

ALTAR BOY WORKSHOP SUNDAY, JANUARY 18th: 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. Any one 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.

HOUSE BLESSINGS FOR EPIPHANY: Fr. Christodoulos will be coordinating coming to homes and businesses for house and business blessings. If you would like to have Father come please call the church office and make an appointment. Appointments will be on a first come first serve basis through the end of January.

GODPARENT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1st: This is a special day to honor and celebrate Godparents. During liturgy there will be a special service for Godparents and godchildren before Communion. Children are encouraged to sit with their Godparents and receive communion with them. After Sunday School and Liturgy are complete Sunday School will be hosting an All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast. A free will offering will be collected with all proceeds going to our Sunday School Program.

Our children will make an invitation card for their Godparents inviting them to join us. See the attached a flyer for more information.

SNOW TUBING OUTING: Please join us at Tyrol Basin on Sunday January 25th from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per ticket and can be purchased at <https://tyrolbasin.com/tubing/>. We hope you can come our for some parish family fun!

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.

A NEW DIRECTION FOR THE NEW YEAR: When a new year begins many people take stock of their lives. They are brought face to face with a past that haunts them. Remorseful and guilt-ridden, they look back on a wasted life and say, "If I could only live my life over again." The Gospel lesson today with its message of repentance is designed by the Church to be read close to the beginning of the new year to show us that **God does give us a chance to live life over again.** A new year can mean a new life if we sincerely repent and turn to God. **It means I can begin again.** By changing the direction of my life, I can find peace and harmony with God and self. For if repentance is anything it is a complete reversal of the direction of our life, an about face to God who forgives the past and gives us the power to live a new life as He did Paul and Peter and Zacchaeus and the dying thief and David and so many others.

THOUGHT TO PONDER: A sight of God's glory humbles. The stars vanish when the sun appears.

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Ὕχος πλ β

Αγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνῆμά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἵστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἀδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωήν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Plagal of the Second Mode

When the angelic powers were at Thy tomb, then they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood beside the grave seeking Thine immaculate body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and was not tried there by Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant life to us. O Thou Who art risen from the dead, Lord glory be to Thee.

Hymn for the Feast

Ὕχος α

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε, ἡ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις· τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοι, ἀγαπητὸν σε Υἱὸν ὄνομάζουσα· καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἴδει περιστερᾶς, ἐβεβαίου τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανεὶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας, δόξα σοι.

First Mode

When You were baptized in the River Jordan, O Lord, it was revealed that God is worshiped in Trinity. For the voice of the Father, who had begotten You, also bore witness to You, calling You “beloved Son,” and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed that what was said is true. In Your epiphany, O Christ God, You appeared and illumined the world. Glory to You! .

Hymn for the Dormition of the Theotokos

Ὕχος α

Ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει, τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας. Ἐν τῇ Κοιμήσει, τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε. Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωήν, 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

Ὕχος δ

Ἐπεφάνης σήμερον τῇ οἰκουμένῃ, καὶ τὸ φῶς σου Κύριε, ἐσημειώθη ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, ἐν ἐπιγνώσει ὑμνοῦντάς σε. Ἡλθες ἐφάνης τὸ Φῶς τὸ ἀπρόσιτον. .

Fourth Mode

You revealed yourself today on earth, O Master, * and Your light was stamped on us, who in the knowledge of the truth, * O Lord, extol Your epiphany. * You came; You revealed yourself, O unapproachable Light.

Πρὸς Ἐβραίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

Ἄδελφοί, μνημονεύετε τῶν ἡγουμένων ὑμῶν, οἵτινες ἐλάλησαν ὑμῖν τὸν λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ· ὃν ἀναθεωροῦντες τὴν ἔκβασιν τῆς ἀναστροφῆς, μιμεῖσθε τὴν πίστιν. Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς χθὲς καὶ σήμερον ὁ αὐτός, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰώνας. Διδαχαῖς ποικίλαις καὶ ἔνειας μὴ παραφέρεσθε· καλὸν γὰρ χάριτι βεβαιοῦσθαι τὴν καρδίαν, οὐ βρύμασιν, ἐν οἷς οὐκ ὠφελήθησαν οἱ περιπατήσαντες. Ἐχομεν θυσιαστήριον, ἐξ οὐ φαγεῖν οὐκ ἔχουσιν οἱ τῇ σκηνῇ λατρεύοντες. Ὄν γὰρ εἰσφέρεται ζῷων τὸ αἷμα περὶ ἀμαρτίας εἰς τὰ ἄγια διὰ τοῦ ἀρχιερέως, τούτων τὰ σώματα κατακαίεται ἔξω τῆς παρεμβολῆς. Διὸ καὶ Ἰησοῦς, ἵνα ἀγιάσῃ διὰ τοῦ ιδίου αἵματος τὸν λαόν, ἔξω τῆς πύλης ἔπαθεν. Τοίνυν ἔξερχόμεθα πρὸς αὐτὸν ἔξω τῆς πα-

SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - “A GREAT LIGHT”:

Hundreds of years before the Savior was born, Isaiah, living in a dark time of tyranny and cruelty, foretold the coming of a great light; “The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death, light has dawned.” Isaiah 9:2.

The “great light” foretold by Isaiah centuries before, was none other than our Lord Jesus. He came as light into a dark world. The Apostle John writes, “God is light and in Him is no darkness at all” (John 1:5). When God created the world, He said, “Let there be light.” The point to observe here is that when God expressed Himself, there was a light. Darkness came because of man’s sin. Yet in the darkness God kept the lamp of His presence and grace burning. The light shone in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:1-5).

“I am the light of the world; he who follows me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.” (John 8:12).

Whoever “believes in me” and “follows me” says Jesus, does not “remain in darkness” but already “has the light of life.” What is the light? In Christ we know who God is. This is the light in Christ we know who we are. This is the light. In Christ we know the way of life of which man was created. This is the light. In Christ we have the answer to the riddle of death. This is the light. All this has been revealed to us by Christ who is the Light of the World. God “has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” (2 Cor. 4:6)

SAINT OF THE DAY: Saint Theodosios had Cappadocia as his homeland. He lived during the years of Leo of Thrace, who reigned from 457 to 474. The Saint established in the Holy Land a great communal monastery, wherein he was the shepherd of many monks. While Saint Sabbas was the head of the hermits of Palestine, Saint Theodosius was governor of those living the cenobitic life (Monks living together within a community), for which reason he is called the Cenobiarch. Together with Saint Sabbas, towards whom he cherished a deep brotherly love in Christ, he defended the whole land of Palestine from the heresy of the Monophysites (The belief the Christ was not human but only divine), which was championed by the Emperor Anastasius and might very well have triumphed in the Holy Land without the opposition of these two great monastic fathers and their zealous defense of the Holy Council of Chalcedon. Having lived for 103 years, he reposed in peace.

FROM THE FATHERS: For to despise the present age, not to love transitory things, unreservedly to stretch out the mind in humility to God and our neighbor, to preserve patience against offered insults and, with patience guarded, to repel the pain of malice from the heart, to give one’s property to the poor, not to covet that of others, to esteem the friend in God, on God’s account to love even those who are hostile, to mourn at the affliction of a neighbor, not to exult in the death of one who is an enemy, this is the new creature whom the Master of the nations seeks with watchful eye amid the other disciples, saying: “If, then, any be in Christ a new creature, the old things are passed away. Behold all things are made new” (2 Cor. 5:17). – *St. Gregory the Great*

WOMEN’S SPIRITUAL MEETING: January’s Women’s spiritual zoom meetings will be on Thursday, January 22nd at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in participating and you haven’t signed in yet please contact Peli Galiti at pegaliti@gmail.com You will get the zoom link in your email. All women from Assumption parish, St. Ignatius Parish and other parishes are welcome.



happy God Parent

day

Sunday Feb 1st, 2026

Come join us for pancakes to celebrate God Parent day
with your God children!

Sunday school students will sit by their God parent/s during
liturgy and take Holy Communion together. Then during
coffee hour there will be a breakfast celebration with
delicious pancakes!

There will be a basket for free will offering.

Donations will go towards Sunday school.

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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



ASSUMPTION Snow Tubing

Please join us at Tyrol Basin on Sunday January 25th from 1-5 pm

To purchase tickets please visit:
<https://tyrolbasin.com/tubing/>
\$30 per ticket

Buy online one week in advance

We hope you can come out for some parish family fun!



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