

SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY TODAY FOLLOWING LITURGY: We have called a special General Assembly for this 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: Today after church from 2:00 - 5:00 pm we will have our Family youth outing 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).

STEWARDSHIP NOTE: November has been designated as Stewardship month in our parish. You will be receiving your 2026 Stewardship materials by email & mail during the first part of November. Please begin to pray about your yearly commitment of support and discuss year 2026 pledge with your family.

Also, as we are coming to a close for this year, please make sure your 2025 pledge is current or paid in full. Your support and cooperation in this matter is always deeply appreciated.

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.

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin



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Sunday, October 19th, 2025
3rd Sunday of Luke
Saint John the Wonderworker of Kronstadt
Saint Joel the Prophet

Readings:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11: 31-33; 12: 1-9

Gospel: Luke 7: 11-16

Sunday School/Special General Assembly/Coffee Hour/Greek School

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Sunday, October 19th, 2025

Special General Assembly following Liturgy

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Youth & Family Outing to Enchanted Valley Acres Farm

Saturday, October 25th, 2025

Russian Mission

Philoptochos Baking Day

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 tomes are permissible. Also, please refrain from scheduling a baby, bridal shower or any other type of party celebration during a fasting period

FR. CHRISTODOULOS OUT OF THE OFFICE: Fr. Christodoulos will be out of the office until Friday this week as he will be attending a clergy Leadership Cohort.

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

Brethren, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 Λουκᾶν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐπορεύετο ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς πόλιν καλουμένην Ναῖν· καὶ συνεπορεύοντο αὐτῷ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἱκανοὶ καὶ ὄχλος πολὺς. ὥς δὲ ἤγγισε τῇ πόλει τῆς πόλεως, καὶ ἰδοὺ ἐξεκομίζετο τεθνηκὼς υἱὸς μονογενῆς τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ αὕτη ἦν χήρα, καὶ ὄχλος τῆς πόλεως ἱκανὸς ἦν σὺν αὐτῇ. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὴν ὁ Κύριος ἐσπλαγχνίσθη ἐπ’ αὐτῇ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῇ· μὴ κλαῖε· καὶ προσελθὼν ἤψατο τῆς σοροῦ, οἱ δὲ βαστάζοντες ἔστησαν, καὶ εἶπε· νεανίσκε, σοὶ λέγω, ἐγέρθητι. καὶ ἀνεκάθισεν ὁ νεκρὸς καὶ ἤρξατο λαλεῖν, καὶ ἔδωκεν αὐτὸν τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ. ἔλαβε δὲ φόβος πάντας καὶ ἐδόξαζον τὸν Θεόν, λέγοντες ὅτι προφήτης μέγας ἐγήγερται ἐν ἡμῖν, καὶ ὅτι ἐπεσκέψατο ὁ Θεὸς τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

t that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his 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.

Resurrection Dismissal 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.

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 ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγάζοντων 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.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους Β' Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ Θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ οἶδεν, ὁ ὢν εὐλογητὸς εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας, ὅτι οὐ ψεύδομαι. ἐν Δαμασκῷ ὁ ἐθνάρχης Ἀρέτα τοῦ βασιλέως ἐφρούρει τὴν Δαμασκηνῶν πόλιν πιάσαι με θέλων, καὶ διὰ θυρίδος ἐν σαργάνῃ ἐχάλασθην διὰ τοῦ τείχους καὶ ἐξέφυγον τὰς χεῖρας αὐτοῦ. Καυχᾶσθαι δὴ οὐ συμφέροι μοι· ἐλεύσομαι γὰρ εἰς ὀπτασίας καὶ ἀποκαλύψεις Κυρίου. οἶδα ἄνθρωπον ἐν Χριστῷ πρὸ ἐτῶν δεκατεσσάρων· εἴτε ἐν σώματι οὐκ οἶδα, εἴτε ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματος οὐκ οἶδα, ὁ Θεὸς οἶδεν· ἀρπαγέντα τὸν τοιοῦτον ἕως τρίτου οὐρανοῦ. καὶ οἶδα τὸν τοιοῦτον ἄνθρωπον· εἴτε ἐν σώματι εἴτε ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματος οὐκ οἶδα, ὁ Θεὸς οἶδεν· ὅτι ἠρπάγη εἰς τὸν παράδεισον καὶ ἤκουσεν ἄρρητα ῥήματα, ἃ οὐκ ἐξὸν ἀνθρώπῳ λαλῆσαι. ὑπὲρ τοῦ τοιοῦτου καυχῆσομαι, ὑπὲρ δὲ ἑμαυτοῦ οὐ καυχῆσομαι εἰ μὴ ἐν ταῖς ἀσθενείαις μου. ἐὰν γὰρ θελήσω καυχῆσθαι, οὐκ ἔσομαι ἄφρων· ἀλήθειαν γὰρ ἐρῶ· φοίδομαι δὲ μή τις εἰς ἐμὲ λογίσσεται ὑπὲρ ὃ βλέπει με ἢ ἀκούει τι ἐξ ἐμοῦ. Καὶ τῇ ὑπερβολῇ τῶν ἀποκαλύψεων ἵνα μὴ υπεραίρωμαι, ἐδόθη μοι σκόλοψ τῇ σαρκί, ἄγγελος σατάν, ἵνα με κολαφίσῃ ἵνα μὴ υπεραίρωμαι. ὑπὲρ τούτου τρίς τὸν Κύριον παρακάλεσα ἵνα ἀποστῇ ἀπ' ἐμοῦ· καὶ εἴρηκέ μοι· ἀρκεῖ σοι ἡ χάρις μου· ἡ γὰρ δύναμίς μου ἐν ἀσθενείᾳ τελειοῦται. ἡδιστα οὖν μᾶλλον καυχῆσομαι ἐν ταῖς ἀσθενείαις μου, ἵνα ἐπισκηνώσῃ ἐπ' ἐμὲ ἡ δύναμις τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

LEND ME YOUR EARS: There is an old legend about someone who went to heaven and saw a lot of what looked like dried mushrooms. On closer examination he discovered that they were human ears. They were the ears of people who on earth went to church every Sunday, listened with pleasure to the word of God, but did nothing about what they heard. The word of God never got beyond the ear. It never penetrated the mind and heart to become a life dedicated to the service of God. The result was that after death only their ears were saved; only their ears reached heaven. *“He who has ears to hear,” said Jesus, “Let him hear.”*

One of the greatest compliments we can pay to another person is to listen to them. To listen is to show that you care, you love.

The doctor will ask the patient: “Where are you hurting?” Then he will listen very carefully. Often the diagnosis is made as a result of his listening.

How much we need to listen! If we listen to God, His voice will tell us to listen in love to the hurts of people. So many people are hurting, and often they try to tell us where the pain is. But we cannot help them unless we hear them and are sensitive to their needs.

Listening, is a gift you can give to anyone no matter who you are. And it doesn't cost a cent. Yet to the person who is hurting inside, it is a gift precious beyond price.

“If you love to listen, you will gain knowledge and if you incline your ear you will become wise”(Sicach 6:33). It is by listening, not talking, that we gain wisdom and knowledge.

SAINT OF THE DAY: Saint John of Kronstadt was a married priest, who lived with his wife in virginity. Through his untiring labors in his priestly duties and love for the poor and sinners, he was granted by our Lord great gifts of clairvoyance and miracle-working, to such a degree that in the last years of his life miracles of healing--both of body and soul--were performed countless times each day through his prayers, often for people who had only written to him asking his help. During his lifetime he was known throughout Russia, as well as in the Western world. He has left us his diary My Life in Christ as a spiritual treasure for Christians of every age; simple in language, it expounds the deepest mysteries of our Faith with that wisdom which is given only to a heart purified by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Foreseeing as a true prophet the Revolution of 1917, he unsparingly rebuked the growing apostasy among the people; he foretold that the very name of Russia would be changed. As the darkness of unbelief grew thicker, he shone forth as a beacon of unquenchable piety, comforting the faithful through the many miracles that he worked and the fatherly love and simplicity with which he received all. Saint John reposed in peace in 1908.

FROM THE FATHERS: The evil one cannot comprehend the joy we receive from the spiritual life; for this reason he is jealous of us, he envies us and sets traps for us, and we become grieved and fall. We must struggle, because without struggles we do not obtain virtues. - *Elder Ieronymos of Aegina*

PONDERING: Of all the kind of lives He could have lived, He chose a suffering one. Because of Jesus, I can never say about a person, “He must be suffering because of some sin he committed.”

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.

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SAVE THE DATES ASSUMPTION SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENTS 25-26

FEBRUARY

- Sun Feb 1st - God Parents Day
- Sun Feb 15th - Family Bowling Night

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

MAY

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

JUNE

- Sun Jun 7th - 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 6th - Greek Fest
- Sun 14th - First day of Sunday School & Elevation of Cross

OCTOBER

- Sat Oct 11th - Forward Madison Game
- Sun Oct 19th - Pumpkin Patch Outing

NOVEMBER

- Sun Nov 9th - Chili Cook Off
- Fri Nov 14th - Prospora Night
- Sun Nov 30th - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

- Sun Jan 4th - Winter Break
- Sun Jan 11th - Blessing of the Lake
- Sun Jan 25th - Winter Youth Outing

JOIN US FOR THE 5th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF, VETERANS RECOGNITION & FOOTBALL WATCH PARTY

**On Sunday, November 9th, 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 10th.
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!



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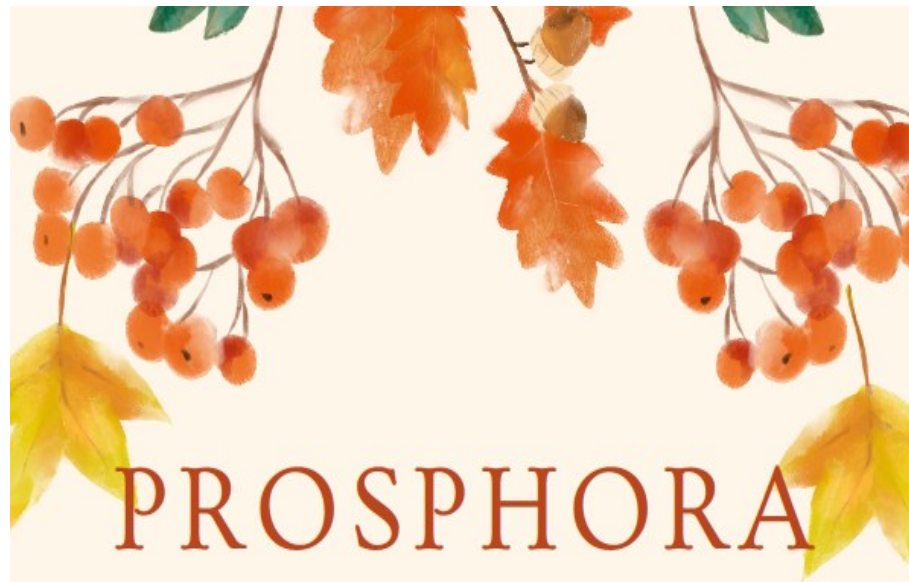
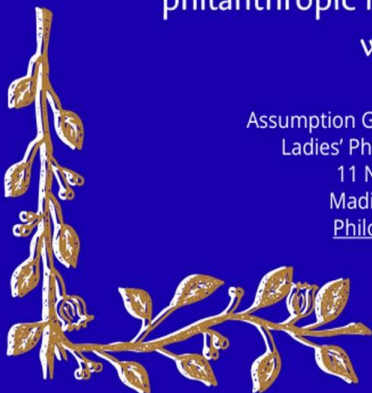
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PROSPHORA NIGHT

Food / Dessert/ Fun games

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

