

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, July 27th, 2025

7th Sunday of Matthew

**Saint Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer
Saint Nicholas of Novgorod the fool-for-Christ
Saint Anthousa the Righteous Confessor**

Readings:

Epistle: 2 Timothy 2: 1-10

Gospel: Matthew 9: 27-35

Coffee Hour

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Friday, August 1st, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Small Paraklesis Service

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

GREEK FEST VOLUNTEERING IS UP & RUNNING: We are excited to host Greek Fest again this September! We know our success depends on **ALL** of us working together to plan, volunteer, and spread the word to friends and family. Please mark your calendars and plan to help Assumption have another successful Greek Fest by taking time to volunteer!

Please use this link to help us fill out our volunteer spots:

[CLICK HERE](#)

If you need help volunteering please see Maria Molzhan!

PARKING AND STREET UPDATE: As we stated last week the construction has begun next door. Also the 7th Street is no longer available for parking and is one way only heading northbound. Please be mindful when coming and going.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER REST: But don't be neglectful of your duties to God and Church. Worship God wherever your summer plans take you. Remember that there is an Orthodox Church within driving distance in almost all parts of the United States. Also, if you are going away for a period of time, perhaps you might consider sending your stewardship offering that you give weekly, so that our Church will continue to meet her obligations. Although church attendance during the summer months has improved, it is not sufficient to help meet all our financial responsibilities.

STEWARDSHIP NOTE: Our readiness for sharing has not kept pace with our skill at acquiring. Many of us have been blessed by God not only this last year but for our entire lives. However, we have failed to share that blessing with our Church of Assumption. Many seem to think that giving the minimum offering to the Church is OK. Others feel that giving nothing is even better. Take a moment and think about this. What if God gave you and your family the minimum of His Grace or maybe didn't send any blessings down upon you at all? What would your life be like?

We strongly urge all our parishioners to review what they have acquired in life and what they are giving to God's Church. Hopefully they are in the proper proportion. If you have not submitted your 2025 pledge please do so TODAY! If you have pledged, please make sure that your pledge is current and if possible, increase your pledge amount. Remember it is only through your support that our parish can grow and minister to the needs of the faithful.

The reading is from Saint Paul's Second letter to Timothy

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ παράγοντι τῷ Ἰησοῦ ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ δύο τυφλοὶ κράζοντες καὶ λέγοντες· ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, υἱὲ Δαυὶδ. ἔλθοντι δὲ εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν προσήλθον αὐτῷ οἱ τυφλοὶ, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· πιστεύετε ὅτι δύναμαι τοῦτο ποιῆσαι; λέγουσιν αὐτῷ· ναί, Κύριε. τότε ἤψατο τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν αὐτῶν λέγων· κατὰ τὴν πίστιν ὑμῶν γενηθήτω ὑμῖν. καὶ ἀνέσχεθησαν αὐτῶν οἱ ὀφθαλμοί· καὶ ἐνεβριμήσατο αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· ὁράτε μηδεὶς γινωσκέτω. οἱ δὲ ἐξεληθόντες διεφήμισαν αὐτὸν ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ γῇ ἐκείνῃ. Αὐτῶν δὲ ἐξερχομένων ἰδοὺ προσήνεγκαν αὐτῷ ἄνθρωπον κωφὸν δαίμονιζόμενον· καὶ ἐκβληθέντος τοῦ δαιμονίου ἐλάλησεν ὁ κωφός, καὶ ἐθαύμασαν οἱ ὄχλοι λέγοντες ὅτι οὐδέποτε ἐφάνη οὕτως ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ. οἱ δὲ Φαρισαῖοι ἔλεγον· ἐν τῷ ἄρχοντι τῶν δαιμονίων ἐκβάλλει τὰ δαιμόνια. Καὶ περιήγεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὰς πόλεις πάσας καὶ τὰς κώμας 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 went on, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

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.

Resurrectional Apolitikion

Ἦχος πλ β

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνημῆμά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἀχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Plagal of the Second Mode

When the angelic powers were at Thy tomb, then they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood beside the grave seeking Thine immaculate body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and was not tried there by Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant life to us. O Thou Who art risen from the dead, Lord glory be to Thee.

Hymn for the Great Martyr

Ἦχος Γ

Ἀθλοφόρε ἄγιε, καὶ ἱαματικὲ Παντελεῖμον, πρέσβευε τῷ ἐλεήμονι Θεῷ, ἵνα πταισμάτων ἄφεσιν, παράσχη ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν.

Third Mode

Holy medaled Martyr and healer St. Panteleimon, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls remission of offenses.

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 βαρύς

Ἐπὶ τοῦ ὅρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ὡς ἐχώρουν οἱ Μαθηταὶ σου τὴν δόξαν σου, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἐθεάσαντο, ἵνα ὅταν σε ἴδωσι σταυρούμενον, τὸ μὲν πάθος νοήσωσιν ἐκούσιον, τῷ δὲ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ὅτι σὺ ὑπάρχεις ἀληθῶς, τοῦ Πατρὸς τὸ ἀπαύγασμα.

Grave Mode

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον Β΄ Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, ἐνδυναμοῦ ἐν τῇ χάριτι τῇ ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ, καὶ ἃ ἤκουσας παρ' ἐμοῦ διὰ πολλῶν μαρτύρων, ταῦτα παράθου πιστοῖς ἀνθρώποις, οἵτινες ἱκανοὶ ἔσονται καὶ ἑτέρους διδάξαι. σὺ οὖν κακοπάησον ὡς καλὸς στρατιωτὴς Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. οὐδεὶς στρατευόμενος ἐμπλέκεται ταῖς τοῦ βίου πραγματείαις, ἵνα τῷ στρατολογήσαντι ἀρέσῃ. ἐὰν δὲ καὶ ἀθλῇ τις, οὐ στεφανοῦται, ἐὰν μὴ νομίμως ἀθλήσῃ. τὸν κοπιῶντα γεωργὸν δεῖ πρώτον τῶν καρπῶν μεταλαμβάνειν. νόμιμον λέγω· δόψιν γάρ σοι ὁ Κύριος σύνεσιν ἐν πᾶσι. Μνημόνευε Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν ἐγγεγερμένον ἐκ νεκρῶν, ἐκ σπέρματος Δαβὶδ, κατὰ τὸ εὐαγγέλιόν μου, ἐν ᾧ κακοπαθὼ μέχρι δεσμῶν ὡς κακοῦργος· ἀλλ' ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ οὐ δέδεται. διὰ τοῦτο πάντα ὑπομένω διὰ τοὺς ἐκλεκτούς, ἵνα καὶ αὐτοὶ σωτηρίας τύχωσι τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ μετὰ δόξης αἰωνίου.

SAINT OF THE DAY: PANTELEIMON, PATRON SAINT OF PHYSICIANS: Following the example of Christ, Who healed people sick in soul and body, the Church has always had a special concern and care for those who are ill. Christian healing is as old as the Church. The ministration of Christians in behalf of the sick has been an inspiration for many centuries.

Saint Panteleimon (who died a martyr's death in the year 305) was one of the early Christians involved in the work of healing. He was a physician of Nicomedia, and attached to the official group around the Emperor Maximian. A Christian priest named Hermolous converted Panteleimon, taught him the faith and baptized him.

Panteleimon not only dedicated himself, but his skills in healing as well, to Christ and the Church. He freely gave of his services for the health and restoration of any who asked. His fame spread as people told of his love and his medical skill.

After he embraced the Christian faith, Panteleimon was denounced to the pagan emperor, who ordered him executed with the sword. He was promptly arrested in a home, along with the Priest Hermolous and their friends. After being subjected to tortments, they were martyred, with Panteleimon dying a day after the others.

The goodness of Martyr Panteleimon was not forgotten when he fell asleep in the Lord. His relics were taken to Constantinople and venerated with honor. There a church was built and dedicated to him. And in the year 532, this church was rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian, testifying to the lasting remembrance of Panteleimon by the faithful.

Saint Panteleimon followed in the footsteps of "*The Great Physician*," our Lord Jesus Christ, "*Who went about all Galilee, teaching...and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of disease among the people...*"

DEKAPENTAGOUSTO: The Orthodox Church enters a Fast Period from August 1st -15th to commemorate the Feast of the Koimisis (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos. Also, during this time frame, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord on August 6th. Because it is a fast period, we should refrain from meats and sinful practices, attend the services of the Church, and participate in the Sacraments of Holy Confession and Holy Communion.

The Paraklesis Service, a prayer service for the living, those ill or in need of prayers, will be chanted on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays during the fast, beginning this Friday, August 1st at 6:00 p.m. The faithful may submit names of loved ones (living) that prayers may be included for their well-being and good health. Please write out names clearly in either Greek or English. Monetary donations may also be included if desired. Let us make every effort to attend these beautiful and inspiring services.

CHUCKLE: A photographer for a national news magazine was assigned to get photos of a big forest fire. Smoke at the scene was too thick to get any good shots, so he frantically called his home office to hire a plane. "It will be waiting for you at the airport!" he was assured by his editor. As soon as he got to the small, rural airport, sure enough, a plane was warming up near the runway. He jumped in with his equipment and yelled, "Let's go! Let's go!" The pilot swung the plane into the wind and soon they were in the air. "Fly over the north side of the fire," said the photographer, "and make three or four low level passes." "Why?" asked the pilot. "Because I'm going to take pictures! I'm a photographer, and photographers take pictures!" said the photographer with great exasperation and impatience. After a long pause the pilot said, "You mean you're not my instructor?"



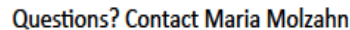
**The Greek Fest
volunteer signup form
is now available!**

This year's festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 6th*. This is our largest fundraiser and we need all hands on deck to make it a success.

Please signup online at:

<http://bit.ly/3ZWmMh8>

or scan the QR code →→→



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* In the event of rain, Greek Fest will be held on Sunday, September 7th.

Beginning August 1, until the 13th. We will be celebrating the Paraklesis services beginning at 6:00 p.m. It is a service where we pray for the health and salvation of those who are still living. Please use this sheet to write down your names and submit them to Fr. Christodoulos.

For Health & Salvation

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