

cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

**SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEXT SUNDAY:** We have called a special General Assembly for next Sunday following service. It is to vote on the purchase of the property on the corner. Please join us as we discuss securing our Churches future for generations to come.

**FALL PARISH YOUTH OUTING:** on Sunday, October 19th after church from 2:00 - 5:00 pm at Enchanted Valley Acres Farm in Cross Plains. Admission tickets to enter are \$15.50, children under 2 years are free. The tickets include many fun fall activities such as: a corn maze, giant slides, a giant pumpkin jump pad, wagon rides, obstacle courses, farm animals, and so much more! Pumpkins are for purchase and start at \$1.50 each. There is also delicious food and sweets to purchase! You can buy your tickets online to ensure your spot or you can buy the tickets at the door, the day of. Here is the link with all the information about the farm and what it offers. <https://www.enchantedvalleyacres.com/>

**5TH ANNUAL PARISH CHILI COOK OFF:** Will be on Sunday, November 9th after church, during coffee hour we will have the church chili cook off! Families can bring their favorite chili recipe to share, families will then vote on their favorite chili. The winner will then be rewarded with the golden koutala! There will be a \$7 dollar entrance fee but Children 5 and under along with Veterans will eat for Free. All Proceeds will go towards Sunday school.

**SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER & PARISH PHOTOGRAPHER:** We are looking for a parishioner to volunteer to take charge of running our parishes social media presence as well as take Pictures during services and events. If you are interested please see Fr. Christodoulos.

**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).

**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.

# Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin



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**Sunday, October 12th, 2025**  
**Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council**  
**Probus, Andronicus, & Tarachus, Martyrs of Tarsus**  
**Symeon the New Theologian**

**Readings:**

**Epistle:** Titus 3: 8-15

**Gospel:** Luke 8: 5-15

**Sunday School/Coffee Hour/Greek School**

**THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION**

**Wednesday, October 15th, 2025**

**Strict Fast Day**

**11:00 a.m.**

Adult Religious Education Class

**Saturday, October 18th, 2025**

**Saint Luke the Evangelist**

**9:00 a.m.**

Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy

**Ethiopian Mission**

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

**GREEK SCHOOL:** Classes have begun and take place after Sunday School from around 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Tuition for this year will be \$450 for those who are NOT parish members. If you have more than one child, we provide a discount of 50% off for any other sibling. Payment can be submitted to Nico or Scott, either in one installment by November 15th, or in two installments of \$225 each, with the second installment due by January 31st.

If you already ARE a parish member, a donation to the Greek school is highly appreciated as we have to cover some expenses for materials and hourly compensation for some of our teachers.

Something NEW this year: **Private lessons** are also offered this year via zoom in case kids need some extra help with their Greek. Rates are \$40.00 per hour. All proceeds from private lessons will be DONATED to our church. If you are interested in some private lessons please contact me via email or call me at (608) 358-2060. Spaces and time may be limited, so please let me know if you are interested in private lessons as soon as possible.

**CHANGE IN WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES:** As we are having to rearrange our service schedule. To be able to accommodate our chanters schedules. We will be beginning Orthros on services from Monday to Friday at 7:30 a.m. with Liturgy beginning around 8:30 a.m. So please take note of the new times moving forward.

Please join us for these beautiful services.

**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

αὐτοῖς λείπη. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προίστασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ὦσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες. ἄσπασαι τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. Ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν· ἀμήν.

**The reading is from Saint Paul's letter to Titus**

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

**Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα**

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἐξῆλθεν ὁ σπείρων παρὰ τὴν ὁδόν, καὶ κατεπατήθη, καὶ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατέφαγεν αὐτό· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ τὴν πέτραν, καὶ φυὲν ἐξηράνθη διὰ τὸ μὴ ἔχειν ἱκμάδα· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐν μέσῳ τῶν ἀκανθῶν, καὶ συμφυεῖσαι αἱ ἄκανθαι ἀπέπνιξαν αὐτό. καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν εἰς τὴν γῆν τὴν ἀγαθὴν, καὶ φυὲν ἐποίησε καρπὸν ἑκατονταπλασίονα. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· ὁ ἔχων ὅτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω. Ἐπὶ τῶν δὲ αὐτῶν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· τίς εἴη ἡ παραβολὴ αὕτη; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· ὑμῖν δέδοται γνῶναι τὰ μυστήρια τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ, τοῖς δὲ λοιποῖς ἐν παραβολαῖς, ἵνα βλέποντες μὴ βλέπωσι καὶ ἀκούοντες μὴ συνιῶσιν. ἔστι δὲ αὕτη ἡ παραβολὴ· ὁ σπείρων ἐστὶν ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ· οἱ δὲ παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, εἴτα ἔρχεται ὁ διάβολος καὶ αἶρει τὸν λόγον ἀπὸ τῆς καρδίας αὐτῶν, ἵνα μὴ πιστεύσαντες σωθῶσιν. οἱ δὲ ἐπὶ τῆς πέτρας οἱ ὅταν ἀκούσωσι, μετὰ χαρᾶς δέχονται τὸν λόγον, καὶ οὗτοι ρίζαν οὐκ ἔχουσιν, οἱ πρὸς καιρὸν πιστεύουσι καὶ ἐν καιρῷ πειρασμοῦ ἀφίστανται. τὸ δὲ εἰς τὰς ἀκάνθας πεσόν, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, καὶ ὑπὸ μεριμνῶν καὶ πλοῦτου καὶ ἡδονῶν τοῦ βίου πορευόμενοι συμπνίγονται καὶ οὐ τελεσφοροῦσι. τὸ δὲ ἐν τῇ καλῇ γῇ, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἵτινες ἐν καρδίᾳ καλῇ καὶ ἀγαθῇ ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον κατέχουσιν καὶ καρποφοροῦσιν ἐν ὑπομονῇ. Ὁ ἔχων ὅτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω.

**The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke**

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the

### Resurrection Dismissal Hymn

#### Ἦχος α

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

#### 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 Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

#### Ἦχος πλ. δ

Ὑπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς, τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν, πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντα ἡμᾶς ὀδηγήσας. Πολυεύσπλαγχνε δόξα σοι.

#### Mode Plagal of the Fourth

Supremely glorified are You, O Christ our God, who established the holy Fathers on earth as beacons, and through them guided us all to the true Faith. Most compassionate Lord, glory be to You!

### 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, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοὶ· 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 Τίτον Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τίτε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος· καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαι σε διαβεβαιοῦσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζῃσι καλῶν ἔργων προϊστάσθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες τῷ Θεῷ. ταῦτά ἐστι τὰ καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις· μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔρεις καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιίστασο· εἰσὶ γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι. αἰρετικὸν ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νοθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἀμαρτάνει ὢν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμπῃς Ἀρτεμᾶν πρὸς σε ἢ Τυχικόν, σπούδασον ἔλθειν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν· ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι. Ζητᾶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶ σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μὴδὲν

**SUNDAY OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL:** On the Sunday that falls on or immediately after the tenth of this month, we chant the Service to the 350 holy Church Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, which gathered in Nicaea in 787 under the holy Patriarch Tarasius and during the reign of the Empress Irene and her son, Constantine Porphyrogenitus. The Council was convened to deal with the Iconoclast (down with the icons) Controversy, started with Emperor Leo Isaurus (717-741) who in trying to stop the masses from worshipping the icons, issued a decree in 726 that icons should be raised high up in the churches so that the people could not reach them. This decree was followed by a harsher one in 730 that the icons should be removed entirely from the churches. A violent reaction followed this decree. In the controversy countless works of art were deliberately destroyed by fire and much blood was shed. The people were divided into friends of the icons (iconophiles) and foes of the icons (iconoclasts).

Finally, the Seventh Ecumenical Council allowed the people to use holy icons declaring that they should render to icons only honor and not worship, which belongs only to God. Many of the holy Fathers who condemned Iconoclasm at this holy Council later died as Confessors and Martyrs for the holy Icons during the second assault of Iconoclasm in the ninth century, especially during the reigns of Leo the Armenian and Theophilus.

**SAINT OF THE DAY:** Saint Symeon became a monk of the Studite Monastery as a young man, under the guidance of the elder Symeon the Pious. Afterwards he struggled at the Monastery of Saint Mamas in Constantinople, of which he became abbot. After enduring many trials and afflictions in his life of piety, he reposed in 1022. Marveling at the heights of prayer and holiness to which he attained, and the loftiness of the teachings of his life and writings, the church calls him "the New Theologian." Only to two others, John the Evangelist and Gregory, Patriarch of Constantinople, has the church given the name "Theologian." Saint Symeon reposed on March 12, but since this always falls in the Great Fast, his feast is kept today.

**CHUCKLE:** A little boy opened the big, old family Bible with fascination. He looked at the old pages as he turned them. The Bible had belonged to his grandmother. Then something fell out of the Bible. He picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed between pages. "Momma, look what I found", the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice he answered, "I think it's Adam's suit!!!!!"

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY CONFESSION:** As we progress through the year, we should all prepare ourselves for receiving Communion by partaking of the Sacrament of Holy Confession. Make an appointment with your Spiritual Father. For details, see Fr. Christodoulos.

**FROM THE FATHERS:** In the matter of piety, poverty serves us better than wealth, and work better than idleness, especially since wealth becomes an obstacle even for those who do not devote themselves to it. Yet, when we must put aside our wrath, quench our envy, soften our anger, offer our prayers, and show a disposition which is reasonable, mild, kindly, and loving, how could poverty stand in our way? For we accomplish these things not by spending money but by making the correct choice. Almsgiving above all else requires money, but even this shines with a brighter luster when the alms are given from our poverty. The widow who paid in the two mites was poorer than any human, but she outdid them all. – *St. John Chrysostom*



## 2025 Parish outing to the Forward Madison FC



**On Saturday, October 11th, we will have a Parish Outing to the Forward Madison FC Soccer Game vs Chattanooga Red Wolves SC with a 5:00 p.m. Kick-Off.**

**We have 30 tickets available for the game and they will include entrance to the game and one free meal per ticket. .  
The cost is \$20**

**To purchase tickets please contact Fr. Christodoulos through email [frchristos@gmail.com](mailto:frchristos@gmail.com) or contact the church office.**

**Initially we have 30 tickets.**

**Join us for what is sure to be a great night of fun & fellowship.**



## SAVE THE DATES

## ASSUMPTION SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENTS 25-26

### FEBRUARY

- Sun Feb 1<sup>st</sup> - God Parents Day
- Sun Feb 15<sup>th</sup> - Family Bowling Night

### MARCH

- Sun Mar 1<sup>st</sup> - Sunday of Orthodoxy
- Fri Mar 13<sup>th</sup> - Urban Air Outing
- Sun Mar 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> - Confession Days
- TBD - Second Harvest Volunteer
- TBD - Lenten Fanari Retreat

### APRIL

- Sat Apr 4<sup>th</sup> - Lazarus Retreat
- Sun Apr 5<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday
- Sun Apr 12<sup>th</sup> - Pascha & Egg Hunt
- Fri Apr 25<sup>th</sup> - Escape Room outing

### MAY

- Sun May 17<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of Sunday School & Family Picnic at the Park
- Sun May 31<sup>st</sup> - Pentecost

### JUNE

- Sun Jun 7<sup>th</sup> - Graduate Sunday
- TBD - Family Mini Golfing

### EXTRA NOTE

- TBD - To be determined dates
- There might be date changes for different events depending on the weather

### SEPTEMBER

- Sat 6<sup>th</sup> - Greek Fest
- Sun 14<sup>th</sup> - First day of Sunday School & Elevation of Cross

### OCTOBER

- Sat Oct 11<sup>th</sup> - Forward Madison Game
- Sun Oct 19<sup>th</sup> - Pumpkin Patch Outing

### NOVEMBER

- Sun Nov 9<sup>th</sup> - Chili Cook Off
- Fri Nov 14<sup>th</sup> - Prophora Night
- Sun Nov 30<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Break

### DECEMBER

- Sun Dec 7<sup>th</sup> - St. Nicholas Day
- Fri Dec 19<sup>th</sup> - Gingerbread Night
- Sun Dec 21<sup>st</sup> - Christmas Pageant
- Sun Dec 28<sup>th</sup> - Winter Break

### JANUARY

- Sun Jan 4<sup>th</sup> - Winter Break
- Sun Jan 11<sup>th</sup> - Blessing of the Lake
- Sun Jan 25<sup>th</sup> - Winter Youth Outing

## JOIN US FOR THE 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF, VETERANS RECOGNITION & FOOTBALL WATCH PARTY

**On Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 the Sunday School will host a chili cook-off in  
the Social Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy**

Join us for a Variety of Chili, fixin's, sides, drinks & desserts - and chicken nuggets for  
the non-chili eaters! Help us raise money for the Sunday School!

- Interested in putting your chili to the test and winning the coveted Chili Champ  
Golden Koutala! See Fr. Christodoulos if you are interested. We can accept up to  
10 entries.
- Want to come taste and vote? The cost is \$7.00 for adults and Veterans and kids 3  
and under are free.

### Rules for Cooks

1. Have a 6-quart Crock pot (minimum) with your chili ready to eat by 11:15 a.m. on  
November 10<sup>th</sup>.
2. On the front of you 5x8 index card, indicate what type you are entering and give it a  
heat rating (mild, medium, hot). DO NOT include your name.
3. On the back of the card list the ingredients (measurements not needed)
4. The Sunday School and Greek School will provide fixin's, (cheese, onions, jala-  
penos, sour cream, crackers, chips and hot Sauce), and tasting cups, spoons and  
bowls.
5. Winner will be determined by popular vote only—no judges—this is just for fun and  
fellowship!





## Baklava+ Sale!



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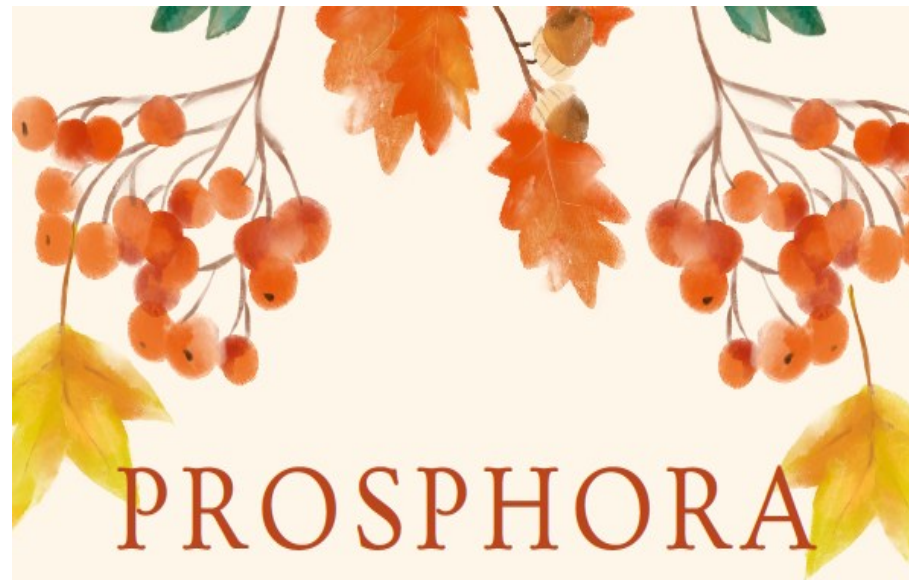
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# PROSPHORA NIGHT

Food / Dessert/ Fun games

Friday November 14th 5:30-8:00pm

