

GRADUATE SUNDAY REMINDER: Our parish will celebrate Graduate Sunday on Sunday, June 7th. All students graduating from High School, College, University or Post Graduate studies are asked to submit their names, school, honors and accomplishments to the church prior to Sunday, May 31st.

CHANTING CLASS: The first chanting class was well attended and we are pleased to remind everyone that lessons will continue every Monday night. We have decided to move class to **6:30p.m.** to better accommodate those wishing to attend. Please see Benny or Saed Akkawi with any questions.

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: Join us this Tuesday, May 12th for a social event at Madison's One Social Food Hall for a night of Trivia and fellowship. See the attached flyer for details.

TAVERNA NIGHT: Taverna Night is **THIS SATURDAY** ! We are still in need of volunteers to make this event a success. Please refer to the information below, the flyer for all the details. Take time this week to consider how **YOU** can contribute to the success of this event!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING: As we begin this new year, please consider making a Planned Gift to the Church. A Planned Gift is an opportunity to leave a legacy that strengthens the Church and supports its vital ministries and will leave an impact that will be felt for years to come. It may also give you substantial current tax benefits as well as estate tax benefits. If you are interested in finding out more about the many ways that the Church can be included in your will or estate planning, please contact a Parish Council Member.

EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL NEEDED FOR THE ALTAR: We are in need of Extra Virgin Olive Oil for the vigil lamps on the altar and iconostasi. If you would like to donate some please bring it to the church and give it to either Fr. Christodoulos or one of the Ushers during services.

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.

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 Antidoro 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).

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Sunday, May 10th, 2026
Χριστός Ανέστη - Christ is Risen!
Happy Mother's Day
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
Readings:

Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Sunday School/Coffee Hour/Greek School

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, March 12th, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Night at One Social Hall in Madison

Wednesday, May 13th, 2026

Strict Fast Day

7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Saturday, May 16th, 2026

Taverna Night!

Fr. Christodoulou's normal Office hours are: Tuesday - Friday

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

METROPOLITAN NATHANAEL VISITING US TODAY: We wish a very warm welcome to His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago this morning. It is always an honor to have him with us, especially during this most wonderful Paschal season!

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

PARISH OUTING TO THE MONASTERY: On Saturday, June 6th we will be doing a Parish Outing to the Saint John Chrysostom Monastery in Kenosha. We are hoping to have a bus available to take us so there will be a small cost to go to cover the expenses. So please save the date of June 6th and we will have more information next Week.

according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest?' I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

Apolytikion of the Feast.

Ἦχος δ

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Αναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχόμενοι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Fourth Mode

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples spoke to the Apostles triumphantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy unto the world.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς

Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Μεσοῦσης τῆς ἑορτῆς, διψῶσάν μου τὴν ψυχὴν, εὐσεβείας πότισοννάματα· ὅτι πᾶσι Σωτὴρ ἐβόησας· Ὁ διψῶν, ἐρχέσθω πρὸς με καὶ πινέτω. Ἡ πηγὴ τῆς ζωῆς, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of the Feast

Mode pl. 4.

O Lord, midway through the feast, give drink to my thirsty soul from the living waters of right belief. You, O Savior, proclaimed to everyone, "Let whoever is thirsty come to Me and drink." You are the fountain of life, O Christ our God. Glory to You!

Κοντάκιον τοῦ Πάσχα

Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητὴς, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγγόμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

Kontakion of Pascha.

Mode pl. 4

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one

AT THE WELL: The Samaritan woman Jesus met at the well probably was not there because she wanted to be. She was doing her chores, one of which was drawing water. She and her family needed water: drinking, cooking, cleaning and bathing all depending on it. But getting it – over and over perhaps several times a day, carrying heavy jugs – that was work.

We may have similar feelings about our relationship with God. No one would dispute the benefits of a healthy spiritual life; it is as basic as water. But we may believe that our relationship with God requires a lot of work. We may feel that our spiritual labors are heavy and tiresome. We may think that this burden rests entirely on our shoulders. When Jesus encounters the woman at the well, He speaks of a new sort of water: living water, water that quenches thirst permanently. The woman takes His word literally, hoping that this magical new water can spare her from one of her daily chores. She requests that Jesus give "**this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw**" (John 4:15).

The water Jesus speaks of quenches a thirst far more profound than what the woman suggests. Like the Samaritan woman, we spend much time and energy searching for something essential to give our lives meaning. Often we make mistakes in the process. Our Lord invites us to a simpler, more fulfilling way of quenching our thirst. He bids us to come and drink the water He brings. This water is offered not at a well where we must labor to haul it up and carry it home. In fact, this living water comes to us as a gift. For at Baptism God comes to dwell within us. The gift of Jesus to those who will receive it is "**in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life**" (John 4:14).

GOD COULDN'T BE EVERYWHERE, SO HE MADE MOTHERS!: The words of this venerable Jewish proverb have a special "ring" to them this morning. As it does annually on the second Sunday of May, our nation pauses today to honor the noble vocation of motherhood. The idea for Mother's Day is generally credited to Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, PA, who began her campaign for such an occasion in 1907, some two years after the death of her own mother. After writing thousands of letters urging others to assist her in this endeavor, Miss Jarvis finally realized her goal in 1914, when President Woodrow Wilson officially proclaimed the first national Mother's Day.

The duties of a mother are many and varied. Even in today's society, where women find themselves with more doors of opportunity opened to them, the task of raising children still falls largely on the shoulders of the mother in most families. A mother's responsibilities carry over into areas that go far beyond the physical care of their children. A mother is quite often the first TEACHER a child ever has, and no adult will have as much influence on a child as a mother during the early years of his or her life. Those first "lessons" will long be remembered. It is a mother who is called upon to teach her children about God and His Church. Who took the time to instruct us in how to pray? Wasn't it our mother? Who taught us, through WORD and EXAMPLE, the important difference between right and wrong? For most of us, "our mother" is the answer to that question as well.

Indeed, mothers are God's special helpers! For their care, concern and Orthodox Christian character, let us pause to give thanks to the Lord on this Mother's Day.

We want to wish our entire community of mothers a most blessed and Happy Mother's Day. May God send down His grace and love upon you all, and continue to illuminate you in this grandest of tasks.

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Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

Tuesday, July 21st

First Pitch: 6:05 PM - Gates Open One Hour Prior

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