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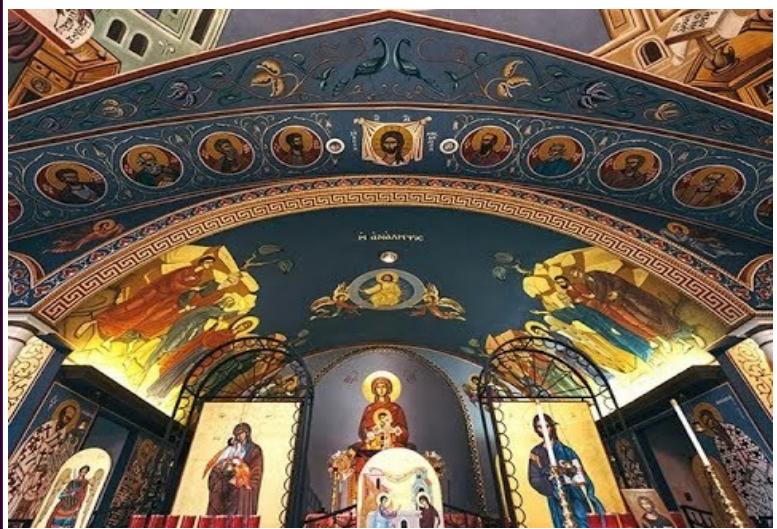
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Sunday, February 15th, 2026
Judgment Sunday/Meatfare Sunday
Saint Onesimus the Apostle of the 70
Saint Anthimus the Righteous Elder of Chios
Readings

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday School / Greek School / Coffee Hour / Parish Outing

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, February 17th, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 18th, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Thursday, February 19th, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Women's Spiritual Meeting

Saturday, February 21st, 2026

2st Saturday of Souls

8:30 a.m.

Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy with Memorial

Fr. Christodoulou's Office hours are:

Tuesday - Friday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Memorials

Sam "Spyridon" Fatsis 1 year memorial
May their Memory be Eternal!

PARISH OUTING THIS AFTERNOON: Join us this afternoon for a night of family fun at Ten Pin Alley from 4-6 p.m. The Church has reserved 10 lanes, the cost is \$4.50 per game and \$2.00 per shoe rental.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL MEETING: February's Women's spiritual zoom meeting will be this Thursday 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!

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*

science when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος: Ὄταν δὲ ἔλθῃ ὁ νιὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐν τῇ δόξῃ αὐτοῦ καὶ πάντες οἱ ἄγιοι ἄγγελοι μετ' αὐτοῦ, τότε καθίσει ἐπὶ θρόνου δόξης αὐτοῦ, καὶ συνανθήσεται ἔμπροσθεν αὐτοῦ πάντα τὰ ἔνθη, καὶ ἀφοριεῖ αὐτοὺς ἀπ' ἀλλήλων ὥσπερ ὁ ποιμὴν ἀφορίζει τὰ πρόβατα ἀπὸ τῶν ἔριφων, καὶ στήσει τὰ μὲν πρόβατα ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ, τὰ δὲ ἐριφία ἐξ εὐωνύμων. τότε ἐρεῖ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῖς ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ· δεῦτε οἱ εὐλογημένοι τοῦ πατρός μου, κληρονομήσατε τὴν ἡτοιμασμένην ὑμῖν βασιλείαν ἀπὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου. ἐπείναστα γάρ, καὶ ἐδώκατε μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ ἐποτίσατε με, ἔνοις ἡμην, καὶ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνός, καὶ περιεβάλετέ με, ἡσθένησα, καὶ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με, ἐν φυλακῇ ἡμην, καὶ ἤλθετε πρός με. τότε ἀποκριθήσονται αὐτῷ οἱ δίκαιοι λέγοντες· κύριε, πότε σε εἰδομεν πεινῶντα καὶ ἐθρέψαμεν, ἡ διψῶντα καὶ ἐποτίσαμεν; πότε δέ σε εἰδομεν ξένον καὶ συνηγάγομεν, ἡ γυμνὸν καὶ περιεβάλομεν; πότε δέ σε εἰδομεν ἀσθενή ἡ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ ἤλθομεν πρός σε; καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐρεῖ αὐτοῖς· ἀμήν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφ' ὅσον ἐποιήσατε ἐνὶ τούτων τῶν ἀδελφῶν μου τῶν ἐλαχίστων, ἔμοι ἐποιήσατε. τότε ἐρεῖ καὶ τοῖς ἐξ εὐωνύμων· πορεύεσθε ἀπ' ἔμοι οἱ κατηραμένοι εἰς τὸ πῦρ τὸ αἰώνιον τὸ ἡτοιμασμένον τῷ διαβόλῳ καὶ τοῖς ἀγγέλοις αὐτοῦ. ἐπείναστα γάρ, καὶ οὐκ ἐδώκατε μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ οὐκ ἐποτίσατε με, ξένος ἡμην, καὶ οὐ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνός, καὶ οὐ περιεβάλετέ με, ἀσθενής καὶ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ οὐκ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με. τότε ἀποκριθήσονται αὐτῷ καὶ αὐτοὶ λέγοντες· κύριε, πότε σε εἰδομεν πεινῶντα ἡ διψῶντα ἡ ξένον ἡ γυμνὸν ἡ ἀσθενή ἡ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ οὐ διηκονήσαμέν σοι; τότε ἀποκριθήσεται αὐτοῖς λέγων· ἀμήν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφ' ὅσον οὐκ ἐποιήσατε ἐνὶ τούτων τῶν ἐλαχίστων, οὐδὲ ἔμοι ἐποιήσατε. καὶ ἀπελεύσονται οὗτοι εἰς κόλασιν αἰώνιον, οἱ δὲ δίκαιοι εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον.

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Resurrection Apolitikion

Ὕχος γ

Εὐφρανέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἥδου 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 Dormition of the Theotokos

Ὕχος α

Ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει, τὴν παρθενίαν ἐρύλαξας. 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 α

Ὅταν ἔλθῃς ὁ Θεός, ἐπὶ γῆς μετὰ δόξης, καὶ τρέμωσι τὰ σύμπαντα, ποταμὸς δὲ τοῦ πυρὸς πρὸ τοῦ Βήματος ἔλκη, καὶ βίβλοι ἀνοίγωνται, καὶ τὰ κρυπτὰ δημοσιεύονται, τότε ρῦσαὶ με, ἐκ τοῦ πυρὸς τοῦ ἀσβέστου, καὶ ἀξίωσον, ἐκ δεξιῶν σου μὲ στῆναι, Κριτὰ δικαιούτατε.

Mode 1

When You come down to the earth, O God, in Your glory, all things will cower tremulous, and a river of fire will draw before Your Judgment Seat; the books shall be opened up, and public knowledge will things hidden be. Rescue me, then, I pray, from unquenchable fire, and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O You, the most righteous Judge.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους Α΄ Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Αδελφοί, βρῶμα ἡμᾶς οὐ παρίστησιν τῷ θεῷ· οὕτε γὰρ ἐὰν φάγωμεν περισσεύομεν, οὕτε ἐὰν μὴ φάγωμεν ὑστερούμεθα. Βλέπετε δὲ μήπως ἡ ἔξουσία ὑμῶν αὕτη πρόσκομμα γένηται τοῖς ἀσθενοῦσιν. Ἐὰν γάρ τις ἴδῃ σὲ τὸν ἔχοντα γνῶσιν ἐν εἰδωλείῳ κατακείμενον, οὐχὶ ἡ συνειδῆσις αὐτοῦ ἀσθενοῦς ὄντος οἰκοδομηθήσεται εἰς τὸ τὰ εἰδωλόθυτα ἐσθίειν; Καὶ ἀπολεῖται ὁ ἀσθενῶν ἀδελφός ἐπὶ τῇ σῇ γνώσει, δι' ὃν Χριστὸς ἀπέθανεν; Οὐνως δὲ ἀμαρτάνοντες εἰς τοὺς ἀδελφούς, καὶ τύπτοντες αὐτῶν τὴν συνειδῆσιν ἀσθενοῦσαν, εἰς Χριστὸν ἀμαρτάνετε. Διόπερ εἰ βρῶμα σκανδαλίζει τὸν ἀδελφόν μου, οὐ μὴ φάγω κρέα εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα, ἵνα μὴ τὸν ἀδελφόν μου σκανδαλίσω. Οὐκ εἰμὶ ἀπόστολος; Οὐκ εἰμὶ ἐλευθέρος; Οὐχὶ Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν τὸν κύριον ἡμῶν ἔωρακα; Οὐ τὸ ἔργον μου ὑμεῖς ἔστε ἐν κυρίῳ; Εἰ ἄλλοις οὐκ εἰμὶ ἀπόστολος, ἀλλὰ γέ ὑμῖν εἰμι· ἡ γὰρ σφραγὶς τῆς ἡμῖς ἀπόστολῆς ὑμεῖς ἔστε ἐν κυρίῳ.

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

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their con-

SAINT OF THE DAY: This Apostle, who was from Colossae, was a bond-servant of that Philemon to whom the Apostle Paul addressed his epistle. Onesimus escaped from Philemon and fled to Rome, where he became a disciple of Saint Paul. Saint Paul brought him to the Faith of Christ, and then sent him back to his master, who in turn gave him his freedom and sent him back to Rome again, where he ministered to Saint Paul. Later, he was seized because he was a Christian and was sent to Puteoli, where he was beaten to death with clubs. Saint Onesimus is also commemorated on November 22 with the holy Apostles Philemon, Apphia, and Archippus.

SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT: In today's Gospel lesson we are shown what it will be like on the day of the Last Judgment (Matthew 25:31-46). This Gospel's theme is love.

This scripture reading tells us clearly how Christ will judge us. The measure Christ will use is love. Just as Jesus died on the Cross out of love for humankind and rose again by the power of love, those who believe in him must also have this great love. The Church reminds us that before we can say we love Jesus, we must first love our neighbor, because each human being is an icon of Christ. However difficult it may be to see Christ in each person we meet, we must try to do so, and treat them, as we would treat Christ Himself. The previous readings have prepared us to come to this point, for without the desire to see Jesus, we will not humble ourselves, and if we are not humble ourselves, and if we are not humble we cannot love Jesus. (This Sunday is also called Meatfare Sunday, because it is the last day before Lent on which meat is eaten.)

CHUCKLE: After she woke up, a woman told her husband, "I just dreamt you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's Day. What do you think it means?" "You'll know tonight," he said. That evening the husband came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it to find a book entitled "The Meaning of Dreams."

PONDERING: Satan dreads nothing but prayer. His one concern is to keep the saints from praying

HOLY CONFESSION IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF LENT: Each of us should go to the priest for Holy Confession during this period of Lent. Our very salvation can be threatened when we ignore this most beautiful sacrament of our Church. Make time year to call your Father Confessor for an appointment.

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

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH OUTING TO THE MADISON CAPITALS GAME:

Once again our parish is going to be doing an outing to the Madison Capitals Hockey Team on Saturday, February 21st. This year we have gotten one of the suites for the game and cost will \$25 per person. It is also Team USA Bobble-head night. This will be a great game to attend with the whole family. Come cheer on our Madison Capitals to defeat the Des Moines Buccaneers on February 21st at 7:05 p.m. at the Bob Suter's Capital Aren



The church has reserved 10 lanes for families to bowl
\$4.50 per game and \$2.00 shoe rental

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Ten Pin Alley
6285 Nesbitt Rd,
Fitchburg, WI 53719

4-6
PM

RSVP by Feb 12th if you are coming to
Susu or Fr. Chris



URBAN AIR

Tuesday March 24th
from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

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CONFESsion SUNDAYS

- Sunday March 8th
students in grade
PreK - 3rd grade
- Sunday March 22nd
students in grades
4th-12th grade
Confession will take
place after Sunday
school in the church

VOLUNTEER NEEDED



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MAR
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Help package and sort food
at the Second Harvest Food Pantry

**12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
2802 DAIRY DRIVE MADISON, WI 53718**

EMAIL SUSU AKKAWI IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
22 SLOTS AVAILABLE



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Ψυχοσάββατο/Saturday of Souls

The Second Saturday of Souls will be on Saturday, February 21st. We will be celebrating the Saturday of Souls service beginning at 8:30 a.m. with Divine Liturgy with Memorial Service. It is a service where we pray for those who have departed. Please use this sheet to write down the **Baptismal names of Only Orthodox departed** and submit them to the office or the altar to be read during the services.





2026 Parish outing to the Madison Capitol's Hockey Team



**On Saturday, February 21st 2026 we will have a Parish
Outing to the Madison Capitol's Hockey Game vs the Des
Moines Buccaneers**

**This year we have one of the Suites reserved for the
church. This means we will only have a limited amount of
Tickets available. The cost is \$25 which will include food
in the Suite.**

RSVP with Fr. Christodoulos

**Join us for what is sure to be a great night of fun &
fellowship.**