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.

Connect with us!

Follow us on Social Media and Introduce yourself!

Questions? Reach out to Fr. Chris or Zach

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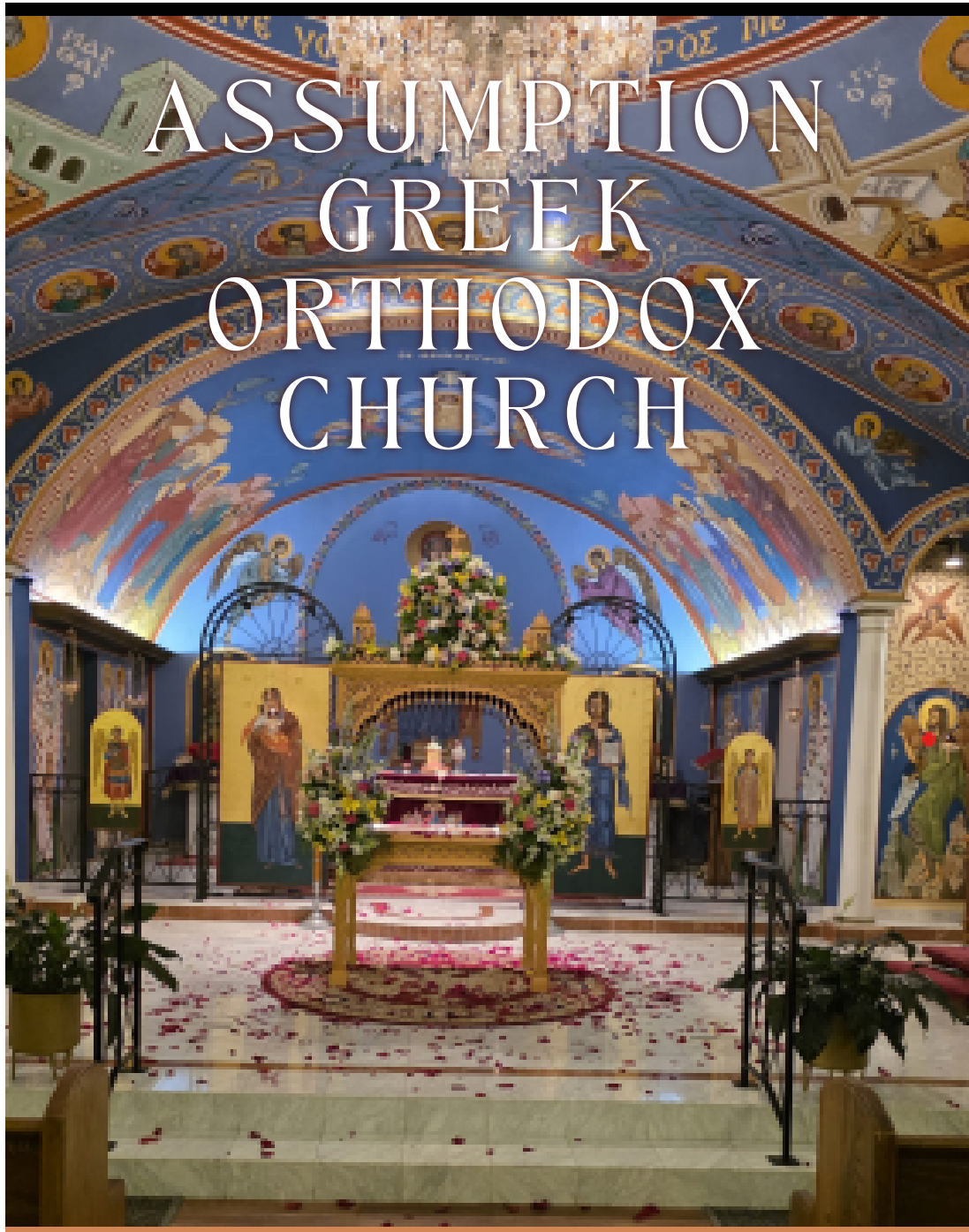

ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

11 N. 7TH STREET
MADISON, WI 53704

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Today's Scripture and Saints

Sunday, November 22nd, 2026

Archippus the Apostle, Philemon the Apostle & his wife, Apphia, Onesimos the Disciple of Paul

Ephesians 4:1-7 Luke 12:16-21

Coffee Hour / Sunday School / Greek School

Monday, November 23rd, 2026

NO Byzantine Chant Class **THIS WEEK ONLY**

Wednesday, November 25th, 2026

6:00 p.m. Akathis of Thanksgiving **at St Ignatius Church in Fitchburg**

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, November 26th, 2026

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Saturday, November 28th, 2026

Russian Mission

Fr. Christodoulos will be out of the office until December 10th, 2026

In case of a *pastoral emergency*,

please contact (TEXT PREFERED) Christy 608-658-6276

Upcoming Items:

Memorial

Bishop Timothy of Hexamilion 1 Year

WELCOME: Please give a warm welcome Father Thomas Mueller who is with us this week and next Sunday.

SPONSORSHIPS: We would like to recognize and thank once again all the sponsors of our 75th Anniversary event! We would like to recognize a few more sponsors and memorials that came in after our print date: In Memory of Sam Fatsis from his wife Anna Fatsis, In memory of Nancy Gladis from George Gladis, and In memory of Demetrios Kanellakos, and the lasting light he left in our lives.

AKATHIST OF THANKSGIVING: Saint Ignatius Chruch in Fitchburg will be holding their annual Akathist of Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 25th at 6 p.m. anyone is welcome to attend this lovely service.

Psalm 100:2

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: 'Tis the season to begin thinking about our annual Christmas Pageant! If you would like to coordinate or volunteer to help with this festive event please contact Susu Akkawi.

ASSUMPTION VETERANS FELLOWSHIP

ALL VETS AND FAMILIES † ALL ERAS † ALL BRANCHES

FAITH † BROTHERHOOD † SERVICE † COMMUNITY

The Assumption Veterans Fellowship is a ministry for veterans, active-duty service members, reservists, National Guard members, and military families. We come together to support one another through faith, fellowship, and service in the life of our Orthodox Christian community.

WINTER EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
Saturday, November 21	**Bowl-a-vard Lanes*** 2121 E Springs Dr, Madison, WI 53704
Saturday, December 12	Army vs. Navy Game at Parish Hall
Saturday, January 2	Marcus Cinema – *Avengers: Doomsday* (2:15 p.m.)
Saturday, February 21	Parish Bowling Outing
Saturday, March 6	Game Night after Vespers at Church
Saturday, April 10	TBA

WHEN: See Bulletin Announcement for details.

WHERE: See Bulletin Announcement for details.

ALL ARE WELCOME: Veterans, active-duty, reservists, National Guard, military families, and inquirers to illumined.

QUESTIONS: Please contact Father Christodoulos or Mike Sletten.

ASSUMPTION VETERANS FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP FORM

Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Preferred Contact Method (select all that apply):

☐ Call ☐ Text ☐ Email

Military Status (select all that apply):

☐ Veteran ☐ Active Duty ☐ Reserve ☐ National Guard ☐ Military Family

Branch of Service (select all that apply):

☐ USA ☐ USN ☐ USMC ☐ USAF ☐ USCG ☐ USSF

Patron Saint (optional): _____ ☐ Not yet chosen



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT: Our Adult Social Ministry is hosting another night of fellowship Tuesday, December 8th. Join us this time for a night of crafting and Christmas cheer! See the attached flyer to RSVP to this festive event.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS: Our Sunday School Program will be offereing many events during this holiday season. Be sure to check out the attached flyer and check your email in-box for event details or announcements.

CHRISTMAS CARD: Each year our church prepares a Christmas Card that is mailed to our entire community. This is a convenient way to convey your warmest regards to many families and also provides savings to you and benefits our parish. To include your name on this year's Christmas card please submit the form provided as a flyer in this week's bulletin by DECEMBER 9th.

MADISON READING PROJECT BOOK DRIVE: Once again this holiday season, Philoptochos has partnered with the Madison Reading Project to offer brand new books to children in our community who might not otherwise have a single book of their very own. There will be a Christmas tree downstairs with tags that have the name of a book to purchase for a child of a particular age. Simply take a tag (or tags!), purchase the book listed on the tag, and bring it to church to place in the bin. We also want to congratulate the Assumption community for being one of the few groups accepted as a partner for MRP this year! Your generosity last year was inspiring!

RIVERSIDE FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS COLLECTION: Another wonderful opportunity to give this Holiday Season is to donate items to the Riverside Food Pantry. We will be collecting non-parashible food items from **December 1st through December 21st.**

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.

Resurrection Dismissal Hymn

Ἦχοςδ

Τὸφαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεωςκήρυγμα, ἐκτοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαιαἱ τοῦ ΚυρίουΜαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴνπρογονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναιἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὀθάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸςὁ Θεός, δωρούμενοςτῷ κόσμῳτὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Mode 4

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples spoke to the Apostles triumphantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy unto the world.

For the Feast

Ἦχος δ΄

Σήμερον τῆς εὐδοκίας Θεοῦ τὸ προοίμιον, καὶ τῆς τῶν ἀνθρώπων σωτηρίας ἡ προκήρυξις. Ἐν Ναῷ τοῦ Θεοῦ τρανῶς ἡ Παρθένος δείκνυται, καὶ τὸν Χριστὸν τοῖς πᾶσι προκαταγγέλλεται. Αὐτῇ καὶ ἡμεῖς μεγαλοφώνως βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε τῆς οἰκονομίας τοῦ Κτίστου ἡ ἐκπλήρωσις.

Mode 4

Today is the prelude of God's good pleasure, and the proclamation of humanity's salvation. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and in herself she announces Christ to all. Let us, then, with a great voice cry aloud to her: "Rejoice, you are the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

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 ζωήν, 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 δ΄

Ὁ καθαρώτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτῆρος, ἡ πολυτίμητος παστὰς καὶ Παρθένος, τὸ ἱερὸν θησαύρισμα τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ, σήμερον εἰσάγεται, ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Κυρίου, τὴν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τὴν ἐν Πνεύματι Θείῳ· ἣν ἀνυμνοῦσιν Ἄγγελοι Θεοῦ· Αὕτη ὑπάρχει σκηνὴ ἐπουράνιος.

Mode 4

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.



THE FEAST OF HOLY THEOPHANY • 2027

BLESSING OF THE WATERS
OF LAKE MONONA

MADISON AREA ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES



SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2027 | 1:30 PM

Brittingham Beach • Monona Bay

701 W. Brittingham Place • Madison, Wisconsin

Join our Orthodox communities for the Great Blessing of the Waters, celebrating Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River and praying for God's blessing upon our waters and the entire Madison community.



ASSUMPTION • SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS • SAINT IGNATIUS

If ice conditions permit, the blessing will take place just offshore on Monona Bay.

2027 event details are preliminary and subject to confirmation.

Epistle Reading:

Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους

Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς ἐγώ, ὁ δέσμιος ἐν κυρίῳ, ἀξίως περιπατῆσαι τῆς κλήσεως ἧς ἐκλήθητε, μετὰ πάσης ταπεινοφροσύνης καὶ πραότητος, μετὰ μακροθυμίας, ἀνεχόμενοι ἀλλήλων ἐν ἀγάπῃ, σπουδάζοντες τηρεῖν τὴν ἑνότητα τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν τῷ συνδέσμῳ τῆς εἰρήνης. Ἓν σῶμα καὶ ἓν πνεῦμα, καθὼς καὶ ἐκλήθητε ἐν μιᾷ ἐλπίδι τῆς κλήσεως ὑμῶν· εἷς κύριος, μία πίστις, ἓν βάπτισμα, εἷς θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ πάντων, ὁ ἐπὶ πάντων, καὶ διὰ πάντων, καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν ἡμῖν. Ἑνὶ δὲ ἑκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter the Ephesains

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Gospel Reading:

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τήν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἀνθρώπου τινὸς πλουσίου εὐφόρησεν ἡ χώρα· καὶ διελογίζετο ἐν ἑαυτῷ λέγων· τί ποιήσω, ὅτι οὐκ ἔχω ποῦ συνάξω τοὺς καρπούς μου; καὶ εἶπε· τοῦτο ποιήσω· καθελῶ μου τὰς ἀποθήκας καὶ μείζονας οἰκοδομήσω, καὶ συνάξω ἐκεῖ πάντα τὰ γενήματά μου καὶ τὰ ἀγαθά μου, καὶ ἐρῶ τῇ ψυχῇ μου· ψυχή, ἔχεις πολλὰ ἀγαθὰ κείμενα εἰς ἔτη πολλά· ἀναπαύου, φάγε, πίε, εὐφραίνου. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Θεός· ἄφρον, ταύτῃ τῇ νυκτὶ τὴν ψυχήν σου ἀπαιτοῦσιν ἀπὸ σοῦ· ἃ δὲ ἡτοίμασας τίνι ἔσται; οὕτως ὁ θησαυρίζων ἑαυτῷ, καὶ μὴ εἰς Θεὸν πλουτῶν.

The reading is from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

On Today's Gospel Reading

The Parable of the Rich Fool is the designated Gospel lesson for the Ninth Sunday of Luke, which usually occurs around the time of Thanksgiving. The double theme here is wealth and thanksgiving.

A wealthy person is often regarded as successful.In the Parable of the Rich Fool Jesus paints, with bold strokes, a picture of an apparently successful man whose only problem seemed to be the abundance of his wealth. What person in any age would not be considered successful if his or her only worry was what to do with the profits?

But Jesus did not call the rich man successful. He called him a fool instead. A fool is someone who blinds himself or herself to a fundamental truth, a person who by self-deception commits an enormous blunder.Greed led this man to make a big mistake about life.

The rich fool's wealth separated him from God.Jesus warns us not to be greedy for material things but to be "rich in God's sight."

The Orthodox Meaning of Thanksgiving

When man stands before the throne of God, when he has fulfilled all that God has given him to fulfill, when all sins are forgiven, all joy restored, then there is nothing else for him to do but give thanks. Eucharist (thanksgiving) is the state of perfect man. Eucharist is the life of Paradise. Eucharist is the only full and real response of man to God's creation, redemption and gift of heaven. But this perfect man who stands before God is Christ. In Him alone all that God has given man was fulfilled and brought back to heaven. He alone is the perfect Eucharistic being. He is the Eucharist of the world. In and through this Eucharist the whole creation becomes what it always was to be and yet failed to be.

"It is fitting and right to give thanks," answers the congregation, expressing in these words that "unconditional surrender" with which true religion begins...

But as we stand before God, remembering all that He has done for us, and offer to Him our thanksgiving for all His benefits, we inescapably discover that the content of all this thanksgiving and remembrance is Christ. All remembrance is ultimately the remembrance of Christ; all thanksgiving is finally thanksgiving for Christ. "In Him was life and that life was the light of men." And in the light of the Eucharist we see that Christ is indeed the life and light of all that exists, and the glory that fills heaven and earth. There is nothing for, because in Him everything finds its being, its life, its end.



YOU ARE INVITED TO

The Sunday School Christmas PAGEANT

DECEMBER

SUNDAY | 20 | AT 11:30 AM

ASSUMPTION GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH



Assumption Christmas To-Do List

- River Food Drive Donations
  Dec 1st - Dec 21st
- St. Nicholas Day
  Sun Dec 6th during Sunday school
- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
  Sun Dec 6th, 13th, & 20th before Liturgy
- Gingerbread and Christmas Movie Night
  Fri Dec 18th 5:30 pm-8:00 pm
- Christmas Pageant
  Sun Dec 20th after Liturgy
- No Sunday School *Dec 27th*
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sweet & Festive Fun

GINGERBREAD HOUSE PARTY!

Enjoy the fun of decorating a gingerbread house, playing some fun games, and watching a family Christmas movie! There will be food and hot cocoa! Come dressed in your favorite Christmas pajamas!

FRIDAY DEC 18, 2026

5:30 - 8:30 PM

ASSUMPTION CHURCH HALL



CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT

Join us for a Christmas craft night! We will provide small Christmas village houses to paint and pizza

Please fill out the form to RSVP and plan to bring $10

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 8
7 PM

ASSUMPTION ADULT SOCIAL MINISTRY

SAINT NICHOLAS



SAINT NICHOLAS LUNCHEON

SUNDAY | 6 | DECEMBER

Following Divine Liturgy
Hosted by the Parish Council
Free Will Offering

A Message from our Chancellor

Dear Reverend Fathers, Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we approach the blessed season of Christmas, I would like to personally invite you, your families, and the faithful of our communities to join us for the annual Christmas Celebration of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, on Sunday, December 6, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at The Carlisle in Lombard, Illinois.

Christmas is a beautiful time of the year that reminds us of God's love and the many blessings we receive through the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is also an opportunity for us to come together as one Metropolis family, strengthen our friendships, and share the joy of this holy season.

As part of our celebration, our Metropolis Philoptochos will be collecting much-needed items for the Greek American Rehab and Care Center. I kindly appeal to your generosity and ask that you consider bringing an item to help those who are in need of our love and care. Even the smallest offering can bring comfort and joy to someone's life, especially during this blessed season. Please refer to the attached flyer for the list of requested items.

Reverend Fathers, I kindly ask you to share this invitation with your parish councils, Philoptochos chapters, and parishioners, and encourage them to join us.

I sincerely look forward to seeing you and your families as we gather to celebrate the joy of Christmas together.

With love in Christ and paternal blessings,

†Bishop Dionysios of Zenopolis
Chancellor

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago

