

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.nwtickets.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).

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Sunday, July 28th, 2024

5th Sunday of Matthew

**Saints Prochoros, Nicanor, Timon, & Parmenas the Apostles of the 70
Saint Irene the Righteous of Chrysovalantou**

Readings:

Epistle: Romans 10: 1-10

Gospel: Matthew 8: 28-34; 9: 1

Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, July 30th, 2024

6:05 p.m.

Parish Outing to the Madison Mallards Baseball Game

Thursday, August 1st, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Small Paraklesis

Friday, August 2nd, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Small Paraklesis

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/1FAIpQLSfYTqQR7Oqkxutrmf0cHka0b8CcO3t1nRqcTZ8J8ceta0h_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.

ἄβυσσον; τοῦτ' ἔστι Χριστὸν ἐκ νεκρῶν ἀναγαγεῖν. ἀλλὰ τί λέγει; ἐγγύς σου τὸ ῥῆμά ἐστιν, ἐν τῷ στόματί σου καὶ ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ σου· τοῦτ' ἔστι τὸ ῥῆμα τῆς πίστεως ὃ κηρύσσομεν. ὅτι ἐὰν ὁμολογήσῃς ἐν τῷ στόματί σου Κύριον Ἰησοῦν, καὶ πιστεύσῃς ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ σου ὅτι ὁ Θεὸς αὐτὸν ἠγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν, σωθήσῃ· καρδίᾳ γὰρ πιστεύεται εἰς δικαιοσύνην, στόματι δὲ ὁμολογεῖται εἰς σωτηρίαν.

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐλθόντι τῷ Ἰησοῦ εἰς τὴν χώραν τῶν Γεργεσηνῶν ὑπῆντησαν αὐτῷ δύο δαίμονιζόμενοι ἐκ τῶν μνημείων ἐξερχόμενοι, χαλεποὶ λίαν, ὥστε μὴ ἰσχύειν τινὰ παρελθεῖν διὰ τῆς ὁδοῦ ἐκείνης. καὶ ἰδοὺ ἐκραζαν λέγοντες· τί ἡμῖν καὶ σοί, Ἰησοῦ υἱὲ τοῦ Θεοῦ; ἤθες ὧδε πρὸ καιροῦ βασανίσαι ἡμᾶς; ἦν δὲ μακρὰν ἀπ' αὐτῶν ἀγέλη χοίρων πολλῶν βοσκομένη. οἱ δὲ δαίμονες παρεκάλουν αὐτὸν λέγοντες· εἰ ἐκβάλλεις ἡμᾶς, ἐπίτρεψον ἡμῖν ἀπελθεῖν εἰς τὴν ἀγέλην τῶν χοίρων. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· ὑπάγετε. οἱ δὲ ἐξελθόντες ἀπῆλθον εἰς τὴν ἀγέλην τῶν χοίρων· καὶ ἰδοὺ ὥρμησε πᾶσα ἡ ἀγέλη τῶν χοίρων κατὰ τοῦ κρημοῦ εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν καὶ ἀπέθανον ἐν τοῖς ὕδασι. οἱ δὲ βόσκοντες ἔφυγον, καὶ ἀπελθόντες εἰς τὴν πόλιν ἀπήγγειλαν πάντα καὶ τὰ τῶν δαίμονιζομένων. καὶ ἰδοὺ πᾶσα ἡ πόλις ἐξῆλθεν εἰς συνάντησιν τῷ Ἰησοῦ, καὶ ἰδόντες αὐτὸν παρεκάλεσαν ὅπως μεταβῆ ἀπὸ τῶν ὁρίων αὐτῶν. Καὶ ἐμβὰς εἰς πλοῖον διεπέρασε καὶ ἦλθεν εἰς τὴν ἰδίαν πόλιν.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

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.

Resurrection Hymn

Ἦχος δ

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Αναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτραι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχόμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Fourth Mode

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples spoke to the Apostles triumphantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy unto the world.

Hymn for the Saint Irene Chrysovalantou

Ἦχος πλ α

Βασιλείας γήινους πάλει οὐκ ἔτευχες, ἀλλ' ἀφθάρτων στεφάνων νύν σέ ηξίωσεν, ο Νυμφίος σου Χριστὸς ὁ ωραιότατος, ὡ καθιέρωσας σαυτὴν, ὅλη καρδία καὶ ψυχῇ, Εἰρήνη Ὁσία Μήτηρ, Χρυσοβαλάντου ἡ δόξα, ἡμῶν δέ προσφυγὴ καὶ βοήθεια.

Plagal of the First

Not a temporal Kingdom on earth didst thou obtain, but Christ, thy most comely Bridegroom, vouchsafed thee heavenly crowns, and thou reignest as a queen with Him eternally; for thou didst dedicate thyself unto Him with all thy soul, O Irene, our righteous Mother, thou boast of Chrysovalantou, and mighty help of all the Orthodox.

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 βαρύς

Ἐπὶ τοῦ ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ὡς ἐχώρουσιν οἱ Μαθηταὶ σου τὴν δόξαν σου, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἐθεάσαντο, ἵνα ὅταν σε ἴδωσι σταυρούμενον, τὸ μὲν πάθος νοήσωσιν ἐκούσιον, τῷ δὲ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ὅτι σὺ ὑπάρχεις ἀληθῶς, τοῦ Πατρὸς τὸ ἀπαύγασμα.

Grave Mode

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance

Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ἡ μὲν εὐδοκία τῆς ἐμῆς καρδίας καὶ ἡ δέησις ἡ πρὸς τὸν Θεὸν ὑπὲρ τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ ἔστιν εἰς σωτηρίαν· μαρτυρῶ γὰρ αὐτοῖς ὅτι ζῆλον Θεοῦ ἔχουσιν, ἀλλ' οὐ κατ' ἐπίγνωσιν. ἀγνοοῦντες γὰρ τὴν τοῦ Θεοῦ δικαιοσύνην, καὶ τὴν ἰδίαν δικαιοσύνην ζητοῦντες στήσαι, τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ τοῦ Θεοῦ οὐχ ὑπετάγησαν. τέλος γὰρ νόμου Χριστὸς εἰς δικαιοσύνην παντὶ τῷ πιστεύοντι. Μωϋσῆς γὰρ γράφει τὴν δικαιοσύνην τὴν ἐκ τοῦ νόμου, ὅτι ὁ ποιήσας αὐτὰ ἄνθρωπος ζήσεται ἐν αὐτοῖς· ἡ δὲ ἐκ πίστεως δικαιοσύνη οὕτω λέγει· μὴ εἴπῃς ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ σου, τίς ἀναβήσεται εἰς τὸν οὐρανόν; τοῦτ' ἔστι Χριστὸν καταγαγεῖν· ἢ τίς καταβήσεται εἰς τὴν

DEKAPENTAGOUSTO: The Orthodox Church enters a Fast Period from August 1st -15th to commemorate the Feast of the Koimisis (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos. Also, during this time frame, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord on Tuesday, August 6th. Because it is a fast period, we should refrain from meats and sinful practices, attend the services of the Church, and participate in the Sacraments of Holy Confession and Holy Communion.

The Paraklesis Service, a prayer service for the living, those ill or in need of prayers, will be chanted on Monday through Friday during the fast, beginning this Thursday, August 1st at 6:00 p.m. The faithful may submit names of loved ones (living) that prayers may be included for their well-being and good health. Please write out names clearly in either Greek or English. Let us make every effort to attend these beautiful and inspiring services.

SAINT OF THE DAY: Saint Irene Chrysovalantou: Saint Irene, who was from Cappadocia, flourished in the ninth century. Because of her great beauty and virtue, she was brought to Constantinople as a prospective bride for the young Emperor Michael (842-867); however, as Saint Joannicius the Great foretold, it was God's will that she assume the monastic habit instead. She shone forth in great ascetical labors, and suffered many attacks from the demons; while yet a novice, she attained to the practice of Saint Arsenius the Great, of praying the whole night long with arms stretched out towards Heaven (see May 8). God showed forth great signs and wonders in her, and she became the Abbess of the Convent of Chrysovalantou. She was granted the gift of clairvoyance and knew the thoughts of all that came to her. She appeared in a vision to the king and rebuked him for unjustly imprisoning a nobleman who had been falsely accused. Through a sailor from Patmos to whom he had appeared, Saint John the Evangelist sent her fragrant and wondrous apples from Paradise. She reposed at the age of 103, still retaining the youthful beauty of her countenance. After her repose, marvelous healings beyond number have been wrought by her to the present day.

SPECIAL PRAYER OF THE APPLES: Saint Irene Chrysovalantou is well known for many miracles especially dealing with children and families struggling to conceive. One of the ways is through the blessing of the apples. Today towards the end of the liturgy we will do a special prayer over the apples and then have them for distribution following liturgy.

ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE? “We gather together” to do more than ask the Lord's blessings. Worship means different things to different people, but we can all agree that we come to church, hoping to hear that unique message from God that will help us live our lives for Christ. Perhaps these questions will help you evaluate your participation in worship.

1. What do I do prior to attending worship? Do I prepare myself for worship by meditating on Scripture or by praying for spiritual cleansing and renewing?
2. What do I do when the chanter or choir sings? Do I join in and sing unto the Lord?
3. What do I do when the offering is being taken? Do I truly give my fair share and then pray that God will bless what I have given to Him out of love?
4. What do I do during the sermon? Do I listen, expecting God to speak to me, to reach out and touch me?
5. What do I do after the worship service? Do I pause long enough to thank God for the spiritual blessings I received today? Do I leave willing to serve my Lord and His Holy Church?

Service of Paraklesis

Beginning August 1, until the 15th. We will be celebrating the Paraklesis service most weekdays beginning at 6:00 p.m. It is a service where we pray for the health and salvation of those who are still living. Please use this sheet to write down your names and submit them to Fr. Christodoulos.

For Health & Salvation

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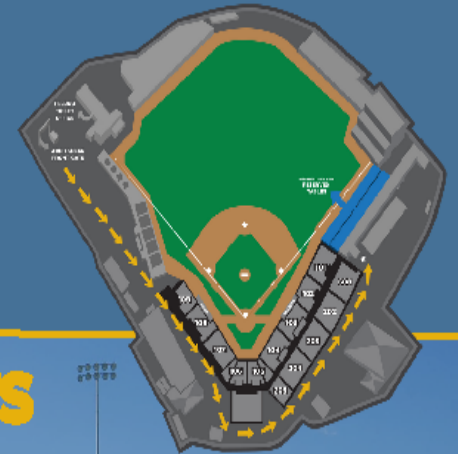
**Assumption Greek
Orthodox Church
Tuesday, July 30th**

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
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