

**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.

**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).

**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.

# Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin



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**Sunday, July 7th, 2024**  
**2nd Sunday of Matthew**  
**Saint Kyriake the Great Martyr**  
**Saint Akakios of Sinai**

**Readings:**

**Epistle:** Galatians 3: 23-29; 4: 1-5

**Gospel:** Matthew 4: 18-23

**Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy**

**THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION**

**Friday, July 12th, 2024**

**Strict Fast Day**

**Saint Paisios the Athonite**

**8:30 a.m.**

Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, July 13th, 2024**

**Ethiopian 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/1FAIpQLSfYTqQR7Oqkxhtrmf0cHka0b8CcO3t1nRqcTZ8J8ceta0h\\_4w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYTqQR7Oqkxhtrmf0cHka0b8CcO3t1nRqcTZ8J8ceta0h_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.

εις Χριστόν, ἵνα ἐκ πίστεως δικαιοθῶμεν· ἐλθούσης δὲ τῆς πίστεως οὐκέτι ὑπὸ παιδαγωγόν ἐσμεν. Πάντες γὰρ υἱοὶ Θεοῦ ἐστε διὰ τῆς πίστεως ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ· ὅσοι γὰρ εἰς Χριστόν ἐβαπτίσθητε, Χριστόν ἐνεδύσασθε. οὐκ ἐν Ἰουδαίῳ οὐδὲ Ἕλληνι, οὐκ ἐν δούλῳ οὐδὲ ἐλευθέρῳ, οὐκ ἐν ἄρσεν καὶ θήλῃ· πάντες γὰρ ὑμεῖς εἰς ἐστε ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. εἰ δὲ ὑμεῖς Χριστοῦ, ἄρα τοῦ Ἀβραὰμ σπέρμα ἐστέ καὶ κατ' ἐπαγγελίαν κληρονόμοι. Λέγω δέ, ἐφ' ὅσον χρόνον ὁ κληρονόμος νηπίος ἐστίν, οὐδὲν διαφέρει δούλου, κύριος πάντων ὢν, ἀλλὰ ὑπὸ ἐπιτρόπους ἐστί καὶ οἰκονόμος ἄχρι τῆς προθεσμίας τοῦ πατρὸς. οὕτω καὶ ἡμεῖς, ὅτε ἤμεν νήπιοι, ὑπὸ τὰ στοιχεῖα τοῦ κόσμου ἤμεν δεδουλωμένοι· ὅτε δὲ ἦλθε τὸ πλήρωμα τοῦ χρόνου, ἐξαπέστειλεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ, γενόμενον ἐκ γυναικός, γενόμενον ὑπὸ νόμον, ἵνα τοὺς ὑπὸ νόμον ἐξαγοράσῃ, ἵνα τὴν υἰοθεσίαν ἀπολάβωμεν.

**The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Galatians**

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental principles of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

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

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, περιπατῶν παρὰ τὴν θάλασσαν τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶδε δύο ἀδελφούς, Σίμωνα τὸν λεγόμενον Πέτρον καὶ Ἀνδρέαν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, βάλλοντας ἀμφιβληστρον εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν· ἦσαν γὰρ ἀλιεῖς· καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· δεῦτε ὀπίσω μου καὶ ποιήσω ὑμᾶς ἀλιεῖς ἀνθρώπων. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὰ δίκτυα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ προβάς ἐκεῖθεν εἶδεν ἄλλους δύο ἀδελφούς, Ἰάκωβον τὸν τοῦ Ζεβεδαίου καὶ Ἰωάννην τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ μετὰ Ζεβεδαίου τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτῶν καταρτίζοντας τὰ δίκτυα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκάλεσεν αὐτούς. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὸ πλοῖον καὶ τὸν πατέρα αὐτῶν ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ περιῆγεν ὅλην τὴν Γαλιλαίαν ὁ Ἰησοῦς διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.

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

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

## Resurrection Hymn

### Ἦχος α

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντὸν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν· διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοὶ ζωοδότα. Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε φιλάνθρωπε.

### First Mode

When the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life unto the world. For which cause the powers of heaven cried out to Thee, O Life giver: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Thy Kingdom. Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Friend of man.

## Hymn for the Holy Woman

### Ἦχος δ

Ἡμνάς σου Ἰησοῦ, κράζει μεγάλη τῇ φωνῇ. Σὲ Νυμφίε μου ποθῶ, καὶ σὲ ζητοῦσα ἄθλῳ, καὶ συσταυροῦμαι καὶ συνθάπτομαι τῷ βαπτισμῷ σου· καὶ πάσχω διὰ σέ, ὡς βασιλεύσω σὺν σοί, καὶ θνήσκω ὑπὲρ σοῦ, ἵνα καὶ ζήσω ἐν σοί· ἀλλ' ὡς θυσίαν ἄμωμον προσδέχου τὴν μετὰ πόθου τυθεῖσάν σοι. Αὐτῆς πρεσβείαις, ὡς ἐλεήμων, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

### Fourth Mode

Your maiden Martyr, like a lamb, cries out, "O Jesus, for You, \* my pure Bridegroom, I long; and seeking You I compete; \* and I am crucified and buried with You in Your baptism. \* I suffer for Your sake, that I may reign with You. \* I die for You that I may also live in You. \* Accept me as an unblemished sacrifice \* as I offer myself to You with love." \* At her entreaties and intercessions, \* save our souls, O Merciful Lord.

## 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 β

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοὶ· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα αἰεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμῶντων 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 Γαλάτας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, πρὸ τοῦ ἔλθειν τὴν πίστιν ὑπὸ νόμον ἐφρουρούμεθα συγκεκλεισμένοι εἰς τὴν μέλλουσαν πίστιν ἀποκαλυφθῆναι. ὥστε ὁ νόμος παιδαγωγὸς ἡμῶν γέγονεν

**INTELLECTUAL ASSENT FOLLOWED BY COMMITMENT:** Mr. Gallup conducted a poll a years ago and discovered that 95% of Americans believe in God. These are remarkable statistics. On the basis of this poll we should expect to have a nation of saints. But far from it. May of the things we see happening in our nation reflect anything but faith in God. Obviously we need to define the word "believe." Belief can mean many things. It can mean intellectual assent to something. This has little or no effect on one's life. For example, Adolf Eichmann, who was hanged some years ago for crimes too gruesome to imagine, declared that he believed in God. Saint Iakovos writes that even the devils believe in the existence of God. Yet their belief is intellectual assent. It has no effect on their lives. Even though they believe, they continue to act like devils.

When we say "I believe" in the Nicene Creed we mean more than intellectual assent. We mean commitment. This is why the word "believe" is followed by the preposition "in." "I believe in one God..." There is a vast difference between someone who says, "I believe in you." The latter expresses deep trust. The creed expresses not only facts about God but also trust and commitment to Him.

"I believe in God" is a strong expression of faith. It is not like saying "I suppose there is a God..." "I think..." "I surmise..." "I am inclined to the opinion that in all probability there may be a God." "I believe in" means commitment. It means the wagering of one's life not merely the nodding of one's head. It means decision not just discussion. It means, "I bet my life, my whole existence on the fact of God and I yield my life to Him. I promise to obey and follow Him in all that I do." If we do not mean this when we say the Creed, then perhaps we should be honest and not say it at all.

**BROKEN TO RELEASE FRAGRANCE:** We read in John 12:3, "Then Mary brought a pound of very expensive perfume, pure oil of nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped them with her hair, till the house was filled with fragrance."

The jar of precious ointment had to be broken to release the fragrance. There are many instances where life itself has to be broken to release its fragrance.

I read an article recently on "the healing spirituality of brokenness." I had never thought of brokenness as having a healing quality. The author went on to say that the gospel becomes good news only for those immersed in the bad news of their broken lives. Flannery O'Connor, for example, wrote, "Sickness is a place more instructive than a long trip to Europe." Truly, the gospel becomes good news only to those who have first experienced the bad news of their brokenness.

God takes the broken things in our lives and makes them over into the better things of His divine purpose. God can do wonders with a broken heart and a broken life if we will give Him the pieces. But this is exactly what most of us refuse to do: take the pieces to Him! I love the proverb that says, "God can draw straight even with crooked lines."

**CHUCKLE:** Adam was walking outside of the Garden of Eden with Cane and Abel when the boys were young. Cane and Abel looked into the garden and viewed waterfalls, lovely birds, lush forests and fruit trees bending over because of the large amounts of fruit on them. Then they took a long look at where they lived at. It was dry, dusty with weeds and sickly-looking trees. "Daddy? Why don't we live in there instead of out here?" they asked innocently.

Adam said, "Well sons. Eve and I use to live in there at one time. But your mother ate us out of house and home."

# Narthex Children's Corner

Since I moved to Madison and have been a part of the Assumption Church community, it has always been a dream of mine to create a quiet space for the children of the church. A space where they feel comfortable to explore more about the faith when they are in church during Liturgy. I hope that this children's corner will be a beautiful addition to our church. The children can use this corner when they are in Liturgy to read new books, color new pages, and play with related church toys in a quiet space or in the pews. Parents and young adults can also explore the many varieties of different books as well! The books will be accessible to all and are available for check out weekly.

Some information about the children's corner:

- There will be a notebook that I will keep track of where parents/children can write down the name of the book and date of check out. Once it is returned you will write down the check in date.
- Just like public library books, please take good care of the books that you check out from the church and return them when your child finishes reading them, so other kids can get a chance to read the books.
- There will be church related toys in the Narthex that younger kids can use while they are in church to keep them occupied if they get tired. Please make sure to put back the toys in the basket and keep these toys in the Narthex.

We are blessed to be in a church where we have a Sunday school budget. However, the beauty of a church family is being able to help each other. If anyone from the parish would like to donate to this project please use the church app for donation: Vanco Mobile App and title the donation to Sunday school or you can donate online using this link (make sure to click "occurring once" for the donation): <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZD7V/campaign/C-10C3H>

Another way to donate, is to buy the books directly. When you purchase the books please send them to your home address and once you receive it bring them to the church and give them to me, Susu, or to Fr. Christodoulos. Below is a google sheet link that includes all the books that we would like to purchase for the children's corner. In this google sheet, each book has a specific URL attached to it that will take you to the site. Please update the sheet and put your name next to any book you buy:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1c4tbQ004i\\_Orhng3bvc0y-C3qWbf6dZp6RBDt4cX8qI/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1c4tbQ004i_Orhng3bvc0y-C3qWbf6dZp6RBDt4cX8qI/edit?usp=sharing)

The deadline to help donate/purchase books will be **July 31st**. We are hopeful that the Narthex Children's corner will be ready for use before the new school year. Thank you again for taking the time to consider and helping out in this Sunday school project for our church and children.

In Christ,  
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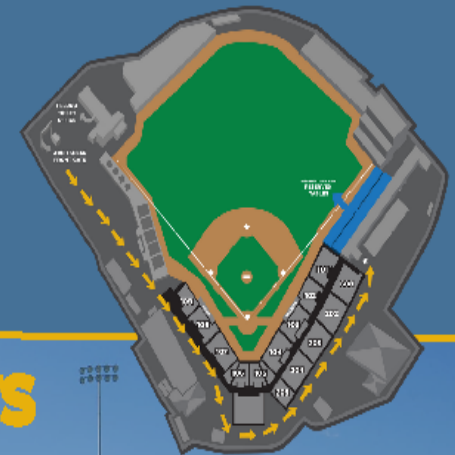
## Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Tuesday, July 30th

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

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