

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Do you have an email address??

If you still receive a paper version of this newsletter but have an email address...help us protect the environment (and save costs). Email the office (office@agocwi.org) and let us know we can add you to the email list!

2018 Stewardship

Stewardship packets have been mailed—now is the time to turn in your 2018 pledge form! Many of you give generously but never turn in a pledge card. Please fill one out and give to our treasurers. The amount you give is confidential—but it helps us plan our budget and know what resources we have available as we do our best to meet the ongoing and everchanging needs of our community.

“The ways we spend our time and money say a lot about what we actually love. And our actions may reveal we don't love God as much as we'd like to think. Let's take an honest look at our lives so we can make some much-needed changes in the year ahead.” www.goarch.org

**February 2018
Newsletter**



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Looking for Information?


Flyers, announcements, advertisements are posted on bulletin boards in the Church Hall. If you see something you like? Make a copy!

Meeting minutes and budget reports are posted monthly following Parish Council meetings. Want more? Ask! Have a complaint? Be prepared to discuss solutions and volunteer to help!!

THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Georgiana Wilton, Parish Council President georgiana.wilton@gmail.com

Parish Council Officers: Tom Cameron, Vice President; Bruce Hansen, Secretary, Niko Papadopoulos, Treasurer **Members:** Petros Anagnostopoulos, Christy Chappell Belkin, Conn Choles, Nico Fatsis, Dori Hosek, Georgia Marsh, Mike Smith, and Scott Storck **Alternates:** Nick Topitzes and Carol Griskavich. (Metropolis approval pending).



Greetings all!

I want to take this time and space to let you know about some exciting happenings in our Church.

1. The parish council is sponsoring a Church safety training to be conducted by the Madison Police Department. These aren't issues we like to talk about—but they are issues we need to plan for!
 - Saturday, February 17th
 - 11:30 am - 3:30 pm (lunch is provided)
 - See flyer in this newsletter and RSVP if you are able to attend.
2. Kitchen update
 - a. The new ovens have been installed! Please see either John or me before using them. They operate a bit differently than our previous ovens—and one gas line has been removed. It is important NOT to turn on the existing two lines UNLESS you also light the stove's pilot light. If you just want to use the ovens—only turn on the gas source for the ovens.
 - b. Our new 3-compartment professional sink and commercial dish washer will be installed in early February. Once installed, we will be using our new ceramic mugs for coffee hour. We are working hard to reduce the amount of trash we put into our dumpster—and eventually our landfills. Coffee hour hostesses will be responsible for washing the mugs—but with a 3-minute wash and sanitize cycle, it will require very little effort. I'll be available to show everybody how to use the machine.
3. Services during Lent

As we all know, we have many additional services prior to and during Lent. With a limited number of ushers, I want to remind us all to please step in as needed. If you arrive for a Church service and there is no usher in back—*please* take the initiative to stand in back, greet attendees and keep an eye on the candles and the money. We can participate in the service and maintain our prayerfulness in the back, too, and your service will be very much appreciated.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Patti Cameron, President pcameron@tds.net or pcameron10@gmail.com 608-219-1659

Committee Reports

Outreach Committee

Margo Schmidt, Contact

Outreach was once again able to make a needed donation to our young Emerson neighbors in late November. Assumption's generosity came through with the purchase of 13 pairs of sturdy snow boots, 4 warm coats and 2 pair of snow pants. They were extremely grateful as usual and wanted to extend a thank you to all parishioners of Assumption. I will be beginning another shopping trip extravaganza for the winter of 2018 now, so if anyone would like to add to the good deals I'm collecting for next year's donations that are offered in the clearance section of the kids departments, please do!

River Food Pantry

Nancy Briamis, Contact

Please consider the many ways we can support the River Food Pantry:

- Donate to the food drive being held in our church during January and February
- The River Food Pantry needs volunteers, check their website for various volunteer opportunities, <http://www.riverfoodpantry.org/volunteer.html>
- Don't have time to volunteer, donate to the River Food Pantry

Upcoming River Food Pantry Fund Raiser: Feed the Need 2018

Join The River Food Pantry at the 3rd annual fundraising event Feed the Need, a culinary experience exclusively featuring Madison Originals restaurants, wineries, and distilleries, along with Ale Asylum Brewery. Attendees will enjoy tasty samples from numerous vendors, along with live music, raffles, and more.

When: Sunday, April 22, 2018 | 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Where: Noah's Event Venue

5020 American Family Dr, Madison, WI 53718

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Feb 3rd: Mid-Winter Luncheon at church. Chairs: Helene G, Lisa B and Carol G Invitations will be out soon. This is a time for women of our parish to come and learn what Philoptochos is all about! * There will be a Christmas ornament exchange. Bring an ornament from your tree to swap.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

Peli Galiti, pegaliti@gmail.com

The next spiritual meeting will be on February 22 at 7:00 pm.

FORSYTE ENDOWMENT

Bruce Hansen, bruce.e.hansen2@gmail.com

We are working on setting up an account with Vanguard mutual funds to start the investment process. Once this is set up we will be investing \$100,00 into the new Forsyte Endowment. We expect this to be completed within the coming month.

GRACE EPISCOPAL HOMELESS SHELTER

David Giffey

The volunteers are prepared to cook and serve the meal on Tuesday, January 30, at the Drop-In Shelter for the Homeless, at Grace Episcopal Church. Ilektra Kolokouri said that she has a crew lined up to work in the church kitchen preparing Greek chicken, rice, and a vegetable for the hot meal. Serving the meal at the shelter will be Mike Smith, Grant Smith, Scott Spevacek, and Nancy and David Giffey. We'll list the names of Ilektra's crew in the March newsletter.

Karla Thennes, director of Porchlight, Inc., said last week that 130 to 150 homeless people are expected on these winter nights.

The number of homeless people in need of shelter depends largely on two things: weather and per-person limits. There is a 90-night limit so homeless men must decide when to use the shelter. And the numbers go up radically in winter weather. You can go to this link <http://porchlightinc.org/emergency-shelter/> for details about the shelter rules, etc.

The other days we are scheduled to volunteer at the homeless shelter are:
Tuesday, May 29 - Tuesday, July 31 - Tuesday, October 31.

Please contact me anytime with questions and comments. Thanks to all of you for your continued support of the homeless people in Madison. I am certain we share concern and love for people in need.



CHURCH WEBSITE

Lainey Skoumbouris, laney0220@yahoo.com

The church website is now set-up for private login to access the monthly newsletters and are meant for Church members only, not the public. Church members can read the newsletter on the website, but you must create an account before you can view it. Log onto the website and click on "Newsletter" on the side-bar <http://www.agocwi.org/registration-required/>, or "login" on the main menu <http://www.agocwi.org/login/>; it will direct you to sign up. If you need help, have questions or something isn't working in the registration contact me.

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J and M Home Helpers

AGOC's handymen, John and Mike, will do minor home repairs and maintenance for \$25/hour, with the money for their work being donated to the church.



**Call Mike at (608) 516-9188 and
John at (608) 575-1014 today!**

SACRAMENTS DURING January 2018

Weddings: **0**

Chrismations: **0**

Baptisms: **0**

Funerals: **0**

AN UNTOLD TALE: THE HOLOCAUST IN GREECE

All programs are free and open to the public

Film: *Cloudy Sunday* (Ouzeri Tsitsanis)

Sunday, Jan. 14 | 2 pm

Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC

6255 N. Santa Monica Blvd.



Greek drama set in 1942 Thessaloniki (Salonika) about the forbidden love between a young Jewish girl and a Christian boy who are members of the Resistance. The film depicts the destruction of the Sephardic Jewish community of Salonika.

Instructors: Dr. Amy Shapiro and a member of the Greek Orthodox clergy.

Cloudy Sunday is also showing:

Wednesday, Feb. 7 | 7 pm

Sts Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church

2160 Wauwatosa Ave.

Instructors: Dr. Shay Pilnik and a member of the Greek Orthodox clergy.

Film: *Because of That War* (B'glal Hamilhamah Hahi)

Wednesday, Jan. 24 | 7 pm

Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC



This is the first Israeli film to deal with the after-effects of the Holocaust on the second generation in Israel, highlighting two well-known rock musicians (Yehuda Poliker and Ya'acov Gilad) and their Survivor parents.

Instructor: *Community Shlichah* Keren Weisshaus (Israeli emissary for Milwaukee). Co-sponsored by the Israel Center of Milwaukee Jewish Federation.

For more information visit:

HolocaustCenterMilwaukee.org/Greece or contact

Laurie Herman at Lherman@JCCmilwaukee.org
or (414) 967-8212.

Concert by Cantor Alberto Mizrahi

(child of Greek Holocaust survivors),
accompanied by Joyce Altman

Sunday, Feb. 18 | 2 pm

Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC



Cantor Mizrahi – a leading interpreter of Jewish music and Hazzan of the Anshe Emet Synagogue – will present a concert of Jewish, Greek and Mediterranean music and will speak about his Greek Holocaust survivor parents. Attendance by His Grace Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos, Chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago.

Film: *In the Shadow of the Acropolis* & Talkback with Filmmaker

Wednesday, Feb. 21 | 7 pm

Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC



Discover the compelling story of an ancient Jewish culture – the Romaniotes – that was almost totally annihilated during the Holocaust. Told through the eyes of one family that survived the Holocaust in Greece. Filmmaker Laura Zelle will speak about her film and discuss her personal family history.

Lecture: Celebrating the Legacy of Archbishop Theophilos Damaskinos

His Grace Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos, Chancellor
of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago

Tuesday, March 20 | 7 pm

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

9440 W. Congress St.



This special lecture marks the 75th anniversary of the historic letter written by Archbishop Damaskinos, archbishop of Greece during WWII, protesting the Nazis' treatment of the Jews in Greece.

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Joan & Rick Rocamora, Brad & Marilyn Shovers



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Harry & Rose Samson Family
Jewish Community Center



FEBRUARY 17TH
11:30 am – 3:30 pm
Church Hall
Lunch will be served

CRASE: Active Shooter Training

It's a subject we don't like to think about—but one we can't afford to ignore. Please join the Parish Council in this very important training conducted by the Madison Police Department.

We hope and pray to never need the skills we'll learn and practice, and this is just the first step. We'll take these skills and recommendations to develop a safety plan for our community.

Training will include:

- Lecture
- Hands on First Aid
- Hands on Defense Tactics
- Safety Assessment Walk through

CRASE Training

**Civilian Response
to Active Shooter
Events**

**Saturday,
February 17th**

**Lunch: 11:30
Training: Noon-
3:30pm**

**Church Hall
Space is LIMITED**

**Please RSVP to
Georgiana
Georgiana.Wilton@
gmail.com**

February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 28 Sunday of the Publican and the Paharisee Triodion Begins Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Vasalopita Dinner	January 29	January 30 Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy 9:00 am 5 th Tuesday of the Month	January 31 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	1	2 Presentation of Our Lord Divine Liturgy 9:00 am	3 Philoptochos Annual Mid-Winter Luncheon
4 Sunday of the Prodigal Son Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	5	6	7 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	8 Women's Spiritual Meeting 7:00 pm	9	10 1st Saturday of the Souls Divine Liturgy 9:00 am Haralambos the Martyr
11 Judgement Sunday (Meatfare) Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	12	13 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	14 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	15 The Typikon: An Appreciation of Our Liturgical Tradition 7:00 pm	16	17 2nd Saturday of the Souls Theodore of Tyro Divine Liturgy 9:00 am Church Safety Training 11:30 am – 3:30 pm
18 Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare) Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Forgiveness Vespers 6:00 pm	19 CLEAN MONDAY LENT BEGINS	20	21 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 5:30 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm	22 Women's Spiritual Meeting 7:00 pm	23 1 st Salutations Service 6:00 pm	24 3rd Saturday of the Souls Divine Liturgy 9:00 am
25 1st Sunday in Great Lent Sunday of Orthodoxy Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Icon Procession	26	27	28 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 5:30 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm	March 1 The Typikon: An Appreciation of Our Liturgical Tradition 7:00 pm	March 2 2 nd Salutations Service 6:00 pm	March 3

February - March 2018 Liturgies and Services

February 2

Presentation of Our Lord

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: Hebrews 7:7-17

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Prosforo: Anna F

February 4

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

Prosforo: Elene P

Coffee Hour: (Group 11) Kerry M,
Barb K, Dori H

February 10

1st Saturday of the Souls

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: 2 Timothy 2:1-10

Gospel: John 15:17-27; 16:1-2

Prosforo: Korinna H

February 11

Judgement Sunday (Meatfare)

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Prosforo: Korinna H

Coffee Hour: (Group 12) Maria H,
Draga G, Gabriela C

February 17

2nd Saturday of the Souls / Theodore of Tyro

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: 2 Timothy 2:1-10

Gospel: Luke 20:46-47; 21:1-4

Prosforo: Kathie F

February 18

Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4

Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

Prosforo: Kathie F

Coffee Hour: (Group 13) Traci L,
Nancy G, Christy C-B, Marinela M

February 18

Forgiveness Great Vespers 6:00 pm

February 21

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 5:30 pm

Prosforo: Nia C

February 23

1st Salutations to the Theotokos
6:00 pm

February 24

3rd Saturday of the Souls

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-15

Prosforo: Nia C

February 25

1st Sunday in Great Lent

Sunday of Orthodoxy / Procession of the Icons

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Gospel: John 1:43-51

Prosforo: Jane S

Coffee Hour: (Group 14) G. Wilton,
Peli K, Ilektra A

February 28

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 5:30 pm

Prosforo: Jane S

March 2

2nd Salutations to the Theotokos
6:00 pm

March 4

2nd Sunday in Great Lent St. Gregory Palamas

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Prosforo: Ilektra A

Coffee Hour: (Group 1) Sue S,
Katerina P, Eleni G

March 7

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 5:30 pm

Prosforo: Ilektra A

March 9

3rd Salutations to the Theotokos
6:00 pm

March 11

3rd Sunday in Great Lent Sunday of the Holy Cross

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Prosforo: Jenny G

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

Coffee Hour: (Group 2) Elene P,
Korinna H, Jenny G

March 14

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 5:30 pm

Prosforo: Jenny G

March 16

4th Salutations to the Theotokos
6:00 pm

March 18

4th Sunday in Great Lent St. John Climacus

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Prosforo: Cathy G

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20

Gospel: Mark 9:17-31

Coffee Hour: (Group 3) Nadya H,
Athena D, Valerie M

March 21

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 5:30 pm

Prosforo: Cathy G

March 23

Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos
6:00 pm

March 25

Annunciation

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Hebrews 2:11-18

Gospel: Luke 1:24-38

Prosforo: Tom C

Coffee Hour: (Group 4) Nancy B,
Jane S, Beth F, Susan J

March 28

Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos
6:00 pm

Prosforo: Tom C