

**FETA CHEESE FOR SALE:** Our parish has Dodoni brand sheep's milk feta Cheese Sold either by the tub (7.3 lb with brine, 4.4 lb drained weight) or by case of 4 tubs. The Feta is good until Feb. 20, 2025.

- One tub (7.3 lb) \$55.00 each
  - Case of 4 tubs \$200.00 case
- Parthenon Foods in Milwaukee sells the same item for \$58.99 per tub. This is high quality feta and was donated to our church by a parishioner. Proceeds will go to the church.
- Please see Christy Chappell-Belkin or Beth Fatsis at church if you are interested in purchasing.

**PARISH OUTING TO THE MALLARD'S GAME, JULY 30th:** Our parish is going to be having an outing to the Madison Mallards Game on Tuesday, July 30th first pitch is at 6:05 p.m. We will be in the reserved Duck Blind Section and we will have 2 options for tickets. Both are all you can eat and drink. The All you can eat with Soda is \$35 and the All you can eat with beer is \$47. Children 5 and under are free and do not need a ticket. I hope to see you all there. See Flier for more details and the link to purchase Tickets. <https://madison-mallards.nwltickets.com/Tickets/SelectPromoSeats?PromoCode=agoc24>

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING:** As we begin this new year, please consider making a Planned Gift to the Church. A Planned Gift is an opportunity to leave a legacy that strengthens the Church and supports its vital ministries and will leave an impact that will be felt for years to come. It may also give you substantial current tax benefits as well as estate tax benefits. If you are interested in finding out more about the many ways that the Church can be included in your will or estate planning, please contact a Parish Council Member.

**NEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT DRIVE:** As a community we have always tried and succeeded in taking care of and upgrading our Sanctuary and facilities. We the spirit of continuously improving our church. We are beginning a long term Capital Improvement Fund Drive. We are looking at 3 particular future projects. These are the Broken Sewer pipe in our back parking lot, Replacing and upgrading our current church sound system and remodeling our kitchen. The months ahead we will be formally setting up a Capital Improvement Fund Drive Committee who will spearhead the entire process. We ask everyone to consider this in future giving, funeral memorials and in planned giving. If you are interested in giving a donation for the Capital Fund please put "Capital Improvement Fund Drive" on the memo line of the check or mark it on the envelope. Together we can get these projects finished.

**COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT:** While we pray and work for the reconciliation and unity of all the world's Christians, the reality remains that there is still no intercommunion between our Orthodox Churches and the Churches of the West. This means that only baptized, chrismated and observant Orthodox faithful receive Communion in our churches. At the same time, we warmly welcome all non-Orthodox to join us in prayer and celebration, and humbly offer to all present the Antidoro bread of fellowship at the end of the service. We offer this important symbol 'instead of the Gifts', in the words of the Apostle Paul, "Till we all come to the unity of the Faith" (Eph. 4.13).

# Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin



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Sunday, July 14th, 2024

**Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council**

**Saint Aquila the Apostle among the 70**

**Our Holy Father Joseph the Confessor, Archbishop of Thessalonica**

**Readings:**

**Epistle:** Titus 3: 8-15

**Gospel:** Matthew 5: 14-19

**Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy**

**THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION**

**Wednesday, July 17th, 2024**

**Strict Fast Day**

**Saint Marina the Great Martyr of Antioch**

**8:30 a.m.**

Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, July 20th, 2024**

**Russian Mission**

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

**STEWARDSHIP REMINDER:** The 2024 Church Membership list is growing; up to date our parish has **71 pledges**. However there are still many of our community who have not made their financial commitment to the church. Remember church membership begins in January not when we paid last. If everyone would pay their membership on time and on a yearly basis, our parish would not need gimmicks such as raffles, picnics, etc. to raise funds to do God's work and preach His Word in this world. **YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!** – please pledge and pay your 2024 stewardship today!

**GREEK FEST VOLUNTEERING IS UP & RUNNING:** We are excited to host Greek Fest again this September! We know our success depends on ALL of us working together to plan, volunteer, and spread the word to friends and family. Please mark your calendars and plan to help Assumption have another successful Greek Fest by taking time to volunteer!

Please use this link to help us fill out our volunteer spots:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/FAIpQLSfYTqQR7QqkhuuTmf0cHka0b8Cc03t1nRqcTZ8J8ceta0h\\_4w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/FAIpQLSfYTqQR7QqkhuuTmf0cHka0b8Cc03t1nRqcTZ8J8ceta0h_4w/viewform)

If you need help volunteering, please see Maria Molzahn or Christy Belkin. Thank you!

**ENJOY YOUR SUMMER REST:** But don't be neglectful of your duties to God and Church. Worship God wherever your summer plans take you. Remember that there is an Orthodox Church within driving distance in almost all parts of the United States. Also, if you are going away for a period of time, perhaps you might consider sending your stewardship offering that you give weekly, so that our Church will continue to meet her obligations. Although church attendance during the summer months has improved, it is not sufficient to help meet all our financial responsibilities.

φιλούντας ἑμᾶς ἐν πίστει. Ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν· ἀμήν.

**The reading is from Paul's Letter to Titus**

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollon on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

**Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνᾶγνωσμα**

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τοῖς ἐαυτοῦ μαθηταῖς· Ὑμεῖς ἐστε τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου. οὐ δύναται πόλις κρυβῆναι ἐπάνω ὀρους κειμένη· οὐδὲ κατοῦσα λόχρον καὶ τιθέασι αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τὸν μόδιον, ἀλλ' ἐπὶ τὴν λαχναίαν, καὶ λάμπει πᾶσι τοῖς ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ. οὕτω λαμπρῶτα τὸ φῶς ὑμῶν ἐμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ὅπως ἴδωσιν ὑμῶν τὰ καλά ἔργα καὶ δοξάσωσι τὸν πατέρα ὑμῶν τὸν ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς. Μὴ νομίσητε ὅτι ἦλθον καταλῦσαι τὸν νόμον ἢ τοὺς προφῆτας· οὐκ ἦλθον καταλῦσαι, ἀλλὰ πληρῶσαι. ἀμὴν γὰρ λέγω ὑμῖν, ἕως ἂν παρέλθῃ ὁ οὐρανὸς καὶ ἡ γῆ. ἰῶτα ἐν ἡμῖν κεραία οὐ μὴ παρέλθῃ ἀπὸ τοῦ νόμου ἕως ἂν πάντα γένηται. ὃς ἐάν σὸν λύσῃ μίαν τῶν ἐντολῶν τούτων τὸν ἐλαχίστων καὶ διδάξῃ οὕτω τοὺς ἀνθρώπους, ἐλαχίστος κληθήσεται ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν· ὃς δ' ἂν ποιήσῃ καὶ διδάξῃ, οὗτος μέγας κληθήσεται ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν.

**The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew**

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

**YOUR COOPERATION IS NEEDED:** We remind our faithful that the Divine Liturgy begins at 9:45 a.m. Sharp! On Sunday. **Please be prompt and on time!** Please turn off cell phones before entering church. No conversation should take place during worship. During the reading of the Gospel people in the narthex should not be purchasing or lighting candles but standing reverently and listen to the reading. If possible avoid using center aisle during high points of Divine Liturgy. Lipstick and lip-gloss should be removed before kissing icons, receiving Holy Communion and kissing the hand of the priest. Please keep the Center aisle clear for the ushers and wait until they dismiss your row. Please avoid standing right behind the ushers we do not want anyone tripping over a child. When receiving antidoron, please use both hands and do not allow the crumbs to fall to the floor.

## Resurrection Hymn

### Ἦχος β

Ὅτε κατῆλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῆ ἀστρατῆ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πάσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκρυσάλαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

### Second Mode

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nether world, all the powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

### Hymn for the Holy Fathers

### Ἦχος πλ δ

Ἵπερδοξασιμένους εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ οἱ αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὀδηγήσας· πολυεύσπλαγγνε, δόξα σοι.

### Mode plagal of the Fourth

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

### 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 πρεσβύταις ταῖς σάτις λυτρουμένη, 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 β

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δειψεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθῆ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγάζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα αἰεὶ Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

### Second Mode

A protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant: O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

### Πρὸς Τίτον Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τίτε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος· καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαι σε διαβεβαιουῦσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσι καλῶν ἔργων προϊτάσθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες τῷ Θεῷ. ταῦτα ἐστὶ τὰ καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις· μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔρεϊς καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιήτασο· εἰσὶ γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιαι· αἰρετικὸν ἀνθρώπων μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νοουσίαν παρατιοῦ, εἰδὸς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἀμαρτάνει ὧν ἀυτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμψω Ἀρτεμῖαν πρὸς σε ἡ Τυχικόν, σπουδάσον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν· ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραγχεϊμάσαι. Ζῆνᾶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶ σπουδαίως πρόσεμνον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπῃ. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προϊτάσθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρεῖσας, ἵνα μὴ ὧσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες, ἅσπασαί τοὺς

**SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS; DEFENDERS OF THE INCARNATION:** One of the most important truths of the Christian faith is the fact that God became man. In the words of the Gospel of St. John: "The Word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw His glory, the glory which He received as the Father's only Son"(John 1:14).

Saint Paul writes about the incarnation that "when the right time finally came, God sent His own Son (who) came as the son of a human mother and lived under the Jewish Law, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might become God's sons" (Gal. 4:4-5; see also Phil. 3:6-11). To question the truth of the incarnation, that is, the full humanity of Christ, is to put under questions one's standing in Christianity. "Anyone who acknowledges that Jesus Christ came as a human being has the Spirit who comes from God. But anyone who denies this about Jesus does not have the Spirit from God" (1John 4:2-3).

Every year on Sunday, July 13th, or the first Sunday after this date, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council, which upheld the dogma of the incarnation of Christ. Consisting of six hundred and thirty bishops and held in Chalcedon, Asia Minor in 451AD, this council refuted the teachings of a certain Eutyches and his followers who claimed that Christ was not fully human, for example that He did not possess a human mind but only a divine mind. Against this teaching the Council Fathers affirmed that the Orthodox Church confesses Jesus Christ, one Person with two natures, human and divine, united without confusion or separation. The Official State of the Council reads in part:

"Following the Holy Fathers, we all be agreement teach that the one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, is to be confessed as perfect in divinity and perfect in humanity, truly God and truly man, possessing a body and a rational soul, consubstantial to the Father according to divinity and consubstantial to us according to humanity, being like us in all things except sin, begotten of the Father according to divinity before the ages, born of the Virgin Mary and Theotokos according to humanity for our salvation in the last days, the one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only Begotten, known in two natures without confusion, change, division, or separation.

**FOR PONDERING:** So then for me the supreme truth of Christianity is that in Jesus I see God. When I see Jesus feeding the hungry, comforting the sorrowing, befriending men and women with whom no one else would have had anything to do, I can say: "This is God." -- William Barclay

**CHUCKLE:** A little nine-year old girl was in church with her mother when she started feeling ill. "Mommy," she said, "Can we leave now?" "No," her mother replied. "Well, I think I have to throw up!" "Then go out the front door and around to the back of the church and throw up behind a bush." In about two minutes the little girl returned to her seat. "Did you throw up?" her mother asked. "Yes," the little girl replied. "Well, how could you have gone all the way to the back of the church and return so quickly?" "I didn't have to go out of the church, Mommy," the little girl replied. "They have a box next to the front door that says 'for the sick.'"

**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 Fest+ 2024

**September 7 & 8**

Sat. 12 PM - 7 PM

Sun. 11 AM - 6 PM

**Assumption Greek Orthodox Church**

**11 N. Seventh St., Madison, WI**

at E. Washington Ave. & N. Seventh St.

Enjoy music, dancing, church tours and delicious Greek favorites including gyros, fries, spanakopita, Greek lemon chicken, baklava, loukoumades, beer and wine!

Don't miss our Bake Sale inside the church!



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**Tuesday, July 30th**

First Pitch: 6:05 PM - Gates Open One Hour Prior

**[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS!](#)**

Deadline to get tickets is one week prior to the event!

An usher will provide you a wristband at the Busch Light Duck Blind Reserved Tables entrance. A sign will be placed on the tables reserved for your group.



**YOUR SEATS**

**Busch Light Duck Blind  
Reserved Tables**

- [Menu & Pictures](#)
- [Promotions](#)
- [Parking Information](#)

The Duck Pond at Warner Park 2920 N Sherman Ave, Madison, WI 53704 608-246-4277