

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 - 2 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.

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.

GREEK FREAK NIGHT AT THE MILWAUKEE BUCKS GAME: The Milwaukee Bucks annual Greek Night will be on December 7th.

The Church has been given a link to purchase tickets. Each person will purchase their tickets from the site. Prices range from \$40 - \$80.

We hope you can join us as we celebrate the Greek Night with the Bucks and Giannis! All attendees will receive a commemorative Giannis Bobblehead and a wristband to be included in the post game activities with Giannis. We will also have a bus from Church. Cost for the bus is \$15. Links for tickets and to sign up for the bus below.

Ticket Link

<https://offer.fevo.com/bucks-vs-kings-nhmb2ra-e9dba36?fevoUri=bucks-vs-kings-nhmb2ra-e9dba36%2F> Use Code **GN34**

Bus Link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0545aeae2ca02-busfor1>

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Sunday, November 20th, 2022

9th Sunday of Luke

**Fore feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple
Saint Gregory the Righteous of Decapolis**

Readings:

Epistle: Ephesians 2: 4-10

Gospel: Luke 12: 16-21

Sunday School/Coffee Hour

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Monday, November 21st, 2022

Fast Day

Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple

8:30 a.m.

Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, November 23rd, 2022

Strict Fast

7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Thursday, November 24th, 2022

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Fr. Christodoulou's Office hours are: Tuesday - Friday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – DECEMBER 4th & 11th: With Thanksgiving almost upon us. We at Assumption are truly thankful for you and your family. You are a vital part of our Church Community.

Please take a few minutes to review your 2023 Stewardship Commitment in support of our Parish Ministries. We have taught the importance of including the entire family in your stewardship pledge. Including everyone underscores the importance of the Stewardship Program and everyone plays a significant role. Discussing the Program will teach everyone about stewardship and the importance of their participation.

Stewardship is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves, and to grow in grace. It allows us to participate in the work of God. Be prepared to make your Pledge for 2023 on our 2 Stewardship Sundays, and to help us reach our goal of raising \$168,000.

Also, as we are coming to a close for this year, please make sure your 2022 pledge is current or paid in full. Your support and cooperation in this matter is always deeply appreciated

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.

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 sanctuary. The hall and foyer are cleaned by a company. So if interested please see Fr. Christodoulos

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

Brethren, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἀνθρώπου τινὸς πλουσίου εὐφόρησεν ἡ χώρα· καὶ διελογίζετο ἐν ἑαυτῷ λέγων· τί ποιήσω, ὅτι οὐκ ἔχω ποῦ συνάξω τοὺς καρπούς μου; καὶ εἶπε· τοῦτο ποιήσω· καθελῶ μου τὰς ἀποθήκας καὶ μείζονας οἰκοδομήσω, καὶ συνάξω ἐκεῖ πάντα τὰ γεννήματά μου καὶ τὰ ἀγαθὰ μου, καὶ ἐρῶ τῇ ψυχῇ μου· ψυχῆ, ἔχεις πολλὰ ἀγαθὰ κείμενα εἰς ἔτη πολλά· ἀναπαύου, φάγε, πίε, εὐφραίνου. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Θεός· ἄφρον, ταύτη τῇ νυκτὶ τὴν ψυχὴν σου ἀπαιτοῦσιν ἀπὸ σοῦ· ἃ δὲ ἠτοίμασας τίνι ἔσται; οὕτως ὁ θησαυρίζων ἑαυτῷ καὶ μὴ εἰς Θεὸν πλουτῶν. Ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· Ὁ ἔχων ὧτα ἀκούειν, ἀκούετω.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?'" And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

MEASURING YOUR COMMITMENT: The year of 2022 is slowly drawing to a close. However, before we can look to 2023 we need to settle with 2022. If you are behind in your 2022 Stewardship Pledge to the church, please take this opportunity to bring it up to date and meet your commitment.

2023 Pledge Cards have been mailed to all parishioners. Praise the Lord for those who have already responded and submitted their Pledges. If you haven't, take the time and prayerfully fill one out and drop it off at the church office.

Consider for a moment what your pledge in the offering does. It serves not only the needs of our own congregation but goes beyond our local parish to serve the worldwide mission of our Holy Orthodox Church. The motto of every Orthodox Christian should be "I serve." And if I cannot go in person, I can serve through my church stewardship. Through this medium I can visit the sick, help the widows and orphans, remember the aged, and preach the word of salvation through Jesus Christ to all people. It is in this manner we truly minister the whole program of our Church in all phases.

FASTING: A NOBLE DISCIPLINE: Fasting is an integral part of living an authentic Orthodox Christian life. As human beings we are composed of body and soul. We discipline our souls by prayer, Christian moral living and the Holy Sacraments. Our bodies are controlled and disciplined by fasting both from foods and iniquities.

Resurrection Apolitikion

Ἦχος πλ β

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνημῆμά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἀχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Plagal of the Second Mode

When the angelic powers were at Thy tomb, then they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood beside the grave seeking Thine immaculate body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and was not tried there by Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant life to us. O Thou Who art risen from the dead, Lord glory be to Thee

For the Forefeast

Ἦχος δ

Χαρὰν προμνηστεύεται, σήμερον Ἄννα ἡμῖν, τῆς λύπης ἀντίθετον, καρπὸν βλαστήσασα, τὴν μόνην Ἀειπάρθενον· ἦν περ δὴ καὶ προσάγει, τὰς εὐχὰς ἐκπληροῦσα, σήμερον γηθομένη, τῷ Ναῶ τοῦ Κυρίου, ὡς ὄντως ναὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ Λόγου, καὶ Μητέρα ἀγνήν.

Fourth Mode

Today righteous Anna solicits joy for us all, * the opposite of pain and sorrow, having brought forth her fruit, * the only ever-virgin Maid; * and today in fulfillment of her prayer and her promise, * to the Temple of the Lord she joyfully leads her * who is truly the temple and pure * Mother of God the Word.

Hymn for the Dormition of the Theotokos

Ἦχος α

Ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει, τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας. Ἐν τῇ Κοιμήσει, τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε. Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, Μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις ταῖς σαῖς λυτρομένη, ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

First Mode

You gave birth yet preserved your virginity. You fell asleep in death yet did not desert the world, O Theotokos. You were transported to life, as you are Mother of Life and, by virtue of your intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Kontakion

Ἦχος δ

Εὐφροσύνης σήμερον, ἡ οἰκουμένη, ἐπληρώθη ἅπασα, ἐν τῇ εὐσήμῳ Ἑορτῇ, τῆς Θεοτόκου κραυγάζουσα· Αὕτη ὑπάρχει, σκηνὴ ἐπουράνιος.

Fourth Mode

The whole world is filled today with joy and gladness on the Theotokos's auspicious and resplendent feast, where on with great voice it crieth out: The heavenly tabernacle is she in truth.

Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ Θεὸς πλοῦσιος ὢν ἐν ἐλέει, διὰ τὴν πολλὴν ἀγάπην αὐτοῦ ἦν ἠγάπησεν ἡμᾶς, καὶ ὄντας ἡμᾶς νεκροὺς τοῖς παραπτώμασιν συνεζωοποίησεν τῷ Χριστῷ· χάριτί ἐστε σεσωσμένοι· καὶ συνήγειρεν καὶ συνεκάθισεν ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ, ἵνα ἐνδείξηται ἐν τοῖς αἰῶσι τοῖς ἐπερχομένοις τὸν ὑπερβάλλοντα πλοῦτον τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ ἐν χρηστότητι ἐφ' ἡμᾶς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Τῇ γὰρ χάριτί ἐστε σεσωσμένοι διὰ τῆς πίστεως· καὶ τοῦτο οὐκ ἐξ ὑμῶν, Θεοῦ τὸ δῶρον· οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων, ἵνα μὴ τις καυχῆσθαι. Αὐτοῦ γὰρ ἐσμεν ποίημα, κτισθέντες ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ ἐπὶ ἔργοις ἀγαθοῖς οἷς προητοίμασεν ὁ Θεὸς ἵνα ἐν αὐτοῖς περιπατήσωμεν.

THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL: Is the designated Gospel lesson for the Ninth Sunday of Luke, which usually occurs around the time of Thanksgiving. The double theme here is wealth and thanksgiving.

A wealthy person is often regarded as successful. In the Parable of the Rich Fool Jesus paints, with bold strokes, a picture of an apparently successful man whose only problem seemed to be the abundance of his wealth. What person in any age would not be considered successful if his or her only worry was what to do with the profits?

But Jesus did not call the rich man successful. He called him a fool instead. A fool is someone who blinds himself or herself to a fundamental truth, a person who by self-deception commits an enormous blunder. Greed led this man to make a big mistake about life.

The rich fool's wealth separated him from God. Jesus warns us not to be greedy for material things but to be "rich in God's sight."

THE ORTHODOX MEANING OF THANKSGIVING: When man stands before the throne of God, when he has fulfilled all that God has given him to fulfill, when all sins are forgiven, all joy restored, then there is nothing else for him to do but give thanks. Eucharist (thanksgiving) is the state of perfect man. Eucharist is the life of Paradise. Eucharist is the only full and real response of man to God's creation, redemption and gift of heaven. But this perfect man who stands before God is Christ. In Him alone all that God has given man was fulfilled and brought back to heaven. He alone is the perfect Eucharistic being. He is the Eucharist of the world. In and through this Eucharist the whole creation becomes what it always was to be and yet failed to be.

"It is fitting and right to give thanks," answers the congregation, expressing in these words that "unconditional surrender" with which true religion begins...

But as we stand before God, remembering all that He has done for us, and offer to Him our thanksgiving for all His benefits, we inescapably discover that the content of all this thanksgiving and remembrance is Christ. All remembrance is ultimately the remembrance of Christ, all thanksgiving is finally thanksgiving for Christ. "In Him was life and that life was the light of men." And in the light of the Eucharist we see that Christ is indeed the life and light of all that exists, and the glory that fills heaven and earth. There is nothing for, because in Him everything finds its being, its life, its end.

*Taken from Fr. Alexander Schemann's:
"For the Life of the World"*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY CONFESSION: As we have entered into the period of Advent – Nativity Fast – we would like to remind all the faithful of our parish that they should make an appointment with your Spiritual Father for Holy Confession. Let us greet the new born Lord with a renewed and contrite spirit.

FROM GOD'S WORD: "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thessalonians. 5:18)

WELCOME: We are pleased that you worshipped with us today. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in our church hall, following worship. If you are new to the parish, or simply visiting, introduce yourself to our priest or to our greeters, so that they may introduce you to others.

GREEK HERITAGE NIGHT

MILWAUKEE BUCKS | MILWAUKEE, WI

Come out to our 5TH Annual Greek Heritage Night to watch the Milwaukee Bucks take on the Sacramento Kings!



**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 7TH, 2022 | 7PM**

GREEK NIGHT TICKET PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- GAME NIGHT TICKET TO BUCKS VS KINGS
 - EXCLUSIVE GREEK NIGHT BOBBLEHEAD-
 - **POST GAME TALK WITH GIANNIS & THANASIS**-
- * SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

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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.

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