

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.

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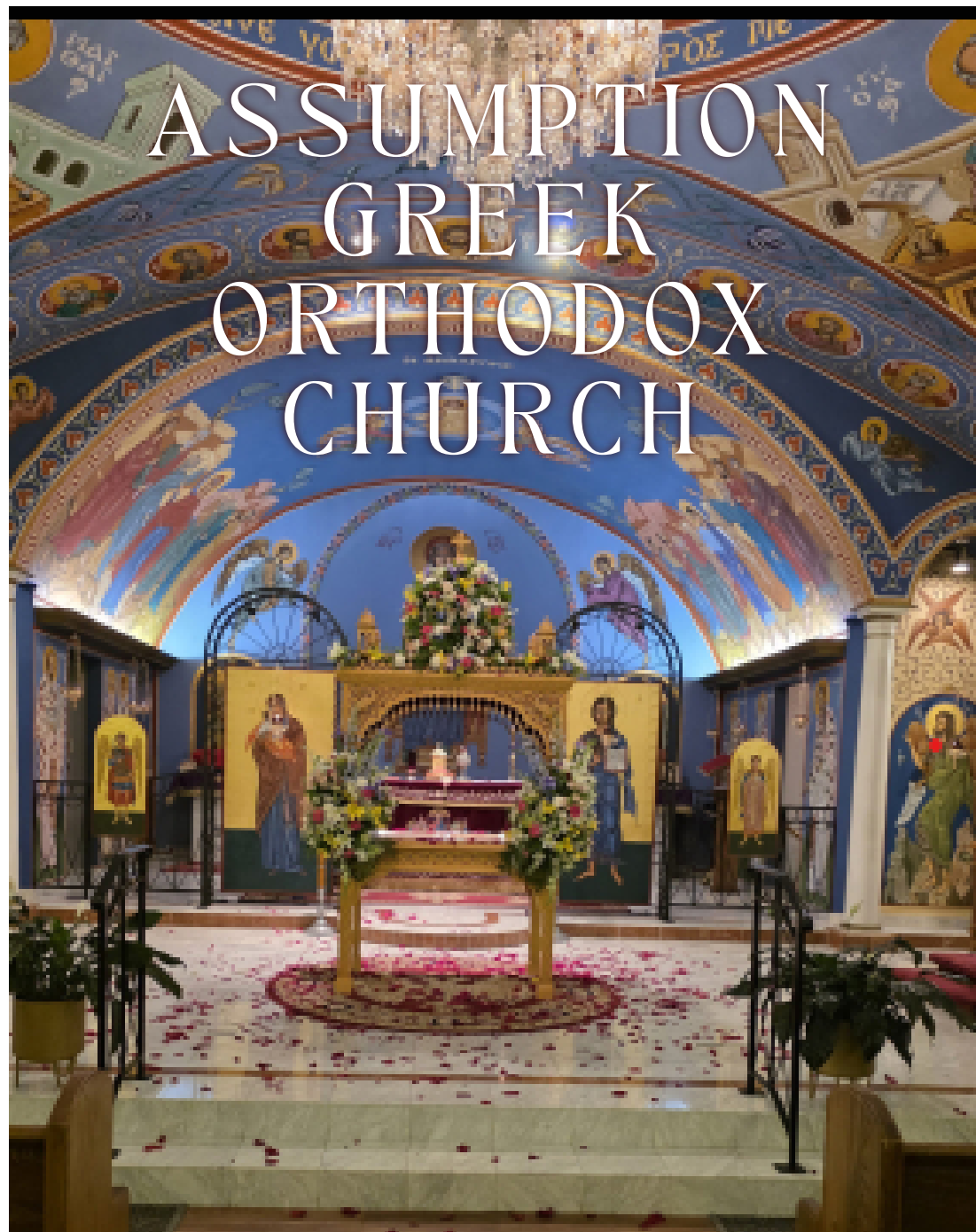


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ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



11 N. 7TH STREET
MADISON, WI 53704

Sunday, October 11th, 2026
Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
Saint Philip the Apostle of the 70, one of the 7 Deacons

Today's Scripture and Saints

Titus 3:8-15 Luke 8:5-15

Coffee Hour / Sunday School

Monday October 12th, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Byzantine Chanting Class

Wednesday, October 14th 2026

7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Thursday, October 15th, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Saint Paisios Series

Saturday, October 17th 2026

Russian Mission

Philothonos Baking Day

5:00 p.m.

Parish Outing - Forward Madison Soccer Game

Fr. Christodoulos Office hours are: Tuesday - Friday

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Memorial

Mary Bruce 3 Years

May her memory be eternal

75th ANNIVERSARY GALA NOVEMBER 14th: On Saturday, November 14th we will be gathering in celebration at the Concourse Hotel for our Parishes 75 Year Anniversary. It will be an evening of celebration, commemoration & looking forward to our future. Cocktails will begin at 5:30 p.m. with Dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. with Dancing to follow. The Cost is \$75 for adults and \$20 for children 10 & under, Help us kick off our next 75 years with a fun filled evening. Click Link [HERE](#) to purchase Tickets

PARISH OUTING TO FORWARD MADISON SOCCER GAME: Join us this Saturday at the Forward Madison Soccer Game and next Sunday (10.18.2026) for our Family Fall Outing to Enchanted Valley Acres Farm. Please see the attached flyers for more details on these fun events!

ALTAR BOY WORKSHOP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th: We are hosting a workshop for our current Altar Boy & for anyone wanting to join the ranks. We will be going over proper procedure and order for services and processions. Anyone who would like to join the Altar boys is Welcome but must be at least 8 years old. Come join our blessed tradition of serving God.

7th CHILI COOK OFF: Our 6th annual Chili Cook Off will be on Sunday, November 8th after church, during coffee hour. Families can bring their favorite chili recipe to share. Enter your vote to see who will win the golden koutala this year! Entrance fee is \$7 per adult, children 5 and under along with Veterans will eat for Free. All Proceeds will go towards Sunday School.

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.

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).

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.

Assumption Sunday School

FAMILY FALL OUTING

At Enchanted Valley Acers Farm
SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH, 2026 AT 2-5PM
5047 ENCHANTED VALLEY RD, CROSS PLAINS, WI 53528

PUMPKIN PATCH, CORN MAZE, APPLE CIDER, DONUTS AND DRINKS, AND FUN FALL ACTIVITIES!

THE 7th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: This council was convened by Emperor Constantine VI and his mother, Empress Irene the Athenian (780-802) at Nicea of Asia Minor (the same place as the First Ecumenical Council) in 787 AD. It was attended by 348 to 367 Fathers of the Church. Pope Adrian I of Rome (717-795) was also represented. The Council dealt with the Iconoclastic (down with the icons) Controversy. It started with Emperor Leo Isaurus (717-741) who in trying to stop the masses from worshipping the icons, issued a decree in 726 that they should be raised high up in the churches so that the people could not reach them. This decree was followed by a harsher one in 730 that the icons should be removed entirely from the churches. A violent reaction followed this decree. Champion of the friends of the icons was St. John of Damascus who, in defending the holy icons, quoted St. Basil who said that, “the honor which is given to the icon passes over to the prototype” i.e. the person represented by the icon. He also added that the icons help us, “to imitate their virtues and to glorify God”. According to St. John, the icons should serve as a monument to the acts of heroism of the Saints. He further stated that, this (veneration of the icons) is an unwritten tradition, much as the veneration of the Cross.

In the controversy countless works of art were deliberately destroyed by fire and very much blood was shed.The people were divided into friends of the icons (iconophiles) and foes of the icons (iconoclasts). Emperor Constantine Copronymus (741-775), who succeeded Leo Isaurus convened a pseudo-council against the icons which made the situation much worse. Finally the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787) allowed the people to use holy icons declaring that they should render to them only honor and not worship, which belongs only to God.

ARE WE BLOCKING OR SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS? “A sower went out to sow his seed.” Almost all of us know what we are going to hear when those words begin the gospel reading. The parable of the sower is one of the most familiar, and is one of the few for which Jesus gives an explanation.

Jesus Christ used parables as a device for making his message clear and understandable, not to obscure it. By taking examples from the everyday life of his listeners, He could effectively make his teaching an integral part of their lives. An agricultural people in a land of poor soil would easily understand that when sowing seed by throwing it around, a good deal would be lost, one way or another. But the farmer does not wait for everything to be perfect before he sows. He must get on with the job when has the chance. Similarly, if we wait for everything to be perfect in the life of the Church before we spread the message of salvation, then we are going to be waiting a long time. The good news is to be preached now, even in our own imperfect Church and society.

Early Christianity spread first to the cities of the ancient world, among people for whom agricultural imagery did not have the same resonance. The explanation of the parable in verses 11-15 of Luke 8 gives a more personal perspective; is the Word of God coming to fruition in us or are we blocking it?

The parable then is urging us to get moving. It is also reminding us to be aware of those things in us that get in the way of spreading the good news.

ASSUMPTION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 - Antokosia 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 - Foron 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

Resurrection Dismissal Hymn

Ἦχος β

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἄϊδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δέκαί τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἰδυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Second Mode

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nether world, all the powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

For the Fathers

Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Ὑπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς, τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν, πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὁδηγῆσας. Πολυεύσπλαγγνε δόξα σοι.

Mode pl. 4

Supremely glorified are You, O Christ our God, who established the holy Fathers on earth as beacons, and through them guided us all to the true Faith. Most compassionate Lord, glory be to You!

Hymn for the Dormition of the Theotokos

Ἦχος α

Ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει, τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας. Ἐν τῇ Κοιμῇσει, 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 β

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

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4TH ANNUAL METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO HCHC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mr. Constantine Zografopoulos

Executive Director of Z Life Builder

The Empress Banquets

ADDISON, IL

Thursday, November 5, 2026

6:00 PM COCKTAILS

7:00 PM DINNER

JOIN US AT OUR 4TH ANNUAL DINNER TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CHICAGO METROPOLIS STUDENTS ATTENDING HELLENIC COLLEGE HOLY CROSS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY



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RSVP BY OCTOBER 29, 2026

JOIN US FOR THE 6th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF, VETERANS RECOGNITION & FOOTBALL WATCH PARTY

On Sunday, November 8th, 2026 the Sunday School will host a chili cook-off in the Social Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy

Join us for a Variety of Chili, fixin's, sides, drinks & desserts - and chicken nuggets for the non-chili eaters! Help us raise money for the Sunday School!

- Interested in putting your chili to the test and winning the coveted Chili Champ Golden Koutalal? See Fr. Christodoulos if you are interested. We can accept up to 10 entries.
 - Want to come taste and vote? The cost is \$7.00 for adults and Veterans and kids 3 and under are free.
- Rules for Cooks
- Have a 6-quart Crock pot (minimum) with your chili ready to eat by 11:15 a.m. on November 8th.
 - On the front of your 5x8 index card, indicate what type you are entering and give it a heat rating (mild, medium, hot). DO NOT include your name.
 - On the back of the card list the ingredients (measurements not needed)
 - The Sunday School and Greek School will provide fixin's, (cheese, onions, jalapenos, sour cream, crackers, chips and hot Sauce), and tasting cups, spoons and bowls.
 - Winner will be determined by popular vote only—no judges—this is just for fun and fellowship!



Today's Scripture Readings:

Epistle Reading:

The reading is from Paul's Letter to Titus

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Gospel Reading:

The reading is from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

CHURCH FATHERS SPEAK: The Holy Scripture is the realm of Wisdom, Word and Spirit, of God in Trinity; in it He clearly manifests Himself: The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. In the Holy Scripture we see God face to face, and ourselves as we are. Man, know thyself through the scriptures, and walk always as in the presence of God. ---*St. John of Kronstadt*



EVENT SCHEDULE
FALL 2026

UPDATED DATE & TIME

OCTOBER 18 SUNDAY
7:00 PM
Packers Watch Party
Assumption Church Hall

OCTOBER 26 MONDAY
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Trivia Night
Assumption Church Hall

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ASSUMPTION VETERAN FELLOWSHIP

ALL VETS AND FAMILIES + ALL ERAS + ALL BRANCHES



This Veteran Fellowship Group is for all vets and military connected, inquirer to illumined.

Getting out can leave most of us feeling like we lost our sense of comradery and group oneness. This group will be designed to help our fellow service members both past and present with that.

Our goal is to rebuild that sense of fellowship through our shared Orthodox faith, prayer, service, and brotherhood. We will support one another through the challenges of military and civilian life, help connect veterans with available resources, and provide a place where veterans and their families can come together with others who understand.

SERVICE ENDS + BROTHERHOOD DOESN'T

*A fellowship for those who served, those still serving,
and the families who stood beside them.*

Come as you are.

OUR FELLOWSHIP

To welcome veterans and military families into parish life, strengthen our bonds across generations and branches of service, and encourage one another to live faithfully in Christ.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING?



Veterans, active-duty service members, reservists, National Guard members, and military families are invited. Come to a meeting, introduce yourself, and be part of the fellowship.

Name: _____
Date: _____
Status in the Church: _____
Patron Saint: _____
Phone & Email: _____
Address: _____

GALATIANS 6:2

*"Bear one another's
burdens, and so fulfill
the law of Christ."*

— Galatians 6:2 (OSB)

PRAYER TO THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

Holy Archangel Michael, commander of the heavenly hosts, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

For God + For Country + For Each Other



UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

Commander of the Bodiless Hosts

The Holy Archangel Michael has long been honored as a defender of the faithful and commander of the heavenly hosts. As the patron of this fellowship, his example reminds us of courage, duty, loyalty, and steadfastness in the service of God.

Holy Archangel Michael, intercede for us.

Possible events will be:

1. Assistance with applications for education benefits, medical benefits, and VA disability compensation, including C&P document prep work.
2. Monthly outings—see the bulletin or email for details.
3. Meals and coffee with each other.
4. Memorial and remembrance events.
5. Veteran and military outreach.
6. Motorcycle rides together.
7. Deep dives into the lives of military and civilian saints.



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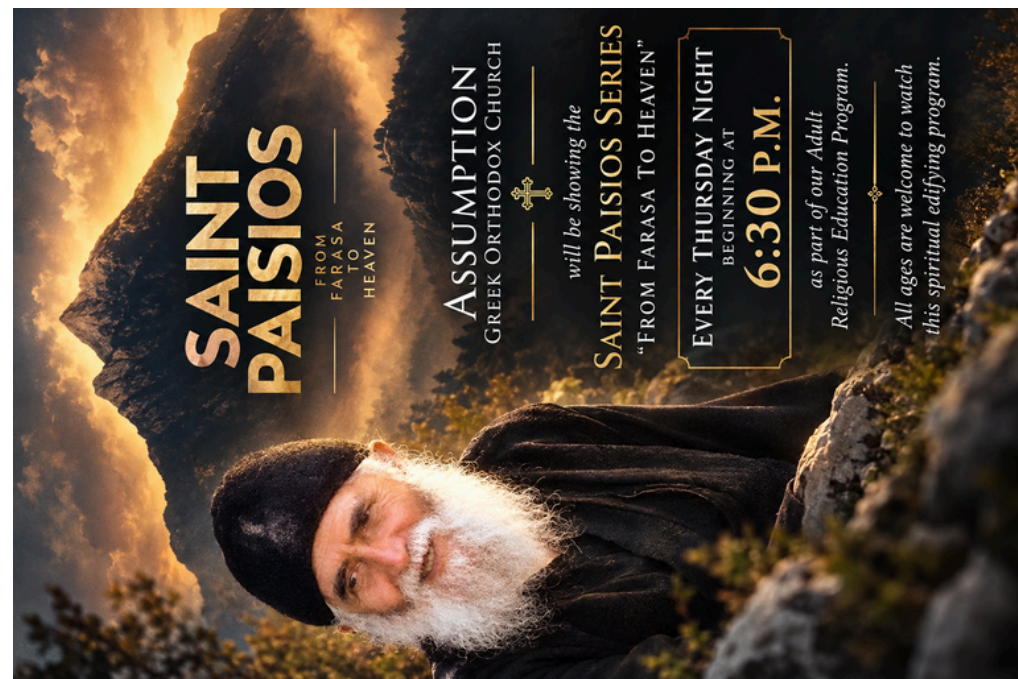
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THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2026

RECEPTION AT

THE MADISON CONCOURSE HOTEL
1 W. DAYTON STREET, MADISON, WISCONSIN

COCKTAILS 5:30 PM

DINNER 6:30 PM

DANCING 7:30-10:00 PM

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