

PARISH ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: A.R.E. classes are still continuing on. When we meet this week we will be going over our new Book which is "With Pain & Love for Contemporary Man" by Saint Paisios in his Spiritual Struggle Counsels. 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.

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.

FIVE WAYS TO WELCOME VISITORS ON SUNDAY:

1. Smile and be friendly.
2. Greet them.
3. Introduce yourself by name and ask theirs.
4. Invite them to our coffee fellowship.
5. Ask them to return again for worship.

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Sunday, May 4th, 2025
Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women
Saint Pelagia the Nun-martyr of Tarsus
Saint Hilary the Wonderworker

Readings:

Epistle: Acts 6: 1-7

Gospel: Mark 15: 43-47; 16: 1-8

Sunday School/Greek School

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Monday, May 5th to 8th, 2025

Fr. Christodoulos will be at Metropolis of Chicago Clergy Retreat

Wednesday, May 7th, 2025

Strict Fast Day

7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Saturday, May 10th, 2025

Russian Mission

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.

STEWARDSHIP NOTE: If you haven't pledged for 2025 please do so today in the church office. If you have pledged thank you. Please remember to keep current with your stewardship payments. Like everything in life, our Church requires a steady cash flow to meet all its obligations.

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 τριημέρῳ 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.

εἶπον· οὐκ ἄρεστόν ἐστιν ἡμᾶς καταλείψαντας τὸν λόγον τοῦ Θεοῦ διακονεῖν τραπέζαις. ἐπισκέψασθε οὖν, ἀδελφοί, ἄνδρας ἐξ ὑμῶν μαρτυρουμένους ἐπτά, πλήρεις Πνεύματος Ἁγίου καὶ σοφίας, οὓς καταστήσομεν ἐπὶ τῆς χρείας ταύτης· ἡμεῖς δὲ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ διακονίᾳ τοῦ λόγου προσκαρτερήσομεν. καὶ ἤρρεσεν ὁ λόγος ἐνώπιον παντὸς τοῦ πλήθους· καὶ ἐξελέξαντο Στέφανον, ἄνδρα πλήρη πίστεως καὶ Πνεύματος Ἁγίου, καὶ Φίλιππον καὶ Πρόχορον καὶ Νικάνορα καὶ Τίμωνα καὶ Παρμενᾶν καὶ Νικόλαον προσήλυτον Ἀντιοχείας, οὓς ἔστησαν ἐνώπιον τῶν ἀποστόλων, καὶ προσευξάμενοι ἐπέθηκαν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας. καὶ ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ ἠύξανε, καὶ ἐπληθύνετο ὁ ἀριθμὸς τῶν μαθητῶν ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ σφόδρα, πολὺς τε ὄχλος τῶν Ἰουδαίων ὑπήκουον τῇ πίστει.

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

PARISH LOST & FOUND: We have accumulated many items in our “*Lost & Found*”. We will have it on the table in front of Fr. Christodoulos's office. Please check the box for any items you may have lost. All items will be donated after Sunday, May 11th.

Resurrection Hymn

Ἦχος β

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Second Mode

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nether world, all the powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

Ἦχος β

Ὁ εὐσχήμων Ἰωσήφ, ἀπὸ τοῦ ξύλου καθελὼν, τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, σινδόνι καθαρᾷ εἰλήσας καὶ ἀρώμασιν, ἐν μνήματι καινῷ κηδεύσας ἀπέθετο· ἀλλὰ τριήμερος ἀνέστης, Κύριε, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Second Mode

When he took down Your immaculate Body from the Cross, the honorable Joseph wrapped it in a clean linen shroud with spices and laid it for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day You rose, O Lord, and granted to the world the great mercy.

Ἦχος β

Ταῖς Μυροφόροις γυναιξί, παρὰ τὸ μνήμα ἐπιστάς, ὁ Ἄγγελος ἐβόα· Τὰ μύρα τοῖς θνητοῖς ὑπάρχει ἀρμόδια· Χριστὸς δὲ διαφθορᾶς ἐδείχθη ἀλλότριος· ἀλλὰ κραυγάζατε· Ἀνέστη ὁ Κύριος, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Second Mode

The Angel who had come to the sepulcher said to the Myrrh-bearing women, “Ointments are appropriate for mortal men; but Christ is indeed a stranger to decay. Now go proclaim that the Lord has risen and granted to the world the great mercy.”

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 κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ᾄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγγάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Αποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

Mode Plagal of the 4th

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out “Rejoice” to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Πράξεων τῶν Αποστόλων τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις, πληθυνόντων τῶν μαθητῶν ἐγένετο γογγυσμὸς τῶν Ἑλληνιστῶν πρὸς τοὺς Ἑβραίους, ὅτι παρεθεωροῦντο ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ τῇ καθημερινῇ αἱ χῆραι αὐτῶν. προσκαλεσάμενοι δὲ οἱ δώδεκα τὸ πλῆθος τῶν μαθητῶν

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN: The actual moment of the Resurrection of Christ from the dead is not known since no human witnessed it. However, what is depicted in the Resurrection icons are the scenes provided by the Gospels and Holy Tradition.

The Resurrection Icon in the Narthex is in keeping with the most ancient tradition of the Church. It is set in the burial cave where the body of the Lord was laid. An Angel of the Lord, in stark white with flaming wings arched up to the heavens, points to the empty sepulcher, empty, that is, of the body of Christ, but still containing the burial clothes in which Jesus had been wrapped. The pointing is for the benefit of the Myrrh-Bearing Women, bearing spices for anointing, who had come to the tomb of the Lord at dawn that day.

It was the Angel who removed the stone from the entrance of the tomb, not to enable Christ to come out, but to make visible the empty tomb. **“He is not here; He is risen,”** was the angelic greeting to the faithful women. Christ rose from the sealed tomb. Just as He was born of a Virgin, preserving her virginity, so the resurrection occurred without breaking the seal of the grave. Jesus rose from the tomb, in spite of the seal, just as He entered the room where the Apostles had gathered, through the closed doors.

Each year on this Sunday, the Church honors the Myrrh-Bearers. They knew the Lord and loved Him. Even in death, they ministered to Him. Their faithfulness and love was gloriously rewarded.

FROM THE FATHERS: When despondency seizes us, let us not give in to it. Rather, fortified and protected by the light of faith, let us with great courage say to the spirit of evil: “What are you to us, you who are cut off from God, a fugitive for Heaven, and a slave of evil? You dare not do anything to us: Christ, the Son of God, has dominion over us and over all. Leave us, you thing of bane. We are made steadfast by the uprightness of His Cross. Serpent, we trample on your head.”

- St. Seraphim of Sarov

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST is too important an observance to pass over in one day. Indeed, the Church celebrates the feast gloriously for 40 days. And beyond that, every Sunday is Resurrection Day, for that is why the old Sabbath was changed to the new Lord’s Day.

Our task during this time is to incorporate the Resurrection into our own life-style and value system. This means it must be important to us. It is important, firstly, because our Lord’s victory is the guarantee of life after death. Jesus Himself proclaimed: “Because I live, you shall live also...”

Then, the resurrection is proof of the divinity of our Lord. It proclaims that Jesus is truly God, God become Man. It puts a special aura on everything Jesus said and did. It confirms what we profess in the Creed, that Christ is “true God of true God, begotten, not made, of one essence with the Father...”

The Resurrection also means that we worship a living Lord. “I am He that lives...that was dead, and behold I am alive forevermore...” The Resurrection profoundly changed the lives of the early followers of our Lord. They dispersed after the crucifixion. Among them was Thomas, who refused to believe until he would see the scars on Jesus’ body. But when the Risen Lord appeared to the astounded Apostles, that was enough to ignite the spark of faith that has brightened the world ever since.

May we proclaim before the Resurrection Christ as did the Apostle Thomas: “My Lord and my God!” May the truth of the Resurrection enkindle the flame of faith in our lives, so that our lights shine in this world of darkness.

Assumption Sunday School

PACKAGE FOOD & PICNIC



**SATURDAY
MAY 17, 2025**



Children of grades 3rd-12th and their parents are welcome to come help package food for the Second Harvest Food Pantry. Second Harvest Foodbank - 2802 Dairy Drive Madison, WI 53718 (12:30 - 3:30 pm)

Afterwards, all grades and families can join us for a fun picnic at Brittingham Park - 829 W. Washington Ave. Madison, WI 53715 to celebrate the end of the Sunday school, school year! Please bring food and games to play.

(4:00 - 6:30 pm)



**There are limited slots for the food pantry sign-up.
Please let Father Christodoulos or Susu know if you are interested.**

JULY 11-13

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ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP \$270 for 3-day class

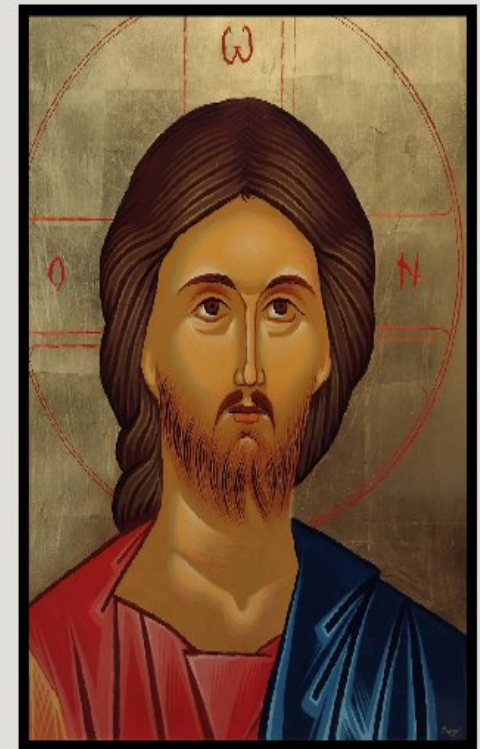
Join us for a three-day workshop painting the icon of Jesus.

Iconographer Drazen Dupor will lead a step-by-step class to create an icon using Byzantine technique.

No previous experience necessary. All materials included. Each participant will complete their own icon.

Workshop Hours

Fri. July 11 5 PM -- 8 PM
Sat. July 12 9 AM -- 5 PM
Sun. July 13 1 PM -- 5 PM



Register by June 15!

Scan the QR code
or email Christy at
christy.chappell@gmail.com.



SAVE THE DATE

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TUESDAY, JULY 8

**GATES OPEN: 5:05 PM
FIRST PITCH: 6:05 PM**

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



FANARI CAMPING MINISTRY EVENTS 2024-2025

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



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Kansasville, Wisconsin



June 21-28, 2025 Waukesha, Wisconsin

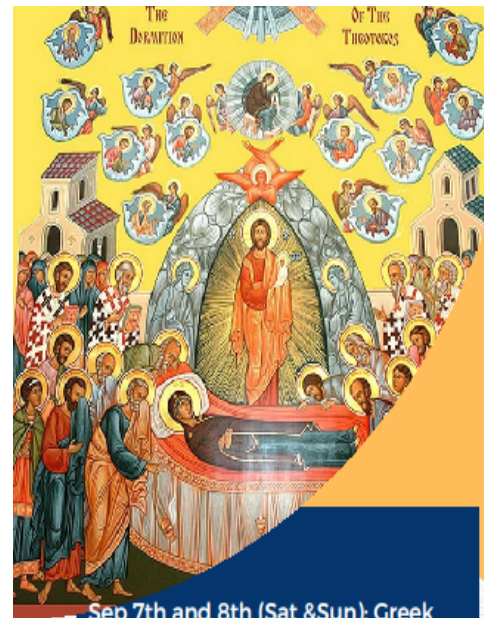
A summer program for the high school class of 2025 where we facilitate reflection on self, God, and neighbor, teaching you an immense amount about who you are and what your purpose is in this world and providing a deeper understanding of our faith. Plus, fun activities and excursions in and around Milwaukee!

This might be exactly what you need after graduation!

Registration opens
March 10



Scan here for
more info & to
register



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