

SPIRITUAL IN SIGHT:

WHEN physical recreation means more to you than spiritual re-creation,
WHEN entertainment means more to you than God's Word,
WHEN worldly things mean more to you than worshipping,
WHEN physical food means more to you than spiritual food,
WHEN the praises of others means more to you than the prayers of God's children,
WHEN the will of your spouse means more to you than the will of the Saviour,
WHEN the pressure of your peer group mean more to you than the will of God,
WHEN the pittance of Satan means more to you than the promise of Scripture,
WHEN the fellowship of belonging means more to you than the fellowship of believing,
WHEN the quest of things means more to you than the quest of God,
WHEN the applause of sinners means more to you than the approval of saints,

YOUR CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE IN LIFE IS SUSPECT!

WHEN YOU AND YOUR CHILD COME TO CHURCH: Summer is an excellent time to teach your child many of the important facts and beliefs about our Faith. It is also a time that you can demonstrate to them the correct way to behave and show reverence during services and proper behavior in the church building.

Entering the Church, the parent should explain why it is customary to light a candle. Jesus Christ is the "Light of the world" and we light candles to remind ourselves of the fact that He is the light by which we walk in this world. We first receive our lighted candle at baptism and we carry it throughout our life. The candle also illumines our path and shows us the way to salvation by Christ-The Light and the Holy Spirit.

When the parent kisses the Icon, and then lifts the child to do the same, we need to explain that this is the Orthodox way of greeting each other with a "Holy Kiss" as St. Paul instructs us to do. The meaning and importance of icons are an essential part of our Faith and centuries back Orthodox Christians defended icons with their lives.

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).

CHUCKLE: While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand-printed sign..."Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

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Sunday, June 28th, 2026

4th Sunday of Matthew

Finding of the Relics of Cyrus and John the Unmercenary

Saint Sergios the Magister

Saint Pappias the Martyr

Readings:

Epistle: Romans 6: 18-23

Gospel: Matthew 8: 5-13

Coffee Hour

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Saturday, July 4th, 2026

Russian Mission

Fr. Christodoulos will be out of the office the next week for the National Clergy Laity Conference

ASSUMPTION'S 75th ANNIVERSARY SAVE THE DATE 11-14-2026: As we prepare to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of our beloved parish, we invite everyone to participate in making this milestone truly memorable!

- **Share Your Memories:** Please submit any Assumption-related photos as soon as possible for inclusion in our anniversary celebration.
- **Become a Sponsor:** Personal and business sponsorships for our 75th Anniversary Gala are greatly appreciated and will help make this special event a success.
- **Watch Your Mailbox:** Official invitations for our 75th Anniversary Celebration will be mailed in September.

Thank you for helping us honor 75 years of faith, fellowship, and ministry at Assumption!

SOUVLAKI CUTTING & PREPARING: On Saturday, 11th our Greek Fest + Committee is in need of volunteers to help cut and prepare the Souvlakis for this Fall's Greek Fest +. If you are able to help join us on the 11th beginning at 9:00 a.m. downstairs in the Social Hall. We need everyone's help to make this another successful Greek Fest.

GREEK FEST + VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Dear AGOC Family, Our annual Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Greek Fest Plus will be here before we know it. We need everyone to step up and join the party! Please take a minute to complete this form: [CLICK HERE](#) with your availability.

If you can't open the link please contact Maria Molzahn or Beth Beth Fatsis. philomadison@gmail.com or bfatsis1215@gmail.com. Thank you!!!!

Maria and Beth

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God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἰσελθόντι τῷ Ἰησοῦ εἰς Καπερναοὺμ προσῆλθεν αὐτῷ ἑκατόνταρχος παρακαλῶν αὐτὸν καὶ λέγων· Κύριε, ὁ παῖς μου βέβληται ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ παραλυτικός, δεινῶς βασανιζόμενος. καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἐγὼ ἐλθὼν θεραπεύσω αὐτόν. καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ ἑκατόνταρχος ἔφη· Κύριε, οὐκ εἰμι ἰκανὸς ἵνα μου ὑπὸ τὴν στέγην εἰσέλθῃς· ἀλλὰ μόνον εἰπέ λόγῳ, καὶ ἰαθήσεται ὁ παῖς μου. καὶ γὰρ ἐγὼ ἄνθρωπός εἰμι ὑπὸ ἐξουσίαν, ἔχων ὑπ' ἑμαυτὸν στρατιώτας, καὶ λέγω τούτῳ, πορεύθητι, καὶ πορεύεται, καὶ ἄλλῳ, ἔρχου, καὶ ἔρχεται, καὶ τῷ δούλῳ μου, ποιήσον τοῦτο, καὶ ποιεῖ. ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐθαύμασε καὶ εἶπε τοῖς ἀκολουθοῦσιν· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, οὐδὲ ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ τοσαύτην πίστιν εὔρον. λέγω δὲ ὑμῖν ὅτι πολλοὶ ἀπὸ ἀνατολῶν καὶ δυσμῶν ἤξουσι καὶ ἀνακλιθήσονται μετὰ Ἀβραάμ καὶ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ Ἰακώβ ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν, οἱ δὲ υἱοὶ τῆς βασιλείας ἐκβληθήσονται εἰς τὸ σκότος τὸ ἐξώτερον· ἐκεῖ ἔσται ὁ κλαυθμὸς καὶ ὁ βρυγμὸς τῶν ὀδόντων. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῷ ἑκατοντάρχῳ· ὕπαγε, καὶ ὡς ἐπίστευσας γεννηθήτω σοι. καὶ ἴαθη ὁ παῖς αὐτοῦ ἐν τῇ ᾠρᾷ ἐκείνῃ.

The reading is from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

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.

WELCOME: We are pleased that you worshipped with us today. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in our church hall, following worship. If you are new to the parish, or simply visiting, introduce yourself to our priest or to our greeters, so that they may introduce you to others. If you are interested in learning more about Orthodoxy please scan the flier to receive some information and a call from someone who can lead you in the right direction and answer any questions you may have,

Resurrection Dismissal Hymn

Ἦχος γ

Εὐφραინέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιᾶσθω 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 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 σοι. Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

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, ἐλευθερωθέντες ἀπὸ τῆς ἀμαρτίας ἐδουλώθητε τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ. ἀνθρώπινον λέγω διὰ τὴν ἀσθένειαν τῆς σαρκὸς ὑμῶν. ὡς περὶ γὰρ παρεστήσατε τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν δοῦλα τῇ ἀκαθαρσίᾳ καὶ τῇ ἀνομίᾳ εἰς τὴν ἀνομίαν, οὕτω νῦν παραστήσατε τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν δοῦλα τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ εἰς ἁγιασμόν. ὅτε γὰρ δοῦλοι ἦτε τῆς ἀμαρτίας, ἐλεύθεροι ἦτε τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ. τίνα οὖν καρπὸν εἶχετε τότε ἐφ' οἷς νῦν ἐπαισχύνεσθε; τὸ γὰρ τέλος ἐκείνων θάνατος. νυνὶ δὲ ἐλευθερωθέντες ἀπὸ τῆς ἀμαρτίας δουλωθέντες δὲ τῷ Θεῷ ἔχετε τὸν καρπὸν ὑμῶν εἰς ἁγιασμόν, τὸ δὲ τέλος ζωὴν αἰώνιον. τὰ γὰρ ὄψονα τῆς ἀμαρτίας θάνατος, τὸ δὲ χάρισμα τοῦ Θεοῦ ζωὴ αἰώνιος ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ τῷ Κυρίῳ ἡμῶν.

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of

TWO TRUMPETS OF CHRIST'S DIVINE TEACHINGS: It is fitting that our Holy Orthodox Church chooses to honor her two greatest Apostles on the same day, June 29th. Peter, whose missionary labors centered on winning converts from Judaism, is often referred to as the "rock" because of his strong, firm faith. It was Peter, who boldly proclaimed his belief that Jesus was "the Son of the living God" in response to Christ's direct question: "And who do you say I am?" Paul, who concentrated his ministry on taking the Gospel to the Gentiles – those who were not Jews – is commonly called the "chosen vessel" of Christ's Church. Paul, in his own words, "labored more than any other Apostle." Through his tireless preaching among the Gentiles, the early Church grew and expanded at a rapid rate.

It must be said, however, that both of these Apostles once fell woefully short of living up to the accolades they now receive. We might even consider them to have been dismal failures in their early years! Despite his boasting, Peter's faith was weak. Remember how he tried to walk on the sea as Christ did, only to sink when his fears overcame his faith? Who could ever forget the shameful way he thrice denied that he even knew who Jesus was? In his own youth, Paul had no intention of winning souls for Christ. On the contrary, we know that he aggressively persecuted those who professed to be Christians, personally being responsible for the arrest and conviction of many believers.

Saints Peter and Paul were both touched by the Lord and became changed men. They became totally committed to their divine commission. Nothing short of martyrdom was able to prevent them from carrying the message of the Saviour to all parts of the known world.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT: The year of 2026 has reached its half-way point and yet many parishioners still have not made a stewardship pledge to the church. It is only through your financial commitment that the work of Christ can be done in this world. It is only through your support and love of Jesus that will enable His Word to be heard. Make your pledge today and become a steward of Christ's Church. If you have already made a pledge, please make every effort to meet your financial obligation in a timely manner. Remember, without you, there is no Church!

CHURCH FATHERS SPEAK: Nothing so moves a sinner to repentance as eternity, and nothing is so useful to every Christian as remembrance and contemplation of eternity. Eternity restrains a man from sin, calms his passions, turns him from the world and all its vanity, makes his heart contrite, gives birth to tears of repentance, incites him to prayer, and works true sighing of the heart. Contemplation and remembrance of eternity can correct even the most depraved man.

–St. Tikhon

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Once again this year our Church will be electing a new Parish Council for the term of 2027-2028. It's not too early to start thinking about serving on the Parish Council. Four seats will be open for election. If you want to see improvements and changes in our church leadership, you need to get involved. Sitting on the sideline doesn't help our church win. You need to get into the game and work as a team to be victorious. A candidate must be a member in good standing for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election.

FOR PONDERING: Prayer is giving my worries to God and receiving His peace in return (Philippians 4:6-7). What an exchange!



Greek Fest+ 2026

September 12

Sat. 11 AM - 7 PM

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
11 N. Seventh St., Madison, WI
at E. Washington Ave. & N. Seventh St.

Enjoy music, dancing, church tours and delicious Greek favorites including gyros, fries, spanakopita, chicken souvlakia, baklava, loukoumades, beer and wine!

Don't miss our Bake Sale inside the church!



Prayers of the Heart

"For what is prayer? Prayer is the raising of the mind and heart to God—for praise and thanksgiving and beseeching Him for the good things necessary for soul and body. The essence of prayer, then, is the mental ascent to God from the heart. The mind stands in the heart consciously before the face of God, and, filled with proper and necessary reverence, it begins to pour out its heart before Him. This is prayer of the heart!"

Bishop Theophan the Recluse

The OCWA Prayer Chain has existed for many years. It is a way for us to pray for others knowing that our prayers will be magnified when all of us lift our hearts and our words up to God. We pray for those afflicted with illness, sorrow, and challenges of body and soul. We add prayers for physicians and caregivers and family members who heal and support, so that they may be comforted and guided by God. We also pray for those departed this life.

Our group of faithful prayer warriors can always use additional members. If you would like to join us, please email me at maryann.lindberg@gmail.com. You will be added to the chain but your email address will not be visible to others. Please send any prayer request to the same email, with the first name of the prayer recipient and a brief description of the prayer needed.

Taking a moment from your busy day to pray for someone in need is a source of calm and spiritual strengthening that would add purpose to your day.

All are welcome to join us!

"Oh, what great happiness and bliss, what exaltation it is to address oneself to the Eternal Father. Always, without fail, value this joy which has been accorded to you by God's infinite grace and do not forget it during your prayers; God, the angels and God's holy men listen to you."

Elder Joseph the Hesychast

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WELCOME FORM



Questions? Reach out
to Fr. Chris or Zach



Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

Tuesday, July 21st

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

[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)

Busch Light Duck Blind Reserved
Tables



All bags larger than 4.5 x 6.5
must be CLEAR



GAMEDAY LINKS

[Menu & Pictures](#)

[Parking Info](#)

The Duck Pond at Warner Park 2920 N Sherman Ave, Madison, WI 53704 608-246-4277

SAVE THE DATE!!

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Assumption Greek Orthodox Church is celebrating 75 years! Please join us for dinner, dancing and fellowship. Gather your family to reflect on our past and to look ahead to our future. More information can be found in the weekly bulletin and FYI - there you will find our BIG request for photos - old and new!

NOVEMBER 14, 5:30-10 PM

Madison Concourse Hotel
1 W. Dayton St. Madison WI

PLEASE SUBMIT PHOTOS FOR OUR 75TH CELEBRATION!

As we celebrate 75 years of faith, tradition, and community, we invite you to share your favorite photos from our parish's past to help us create a special 75th Anniversary presentation. **All photos should be related to Assumption Parish/Events/Celebrations. These can include:**

- Church Sacramental occasions
- Fellowship Hall events
- Choir
- Sunday School
- Dinner Dances
- Greek Fest
- Other Assumption organizations & events

Scanned photos may be emailed to Denise George Schultz twinjoys23@gmail.com. Printed photos may be dropped off in our Fellowship Hall - a labeled Collection Box will be on the bookcase, or they can be given directly to Margo Schmidt. Please place your photos in an envelope with your name on the back of each photo and the envelope, so they may be returned. We will include as many photos as possible. **FINAL DUE DATE FOR PHOTO SUBMISSIONS WILL BE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH.**

Sponsorship of Event:

We gratefully welcome sponsorships and donations from individuals and businesses to help keep ticket prices affordable and accessible for all. All donations (including memorial donations) will be listed in book form at the event. Sponsorship donations are currently being accepted by check. Please make checks payable to AGOC and indicate "75th Sponsorship" in the memo section.

Please save the date! Formal invitations for our 75th Anniversary Celebration will be sent this fall.