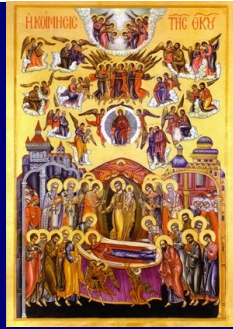


CHURCH STAFF

- Parish Priest: Very Reverend Archimandrite Christodoulos Margellos
- Parish Council President: Jim (Demetrios) Katsihtis
- Philoptochos President: Maria Molzahn
- Sunday School Directors: Susu Saba
- Greek School: Ilektra Kolokouri
- Choir Director: George Tzougros

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Wonder Worker

NOVEMBER 2023

EVIL IS OUT THERE

We found out first hand in our lives how much evil truly exists in this world twenty two years ago, when the first of three planes hit their target on Sept 11th, 2001. Forever embedded into our minds, I would bet each and every one of you could tell me where you were the moment you heard that devastating news. This of course is just one example of evil that exists in this world, I could go on and name many other events that would demonstrate my point, but now you may ask why I am speaking about evil in general. I was watching a show, and the two characters were having a debate about their children, and whether or not they should let them know about evil. I heard this and began to contemplate.

As Orthodox Christians we are confronted everyday with evil, and it would be a disservice to believe that we or our children either cannot or should not be informed about evil. I think it is essential that our children should not be kept in the dark on such matters, for only by preparing them can we expect them to make the right choices when confronted by the evil one. Christ did not shy away from the evil when He departed into the desert for forty days and was tempted by evil one himself. Satan tried as he could to get Christ to fall into sin, but Christ showed us all a path on how to take evil and throw it to the side. Here we see that Christ did not shy away from confronting evil. Within our Orthodox Church, our beliefs and ideals, as well as what the Church Fathers say and what we are taught in scripture, provide for us, I believe, a simple answer.

First, and foremost we must instruct our children in the learning and practicing of our Orthodox Christian Faith. Then, we must learn to trust that our children are capable of overcoming the greatest of evils of this world through their faith in Jesus Christ. So as we do this, we must preface our lessons by being examples of faith, building up and reinforcing their faith in Jesus Christ. We cannot hope for any of us to overcome any evil, if we do not in the process live or strengthen our own faith in Christ. Much like if someone were to run a marathon, we would not expect them to do no training and only show up the day of the marathon, and finish the race. No you would need to train for months if not years to be able to accomplish that feat.

The same must happen with our faith and especially the faith of our children; it must be a training process. Not just a hope that when the challenge presents itself, that we hope they do the right thing. Only through constantly taking the path laid before us by the saints and martyrs, can we hope to join the ranks of those countless that have succeeded in their journey. Only by talking with our children and informing them of the challenges and evils that they will surely face, can we hope that they will overcome them when the time comes. So remember that through the guidance of the Church, along with your faithful participation and example can you can prepare your children for the difficulties of life, and keep them on the path to salvation. —*Fr. Christodoulos*

GREEK HERITAGE CELEBRATION

GROUP BUCKS TICKET OFFER



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Come out to our 6th Annual Greek Heritage Celebration to watch the Milwaukee Bucks take on the Chicago Bulls!

MILWAUKEE BUCKS VS. CHICAGO BULLS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 | 7:00PM

GREEK HERITAGE CELEBRATION PACKAGE

— ONE (1) GAME TICKET TO BUCKS VS BULLS —

— EXCLUSIVE GREEK GIANNIS BOBBLEHEAD —

— **POST GAME TALK WITH GIANNIS AND THANSIS —

***POST GAME SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION*



ORDER YOUR TICKETS AT
FEVO-ENTERPRISE.COM/EVENT/BUCKSGREEK23

DEADLINE TO ORDER: **NOVEMBER 11TH**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT PAUL GROWT AT
PAUL.GROWT@BUCKS.COM OR 414-227-0584

Notwithstanding any printed notice to the contrary, the Milwaukee Bucks do not warrant the accuracy of the information on this page. No exchange of money for the purchase of any ticket. Click on "Ticket" to purchase. Tickets are issued through a ticketing company and are subject to the Milwaukee Bucks' official website and terms of sale. ALL TICKETS WILL BE DELIVERED DIGITALLY VIA EMAIL AND BUCKS APP.

Ladies Philoptochos Society Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

Sweets, treats and holiday cheer at the
2023 Baklava Plus Sale!!
Plenty of items to choose from so you can be
ready for the holidays!!



**Baklava
Plus Sale
2023**

Pre-ordering is required.

Click on [this link](#) to enter our online store, check out all our
items, place your order and prepay for your selections.

Orders to be placed by: **Sunday, November 19, 2023, midnight.**

Pickup Date: **Saturday, December 9, 2023**

Pick Up Time: **9 am to 1 pm**

Pick Up Location: **Assumption Greek Orthodox Church,
11 N 7th, Madison, WI 53704**

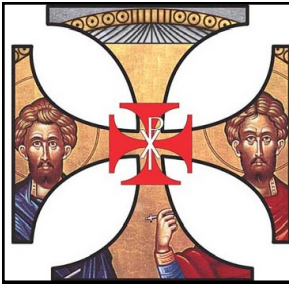
Don't forget, more items available to purchase onsite when you pick up your orders!
Enjoy Greek coffee, homemade delights and pastries at our Kafeneion (Café) on
pick up day.

All proceeds go to local, national, and international
philanthropic endeavors.

Questions—email us at philoptochos@agocwi.org
Thank you for your continued support!

Ladies Philoptochos Society
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<https://philomadison.org/>





FOCUS ON PHILOPTOCHOS HELP US TO HELP OTHERS

Philoptochos Forward

Philoptochos Forward, October, 2023

Proverbs:17 slightly altered for Philoptochos: They set about their work vigorously, their arms are strong for their tasks.

Words cannot begin to express the strength and vigor our Philoptochos members have shown in preparing for our annual Dial-A-Baklava Plus sale. Thank you to Maria for all the organizing. Lainey for preparing our online store. Margo, Betty, Sue, and Korinna for chairing and leading us in making the koulourakia, paximadia, spanakopita, and keftedes. Of course, we aren't quite done yet, we will be making kourambiethes this November and baklava the Thursday before the actual pick-up. Thank you in advance to Margo and Betty, Elene and Patti for organizing these important and delicious additions to our sale!

Prepping for the bake sale is intense, however, the money we raise goes to support our various local, national and international obligations. As our national Philoptochos board states: St. James in his Epistle, Chapter 1, Verse 22, exhorts all Christians to be, "Doers of the Word." Members of Philoptochos are indeed *doers*, and their accomplishments can be found in the annals of more than 400 Philoptochos chapters across the United States (<https://www.philoptochos.org/history/>).

At times, especially during these very scary and heartbreaking days, we may think we aren't doing enough. However, together and with faith in our Lord and Savior we can move mountains.

Upcoming Days:

Kourambiethes	Chairs: Margo S and Betty L at margos1255@gmail.com dvd.ick@charter.net	11/4	9 - 3 pm
Baklava	alikisage@gmail.com pcameron11@gmail.com	12/7	9 am - 3 pm
Prep/Packaging	maria.heide@wisc.edu	12/7	4 - 8 pm
Prep/Packaging	maria.heide@wisc.edu	12/8	9:30 - 12:30 lunch 1 - 4 4 - 8 pm
Pick-Up	maria.heide@wisc.edu	12/9	8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 11/28 via ZOOM.

As always thank you again to everyone for everything you've done and are getting ready to do!

Maria Molzahn, mariaandpatrick@gmail.com

The Ladies Philoptochos Society-AGOC chapter is excited to announce the **2023 Baklava Plus Sale** with sweets, treats and holiday cheer!!

Plenty of items to choose from so you can be ready for the holiday season!! Along with our own member-prepared Spanakopita, Baklava, Kefthetes, Koulourakia, Kourambiethes, and Paximadia, we will be offering a variety of additional Greek delights from our Greek-owned bakery partner.

Enjoy Greek coffee, and even more homemade delights and pastries at our Kafeneion (Café) when you pick up your order and browse our local Holiday Bazaar items.

Pre-ordering is required. Go to <https://philomadison.org/> or click on [Philomadison](https://philomadison.org/) to enter our online store, check out all our items, place your order and prepay for your selections.

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Ladies Philoptochos Society – Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Chapter

YOUTH 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 the 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 10th from 5:30pm-8pm** in the church hall we will have a Prosphora night where students will learn how to make the traditional bread that Father will use for Holy Communion. There will be pizza, fall desserts, and fun fall crafts and games for children and families to play!
2. **Sunday November 12th** after church, during coffee hour we will have the church chili cook off! Families can bring their favorite chili recipe to share, families will then vote on their favorite chili. The winner will then be rewarded with the golden koutala- spatula! There will be a \$5 dollar entrance fee, the money will go towards Sunday school.
3. **Sunday November 26th** 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 14th at 7:00 p.m.

PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING: Our next Philoptochos meeting will be on Tuesday, November 28th via Zoom.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS: A.R.E. classes have begun. We will be reading the book "Words of the Heart" about the life and teachings Gerondissa Makrina Vassopoulou. Classes are on Wednesday's at 11:00 a.m. for in person classes and On Thursday's at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join us.

ROOF REPLACEMENT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MATCHING DRIVE: We are blessed to have an anonymous donors who has offered to match up to \$15,000 for the roof replacement. The Roof will run around \$35,000 and we would like to get it completely covered through donations. Currently we have gathered almost half. If you are interested in giving a donation for the roof put "Roof Donation" on the memo line of the check or mark it on the envelope. Together we can get this project finished and fully funded.

THIRD ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF NOVEMBER 12th: We will be holding our 3rd Annual Chili Cook off on Sunday, November 12th following Liturgy. See Flier for more details.

FAMILY YOUT NIGHT: Prosforo Baking: On Friday, November 10th from 5:30pm-8pm in the church hall we will have a Prosphora night where students will learn how to make the traditional bread that Father will use for Holy Communion. There will be pizza, fall desserts, and fun fall crafts and games for children and families to play!

3rd ANNUAL PARISH CHILI COOK OFF: Sunday November 12th after church, during coffee hour we will have the church chili cook off! Families can bring their favorite chili recipe to share, families will then vote on their favorite chili. The winner will then be rewarded with the golden koutala- spatula! There will be a \$5 dollar entrance fee, the money will go towards Sunday school.

FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING: There will be the Fall General Assembly meeting immediately following the Divine Liturgy next Sunday, November 5th. Many important issues will be discussed and we hope and pray to see you all there. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend.

PHILOPTOCHOS SUNDAY: November 5th has been designated to honor the achievements of our Assumption Ladies Philoptochos Society. Today a Memorial Service will be offered at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy for those members who have fallen asleep in the Lord. Also today, a special tray will be passed, on behalf of the Philoptochos, in support of the hospitals, nursing homes and philanthropic agencies of our Ecumenical Patriarchate.

READERS WANTED: We are looking for people who would like to serve as readers for the Epistle Reading on Sundays starting January 2024. We will have a meeting after church on Sunday, December 10th. We will meet in the church. If you are interested in joining the ranks please attend the meeting or reach out to Fr. Christodoulos.

GREEK FREAK NIGHT AT THE MILWAUKEE BUCKS GAME: The Milwaukee Bucks annual Greek Heritage Night will be on December 11th.

The Church has been given a link to purchase tickets. Each person will purchase their tickets from the site. Prices range from \$50 - \$108.

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. We will soon know the cost and update. Links for tickets and to sign up for the bus bellow.

Ticket Link

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/bucksgreek23>

Bus Link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0545aeac2ca02-busfor1>



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ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Tel: (608) 244-1001

Very Rev. Archimandrite Christodoulos Margellos,
Presiding Priest

October 20th, 2023

Dear Parishioner(s),

Greetings in the Lord!

We pray that this letter finds you in good health.

This is to notify you that our Fall General Assembly will be held on Sunday November 5th, 2023, following Divine Liturgy in the Social Hall downstairs.

We will be voting on our 2024 Proposed budget which is included in this mailing.

As a reminder, the General Assembly is a meeting of all members in good-standing. A member in good-standing is defined by the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Archdiocese as any person eighteen years of age or older who was baptized according to the rites of the Orthodox Church, or was received into the Orthodox Church by Chrismation, who lives according to the faith and canons of the Orthodox Church, who has met or paid ¼ of his or her stewardship obligation for 2023 prior to the Fall General Assembly and abides by the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Archdiocese and the by-laws of the Parish. Members in good-standing, in attendance, constitute a quorum of the General Assembly.

A new member may vote in the General Assembly provided that they have been in good-standing at least three (3) months prior to the date of the General Assembly. If you would like to vote on any of the motions made during the General Assembly, you must be present. Absentee ballots will not be counted.

We urge all our members to attend, since there are important issues being discussed. Please remember that a quorum consists of 33% plus 1 of the total number of stewards.

In His Service,

+Very Rev. Archimandrite Christodoulos Margellos
Parish Priest

Demetrios Jim Katsiitis
Parish Council President

2023 FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

November 5th, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. OPENING PRAYER
3. APPROVAL OF 2023 SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
4. PRIEST REPORT
5. PRESIDENT REPORT
6. STEWARDSHIP REPORT
7. 2024 BUDGET
8. ELECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT
9. AUDIT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT
10. SET DATE FOR BOARD ELECTIONS
11. OLD BUSINESS
12. NEW BUSINESS
13. PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS
14. CLOSING PRAYER
15. ADJOURNMENT



JOIN US FOR THE 3rd ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF, VETERANS RECOGNITION & FOOTBALL WATCH PARTY

**On Sunday, November 12th, 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!



2024 Parish outing to the Madison Capitol's Hockey Team



On Saturday, February 17th, 2024 we will have a Parish Outing to the Madison Capitol's Hockey Game vs the Youngstown Phantoms

This year we have one of the Suites reserved for the church. This means we will only have 30 tickets available. We are still finalizing the price and will have it available soon.

Tickets will be available from Fr. Christodoulos.

Join us for what is sure to be a great night of fun & fellowship. It is also a bobblehead night so get there early

SAVE THE DATES

Assumption Sunday school 2023-2024 events

Mark your calendars for the different events happening throughout the school year!

- Sep 9-10 (Sat & Sun): Greek Fest+
- Sep 17 (Sun): First day of Sunday School
- Oct 15 (Sun): Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze Outing
- Nov 10 (Fri): Prosfhora Night
- Nov 26 (Sun): Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 8 (Fri): Gingerbread Night
- Dec 17 (Sun): Christmas Pageant
- Dec 22 (Fri): Christmas Movie Night
- Dec 24 & Dec 31 (Sun): Christmas Break
- Jan 14 (Sun): Winter Tubing Outing
- Feb 4 (Sun): Bowling Night
- Mar 14 (Thur): SkyZone Night
- Mar 31 (Sun): Spring Break
- Apr 27 (Sat): Lazarus Family Retreat
- Apr 28 (Sun): Palm Sunday - No Classes
- May 5 (Sun): Egg Hunt after Easter Agapi
Church service - No Classes
- May 19 (Sun): Last day of Sunday School
- June 2 (Sun): Graduate Sunday



ASSUMPTION GREEK SCHOOL OF MADISON 2023-2024 Registration Form

Student's Full Name _____

Age _____

Address _____

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Emergency Contact- Name & Phone

Please list all medical conditions your child's teacher should be aware of:

If you are not a returning student please answer the following questions:

1. Has your child ever attended any type of Greek school or taken any type of Greek lessons?

Yes No

1. If yes, for how many years?

2. Does your child know how to speak, read, write or understand any Greek ? (circle whatever applies)

If yes, what is the level? Beginning, intermediate, advanced.

3. Do you use the Greek language at home? Often rarely never

Tuition fee for the 2023-2024 school year: \$450.00 per student (\$225 for any siblings)

(Please make checks payable to AGOC and write Greek school in the memo section)

	Paid in full	1st installment	2nd installment
1. Price	1000	1000	1000
2. Cost	600	600	600
3. Profit	400	400	400
4. Revenue	1000	1000	1000
5. Cost of sales	600	600	600
6. Gross profit	400	400	400
7. Operating expenses	0	0	0
8. Operating income	400	400	400
9. Interest expense	0	0	0
10. Income before taxes	400	400	400
11. Taxes	0	0	0
12. Net income	400	400	400



ASSUMPTION FAMILY

PROSPHORA NIGHT

Music / Festive food / Fun games

Friday November 10th 5:30-8:00pm



November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Strict Fast Day 11:00 a.m. Adult Religious Education Class 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	2 8:30 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class via Zoom	3 Strict Fast Day	4 Philoptochos Baking Day Ethiopian Service
5 5th Sunday of Matthew 8:30 a.m. Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School Fall General Assembly Greek School	6	7	8 Strict Fast Day Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy No Adult Religious Education Class 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	9 Saint Nektarios the Wonderworker, Metropolitan of Pentapolis 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy	10 Strict Fast Day 5:30 p.m. Youth Night Prosforo Baking	11 Russian Mission Service
12 8th Sunday of Luke 8:30 a.m. Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School Greek School	13 Saint John Chrysostom 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy	14 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting	15 Strict Fast Day Nativity Fast Begins 11:00 a.m. Adult Religious Education Class 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	16 Fast Day Saint Matthew the Evangelist & Apostle 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy 8:30 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class via Zoom	17 Strict Fast Day	18 Fast Day (Wine & Oil Permitted) Ethiopian Service
19 Fast Day (Wine & Oil Permitted) 8th Sunday of Luke 8:30 a.m. Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School Greek School	20 Fast Day	21 Fast Day Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy	22 Strict Fast Day 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	24 Strict Fast Day	25 Fast Day (Wine & Oil Permitted)
26 Fast Day (Wine & Oil Permitted) 13th Sunday of Luke 8:30 a.m. Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy No Sunday School or Greek School	27 Fast Day	28 Fast Day	29 Strict Fast Day	30 Fast Day		
Fr. Christodoulos Vacation			Fr. Christodoulos on Vacation			
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