

SAINT PAISIOS TV SHOW WATCH CLASS: Many people within the Orthodox world have fallen in love with the Greek TV Series on the life of Saint Paisios. We have decided for our Adult Religious Education this upcoming year to stream on Thursday evening one episode a week with a small discussion to follow. We will start this following the Parish Feast Day. Watch the bulletin for more details. We will play the episodes downstairs in the Social Hall weekly at 6:00 p.m.

MOUNT ATHOS PILGRIMAGE: There has been a lot of interest by many of the men in the parish to visit and have a pilgrimage to the Holy Mountain. Fr. Christodoulos will be holding an informational meeting following Liturgy on Sunday, August 23rd during Coffee Hour in the Conference Room. This Pilgrimage will take place in 2027. All the details will be shared then. We are gauging the interest as the groups cannot be large and will likely involve happening a couple of times a year for a couple of years depending on the interest. Join us for more details.

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.

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,

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).

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.

PLEASE don't leave your weekly bulletin in the pew. Take it home with you and share the message and announcements, written here, with your family and friends. Thank You!

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin



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Sunday, August 9th, 2026
10th Sunday of Matthew
Saint Matthias the Apostle
Saint Constantine, Patriarch of Constantinople

Readings:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4: 9-16

Gospel: Matthew 17: 14-23

Coffee Hour

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Monday, August 10th, 2026

Strict Fast Day

6:00 p.m.

Small Paraklesis

7:00 p.m.

Byzantine Chanting Class

Tuesday, August 11th, 2026

Strict Fast Day

6:00 p.m.

Great Paraklesis

Wednesday, August 12th, 2026

Strict Fast Day

6:00 p.m.

Small Paraklesis

Thursday, August 13th, 2026

Strict Fast Day

6:00 p.m.

Great Paraklesis

Friday, August 14th, 2026

Strict Fast Day

6:00 p.m.

Great Vespers with Lamentation for the Dormition of the Theotokos

Saturday, August 8th, 2026

Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God

9:00 a.m.

Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy with Artoklassia

Fr. Christodoulos Office hours are: Tuesday - Friday

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Memorials

Souad Hanna 1 year

May her Memory be Eternal!

WELCOME TO HIS GRACE BISHOP DIONYSIOS: We would like to take a moment and welcome His Grace Bishop Dionysios of Zenopolis who is the Chancellor of the Holy Metropolis of Chicago. We are truly blessed to have him joining us for a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. Help us welcome him today.

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!

καλοῦμεν· ὡς περικαθάρματα τοῦ κόσμου ἐγενήθημεν, πάντων περίνημα ἕως ἄρτι. Οὐκ ἐντρέπων ὑμᾶς γράφω ταῦτα, ἀλλ' ὡς τέκνα μου ἀγαπητὰ νουθετῶ. ἐὰν γὰρ μυρίους παιδαγωγοὺς ἔχητε ἐν Χριστῷ, ἀλλ' οὐ πολλοὺς πατέρας· ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διὰ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου ἐγὼ ὑμᾶς ἐγέννησα. παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς, μιμηταί μου γίνεσθε.

The reading is from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις προσήλθεν τῷ Ἰησοῦ, γονυπετῶν αὐτὸν καὶ λέγων· Κύριε, ἐλέησόν μου τὸν υἱόν, ὅτι σελιηνιάζεται καὶ κακῶς πάσχει· πολλάκις γὰρ πίπτει εἰς τὸ πῦρ καὶ πολλάκις εἰς τὸ ὕδωρ. καὶ προσήνεγκα αὐτὸν τοῖς μαθηταῖς σου, καὶ οὐκ ἠδυνήθησαν αὐτὸν θεραπεῦσαι. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοὺς εἶπεν· ὦ γενεὰ ἄπιστος καὶ διεστραμμένη! ἕως πότε ἔσομαι μεθ' ὑμῶν; ἕως πότε ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετέ μοι αὐτὸν ὧδε. καὶ ἐπετίμησεν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοὺς, καὶ ἐξήλθεν ἀπ' αὐτοῦ τὸ δαιμόνιον καὶ ἐθεραπεύθη ὁ παῖς ἀπὸ τῆς ὥρας ἐκείνης. Τότε προσελθόντες οἱ μαθηταὶ τῷ Ἰησοῦ κατ' ἰδίαν εἶπον· διατί ἡμεῖς οὐκ ἠδυνήθημεν ἐκβαλεῖν αὐτό; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοὺς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· διὰ τὴν ἀπιστίαν ὑμῶν. ἀμὴν γὰρ λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐὰν ἔχητε πίστιν ὡς κόκκον σινάπεως, ἐρεῖτε τῷ ὄρει τοῦτο, μετὰβηθι ἐντεῦθεν ἐκεῖ, καὶ μεταβήσεται, καὶ οὐδὲν ἀδυνατήσῃ ὑμῖν. τοῦτο δὲ τὸ γένος οὐκ ἐκπορεύεται εἰ μὴ ἐν προσευχῇ καὶ νηστείᾳ. Ἀναστρεφομένων δὲ αὐτῶν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοὺς· μέλλει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδίδοσθαι εἰς χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἐγερθήσεται.

The reading is from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they abode in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."

Resurrection Dismissal Hymn

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 σοι ζωοδότα. Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οικονομίᾳ σου, μόνε φιλόφρονε.

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.

Hymn for the Transfiguration

Ἦχος βαρύς

Μετεμορφώθης ἐν τῷ ὄρει Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, δείξας τοῖς Μαθηταῖς σου τὴν δόξαν σου, καθὼς ἠδύνατο. Λάμπων καὶ ἡμῖν τοῖς ἁμαρτωλοῖς, τὸ φῶς σου τὸ ἄδιον, πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, φωτοδότα δόξα σοι.

Grave Mode

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You.

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 λυτρουμένη, 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 βαρύς

Ἐπὶ τοῦ ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ὡς ἐχώρουν οἱ Μαθηταί σου τὴν δόξαν σου, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἐθεάσαντο, ἵνα ὅταν σε ἴδωσι σταυρούμενον, τὸ μὲν πάθος νοήσωσιν ἐκούσιον, τῷ δὲ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ὅτι σὺ ὑπάρχεις ἀληθῶς, τοῦ Πατρὸς τὸ ἀπαύγασμα.

Grave Mode

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους Α΄ Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμᾶς τοὺς ἀποστόλους ἐσχάτους ἀπέδειξεν, ὡς ἐπιθανατίους, ὅτι θέατρον ἐγενήθημεν τῷ κόσμῳ, καὶ ἀγγέλους καὶ ἀνθρώπους. ἡμεῖς μωροὶ διὰ Χριστόν, ὑμεῖς δὲ φρόνιμοι ἐν Χριστῷ· ἡμεῖς ἀσθενεῖς, ὑμεῖς δὲ ἰσχυροί· ὑμεῖς ἐνδοξοὶ, ἡμεῖς δὲ ἄτιμοι. ἄχρι τῆς ἄρτι ὥρας καὶ πεινῶμεν καὶ διψῶμεν καὶ γυμνητεύομεν καὶ κολαφίζομεθα καὶ ἀστατοῦμεν καὶ κοπιῶμεν ἐργαζόμενοι ταῖς ἰδίαις χερσὶ· λοιδορούμενοι εὐλογοῦμεν, διωκόμενοι ἀνεχόμεθα, βλασφημούμενοι παρα-

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!

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

SUMMER CHURCH ATTENDANCE: Sunday School children and their parents are reminded to faithfully attend the Liturgy throughout the summer months. Some of our children are of the opinion that when Sunday classes terminated so did the Liturgy. St. Paul reminds us of the importance to pray without ceasing which includes every day of the year. See you in church!

THE DORMITION OF OUR LADY THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VERGIN

MARY – AUGUST 15: One of the most loved feasts of The Festal Menaion is the Dormition or the Falling Asleep (Koimisis) of the Theotokos. As with most of the feast days honoring her, historical accounts of the event are based on non-Biblical material. Sacred Tradition has given us the following account of the death of the Theotokos. As time drew near for the Lord to draw unto Himself His earthly mother, He announced this to her through an angel three days beforehand. With haste Mary went to the Mount of Olives and there she engaged in fervent prayer. Returning home, she began preparations for her burial.

Meanwhile, as though by a miracle, all the Apostles, who were preaching in different parts of the world, returned to Jerusalem, with the exception of Thomas, and gathered at once at where Mary lived. Also present were the Apostle Paul, Timothy, Dionysios the Areopagite and Hierotheos. Revealing to them the reason for their strange meeting, she then consoled them in their sorrow.

The holy icon of the feast records the moment of her death: surrounded by the Holy Men, she commends her spirit into the hands of her Son and Lord. Then, she is taken by the Apostles to the Valley of Cedron, near Gethsemane, to a tomb that has been prepared for her. Heavenly voices could be heard accompanying them on the way.

When Thomas arrived later, he asked to be taken to make reverence to the Mother of God. Upon opening the tomb, it was found empty. The Church clearly contends that after her physical death, not only the soul but also the body of the Theotokos was taken to heaven. There, beyond time, she prays for and awaits the resurrection of each one of us. With this feast, the cycle of the life of the Theotokos is completed; the Church honors her with the deepest devotion for her life from birth to death as an example of ever-maturing love and obedience to God.

Celebrating being Greek for a Day for over 60 years!

GREEK FEST+

Sat. Sept 12, 2026

11am - 7pm

(Rain Date Sept. 13)

**Assumption Greek
Orthodox Church**

**11 N. Seventh St.
Madison 53704**

**Greek Food
Bake Sale & Cafe
Agora (market)
Church Tours
Multi-Ethnic Music
Beer-Wine-Soft Drinks**

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parking information, see: Madison-Greekfest.org

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WELCOME FORM



Questions? Reach out
to Fr. Chris or Zach

ΑΓΙΟΝ ΟΡΟΣ

A Guided Pilgrimage to Mount Athos

FIVE NIGHTS AS GUESTS OF AN ATHONITE MONASTERY
TEN CALENDAR DAYS
LED BY PROF. HARRY BOOSALIS, TH.D.

A FIVE-DAY GUIDED IMMERSION INTO ORTHODOX SPIRITUAL LIFE, AS special guests of one Athonite monastery in particular. These pilgrimages are educational, geared toward the theological and spiritual formation of each particular person. It is a unique experience of Orthodox spiritual life, with day trips to other Athonite monasteries.

Also included is a guided tour of the apostolic city of Thessaloniki, visiting its many beautiful Byzantine churches and holy relics. The pilgrimage requires ten total calendar days, including travel time. All hotels, lodging, transportation, tickets, and other travel costs and fees are covered. Meals and airfare are not included.

THE TEN DAYS

THESSALONIKI / DAYS 1-3

- 01 Depart the United States.
- 02 Arrive Thessaloniki, mid-afternoon. Venerate the relics of St. Demetrius and St. Gregory Palamas. Night at the hotel.
- 03 Guided tour of the Byzantine churches and holy relics of the city. Night at the hotel.

THE HOLY MOUNTAIN / DAYS 4-8

- 04 Depart for Mount Athos. Settle at the monastery.
- 05 The monastery. Optional day trip to Stavronikita.
- 06 The monastery. Optional day trip to Karyes, the capital of the Mountain: the icon of the Axion Estin and the church of the Protaton, and the skull of St. Andrew the Apostle at the Serai; then Koutloumousiou, a half-hour walk up to the hut of St. Paisios, and an hour's hike back through the woods.
- 07 The monastery. Optional day trip to Vatopedi.
- 08 Last full day. Optional day trip to Philotheou and Karakallou.

RETURN / DAYS 9-10

- 09 Leave the Holy Mountain in the morning; back in Thessaloniki near 5:00 p.m. Night at the hotel.
- 10 Depart for the United States, arriving the same day.

All five nights on the Holy Mountain are spent at the same monastery. Day trips are optional.

YOUR GUIDE



Dr. Harry Boosalis, Th.D.

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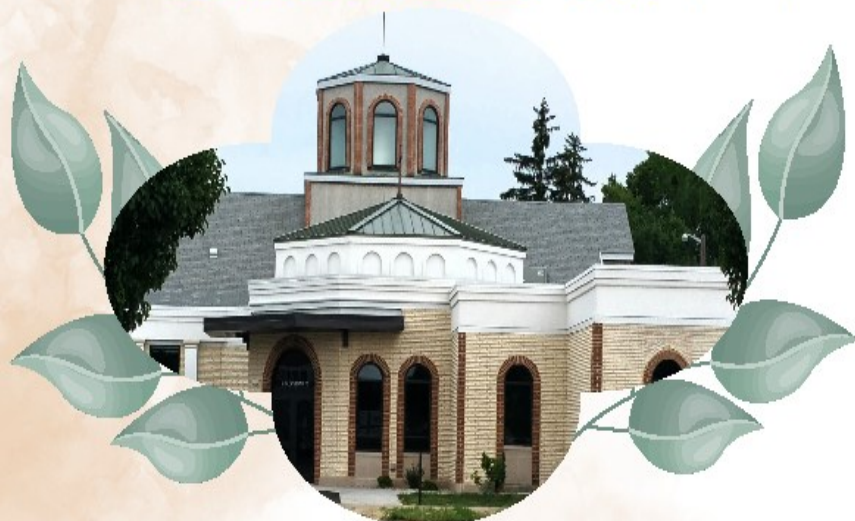
Born and raised at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church in Minneapolis, Dr. Boosalis took his M.Div. at Holy Cross and his doctorate at the University of Thessaloniki, writing on St. Silouan of Mount Athos. He taught at St. Tikhon's for twenty-eight years and published eight books with the seminary press, several translated into Greek, Romanian, and Portuguese. He lives in Thessaloniki.

THE GROUP

Limited to seven people per group, including priest or lay leader. Only a limited number of groups can be taken each year. Keeping the groups small leaves more opportunity for personal interaction with the monks.

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.