

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

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.

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.

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!

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, June 22nd, 2025

2nd Sunday of Matthew

Saint Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata

Saint Zenon the Martyr & his servant Zenas of Philadelphia

Readings:

Epistle: Romans 2: 10-16

Gospel: Matthew 4: 18-23

Coffee Hour/Greek Fest Meeting

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, June 24th, 2025

Fast Day

Nativity of John the Baptist

8:30 a.m.

Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 28th, 2025

Russian Mission & Ethiopian Mission

Philotochos Baking Day Spanakopita

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

Memorial

Gerasimos Pavgoulatos

1 year

Archimandrite Justin

12 years

Iohanis

22 years

May their Memory be Eternal!

GREEKFEST MEETING JUNE, 22nd: There will be a Greek Fest Meeting following Liturgy on Sunday, June 22nd, 2025.

2ND ANNUAL AHEPA SOUVLAKI 4TH OF JULY SALE: Our AHEPA once again this year will be cooking Souvlaki on the 4th of July to raise money. They will be made and grilled fresh so consider stopping by and picking some up for your 4th of July festivities. Cost is \$2 each, 3 for \$5, 6 for \$10 or an even dozen for \$20. For more details see Nico Fatsis 608-251-7112.

PARISH OUTING TO THE MALLARD'S GAME, JULY 8th: Our parish is going to be having an outing to the Madison Mallards Game on Tuesday, July 8th 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](#)

STEWARDSHIP NOTE: The 2025 Church Membership list is growing. However there are still many of our community, who have not made their financial commitment to the church. Remember church membership begins in January not when we paid last. If everyone would pay their membership on time and on a yearly basis, our parish would not need gimmicks such as raffles, picnics, etc. to raise funds to do God's work and preach His Word in this world. **YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOUR** – please pledge and pay your 2025 stewardship today!

God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, περιπατῶν παρὰ τὴν θάλασσαν τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶδε δύο ἀδελφούς, Σίμωνα τὸν λεγόμενον Πέτρον καὶ Ἀνδρέαν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, βάλλοντας ἀμφίβληστρον εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν· ἦσαν γὰρ ἀλιεῖς· καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· δεῦτε ὀπίσω μου καὶ ποιήσω ὑμᾶς ἀλιεῖς ἀνθρώπων. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὰ δίκτυα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ προβάς ἐκεῖθεν εἶδεν ἄλλους δύο ἀδελφούς, Ἰάκωβον τὸν τοῦ Ζεβεδαίου καὶ Ἰωάννην τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ μετὰ Ζεβεδαίου τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτῶν καταρτίζοντας τὰ δίκτυα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκάλεσεν αὐτούς. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὸ πλοῖον καὶ τὸν πατέρα αὐτῶν ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ περιῆγεν ὅλην τὴν Γαλιλαίαν ὁ Ἰησοῦς διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

WHEN YOU AND YOUR CHILD COME TO CHURCH: Summer is an excellent time to teach your child many of the important facts and beliefs about our Faith. It is also a time that you can demonstrate to them the correct way to behave and show reverence during services and proper behavior in the church building.

Entering the Church, the parent should explain why it is customary to light a candle. Jesus Christ is the "Light of the world" and we light candles to remind ourselves of the fact that He is the light by which we walk in this world. We first receive our lighted candle at baptism and we carry it throughout our life. The candle also illumines our path and shows us the way to salvation by Christ-The Light and the Holy Spirit.

When the parent kisses the Icon, and then lifts the child to do the same, we need to explain that this is the Orthodox way of greeting each other with a "Holy Kiss" as St. Paul instructs us to do. The meaning and importance of icons are an essential part of our Faith and centuries back Orthodox Christians defended icons with their lives.

Resurrectional Apolitikion

Ἦχος α

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωροῦμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν· διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι ζωοδότα. Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε φιλόνηπτε.

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

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, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα αἰεὶ, 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.

Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, δόξα δὲ καὶ τιμὴ καὶ εἰρήνη παντὶ τῷ ἐργαζομένῳ τὸ ἀγαθόν, Ἰουδαίῳ τε πρῶτον καὶ Ἑλληνι· οὐ γάρ ἐστι προσωποληψία παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ. ὅσοι γὰρ ἀνόμως ἥμαρτον, ἀνόμως καὶ ἀπολοῦνται· καὶ ὅσοι ἐν νόμῳ ἥμαρτον, διὰ νόμου κριθήσονται. οὐ γὰρ οἱ ἄκροαταὶ τοῦ νόμου δίκαιοι παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ, ἀλλ' οἱ ποιηταὶ τοῦ νόμου δικαιωθήσονται. ὅταν γὰρ ἔθνη τὰ μὴ νόμον ἔχοντα φύσει τὰ τοῦ νόμου ποιῇ, οὗτοι νόμον μὴ ἔχοντες ἑαυτοῖς εἰσι νόμος, οἵτινες ἐνδείκνυνται τὸ ἔργον τοῦ νόμου γραπτὸν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις αὐτῶν, συμμαρτυρούσης αὐτῶν τῆς συνειδήσεως καὶ μεταξὺ ἀλλήλων τῶν λογισμῶν κατηγορούντων ἢ καὶ ἀπολογουμένων — ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ὅτε κρινεῖ ὁ Θεὸς τὰ κρυπτὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων κατὰ τὸ εὐαγγέλιόν μου διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before

OUR REAL PURPOSE: TO FOLLOW: Follow me! Our real purpose is not merely to believe in Jesus, to admire Him, to call Him wonderful names like LORD and MASTER, but to follow Him and bear fruit for Him. “Not he who says, ‘Lord, Lord’ (noun) will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does (verb) the will of my Father in heaven,” said Jesus.

What people want more than anything else today is to experience meaning and belonging in their lives. The way to experience these is follow Jesus all the way.

Jesus speaks to each one of us personally through the Gospel lesson today. “Follow me,” He says. I will not lead you to the dead-end streets of emptiness and despair but to complete fulfillment. “I came that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly.” He said, “These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

If you are looking for the way to forgiveness, Jesus is the way. Follow Him. “As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.” If you are looking for the way to peace, He is it, follow Him. “My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give...” If you are looking for the way to be really free, Jesus is the Way. Follow Him. “You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.” Who is the truth but Jesus?

Do you really want to be different? Do you really want to be healed? Then take up your bed and walk. Stretch out your hand. Act. Get going. Launch out. Follow. The power will come as you follow.

FROM THE CHURCH FATHERS: HOW TO ERADICATE ILL FEELING

Do you maintain that you are keeping the commandment of love towards your neighbor? If so, why is there so much bitter ill feeling in you against this or that person? Is that not perhaps a sign that you are preferring transient goods to loving, and that just to possess them you are struggling even to the point of hostility to your brothers and sisters?

Sadness and ill feeling go hand-in-hand. So if you are sad when you see your brother or sister's face, that probably means that you are harboring ill feeling.

If it does, then pray for that brother or sister and you will weaken the drive of your passion, because prayer will purge of all bitterness the memory of the evil the other has done to you. After that, by acquiring love for your neighbor, you will eradicate any trace of that passion from your soul.

If someone else is harboring ill feeling against you, show yourself friendly towards him and also humble. Treat him well and you will set him free from his passion.

It is essential to eradicate envy, anger and ill feeling against people who have offended us. But this in itself does not mean you are loving them. One can avoid returning evil for evil simply because the Law commands it, without experiencing a scrap of love. In this way you will make no progress to repaying evil with good.

Yet readiness to do good to someone who hates us is a characteristic of perfect love alone.

— *Maximus the Confessor*

SAINTS PETER & PAUL: It is fitting that our Orthodox Church chooses to honor her two greatest Apostles on the same day – June 29th. Peter, whose missionary labors centered on winning converts from Judaism. And Paul, who concentrated his ministry on taking the Gospel to the Gentiles. Through both these men, the early Church grew and expanded at a rapid rate. Only martyrdom prevented them from carrying the message of the Savior to all parts of the known world.



Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

Tuesday, July 8th

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

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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
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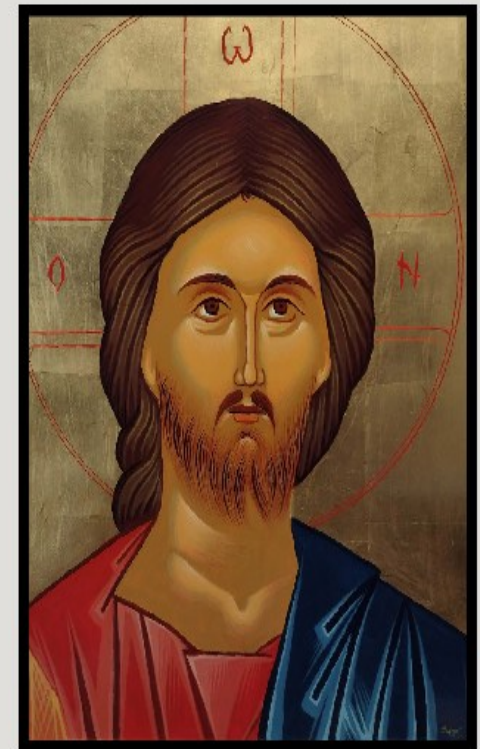
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