

PARISH OUTING TO THE MALLARD'S GAME, JULY 30th: Our parish is going to be having an outing to the Madison Mallards Game on Tuesday, July 30th first pitch is at 6:05 p.m. We will be in the reserved Duck Blind Section and we will have 2 options for tickets. Both are all you can eat and drink. The All you can eat with Soda is \$37 and the All you can eat with beer is \$49. Children 5 and under are free and do not need a ticket. I hope to see you all there. See Flier for more details and the link to purchase Tickets. [CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY - Please help the needy and bring non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry. Canned vegetables and fruits, pasta, baby food, canned meals, peanut butter and jelly, pasta sauce, cereal, canned soup, etc. We are always so fortunate and thankful that we have generous parishioners. We are able to feed many of those in need, with your help.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: Before making any firm plans for baptisms, weddings, funerals, or memorial services, please check with Fr. Christodoulos to see if dates and times are permissible. Also, please refrain from scheduling a baby, bridal shower or any other type of party celebration during a fasting period

EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL NEEDED FOR THE ALTAR: We are in need of Extra Virgin Olive Oil for the vigil lamps on the altar and iconostasi. If you would like to donate some please bring it to the church and give it to either Fr. Christodoulos or one of the Ushers during services.

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).

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.

GRADUATE SUNDAY REMINDER: Our parish will celebrate Graduate Sunday on Sunday, June 1st. All students graduating from High School, College, University or Post Graduate studies are asked to submit their names, school, honors and accomplishments to the church prior to Sunday, May 25th.

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Sunday, May 18th, 2025

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

**Holy Martyrs: Peter, Dionysius, Andrew, Paul, Christina, Heraclius, Paulinus
and Benedimus**

Readings:

Epistle: Acts 11: 19-30

Gospel: John 4: 5-42

Last Day of Sunday School/Greek School/Philoptochos Meeting

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, May 20th, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Great Vespers for Saints Constantine & Helen

At Sts. Constantine & Helen, Wauwatosa

7:00 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 21st, 2025

Strict Fast Day

Saints Constantine & Helen, Equal to the Apostles

8:30 a.m.

Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy

Following Liturgy

Adult Religious Education

7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Thursday, May 22nd, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Virtual Adult Religious Education

Saturday, May 24th, 2025

Russian Mission

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

FOLLOWING THE RESURRECTION LITURGY: And every service for 40 days until the Ascension of our Lord, the priest turns to the congregation and exclaims:

“Glory to His Third-Day Resurrection!”

Δόξα τῇ ἀγίᾳ αὐτοῦ τριμέρῳ ἐγέρσει!

and the congregation responds by saying:

“We bow down to His Third-Day Resurrection!”

Προσκυνοῦμεν αὐτοῦ τὴν τριήμερον ἔγερσιν!

Let us all remember these life-giving words at the conclusion of the Liturgy. Let us say them with feeling and strength for the 40-day period of the Resurrection as is the practice of our Holy Orthodox Church.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

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 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

Ἦχος πλ δ

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατῆλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

Mode Plagal of the 4th

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days, the apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

JACOB'S WELL: In the largely rainless lands of the Middle East, water is a constant preoccupation. Throughout the Old Testament, much attention is given to wells, and the donors of these sites of refreshment were forever held in high esteem by the local community.

The setting of the Gospel lesson on this the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman is Jacob's Well. In Genesis, it is implied that such a well was dug by the venerable Patriarch when he and his family returned to Shechem in Canaan and settled outside the city. The well served as a point of rest and refuge for numerous caravans that passed through the desert enroute to regions of greater population and civilization.

In our Orthodox Christian tradition, Jacob's Well and its surroundings were made famous by the encounter there between Jesus and "Photini", the woman of Samaria. In their lengthy conversation, Christ beautifully uses the symbolism of water to point out that He can provide us with "water" that would quench our thirst eternally. Jacob of the Old Testament provided the inhabitants of the region with water that took care of their physical needs. Christ, the new Jacob, offers all of us *LIVING WATER*, which satisfies all of our *SPIRITUAL NEEDS*. Truly, it is through Jesus Christ that we receive what is necessary for eternal life.

As early as the 4th century, church historians write of an edifice erected over the location of Jacob's Well. The church has been destroyed and rebuilt several times. It is estimated that the well itself measures some 162 feet in depth.

FEAST OF SS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN: Constantine did not become a Christian until well into his time as emperor. His first major battle in which he was vastly out-numbered against the infamous Maxentius in Rome hastened his conversion. A bright image of the cross appeared to him in the sky surrounded by stars in the light of day. The inscription read, "In this sign, conquer!" An image of the cross was built and carried before his army that vanquished Maxentius and caused him to drown in the Tiber River. When Constantine contracted leprosy, the doctors and idol-worshipping priests could not heal him. The Apostles Peter and Paul appeared to him in a vision and sent him to see Bishop Sylvester who instructed, baptized, and healed him. He also built the city of Constantinople, resplendent with cathedrals and churches. Equally important, he attacked the heresy of Arianism by calling together the greatest minds of Christianity at the First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea. His mother, Helen had beautiful churches built at the sites of Christ's Nativity, the Holy Sepulcher, the Ascension, as well as others. She also discovered the Cross of Jesus. The Church has given them the title of "Equal to the Apostles" for all they have done for Christianity.

BE RECEPTIVE: Defeats can bless you because they make you more receptive to God. The Book of Hebrews tells us, "By faith Moses...endured, as seeing him who is invisible" (11:23,27). Where did Moses get that faith? It came out of his defeat. Once he lost his temper and did wrong. As a result, he became a fugitive. At the age of forty, he was a penniless, broken failure. He had lived in a palace, but now he had to take a job as a shepherd.

Out on the range one day, he saw a bush on fire. It was strange because the bush never burned up. He went to investigate and there he heard the voice of God. He listened to God and obeyed, and he went on to great victories. Had it not been for the chastening of a defeat, he would never have heard and responded to God.



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Tuesday, July 8th

First Pitch: 6:05 PM - Gates Open One Hour Prior

CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS!

Deadline to get tickets is one week prior to the event!

An usher will provide you a wristband at the Duck Blind entrance. Signage will be placed on the tables reserved for your group.

YOUR TICKET PACKAGE
Busch Light Duck Blind
Reserved Tables



Menu & Pictures Promotions Parking Info

The Duck Pond at Warner Park 2920 N Sherman Ave, Madison, WI 53704 608-246-4277

JULY 11-13

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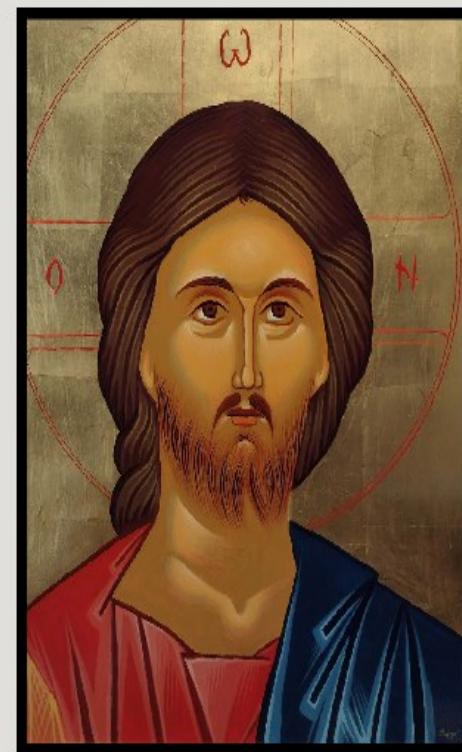
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