

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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Questions? Reach out to
Fr. Chris or Zach



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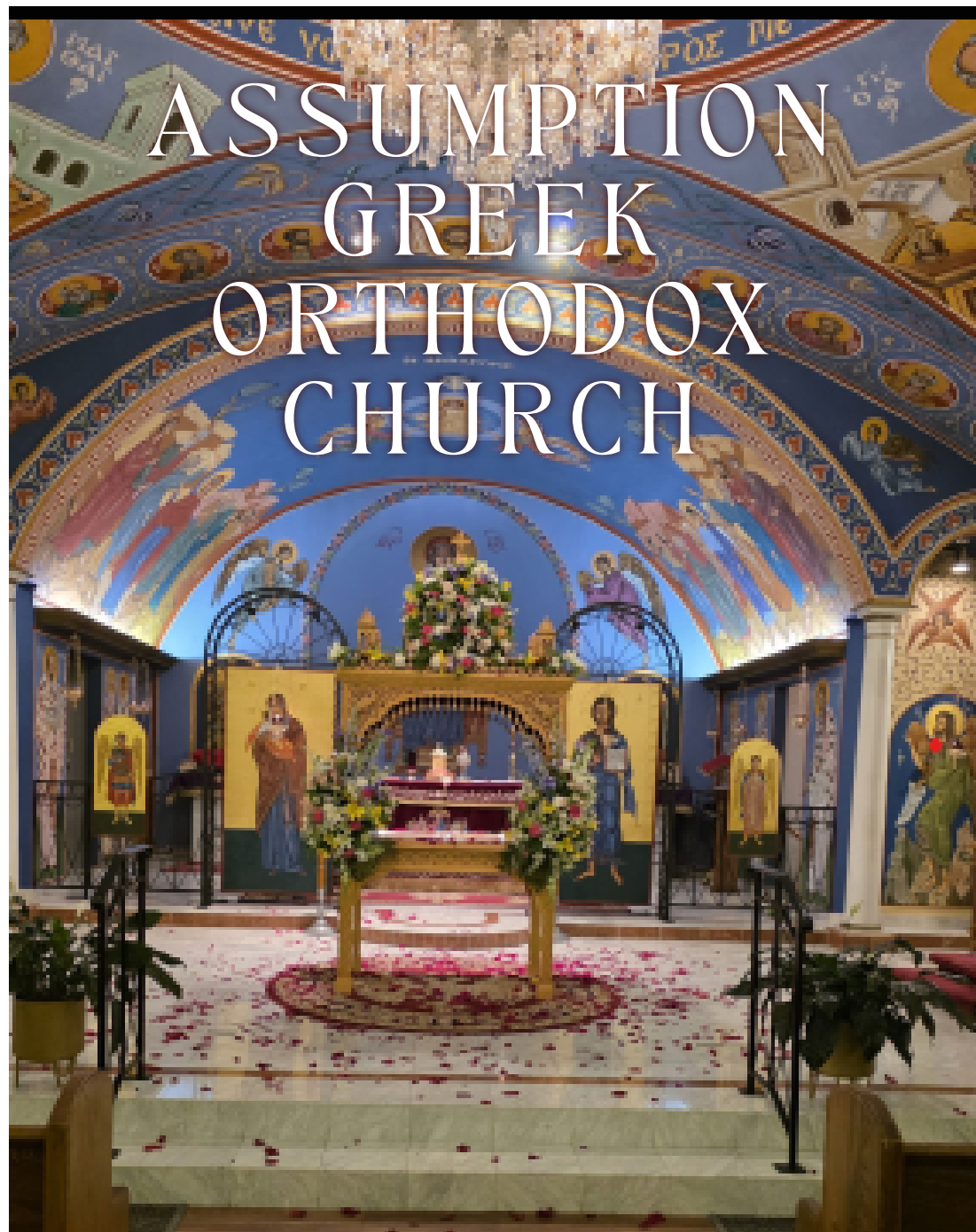


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ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



11 N. 7TH STREET
MADISON, WI 53704

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Sunday, October 4th, 2026

Coffee Hour / Sunday School

Monday October 5th, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Byzantine Chanting Class

Wednesday, October 7th 2026

7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Thursday, October 8th, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Saint Paisios Series

Fr. Christodoulos Office hours are: Tuesday - Friday

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Today's Scripture and Saints

II Corinthians 9:6-11

Luke 6:31-6

Hierotheos, Bishop of Athens, Domnina and her daughters

Upcomming Items:

Special General Assembly Today

Following Divine Liturgy this morning 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 qurum. Only those who are members in Good standing will be permitted to vote.

Assumption's 75th Anniversary

Save the date to celebrate 75 wonderful years of Assumption! We will be celebrating on **11-14-2026!** It is not too late to become a sponsor of this wonderful event and we welcome business or personal sponsorships. Watch your mailbox for the official invitation. See the attached flyer for more details and contact Margo Schmidt with any questions.

Psalm 100:2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Saint Paisios TV 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).

From the Fathers

"Humility is acquired after struggles. When you know yourself you acquire humility, which become a (permanent) condition. Otherwise one can become humble for a moment, but your thought will say to you that you are something although in reality you're nothing. and you'll be deluded like that to the moment of death. If death finds you with the thought that you are nothing, then God will speak. If however your thought says at the hour of death that you are something and you don't understand it, all your effort goes to waste." – Saint Paisios

On Today's Gospel:

Jesus asked those who stood about Him the penetrating question: "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again." You see, His disciples had never failed to do their duty. They had never fallen below the measure of what was required of them, but they had never gone beyond it. There was no measure of abundance in what they did, the kind that prompts people to say appreciatively, "You didn't have to do this." They were doing what everybody else was doing. They were average. They were loving those who loved them. We, today, do the same thing. Look at the churches of Christ where the love of Jesus should find its highest expression. Christians often shower their love only on their friends. Jesus comes to challenge us: "Why only to your friends? Doesn't even the 'average' non-Christian do the same? What do you do more than others?" "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Master." These words will be uttered on the last day not to the "average" people who loved those who loved them. They will be spoken to the "above average" who reached out to share with their enemies the love they had received from Jesus.

EVENT SCHEDULE

FALL 2026

UPDATED DATE & TIME

OCTOBER 18 SUNDAY

Packers Watch Party

7:00 PM

Assumption Church Hall

OCTOBER 26 MONDAY

Trivia Night

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Assumption Church Hall

ASSUMPTION SOCIAL MINISTRY

ASSUMPTION SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES 2026-2027



SEPT	• Sun Sept 20 th - First day of Sunday school	FEB	• Sun Feb 7 th - God Parent Day • Sun Feb 21 st - Parish Bowling Night
OCT	• Sun Oct 18 th - Pumpkin Patch	MAR	• Sat Mar 6 th - Youth Outing • Tue Mar 23 rd - Urban Air Outing
NOV	• Sun Nov 8 th - Chili Cook Off • Fri Nov 13 th - Artoklasia Night • Sun Nov 29 th - No Sunday school	APR	• Sun Apr 4 th - Confession Sunday • Sun Apr 19 th - Confession Sunday • Sat Apr 24 th - Lazarus Retreat • Sun Apr 25 th - No Sunday school • TBD - Franciscan Lenten Retreat • TBD - Second Harvest Volunteer
DEC	• Sun Dec 6 th - St. Nicholas Day • Fri Dec 18 th - Gingerbread Night • Sun Dec 20 th - Christmas Pageant • Sun Dec 27 th - No Sunday school	MAY	• Sun May 2 nd - No Sunday school • Sun May 2 nd - Pascha Egg Hunt • Sun May 23 rd - Last day of Sunday school • Sun May 23 rd - Family Picnic
JAN	• Sun Jan 10 th - Blessing of the Water in Monona • Sun Jan 24 th - Parish Winter Outing	JUN	• Sun Jun 6 th - Graduation Sunday • Sat Jun 12 th - Mini Golfing Outing

Today's Scripture Readings:

Epistle Reading:

St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Gospel Reading:

Ε Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 6:31-36

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· καθὼς θέλετε ἵνα ποιῶσιν ὑμῖν οἱ ἄνθρωποι, ποιεῖτε αὐτοῖς ὁμοίως. καὶ εἰ ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας αὐτοὺς ἀγαπῶσι. καὶ ἐὰν ἀγαθοποιῇτε τοὺς ἀγαθοποιοῦντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ποιοῦσι. καὶ ἐὰν δανεῖζητε παρ' ὧν ἐλπίζετε ἀπολαβεῖν, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἁμαρτωλοῖς δανεῖζουσιν ἵνα ἀπολάβωσι τὰ ἴσα. πλὴν ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἐχθροὺς ὑμῶν καὶ ἀγαθοποιεῖτε καὶ δανεῖζετε μηδὲν ἀπελπίζοντες, καὶ ἔσται ὁ μισθὸς ὑμῶν πολὺς, καὶ ἔσεσθε υἱοὶ ὑψίστου, ὅτι αὐτὸς χρηστός ἐστιν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀχαρίστους καὶ πονηροὺς. Γίνεσθε οὖν οἰκτίρμονες, καθὼς καὶ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν οἰκτίρμων ἐστί.

Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

YOU'RE INVITED

4TH ANNUAL METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO HCHC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Your gift empowers students to serve the Church and the world as future clergy and lay leaders



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

TICKETS AND TABLES
\$125 INDIVIDUAL, UP TO \$5,000 SPONSORSHIP
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Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Philoiochos
Online Store is open!
Go to Philiomadison.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.
Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
11 N. Seventh St.
Madison WI 53704
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If you'd like to know more about our philanthropic mission, please see our website.

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Ladies' Philoiochos Chapter
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75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE!!

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



SAINT PAISIOS

FROM FARASA TO HEAVEN

ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

will be showing the
SAINT PAISIOS SERIES
"FROM FARASA TO HEAVEN"

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT
BEGINNING AT
6:30 P.M.

as part of our Adult
Religious Education Program.

All ages are welcome to watch
this spiritual edifying program.



Assumption Greek Orthodox Church 75th Anniversary Sponsorship Information

75th Anniversary Sponsorship Levels

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- \$250 to \$499 Sponsor: _____
- \$150 to \$249 Sponsor: _____
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- \$25 to \$49 Sponsor: _____
- under \$25 Sponsor: _____

Contribution & Payment

- 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.

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- Contact Person: _____
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- Phone: _____
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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 can leave most of us feeling like we lost our sense of camaradery 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 xochpodis, prayer, faith, and brotherhood. We will strengthen our bonds across the through brotherhood 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 host. 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 CRP duty/dependency prep work.
2. Monthly meetings - see the bulletin or email for details.
3. Memorial and remembrance events for our fallen.
4. Memorial and remembrance events.
5. Veteran and military outreach.
6. Motorcycle and military outreach.
7. Deep drive into the lives of military and civilian saints.

PRAYER TO THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

Holy Archangel Michael, commander of the heavenly hosts, defend us in battle, be our protection and our strength. 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.

GALATIANS 6:2

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”
— Galatians 6:2 (OSB)

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING?

Veterans, military, and their families are invited, and be part of the fellowship in Christ.

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Name: _____
Date: _____
Station in the Church: _____
Phone & Email: _____
Address: _____

OUR FELLOWSHIP

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

FOR God + for Country + For Each Other