

for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As he said these things, he cried out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

**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.

**PARISH ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGINNING OCTOBER 16&17:** A.R.E. classes are beginning October 16th & 17th. We will be continuing the Gospel of John. Classes are on Wednesday's at 11:00 a.m. for in person classes and On Thursday's at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**THIRD ANNUAL PARISH CHILI COOK OFF:** Will be on Sunday, November 10th after church, during coffee hour we will have the church chili cook off! Families can bring their favorite chili recipe to share, families will then vote on their favorite chili. The winner will then be rewarded with the golden koutalaspatala! There will be a \$7 dollar entrance fee but Children 5 and under along with Veterans will eat for Free. All Proceeds will go towards Sunday school.

**2024 GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT:** Fanari Camp's newest retreat for High School Girls will be held November 22-24th. Registration opens Monday, October 14th at noon. The goal of the retreat is to connect to Christ and one another as we navigate our lives. We will do this through:

- Building relationships with friends and mentors
- Learning how the faith can help us navigate stressors

The retreat will be held at the Saint Iakovos Retreat Center. Cost is \$250.  
[www.fanari.camp/girlsretreat](http://www.fanari.camp/girlsretreat)

**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).

**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.

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**Sunday, October 13th, 2024**  
**Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council**  
**Carpus, Papyrus, Agathodorus, & Agathonica, the Martyrs of Pergamus**  
**Saint Chryssi the New Martyr of Greece**

**Readings:**

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

**Gospel:** Luke 8: 5-15

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

**THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION**

**Tuesday, October 15th, 2024**

**7:00 p.m.**

Parish Council Meeting

**Wednesday, October 16th, 2024**

**Strict Fast Day**

**11:00 a.m.**

Adult Religious Education Class

**7:00 p.m.**

Choir Practice

**Thursday, October 17th, 2024**

**6:30 p.m.**

Virtual Adult Religious Education Class

**Saturday, October 19th, 2024**

**Russian Mission Service**

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

**ALTAR SERVERS MEETING:** Dear members and parents. We will be having a Altar Boy Meeting **TODAY** following Sunday School. All altar boys and future Altar boys are welcome to attend. Children should be 8 and up.

**FALL PARISH YOUTH OUTING:** On Sunday, October 20th after church from 2-5 p.m. 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. [www.enchantedvalleyacres.com](http://www.enchantedvalleyacres.com)

**SOCIAL MEDIA PARISH PHOTOGRAPHER:** We are looking for a parishioner to volunteer to take charge of running our parishes social media presence as well as take Pictures during services and events. If you are interested please see Fr. Christodoulos.

**CHURCH OFFICE VOLUNTEER NEEDED:** We are looking for someone who is available to come in once a week to take care of some office Administrative work. If interested please see Fr. Christodoulos or Christy Chappell-Belkin for more information.

χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ᾧσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες. ἄσπασαι τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. Ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν ἀμήν.

**The reading is from Paul's Letter to the 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 Apollos 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 Λουκᾶν ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα**

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἐξῆλθεν ὁ σπείρων τοῦ σπείραι τὸν σπόρον αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἐν τῷ σπείρειν αὐτὸν ὁ μὲν ἔπεσε παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν, καὶ κατεπατήθη, καὶ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατέφαγεν αὐτόν· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ τὴν πέτραν, καὶ φυνὲν ἐξηράνθη διὰ τὸ μὴ ἔχειν ἰκμάδα· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐν μέσῳ τῶν ἀκανθῶν, καὶ συμφυεῖσαι αἱ ἄκανθαι ἀπέπνιξαν αὐτό. καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν εἰς τὴν γῆν τὴν ἀγαθὴν, καὶ φυνὲν ἐποίησε καρπὸν ἑκατονταπλασίονα. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· ὁ ἔχων ὄρα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω. Ἐπρωτῶν δὲ αὐτὸν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· τίς εἶη ἡ παραβολὴ αὕτη; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· ὑμῖν δέδοται γνῶναι τὰ μυστήρια τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ, τοῖς δὲ λοιποῖς ἐν παραβολαῖς, ἵνα βλέποντες μὴ βλέπωσι καὶ ἀκούοντες μὴ συνῶσιν. ἔστι δὲ αὕτη ἡ παραβολὴ· ὁ σπόρος ἐστὶν ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ· οἱ δὲ παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, εἶτα ἔρχεται ὁ διάβολος καὶ αἶρει τὸν λόγον ἀπὸ τῆς καρδίας αὐτῶν, ἵνα μὴ πιστεύσαντες σωθῶσιν. οἱ δὲ ἐπὶ τῆς πέτρας οἱ ὅταν ἀκούσωσι, μετὰ χαρᾶς δέχονται τὸν λόγον, καὶ οὗτοι ρίζαν οὐκ ἔχουσι, οἱ πρὸς καιρὸν πιστεύουσι καὶ ἐν καιρῷ πειρασμοῦ ἀφίστανται. τὸ δὲ εἰς τὰς ἀκάνθας πεσόν, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, καὶ ὑπὸ μεριμνῶν καὶ πλοῦτου καὶ ἡδονῶν τοῦ βίου πορευόμενοι συμπνίγονται καὶ οὐ τελεσφοροῦσι. τὸ δὲ ἐν τῇ καλῇ γῇ, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἵτινες ἐν καρδίᾳ καλῇ καὶ ἀγαθῇ ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον κατέχουσι καὶ καρποφοροῦσιν ἐν ὑπομονῇ. Ὁ ἔχων ὄρα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω.

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

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe

### Resurrection Hymn

#### Ἦχος βαρύς

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέφξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας· ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

#### Grave Mode

By Thy Cross Thou didst abolish death; to the thief Thou didst open Paradise; Thou didst transform the myrrh bearers lamentation and didst order Thine Apostles to preach that Thou art risen, O Christ our Ἰ God, bestowing great mercy upon the world.

### Hymn for the Fathers

#### Ἦχος πλ δ

Ὑπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὀδηγήσας· πολυεὐσπλαγγνε, δόξα σοι.

#### Mode Plagal of the 4th

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 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 ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, 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 διαβεβαιουῖσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσι καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες τῷ Θεῷ. ταῦτά ἐστι τὰ καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις· μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔρεις καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιίστασο· εἰσὶ γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι. αἰρετικὸν ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νουθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἁμαρτάνει ὡν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμψω Ἀρτεμῖαν πρὸς σε ἢ Τυχικόν, σπουδάσον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν· ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέρικα παραχειμᾶσαι. Ζητῶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶ σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπη. μαθάνετωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας

**THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL:** Was convened by Emperor Constantine VI and his mother, Empress Irene the Athenian (780-802) at Nicea of Asia Minor (the same place as the First Ecumenical Council) in 787 AD. It was attended by 348 to 367 Fathers of the Church. Pope Adrian I of Rome (717-795) was also represented. The Council dealt with the Iconoclastic (down with the icons) Controversy. It started with Emperor Leo Isaurus (717-741) who in trying to stop the masses from worshipping the icons, issued a decree in 726 that they should be raised high up in the churches so that the people could not reach them. This decree was followed by a harsher one in 730 that the icons should be removed entirely from the churches. A violent reaction followed this decree. Champion of the friends of the icons was St. John of Damascus who, in defending the holy icons, quoted St. Basil who said that, “the honor which is given to the icon passes over to the prototype” i.e. the person represented by the icon. He also added that the icons help us, “to imitate their virtues and to glorify God”. According to St. John, the icons should serve as a monument to the acts of heroism of the Saints. He further stated that, this (veneration of the icons) is an unwritten tradition, much as the veneration of the Cross.

In the controversy countless works of art were deliberately destroyed by fire and very much blood was shed. The people were divided into friends of the icons (iconophiles) and foes of the icons (iconoclasts). Emperor Constantine Copronymus (741-775), who succeeded Leo Isaurus convened a pseudo-council against the icons which made the situation much worse. Finally the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787) allowed the people to use holy icons declaring that they should render to them only honor and not worship, which belongs only to God.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** There’s an old Japanese legend according to which a pious Buddhist monk died and went to heaven. He was taken to a place where there were piled and labeled on shelves what looked like dried mushrooms. On closer examination, he saw they were actually human ears. Upon inquiring he discovered that they were the ears of people who on earth went diligently to the temple, listened with pleasure to the teaching of the gods, yet did nothing about what they heard so that after death they themselves went elsewhere and only their ears were saved. Only their ears reached heaven.

How often have we heard the complaint that we church people are mostly ears, that we go to church and nothing comes of it, that we substitute hearing for doing and call that serving God. It is a complaint that is painfully true. It has caused great crop failures for Christianity through the ages. “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” Let him roll up his sleeves, pick up a hoe, plow the soil, pull up the weeds and stones and prepare to bear rich fruit for Christ!

**CHUCKLE:** A Sunday School teacher asked her preschool class if they knew where God lived.

One little girl stood up and quietly said, “He lives in Heaven.”

“Is that correct, Johnnie?” the teacher asked a little boy in the back row.

“No ma’am,” said the boy. “He lives in the bathroom at our house.”

“The bathroom?” asked the teacher.

The boy explained, “Every morning my dad stands outside the door and shouts, ‘My God, are you still in there?’”



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## 2025 Parish outing to the Madison Capitol's Hockey Team



**On Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025 we will have a Parish  
Outing to the Madison Capitol's Hockey Game vs the  
Youngstown Phantoms**

**This year we have one of the Suites reserved for the  
church. This means we will only have 30 tickets available.  
The cost is still pending.**

**RSVP with Fr. Christodoulos**

**Join us for what is sure to be a great night of fun &  
fellowship.**

## JOIN US FOR THE 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF, VETERANS RECOGNITION & FOOTBALL WATCH PARTY

**On Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 the Sunday School will host a chili cook-off in the Social Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy**

Join us for a Variety of Chili, fixin's, sides, drinks & desserts - and chicken nuggets for the non-chili eaters! Help us raise money for the Sunday School!

- Interested in putting your chili to the test and winning the coveted Chili Champ Golden Koutala! See Fr. Christodoulos if you are interested. We can accept up to 10 entries.
- Want to come taste and vote? The cost is \$7.00 for adults and Veterans and kids 3 and under are free.

### Rules for Cooks

1. Have a 6-quart Crock pot (minimum) with your chili ready to eat by 11:15 a.m. on November 10<sup>th</sup>.
2. On the front of your 5x8 index card, indicate what type you are entering and give it a heat rating (mild, medium, hot). DO NOT include your name.
3. On the back of the card list the ingredients (measurements not needed)
4. The Sunday School and Greek School will provide fixin's, (cheese, onions, jalapenos, sour cream, crackers, chips and hot Sauce), and tasting cups, spoons and bowls.
5. Winner will be determined by popular vote only—no judges—this is just for fun and fellowship!



OCT 4-6, 2024	Fall Camp
NOV 22-24, 2024	High School Girls Retreat
DEC 30, 2024	Reunion Dance at Ascension of Our Lord
JAN 17-20, 2025	Winter Camp
MAR 22, 2025	Lenten Retreat Locations TBD
JUN 15-21, 2025	Summer Camp: Session 1
JUN 21-28, 2025	Lighthouse
JUN 22-28, 2025	Summer Camp: Session 2
JUN 29-JUL 5, 2025	Summer Camp: Session 3
JUL 6-12, 2025	Summer Camp: Session 4
JUL 13-19, 2025	Summer Camp: Session 5





ASSUMPTION SUNDAY SCHOOL

# Family Fall Outing

ENCHANTED VALLEY ACERS FARM  
IN CROSS PLAINS

*Sunday 10 .20 .24*  
2:00 - 5:00 PM

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