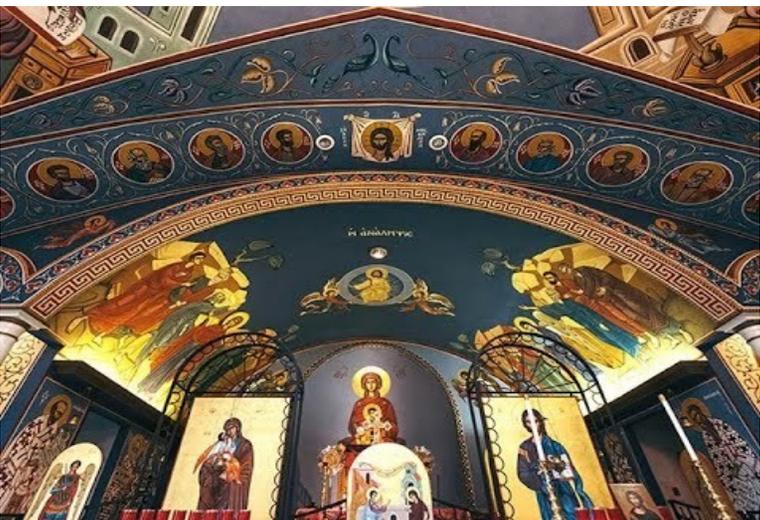


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**Assumption
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Tuesday, July 21st
@ 6:05 PM

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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WELCOME FORM



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Sunday, March 1st, 2026

1st Sunday of Lent - Sunday of Orthodoxy

Saint Eudokia the Samaritan, and The New Martyr Antonina

Readings

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-40

Gospel: John 1:43-51

Sunday School / Greek School / Coffee Hour /

Pan Orthodox Vespers at St. Ignatius

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Monday, March 2nd, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Great Compline

Wednesday, March 4th, 2026

5:30 p.m.

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (Potluck to follow)

7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, March 6th, 2026

6:00 p.m.

2nd Salutation Service to the Theotokos

Saturday, March 7th, 2026

12:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

Second Harvest Food Pantry Volunteer Event

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

PAN-ORTHODOX GREAT VESPERS: This year the Pan-Orthodox service for the Great Vespers of the Sunday of Orthodoxy will take place at 5:00 p.m. at Saint Ignatius Church in Fitchburg. All are welcome to attend this beautiful service as we commemorate the Sunday of Orthodoxy together. See the attached flyer for more information.

SECOND HARVEST VOLUNTEER EVENT: Once again we have the opportunity to serve our community at the Second Harvest Food Bank. Consider giving the alm of your time and work this Lent through this opportunity See the attached flyer for more details!

DECLARATION OF FAITH OF THE SEVENTH ECCUMENICAL COUNCIL As the prophets beheld, as the apostles have taught, as the teachers have dogmatized, as the universe has agreed, as grace has shown forth: as truth was revealed, as falsehood has been dissolved, as wisdom has presented, as Christ awarded: thus we declare, thus we assert, thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor His saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons, on the one hand worshipping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord, and on the other, honoring them as true servants of the same Lord of all and offering them the proper veneration. **This is the faith of the Apostles. This is the faith of the Fathers. This is the faith of the Orthodox. This is the faith which as established the universe .**

Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

The Gospel According to John

At that time, 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 he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the 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."

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).

WELCOME: We are pleased that you worshipped with us today. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in our church hall, following worship. If you are new to the parish, or simply visiting, introduce yourself to our priest or to our greeters, so that they may introduce you to others.

TRIP TO WOMEN'S MONASTERY IN KENOSHA: On Saturday March 21st we will be taking anyone interested to the Women's Monastery of Saint John Chrysostom in Kenosha. We will see how many are interested in going and then make the proper travel plans. We will stay through Vespers. If you are interested please let Fr. Christodoulos know. The cost will be determined closer to the event to cover the travel expense.

Resurrection Apolitikion

Ἦχος πλ. α

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠὲ δόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Plagal of the First

Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginning less God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

For the Feast

Ἦχος β'

Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου προσκυνοῦμεν ἀγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ἠὲ δόκησας σαρκί, ἀνελεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύσῃ οὓς ἐπλασας, ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι· Χαράς ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν κόσμον.

Mode 2

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offenses, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

Hymn for the Dormition of the Theotokos

Ἦχος α

Ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει, τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας. Ἐν τῇ Κοιμῆσει, τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε. Μετέστης 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 πλ. δ'

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἀλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἵνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε..

Mode pl. 4.

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, from all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of

THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY: The Sunday of Orthodoxy was first observed in the year 843. Think of it: first proclaimed over eleven hundred years ago. It was the First Sunday of the Great Fast that year that the veneration of icons was solemnly proclaimed in the great cathedral of Hagia Sophia.

There had been a struggle in the Church over the use and place of icons. The opponents cried out: "God is Spirit," and cannot be depicted in any materialistic fashion. But the defenders of icons answered: "That is precisely the point. God is a Spirit, and cannot be portrayed; but God became man, and as God-Man, Jesus Christ, He may indeed be placed in image. So at the heart of that struggle about icons was the basic truth of the faith: that Christ is God who became man.

In our day, however, the observance of this event goes beyond proclaiming the victory over the use of images. It is now also a public proclamation of our Faith. It is the day when Christians meet together in worship to proclaim to the community and to the world the reality and vitality of their Faith. It is also a re-dedication to the Faith of the Apostles, the Faith of the Fathers, the Faith of the Councils, the Faith of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

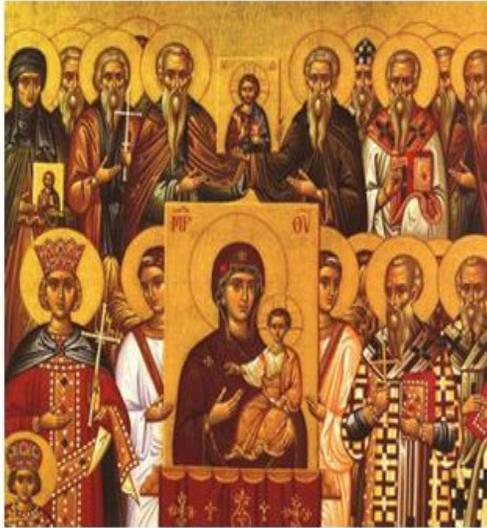
We are, in this country of ours, inheritors of a great religious heritage. It is our solemn task to learn all we can of this Faith, to love it sincerely, and then to live it day by day. By doing so, we pass it on to those who come after us, that they, too, might come to abide in the Mother Church of Christendom. As we see the procession of the icons in today's special litany service, let us be inspired, so that we, too, may follow them and march behind the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

THE HOLY AND GREAT LENT THE JOURNEY TO PASCHA: For our spiritual journey to have any benefit for our soul and body we need to remember the following:

- One:** Begin with a spiritual fast: Fast in what we think, feel, say, and do.
- Two:** Constant Prayer: Develop a deeper daily prayer by humbly allowing our will to become God's will.
- Three:** Forgive and seek forgiveness: Forgive all who have done us wrong and in Holy Confession seek to be forgiven and cleansed by God.
- Four:** Share our faith with others.
- Five:** Study the Holy bible and the spiritual works of the fathers of the Church.
- Six:** Put our Christian love to practice: Visit the sick, help the poor and the needy. Support the ministries and the Institutions of the Church.
- Seven:** Live the Divine Liturgy: Properly prepare and receive Holy Communion.
- Eight:** Accompany above with fasting, but remember that they are the top priority.
 - +Do without as much as we can.
 - +Do with less as much as possible.
 - +Give up the things we think we cannot do without.
 - +Eat mostly natural foods simply cooked.
 - +Eat in a limited and controlled way.
 - +Eat just enough to sustain our life.

LENTEN SCHEDULE: Please see the attached flyer for all the Lenten services leading up to Holy Week. Consider making time this Lent to partake of one of the many services that the Church has gifted us for this sacred time leading up to Pascha. Take time today to consider which services you and your family can commit to attending this Lenten Season.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY
PAN – ORTHODOX GREAT VESPERS



THE ORTHODOX CHURCHES OF THE MADISON AREA INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR THE FIFTH ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS SERVICE.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026 - 5:00 PM SAINT IGNATIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH 2124 SHAFER DRIVE, FITCHBURG, WISCONSIN

A PAN-ORTHODOX CHOIR WILL SING TOGETHER WITH THE CHANTERS, OFFERING A UNIFIED WITNESS OF THE ORTHODOX FAITH.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.



ALL FAITHFUL AND INQUIRERS ARE WARMLY WELCOME TO ATTEND.



URBAN AIR

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

7309 W Towne Way,
Madison WI 53719
Purchase tickets in
person or online



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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Help package and sort food
at the Second Harvest Food Pantry

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

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22 SLOTS AVAILABLE

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Journey to the Resurrection Assumption Greek Orthodox Church – Madison, WI



**Sunday, March 1: Sunday of Orthodoxy 8:30 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy
& 5:00 p.m. Pan-Orthodox Vespers at St. Ignatius**

Monday, March 2: 6:00 p.m. Great Compline

Wednesday, March 4: 5:30 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (Potluck to follow)

Friday, March 6: 6:00 p.m. 2nd Salutations to the Theotokos

Sunday, March 8: St. Gregory Palamas 8:30 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy -

Sunday, March 8: 5:00 p.m. Vespers of Contrition at Assumption

Monday, March 9: 6:00 p.m. Great Compline

Wednesday, March 11: 5:30 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (Potluck to follow)

Friday, March 13: 6:00 p.m. 3rd Salutations to the Theotokos

Sunday, March 15: Veneration of the Holy Cross 8:30 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy

Monday, March 16: 6:00 p.m. Great Compline

Wednesday, March 18: 5:30 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (Potluck to follow)

Friday, March 20: 6:00 p.m. 4th Salutations to the Theotokos

Sunday, March 22: St. John Climacus 8:30 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy

Monday, March 23: 6:00 p.m. Great Compline

Wednesday, March 25: Annunciation of the Theotokos 8:30

**a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy & 6:00 p.m. Small Compline
with the Great Canon**

Friday, March 27: 6:00 p.m. Akathist to the Theotokos

Sunday, March 29: 8:30 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy - St. Mary of Egypt



TRIVIA NIGHT



**MARCH
12TH**

6:00PM - 9:00PM

Assumption Church Hall

Join us for an epic Trivia Night filled with
challenging questions and fellowship!
Please RSVP with Father or Zach



Spring Taverna Night

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church - Madison, WI

Saturday, May 16, 2026
A Mini Greek Festival Experience

Join us for an afternoon and evening of authentic Greek food, fellowship, and celebration!

Online Pre - Order "Dinner To Go"

Pre - packaged foods available for pickup the morning of May 16.
Gyro kits, frozen pastitsio, spanakopita & tiropita, and dessert packs available.

Pickups conclude before noon.

Walk - In Taverna Night

Held in the back parking lot with hot, ready - to - eat food and drinks.
Enjoy gyros, souvlaki dinners, vegetarian options, desserts, beer, wine, and soft drinks.

Come enjoy Greek hospitality, delicious food, and the joy of spring with us!

