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Sunday, June 14th, 2026

2nd Sunday of Matthew

The Holy Prophet Eliseus (Elisha)

Saint Methodius the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople

Readings:

Epistle: Romans 2: 10-16

Gospel: Matthew 4: 18-23

Coffee Hour/ Greek Fest Planning Meeting

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, June 16th, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, June 20th, 2026

Russian Mission

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

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Memorials

Gerassimos Pagoulaulatos 2 years

Chrisoula Pagoulatos 7 years

May their Memory be Eternal!

GRADUATE SUNDAY: Today on Graduate Sunday we want to honor those students who have worked diligently these last years and have now graduated from 8th Grade, High School & College. As a parish we wish you many blessings on the next journey that they are beginning and they will always be in our prayers. We want to Congratulate: Matvey Nunoo and Norman Kelly who are graduating from 8th grade!

GREEK FEST PLANNING: The Greek Fest committee has been busy making preparations for our September Greek Fest+ event. There will be a planning/update meeting after liturgy on **TODAY**, in one of the rooms next to the downstairs social hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting! Greek Fest+ is Assumption's largest annual fundraiser, and will take place on Sat. Sept. 12, 2026. The fest has been a staple in the city of Madison for nearly 60 years. Hope to see you on June 14th!

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).

STEWARDSHIP NOTE: The 2026 Church Membership list is growing. However there are still many of our community, who have not made their financial commitment to the church. Remember church membership begins in January not when we paid last. If everyone would pay their membership on time and on a yearly basis, our parish would not need gimmicks such as raffles, picnics, etc. to raise funds to do God's work and preach His Word in this world. **YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOUR** – please pledge and pay your 2026 stewardship today!

Second Mode

A protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant: O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, δόξα δὲ καὶ τιμὴ καὶ εἰρήνη παντὶ τῷ ἐργαζομένῳ τὸ ἀγαθόν, Ἰουδαίῳ τε πρῶτον καὶ Ἑλληνι· οὐ γάρ ἐστι προσωποληψία παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ. ὅσοι γὰρ ἀνόμως ἤμαρτον, ἀνόμως καὶ ἀπολοῦνται· καὶ ὅσοι ἐν νόμῳ ἤμαρτον, διὰ νόμου κριθήσονται. οὐ γὰρ οἱ ἀκροαταὶ τοῦ νόμου δίκαιοι παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ, ἀλλ' οἱ ποιηταὶ τοῦ νόμου δικαιωθήσονται. ὅταν γὰρ ἔθνη τὰ μὴ νόμον ἔχοντα φύσει τὰ τοῦ νόμου ποιῇ, οὗτοι νόμον μὴ ἔχοντες ἐστίνοι εἰσι νόμος, οἵτινες ἐνδείκνυνται τὸ ἔργον τοῦ νόμου γραπτὸν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις αὐτῶν, συμμαρτυροῦσης αὐτῶν τῆς συνειδήσεως καὶ μεταξὺ ἀλλήλων τῶν λογισμῶν κατηγορούντων ἢ καὶ ἀπολογουμένων — ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ὅτε κρινεῖ ὁ Θεὸς τὰ κρυπτὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων κατὰ τὸ εὐαγγέλιόν μου διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, περιπατῶν παρὰ τὴν θάλασσαν τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶδε δύο ἀδελφούς, Σίμωνα τὸν λεγόμενον Πέτρον καὶ Ἀνδρέαν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, βάλλοντας ἀμίβληστρον εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν· ἦσαν γὰρ ἀλιεῖς· καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· δεῦτε ὀπίσω μου καὶ ποιήσω ὑμᾶς ἀλιεῖς ἀνθρώπων. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὰ δίκτυα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ προβάς ἐκεῖθεν εἶδεν ἄλλους δύο ἀδελφούς, Ἰάκωβον τὸν τοῦ Ζεβεδαίου καὶ Ἰωάννην τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ μετὰ Ζεβεδαίου τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτῶν καταρτίζοντας τὰ δίκτυα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκάλεσεν αὐτούς. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὸ πλοῖον καὶ τὸν πατέρα αὐτῶν ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ περιῆγεν ὅλην τὴν Γαλιλαίαν ὁ Ἰησοῦς διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρῦσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.

The reading is from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Resurrection Apolitikion

Ἦχος α

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν· διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοὶ ζωοδότα. Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οικονομίᾳ σου, μόνε φιλόνηπε.

First Mode

When the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life unto the world. For which cause the powers of heaven cried out to Thee, O Life giver: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Thy Kingdom. Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Friend of man.

For the Prophet

Ἦχος δ

Ὁ Ἐνσαρκος Ἄγγελος, τῶν Προφητῶν ἡ κρηπίς, ὁ δεῦτερος Πρόδρομος, τῆς παρουσίας Χριστοῦ, Ἠλίας ὁ ἐνδοξος, ἄνωθεν καταπέμψας, Ἐλισσαίῳ τὴν χάριν, νόσους ἀποδιώκει, καὶ λεπρούς καθαρίζει· διὸ καὶ τοῖς τιμῶσιν αὐτὸν βρῦεῖ ἰάματα.

Fourth Mode

The angel incarnate and the Prophets' pedestal, * the second Forerunner of the coming of Christ, Elias the glorious, * sent down to Elisha the divine grace from heaven. * He drives away diseases and he cleanses lepers. * Therefore he pours out healings to those who honor him.

For the Hierarch

Ἦχος δ

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξε σε τῇ ποιμνῇ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτίσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, πάτερ Ἱεράρχα Μεθόδιε· πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Fourth Mode

Arule of faith are you, and an icon of gentleness, and a teacher of self-control. And to your flock this was evident, by the truth of your life and deeds. You were humble and therefore you acquired exalted gifts, treasure in heaven for being poor. Father, holy hierarch Methodius, intercede with Christ our God, and entreat Him to save 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 β

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοὶ· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

OUR REAL PURPOSE: TO FOLLOW: Follow me! Our real purpose is not merely to believe in Jesus, to admire Him, to call Him wonderful names like LORD and MASTER, but to follow Him and bear fruit for Him. "Not he who says, 'Lord, Lord' (noun) will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does (verb) the will of my Father in heaven," said Jesus.

What people want more than anything else today is to experience meaning and belonging in their lives? The way to experience these is follow Jesus all the way.

Jesus speaks to each one of us personally through the Gospel lesson today. "Follow me," He says. I will not lead you to the dead-end streets of emptiness and despair but to complete fulfillment. "I came that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly." He said, "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

If you are looking for the way to forgiveness, Jesus is the way. Follow Him. "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us?" If you are looking for the way to peace, He is it, follow Him. "My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give..." If you are looking for the way to be really free, Jesus is the Way. Follow Him. "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Who is the truth but Jesus?

Do you really want to be different? Do you really want to be healed? Then take up your bed and walk. Stretch out your hand. Act. Get going. Launch out. Follow. The power will come as you follow.

FROM THE FATHERS: The work of prayer belongs to the angels, and is, therefore, the special concern of the Church. Every other work, i.e., charity, nursing the brethren, visiting the sick, caring for prisoners, releasing captives, and other similar things, is done by the brethren in love and offered by them to God. Similarly, poverty, fasting, sleeping on the ground, prostrations, vigils, etc., are good and like a sacrifice to God, because they aim to subdue and humble the body so that we may be purified and approach God and become friends of God -- yet these things do not present us directly to God, whereas prayer does so and unites us with Him. A person praying acts towards God like a friend -- conversing, confiding, requesting -- and through this becomes one with our Maker Himself. -- St. Symeon of Thessalonica

THE FULFILLMENT OF JACOB'S DREAM: Jesus said in the Gospel of St. John, "Truly, truly, I say unto you, hereafter you shall see heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man (1:51)." With these words Jesus recalls Jacob's dream of the ladder and tells His disciples that they are about to see the ancient dream fulfilled before their very eyes -- in the Son of Man; for Christ Himself is the ladder, linking heaven and earth.

Christ's coming into the world marks the opening of heaven. He came down the ladder from heaven and ever since then heaven has remained open. As the ladder, Jesus is the only way to communion with the Father and the Holy Spirit. There is a constant stream of traffic on that ladder. Those angels ever going up and coming down are our prayers. Up to gain help and inspiration -- down to bring a little bit of heaven, a breath of godly air into this world of struggling humanity. "Prayer," writes St. John of the Ladder, "is a continuous ascension to heaven." We may add, so is the liturgy and the reading of God's word -- a continuous ascension to where God is.



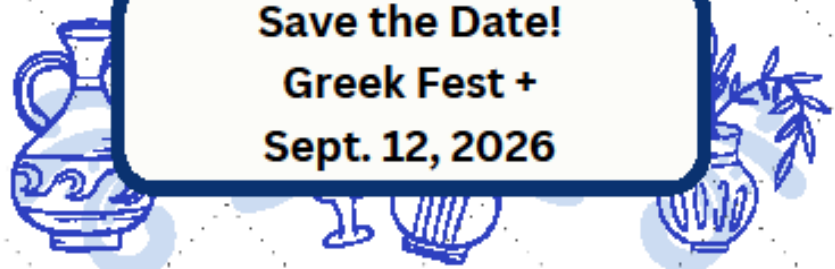
A BIG thank you to all who volunteered at our new Mini Greek Fest! Since this was a new event for Assumption, we didn't have our systems totally ironed out, but everyone pulled together to make it a success.

We appreciate everyone who gave of their time!

Also, thank you to all who supported the online store, attended the fest, and helped spread the word on social media. This went from an idea to fruition in less than 6 months and we couldn't have done it without you!

Telly and Beth Fatsis

Save the Date!
Greek Fest +
Sept. 12, 2026



Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

Tuesday, July 21st

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

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All bags larger than 4.5 x 6.5 must be CLEAR



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