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Sunday, May 31st, 2026
The Sunday of All Saints

Theodotus, Bishop of Ancyra and Righteous Panagis Baisas

Readings:

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38

Coffee Hour

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Monday, June 8th, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Chanting Class

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

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

GRADUATE SUNDAY MOVED TO NEXT WEEK: Graduate Sunday has been moved to next week as we have received no submissions for kids graduating High School and college. We will still honor our 8th grade Sunday School graduates today.

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 **Sunday June 14**, 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!

PARISH OUTING TO THE MALLARD'S GAME, JULY 21st: Our parish is going to be having an outing to the Madison Mallards Game on Tuesday, July 21st first pitch is at 6:05 p.m. We will be in the reserved Duck Blind Section and we will have 2 options for tickets. Both are all you can eat and drink. The All you can eat with Soda is \$38 and the All you can eat with beer is \$48. Children 5 and under are free and do not need a ticket. I hope to see you all there. See Flier for more details and the link to purchase Tickets. [CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)

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!

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 Antidoron 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).

THOUGHT: Like perfume, success is to be sniffed, not taken internally.

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Κατὰ Ματθαῖον

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ μαθηταῖς· Πᾶς οὖν ὅστις ὁμολογήσει ἐν ἐμοὶ ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ὁμολογήσω καὶ ἐγὼ ἐν αὐτῷ ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ πατρὸς μου τοῦ ἐν οὐρανοῖς. ὅστις δ' ἂν ἀρνήσῃται με ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἀρνήσομαι αὐτὸν καὶ ἐγὼ ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ πατρὸς μου τοῦ ἐν οὐρανοῖς. Ὁ φιλῶν πατέρα ἢ μητέρα ὑπὲρ ἐμὲ οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος· καὶ ὁ φιλῶν υἱὸν ἢ θυγατέρα ὑπὲρ ἐμὲ οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος· καὶ ὃς οὐ λαμβάνει τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ καὶ ἀκολουθεῖ ὀπίσω μου, οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος. Τότε ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ Πέτρος εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἰδοὺ ἡμεῖς ἀφήκαμεν πάντα καὶ ἠκολουθήσαμεν σοι· τί ἄρα ἔσται ἡμῖν; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι ὑμεῖς οἱ ἀκολουθήσαντές μοι, ἐν τῇ παλιγγενεσίᾳ, ὅταν καθίσῃ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπὶ θρόνου δόξης αὐτοῦ, καθίσεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς ἐπὶ δώδεκα θρόνους κρινόντες τὰς δώδεκα φυλάς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. καὶ πᾶς ὃς ἀφῆκεν οἰκίαν ἢ ἀδελφοὺς ἢ ἀδελφὰς ἢ πατέρα ἢ μητέρα ἢ γυναῖκα ἢ τέκνα ἢ ἀγροὺς ἕνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός μου, ἑκατονταπλασίονα λήψεται καὶ ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσει. Πολλοὶ δὲ ἔσονται πρῶτοι ἔσχατοι καὶ ἔσχατοι πρῶτοι.

The Gospel According to Matthew

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundred-fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

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.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἦχος πλ δ

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγγνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Resurrection Apoliticion Mode Plagal of the Fourth

From the heights didst Thou come down, O Compassionate One. And Thou didst submit to three day burial that from the passions Thou might deliver us. O our Life and Resurrection, O Lord, glory be to Thee.

Τῶν Ἁγίων

Ἦχος δ'

Τῶν ἐν ὄλῳ τῷ κόσμῳ Μαρτύρων σου, ὡς πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον τὰ αἵματα, ἡ Ἐκκλησία σου στολισαμένη, δι' αὐτῶν βοᾷ σοι, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· Τῷ λαῷ σου τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου κατάπεμνον, εἰρήνην τῇ πολιτείᾳ σου δώρησαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

For the Saints. Fourth Mode

Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs who witnessed throughout the world, as though in purple and fine linen. Through them she cries to You, Christ our God, "Send down to Your people Your tender love, grant peace from above to Your commonwealth, and to our souls Your great mercy."

Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος πλ. δ'. Αὐτόμελον

Ἦς ἀπαρχὰς τῆς φύσεως, τῷ φυτουργῷ τῆς κτίσεως, ἡ οἰκουμένη προσφέρει σοι Κύριε, τοὺς θεοφόρους Μάρτυρας· ταῖς αὐτῶν ἰκεσίαις, ἐν εἰρήνῃ βαθεῖα, τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν σου, διὰ τῆς Θεοτόκου συντήρησον, πολυέλεε.

Kontakion

Mode pl. 4. Automelon

O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr Saints, as being nature's first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in a state of profoundest peace, through the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους

Ἀδελφοί, οἱ Ἅγιοι πάντες διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναιμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἔκλιναν ἀλλοτρίων. Ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεζόμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπίρσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον· περιήλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι - ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος - ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσιν καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὄπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες, μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως, οὐκ ἔκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσιν. Τοιγαροῦν καὶ ἡμεῖς, τοσοῦτον ἔχοντες περικείμενον ἡμῖν νέφος μαρτύρων, ὄγκον ἀποθέμενοι πάντα καὶ τὴν εὐπερίστατον ἀμαρτίαν, δι' ὑπομονῆς τρέχωμεν τὸν προκείμενον ἡμῖν ἀγῶνα, ἀφορῶντες εἰς τὸν τῆς πίστεως ἀρχηγὸν καὶ τελειωτὴν Ἰησοῦν.

FAST FOR THE HOLY APOSTLES: The Fast for the Holy Apostles is one of the four major Fasts in the Orthodox Church. The date and length of the Fast varies each year and depends on the date of Pascha (Easter). The Fast always begins the day after All Saints Day and ends on the Feast Day of the Commemoration of the Holy Apostles, June 30th. This year the Fast begins tomorrow, Monday, June 8th. Let us all try and make the effort to fast and pray during this time period. Let us attend worship services, prepare ourselves to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Also, let our faith move us to do good works in the Name of Jesus Christ by visiting the sick and shut in, by clothing the naked, by feeding the poor and by offering a helping hand to all who are in need.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: The idea of observing All Saints' Sunday one week after the coming of the Holy Spirit is a striking one, for this day reveals the fruit or harvest of what happened on Pentecost. Out of weakness men, women, and children were made strong in faith, enabling them to endure all things for Christ.

Early Christians, witnessing the sufferings and saintly lives of followers of the Lord, felt that their memories should be perpetuated. And that their intercession should be called upon for those struggling in the Christian life against temptation. Also, annual commemoration was made with services over the graves of the martyrs who suffered and died for Christ. Could anything less than this be done?

And so the Church began to assign days for the commemoration of saints. With the passing centuries, the calendar became full of saint days, and in fact, more than one saint is commemorated on practically every day of the year.

In addition to these great heroes of the faith, the martyrs and hierarchs, monks and missionaries, who left bold traces of their dedication to the Christian cause, there were others, practically unknown who lived out their lives in the "WAY" of Christ. No wonder that the Church in her wisdom, set aside this Sunday for remembrance of All Saints. These are our heroes for emulation.

Apostle Paul reminds us that we are "compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses," and bids us to "lay aside every weight and sin that besets us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

SAINT OF THE DAY: The Holy Martyr Theodotus lived in Ancyra of Galatia in the third century. He was distinguished by his kindness and concern. At the height of the persecution under Diocletian (284-305) he provided Christians with everything they needed, and gave them shelter in his home. There they secretly celebrated church services. Saint Theodotus visited the Christian captives in prison, paid their bail, and reverently buried the bodies of martyrs who had been thrown to the wild beasts. Once he buried the bodies of seven holy women martyrs, who were drowned in the sea (May 18). This was reported to the governor.

After refusing to offer sacrifice to idols, and denouncing the folly of paganism, Saint Theodotus confessed Christ as God, for which they subjected him to terrible tortures and beheaded him with a sword. They wanted to burn the holy martyr's body, but could not do so because of a storm which had arisen, so they gave his holy relics to a certain Christian for burial.

FROM THE FATHERS: In Christianity truth is not a philosophical concept nor is it a theory, a teaching, or a system, but rather, it is the living theanthropic hypostasis - the historical Jesus Christ (John 14:6). Before Christ men could only conjecture about the Truth since they did not possess it. With Christ as the incarnate divine Logos the eternally complete divine Truth enters into the world. For this reason the Gospel says: "Truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). – St. Justin Popovich

It's
Taverna
Night

**THANKS
YOU!**

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

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Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

Tuesday, July 21st

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