

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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yourself!



Questions? Reach out to
Fr. Chris or Zach



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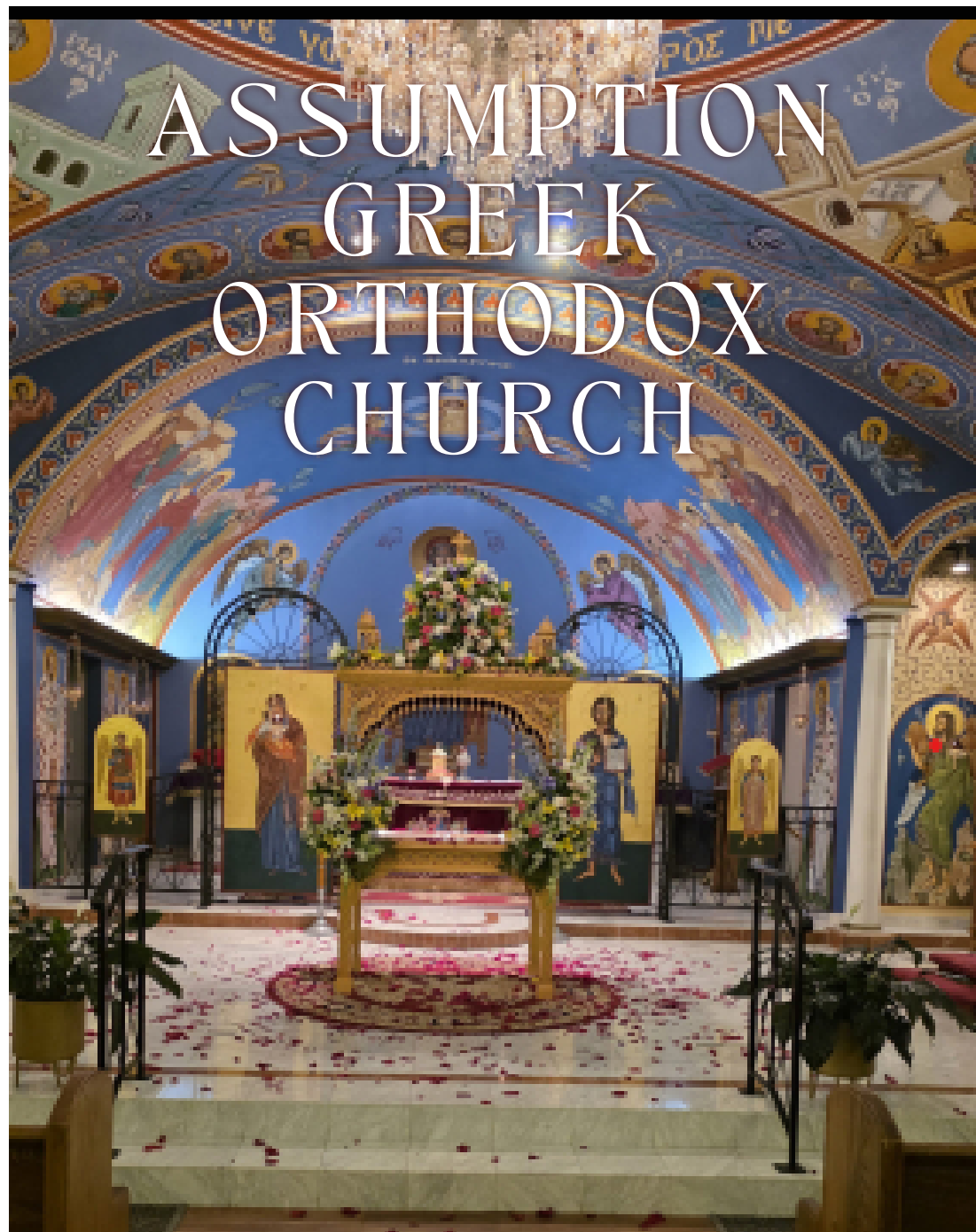


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ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



11 N. 7TH STREET
MADISON, WI 53704

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Today's Scripture and Saints

Sunday, October 25th, 2026

Saints Marcianos & Martyrios the Notaries

Saint Tabitha, who was raised from the dead by Peter the Apostle

Galatians 1:11-19 Luke 8:26-39

Coffee Hour / Sunday School / Greek School / Altar Boy Workshop

Monday October 26th, 2026

Saint Demetrios

7:30 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Trivia Night

Wednesday, October 28th 2026

Holy Protection Oxi Day

7:30 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 29th, 2026

6:30 p.m. Saint Paisios Series

Saturday, October 31st, 2026

Philoptochos Baking Day

Fr. Christodoulos Office hours are: Tuesday - Friday

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Upcoming Items:

ALTAR BOY WORKSHOP: Following Liturgy **today** we are hosting a workshop for our current and aspiring Altar Boys. 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.

MIDWEEK SERVICES: This week our church celebrates two momentous feast days, Saint Demetrios (10.26.2026) and Holy Protection Day (10.28.2026). Please join us if you are able as we celebrate these important events.

TRIVIA NIGHT: Join us on **Monday, October 26th** for another fun night of Trivia here at the Church Hall. Please bring a dish or beverage to share. Due to this event there will be no Byzantine Chanting class this week.

Psalm 100:2

FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Please plan to be present next Sunday, November 1st; we will be having the Fall General Assembly. Please be present to vote on our annual budget.

WITH GOD'S BLESSINGS,

THE PARISH OF
ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
IS HONORING

75
YEARS

IN THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY OF
MADISON, WISCONSIN

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
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

TOGETHER.
CELEBRATING OUR PAST.
EMBRACING OUR FUTURE.

1951-2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baklava + Sale!



Baklava + Sale

Assumption Greek
Orthodox Church
Philoptochos

Online Store is open!

Go to Philomadison.org
to see our delicious
offerings!

Online orders accepted until
Sunday November 1, 2026 at
midnight.

Pick up your order on
Sat. November 21 between 9 am
and 1 pm at the church.

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CHILI COOK OFF: Our 7th 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 and Veterans are free. All Proceeds will go towards Sunday School.

ARTOKLASIA NIGHT: On Friday, November 14th from 5:30-8:30 p.m. the Sunday School will be hosting another event of learning and fun. All are welcome to come and learn how to bake the Artoklasia bread. Come learn more about this beautiful tradition!

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Once again this year our Church will be electing a new Parish Council for the 2027-2028 term. It's not too early to begin 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. A candidate must be a member in good standing for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election.

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 be 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. When receiving antidoron, please use both hands and do not allow the crumbs to fall to the floor.

Thank you for your support!
If you'd like to know more about our philanthropic mission,
please see our website.

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
Ladies' Philoptochos Chapter
11 N. Seventh St
Madison WI 53704
Philomadison.org



~Ηχοςδ

Fourth Mode

For the Saint

Ἦχος δ'.

Mode 4

Hymn for the Dormition of the Theotokos

Ἦχος α

First Mode

Kontakion

Ἦχος β

Second Mode

+ **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 comradeship 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.



**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.

OUR FELLOWSHIP

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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?**

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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: _____

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.

GALATIANS 6:2

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“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

— Galatians 6:2 (OSB)

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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.

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For God + For Country + For Each Other



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

Epistle Reading:

The reading is from Paul's Letter the Galatians

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gospel Reading:

The reading is from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Saint of The Day

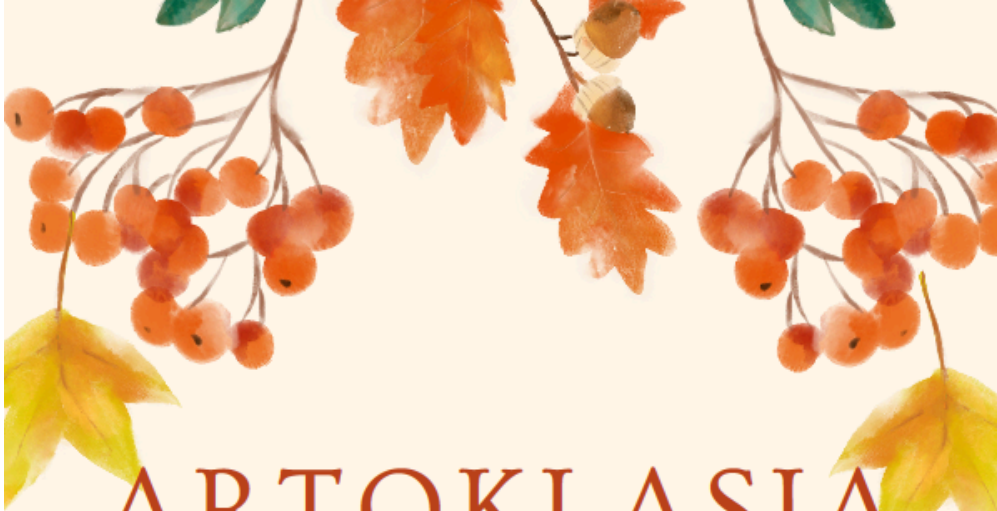
Saint Demetrius was a Thessalonian, a most pious son of pious and noble parents, and a teacher of the Faith of Christ. When Maximian first came to Thessalonica in 290, he raised the Saint to the rank of Duke of Thessaly. But when it was discovered that the Saint was a Christian, he was arrested and kept bound in a bath-house. While the games were under way in the city, Maximian was a spectator there. A certain friend of his, a barbarian who was a notable wrestler, Lyaeus by name, waxing haughty because of the height and strength of his body, boasted in the stadium and challenged the citizens to a contest with him. All that fought with him were defeated. Seeing this, a certain youth named Nestor, acquaintance of Demetrius', came to the Saint in the bath-house and asked his blessing to fight Lyaeus single-handed. Receiving this blessing and sealing himself with the sign of the precious Cross, he presented himself in the stadium, and said, "O God of Demetrius, help me!" and straightway he engaged Lyaeus in combat and smote him with a mortal blow to the heart, leaving the former booster lifeless upon the earth. Maximian was sorely grieved over this, and when he learned who was the cause of this defeat, he commanded straightway and Demetrius was pierced with lances while he was yet in the bath-house, As for Nestor, Maximian commanded that he be slain with his own sword.

The Celebration of the Holy Protection of the Theotokos - Oxi Day

On October 28, the Greek Orthodox Church celebrates the Holy Protection of the Theotokos, honoring the loving intercession of the Mother of God. The feast recalls her appearance in Constantinople, spreading her veil over the faithful as a sign of her protection. This celebration also coincides with Oxi Day, remembering Greece's courageous "No" to Italy's ultimatum on October 28, 1940, followed by the Italian invasion and Greece's entry into World War II. We honor those who defended their homeland and remember the faith that sustained them. As we commemorate this day, let us seek the Theotokos's prayers, give thanks for the gift of freedom, and ask Christ to grant peace to His world.

From the Fathers

You are not only free, but also holy; not only holy, but also just; not only just, but also sons; not only sons, but also heirs; not only heirs, but also brothers of Christ; not only brothers of Christ, but also joint heirs; not only joint heirs, but also members; not only members, but also the temple; not only the temple, but also instruments of the spirit. – St. John Chrysostom



ARTOKLASIA



NIGHT



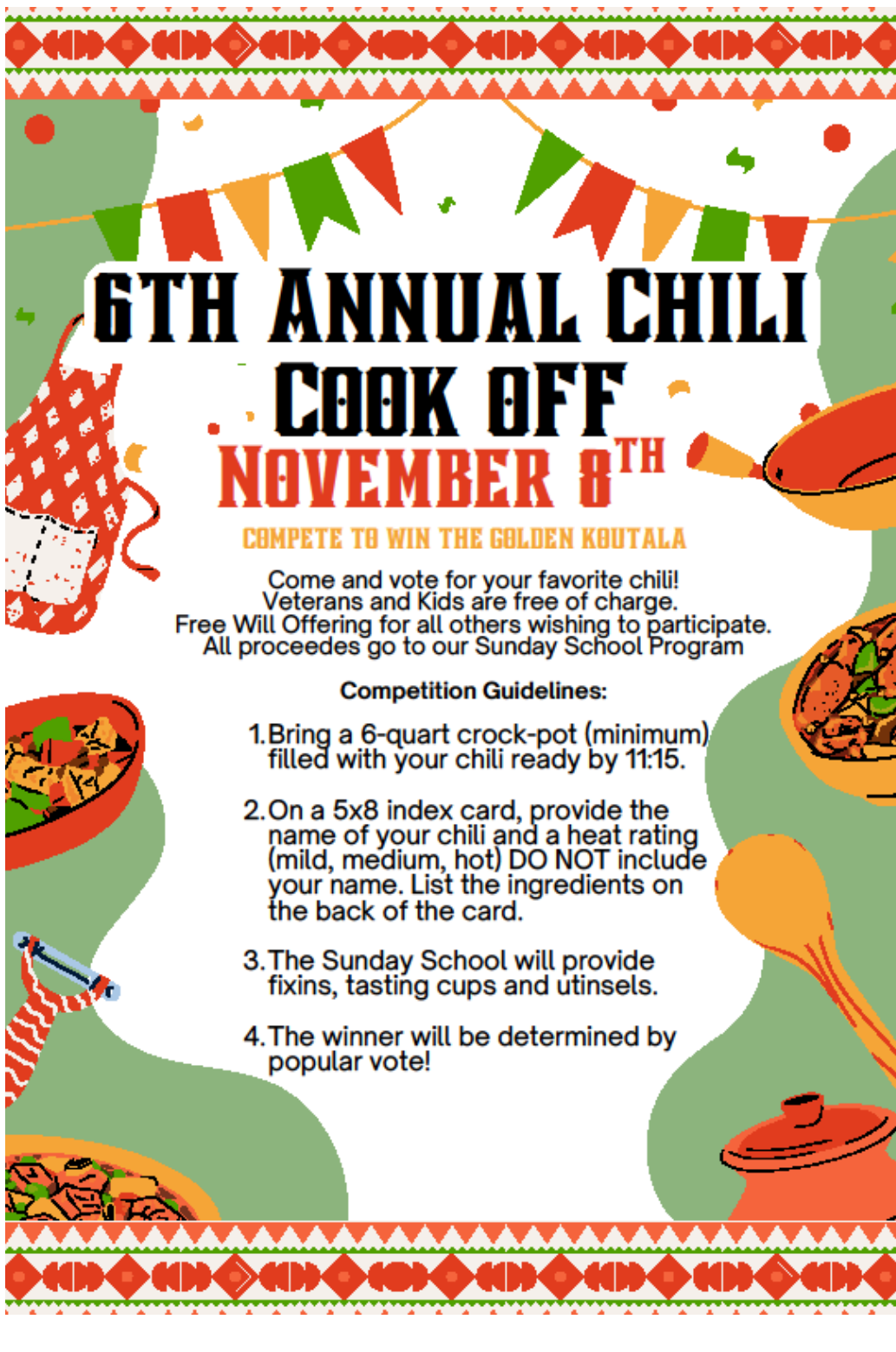
Food / Dessert/ Fun games

Friday November 14th 5:30-8:30pm
In the church hall



"Breaking of bread"





6TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF NOVEMBER 8TH

COMPETE TO WIN THE GOLDEN KOUTALA

Come and vote for your favorite chili!
Veterans and Kids are free of charge.
Free Will Offering for all others wishing to participate.
All proceeds go to our Sunday School Program

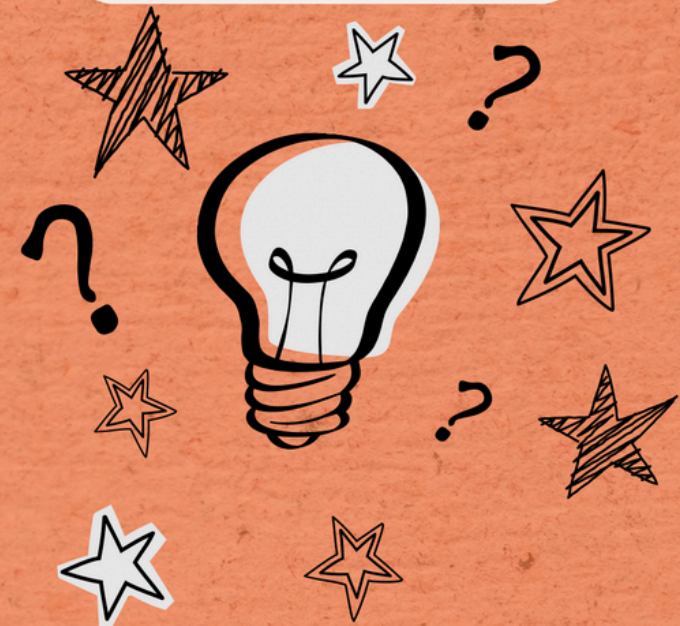
Competition Guidelines:

1. Bring a 6-quart crock-pot (minimum) filled with your chili ready by 11:15.
2. On a 5x8 index card, provide the name of your chili and a heat rating (mild, medium, hot) DO NOT include your name. List the ingredients on the back of the card.
3. The Sunday School will provide fixins, tasting cups and utensils.
4. The winner will be determined by popular vote!

ASSUMPTION SOCIAL
MINISTRY

TRIVIA NIGHT!

MON | OCT 26
07:00 PM



Please bring a dish or
drinks to pass if able

ASSUMPTION CHURCH HALL

SAINT NICHOLAS



PARISH FAMILY DINNER

SUNDAY | 5 | DECEMBER

Following Divine Liturgy
Hosted by the Parish Council
Free Will Offering



2026 ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

*We are now accepting names to be submitted for the
2026 Community Christmas Card.*

In order for our Christmas Card to be successful, we need your cooperation.
Please approach your family and friends who may not be aware of this program,
to see if they would like to be a part of our Family Christmas Card.

DEADLINE
Wednesday, December 9th, 2026

Please use this form and send it along with your donation.
Free Will Offering but suggested donation is \$25. Please send to:

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
11 N. Seventh Street
Madison, WI 53704

Please print your name below, clearly and EXACTLY as it should appear in the card.

Name: _____

*May the forthcoming Christmas Season bring to you and your family
the Lord's blessings of Joy and Good Health!*

Thank you for your support of our Assumption Church.