

**FALL PARISH YOUTH OUTING:** on Sunday, October 20th after church from 2:00 - 5:00 pm at Enchanted Valley Acres Farm in Cross Plains. Admission tickets to enter are \$15.50, children under 2 years are free. The tickets include many fun fall activities such as: a corn maze, giant slides, a giant pumpkin jump pad, wagon rides, obstacle courses, farm animals, and so much more! Pumpkins are for purchase and start at \$1.50 each. There is also delicious food and sweets to purchase! You can buy your tickets online to ensure your spot or you can buy the tickets at the door, the day of. Here is the link with all the information about the farm and what it offers. <https://www.enchantedvalleyacres.com/>

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED:** As we are beginning Sunday School today. We are in need of at least one more teacher. If you are interested please see Susu Akkawi or Fr. Christodoulos for more information.

**NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC DAY:** Will be celebrated on Sunday, October 6th. This day has been set aside to honor church musicians (choirs, directors, chanters and organists) across the country. We, here at Assumption, are truly thankful for our church musicians; in our parish, for all they offer to make our worship so uplifting.

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**YOUTH WORKERS NEEDED:** Anyone interested in helping Fr. Christodoulos and the Youth Committee to help organize our various youth programs and ministries for next year (beginning this Fall) is asked to contact Fr. Christodoulos at the church office. We need youth (JOY & GOYA desperately needed) advisors, athletic director (If we want to participate in Jr. Olympics), Sunday School teachers etc. Without parishioner support, especially our youth's parents, we cannot continue to grow our various programs. Please offer your time and talent. See Fr. Christodoulos.

**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.

# Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin



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**Sunday, September 29th, 2024**

**2nd Sunday of Luke  
Saint Cyriacus the Hermit of Palestine  
Saint Petronius the Martyr**

**Readings:**

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 1: 21-24; 2: 1-4

**Gospel:** Luke 6: 31-36

**Sunday School/Coffee Hour/Greek School**

**THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION**

**Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024**

**Strict Fast Day**

**7:00 p.m.**

Choir Practice

**Friday, October 4th, 2024**

**Strict Fast Day**

**Philoptochos Baking Prep Day**

**Saturday, October 5th, 2024**

**Philoptochos Baking Day**

**Ethiopian Mission**

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

**GREEK SCHOOL 2024-2025:** We hope you all had a beautiful summer full of joy and good memories! The time to think about Greek school has come.

This year, Vaggelis Dermisis will continue with teaching the older kids as he did last year, and Ilektra with Zoe Schirmer and Alexandra, helping the Sundays that Ilektra has to travel for her son's soccer, will teach the younger kids.

Classes will take place after Sunday's church liturgy from around 11:45am to 12:45pm and the first lesson will start on Sunday, September 29th.

This year, Greek school will charge tuition that will cover materials, books and teachers salary. Tuition will be \$450 for the whole year for the first kid and 50% off for any other sibling, and it can be submitted either in one installment by November 15th or in two installments of \$225 each, with the second installment due by January 31st.

**NOTE:** If you are financially tight and need some support with tuition, please do not hesitate to approach Father Chris or Ilektra and let us know. Greek school is not about making profit, it is about giving the opportunity to our youth to expand their cultural horizons, learn about their origins and promote education. This concern should not prevent your kids from being part of our church community's mission.

The registration form was in the Monthly Newsletter and will be available in the email version of the bulletin.

We hope to see all those past students coming back and we are very excited to meet new ones! Wish all of you a productive, safe and great new school year!

**CHUCKLE:** Little Mary was at her first wedding and gaped at the entire ceremony. When it was over, she asked her mother, "Why did the lady change her mind?" Her mother asked, "What do you mean?" "Well, she went down the aisle with one man and came back with another one."

οὐκέτι ἦλθον εἰς Κόρινθον. οὐχ ὅτι κυριεύομεν ὑμῶν τῆς πίστεως, ἀλλὰ συνεργοὶ ἐσμεν τῆς χαρᾶς ὑμῶν· τῇ γὰρ πίστει ἐστήκατε. Ἐκρίνα δὲ ἐμαυτῷ τοῦτο, τὸ μὴ πάλιν ἐν λύπῃ ἐλθεῖν πρὸς ὑμᾶς. εἰ γὰρ ἐγὼ λυπῶ ὑμᾶς, καὶ τίς ἐστὶν ὁ εὐφραίνων με εἰ μὴ ὁ λυπούμενος ἐξ ἐμοῦ; καὶ ἔγραψα ὑμῖν τοῦτο αὐτό, ἵνα μὴ ἐλθὼν λύπην ἔχω ἀφ' ὧν ἔδει με χαίρειν, πεποιθῶς ἐπὶ πάντας ὑμᾶς ὅτι ἡ ἐμὴ χαρὰ πάντων ὑμῶν ἐστίν. ἐκ γὰρ πολλῆς θλίψεως καὶ συνοχῆς καρδίας ἔγραψα ὑμῖν διὰ πολλῶν δακρῦων, οὐχ ἵνα λυπηθῆτε, ἀλλὰ τὴν ἀγάπην ἵνα γνῶτε ἣν ἔχω περισσοτέρως εἰς ὑμᾶς.

**The reading is from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians**

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me — it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

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

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Καθὼς θέλετε ἵνα ποιῶσιν ὑμῖν οἱ ἄνθρωποι, καὶ ὑμεῖς ποιεῖτε αὐτοῖς ὁμοίως. καὶ εἰ ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας αὐτοὺς ἀγαπῶσι. καὶ ἐὰν ἀγαθοποιῆτε τοὺς ἀγαθοποιούντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ποιοῦσι. καὶ ἐὰν δανείζητε παρ' ὧν ἐλπίζετε ἀπολαβεῖν, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἁμαρτωλοῖς δανείζουσιν ἵνα ἀπολάβωσι τὰ ἴσα. πλὴν ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἐχθροὺς ὑμῶν καὶ ἀγαθοποιεῖτε καὶ δανείζετε μηδὲν ἀπελπίζοντες, καὶ ἔσται ὁ μισθὸς ὑμῶν πολὺς, καὶ ἔσεσθε υἱοὶ ὑψίστου, ὅτι αὐτὸς χρηστός ἐστὶν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀχαρίστους καὶ πονηροὺς. Γίνεσθε οὖν οἰκτίρμονες, καθὼς καὶ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν οἰκτίρμων ἐστί.

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

The Lord said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, despairing of no man; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

**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).

## Resurrection Hymn

### Ἦχος πλ α

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠυδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγειραὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

### Plagal of the First

Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginning less God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

### Hymn for the Devout Man

#### Ἦχος α

Τῆς ἐρήμου πολίτης καὶ ἐν σώματι ἄγγελος καὶ θαυματουργὸς ἀνεδείχθης θεοφόρε πατὴρ ἡμῶν Κυριακέ· νηστεία, ἀγρυπνία, προσευχῆ, οὐράνια χαρίσματα λαβὼν· θεραπεύεις τοὺς νοσοῦντας καὶ τὰς ψυχὰς τῶν πιστεῖ προστρεχόντων σοι. Δόξα τῷ δεδωκότι σοι ἰσχύν, δόξα τῷ σὲ στεφανώσαντι, δόξα τῷ ἐνεργοῦντι διὰ σοῦ πᾶσιν ἰάματα.

#### First Mode

As a citizen of the desert and an angel incarnate \* and a wonder-worker you shone forth, O Kyriacos, our God-bearing father. \* Since you received the spiritual gifts \* by fasting and vigilance and prayer, \* you can cure those who are ailing and heal the souls \* of those who run to you with faith. \* Glory to Him who gave His might to you; \* glory to Him who placed a crown on you; \* glory to Him who operates through you, providing cures to all.

### 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 σοι· 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 Κορινθίους Α΄ Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ βεβαιῶν ἡμᾶς σὺν ὑμῖν εἰς Χριστὸν καὶ χρίσας ἡμᾶς Θεός, ὁ καὶ σφραγισάμενος ἡμᾶς καὶ δούς τὸν ἄρραβῶνα τοῦ Πνεύματος ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ἡμῶν. Ἐγὼ δὲ μάρτυρα τὸν Θεὸν ἐπικαλοῦμαι ἐπὶ τὴν ἐμὴν ψυχήν, ὅτι φειδόμενος ὑμῶν

**THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS:** What is perhaps the simplest principle of moral conduct? Today's Gospel lesson provides for us the answer. This is the Golden Rule as taught by Jesus. It is a case of simple justice, to return like for like in positive terms.

The Golden rule seeks to guide people to fulfill their needs, desires, and dreams without tremendous conflicts causing hurt among them. How? By remembering to treat each other with understanding and fairness. **“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”** (Luke 6:31). This is a basic principle of morality presupposing a commonness and brotherhood among all people.

Important as the Golden Rule is, Christian morality goes far beyond it. Christian morality involves something more than the idea of fairness. What is this “more”? – **TO TREAT OTHERS WITH LOVE, GOODNESS AND COMPASSION NO MATTER HOW THEY BEHAVE!**

Christ's Golden Rule is taking one's neighbor upon oneself just as the good Samaritan had compassion on the wounded Jew, a supposed enemy, and interrupted his own journey in order to help him. Jesus Himself is the supreme model of the good Samaritan seeking to bind and heal humanity's wounds, and suffering persecution in the process. He voluntarily submitted to abuse, insults, beatings, betrayal and crucifixion by those whom He came to help! From the Cross He prayed to God: **“Father, forgive them! They know not what they do.”** (Luke 23:34). Christ lived out His own teaching about love: **“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.”** (John 15:13). Thus Christian morality is anchored, not merely on the principle of fairness, but much more on the principle of outgoing, sacrificial love.

**WHAT CAN WE SAY?** What can we say about the will of God and suffering?

First, God came into the world in the person of Jesus not to inflict evil, suffering, and death upon us but to overcome them. “In the world you have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world,” said Jesus. Call many things evil, call them inevitable because of sin, but don't call them the will of God.

Secondly, we can understand God' will better if we do not always expect Him to do things our way. “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts” (Isa. 55:8,9). God does not and will not follow our advice. His is far wiser.

Thirdly, we can say that when we suffer God shares our sorrow and grief. As a little boy who had been badly burned said when a woman said of him, “Oh, why does God punish a child like that?” “Don't say that,” the child cried out. “Don't say anything bad about God! When it hurts, God cries with me!” That boy's theology was absolutely Orthodox!

Fourthly, we can say that Jesus Who overcame death for us has it in His power to make it up to those who are taken away too soon by death. This is not the only life. There is eternity ahead. There is more life ahead – infinitely more! The life that is taken away too soon will get its chance to blossom and flourish. God will redress the wrongs of this world. He will balance the books. “If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied” (1 Cor. 15:19).

**FROM THE FATHERS:** “Humility is acquired after struggles. When you know yourself you acquire humility, which become a (permanent) condition. Otherwise one can become humble for a moment, but your thought will say to you that you are something although in reality you're nothing. and you'll be deluded like that to the moment of death. If death finds you with the thought that you are nothing, then God will speak. If however your thought says at the hour of death that you are something and you don't understand it, all your effort goes to waste.” – *Elder Paisios of the Holy Mountain*

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