

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.

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.

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).

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 29th, 2025
Saints Peter & Paul the Apostles

Readings:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11: 21-33; 12: 1-9

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-19

Coffee Hour

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Monday, June 30th, 2025

Holy Apostles

8:30 a.m.

Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 5th, 2025

Russian Mission

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

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!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do men say that the Son of man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you find on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall loose in heaven.”

in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus and wanted to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows — and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἔλθὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς τὰ μέρη Καισαρείας τῆς Φιλίππου ἠρώτα τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ λέγων· τίνα με λέγουσιν οἱ ἄνθρωποι εἶναι τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου; οἱ δὲ εἶπον· οἱ μὲν Ἰωάννην τὸν βαπτιστὴν, ἄλλοι δὲ Ἡλίαν, ἕτεροι δὲ Ἰερემίαν ἢ ἓνα τῶν προφητῶν. λέγει αὐτοῖς· ὑμεῖς δὲ τίνα με λέγετε εἶναι; ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ Σίμων Πέτρος εἶπε· σὺ εἶ ὁ Χριστὸς ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ζῶντος. καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· μακάριος εἶ, Σίμων Βαριωνᾶ, ὅτι σὰρξ καὶ αἷμα οὐκ ἀπεκάλυψέ σοι, ἀλλ’ ὁ πατὴρ μου ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς. καγὼ δέ σοι λέγω ὅτι σὺ εἶ Πέτρος, καὶ ἐπὶ ταύτῃ τῇ πέτρᾳ οἰκοδομήσω μου τὴν ἐκκλησίαν, καὶ πύλαι ᾗδου οὐ κατισχύσουσιν αὐτῆς. καὶ δώσω σοι τὰς κλεῖς τῆς βασιλείας τῶν οὐρανῶν, καὶ ὃ ἐὰν δήσῃς ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἔσται δεδεμένον ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς, καὶ ὃ ἐὰν λύσῃς ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἔσται λελυμένον ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time, when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do men say that the Son of man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

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.

Resurrectional Apolitikion

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.

Hymn for Saints Peter & Paul

Ἦχος δ

Οἱ τῶν Ἀποστόλων πρωτόθρονοι, καὶ τῆς οἰκουμένης διδάσκαλοι, τῷ Δεσπότη τῶν ὅλων πρεσβεύσατε, εἰρήνην τῇ οἰκουμένῃ δωρήσασθαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Fourth Mode

Preeminent Apostles and teachers of the universe, intercede with the Master of all, to grant peace to the whole world, and great mercy to our souls.

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 β

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

The reading is from Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians

Brethren, whatever anyone dares to boast of — I am speaking as a fool — I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one — I am talking like a madman — with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I have received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned. Three times I have been shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brethren; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food,

TWO PILLARS OF THE CHURCH: What a remarkable contribution these two men, Saints Peter and Paul, made to the early history of Christianity! No wonder the church has always honored them together as the two leading figures of apostolic times.

These two giants of the Church were quite dissimilar. Peter was a fisherman, Paul a scholar. Peter was married, Paul was single. Peter was a simple, impulsive man. Paul was a thinker, a philosopher of great erudition. But they had one thing in common: they were one in their devotion to Christ and in their labors for the Christian faith. And both sealed with their blood the testimony of their faith.

Peter was one of the Twelve Apostles, considered a leader of the apostolic group along with James and John. His missionary activities began on Pentecost Day when he preached to thousands and brought them into the kingdom of God. He established the Church in Antioch, Syria and that apostolic and patriarchal Church remains to this day as a fruit of his labors. Peter was a prime mover in getting the Christian message to the gentiles of the time.

Paul, while not one of the original Twelve, considered himself a true Apostle of Christ. Indeed, he became the greatest of the apostles in zeal and sacrifice for the Gospel. He wrote Epistles, he traveled extensively, he preached everywhere, he established churches, and suffered wounds for the faith. Finally, he was arrested and brought to trial in the capital of the empire, and martyred about the year 67.

HOW WE SPEND EACH DAY: As we get close to God, there are times of trial and testing. We can tell if we are clay or gold by how we respond. If we are clay, we become hard; if we are gold, we melt and flow with God's purpose. More important than the length of a life is how we spend each day.

THE FLAG SPEAKS:

I am the United States Flag, the symbol of many things.

I am whatever you make me, nothing more, nothing less.

I am the promise of a nation, a mother's dream, a child's desire.

I am your belief in your future, your hope for your family.

I am the flag of many races, white, black, yellow, red.

I am the sweat of a hard day's labor, the thought of a brain, the pain of decision.

I am the Constitution and the statutes, the courts and the legislatures, the voting booth and the soldiers, the street sweeper and the executive.

I am compelling reason, a new idea, definition of purpose.

I am earth and sky and sea; I am rain and wind and sun.

I am the right to work and own; the right to play and the right to pray.

I am whatever you make me, nothing more, nothing less.

A BLESSED AND SAFE 4TH OF JULY!

SPIRITUAL IN SIGHT:

WHEN physical recreation means more to you than spiritual re-creation,

WHEN entertainment means more to you than God's Word,

WHEN worldly things mean more to you than worshipping,

WHEN physical food means more to you than spiritual food,

WHEN the praises of others means more to you than the prayers of God's children,

WHEN the will of your spouse means more to you than the will of the Saviour,

WHEN the pressure of your peer group mean more to you than the will of God,

WHEN the pittance of Satan means more to you than the promise of Scripture,

WHEN the fellowship of belonging means more to you than the fellowship of believing,

WHEN the quest of things means more to you than the quest of God,

WHEN the applause of sinners means more to you than the approval of saints,

YOUR CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE IN LIFE IS SUSPECT!



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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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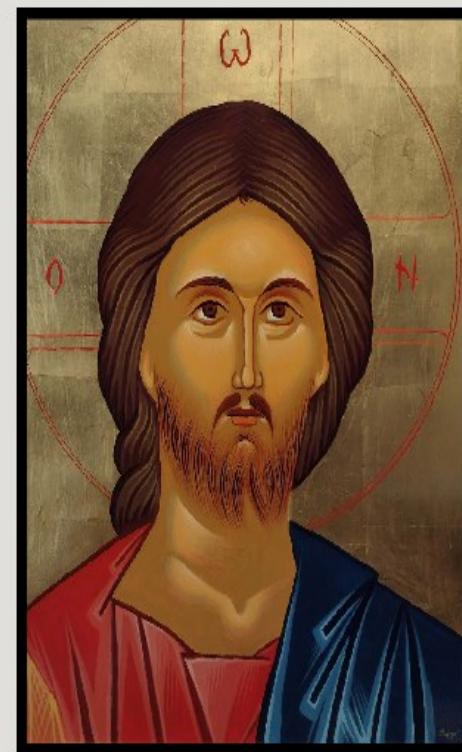
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Iconographer Drazen Dupor
will lead a step-by-step
class to create an icon
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No previous experience
necessary. All materials
included. Each participant
will complete their own
icon.

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!

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