

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.

YOUTH AND FAMILY PROSFORO NIGHT: On Friday, November 14th at 5:30 p.m. We invite all families to join us for Family Prosforo night. We will be teaching all the kids how to make prosforo and having a great time while doing it. Please join us for a fun filled evening. Also open to anyone who would like to learn to make Prosforo.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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Sunday, October 19th, 2025

6th Sunday of Luke

**The Holy Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-streamer
Commemoration of the Great Earthquake in Constantinople (740)**

Readings:

Epistle: 2 Timothy 2: 1-10

Gospel: Luke 8: 26-39

Sunday School/Coffee Hour/Greek School

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, October 28th, 2025

Holy Protection/Oxi Day

7:30 a.m.

Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy and Special Doxology for Oxi Day

Wednesday, October 29th, 2025

Strict Fast Day

11:00 a.m.

Adult Religious Education Class

7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Saturday, November 1st, 2025

Ethiopian Mission

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

Memorial

George Choles 1 year

Nia Choles 1 year

William "Bill" Bruce 3 years

May their Memory be Eternal!

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

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.

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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 κακοπάθησον ὡς καλὸς στρατιώτης Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. οὐδεὶς στρατευόμενος ἐμπλέκεται ταῖς τοῦ βίου πραγματείαις, ἵνα τῷ στρατολογήσαντι ἄρεσῃ. ἐὰν δὲ καὶ ἀθλῇ τις, οὐ στεφανοῦται, ἐὰν μὴ νομίμως ἀθλήσῃ. τὸν κοπιῶντα γεωργὸν δεῖ πρῶτον τῶν καρπῶν μεταλαμβάνειν. νόει ἃ λέγω· δόψη γάρ σοι ὁ Κύριος σύνεσιν ἐν πάσι. Μνημόνευε Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν ἐγηγερμένον ἐκ νεκρῶν, ἐκ σπέρματος Δαυίδ, κατὰ τὸ εὐαγγέλιόν μου, ἐν ᾧ κακοπαθῶ 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.

The reading is from Saint Paul's 2nd 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.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Resurrection Dismissal Hymn

Ἦχος γ

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Third Mode

Let the heavens rejoice, and let things on earth be glad, for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm; He hath trampled upon death by death; He hath become the first born of the dead. From the bowels of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

Hymn for the Earthquake

Ἦχος πλ. Δ

Ὅ ἐπιβλέπων ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν, καὶ ποῶν αὐτὴν τρέμειν, ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς τῆς φοβερᾶς τοῦ σεισμοῦ ἀπειλῆς, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ κατέπεμψον ἡμῖν, πλούσια τὰ ἔλεη σου, πρεσβεῖαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Mode Plagal of the Fourth

You who look upon the earth and make it tremble, rescue us from the frightful threat of earthquake, O Christ our God. Send down Your abundant mercies on us, at the intercession of the Theotokos, O only benevolent Lord.

Hymn for Great martyr Demetrios

Ἦχος γ

Μέγαν εὗρατο ἐν τοῖς κινδύνοις, σὲ ὑπέρμαχον ἢ οἰκουμένη, Ἀθλοφόρε τὰ ἔθνη τροποῦμενον. Ὡς οὖν Λυαίου καθεῖλες τὴν ἔπαρσιν, ἐν τῷ σταδίῳ θαρρύνας τὸν Νέστορα, οὕτως Ἄγιε, Μεγαλομάρτυς Δημήτριε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἱκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Third Mode

All the world has you, its mighty champion, * fortifying us in times of danger, * and defeating our foes, O Victorious One. * So, as you humbled Lyaos's arrogance * by giving courage to Nestor in the stadium, * thus, O holy Great-martyr Demetrios, * to Christ our God pray fervently, * beseeching Him to grant us His great mercy.

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 πρεσβεῖαις 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 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.

SAINT OF THE DAY: Saint Demetrios The Myrrh-Streaming: Was a Thessalonian, a most pious son of pious and noble parents, and a teacher of the Faith of Christ. When Maximian first came to Thessalonica in 290, he raised Demetrios to the rank of Duke of Thessaly. But when it was discovered that the Saint was a Christian, he was arrested and kept bound in a bath-house. While gladiator games were under way in the city, Maximian was a spectator there. A certain friend of his, a barbarian who was a notable wrestler, Lyaeus by name, egotistical because of the height and strength of his body, boasted in the stadium and challenged the citizens to a contest with him. All that fought with him were defeated. Seeing this, a certain youth named Nestor, an acquaintance of Demetrios', came to the Saint in the bath-house and asked his blessing to fight Lyaeus single-handed. Receiving this blessing and sealing himself with the sign of the precious Cross, he presented himself in the stadium, and said, "O God of Demetrios, help me!" and straightway he engaged Lyaeus in combat and smote him with a mortal blow to the heart, leaving the former boaster lifeless upon the earth. Maximian was sorely grieved over this, and when he learned who was the cause of this defeat, he commanded straightway and Demetrios was pierced with lances while he was yet in the bath-house. As for Nestor, Maximian commanded that he be slain with his own sword. Thus both men were martyred and crowned with glory by our Lord.

SATAN'S STRATEGY: We read numerous warnings in God's Word that we must not be ignorant of Satan's devices. Still we often fail to realize how powerful Satan is and how often we allow him to gain the advantage because we have not recognized the possibility of our failures.

Satan is at war with God! The battle is over us. He is determined to cause us to trust in anything other than our Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Church. Satan attacks the young and old Christian, the Christian growing in faith and the church that is ministering in Christ's name. Notice how Satan works:

1. Satan attacks by error (Ephesians 6:14).
2. Satan attacks by impurity (Ephesians 6:14).
3. Satan attacks by anger (Ephesians 6:15).
4. Satan attacks by doubt (Ephesians 6:16).
5. Satan attacks by accusation (Ephesians 6:17).
6. Satan attacks by encouraging us to neglect our prayer life (Ephesians 6:17).

Someone said, "Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees in prayer." The believers' prayer life has many different and meaningful experiences. It may be private or with one's family. It may be in special moments with other individuals or in public with the Body of Christ. It may be in depth with some individual or it may be in emergency and crisis.

The spiritual battle of the ages continues day by day and moment by moment. Our spiritual development and life in Christ is at stake. Let us seek the Lord for strength to possess victory over Satan and his devices.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: Ends next weekend. Turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. With an extra hour of sleep we should all be in church on time. Remember Orthos begins at 8:30 a.m. and Sunday Church School begins after communion.

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

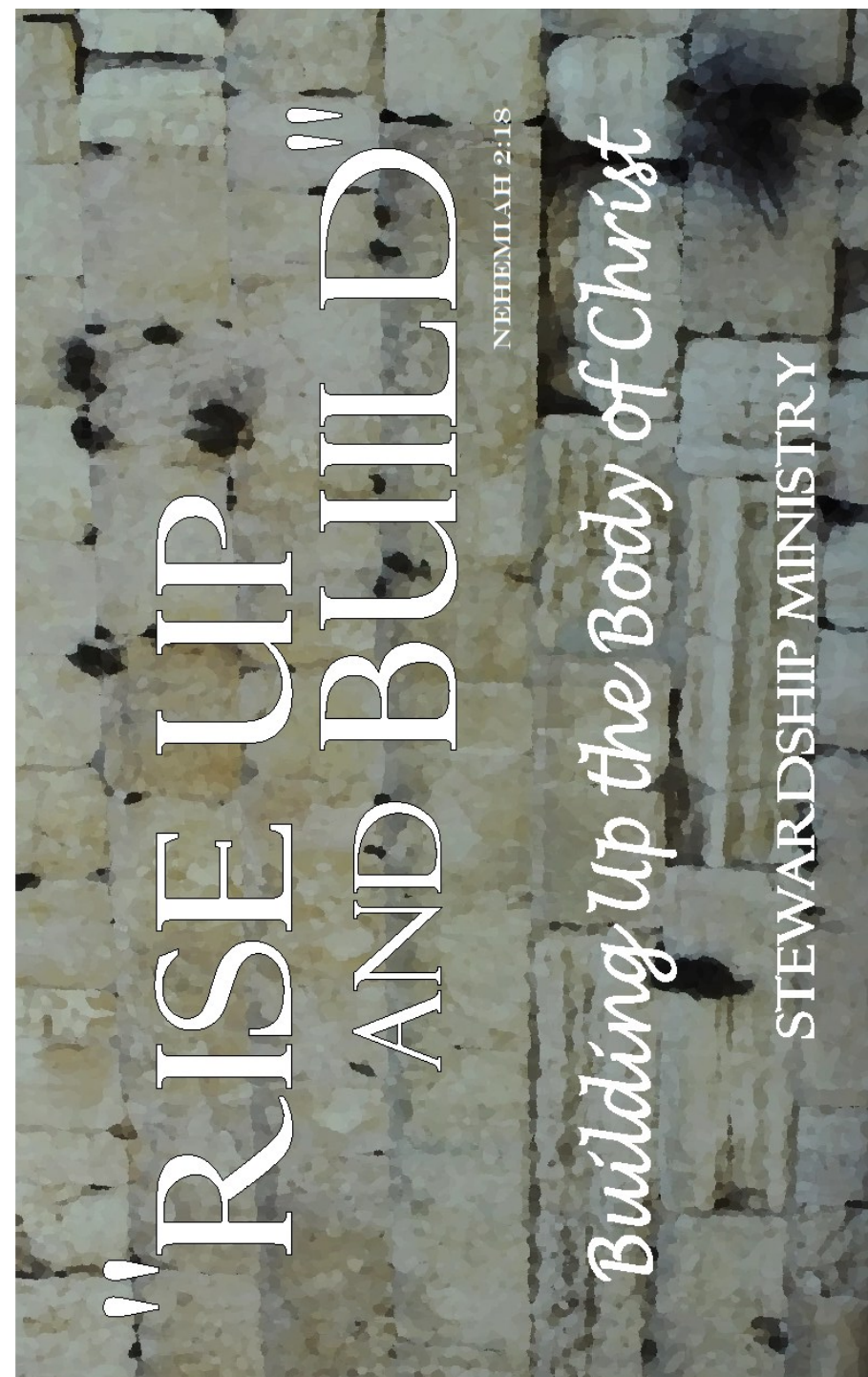
**On Sunday, November 9th, 2025 the Sunday School will host a chili cook-off in
the Social Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy**

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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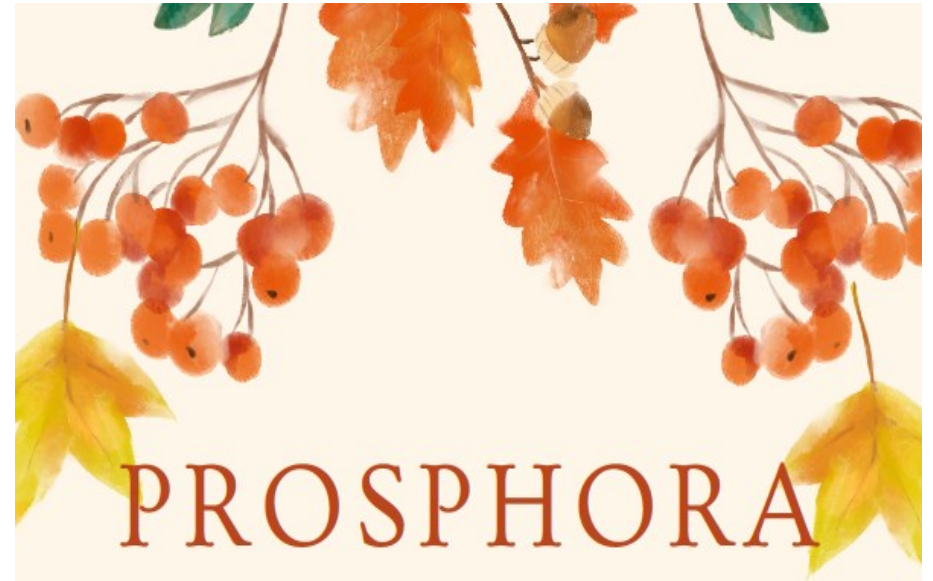
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PROSPHORA NIGHT

Food / Dessert/ Fun games

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

