PARISH ADULT RELIGIOUD EDUCATION HAS BEGUN: A.R.E. classes have again begun. 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 koutala-spatula! 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

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.

<u>CHOIR NEWS:</u> Our Choir began back in September. They are always looking to find ways to improve and grow. The choir at Assumption is looking for new members to help increase our choir, in order to continue participating in services including Lenten and Holy Week. Those with or without musical knowledge, students in choirs, and those with voices in all vocal ranges are especially needed.

Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday morning for those who cannot attend weekday practice. All practices take place downstairs in the choir room; all hymns include phonetics and are written in western notation. Please contact any choir member with your intent to join or just join us before or after liturgy. For more information you can also contact our Choir Director George Tzougros gtzougros@gmail.com: We look forward to welcoming all new members.

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).

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Sunday, October 27th, 2024

7th Sunday of Luke

Saint Nestor the Martyr of Thessaloniki Saints Kyriakos, Patriarch of Constantinople & Procla, wife of Pontius Pilate

Readings:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11 **Gospel:** Luke 8: 41-56

Sunday School/Coffee Hour/Greek School

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Monday, October 28th, 2024 Holy Protection/Oxi Day

Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy with Special Doxology for Oxi Day

Wednesday, October 30th, 2024 Strict Fast Day 11:00 a.m.

Adult Religious Education Class

7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Thursday, October 31st, 2024 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Adult Religious Education Class

Saturday, November 2nd, 2024 Philoptochos Baking Day Ethiopian Mission

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

<u>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:</u> Ends next weekend. Turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. With an extra hour of sleep we should all be in church on time. Remember Orthos begins at 8:30 a.m. and Divine Liturgy begins at 9:45 a.m. Let us all join in joyful worship of our Lord.

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.

<u>PHILOPTOCHOS SUNDAY:</u> Next Sunday, November 3rd, has been designated to honor the achievements of our Assumption's Ladies Philoptochos Society. An Artoklasia Service will be offered at the conclusion of the Liturgy for all living Philoptochos members and a Memorial Service will be offered for those who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

Also a special tray will be passed, on behalf of the Philoptochos, in support of the hospitals, nursing homes, and philanthropic agencies of our Ecumenical Patriarchate. Please give generously!

Following worship service next Sunday a special coffee fellowship will be offered downstairs in honor of Philoptochos. Everyone is welcome to attend!

will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Έκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῶ καιρῶ ἐκείνω, ἄνθρωπός τις προσῆλθε τῶ Ἰησοῦ, ὧ ὄνομα Ἰάειρος, καὶ αὐτὸς άρχων τῆς συναγωγῆς ὑπῆρχε: καὶ πεσὼν παρὰ τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ παρεκάλει αὐτὸν εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ, ὅτι θυγάτηρ μονογενης ἦν αὐτῷ ὡς ἐτῶν δώδεκα, καὶ αὕτη ἀπέθνησκεν. Ἐν δὲ τῷ ὑπάγειν αὐτὸν οἱ ὄχλοι συνέπνιγον αὐτόν. καὶ γυνὴ οὖσα ἐν ῥύσει αἵματος ἀπὸ ἐτῶν δώδεκα, ἥτις ἰατροῖς προσαναλώσασα όλον τὸν βίον οὐκ ἴσχυσεν ὑπ' οὐδενὸς θεραπευθῆναι, προσελθοῦσα όπισθεν ήψατο τοῦ κρασπέδου τοῦ ἱματίου αὐτοῦ, καὶ παραχρήμα ἔστη ἡ ῥύσις τοῦ αἵματος αὐτῆς. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς· τίς ὁ ἁψάμενός μου; ἀρνουμένων δὲ πάντων εἶπεν ὁ Πέτρος καὶ οἱ σὸν αὐτὧ. ἐπιστάτα, οἱ ὄχλοι συνέγουσί σε καὶ ἀποθλίβουσι, καὶ λέγεις τίς ὁ ἀψάμενός μου; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν ἡψατό μού τις έγω γαρ έγνων δύναμιν έξελθοῦσαν ἀπ' έμοῦ. ἰδοῦσα δὲ ἡ γυνὴ ὅτι οὐκ ἔλαθε, τρέμουσα ήλθε καὶ προσπεσοῦσα αὐτῷ δι' ην αἰτίαν ήψατο αὐτοῦ ἀπήγγειλεν αὐτῷ ἐνώπιον παντὸς τοῦ λαοῦ, καὶ ὡς ἰάθη παραγρῆμα. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῆ θάρσει, θύγατερ, ή πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε πορεύου είς εἰρήνην. Έτι αὐτοῦ λαλοῦντος έργεταί τις παρά τοῦ ἀργισυναγώγου λέγων αὐτῷ ὅτι τέθνηκεν ἡ θυγάτηρ σου: μὴ σκύλλε τὸν διδάσκαλον. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς ἀκούσας ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῷ λέγων μὴ φοβοῦ: μόνον πίστευε, καὶ σωθήσεται. ἐλθὼν δὲ εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν οὐκ ἀφῆκεν εἰσελθεῖν οὐδένα εἰ μὴ Πέτρον καὶ Ἰωάννην καὶ Ἰάκωβον καὶ τὸν πατέρα τῆς παιδὸς καὶ τὴν μητέρα. ἔκλαιον δὲ πάντες καὶ ἐκόπτοντο αὐτήν. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· μὴ κλαίετε· οὐκ ἀπέθανεν, ἀλλὰ καθεύδει. καὶ κατεγέλων αὐτοῦ, εἰδότες ὅτι ἀπέθανεν. αὐτὸς δὲ έκβαλων έξω πάντας καὶ κρατήσας τῆς γειρὸς αὐτῆς ἐφώνησε λέγων ἡ παῖς, έγείρου. καὶ ἐπέστρεψε τὸ πνεῦμα αὐτῆς, καὶ ἀνέστη παραχρῆμα, καὶ διέταξεν αὐτῆ δοθῆναι φαγεῖν. καὶ ἐξέστησαν οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῖς. ὁ δὲ παρήγγειλεν αὐτοῖς μηδενὶ εἰπεῖν τὸ γεγονός.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Resurrection Hymn ⁷Hχος α

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωήν διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι ζωοδότα. Δόξα τῆ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῆ βασιλεία σου, δόξα τῆ οἰκονομία 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 Dormition of the Theotokos Ήχος α

Έν τῆ Γεννήσει, τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας. Έν τῆ Κοιμήσει, τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε. Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωήν, Μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις ταῖς σαῖς λυτρουμένη, 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 Ήχος β

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεί, 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.

Πρός Κορινθίους Β΄ Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Αδελφοί, ό σπείρων φειδομένως φειδομένως καὶ θερίσει, καὶ ὁ σπείρων ἐπ' εὐλογίαις ἐπ' εὐλογίαις καὶ θερίσει. ἔκαστος καθὼς προαιρεῖται τῆ καρδία, μὴ ἐκ λύπης ἢ ἐξ ἀνάγκης ἱλαρὸν γὰρ δότην ἀγαπῷ ὁ Θεός. δυνατὸς δὲ ὁ Θεὸς πᾶσαν χάριν περισσεῦσαι εἰς ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἐν παντὶ πάντοτε πᾶσαν αὐτάρκειαν ἔχοντες περισσεύητε εἰς πᾶν ἔργον ἀγαθόν, καθὼς γέγραπται ἐσκόρπισεν, ἔδωκε τοῖς πένησιν ἡ δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. ὁ δὲ ἐπιχορηγῶν σπέρμα τῷ σπείροντι καὶ ἄρτον εἰς βρῶσιν χορηγήσαι καὶ πληθύναι τὸν σπόρον ὑμῶν καὶ αὐξήσαι τὰ γενήματα τῆς δικαιοσύνης ὑμῶν ἐν παντὶ πλουτιζόμενοι εἰς πᾶσαν ἀπλότητα, ἥτις κατεργάζεται δι' ἡμῶν εὐχαριστίαν τῷ Θεῷ.

The reading is from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You

DO NOT FEAR; ONLY BELIEVE: Jesus knows the way for us to follow because He Himself is the Way. So He says to Jairus, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." Jesus places no limit on the power of faith. Even by the side of death, faith is stronger. With Jesus no person is hopeless, no situation is impossible. Most of us give up too easily and too quickly.

"Do not fear; only believe." Do not fear. It is not all over. "Only believe" that God is still beside you. "Only believe" that His resurrection guarantees the resurrection of every true believer. "Only believe" that what seems like the end to you is for God only the beginning.

Jairus came to Jesus with faith and he was not disappointed. Did he not witness with his own eyes one of the greatest miracles Jesus ever performed? Did he not hear those precious words: "Child, arise" and see his own flesh and blood wake up from the sleep of death? Did he not hear Jesus say to him, "Give her something to eat"?

The greatest crisis we shall ever experience will come at the end of life, when we shall leave this world to stand before the God Who made us. What a blessed comfort to know that at that time Jesus will say to us also who have walked with Him in life, "Child, arise. Arise to the glory of heaven that I have prepared for you! Arise to the full and complete participation in the eternal inheritance I have prepared for those who love Me! Arise, inherit the kingdom I have prepared for you from the foundation of the world!"

GOD'S AND OUR TIME MEASURE: One day a man asked, "God, how long is a thousand years to you?" The eternal one answered with a blink, "Just a second."

"Well then, Almighty," the man queried, "How much is a million dollars to you?" The Creator and Owner of all shrugged it off as, "Just a penny."

With an idea in mind, a gleam in his eyes, and a smile crawling across his face the man asked one more question, "Lord, can I have ...just a penny?"

To which God replied, "Maybe...in just a second."

Have you waited impatiently for God's answer to a prayer? Put a stopwatch on His reaction time? Try to get God to punch your time clock. That doesn't really work does it? Hammer as hard as you like, but you will never force the eternal will of God into the mold of a moment's desire.

Sometimes we get an answer right away. It may even be the answer we desire or expect. But God's response to a prayer is neither predictable nor programmable. God's will is worked God's way and in God's day. So, be patient.

God loves you. He knows what is best for you. He will do what is best for you. He causes all things to work together for the good of those who love Him. That is right. All things, even bad things, even the bad things in which you cannot see any way out. God answers our prayers with a view toward our ultimate and eternal good.

Ask, but with the right motives. Then wait for God's answer with patience and do not lose heart.

FROM THE FATHERS: When an archer desires to shoot his arrows successfully, he first takes great pains over his posture and aligns himself accurately with his mark. It should be the same for you who are about to shoot the head of the wicked devil. Let us be concerned first for the good order of sensations and then for the good posture of inner thoughts.

- St. John Chrysostom



2025 Parish outing to the Madison Capitol's Hockey Team





On Saturday. February 22nd 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 4th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF, VETERANS RECOGNITION & FOOTBALL WATCH PARTY

On Sunday, November 10th, 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

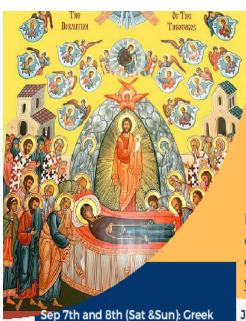
- Have a 6-quart Crock pot (minimum) with your chili ready to eat by 11:15 a.m. on November 10th.
- 2. On the front of you 5x8 index card, indicate what type you are entering and give it a heat rating (mild, medium, hot). DO NOT include your name.
- 3. On the back of the card list the ingredients (measurements not needed)
- 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



Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago St. lakovos Retreat Center Kansasville, Wisconsin



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 **SAVE THE DATES**

Assumption

Sunday School 2024-2025 Events

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

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



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Where? Here. Assumption Greeb Orthodox Church When? Saturday, Nov. 25

We'll send you a reminder email.











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