

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 - 10 Donated
Censor Stand with Procession candles	- \$1,050
Gospel Stand	- \$450 - Donated
Portable Icon Stand	- \$750
Artoclassia Stand	- \$350 - Donated
Holy Thursday Candle Stand	- \$400 - Donated
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. The tickets are in the process of being finalized. The cost should be around \$4,000. Consider joining us for this once in a lifetime opportunity to see where Jesus walked, lived, died & resurrected. We normally meet with both the Patriarchs of Jerusalem and Constantinople. To register and make your deposit or to see a more detailed itinerary of the trip. Please visit <https://www.amitravel.com/groups/group/?id=62a946b21059860004c7bd71>

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH OUTING TO THE MADISON CAPITALS

GAME: Once again our parish is going to be doing an outing for the Madison Capitals Hockey Team on Saturday, February 18th. Just like last year we have a link to purchase tickets to the eagles nest with all you can eat and drink packages. It is also Team USA Bobblehead night. Packages are as listed.

-For kids 12 & under it is all you can eat and drink for \$17

-For adults with no alcohol All you can eat or drink for \$22

-For adults all you can eat & drink including Alcohol for \$28

This will be a great game to attend with the whole family. Come cheer on our Madison Capitals to defeat the Omaha Lancers on February 18th at 7:05 p.m. at the Bob Suter's Capital Arena. Link for tickets is below

https://tickets.madcapshockey.com/events/21868-omaha-lancers-vs-madison-capitals?promo_code=greekchurch

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Sunday, January 22nd, 2023
15th Sunday of Luke
Saint Timothy the Apostle of the 70
The Righteous Martyr Anastasios of Persia

Readings:

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4: 9-15

Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10

Sunday School/Coffee Hour

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Sunday, January 22nd, 2023

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Parish Outing to Tyrol Basin for Tubing

Wednesday, January 25th, 2023

Strict Fast Day

No Adult Religious Education Class

7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Thursday, January 26th, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Women's Spiritual Meeting

Saturday, January 28th, 2023

Fr. Christodoulos in Dubuque

4:00 p.m.

Great Vespers

Ethiopian Mission Service

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

Memorials

Georgios Galitis	6 months
Syrmo Kirvassilis	6 years
Vassilios Kirvassilis	24 years
Nicolaos Psarras	29 years

May their Memory be Eternal!

ASSUMPTION SNOW TUBING YOUTH EVENT TODAY: Today, we will have a parish outing to Tyrol Basin for a day of Tubing or skiing. We will meet at Tyrol Basin at 1:00 p.m. and go until 5:00 p.m. The Cost is \$25 per person for the tubing. <https://tyrolbasin.com/tubing/>

We are asking everyone to purchase the tickets on your own as there is no discount for groups and there are liability forms to fill out. The Tickets are on sale now to prepurchase. Join us for a fun afternoon on the slopes.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL MEETING: Women's spiritual zoom meetings will be on Thursday, January 26th 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.

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον Α΄ Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος· εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ καὶ κοπιῶμεν καὶ ὀνειδιζόμεθα, ὅτι ἠλπίκαμεν ἐπὶ Θεῷ ζῶντι, ὅς ἐστι Σωτὴρ πάντων ἀνθρώπων, μάλιστα πιστῶν. Παράγγελλε ταῦτα καὶ διδάσκει. Μηδεὶς σου τῆς νεότητος καταφρονεῖτω, ἀλλὰ τύπος γίνου τῶν πιστῶν ἐν λόγῳ, ἐν ἀναστροφῇ, ἐν ἀγάπῃ, ἐν πνεύματι, ἐν πίστει, ἐν ἀγνείᾳ. Ἔως ἔρχομαι πρόσεχε τῇ ἀναγνώσει, τῇ παρακλήσει, τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ. Μὴ ἀμέλει τοῦ ἐν σοὶ χαρίσματος, ὃ ἐδόθη σοὶ διὰ προφητείας μετὰ ἐπιθέσεως τῶν χειρῶν τοῦ πρεσβυτερίου. Ταῦτα μελέτα, ἐν τοῦτοις ἴσθι, ἵνα σου ἡ προκοπὴ φανερὰ ᾖ ἐν πάντιν.

The reading is from Paul's First Letter to Timothy

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, διήρχετο ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὴν Ἱερικὴν· καὶ ἰδοὺ ἀνὴρ ὀνόματι καλούμενος Ζακχαῖος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν ἀρχιτελώνης, καὶ οὗτος ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐζήτει ἰδεῖν τὸν Ἰησοῦν τίς ἐστι, καὶ οὐκ ἠδύνατο ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄχλου, ὅτι τῇ ἡλικίᾳ μικρὸς ἦν. καὶ προδραμὼν ἐμπροσθεν ἀνέβη ἐπὶ συκομορέαν, ἵνα ἴδῃ αὐτόν, ὅτι δι' ἐκείνης ἡμέλλε διέρχεσθαι. καὶ ὡς ἦλθεν ἐπὶ τὸν τόπον, ἀναβλέψας ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδεν αὐτόν καὶ εἶπεν πρὸς αὐτόν· Ζακχαῖε, σπεύσας κατέβηθι· σήμερον γὰρ ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ σου δεῖ με μείναι. καὶ σπεύσας κατέβη, καὶ ὑπεδέξατο αὐτόν χαίρων. καὶ ἰδόντες πάντες διεγόγγυζον λέγοντες ὅτι παρὰ ἁμαρτωλῶ ἀνδρὶ εἰσῆλθε καταλῦσαι. σταθεὶς δὲ Ζακχαῖος εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Κύριον· Ἰδοὺ τὰ ἡμίση τῶν ὑπαρχόντων μου, Κύριε, δίδωμι τοῖς πτωχοῖς, καὶ εἴ τινός τι ἐσυκοφάντησα, ἀποδίδωμι τετραπλαῖον. εἶπε δὲ πρὸς αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι σήμερον σωτηρία τῷ οἴκῳ τούτῳ ἐγένετο, καθότι καὶ αὐτὸς υἱὸς Ἀβραάμ ἐστιν· ἦλθε γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ζητῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι τὸ ἀπολωλός.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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.

Resurrection Apolitikion

Ἦχος βαρύς

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέφξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας· ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Grave Mode

By Thy Cross Thou didst abolish death; to the thief Thou didst open Paradise; Thou didst transform the myrrh bearers lamentation and didst order Thine Apostles to preach that Thou art risen, O Christ our I God, bestowing great mercy upon the world.

Hymn for the Apostle

Ἦχος δ

Χρηστότητα ἐκδιδασχθεῖς, καὶ νήφων ἐν πᾶσιν, ἀγαθὴν συνείδησιν ἱεροπρεπῶς ἐνδυσάμενος, ἡντλησας ἐκ τοῦ Σκεύους τῆς ἐκλογῆς τὰ ἀπόρρητα· καὶ τὴν πίστιν τηρήσας, τὸν ἴσον δρόμον τετέλεκας, Ἀπόστολε Τιμόθεε. Πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Fourth Mode

Having learned kindness, and being always steady and sober, vested with a good conscience as befits a priest, you drew out from the Chosen Vessel the secrets of God. And having kept the faith, you have finished the fair race, O Hieromartyr Timothy. Intercede with Christ our God, entreating Him to save our souls.

Hymn for the Martyr

Ἦχος δ

Ὁ Μάρτυς σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτοῦ, τὸ στέφος ἐκομίσατο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· ἔχων γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλεν· ἔθραυσε καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση, αὐτοῦ ταῖς ἱκεσίαις Χριστέ, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Fourth Mode

Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily awarded by You * the crown of incorruption, in that he contested for You our immortal God. * Since he possessed Your power, he defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ God, at his fervent entreaties, save our souls.

Hymn for the Dormition of the Theotokos

Ἦχος α

Ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει, τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας. Ἐν τῇ Κοιμῇσει, 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 α

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγίασας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἡγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

First Mode

Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth, and didst bless Symeon's hands as was meet, by anticipation hast even now saved us, O Christ God. But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth and strengthen the hierarchs whom Thou hast loved, O only Friend of man.

ZACCHAEUS: Today's reading is taken from the Gospel according to Saint Luke. In this story, we see a man encounter God. This man was Zacchaeus, who was a wealthy tax collector and a sinful man. He had used unjust means to gain wealth. Yet Zacchaeus desired to see the Lord as He was passing through Jericho on His way to Jerusalem. When he joined the crowd that had come together to meet the Lord, he could not see because he was a short man. Yet this did not deter him. Rather, he ran ahead and climbed up a tree in order to see Christ when He passed by. Yet Zacchaeus was about to receive more than just a glimpse of the Lord.

As the Lord was passing by, He looked up at Zacchaeus in the tree and called him by name and told him that He desired to come to his home. Zacchaeus had never met the Lord before, so he was amazed that this Man knew him by name. He came down from the tree and welcomed the Lord into His home joyfully. Not only this, but Zacchaeus repented. When he met the Lord, he no longer desired to acquire wealth, but rather to amend his life. He said, "Behold, half of my belongings, Lord, I give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." Repentance is not only a change of heart, but also a change of actions. Zacchaeus was once a greedy man; now, he has become a giving man. He not only restored fourfold what he had unjustly taken, but he even gave half of his belongings. Yet, his repentance gained him the most precious gift – the kingdom of heaven.

STEWARDSHIP NOTE: We ask all our parishioners who have an outstanding balance on their Year 2022 Stewardship pledges to please meet their commitment. How can we expect our Church to function if we cannot pay our expenses? Please meet the commitment you yourself have pledged to our Church. Also, if you haven't already done so, please submit your 2023 pledge of Time, Talent, and Financial Resources to the church.

HOW DID JESUS HANDLE THE INTERRUPTIONS OF HIS LIFE? One day He was making a beeline through a crowd to help the critically ill, only daughter of the president of the synagogue. It was a crisis moment, and just at that point a sick woman touched the hem of His garment. How did Jesus respond to the interruption? He stopped. He searched the crowd until He found the woman who had touched Him. He took time to show His concern for her, to speak to her, and to assure her that it was her great faith that had healed her.

At another time Jesus was preaching a sermon to a houseful of people when suddenly He was interrupted by a thud of falling mud which dropped to the floor in front of Him. Everyone's eyes went to the ceiling. They saw a hole, and some men were making the hole bigger. When it was large enough, they carefully lowered a sick man on a litter and dropped him at the feet of Jesus. Far from resenting this interruption of His sermon, Jesus expressed admiration for the great faith of these people and He healed the sick man.

It is only those who do not know Jesus who say, "I hate to bother God with my problem. He is so great, and so many billions of people to look after, why should He be concerned about me?" But God is concerned. He was concerned about Jairus' sick daughter. He was concerned about the sick woman who reached out to touch him in the crowd. He was concerned about the blind beggar who called out to Him from the gutter of a street. He was concerned about mothers bringing their little babies to Him to be blessed. Even though He was busy at each moment, Jesus did not consider even one of these encounters as an interruption but as an opportunity to show His concern and love.

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ASSUMPTION Snow Tubing

Please join us for our second year
tubing at Tyrol Basin on Sunday
January 22nd from 1-5pm

To purchase tickets please visit:

<https://tyrolbasin.com/tubing/>

\$25 per ticket

Buy online one week in advance

We hope you can come out for some parish family fun!

