEE YOU THERE!



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Details

Please join us for this wonderful trip to help bring the Gospels to life in front of our very eyes.

Have the opportunity to see the places where the most important aspects of Christ's life took place.

Take advantage of the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. Then join us in the City of Constantinople to the Be there to enjoy a once in a lifetime opportunity to reinvigorate our faith.

What we will be seeing:

- Visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where Jesus Christ was crucified, buried, and resurrected in Glory!
- Visit Bethlehem and see the spot where Christ was - welcomed into the world at the beautiful Church of the Nativity!
- See the shepherds Field where the angels appeared to the shepherds to announce the birth of Christ!
- Experience the sea of Galilee and the surrounding region where Christ called the apostles and spent much of His ministry!
- See the spot where the Archangel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary to announce the birth of the Savior!
- Experience Church of Agia Sophia, the Grand Bazaar, the Church of Agia Irene, the Church of Chora and the Patriarchate of Constantinople!

Final cost to be determined.

Breakfast and dinner included

All that's missing is you!



*November 6 - November 17
2023*

JOIN US FOR THE 2nd ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF, VETERANS RECOGNITION & FOOTBALL WATCH PARTY

On Sunday, November 13th, 2022 the Sunday School will host a chili cook-off in the Social Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy

Join us for a Variety of Chili, fixin's, sides, drinks & desserts - and chicken nuggets for the non-chili eaters! Help us raise money for the Sunday School!

- Interested in putting your chili to the test and winning the coveted Chili Champ Golden Koutala! See Fr. Christodoulos and he will give you the rules. We can accept up to 10 entries.
- Want to come taste and vote? The cost is \$7.00 and Veterans and kids 3 and under are free.

Rules for Cooks

1. Have a 6-quart Crock pot (minimum) with your chili ready to eat by 11:00 a.m. on November 14th.
2. On the front of your 5x8 index card, indicate what type you are entering and give it a heat rating (mild, medium, hot). DO NOT include your name.
3. On the back of the card list the ingredients (measurements not needed)
4. The Sunday School and Greek School will provide fixin's, (cheese, onions, jalapenos, sour cream, crackers, chips and hot Sauce), and tasting cups, spoons and bowls.
5. Winner will be determined by popular vote only—no judges—this is just for fun and fellowship!



Let's all support
Assumption's Philoptochos
Bazaar

Sundays, Nov 6 & 13 following Liturgy,
and
Nov 19 at the Baklava+

All proceeds will go to charities
supported by Philoptochos



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Congratulations to our Assumption choir director, George Tzougros, who is one of the recipients of the 2022 Patriarch Athenagoras Distinguished Service Award! Αξιος!

The National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians recognizes individuals who have made exemplary contributions to church music in their Metropolises. Each Metropolis Church Music Federation selects its own recipients for this national award. On Saturday, September 17, 2022, the Metropolis of Chicago Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians presented Patriarch Athenagoras medals to George Tzougros, Marlene Ego and Rev. Fr. John Kalomas.

George has contributed to the music ministry of the Church locally, regionally and at the Chicago Diocese/Metropolis Federation level for more than 40 years. A graduate of Carol University in Waukesha, Wisconsin, George toured throughout Europe and the United States as part of their choir ensembles. As the State of Wisconsin Arts Board Director for 26 years his promotion of music and the arts extends far beyond Assumption.

George has served the choir of our Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Madison, Wisconsin, for 41 years. He joined as a choir member in 1982 under the direction of Dr. Michael Petrovich. At the request of Dr. Petrovich in September 1988, George took on the directing responsibilities of the choir. He was appointed full-time director after Dr. Petrovich passed away in 1989. Since then George has continued to challenge, encourage and enrich the Assumption choir and our services with Orthodox liturgical music by a variety of composers.

George served as a Metropolis of Chicago Choir Federation board member for nine years (1984 to 1992). He held the distinction of Federation president for two of those years. In addition, George was given the honor of being guest choir director of the 2016 Federation Choir Conference hosted at Saint Nicholas of Oak Lawn, Illinois.

In 1990 George was selected to direct the 275 voice choir of the Chicago Diocese for the first-ever visit of our Patriarch to Chicago, Illinois. His All Holiness, Patriarch Demetrios I, celebrated the Divine Liturgy in Grant Park with George proudly directing the Federation Choir.

Please join the Assumption Choir in congratulating and thanking George for his distinguished service in the ministry of our liturgical music.





2022 Annual Community Christmas Card

**We are now accepting names to be submitted for the
2022 Community Christmas Card**

In order for our Christmas Card to be successful, we need your cooperation. Please approach your family and friends who may not be aware of this program, to see if they would like to be a part of our Family Christmas Card.

*******Deadline*******

Monday, December 12th, 2022

**Please use this form and send it along with your donation
Free Will Offering but suggested donation is \$25. Please send to:
Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
11 N. Seventh Street
Madison, WI 53704**

Please print your name below, clearly and EXACTLY as it should appear in the card.

Name: _____

**May the forthcoming Christmas Season bring to you and your family
the Lord's blessings of Joy and Good Health!**

Thank you for your support of our Assumption Church.

THE GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO
39TH ANNUAL

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George Bentley, 1st Place, Iconography - Senior Division
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Saturday, April 29, 2023

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