

law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

CHRISTMAS CARD: Each year, our Church prepares a Christmas card that is mailed to our entire community. Your participation through our Church Christmas Card will not only convey your warmest and personal regards, but also frees you from mailing personal cards to many families. This is savings to you and a benefit for our parish. To include your name on this year's Christmas card please complete the flyer that has been emailed to you and included in the bulletin, or you can pick one up at the candle stand in the Church. Please return completed forms and payment to the church no later than December 10th.

RETURN OF THE GIVING TREE: Philoptochos is now collecting donations of books for the Madison Reading Project (MRP). There is a Christmas tree downstairs that has tags on it that contain the names of books desired by MRP. Please choose a tag, purchase a newcopy of the book named on the tag, and bring the unwrapped book(s) to church, placing them in the bin provided, by Dec. 7. (If you want to send the tag back with the book, insert it anywhere in the book, making sure it extends out the top.) Thank you for brightening the Christmas of a child in need in Madison!

GREEK HERITAGE NIGHT AT THE MILWAUKEE BUCKS GAME: The Milwaukee Bucks annual Greek Heritage Night will be on December 3rd.

The Church has been given a link to purchase tickets. Each person will purchase their tickets from the site. Prices range from \$39—\$95.

We hope you can join us as we celebrate the Greek Night with the Bucks and Giannis! Only 800 of the Greek Heritage Attendees will receive a commemorative Giannis Bobblehead. Tickets will include a wristband to be included in the post game activities with Giannis. If there is enough interest we will get a bus from Church. [CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)

VIGIL FOR SAINT PROPHYIOS OF KASVOKALYVIA: On Monday December 1st we will be celebrating a vigil for Saint Prophyrios which will include vespers, orthros, followed by Divine Liturgy. We will begin at 6pm. Please join us for this beautiful feast day for one of the newer saints of the Orthodox Church.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: The Annual Sunday Church School & Greek School Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 21st, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Join us this year for a new program and some festive cheer.

ALTAR BOY WORKSHOP SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th: We are hosting a workshop for our current Altar Boy & for anyone wanting to join the ranks. We will be going over proper procedure and order for services and processions. Anyone who would like to join the Altar boys is Welcome but must be at least 8 years old. Come join our blessed tradition of serving God.

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Sunday, November 30th, 2025
Andrew the First- Called Apostle
Froumentios, Archbishop of Abyssina
Alexander the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Mithymna

Readings:

Epistle: Corinthians 4:9-16

Gospel: John 1:35-51

Sunday School/Coffee Hour/Greek School

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Monday December 1st 2025

Fast Day

6:00 p.m.

Vigil for St. Prophirios

Vespers, Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Wednesday November 26th 2025

Strict Fast

11:00 a.m.

Adult Religious Education Class

Thursday December 4th 2025

Fast Day

Great Martyr Barbra and St. John of Damascus

7:30 a.m.

Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy

Saturday December 6th 2025

Fast Day

Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker and Nicholas the New Martyr

9:00 a.m.

Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy

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

Donna Mae Nahirniak 6 years

William Vasy Nahirniak 12 years

May Their Memory be Eternal!

FROM THE FATHERS: Faith and love which are gifts of the Holy Spirit are such great and powerful means that a person who has them can easily, and with joy and consolation, go the way Jesus Christ went. Besides this, the Holy Spirit gives man the power to resist the delusions of the world so that although he makes use of earthly good, yet he uses them as a temporary visitor, without attaching his heart to them. But a man who has not got the Holy Spirit, despite all his learning and prudence, is always more or less a slave and worshipper of the world. – St. Innocent of Irkutsk

SACRAMENT OF HOLY CONFESSION: As we have entered into the period of Advent – Nativity Fast – we would like to remind all the faithful of our parish that they should make an appointment with your Spiritual Father for Holy Confession. Let us greet the new born Lord with a renewed and contrite spirit.

fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me. Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 12:16-21 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἰστήκει ὁ Ἰωάννης καὶ ἐκ τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ δύο, καὶ ἐμβλέψας τῷ Ἰησοῦ περιπατοῦντι λέγει, Ἴδε ὁ ἀμνὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ. Καὶ ἤκουσαν οἱ δύο μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λαλοῦντος καὶ ἠκολούθησαν τῷ Ἰησοῦ. Στραφεῖς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ θεασάμενος αὐτοὺς ἀκολουθοῦντας λέγει αὐτοῖς, Τί ζητεῖτε; οἱ δὲ εἶπαν αὐτῷ, Ῥαββί (ὃ λέγεται μεθερμηνευόμενον Διδάσκαλε), ποῦ μένεις; λέγει αὐτοῖς, Ἔρχεσθε καὶ ὄψεσθε. ἦλθαν οὖν καὶ εἶδαν ποῦ μένει, καὶ παρ' αὐτῷ ἔμειναν τὴν ἡμέραν ἐκείνην· ὥρα ἦν ὡς δεκάτῃ. Ἦν Ἀνδρέας ὁ ἀδελφὸς Σίμωνος Πέτρου εἰς ἐκ τῶν δύο τῶν ἀκουσάντων παρὰ Ἰωάννου καὶ ἀκολουθησάντων αὐτῷ· εὕρισκε οὗτος πρῶτον τὸν ἀδελφὸν τὸν ἴδιον Σίμωνα καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ, Εὕρηκαμεν τὸν Μεσσίαν [ὃ ἐστὶν μεθερμηνευόμενον Χριστός]· ἤγαγεν αὐτὸν πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν. ἐμβλέψας αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν, Σὺ εἶ Σίμων ὁ υἱὸς Ἰωάννου· σὺ κληθήσῃ Κηφᾶς [ὃ ἐρμηνεύεται Πέτρος]. Τῇ ἐπαύριον ἠθέλησεν ἐξελθεῖν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν, καὶ εὕρισκε Φίλιππον. καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς, Ἀκολουθεῖ μοι. Ἦν δὲ ὁ Φίλιππος ἀπὸ Βηθσαιᾶ, ἐκ τῆς πόλεως Ἀνδρέου καὶ Πέτρου. Εὕρισκε Φίλιππος τὸν Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ, ὃν ἔγραψεν Μωϋσῆς ἐν τῷ νόμῳ καὶ οἱ προφῆται εὕρηκαμεν, Ἰησοῦν υἱὸν τοῦ Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἀπὸ Ναζαρέτ. Καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ, Ἐκ Ναζαρέτ δύναται τι ἀγαθὸν εἶναι; λέγει αὐτῷ Φίλιππος, Ἔρχου καὶ ἴδε. Εἶδεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὸν Ναθαναὴλ ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ λέγει περὶ αὐτοῦ, Ἴδε ἀληθῶς Ἰσραηλίτης ἐν ᾧ δόλος οὐκ ἔστιν. Λέγει αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ, Πόθεν με γινώσκεις; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ, Πρὸ τοῦ σε Φίλιππον φωνῆσαι ὄντα ὑπὸ τὴν συκὴν εἰδόν σε. Ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ, Ῥαββί, σὺ εἶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, σὺ βασιλεὺς εἶ τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. Ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ, Ὅτι εἰπὸν σοι ὅτι εἰδόν σε ὑποκάτω τῆς συκῆς πιστεύεις; μείζω τούτων ὄψῃ. Καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ, Ἀμὴν ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ὄψεσθε τὸν οὐρανὸν ἀνεωρότα καὶ τοὺς ἀγγέλους τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀναβαίνοντας καὶ καταβαίνοντας ἐπὶ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.

The reading is from the holy Gospel according to John

At that time, John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "Where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the

Resurrection Dismissal Hymn

Ἦχος πλ δ

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Mode Plagal of the Fourth

From the heights didst Thou come down, O Compassionate One. And Thou didst submit to three day burial that from the passions Thou might deliver us. O our Life and Resurrection, O Lord, glory be to Thee.

Hymn For the Apostle

Ἦχος δ

Ὡς τῶν Ἀποστόλων Πρωτόκλητος, καὶ τοῦ Κορυφαίου αὐτάδελφος, τὸν Δεσπότην τῶν ὅλων Ἀνδρέα ἰκέτευε, εἰρήνην τῇ οἰκουμένῃ δωρήσασθαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Fourth Mode

As first called of the Apostles and brother of Peter the Preeminent, O Andrew, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the whole world, and great mercy to our souls.

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 λυτρουμένη, 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 γ

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σηλαιῷ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε, ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον, μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

Third Mode

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ θεὸς ἡμᾶς τοὺς ἀποστόλους ἐσχάτους ἀπέδειξεν ὡς ἐπιθανατίους· ὅτι θέατρον ἐγενήθημεν τῷ κόσμῳ, καὶ ἀγγέλοις, καὶ ἀνθρώποις. Ἡμεῖς μωροὶ διὰ Χριστόν, ὑμεῖς δὲ φρόνιμοι ἐν Χριστῷ· ἡμεῖς ἀσθενεῖς, ὑμεῖς δὲ ἰσχυροί· ὑμεῖς ἔνδοξοι, ἡμεῖς δὲ ἄτιμοι. Ἄχρι τῆς ἄρτι ὥρας καὶ πεινῶμεν, καὶ διψῶμεν, καὶ γυμνητεύομεν, καὶ κολαφίζομεθα, καὶ ἀστατοῦμεν, καὶ κοπιῶμεν ἐργαζόμενοι ταῖς ἰδίαις χερσίν· λοιδοροῦμενοι εὐλογοῦμεν· διωκόμενοι ἀνεχόμεθα· βλασφημοῦμενοι παρακαλοῦμεν· ὡς περικαθάρματα τοῦ κόσμου ἐγενήθημεν, πάντων περίφημα ἕως ἄρτι. Οὐκ ἐντρέπων ὑμᾶς γράφω ταῦτα, ἀλλ' ὡς τέκνα μου ἀγαπητὰ νουθετῶ. Ἐὰν γὰρ μυρίους παιδαγωγοὺς ἔχητε ἐν Χριστῷ, ἀλλ' οὐ πολλοὺς πατέρας· ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διὰ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου ἐγὼ ὑμᾶς ἐγέννησα. Παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς, μιμηταὶ μου γίνεσθε. The reading is from

The reading is from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are

SAINT OF THE DAY: ANDREW THE FIRST CALLED APOSTLE:

This Saint was from Bethsaida of Galilee; he was the son of Jonas and the brother of Peter, the chief of the Apostles. He had first been a disciple of John the Baptist; afterwards, on hearing the Baptist's witness concerning Jesus, when he pointed Him out with his finger and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, Which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1.29,36), he straightway followed Christ, and became His first disciple; wherefore he is called the First-called of the Apostles. After the Ascension of the Saviour, he preached in various lands; and having suffered many things for His Name's sake, he died in Patras of Achaia, where he was crucified on a cross in the shape of an "X," the first letter of "Christ" in Greek; this cross is also the symbol of Saint Andrew.

SUNDAY IS A DAY OF WORSHIP: Once upon a time, recently enough for most of us to remember, Sunday was regarded all over America as the Lord's Day. Stores would be closed; schools, offices and factories would be empty and silent. Then, slowly but radically, things began to change. The "blue laws" of states that observed Sunday closings were challenged in courts and erased from the statute books. And Sunday became no different than any other day of the week.

Large numbers of Christians have adapted to these circumstances. More and more events have been scheduled for Sunday. Whether it be work, social or recreational, we have lost the concept that Sunday is the Lord's Day.

Brothers and sisters, let us not become so busy that we totally forget that Sunday is my day of worship. That my family and I will be in the Lord's house for worship on the Lord's Day. Let us not make excuses for not attending the Divine Liturgy on Sunday. Though these excuses may be sound in our eyes and minds, how will they sound before Christ's Judgment Seat?

Take the time with your family to worship on Sunday – the Lord's Day. You will truly be blessed for it; for all good giving and perfect gifts come from Him, the Father of Light.

CHUCKLE: Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal and a bottle of wine they lay down for the night, and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend awake. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars." "What does that tell you?" Holmes questioned. Watson pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?" Holmes was silent for a minute, then spoke. "Watson, you idiot. Someone has stolen our tent."

WAITING: Before the birth of our Lord, the world waited thousands of years anxiously expecting the coming of the Savior. Today, many also wait for Christmas but only for its worldly, secular festivities, forgetting that it is the Nativity of the Son of God that should be celebrated.

The best preparation for Christmas is to read the Biblical passages concerning His coming, to attend and be attentive at the Divine Liturgy, to offer a devout Confession and receive Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Communion.



2025 Annual Community Christmas Card

**We are now accepting names to be submitted for the
2025 Community Christmas Card**

In order for our Christmas Card to be successful, we need your cooperation. Please approach your family and friends who may not be aware of this program, to see if they would like to be a part of our Family Christmas Card.

*****Deadline*****

Wednesday, December 10th, 2025

Please use this form and send it along with your donation
Free Will Offering but suggested donation is \$25. Please send to:
Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
11 N. Seventh Street
Madison, WI 53704

Please print your name below, clearly and EXACTLY as it should appear in the card.

Name: _____

May the forthcoming Christmas Season bring to you and your family
the Lord's blessings of Joy and Good Health!

Thank you for your support of our Assumption Church.

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LEARN MORE
AND APPLY!

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TELOS PROJECT
Parish-level coaching to grow your young adult ministry
Our next cohort starts **November 2025**

LEARN MORE
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Assumption Christmas To-Do List



River Food Drive Donations

Dec 1st - Dec 21st



St. Nicholas Day

Sun Dec 7th during Sunday school



Pageant Costume fitting

Sun Dec 7th during Sunday school



Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Sun Dec 14th after Liturgy



Gingerbread and Christmas Movie Night

Fri Dec 19th 5:30 pm-8:00 pm



Family Movie Outing: King David

Sat Dec 20th 3:40 pm - Marcus Point Cinema



Christmas Pageant

Sun Dec 21st after Liturgy



No Sunday School *Dec 28th & Jan 4th*



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



GREEK HERITAGE CELEBRATION

LOCK IN YOUR GROUP TICKETS NOW!

Come out to Fiserv Forum for our Greek Heritage Celebration to watch your Milwaukee Bucks take on the Detroit Pistons!

DEC 3

7:00PM

FISERV FORUM



The first 800 to purchase will receive a limited edition Greek Giannis Bobblehead along with a post-game chat with Giannis and Thanasis**



SCAN HERE TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS
OR VISIT WWW.GOFEVO.COM/GN2025

*Please note: post-game is subject to cancellation. Timing of post-game appearance is up to player discretion and can take up to an hour for arrival. You must have a purchased ticket through this link to participate. If you do not have a purchased ticket through this link, we will be removed from the post-game experience.

SAINT NICHOLAS



DINNER

SUNDAY | 7 | DECEMBER

**After Divine Liturgy - Free Will Offering
Parish Council elections to be held.**

BLESSING OF THE WATERS OF LAKE MONONA



Join the Orthodox Communities of Assumption, Saints Cyril & Methodius & Saint Ignatius in coming together for a Blessing of Lake Monona.

We will be gathering on Sunday, January 11th at Brittingham Beach at 701 W Brittingham Pl in Madison. Service will begin at 1:30 p.m. If the Ice thickness is sufficient we will be just off shore on Monona Bay.

This a wonderful blessing not only for our communities but also for the entire Madison Area.

When: Sunday, January 11th,
2026 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Brittingham Beach on
Lake Monona. 701 W. Brittingham
Pl. Madison, WI





YOU ARE INVITED TO

The Sunday School Christmas **PAGEANT**

DECEMBER

SUNDAY

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AT 11:30 AM

ASSUMPTION GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH



YOU ARE INVITED TO

CHRISTMAS *Celebration*

SUNDAY

14

DECEMBER



4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

METROPOLIS
OF CHICAGO

The Carlisle

435 E. Butterfield Road, Lombard, IL 60145

This year, we are supporting Guardian Angel and Wings of Hope by collecting hygiene items for those in need. Please consider bringing travel-size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap), washcloths, toothbrushes & toothpaste, and deodorant.

All donations will be packaged and delivered to these organizations.

Thank you for helping us spread Christmas joy!

*"Love each other with a warm love
that comes from the heart"*

1 Peter 1:22



GINGERBREAD HOUSE PARTY!

Enjoy the fun of decorating a gingerbread house, playing some fun games,
and watching a family Christmas movie! There will be food and hot cocoa!
Come dressed in your favorite Christmas pajamas!



FRIDAY DEC 19, 2025

5:30 - 8:00 PM

ASSUMPTION SUNDAY SCHOOL



 ASSUMPTION INC.

FAMILY MOVIE OUTING



A new animated movie
of King David

**SATURDAY
DEC 20TH
3:40PM**

**Marcus Point Cinema
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BOOK YOUR TICKETS SOON ON YOUR
OWN, SEATS ARE LIMITED. IF YOU
CAN'T MAKE IT THAT DAY THERE ARE
OTHER DATES AND SHOWINGS.

