

PARISH ADULT RELIGIOUS 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.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING: TODAY immediately after the Divine Liturgy. Many important issues will be discussed.

AGENDA

Opening Prayer
Election of Assembly Presiding Officer
Minutes of Previous Regular General Assembly
Pastor's Report
Proposed Budget for 2025
Committee Reports
Election of Three Member Audit Committee
Old Business
New Business
Closing Prayer

CHOIR NEWS: 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.

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.

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.

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Sunday, November 17th, 2024

9th Sunday of Luke

**Saint Gregory the Wonderworker & Bishop of Neo-Caesarea
Saints Gennadios I and Maximus, Patriarchs of Constantinople**

Readings:

Epistle: Galatians 2: 16-20

Gospel: Luke 12: 16-21

Sunday School/Coffee Hour/ Fall General Assembly/Greek School

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, November 19th, 2024

Fast Day

7:00 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 20th, 2024

Strict Fast Day

Philoptochos Baking Day

7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Thursday, November 21st, 2024

Fast Day

Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple

8:30 a.m.

Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy

Friday, November 22nd, 2024

Strict Fast Day

Philoptochos Prep Day

Saturday, November 23rd, 2024

Fast Day

Russian Mission Service

Philoptochos Baklava Plus Bake Sale

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

Memorial

Elizabeth Ladas 9 years

George Choles 40 days

Nia Choles 40 days

May their Memory be Eternal!

PRESENTATION OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE: When Mary was three years of age her parents took her from Nazareth to Jerusalem to give her to the service of the Lord in fulfillment of their promise. There, Zacharias, the father of St. John the Forerunner, took her by the hand and let her into the Holy of Holies where she dwelt for nine years, living in contemplation of God and being miraculously fed by an Archangel. Come on Thursday Morning for Orthros beginning at 8:30 a.m. to celebrate this wonderful feast, as a community.

fied with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρώπου τινὸς πλουσίου εὐφόρησεν ἡ χώρα· καὶ διελογίζετο ἐν ἑαυτῷ λέγων· τί ποιήσω, ὅτι οὐκ ἔχω ποῦ συνάξω τοὺς καρπούς μου; καὶ εἶπε· τοῦτο ποιήσω· καθελῶ μου τὰς ἀποθήκας καὶ μείζονας οἰκοδομήσω, καὶ συνάξω ἐκεῖ πάντα τὰ γενήματά μου καὶ τὰ ἀγαθὰ μου, καὶ ἐρῶ τῇ ψυχῇ μου· ψυχῇ, ἔχεις πολλὰ ἀγαθὰ κείμενα εἰς ἔτη πολλά· ἀναπαύου, φάγε, πίε, εὐφραίνου. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Θεός· ἄφρον, ταύτη τῇ νυκτὶ τὴν ψυχὴν σου ἀπαιτοῦσιν ἀπὸ σοῦ· ἃ δὲ ἡτοίμασας τίνι ἔσται; οὕτως ὁ θησαυρίζων ἑαυτῷ, καὶ μὴ εἰς Θεὸν πλουτῶν. Ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· Ὁ ἔχων ὦτα ἀκοῦειν, ἀκούετω.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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.

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 don't leave your weekly bulletin in the pew. Take it home with you and share the message and announcements, written here, with your family and friends. Thank You!

Resurrection Hymn

Ἦχος δ

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Αναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Fourth Mode

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples spoke to the Apostles triumphantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy unto the world.

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 δ

Ὁ καθαρώτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτῆρος, ἡ πολυτίμητος παστὰς καὶ Παρθένος, τὸ ἱερὸν θησαυρίσμα τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ, σήμερον εἰσάγεται, ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Κυρίου, τὴν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τὴν ἐν Πνεύματι Θεῷ ἦν ἀνυμνοῦσιν Ἄγγελοι Θεοῦ· Αὕτη ὑπάρχει σκηνὴ ἐπουράνιος.

Fourth Mode

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Saviour's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is

Πρὸς Γαλάτας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιοῦται ἄνθρωπος ἐξ ἔργων νόμου ἐὰν μὴ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐπιστεύσαμεν, ἵνα δικαιωθῶμεν ἐκ πίστεως Χριστοῦ καὶ οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων νόμου, διότι οὐ δικαιωθήσεται ἐξ ἔργων νόμου πᾶσα σὰρξ. εἰ δὲ ζητοῦντες δικαιωθῆναι ἐν Χριστῷ εὐρέθημεν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἁμαρτωλοί, ἄρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; μὴ γένοιτο. εἰ γὰρ ἂν κατέλυσα ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην ἐμαυτὸν συνίστημι. ἐγὼ γὰρ διὰ νόμου νόμῳ ἀπέθανον, ἵνα Θεῷ ζήσω. Χριστῷ συνεσταύρωμαι· ζῶ δὲ οὐκέτι ἐγώ, ζῇ δὲ ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός· ὁ δὲ νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῶ τῇ τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἐαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Galatians

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been cruci-

TODAY'S LESSON: In today's gospel lesson Jesus calls the rich man a fool. Jesus didn't suggest that this prosperous man was in any way dishonest. He came by his wealth through honest effort and hard work. By the world's standards he was successful, so successful that he had to expand. His one great ambition in life was to be able to take it easy, to "eat, drink, and be merry." But God called him a fool. And the man died before he could enjoy his wealth. **"So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."**

The wealth that counts in God's eyes is accumulated by a soul that has learned to pray, by a conscience that is clear, by a life dedicated to him who owns the land on both sides of the river, by a soul that has sought and received God's forgiveness, by a person who believes that all he owns are really God's, given to him as a trust to be used not only for oneself but also for others. As St. Paul wrote to Timothy, **"As for the rich in this world, charge them not to be haughty, not to set their hopes on uncertain riches but on God who richly furnishes us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good deeds, liberal and generous, thus laying up for themselves a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life which is life indeed."** (1 Tim. 6:17-19).


God is the final judge before whom we shall stand one day. He is the one who will proclaim us "successful" or "unsuccessful." And he tells us that the truly successful are not those who have only a collection of things to show for their journey through life but those who are rich in faith and love toward God and man.

2025 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT: Assumption Greek Orthodox Church depends on the love and gratitude of its members in order to perform its sacred ministry. Each member is asked to support the church by annually setting his or her own level of giving, in proportion to his or her earnings. This year, we ask you to search your heart and conscience, and to seriously consider the many needs of our Church, as you determine your Stewardship Pledge of Commitment for 2025.


Your giving should be a profound spiritual action, coming as an expression of your love and gratitude to God and his church, which blesses you and your family, and preserves and cultivates our Orthodox Christian Faith. To be meaningful, your Stewardship Commitment should not be simply a token offering from your surplus resources, but should be a true sacrifice, giving a feeling that "I gave something valuable in order to help my Church," a GOOD FEELING.

Our 2025 Parish Budget is counting on drawing \$188,000 from Stewardship. This represents about two-thirds of our anticipated expenses. The Parish Council figures our budget to be \$310,000 for next year. Please realize that every Stewardship Pledge of Commitment should represent conscientious support of our Church for ONE FULL YEAR! To meet our expenses, Assumption needs an average of about \$2,000 from each pledging member in 2025. So you can see how important your contribution is! Some stewards can give more than this; some will give less. We hope and pray, that every steward can give at least twenty dollars (\$20.00) a week more or One Thousand forty dollars (\$1040.00) over their pledge of last year.

How do you become a Steward? In prayer and good conscience, consider the best amount that you can commit in support of your Church. Good Stewardship is generous and sacrificial. Then complete and submit your Stewardship Pledge Card to the church office. Your thoughtfulness and generosity as always, is greatly appreciated. The 2025 Pledge Cards will be going out to everyone in the next week.



**Greek Orthodox
Metropolis of Chicago**



Mission Statement

Through Humanitarian Outreach and Philanthropic Engagement (HOPE) our mission is to support children, families, and individuals by partnering with Metropolis of Chicago Parishes and local networks to help achieve food security and stable housing.

**1,600,000
MEALS**

Complete meal kits with shelf stable food items provided via boxes/bags

**3,000
NIGHTS**

Shelter provided through Northside Housing & Supportive Services

**12,500
KITS**

Winter accessories, hygiene and other basic care necessities

Beneficiaries

Children, families, and individuals within our parishes remain the primary targets, as well as members in need within our local communities. Anonymity is maintained for all beneficiaries and their private information will never be shared nor used for public consumption

Our Outreach

- 50+ Greek Orthodox Families
- Abused & Battered Women's Shelters
- Senior & Assisted Living Communities
- Homeless Teen Shelters
- Low Income Families
- Underserved Communities

Ways you can help



Meet with your HOPE Liaison in your church



Identify those in need within your parish and community



Hot meal, food and/or kit prep for distribution



Provide a space for prep and/or distribution



Enlist parish members to help collect & distribute

2025 Parish outing to the Madison Capitol's Hockey Team



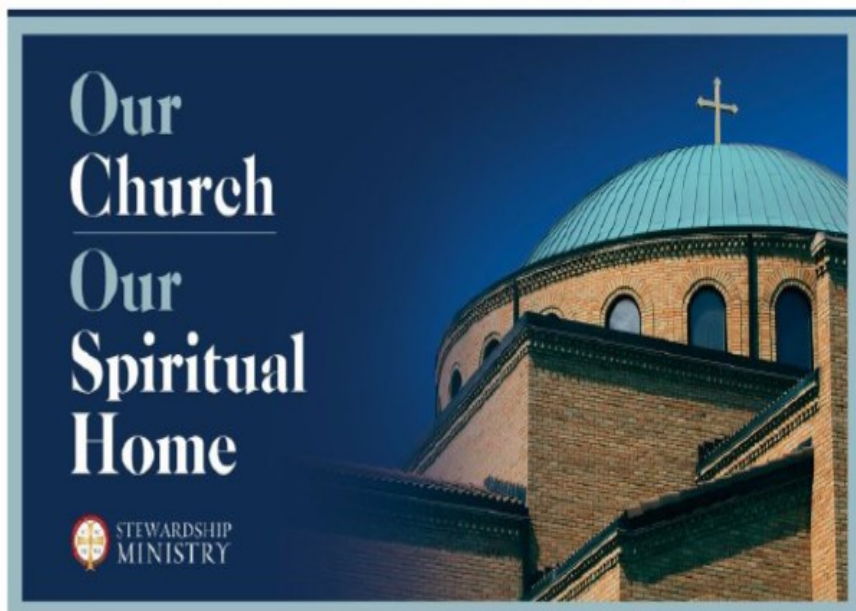
**On Saturday, February 22nd 2025 we will have a Parish
Outing to the Madison Capitol's Hockey Game vs the
Youngstown Phantoms**

**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.**

What is Christian Stewardship?



Christian Stewardship is...

...learning how to be a responsible and concerned caretaker of Christ's Church; it is learning how to enjoy Church life and be happy in Church work., for in Her dwells the fullness of the Spirit of God.

...our active commitment to use all our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgment of Christ's redeeming love.

...caring for the needs of others.

...offering one's self to God as He offered Himself to us.

...what a person does after saying "I believe...", as proof of that belief.

...devotion and service to God and His Church as persons, as families, as diocese/metropolis, as national Church and as Church universal.

GREEK HERITAGE NIGHT



Come out to our 7th Annual Greek Heritage Celebration to watch the Milwaukee Bucks take on the Atlanta Hawks!

GREEK GROUP TICKET PACKAGE INCLUDES:

GAME NIGHT TICKET TO BUCKS VS HAWKS

EXCLUSIVE GREEK NIGHT HAT

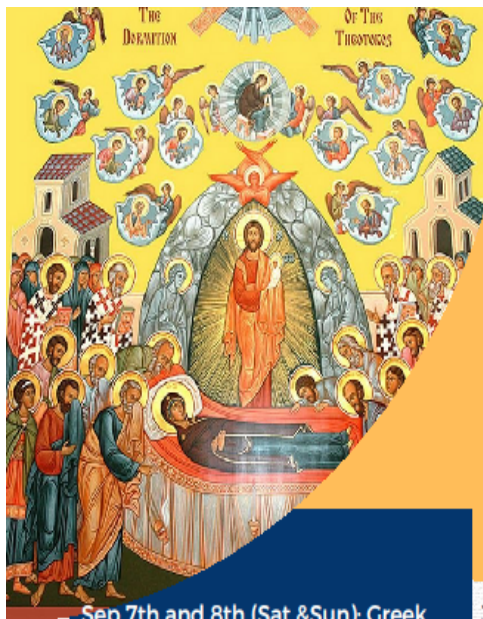
*****POST GAME TALK AND RAFFLE WITH GIANNIS - subject to cancellation*****

Note: timing of post game event is strictly up to player discretion. We do our best to ensure there is not much wait time, however, wait time could be up to 1 hour following the game.

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

****Pick Up Details for hat to follow at a later date - they will not be shipped****





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



2024 Annual Community Christmas Card

**We are now accepting names to be submitted for the
2024 Community Christmas Card**

In order for our Christmas Card to be successful, we need your cooperation. Please approach your family and friends who may not be aware of this program, to see if they would like to be a part of our Family Christmas Card.

*****Deadline*****

Monday, December 9th, 2024

Please use this form and send it along with your donation
Free Will Offering but suggested donation is \$25. Please send to:
Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
11 N. Seventh Street
Madison, WI 53704

Please print your name below, clearly and EXACTLY as it should appear in the card.

Name: _____

May the forthcoming Christmas Season bring to you and your family
the Lord's blessings of Joy and Good Health!

Thank you for your support of our Assumption Church.