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!

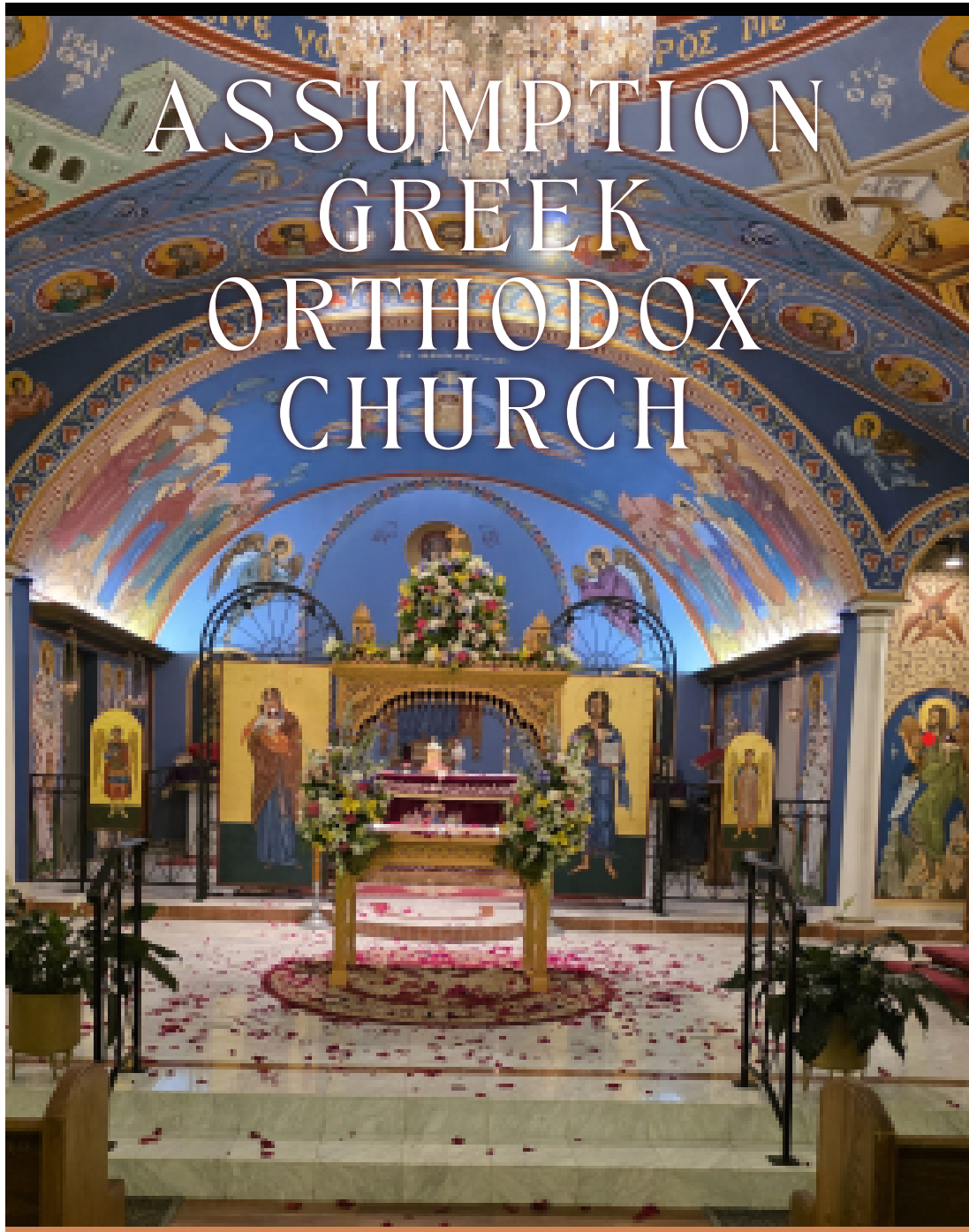
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Questions? Reach out to Fr. Chris or Zach

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ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Today's Scripture and Saints

Sunday, November 8th, 2026
Seventh Sunday of Luke ,Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers: Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Salaphiel, Jegudiel, & Barachiel
Hebrews 2:2-10 Luke 8:41-56
Coffee Hour / Chili Cook Off / Sunday School / Greek School
Monday, November 9th, 2026
Saint Nektarios
7:30 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy
6:30 p.m. Byzantine Chant Class
Wednesday,November 11th, 2026
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Thursday, November 12th, 2026
6:30 p.m. Saint Paisios Series
Friday November 13th , 2026
Saint John Chrysostom
7:30 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy
5:00 p.m. Artoklosia Night
Saturday, November 14th, 2026
75th Anneversary Gala
Fr. Christodoulos Office hours are: Tuesday - Friday
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Upcoming Items:

CHILI COOK OFF: Join us in the church Hall following Liturgy this morning for our annual Chili Cook Off. Cast your vote for this years champion and the winner of the Golden Koutala! Please consider giving a Free Will Offering for this event but children and Veterans eat for free. Keep in mind all proceedes will go to support our Sunday School Program.

ARTOKLASIA NIGHT: Everyone is welcome to join us this Friday from 5:30-8:30 p.m. to come and learn how to bake the Artoklasia bread. Come learn more about this beautiful tradition!

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 see Susu Akkawi.

Psalm 100:2

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.

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 7	Picnic Point Outing
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

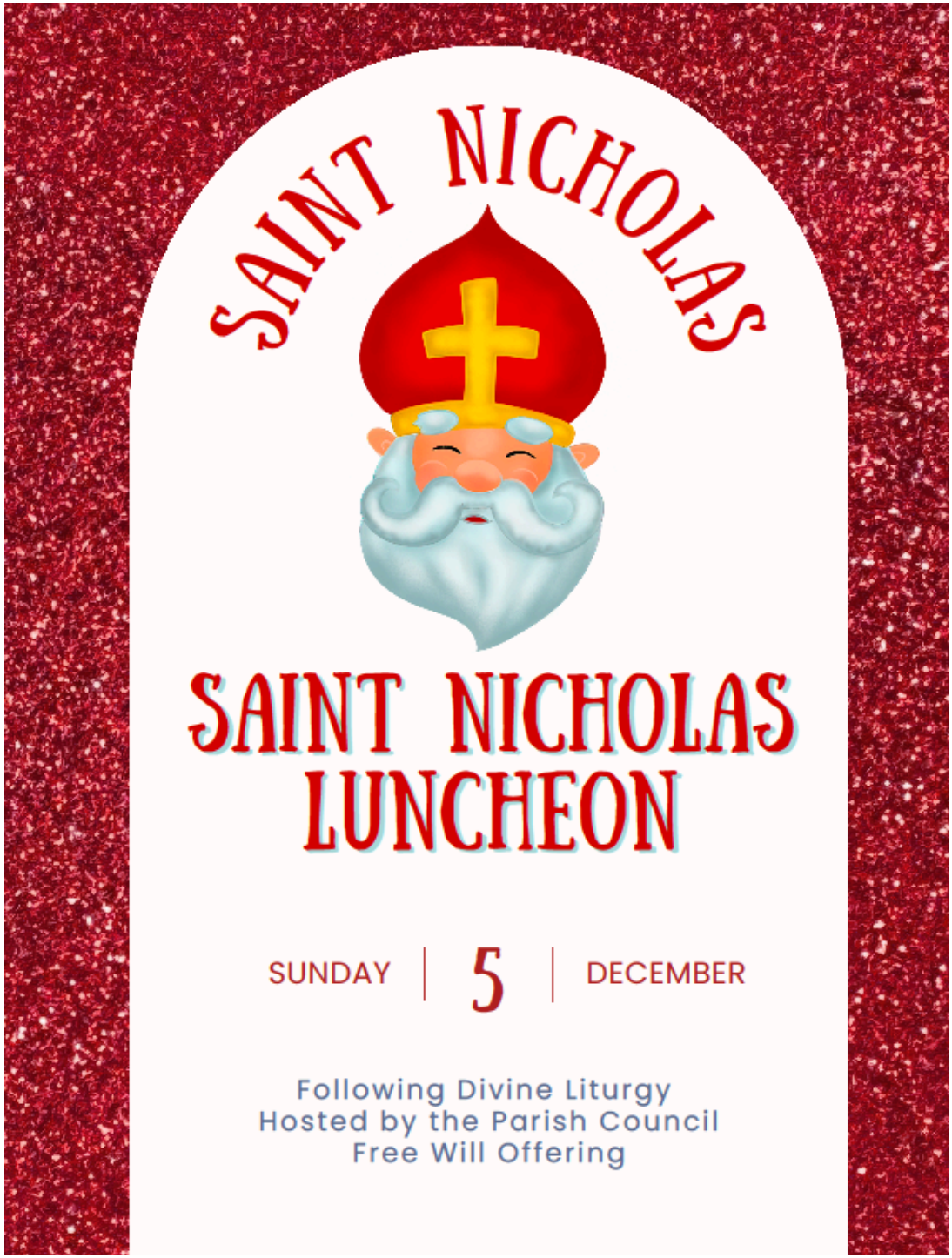
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Preferred Contact Method (select all that apply):
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Military Status (select all that apply):
☐ Veteran ☐ Active Duty ☐ Reserve ☐ National Guard ☐ Military Family

Branch of Service (select all that apply):
☐ USA ☐ USN ☐ USMC ☐ USAF ☐ USCG ☐ USSF

Patron Saint (optional): _____ ☐ Not yet chosen



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

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.

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).

Resurrection Dismissal Hymn

Ἦχοςπλ β

ἌγγελικαὶΔυνάμεις ἐπὶτὸ μνῆμάσου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντεςἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἵστατοΜαρία ἐν τῷτάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἅιδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ᾽ αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇΠαρθένῳ, δωρούμενοςτὴν ζωήν, ὁἀναστὰς ἐκ τωννεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξασοι.

Plagal of the Second Mode

When the angelic powers were at Thy tomb, then they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood beside the grave seeking Thine immaculate body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and was not tried there by Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant life to us. O Thou Who art risen from the dead, Lord glory be to Thee.

For the Angels

Ἦχος δ΄

Τῶν οὐρανίων στρατιῶν Ἀρχιστράτηγοι, δυσωποῦμεν ὑμᾶς ἡμεῖς οἱ ἀνάξιοι, ἵνα ταῖς ὑμῶν δεήσεσι, τειχίσητε ἡμᾶς, σκέπῃ τῶν πτερύγων, τῆς ἀΰλου ὑμῶν δόξης, φρουροῦντες ἡμᾶς προσπίπτοντας, ἐκτενῶς καὶ βοῶντας· Ἐκ τῶν κινδύνων λυτρώσασθε ἡμᾶς, ὡς Ταξιάρχαι τῶν ἄνω Δυνάμεων.

Mode 4.

O Chief Commanders of the heavenly armies, we the unworthy now entreat you in earnest, to fortify us by your supplications to the Lord, and shelter us beneath the wings of your spiritual glory, guarding us who run to you and fervently entreat you: As the Commanders of the hosts on high, rescue us faithful from dangers of every kind.

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**.**





Epistle Reading:

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

Brethren, if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his own will. For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man, that thou carest for him? Thou didst make him for a little while lower than the angels, thou hast crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for every one. For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering.

Gospel Reading:

The reading is from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter and those who were with him said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

On Today's Gospel Reading

The story that was read in today's Gospel lesson is not just something that happened long ago. The Christ who was jostled in that crowd is still in our midst today. We can still touch Him. How can we touch Jesus today?

We touch Him through prayer. What is prayer but touching Jesus, talking with Him, inviting Him into our life? The sick woman touched Jesus by the very simple act of reaching out. Touching Jesus today is not any more complex or difficult. It is simple.Just reach out and touch Him through prayer!

Secondly, for prayer to really touch Jesus and establish contact with Him, it must be not a vain repetition of empty words, but prayer that comes from the heart and is steeped in faith. In the crowd surrounding Jesus many touched Him, but only one experienced His healing power – the one who touched Him with faith. So today crowds pray; crowds go to church but those who really touch Jesus are those who pray with faith. The Gospel makes it clear: it was faith that established contact with Jesus: "Daughter, thy faith has made you well; go in peace."

Thirdly, we touch Jesus through the Bible and Holy Communion. When we read His words in the Bible, we listen to Christ not as He spoke to somebody else two thousand years ago, but as He speaks to us now. Jesus dwells in the Gospels. When we listen to His words, we touch the very hem of His robe.When we receive Holy Communion, we actually touch Jesus. He comes to make His home within us. "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him."

The whole purpose of Christianity is to put people in touch with God in Christ. "If I can only touch Him, even the hem of His robe, I know I shall be made well," said the sick woman. We today can touch Him just as she and countless others did and still do. Reach out from the crowd and touch Him. Touch Him with faith. Touch Him for forgiveness, for power over temptation and anxieties. Touch Him. He will not ask, "Who touched me?" He will know.

From the Fathers

"Whenever a mighty deed is in question, Michael is assigned, so that by his actions and name, which means 'Who is like God?', it may be made known that no one can do what God can do."

— **St. Gregory the Great**

ARTOKLASIA NIGHT

Food / Dessert/ Fun games

Friday November 13th 5:30-8:30pm

In the church hall

"Breaking of bread"

