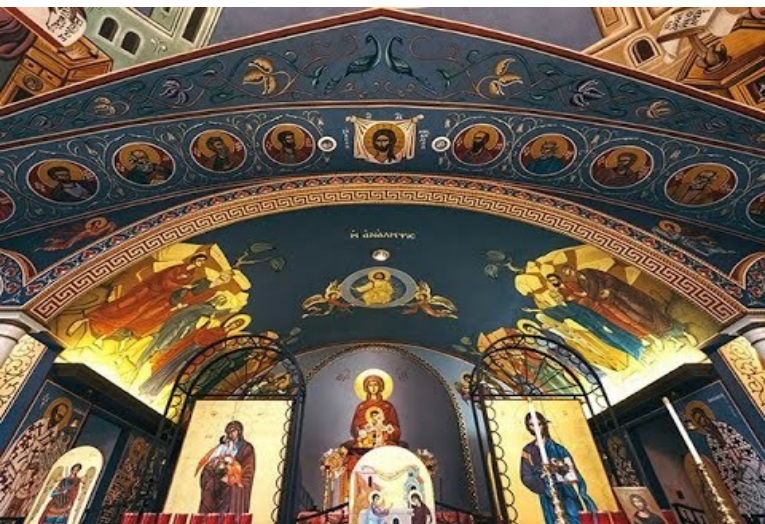


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**Assumption
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Tuesday, July 21st
@ 6:05 PM

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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WELCOME FORM



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to Fr. Chris or Zach

Sunday, April 5th, 2026

Palm Sunday – Jesus’ Triumphal entry into Jerusalem

Readings:

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel: John 12:1-18

Palm Sunday Dinner

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Monday, April 6th, 2026—Great and Holy Monday

6:00 p.m.

Service of the Bridegroom

Tuesday, April 7th, 2026 - Great and Holy Tuesday

6:00 p.m.

Service of the Bridegroom

Wednesday, April 8th, 2026 - Great and Holy Wednesday

3:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Holy Unction

6:00 p.m.

Orthros of Holy Thursday and Anointing with Holy Unction

Thursday, April 9th, 2026 - Great and Holy Thursday

9:00 a.m.

Vesperal Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m.

The Passion of our Lord and the Reading of the 12 Gospels

Friday, April 10th, 2026 - Great and Holy Friday

8:00 a.m.

Royal Hours

2:30 p.m.

Apokathelosis Service

6:00 p.m.

Lamentations Service

Saturday, April 11th, 2026 - Great and Holy Saturday

9:00 a.m.

Vesperal Divine Liturgy

11:00 p.m.

Holy Resurrection Canon Followed by Resurrection Service and Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 12th, 2026 - Great and Holy Pascha

10:30 a.m.

Agape Vespers followed by Kids Easter Egg Hunt

Office closed Holy Friday until Bright Tuesday

PALM SUNDAY DINNER: Following Liturgy this morning we will have our annual Palm Sunday Dinner generously sponsored by our Ladies Philoptochos. Meals will be served to those with reservations first but there should be some available for walk-in purchases. Please join us!

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην

Πρὸ ἐξ ἡμερῶν τοῦ πάσχα ἦλθεν Ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Βηθανίαν, ὅπου ἦν Λάζαρος ὁ τεθνηκώς, ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐποίησαν οὖν αὐτῷ δεῖπνον ἐκεῖ, καὶ ἡ Μάρθα διηκόνει· ὁ δὲ Λάζαρος εἰς ἣν τῶν ἀνακειμένων σὺν αὐτῷ. ἡ οὖν Μαρία, λαβοῦσα λίτραν μύρου νάρδου πιστικῆς πολυτίμου, ἤλειψε τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ καὶ ἐξέμαξε ταῖς θριξίν αὐτῆς τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ· ἡ δὲ οἰκία ἐπληρώθη ἐκ τῆς ὀσμῆς τοῦ μύρου. λέγει οὖν εἰς ἐκ τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας Σίμωνος Ἰσκαριώτης, ὁ μέλλων αὐτὸν παραδιδόναι· διατί τοῦτο τὸ μῦρον οὐκ ἐπράθη τριακοσίων δηναρίων καὶ ἐδόθη πτωχοῖς; εἶπε δὲ τοῦτο οὐχ ὅτι περὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ἔμελεν αὐτῷ, ἀλλ' ὅτι κλέπτῃς ἦν, καὶ τὸ γλωσσόκομον εἶχε καὶ τὰ βαλλόμενα ἐβάσταζεν. εἶπεν οὖν ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἄφες αὐτήν, εἰς τὴν ἡμέραν τοῦ ἐνταφιασμοῦ μου τετήρηκεν αὐτό. τοὺς πτωχοὺς γὰρ πάντοτε ἔχετε μεθ' ἑαυτῶν, ἐμὲ δὲ οὐ πάντοτε ἔχετε.

Ἔγνω οὖν ὄχλος πολλὸς ἐκ τῶν Ἰουδαίων ὅτι ἐκεῖ ἐστὶ, καὶ ἦλθον οὐ διὰ τὸν Ἰησοῦν μόνον, ἀλλ' ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἴδωσιν ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐβουλεύσαντο δὲ οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἀποκτείνωσιν, ὅτι πολλοὶ δι' αὐτὸν ὑπήγον τῶν Ἰουδαίων καὶ ἐπίστευον εἰς τὸν Ἰησοῦν.

Τῇ ἐπαύριον ὄχλος πολλὸς ὁ ἐλθὼν εἰς τὴν ἑορτήν, ἀκούσαντες ὅτι ἔρχεται Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα, ἔλαβον τὰ βαῖα τῶν φοινίκων καὶ ἐξῆλθον εἰς ὑπάντησιν αὐτῷ, καὶ ἔκραζον· ὡσαννὰ, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου, ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. εὐρὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὀνάριον ἐκάθισεν ἐπ' αὐτό, καθὼς ἐστὶ γεγραμμένον· μὴ φοβοῦ, θύγατερ Σιών· ἰδοὺ ὁ βασιλεὺς σου ἔρχεται καθήμενος ἐπὶ πῶλον ὄνου. Ταῦτα δὲ οὐκ ἔγνωσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ τὸ πρῶτον, ἀλλ' ὅτε ἐδοξάσθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς, τότε ἐμνήσθησαν ὅτι ταῦτα ἦν ἐπ' αὐτῷ γεγραμμένα, καὶ ταῦτα ἐποίησαν αὐτῷ. Ἐμαρτύρει οὖν ὁ ὄχλος ὁ ὢν μετ' αὐτοῦ ὅτε τὸν Λάζαρον ἐφώνησεν ἐκ τοῦ μνημείου καὶ ἤγειρεν αὐτὸν ἐκ νεκρῶν. διὰ τοῦτο καὶ ὑπήνησεν αὐτῷ ὁ ὄχλος, ὅτι ἤκουσαν τοῦτο αὐτὸν πεποιηκέναι τὸ σημεῖον.

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel According to John

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazaros out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

Apolytikion of the Feast.

Ἦχος α΄.

Τὴν κοινὴν Ἀνάστασιν πρὸ τοῦ σοῦ Πάθους πιστούμενος, ἐκ νεκρῶν ἤγειρας τὸν Λάζαρον, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· ὅθεν καὶ ἡμεῖς ὡς οἱ Παῖδες, τὰ τῆς νίκης σύμβολα φέροντες, σοὶ τῷ Νικητῇ τοῦ θανάτου βοῶμεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Mode 1.

To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over death: “Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One, who comes in the name of the Lord.”

Apolytikion.

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Ἦχος δ΄.

Συνταφέντες σοι διὰ τοῦ Βαπτίσματος, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός ἡμῶν, τῆς ἀθανάτου ζωῆς ἠξιώθημεν τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου, καὶ ἀνυμνοῦντες κράζομεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Mode 4.

We were buried with You through Baptism, O Christ our God, and thus by Your Resurrection we have been granted immortal life, and extolling You we cry aloud, “Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One who comes in the name of the Lord.”

Kontakion

Ἦχος πλ. β΄. Αὐτόμελον.

Τῷ θρόνῳ ἐν οὐρανῷ, τῷ πάλῳ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἐποχοῦμενος Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, τῶν Ἀγγέλων τὴν αἴνεσιν, καὶ τῶν Παίδων ἀνύμνησιν προσεδέξω βοῶντων σοὶ· Εὐλογημένος εἶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος, τὸν Ἀδὰμ ἀνακαλέσασθαι.

Mode pl. 2. Automelon.

In heaven upon the throne, on earth upon the colt, * You were carried, O Christ our God; * and the praise of the Angels, and the hymns of the children, You received as they cried to You, * “Blessed are You, the One, who is coming to call Adam back again.”

The reading is from Paul’s letter to the Philippians

BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

FIRST BRIDEGROOM SERVICE TONIGHT: Join us tonight at 6 pm. for the first of three Bridegroom Services our Church offers us during this Holy Week.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: The Orthodox Church offers us many beautiful services this week to prepare us for the glorious Resurrection of Our Lord. Take a moment today to go over the calendar and consider which services you can partake of this week! Please consider how you can serve our community this Holy Week and Pascha. Several opportunities are listed below for you and your family to consider.

PASCHA DONATION LIST: Every year we have items in need of donation for our Lenten and Holy Week celebrations and decorations. Please see the attached flyer for a list of the needed items. You can do a complete donation of items or partial contribution for some of the larger items. **We thank everyone for the generosity they show every year.** Donations can be made by letting Fr. Christodoulos or one of the council members know or you can write in the memo of a check

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

GIRLS NEEDED FOR MYRRH-BEARERS: We are in need of girls to serve as Myrrh-Bearing women on Holy Friday evening (April 10th) and Saturday evening Anastasi Service (April 11th) . If your daughters are interested, please see Fr. Christodoulos or Susu Akkawi.

GOSPEL READERS FOR AGAPE VESPERS: During the service of Agape Vespers it is traditional to have the Gospel read in the different languages that make up our community. If you are able to read the Gospel in another language and would like to read during Agape Vespers please let Fr. Christodoulou know!

EASTER EGG HUNT: Following Agape Vespers on Sunday we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt for all of the children.

IT’S TAVERNA NIGHT: Assumption Greek Orthodox Church is having a mini-Greek fest this spring.

This new event, called “It’s Taverna Night” will be similar to our regular fall Greek Fest, only with a much more limited menu. In addition, we are introducing an online pre-order “dinner to go” model that is similar to the Philoptochos annual fall Baklava+ sale.

- Date: Saturday May 16, 2026
- The online go-order pickups will be 8am-noon.
- Mini-fest is 11am – 7pm

The flyer included here has all the FAQs about this event so please take a few minutes to read it. We are reaching out to ask for your assistance in VOLUNTEERING for a shift or two. We will need help with prep & setup on Thursday and Friday May 14-15, but especially on Saturday May 16th.

Please follow this [LINK TO THE VOLUNTEER FORM](#) to see the available shifts.

The website and online store is live now, see philomadison.org. Please take a look and share with your friends!

Thank you for your support, Greek Fest Committee

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

Menu:

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

50/50 RAFFLE

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

Please
RSVP

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.



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.

Beth: (608) 345-5070 or
Bfatsis1215@gmail.com

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Philoptochos Chapter

The walk-in food will be hot and ready-to-eat. We will also serve beer/wine/soft drinks like our regular Greek Fest.

Q: Will there be a bake sale down in the basement?

A: No.

Q: Will the parking lots be set up like our September Greek Fest?

A: All of the food and beverages for the walk-in orders (fest) will be in the back parking lot. The front lot will be reserved for handicapped parking only. No food tents will be in the front lot.

Q: Where will the TO-GO order customers pick up their food?

A: They will be directed to the basement to pick up their orders.

Q: How will this be marketed?

A: We will market to our parish, to our Greek Fest/Baklava+ email list, and through social media.

Q: How can I help?

A: We need volunteers to help with food prep in advance: Thursday & Friday May 14 & 15.

[This LINK will direct you to the volunteer page](#) where you can select shifts.

You can also scan this QR code with your phone to go to the volunteer page.



If you have any questions, please contact Telly or Beth Fatsis at bfatsis1215@gmail.com or (608) 512-5724 Telly or (608) 345-5070 Beth.



Save the date!

Saturday May 16, 2026

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church is having a mini-Greek Fest!

This event will be similar to our regular fall Greek Fest, only with a much more limited menu. In addition, we are introducing an online pre-order "dinner to go" model that is similar to the Philoptochos annual fall Baklava+ sale.

Q: Why are we doing this?

A: Our church relies on the proceeds of Greek Fest to fill budget gaps annually. If we have a rainout on Greek Fest weekend in September, this could have a great impact on our church's budget. Having an alternate event will help spread the risk. Also, the Greek Fest committee has discussed the implementation of some type of pre-order system to enhance our food sales. We wish to try this system with a small menu, outside of our regular Greek Fest.

Q: Will everything be pre-order?

A: No. There will be two components of the event: 1) online preorders packed to go and 2) walk-in orders for eating on church grounds ("Mini-Greek Fest").

Q: How will the pre-orders work?

A: Customers will go to our website philomadison.org, select their pre-packaged food items and pay in advance. The food will be prepared and packaged for them to take home. Baking/reheating instructions will be included. Those orders will be scheduled for pickup the morning of May 16. None of the pre-ordered food will be served hot. Preorders will be picked up downstairs in the church kitchen hall. There will be no other activities for customers happening in the church hall; we will be telling customers to pick up their online orders by noon so we can focus on the "Taverna Night" that starts outside in the afternoon.

Q: What is the Taverna Night?

A: This is a mini-Greek Fest which will be held on the afternoon/early evening of May 16th in the back parking lot of the church. The church building will not be open during the afternoon unless there is inclement weather.

Q: What kind of food will be served?

A: The focus will be on gyros as they are consistently a high seller at Greek Fest. Since this is our first year doing the pre-order, we are limiting the TO-GO items to gyros 4-pack kits, frozen pastitsio, frozen spanakopita & tiropita triangles, and limited dessert packs. For the WALK-IN ("Taverna Night") orders, we will sell individual gyros, souvlaki dinners, vegetarian plate, pre-boxed desserts.

PASCHA DONATIONS 2026

Jonquils or Daffodils for Sunday of the Holy Cross	\$150.00 – Donated
Bay Leaves/Daphne & Palms for Palm Sunday	\$500.00
Flowers for the Icon of the Nymphios	\$150.00
Holy Unction (candles, flour, oil)	\$50.00 – Donated
Stephani and Flowers for Stavromenon Holy Thursday	\$200.00
Items for Decorating the Epitaphios	\$100.00 – Donated
Rosewater for Holy Week	\$60.00 – Donated
Candle Cup Holders	\$150.00
Flowers for the Epitaphios	\$1,500.00 – Donated
Priests Resurrection Candle	\$300.00 – Donated
Flowers for the Narthex Resurrection Icon	\$125.00
Easter Lilly Plants for Church 5 needed at \$30.00 each	\$30.00 – 2 Donated

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 /ΩΡΟΛΟΓΙΟΝ ΙΕΡΩΝ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ

HOLY WEEK/PASCHA
ΜΕΤΑΛΗ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΑΣΧΑ
2026

SATURDAY OF LAZARUS/ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ ΤΟΥ ΛΑΖΑΡΟΥ

April 4th, 2026

9:00 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy
Ὁρθρος καὶ Θεία Λειτουργία

PALM SUNDAY/ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΒΑΙΩΝ

April 5th, 2026

8:30 a.m. Orthros/Ὁρθρος
9:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Θεία Λειτουργία
6:00 p.m. Service of the Bridegroom/ 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 Ευχέλαιου
6:00 p.m. Orthros of Holy Thursday and Anointing with Holy Unction/
Ὁρθρος της Μεγάλης Πέμπτης

GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY/ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ

April 9th, 2026

9:00 a.m. Vespers Divine Liturgy/ Εσπερινή Θεία Λειτουργία
6:00 p.m. The Passion of our Lord and the Reading of the 12 Gospels/
Ακολούθια των Φρικτών Παθίων του Κυρίου

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY/ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ

April 10th, 2026

8:00 a.m. Royal Hours/ Ακολούθια τις Μεγάλες Ὁρες
2:30 p.m. Apokathelosis/ Αποκαθήλωσις του Κυρίου
6:00 p.m. Lamentations Service/ Ακολούθια Τά Ἐγκόμια

GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY/ΜΕΓΑΛΟ ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ

April 11th, 2026

9:00 a.m. Vespers Divine Liturgy/ Εσπερινή Θεία Λειτουργία
11:00 p.m. Holy Resurrection Canon/
Τά Προκαταρκτικά Μεσονυκτικού της Αναστάσεως
Followed by Resurrection Service and Divine Liturgy/
Ὁρθρος της Αναστάσεως καὶ Θεία Λειτουργία

HOLY AND GREAT PASCHA/ ΑΙΤΙΟΝ ΠΑΣΧΑ

April 12th, 2026

10:30 a.m. Agape Vespers/ Μίσιγος Εσπερινός της Αγάπης
Followed by Kids Easter Egg Hunt

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA/SUNDAY OF THOMAS

April 19th, 2026

8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy at 9:45 a.m.
Ὁρθρος καὶ Θεία Λειτουργία