

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.

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.

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.

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.

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin



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Sunday, September 27th, 2026
Saint Kallistratos the Martyr & his 49 Companions

Readings:

Epistle: 2nd Corinthians 6:1-10

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Coffee Hour / Sunday School

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Sunday, September 27th, 2026

5:00 p.m.

Young Adult Campfire at Saint Ignatius.

Monday, September 28th, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Byzantine Chanting Lessons

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Thursday, October 1st, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Saint Paisios Series

Fr. Christodoulos Office hours are: Tuesday - Friday

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH:: On Sunday, October 4th following Divine Liturgy there will be a Special General Assembly downstairs in the Social Hall. We will be discussing and voting on the purchase of the House located at 17 n 7th St. It is important that we are all here so we can have quorum. Only those who are members in Good standing will be permitted to vote. So if you are behind in your stewardship please be up to date by Sunday next week. It is also still time for those who have not turned in there 2026 Stewardship forms.

ASSUMPTION'S 75th ANNIVERSARY 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

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!

St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐστὼς ὁ Ἰησοῦς παρὰ τὴν λίμνην Γεννησαρέτ, καὶ εἶδε δύο πλοῖα ἐστῶτα παρὰ τὴν λίμνην· οἱ δὲ ἁλιεῖς ἀποβάντες ἀπ' αὐτῶν ἀπέπλυναν τὰ δίκτυα. ἐμβὰς δὲ εἰς ἓν τῶν πλοίων, ὃ ἦν τοῦ Σίμωνος, ἠρώτησεν αὐτὸν ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς ἐπαναγαγεῖν ὀλίγον· καὶ καθίσας ἐδίδασκεν ἐκ τοῦ πλοίου τοὺς ὄχλους. ὥς δὲ ἐπαύσατο λαλῶν, εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Σίμωνα· ἐπανάγαγε εἰς τὸ βάθος καὶ χαλάσατε τὰ δίκτυα ὑμῶν εἰς ἄγρην. καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ Σίμων εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἐπιστάτα, δι' ὅλης τῆς νυκτὸς κοπιάσαντες οὐδὲν ἐλάβομεν· ἐπὶ δὲ τῷ ῥήματί σου χαλάσω τὸ δίκτυον. καὶ τοῦτο ποιήσαντες συνέκλεισαν πλῆθος ἰχθύων πολὺ· διερρήγνυτο δὲ τὸ δίκτυον αὐτῶν. καὶ κατένευσαν τοῖς μετόχοις τοῖς ἐν τῷ ἐτέρῳ πλοίῳ τοῦ ἐλθόντας συλλαβέσθαι αὐτοῖς· καὶ ἦλθον καὶ ἐπλησαν ἀμφοτέρω τὰ πλοῖα, ὥστε βυθίζεσθαι αὐτά. ἰδὼν δὲ Σίμων Πέτρος προσέπεσε τοῖς γόνασιν Ἰησοῦ λέγων· ἔξελθε ἀπ' ἐμοῦ, ὅτι ἀνὴρ ἁμαρτωλὸς εἰμι, Κύριε· θάμβος γάρ με περιέσχεν αὐτὸν καὶ πάντας τοὺς σὺν αὐτῷ ἐπὶ τῇ ἄγρᾳ τῶν ἰχθύων ἢ συνέλαβον, ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ Ἰάκωβον καὶ Ἰωάννην, υἱοὺς Ζεβεδαίου, οἱ ἦσαν κοινωνοὶ τῷ Σίμωνι. καὶ εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Σίμωνα ὁ Ἰησοῦς· μὴ φοβοῦ· ἀπὸ τοῦ νῦν ἀνθρώπους ἔσῃ ζωγρῶν. καὶ καταγαγόντες τὰ πλοῖα ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν, ἀφέντες ἅπαντα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ.

The Gospel According to Luke

At that time, as Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Resurrection Dismissal Hymn

Ἦχος πλ δ

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

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.

For the Martyrs

Ἦχος δ'

Οἱ Μάρτυρες σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτῶν, στεφάνους ἐκομίσαντο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· σχόντες γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλον, ἔθραυσαν καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτῶν ταῖς ἱκεσίαις, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Mode 4

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You * the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. * Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, 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, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Mode 2

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους β'

Ἀδελφοί, ὑμεῖς ἐστε ναὸς Θεοῦ ζῶντος, καθὼς εἶπεν ὁ θεός ὅτι Ἐνοικήσω ἐν αὐτοῖς, καὶ ἐμπεριπατήσω· καὶ ἔσομαι αὐτῶν θεός, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔσονται μοι λαός. Διὸ, Ἐξέλθετε ἐκ μέσου αὐτῶν καὶ ἀφορίσθητε, λέγει κύριος, καὶ ἀκαθάρτου μὴ ἅπτεσθε· καὶ γὰρ εἰσδέξομαι ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἔσομαι ὑμῖν εἰς πατέρα, καὶ ὑμεῖς ἔσεσθέ μοι εἰς υἱοὺς καὶ θυγατέρας, λέγει κύριος παντοκράτωρ. Ταύτας οὖν ἔχοντες τὰς ἐπαγγελίας, ἀγαπητοί, καθαρίσωμεν ἑαυτοὺς ἀπὸ παντὸς μολυσμοῦ σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος, ἐπιτελοῦντες ἀγιωσύνην ἐν φόβῳ θεοῦ.

FROM THE FATHERS: "Fortunate is the man who has come to have God as his helper and to have his hopes in Him alone. Let the Devil bear malice towards him, let all men persecute him and plot against him, let all his adversaries fight against him - he never fears anyone, because he has God as his helper. He remains always a victor, always glorified, always happy, always rich, always cheerful and joyful, even if he happens to fall into extreme poverty and into a great many adverse and grievous circumstances of this present life. For inasmuch as he hopes in Almighty God, he does not despair, he is not sorry, is not anxious, but expects help from Above. Fortunate, then, is such a man and worthy to be deemed happy, just as the Prophet-king David regards such a man as happy, saying: "Blessed is he whose helper is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God." Such were all the Prophets, the Apostles, the Martyrs, the Holy Ascetics and all the Saints from the beginning of time."

— *St. Nikephoros of Chios*

A POWERFUL TRANSFORMER: What a wonderful picture today's Gospel lesson paints for us. When Peter realized the wonderful miracle that had been wrought before his eyes, he fell down at Jesus' feet and prayed, "Depart from me, O Lord, for I am a sinful man." Christ then told Peter: "Do not be afraid. From henceforth you will be fisher of men." It was after this that Peter, along with James and John, left their work and homes and went to be the Lord's Apostles.

The important lesson here is this: Jesus can bring out the very best in people. The Lord can make you your best self. No one else and nothing else can accomplish this. Education will not make you your best self. Wealth will not bring out the best that is in you. Power and position does not bring forth the glory of man. ONLY JESUS CHRIST CAN! Jesus Christ can make you the finest man and woman that is in your power to become.

Before we can shine with our best joy, our best work, our best love, we must be exposed to the strong light of Christ's influence. "I am the light of the world," Jesus said, "he who follows Me does not walk in darkness..."

Peter shows us the process of baring ourselves to Christ. When Peter came to the realization of Who Christ was and who he was, he fell on his knees before the Lord in worship, and at the same time groveled in the dust because of his own sinfulness. When we do that, when we become aware of Christ's greatness and our smallness, of His holiness and our sinfulness, then we bring the light of Christ into our lives.

Has Christ influenced your life? Are you all you could be? Are you living up to your potential? LET HIS LIFE TOUCH YOURS.

FORGIVENESS IS... Mark Twain said, "Forgiveness is the fragrance that the flower leaves on the heel of the one who has crushed it."

Forgiveness is God hugging us, treating us not as we deserve but as He loves.

Forgiveness is not a feeling. It is a decision. It is a deliberate choice to love someone.

Forgiveness is accepting an apology.

Forgiveness is accepting a person as he is. It is letting go of judgments, leaving them to God.

Forgiveness is the attitude that is willing to understand and to take a person into full confidence again.

Forgiveness keeps the flow of love unbroken between God and us. Forgiveness is what every friendship needs frequently to keep it from breaking.

ASSUMPTION

SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES
2026-2027



SEPT

- Sun Sept 20th - First day of Sunday school

OCT

- Sun Oct 18th - Pumpkin Patch

NOV

- Sun Nov 8th - Chili Cook Off
- Fri Nov 13th - Artoklasia Night
- Sun Nov 29th - No Sunday school

DEC

- Sun Dec 6th - St. Nicholas Day
- Fri Dec 18th - Gingerbread Night
- Sun Dec 20th - Christmas Pageant
- Sun Dec 27th - No Sunday school

JAN

- Sun Jan 10th - Blessing of the Water in Monona
- Sun Jan 24th - Parish Winter Outing

FEB

- Sun Feb 7th - God Parent Day
- Sun Feb 21st - Parish Bowling Night

MAR

- Sat Mar 6th - Youth Outing
- Tue Mar 23rd - Urban Air Outing

APR

- Sun Apr 4th - Confession Sunday
- Sun Apr 18th - Confession Sunday
- Sat Apr 24th - Lazarus Retreat
- Sun Apr 25th - No Sunday school
- TBD - Fanari Lenten Retreat
- TBD - Second Harvest Volunteer

MAY

- Sun May 2nd - No Sunday school
- Sun May 2nd - Pascha Egg Hunt
- Sun May 23rd - Last day of Sunday school
- Sun May 23rd - Family Picnic

JUN

- Sun Jun 6th - Graduation Sunday
- Sat Jun 12th - Mini Golfing Outing

EVENT SCHEDULE

FALL 2026

SEPTEMBER
22
TUESDAY

Board Game Night

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Assumption Church Hall

OCTOBER
11
SUNDAY

Packers vs Bears Watch Party

3:00 PM
Assumption Church Hall

OCTOBER
26
MONDAY

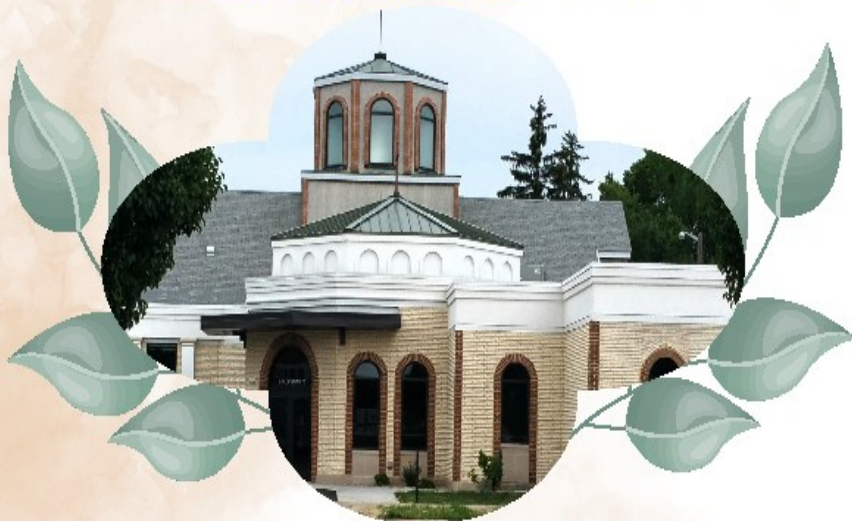
Trivia Night

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Assumption Church Hall

ASSUMPTION SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

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.



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- \$150 to \$249 Sponsor: _____
- \$50 to \$149 Sponsor: _____
- \$25 to \$49 Sponsor: _____
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- Custom Amount: \$ _____
- Payment Method: Checks only please.
- Make checks payable to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church with "75th Anniversary" in the memo line. Mail to:

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church 75th Anniversary Event
11 N. 7th Street
Madison WI 53704

Thank you! Your generous donation is very much appreciated and will be proudly acknowledged during our evening of celebration and fellowship.

2026 Parish outing to the Forward Madison FC



On Saturday, October 17th, we will have a Parish Outing to the Forward Madison FC Soccer Game vs Portland Heart of Pine FC with a 5:00 p.m. Kick-Off.

We have tickets available for the game and they will include entrance. The cost is \$25

To purchase tickets please contact Fr. Christodoulos through email frchristos@gmail.com or contact the church office.

Initially we have 30 tickets.

Join us for what is sure to be a great night of fun & fellowship.