

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.

PARISH OUTING TO ALLIED FOOD PANTRY: Saturday November 8th: Help package and sort food for the Allied Food pantry 12:30-3:30 pm at 4619 Jenewein Rd, Fitchburg, WI 53711 families and children are welcome to help. Please email Susu (sususaba@yahoo.com) if you are interested

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 Antidoron 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, November 2, 2025

5th Sunday of Luke / Philoptochos Sunday

The Holy Martyrs Acindynos, Pegasios, Aphthonios, Elpidophoros, and Anempodistos

Readings:

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Sunday School/Coffee Hour/Greek School

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Wednesday, November 5th, 2025

Strict Fast Day

7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Saturday, November 8th 2025

Synaxis of the Arch Angels Micheal and Gabriel

9:00 am

Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy

12:30—3:30pm

Parish Outing to Allied Food Pantry

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

Memorials

Stamatina Papas 3 years

All Members of the Philoptochos who have fallen asleep

May their Memory be Eternal!

NEW 2026 CALENDARS AVAILABLE: Calendars are now available on the counter in the lobby. Please take one per family.

FATHER CHRISTODOULOS OUT OF THE OFFICE: Father Christodoulos and Christy Belkin will be attending the Metropolis Clergy Laity and Philoptochos Conference in Chicago this week. Father will be back in the office on Friday.

PHILOPTOCHOS SUNDAY: Today, Sunday November 2nd, has been designated to honor the achievements of our Assumptions Ladies Philoptochos Society. Artoklasia Service will be offered at the conclusion of the Orthros for all our living Philoptochos members and a Memorial Service will be offered at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy for those members who have fallen asleep in the Lord. Also today, a special tray will be passed, on behalf of the Philoptochos, in support of the hospitals, nursing homes and philanthropic agencies of our Ecumenical Patriarchate. Following worship service a special coffee fellowship will be offered in the Church Hall in honor of Philoptochos. Every one is welcomed to attend!

The reading is from Saint Paul's letter to the Galatians

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ἄνθρωπος δέ τις ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐνεδιδύσκετο πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον εὐφραινόμενος καθ' ἡμέραν λαμπρῶς. πτωχὸς δέ τις ἦν ὀνόματι Λάζαρος, ὃς ἐβέβλητο πρὸς τὸν πυλῶνα αὐτοῦ ἡλκωμένος καὶ ἐπιθυμῶν χορτασθῆναι ἀπὸ τῶν ψιχίων τῶν πιπτόντων ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης τοῦ πλουσίου· ἀλλὰ καὶ οἱ κύνες ἐρχόμενοι ἀπέλειχον τὰ ἔλκη αὐτοῦ. ἐγένετο δὲ ἀποθανεῖν τὸν πτωχὸν καὶ ἀπενεχθῆναι αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τῶν ἀγγέλων εἰς τὸν κόλπον Ἀβραάμ· ἀπέθανε δὲ καὶ ὁ πλούσιος καὶ ἐτάφη. καὶ ἐν τῷ ᾄδι ἐπάρας τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ, ὑπάρχων ἐν βασάνοις, ὁρᾷ τὸν Ἀβραάμ ἀπὸ μακρόθεν καὶ Λάζαρον ἐν τοῖς κόλποις αὐτοῦ. καὶ αὐτὸς φωνήσας εἶπε· πᾶτερ Ἀβραάμ, ἐλέησόν με καὶ πέμψον Λάζαρον ἵνα βάνῃ τὸ ἄκρον τοῦ δακτύλου αὐτοῦ ὕδατος καὶ καταψύξῃ τὴν γλῶσσάν μου, ὅτι ὀδυνῶμαι ἐν τῇ φλογὶ ταύτῃ. εἶπε δὲ Ἀβραάμ· τέκνον, μνήσθητι ὅτι ἀπέλαβες σὺ τὰ ἀγαθὰ σου ἐν τῇ ζωῇ σου, καὶ Λάζαρος ὁμοίως τὰ κακὰ· νῦν δὲ ὧδε παρακαλεῖται, σὺ δὲ ὀδυνᾷσαι· καὶ ἐπὶ πᾶσι τοῦτοις μεταξὺ ἡμῶν καὶ ὑμῶν χάσμα μέγα ἐστήρικται, ὅπως οἱ θέλοντες διαβῆναι ἐνθεν πρὸς ὑμᾶς μὴ δύνωνται, μηδὲ οἱ ἐκεῖθεν πρὸς ἡμᾶς διαπερῶσιν. εἶπε δέ· ἐρωτῶ σὺν σε, πᾶτερ, ἵνα πέμψῃς αὐτὸν εἰς τὸν οἶκόν τοῦ πατρός μου· ἔχω γὰρ πέντε ἀδελφούς· ὅπως διαμαρτύρηται αὐτοῖς, ἵνα μὴ καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔλθωσιν εἰς τὸν τόπον τοῦτον τῆς βασάνου. λέγει αὐτῷ Ἀβραάμ· ἔχουσι Μωϋσέα καὶ τοὺς προφῆτας· ἀκουσάτωσαν αὐτῶν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· οὐχί, πᾶτερ Ἀβραάμ, ἀλλ' ἐάν τις ἀπὸ νεκρῶν πορευθῇ πρὸς αὐτούς, μετανοήσουσιν. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ· εἰ Μωϋσέως καὶ τῶν προφητῶν οὐκ ἀκούουσιν, οὐδὲ ἐάν τις ἐκ νεκρῶν ἀναστῇ πεισθήσονται.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Resurrection Dismissal Hymn

Ἦχος δ

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Αναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριά, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Fourth Mode

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples spoke to the Apostles triumphantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy unto the world.

Hymn for the Saints

Ἦχος πλ. δ

Ἀθλοφόροι Κυρίου, μακαρία ἡ γῆ, ἡ πιανθεῖσα τοῖς αἵμασιν ὑμῶν· καὶ ἅγαι αἱ σκηναί, αἱ δεζάμεναι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν· ἐν σταδίῳ γὰρ τὸν ἐχθρὸν ἐθριαμβεύσατε, καὶ Χριστὸν μετὰ παρρησίας ἐκηρύξατε· αὐτὸν ὡς ἀγαθὸν ἱκετεύσατε, σωθῆναι δεόμεθα τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Second Mode

O victorious Athletes of the Lord, blessed is the ground that was watered with your blood, and holy are the dwellings that received your spirits. You prevailed over the enemy in the stadium, and you openly proclaimed Christ. We pray you will earnestly entreat Him for us, that He save our souls, since He is good.

Hymn for the Dormition of the Theotokos

Ἦχος α

Ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει, τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας. Ἐν τῇ Κοιμῇσει, τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε. Μετέστis 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, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεύσον 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 Γαλάτας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιоῦται ἄνθρωπος ἐξ ἔργων νόμου ἐάν μὴ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐπιστεῦσαμεν, ἵνα δικαιωθῶμεν ἐκ πίστεως Χριστοῦ καὶ οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων νόμου, διότι οὐ δικαιωθήσεται ἐξ ἔργων νόμου πᾶσα σὰρξ. εἰ δὲ ζητοῦντες δικαιωθῆναι ἐν Χριστῷ εὐρέθημεν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἁμαρτωλοί, ἄρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; μὴ γένοιτο. εἰ γὰρ ἂ κατέλυσα ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην ἐμαυτὸν συνίστημι. ἐγὼ γὰρ διὰ νόμον νόμῳ ἀπέθανον, ἵνα Θεῷ ζήσω. Χριστῷ συνεσταύρωμαι· ζῶ δὲ οὐκέτι ἐγὼ, ζῇ δὲ ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός· ὁ δὲ νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῶ τῇ τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

SAINT OF THE DAYAKIDYNOS, PEGASIOS, ANEMPODISTOS, ELPIDOPHOROS AND APHTHONIOS. :

The first three were secret Christians in the court of Christian hating King Kaphur II in fourth century Persia. They were exposed and brought before the king who asked how it came to pass that they became Christians. They responded that their life was the Holy Trinity which is the One God. They sang Psalms as they were tortured. During the tortures, Saphur became unable to speak. He clawed at his own face in rage. Adindynos, seeing him this anguished state, prayed to Jesus Christ that he be healed, and he was. Jesus Christ and His angels appeared to strengthen and comfort them. When one of the torturers, Aphthonis, saw that boiling lead would not harm the three, he was amazed and converted, shouting, “Great is the Christian God!” He was beheaded. The three were sewn into animal skins and thrown into the ocean to drown. Again, God spared them by sending the recent martyr, Aphthonios, and his angels to rescue them. The three were recaptured and along with soldiers and also King Saphur’s mother, who had been converted, were burned in a furnace. Elpidiephoros, who courageously denounced Saphur for slaughtering innocent Christians, was beheaded.

Today is also the Name Day of His Eminence Elpidophoros.

GOD’S LESSON: Our Lord Jesus taught us some great truths with stories and illustrations called parables. The Gospel lesson for today is the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. Jesus contrasts the seemingly uncaring rich man and the desperately needy Lazarus. Rich man and poor man. Their situation drastically changes in heaven, but then it is too late for any restoration of relations. In both cases the contrasts are jolting. What is Jesus teaching us through this parable?

Jesus’ lesson is about wealth, poverty and human relationships. Did wealth send the rich man to hell? No. Did poverty send Lazarus to heaven? No. It was their relationship to each other and to God. Neither wealth nor poverty of themselves can send one to heaven or hell. Rather the decisive matter is how one lives in wealth or poverty, and how ones goes about gaining wealth or protecting oneself against losing it.

The rich man would not have gone to hell if love filled his heart for God and his fellow man. He would have known the biblical teaching that the world and everything in it is the Lord’s and we are, what ever our possessions and talents, stewards of God’s gifts. But he lived only for himself in uncaring self-sufficiency. He was separated from the poor man at his doorstep and when he died he discovered that he was also eternally separated from God.

Lazarus would not have gone to heaven if his heart had been filled with hate for the uncaring rich man, with resentment about his condition against God and with other evils because “the pure in heart shall see God” (Mt. 5:8). Deprivations and suffering often remind us of our need for God and lead us closer to Him, but the same circumstances can make us complain, angry, greedy, separating us from God. God’s love was in Lazarus’s heart who endured his afflictions with humility and trust in God. He suffered in the image of Christ who became poor for us and died on the Cross without ceasing to love us. Only love, not need or distress, leads to heaven.

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!



VOLUNTEER NEEDED



**8
NOV
2025**

Help package and sort food
for the Allied Food Pantry

12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

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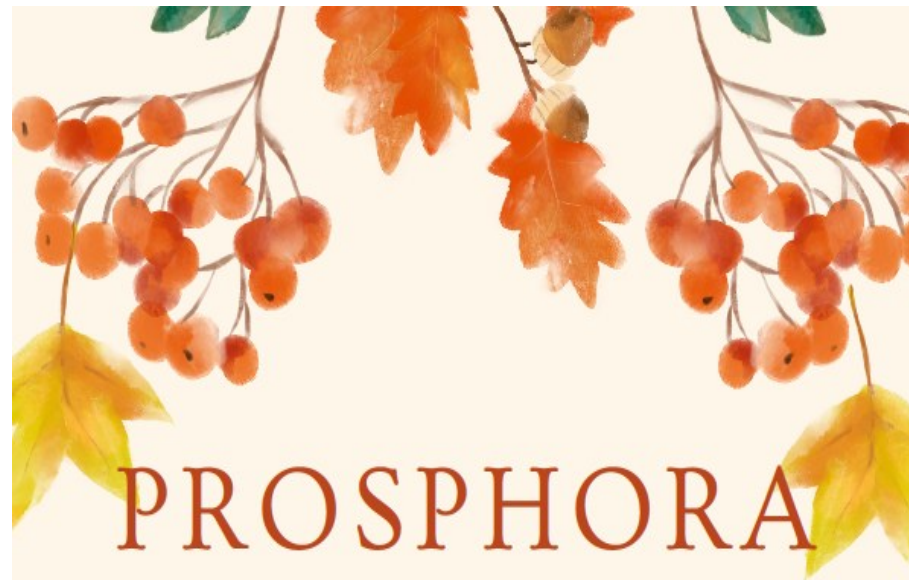
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PROSPHORA NIGHT

Food / Dessert/ Fun games

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

