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Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

Tuesday, July 21st
@ 6:05 PM

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PICNIC in The Park



FOODS - GAMES - FUN

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE LAST DAY CELEBRATION OF SUNDAY
SCHOOL AT THE PARK! BRING WITH YOU SOME FOOD AND
DRINKS AND ANY FIELD GAMES!

SUNDAY
17
MAY

MCDANIEL PARK
AT 2 PM - 5 PM
4806 MCDANIEL LN., MC FARLAND, WI 53558

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 & tziptita, and dessert packs available.

Pickups conclude before noon.

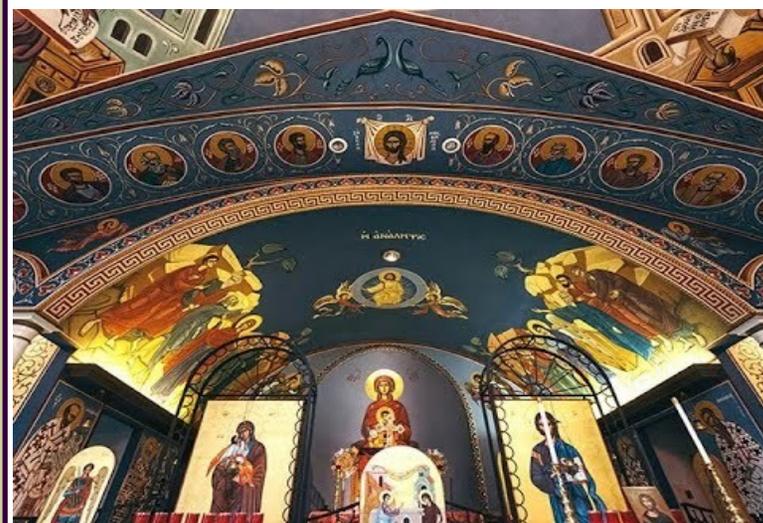
Walk-In Taverna Night

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!



Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin



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Sunday, March 22nd, 2026

**4th Sunday of Lent - Sunday of Saint John Climacus
Saints Kalliniki & Vassilisa the Martyrs**

Readings

Epistle: Hebrews 6: 13-20

Gospel: Mark 9: 17-31

Sunday School / Greek School / Coffee Hour

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Monday, March 23rd, 2026

Strict Fast Day

6:00 p.m.

Great Compline

Wednesday, March 18th, 2026

Fast Day (Fish Permitted)

Annunciation of the Theotokos

8:30 a.m.

Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m.

Small Compline with Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete

No Choir Practice

Friday, March 27th, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Akathis Service

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

CHURCH CLEANING FOR PASCHA: As we do every year in preparation for Holy Week & Pascha we will be asking all parishioners to come join us on Saturday, April 4th beginning at 11:00 a.m. to help us clean the church and polish our Holy items. Come help us beautify our church.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLY FRIDAY MORNING EPITAPHIOS SET UP: As every year Margo leads a group of dedicated people in setting up the Epitaphios with the beautiful flowers in anticipation of the Lamentation Service.

She is always looking for more people to train and help. It is important that we keep this glorious tradition alive so we can continue to have the tomb of our Lord in Splendor.

If you would like to help, please come on Friday, April 10th at 9:00 a.m. Any help is greatly appreciated.

PHILOTPCHOS TSOUREKI PASCHA SALE: Our Ladies Philoptochos Tsourekia (Greek Easter Bread) sale. Order your tsourekia for Pascha. \$14.00 each for a 1-pound round bread. Order by March 22nd

All Easter Breads (Tsourekia) ordered can be picked up from Holy Friday (April 10) through Easter (April 12). Your order will be labeled with your name, and it will be placed on a table near the choir practice area in the church's lower-level fellowship hall. Payment Options: The link below will take you to our secure payment processor for Credit/Debit Card Payments.

[Click here to pay electronically](#)

You can print the attached order form and mail with a check (made out to Philoptochos with Easter Bread in the memo section) to the Philoptochos Treasurer. Beth Fatsis, 1215 E. Johnson St Madison WI 53703

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Μάρκον ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ γονυπετῶν αὐτῷ καὶ λέγων· διδάσκαλε, ἤνεγκα τὸν υἱόν μου πρὸς σε, ἔχοντα πνεῦμα ἄλαλον. καὶ ὅπου ἂν αὐτὸν καταλάβῃ, ῥήσσει αὐτόν, καὶ ἀφρίζει καὶ τρίζει τοὺς ὀδόντας αὐτοῦ, καὶ ξηραίνεται· καὶ εἶπον τοῖς μαθηταῖς σου ἵνα αὐτὸ ἐκβάλωσι, καὶ οὐκ ἴσχυσαν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς αὐτῷ λέγει· ὦ γενεὰ ἄπιστος, ἕως πότε πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἔσομαι; ἕως πότε ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετε αὐτὸν πρὸς με. καὶ ἤνεγκαν αὐτὸν πρὸς αὐτόν. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν εὐθέως τὸ πνεῦμα ἐσπάραξεν αὐτόν, καὶ πεσὼν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐκυλίετο ἀφρίζων. καὶ ἐπηρώτησε τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ· πόσος χρόνος ἐστὶν ὡς τοῦτο γέγονεν αὐτῷ; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· παιδιόθεν. καὶ πολλάκις αὐτόν καὶ εἰς πῦρ ἔβαλε καὶ εἰς ὕδατα, ἵνα ἀπολέσῃ αὐτόν· ἀλλ' εἶ τι δύνασαι, βοήθησον ἡμῖν σπλαγχνισθεὶς ἐφ' ἡμᾶς. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ τὸ εἰ δύνασαι πιστεῦσαι, πάντα δυνατὰ τῷ πιστεύοντι. καὶ εὐθέως κράζας ὁ πατὴρ τοῦ παιδιοῦ μετὰ δακρῶν ἔλεγε· πιστεῦω, κύριε· βοήθει μου τῇ ἀπιστίᾳ. ἰδὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι ἐπισυντρέχει ὄχλος, ἐπέτιμήσε τῷ πνεύματι τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ λέγων αὐτῷ· τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἄλαλον καὶ κωφόν, ἐγὼ σοι ἐπιτάσσω, ἐξελθε ἐξ αὐτοῦ καὶ μηκέτι εἰσέλθῃς εἰς αὐτόν. καὶ κράξαν καὶ πολλὰ σπαράξαν αὐτόν ἐξῆλθε, καὶ ἐγένετο ὡσεὶ νεκρός, ὥστε πολλοὺς λέγειν ὅτι ἀπέθανεν. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς κρατήσας αὐτόν τῆς χειρὸς ἤγειρεν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀνέστη. Καὶ εἰσελθόντα αὐτόν εἰς οἶκον οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτων αὐτόν κατ' ἰδίαν, ὅτι ἡμεῖς οὐκ ἠδυνήθημεν ἐκβαλεῖν αὐτό. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τοῦτο τὸ γένος ἐν οὐδενὶ δύναται ἐξελεθῆναι εἰ μὴ ἐν προσευχῇ καὶ νηστείᾳ. Καὶ ἐκεῖθεν ἐξεληθόντες παρεπορεύοντο διὰ τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ οὐκ ἠθέλεν ἵνα τις γνῶ· ἐδίδασκε γὰρ τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς ὅτι ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδίδοται εἰς χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων, καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀποκτανθεὶς τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται.

The reading is from the holy Gospel according to Mark

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

Resurrection Apoliticion

Ἦχος πλ δ

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγγνος, 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 Saint John Climacus

Ἦχος πλ δ

Ταῖς τῶν δακρύων σου ῥοαῖς, τῆς ἐρήμου τὸ ἄγονον ἐγεώργησας, καὶ τοῖς ἐκ βάθους στεναγμοῖς, εἰς ἑκατὸν τοὺς πόνους ἐκαρποφόρησας, καὶ γέγονας φωστὴρ, τῇ οἰκουμένη λάμπων τοῖς θαύμασιν, Ἰωάννη Πατὴρ ἡμῶν ὅσιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Mode Plagal of the Fourth

With the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O John, our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of 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 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, Ἴνα κράζω σοι. Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε..

Mode plagal of the Fourth

To thee, the Champion Leader, we thy flock dedicate a feast of victory and of thanksgiving, as ones rescued out of sufferings, O Theotokos. But as thou art one with might which is invincible, from all dangers that can be do thou deliver us, that we may cry to thee: Rejoice, thou Bride unwedded.

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

IF YOU CAN BELIEVE: In the Gospel lesson today the father whose sick child was brought for healing said to Jesus, "If you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." Now that was a very sad if; it was a misplaced if. The father placed that if against God's great power. "If you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." Jesus responded immediately, "Not if I can," He said, "but if you can. I have the compassion and the pity and the power to heal but do you have the ability to believe?" If only the father would believe, healing would be possible.

We can apply these words to ourselves. How often do we say: if Jesus can save me from the power of sin! No! He can save you from the power of sin if you can believe. If Jesus can deliver me from this temptation! No! He can deliver you from that temptation if you can believe. If Jesus can see me through the terrible crisis! No! He can see you through your terrible crisis if you can believe. The great if is not on God's side but on our side, on our ability to believe. This is the only limitation to God's power. That is the only if in the matter. The other side – God's side – is certain, absolutely certain. God has an everlasting love that did not stop even at the cross.

“. . . if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us. And Jesus said to him, If you can (believe)! All things are possible to him who believes!"

FROM THE CHURCH FATHER – FASTING IS NOT ENOUGH: Let no one believe that fasting alone is sufficient; for the Lord tells us by the mouth of the prophet, "The kind of fasting I want is this: Remove the chains of oppression and the yoke of injustice and let the oppressed go free." And then he continues, "Share your food with the hungry and open your homes to the homeless poor. Give clothes to those who have nothing to wear and do not refuse to help your own relative." (Isaiah 58:6-7) The Lord therefore blesses the fast which uplifts our hands in almsgiving before His eyes, which is joined to the love of our neighbor and founded on compassion. That which you deny yourself, give to another, so that by which your body is weakened, may nurture the body of your hungry neighbor. (*Saint Gregory*)

THE SACRED AND MOST HOLY BODY OF OUR LORD: The sacred and Most Holy Body of our Lord, when properly and worthily received, becomes a weapon for those who fight the good fight, it becomes the cause of returning back to God for those who went astray; it strengthens the sick, it delights the healthy, it heals illnesses, it preserves health; with the Holy Communion, it is easier to correct ourselves, to become more forbearing and more patient in the pains and the sorrow, more warm in love, more sensitive to knowledge, more willing to obedience, more sensitive and more responsive to the energy of the (divine) charismata. *Saint Nicodemus of Mt. Athos*

CHUCKLE: A priest, a minister and a guru sat discussing the best positions for prayer, while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is definitely the best way to pray," the priest said. "No," said the minister. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven." "You're both wrong," the guru said. "The most effective prayer position is lying down on the floor." The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Hey, fellas," he interrupted. "The best prayin' I ever did was when I was hangin' upside down from a telephone pole."

GIRLS NEEDED FOR MYRRH-BEARERS: We are in need of girls to serve as Myrrh-Bearing women on Holy Friday evening and Saturday evening Anastasi Service. If your daughters are interested, please see Fr. Christodoulos or Susu Akkawi. God Bless

APRIL EVENTS

LENT PERIOD LEADING UP TO PASCHA

APR LAZARUS RETREAT

04 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

APR NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

5 & 12 PALM SUNDAY & PASCHA

APR EASTER EGG HUNT

12 AFTER AGAPI SERVICES

APR ESCAPE ROOM EVENT

25 DETAILS COMING SOON

CHURCH CALENDAR /ΩΡΟΛΟΙΟΝ ΠΕΡΙΝ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ

**HOLY WEEK/PASCHA
ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΑΣΧΑ**
2026

SATURDAY OF LAZARUS/ΕΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ ΤΟΥ ΛΑΖΑΡΟΥ

April 4th, 2026
9:00 a.m. Orthos followed by Divine Liturgy
Ορθός και Θεία Αστρουπία

PALM SUNDAY/ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΒΑΙΩΝ

April 5th, 2026
8:30 a.m. Orthos/Ορθός
9:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Θεία Αστρουπία
6:00 p.m. Service of the Bridgroom/ Ακολούθια του Νυμφίου

GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY/ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ

April 6th, 2026
6:00 p.m. Service of the Bridegroom/ Ακολούθια του Νυμφίου

GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY/ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΡΙΤΗ

April 7th, 2026
6:00 p.m. Service of the Bridegroom/Ακολούθια του Νυμφίου

GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY/ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ

April 8th, 2026
3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Holy Unction/ Ακολούθια του Αγίου Ευγελίου
6:00 p.m. Orthos of Holy Thursday and Anointing with Holy Unction/
Ορθός της Μεγάλης Δεύτερης

GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY/ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ

April 9th, 2026
9:00 a.m. Vespers/ Divine Liturgy/ Εσπερινή Θεία Αστρουπία
6:00 p.m. The Passion of our Lord and the Reading of the 12 Gospels/
Ακολούθια των Φρικτών Παιθών του Κυρίου

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY/ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ

April 10th, 2026
8:00 a.m. Royal Hours/ Ακολούθια της Μεγάλης Ωρας
2:30 p.m. Apokathelosis/ Αποκαθάρσεις του Κυρίου
6:00 p.m. Lamentations Service/ Ακολούθια Τα Έγκωμια

GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY/ΜΕΓΑΛΟ ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ

April 11th, 2026
9:00 a.m. Vespers/ Divine Liturgy/ Εσπερινή Θεία Αστρουπία
11:00 p.m. Holy Resurrection Canon/
Τά Προκαταρκτικά Μεσονυκτικού της Αναστάσεως
Followed by Resurrection Service and Divine Liturgy/
Ορθός της Αναστάσεως και Θεία Αστρουπία

HOLY AND GREAT PASCHA/ ΑΤΙΟΝ ΠΑΣΧΑ

April 12th, 2026
10:30 a.m. Agape Vespers/ Μέγας Εσπερινός της Ανάτης
Followed by Kids Easter Egg Hunt

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA/SUNDAY OF THOMAS

April 19th, 2026
8:30 a.m. Orthos followed by the Divine Liturgy at 9:45 a.m.
Ορθός και Θεία Αστρουπία



Order Form for Greek Easter Breads (Tsourekia)

The price is \$14 for each 1-pound Round Bread

Orders are due by Sunday, March 22, 2026



Your Name _____

Email Address and/or Phone Number _____

Number of Breads Ordered _____ X \$14 = \$ _____

Payment Options:

- 1) The link below will take you to our secure payment processor for Credit/Debit Card Payments.

[Click here to pay electronically](#) or scan the QR code below to be taken to payment page.

- 2) You can mail your order form with a check (made out to *Philoptochos with Easter Bread* in the memo section) to the Philoptochos Treasurer.

Beth Fatsis
1215 E. Johnson St
Madison WI 53703

- 3) You can put your order form and your payment of cash or a check (made out to *Philoptochos with Easter Bread* in the memo section) in an envelope and place the envelope in the Philoptochos philanthropy basket in the church's exo-narthex.

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Your order will be labeled with your name, and it will be placed on a table near the choir practice area in the church's lower-level fellowship hall.

Please email Maria Papas Heide at maria.heide@wisc.edu or call her at (608) 772-5545 with any questions.

Scan QR code with your phone camera to be taken to payment link.



Scan to Pay

CLEAN OUR CHURCH FOR HOLY WEEK

Volunteers needed 8 AM to Noon

LAZARUS SATURDAY APRIL 4

Help us clean:

- Liturgical items
- Windows and floors
- Pews and Narthex.
- Chandelier and lamps



THANK YOU!



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

Palm Sunday DINNER

Join us!

Sunday April 5, 2026
after liturgy in the downstairs social hall

Also celebrating Greek
Independence Day!



Adults \$15
Children \$10

50/50 RAFFLE

Net proceeds of dinner
and raffle go to
humanitarian aid for
Greece and Cyprus

Menu:

- *Plaki (baked cod in tomato)*
- *Rice*
- *Greek Salad*
- *Skordalia (garlic-potato dip)*
- *Bread*
- *Desserts & Coffee*
- *Wine*

If you can't be at the
dinner and wish to donate
to the fundraiser, please
scan this QR code or
[CLICK HERE](#) for the
donation page.



Please
RSVP

RSVP by text or email to Beth Fatsis.
Indicate number of adult and child
meals. Payment not due until day of
event but we want an approximate
count of dinners. If you do not RSVP
we cannot guarantee a meal.

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