

**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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYTqQR7Oqkxutrmf0cHka0b8CcO3t1nRqcTZ8J8ceta0h_4w/viewform)

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

**GREEK FEST MEETING:** There will be Greek Fest Meeting on September 1st following Divine Liturgy.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION:** Hello Sunday school families, The time has come once again to register your children for Assumption's Sunday School Program. If you haven't done so already please take the time to sign up your children for Sunday school classes. The first day of class will be on Sunday September 15th after Holy Communion. This is the link for sign ups:

<https://forms.gle/tEAKtqHPUniar9137>

As you come into church this Sunday, there will be a table by the front entrance that has free books to take! Please take as many books as you would like for your children, the books that are left by the end of the day on Sunday will be donated.

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**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.

**METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO DIVE FOR THE CROSS:** The Metropolis of Chicago Dive for the Cross and BBQ' that will be held on Saturday, September 21st, at Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church (Chicago, IL), from 10:30am – 1:30pm. All youth of the Metropolis of Chicago are encouraged to attend and participate. See Flier for mor details.

# Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin



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**Sunday, September 1st, 2024**

**Ecclesiastical New Year**

**Saint Symeon the Stylite**

**Synaxis of the Recovery of the Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos of Miasenae**

**Readings:**

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 3: 9-17

**Gospel:** Matthew 14: 22-34

**Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy with New School Year Blessing**

**THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION**

**Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024**

**Festival Prep All Day**

**Wednesday, September 4th, 2024**

**Strict Fast Day**

**Festival Prep All Day**

**Thursday, September 5th, 2024**

**Festival Prep All Day**

**Friday, September 6th, 2024**

**Festival Prep All Day**

**Saturday, September 7th, 2024**

**Noon - 7:00 p.m.**

**Greek Fest +**

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

**STEWARDSHIP:** A woman was taken into court following a traffic accident. She said to the officer, who arrested her, "I always drive with the emergency brake on, so that when there is an emergency, I will be ready."

Sometimes it seems that when we present our offering to God, we give as if the emergency brake were on. We hold back. We refuse to let go and give God what He deserves.

As we have now completed eight months of the year, we remind all our pledging members to please be current with your 2024 Stewardship Pledge. At this time your pledge should be at least three quarters paid. We thank those stewards who have already met their commitment and encourage those who are behind to catch up.

**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.

Life and, by virtue of your intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

**Kontakion**

**Ἦχος δ**

Ὁτῶν αἰῶνων Ποιητῆς καὶ Δεσπότης, Θεὲ τῶν ὅλων ὑπερούσιε ὄντως, τὴν ἐνιαύσιον εὐλόγησον περίοδον, σῶζων τῷ ἐλέει σου, τῷ ἀπείρῳ οἰκτιρῶν, πάντας τοὺς λατρεύοντάς, σοὶ τῷ μόνῳ Δεσπότη, καὶ ἐκβοῶντας φόβῳ· Λυτρωτά, εὐφορον πᾶσι τὸ ἔτος χορήγησον.

**Fourth Mode**

You, the Creator and the Lord of the ages, O God of all, truly transcending all essence, we earnestly entreat, that You will bless the year, and, O tender-loving Lord, in Your infinite mercy, only Master, save us all who worship and serve You, O our Redeemer, and who cry with fear, "For all Your servants, make fruitful the coming year."

**The reading is from Paul's First Letter to Timothy**

Timothy, my son, first of all I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

At that time, Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. And he stood up to read; and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth.

**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 8 and up.

**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 Antidoron 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).

### Resurrection Hymn

#### Ἦχος α

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

#### 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 Indiction

#### Ἦχος β

Ἐπάσης δημιουργὸς τῆς κτίσεως, ὁ καιροὺς καὶ χρόνους ἐν τῇ ἰδίᾳ ἐξουσίᾳ θέμενος, εὐλόγησον τὸν στέφανον τοῦ ἐνιαυτοῦ τῆς χρηστότητός σου Κύριε, φυλάττων ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοὺς Βασιλεῖς καὶ τὴν πόλιν σου, πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, καὶ σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

#### Second Mode

O Fashioner of all creation, who made seasons and years by Your own authority, bless the crown of the year with Your goodness, O Lord, and preserve our rulers and Your city in peace, at the intercession of the Theotokos, and save us.

### Hymn for the Theotokos

#### Ἦχος βαρύς

Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε, λιμὴν καὶ προστασία τοῦ γένους τῶν ἀνθρώπων· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἐσαρκώθη ὁ Λυτρωτὴς τοῦ κόσμου· μόνη γὰρ ὑπάρχεις Μήτηρ καὶ Παρθένος· αἶε εὐλογημένη, καὶ δεδοξασμένη, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, εἰρήνην δωρήσασθαι, πάσῃ τῇ οἰκουμένῃ.

#### Grave Mode

Rejoice, Maiden full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos; a haven and protection are you for all of mankind. From you did the Redeemer of the world become incarnate, only you are both a Mother and a Virgin. O Lady ever blessed and ever filled with glory, intercede with Christ God, beseeching Him to grant peace to the universe.

### Hymn for the Devout Man

#### Ἦχος α

Ὑπομονῆς στῦλος γέγονας, ζηλώσας τοὺς προπάτορας Ὅσιε, τὸν Ἰὼβ ἐν τοῖς πάθεσι, τὸν Ἰωσήφ ἐν τοῖς πειρασμοῖς, καὶ τὴν τῶν Ἀσωμάτων πολιτείαν, ὑπάρχων ἐν σώματι, Συμεὼν Πατὴρ ἡμῶν Ὅσιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

#### First Mode

You became a pillar of patience, O devout one, emulating the forefathers, Job in his sufferings and Joseph in his temptations, and the manner of the bodiless, though you were still in body. O devout father Symeon, intercede with Christ God, to save our souls.

### 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 λυτρούμενη, 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

**AN EXISTENTIAL ENCOUNTER:** Through the events of the liturgical year, which begins TODAY, we actually relive with Christ the great events of His life. Unlike a movie or a play, however, which merely reenacts the events in the life of a great person, the liturgical year not only reenacts those events but also places us in each event. An existential encounter takes place between Christ and us in the events of His birth, crucifixion, resurrection, etc. These sacred events are mystically present in the Church here and now. We reenter each event in such a way that it becomes a unique and refreshing new act of salvation for us today. Thus, far from being a cold and lifeless representation of the events of the past, the liturgical year is a living and personal encounter with Jesus today. Today He comes to be born in the manger of my soul and yours to bring us new life. Today He offers me His precious Body and Blood for my salvation. Today He hangs on the cross for me. Today He is resurrected and I am resurrected with Him. Today He is transfigured and I am transfigured with Him. Today He ascends into heaven and I ascend with Him. So it is that the beautiful word “today” tears down the walls of the past and the future and makes Christ the eternally present One, Who is “the same yesterday and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8).

Each year the liturgical calendar relives and makes present again the sacred events of our salvation so that we are there when they happen. The past reaches out and joins the present. The acts of God for His people are not buried in the past. They live in the present. History does not exhaust grace. God is present through the centuries. He never ceases accomplishing the work He has begun.

**MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR:** We have now come to the end of the year-not the fiscal year or the calendar year but the Christian year.

September 1st is the beginning of the Church’s cycle of feasts and fasts, where-in we remember God’s stooping down to deliver us from the grinding death of fiscal years and calendars.

The Christian year is where every feast is a feast of Christ, where every seventh day is celebrated as a Sabbath of rejoicing in the remembrance of the Resurrection. In this year we celebrate Jesus Christ, in the events of His foretelling, in the events of His manifestation, in the lives of His saints.

May you all have a blessed new year, whether it be at school, work or in the home. Never forget to give due praise and thanksgiving to Him who has blessed you with everything not only this, the Lord’s day but everyday you live and breath.

**TODAY:** This is the beginning of a fresh new day. Today comes only once, and will never return. God has given me this 24 hours to use as I will. I must do something good with this day and not waste it. This is my day of opportunity-and duty. Today I will live with courage and confidence.

What I do today is very important because I am exchanging a day of my life for it. I know that the real cost of a thing is the amount of my life I spend obtaining it.

When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something I have traded for it. I must not forget the price I paid for it.

Today I must do my best, make it useful, profitable, successful. My life will be richer or poorer by the way I use today. ---*Alfred A. Montapert*

**VASILIKO WANTED:** We are in need of Vasiliko (Basil) plants for the celebration of the Litany of the Holy Cross that will be celebrated on the Feast Day of the Veneration of the Holy Cross, Saturday, September 14th If you can be of assistance, please bring them to church prior to the Orthros service.

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**CALLING ALL YOUTH  
OF THE METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO**

All Parishes are invited to join the Clergy of Chicago as they bless the Waters of Lake Michigan then throw the Cross for the youth to retrieve  
BBQ lunch at St. Andrew's to follow

Parishes, please collect your RSVPs and send them to St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church no later than September 12th for food counts

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