

were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

**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 koutalaspata! 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 20th, 2024**

**6th Sunday of Luke**

**Saint Artemios the Great Martyr of Antioch  
Saint Gerasimos of Cephalonia**

**Readings:**

**Epistle:** 2 Timothy 2: 1-10

**Gospel:** Luke 8: 26-39

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

**Memorial**

**Michael Theo                      3 years  
May his Memory be Eternal!**

**THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION**

**Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024**

**6:30 p.m.**

Philoptochos Virtual Chapter Meeting

**Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024**

**Strict Fast Day**

**Saint Iakovos, Brother of the Lord**

**8:30 a.m.**

Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy

**11:00 a.m.**

Philoptochos Baking Day

**No Adult Religious Education Class This week**

**7:00 p.m.**

Choir Practice

**Thursday, October 24th, 2024**

**No Adult Religious Education Class**

**Saturday, October 26th, 2024**

**Saint Demetrios the Great Martyr**

**8:30 a.m.**

Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy

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

**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 MANAGER & 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.

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

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

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

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐλθόντι τῷ Ἰησοῦ εἰς τὴν χώραν τῶν Γαδαρηνῶν ὑπήντησεν αὐτῷ ἀνὴρ τις ἐκ τῆς πόλεως, ὃς εἶχε δαιμόνια ἐκ χρόνων ἰκανῶν, καὶ ἰμάτιον οὐκ ἐνεδιδύσκετο καὶ ἐν οἰκίᾳ οὐκ ἔμενεν, ἀλλ' ἐν τοῖς μνήμασιν. ἰδὼν δὲ τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ ἀνακράζας προσέειπεν αὐτῷ καὶ φωνῇ μεγάλῃ εἶπε· τί μοι καὶ σοί, Ἰησοῦ, υἱὲ τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ὑψίστου; δέομαί σου, μὴ με βασανίσῃς. παρήγγειλε γὰρ τῷ πνεύματι τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ ἐξελθεῖν ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου. πολλοῖς γὰρ χρόνοις συνηπάκει αὐτόν, καὶ ἐδεσμεῖτο ἀλύσει καὶ πέδαις φυλασσόμενος, καὶ διαρρήσων τὰ δεσμὰ ἠλαύετο ὑπὸ τοῦ δαίμονος εἰς τὰς ἐρήμους. ἐπηρώτησε δὲ αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· τί σοί ἐστιν ὄνομα; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· λεγεών· ὅτι δαιμόνια πολλὰ εἰσῆλθεν εἰς αὐτόν· καὶ παρεκάλει αὐτόν ἵνα μὴ ἐπιτάξῃ αὐτοῖς εἰς τὴν ἄβυσσον ἀπελθεῖν. ἦν δὲ ἐκεῖ ἀγέλη χοίρων ἰκανῶν βοσκομένων ἐν τῷ ὄρει· καὶ παρεκάλουν αὐτόν ἵνα ἐπιτρέψῃ αὐτοῖς εἰς ἐκείνους εἰσελθεῖν· καὶ ἐπέτρεψεν αὐτοῖς. ἐξελθόντα δὲ τὰ δαιμόνια ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου εἰσῆλθον εἰς τοὺς χοίρους, καὶ ὄρμησεν ἡ ἀγέλη κατὰ τοῦ κρημοῦ εἰς τὴν λίμνην καὶ ἀπεπνίγη. ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ βόσκοντες τὸ γεγεννημένον ἔφυγον, καὶ ἀπήγγειλαν εἰς τὴν πόλιν καὶ εἰς τοὺς ἄγρους. ἐξῆλθον δὲ ἰδεῖν τὸ γεγονός, καὶ ἦλθον πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ εὔρον καθήμενον τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ἀφ' οὗ τὰ δαιμόνια ἐξεληλύθει, ἱματισμένον καὶ σωφρονοῦντα παρὰ τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ, καὶ ἐφοβήθησαν. ἀπήγγειλαν δὲ αὐτοῖς οἱ ἰδόντες πῶς ἐσώθη ὁ δαιμονισθεὶς· καὶ ἠρώτησαν αὐτόν ἅπαν τὸ πλῆθος τῆς περιχώρου τῶν Γαδαρηνῶν ἀπελθεῖν ἀπ' αὐτῶν, ὅτι φόβῳ μεγάλῳ συνείχοντο. αὐτὸς δὲ ἐμβὰς εἰς τὸ πλοῖον ὑπέστρεψεν. ἐδέετο δὲ αὐτοῦ ὁ ἀνὴρ, ἀφ' οὗ ἐξεληλύθει τὰ δαιμόνια, εἶναι σὺν αὐτῷ· ἀπέλυσε δὲ αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· ὑπόστρεφε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου καὶ διηγοῦ ὅσα ἐποίησέ σοι ὁ Θεός. καὶ ἀπῆλθε καθ' ὄλην τὴν πόλιν κηρύσσων ὅσα ἐποίησεν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς.

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

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and

### Resurrection Hymn

#### Ἦχος πλ δ

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγγνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

#### Mode Plagal of the Fourth

From the heights didst Thou come down, O Compassionate One. And Thou didst submit to three day burial that from the passions Thou might deliver us. O our Life and Resurrection, O Lord, glory be to Thee.

#### Hymn for Saint Artemios

#### Ἦχος δ

Ὁ Μάρτυρ σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτοῦ, τὸ στέφος ἐκομίσατο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· ἔχων γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύον σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλεν· ἔθραυσε καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση, αὐτοῦ ταῖς ἰκεσίας Χριστέ, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

#### Fourth Mode

Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily awarded by You \* the crown of incorruption, in that he contested for You our immortal God. \* Since he possessed Your power, he defeated the tyrants, \* dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. \* O Christ God, at his fervent entreaties, save our souls.

#### Hymn for Saint Gerasimos

#### Ἦχος α

Τῶν Ὁρθοδόξων προστάτην, καὶ ἐν σώματι ἄγγελον, καὶ θαυματουργὸν θεοφόρον, νεοφανέντα ἡμῖν, ἐπαινέσωμεν πιστοί, θεῖον Γεράσιμον· ὅτι ἀξίως παρὰ Θεοῦ ἀπεῖληφεν, ἰαμάτων τὴν ἀέναον χάριν· ῥώννυσιν τοὺς νοσοῦντας, δαιμονῶντας ἰάται· διὸ καὶ τοῖς τιμῶσιν αὐτόν, βρῦει ἰάματα.

#### First Mode

Obelievers, let us praise the protector of the Orthodox, the God-bearing miracle-worker lately appearing to us, the incarnate angel, divine Gerasimos. For he has rightly received from God the ever-flowing grace of performing healings. He strengthens those with diseases and he heals those with demons. And therefore he pours out healings to those who honor him.

#### 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 ἀεὶ, 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.

**JESUS EXPELS THE DEMONS:** A strange and fearsome man encounters us through the Gospel reading today. It is a gripping scene from the personal life of a human being who lived in first century Palestine. A decisive moment when he met Jesus and completely changed. Of what interest is this decisive experience of his life to us who live in the world today.

Our Savior did not come to bring us new moral teachings or to set down for us revolutionary social or political programs. Rather He came to heal our bodies and souls, to redeem us from sin and death, to give us new God centered lives through the power of the Holy Spirit. He said, “Anyone who comes to me I will not drive away” (John 6:37) and again, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest” (Matt. 11:28). His gift of new life involves not only new attitudes, new ways of doing things and new spiritual direction, but also a new self!

What is meant by a new self? A new self in Christ means new understanding of and a new relationship to self, Christ, God, Holy Spirit, others and the world. Christ changes not merely the spiritual circumstances in which we live, but also our inner being or character – us. There in the depths of our heart, where we experience what we are and how we feel about ourselves, where our own self-image is often distorted and covered up by frustration and guilt, where God has nevertheless placed a treasure of spiritual gifts and powers, there is where the personal identity of each human being is located and awaits an explosive release by the grace of Christ. This same question of identity is as important to us as it was important to the man of the Gospel account who was possessed by many demons. It is one of the key questions of life. But many are inclined to ignore it.

**THIS WEEK:** The Greek Orthodox Church remembers two of Her greatest Saints, Iakovos and Demetrios. Both Saints died as Martyrs but lived very separate and different lives of Christian witness. We remember Saint Iakovos on October 23rd and Saint Demetrios on October 26th. Services for these two saints will be held on Wednesday for Saint Iakovos and Saturday for Saint Demetrios. Check the Service Schedule for exact times of services. Also, Chronia Polla (many years) to all who celebrate their Name Day this week.

**WELCOME:** Sunday, the Lord's Day, is a symbol of the claim God has on a portion of our time, our substance, our lives, ourselves. We acknowledge one every week that all time is of God. As at the end of each day we go to the place where we belong, i.e. home and our loved ones; so at the beginning of each week we go to where we belong, i.e., God. Sunday offers us the opportunity to establish our identity as children of our Heavenly Father. We know who we are because we know whose we are as we go to be with Him each Lord's Day.

Sunday offers us the great privilege of being able to respond to God's love. We are free to accept His love and to love Him in return. This we, as Orthodox Christians, do in the Divine Liturgy each Lord's Day.

**FROM THE FATHERS:** The roof of any house stands upon the foundations and the rest of the structure. The foundations themselves are laid in order to carry the roof. This is both useful and necessary, for the roof cannot stand without the foundations and the foundations are absolutely useless without the roof – no help to any living creature. In the same way the grace of God is preserved by the practice of the commandments, and the observance of these commandments is laid down like foundations through the gift of God. The grace of the Spirit cannot remain with us without the practice of the commandments, but the practice of the commandments is of no help or advantage to us without the grace of God.

–St. Symeon the New Theologian

FANARI CAMP PRESENTS

HIGH SCHOOL  
*Girls Retreat*

CONNECT TO CHRIST AND ONE ANOTHER  
AS WE NAVIGATE OUR LIVES

NOVEMBER 22-24

ST. IAKOVOS RETREAT CENTER



## 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

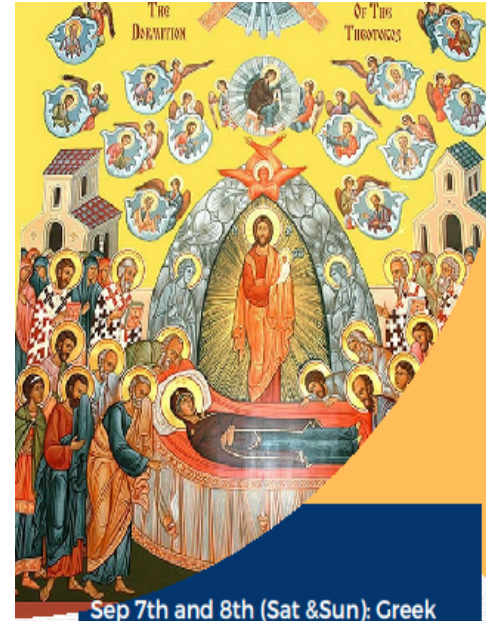
**On Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 the Sunday School will host a chili cook-off in the Social Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy**

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!



SAVE THE DATES

## Assumption Sunday School 2024-2025 Events

Mark your calendars for the different Sunday school events for the new school year!

Sep 7th and 8th (Sat & Sun): Greek Fest +

Sep 15th (Sun) : First day of Sunday school

Oct 20th (Sun): Pumpkin patch and corn maze family outing

Nov 10th (Sun): Chili cook off fundraiser

Nov 15th (Fri): Kolyva Night

Dec 1st (Sun): No Classes Thanksgiving break

Dec 13th (Fri): Ginger bread night

Dec 15th (Sun): Christmas Pageant

Dec 22nd & Dec 29th: No Classes Christmas Break

Jan 12th (Sun): Ice Skating at Edgewater

Feb 2nd (Sun): God Parents Day Breakfast fundraiser

Feb 17th (Mon): Family bowling night

Mar 3rd (Mon): Lent Starts

Mar 30th (Sun): No Classes Spring Break

Apr 12th (Sat): Lazarus Retreat

Apr 13th (Sun): No Classes Palm Sunday

Apr 20th (Sun): No Classes Pascha

May 4th (Sun): Family picnic outing

May 18th (Sun): Last day of Sunday school

Jun 1st (Sun): Graduate Sunday Celebration

ASSUMPTION SUNDAY SCHOOL

# Family Fall Outing

ENCHANTED VALLEY ACERS FARM  
IN CROSS PLAINS

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

PUMPKIN PATCH, CORN MAZE, APPLE  
CIDER DONUTS AND DRINKS, AND  
FUN FALL ACTIVITIES!



**SHOP OUR BAKLAVA BAKERY+**

**ENJOYING OUR  
BAKED-GOODIES?**

**ORDER MORE FOR  
THE HOLIDAYS!**

**Step 1. Order online today!**

**Step 2. Pick up your fresh bakery**

**When? Saturday, Nov. 23**

**Where? Here. Assumption Greek Orthodox Church**

**We'll send you a reminder email.**  
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