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Sunday, May 3rd, 2026

**Χριστός Ανέστη - Christ is Risen!
Sunday of the Paralytic
Holy Martyrs Timothy and Maura
Readings:**

Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42

Gospel: John 5:1-15

Sunday School/Coffee Hour/Greek School

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Wednesday, May 6th, 2026

(Fast Day Fish Permitted)

7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Saturday, May 9th, 2026

Russian Mission

Fr. Christodoulou will be out of the office until Friday, May 7th, 2026

Memorial

Gus Margellos 9 days

May his Memory be Eternal!

FOLLOWING THE RESURRECTION LITURGY: And every service for 40 days until the Ascension of our Lord, the priest turns to the congregation and exclaims:

“Glory to His Third-Day Resurrection!”

Δόξα τῇ ἀγία αὐτοῦ τριμέρῳ ἐγέρσει!

and the congregation responds by saying:

“We bow down to His Third-Day Resurrection!”

Προσκυνοῦμεν αὐτοῦ τὴν τριήμερον ἔγερσιν!

Let us all remember these life-giving words at the conclusion of the Liturgy. Let us say them with feeling and strength for the 40-day period of the Resurrection as is the practice of our Holy Orthodox Church.

METROPOLITAN NATHANAEL JOINING US: His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago will be joining us for the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman on Sunday, May 10th. Normal Service times with Hierarchical Liturgy beginning at 9:45 a.m. Join us in welcoming his Eminence.

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: Beginning this Monday (May 4th) we will begin holding Byzantine Chanting lessons for all those interested in learning to chant. Class begins at 6 p.m.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἀνέβη ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα. Ἔστι δὲ ἐν τοῖς Ἱεροσολύμοις ἐπὶ τῇ προβατικῇ κολυμβήθρᾳ, ἡ ἐπιλεγομένη Ἑβραϊστὶ Βηθεσδά, πέντε στοᾶς ἔχουσα. ἐν ταύταις κατέκειτο πλῆθος πολὺ τῶν ἀσθενούντων, τυφλῶν, χωλῶν, ξηρῶν, ἐκδεχομένων τὴν τοῦ ὕδατος κίνησιν. ἄγγελος γὰρ κατὰ καιρὸν κατέβαινεν ἐν τῇ κολυμβήθρᾳ, καὶ ἐταράσσετο τὸ ὕδωρ· ὁ οὖν πρῶτος ἐμβὰς μετὰ τὴν ταραχὴν τοῦ ὕδατος ὑγιῆς ἐγένετο ὃς δὴποτε κατείχετο νοσήματι. ἦν δὲ τις ἄνθρωπος ἐκεῖ τριάκοντα καὶ ὀκτῶ ἔτη ἔχων ἐν τῇ ἀσθενείᾳ αὐτοῦ. τοῦτον ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς κατακείμενον, καὶ γνοὺς ὅτι πολὺν ἤδη χρόνον ἔχει, λέγει αὐτῷ· θέλεις ὑγιῆς γενέσθαι; ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῷ ὁ ἀσθενῶν· Κύριε, ἄνθρωπον οὐκ ἔχω, ἵνα ὅταν ταραχθῇ τὸ ὕδωρ, βάλῃ με εἰς τὴν κολυμβήθραν· ἐν ᾧ δὲ ἔρχομαι ἐγώ, ἄλλος πρὸ ἐμοῦ καταβαίνει. λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἔγειρε, ἄρον τὸν κράββατόν σου καὶ περιπάτει. καὶ εὐθέως ἐγένετο ὑγιῆς ὁ ἄνθρωπος, καὶ ἦρε τὸν κράβαττον αὐτοῦ καὶ περιπάτει. ἦν δὲ σάββατον ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ. ἔλεγον οὖν οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι τῷ θεοραπτύμενῳ· σάββατόν ἐστιν· οὐκ ἔξεστὶ σοὶ ἄραι τὸν κράβαττον. ἀπεκρίθη αὐτοῖς· ὁ ποιήσας με ὑγιῆ, ἐκείνός μοι εἶπεν· ἄρον τὸν κράβαττόν σου καὶ περιπάτει. ἠρώτησαν οὖν αὐτόν· τίς ἐστὶν ὁ ἄνθρωπος ὁ εἰπὼν σοὶ, ἄρον τὸν κράβατόν σου καὶ περιπάτει; ὁ δὲ ἰαθεὶς οὐκ ᾔδει τίς ἐστίν· ὁ γὰρ Ἰησοῦς ἐξένευσεν ὄχλον ὄντος ἐν τῷ τόπῳ. μετὰ ταῦτα εὕρισκει αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἴδε ὑγιῆς γεγονός· μηκέτι ἀμάρτανε, ἵνα μὴ χειρόν σοὶ τι γένηται. ἀπήλθεν ὁ ἄνθρωπος καὶ ἀνήγγειλε τοῖς Ἰουδαίοις ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ἐστὶν ὁ ποιήσας αὐτόν ὑγιῆ.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.' "They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

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).

Apolytikion of the Feast.

Ἦχος γ

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἕδου 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

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 σοῖς 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 of Pascha

Ἦχος πλ δ

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

Mode Plagal of the 4th

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, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

THE HEALING HAND OF CHRIST: There were many facets to our Lord's earthly ministry. He taught in the temples and synagogues. He preached on mountain tops and along the shores and banks of popular bodies of water. He corrected and admonished sinners wherever He went.

The most distinctive mark and characteristic of Christ's ministry, however, was His power of **HEALING**. The Gospel accounts of the life of Jesus are filled with miraculous testimonies of His ability to, among other things; make the blind see, the crippled to walk and the mute speak! Those who came to our Lord were often thought to be “beyond help” by the medical community of that era. Still, those who approached Him with faith in their heart would depart from His presence as a “new person.” **RISE, TAKE UP YOUR BED, AND WALK!** How many must have been blessed and privileged to hear those wonderful words!

The **HEALING HAND OF CHRIST** is still extended to the faithful believers of today's Church. He is still the “physician of our body and soul.” Praying for the sick is very much a part of our Orthodox heritage. The words of the Letter of St. James aptly capture the Church's sentiment towards such things: **“Is anyone among you sick? He should call for the priests of the church and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil, calling on the Lord to heal him. And their prayer, if offered in faith, will heal him, for the Lord will make him well. And if his sickness was caused by some sin, the Lord will forgive him.”**

Christ is still at work in our present world! Some miracles may not be as outwardly impressive and noticeable as others, but His presence continues to be felt by those who believe in His Name. **CHRIST IS AMONG US!**

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: Join us next 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 fast approaching! 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!

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

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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!

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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.

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TUESDAY

MAY 12TH

ONE SOCIAL
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Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

Tuesday, July 21st

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